

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 253

Not Speaking

First name: **Ross**
Last name: **Greenbank**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Although i never use the pool myself, I'm more than happy to pay more rates to retain this vital amenity for Whanganui-East especially for the children.

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred 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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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:

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

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

Submitter Comments:

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

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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? **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 # 1192

Not Speaking

First name:

Nicole

Last name:

Greensides

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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:

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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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 # 1426

Not Speaking

First name: Marie
Last name: Greenwell

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

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: A simple pedestrian crossing is all it needs. Your quoted costing of \$830,000 is ludicrous!

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option 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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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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Long-term investment

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

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 57

Not Speaking

First name: Gail
Last name: Gregan

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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

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

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:**Gonville Library**

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

Submitter Comments:**Winter Gardens**

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Submitter Comments:**Level of Community Grant Funding**

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Submitter Comments: not needed do up existing ones

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Submitter Comments: not needed fine as is

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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

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Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 52

Not Speaking

First name: Gerry
Last name: Gregan

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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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 # 647

Not Speaking

First name: Jennifer
Last name: Gregg

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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?

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:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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Submitter Comments:

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

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to 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 # 329

Not Speaking

First name: Brianna
Last name: Gregg

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 259

Not Speaking

First name: **Catherine**
Last name: **Gribble**
Organisation: **I am the former Secretary and currently on the**

committee of Whanganui Repertory Theatre.

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments: A lot of people seek refuge at the Library and it is often some people's only contact with others. Restricting the hours of the Library would disadvantage the comfort provided for those people.

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments: PLEASE DON'T CLOSE THE POOL! New Zealand is surrounded by water and our deaths from drowning are heartbreaking. I have been a Teacher for over 15 years and now most schools no longer have a swimming pool. The teaching of swimming has not been a priority for our children and most schools rely on public pool swimming programmes provided by pool companies/facilities. Our beach at Castlecliff is dangerous! Our children in NZ need the skills to cope. Whanganui East is the home for many lower income families and the decision to close this pool will further impact on the lives and income of these already disadvantaged 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: I am a member of the very active and enthusiastic Repertory Theatre Committee. We have recently consulted with our members and we have voted overwhelmingly to take up Councillor Craig's proposal of buying the Theatre for a dollar, on the provision that the Council will be responsible for the stabilising of the bank. After canvassing our members we have come to the realisation that our membership are very passionate about keeping and maintaining the building. There are many strong and fond memories attached to the building, this was expressed by both young and old at the public meeting held with Councillor Craig and on many other occasions. Under the current Committee management, the Theatre has come to thrive!! With numerous groups, both public and private currently booking our facility. The building is known for its excellent acoustics, we have regular and dedicated teams who produce performances that have been described as "World Class". We are now the home of Whanganui Performing Arts their aim being to train and nurture young people into the love of drama, dance and music. We are aware that the Council has offered us some space to perform at the Opera House, however that is not feasible as our productions are suited to the more intimate seating capacity of

110 patrons. We are aware that the Opera House itself will likely be closed for a period of time for renovations. By keeping our Theatre open we will be able to cater for future events while these renovations are in progress. The many plays and performances that we produce are not expensive, so we are therefore accommodating the many people who wish to enjoy quality theatre who are in the lower income bracket. Please don't demolish our Theatre as it has been the home and starting point for many.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you 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 have heard that the birds are not happy there.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments: The hanging baskets are what first attracted my husband and I when we made a wrong turn further up the island and then we decided to visit Whanganui!! The hanging baskets have help to make Whanganui - the most beautiful 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 1: Increase the 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?

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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:

Marae Development

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

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 527

Not Speaking

First name: Richard
Last name: Grieve

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 Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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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?

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Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments: It should be user pays for their 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 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

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in 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 the rate of increase of rates is getting to high to quick \$916.00 last year and \$512.00 this year this is more than we should have to pay.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 524

Not Speaking

First name: Andrew
Last name: Grieve

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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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 have to pay to dispose of my rubbish, it is user pays. Surely those choosing to live rural can bring their bags to the waste transfer station and pay as town folk do.

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 town library is not far from Gonville, there is a good bus service to get folk to the town library

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments: These are a great asset and must remain 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: it is not the council's job to fund clubs, and different clubs seem to be funded different. User pays.

Further comments on service cuts: The Council needs to focus on its core 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: The Council already owns a motel in Liverpool street. If a large motel was viable, a large chain operator would build or have built. The ratepayers can not sustain a burden like 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: Again user pays, users of Marae need to start giving koha

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

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

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

Submitter Comments: My rates increased \$891 last year, this year they are increasing \$512. That is a burden of \$1403 in two years. I own a rental next door, to ensure good neighbours, those rates increased \$887 last year, and \$812 this year, that is a massive increase of \$1699 in two years which I can't pass onto tenants as they can't afford it. I can not apply for rates rebate, the rental runs at a loss every year in thousands and I am on a limited income due to a disability. The way the rates are is a real struggle and am seriously thinking of selling up moving to Australia as many others are doing. This Council seems to have lost sight of the real struggle for rate payers. An increase on my home and rental of \$3102 in two years is simply outrageous, they are only 1200m2 ish sections

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 114

Not Speaking

First name: Andrea
Last name: Griffin

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (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:

Hotel and Car Park

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

Submitter Comments: Re supporting Civil Defence emergency management. Haven't all our Civil Defence emergencies been flooding related (except for Cyclone Hilda in 1990)? Why therefore are upgrades not being funded from Te Awa Tupea putea ... surely just a small dent in the \$80 million

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

Submitter Comments: Who was it that sold Purnell House?

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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 # 1480

Not Speaking

First name: Deb
Last name: Griffiths

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Access to internet and reading materials is essential for the literacy and intellectual development of our citizens. Many lower socio economic and elderly don't have internet access at home

Whanganui East Pool

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

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 closure of the last outside community pool is a huge risk for the water-wise and water safety of our children who can access this facility. The area is lower socio economic families, often without reliable transport and finances to take their children to the Splash centre. Swimming lessons and access to a deep pool for water confidence, as well as the family atmosphere generated by the small children's pool, BBQ and outdoor eating and socialising areas creates a sense of community. Water safety is a priority for our children who live near the Awa and coast.

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 budget to retain the wall and then sell the historic building will return some income, and keep the theatre building, even if repurposed

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments: This is not an essential service, zoos and aviaries need to meet specific health and safety requirements for animals being housed.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments: Nice to have not essential

New Zealand Glassworks

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

Option 1: Keep New 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 huge tourist draw card for our city

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments: We live ruraly and don't use this as we take recycling into town as well as rubbish. Often these bags are torn to pieces by vermin and create more of a mess at 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 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: If the main library remains open for 7 days a week, the tide bus can take these residents into town, other suburbs don't have 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: Closing the aviary, we still need a draw card for residents and tourists to Virginia lake. This is like a stunning Art Deco building that deserves the maintenance and work to offer people a place to visit in for leisure

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: Community Grants are helpful, but finance is needed for core business of council operations

Further comments on service cuts: Cut council expenditure on all projects, to only core services until we can reduce rates increases

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to 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 have strategic planning, construction, maintenance of our infrastructure, but consultancy fees, contractors and private business doing this work is costing us all more than needed. Bring back a council infrastructure team of employees that are accountable and financially overseen by Council Staff

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. 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 business and should be private enterprise

Royal 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, one of few, needs to be a jewel to look after and keep up to date for health and safety concerns

Marae Development

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

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

Submitter Comments: Funding may be available through other means, not all rate payers are affiliated nor enter a Marae

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments: Essential Service for a dangerous beach at times, that the community is growing and the harbour development, safe swimming part of leisure activities 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: Not essential

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments: Non essential

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: Council assets have been acquired for prosperity, reduce spending not sell 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? **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)

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Submitter Comments: Don't implement kurb side recycling

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1388

Not Speaking

First name: Marjorie
Last name: Griffiths

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 have great library facilities don't reduce them.

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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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 # 359

First name: David
Last name: Griffiths

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Providing access to information and resources, supporting literacy and education, and accessible third spaces are all vital for a community.

Whanganui East Pool

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Option 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 outdated and inhumane

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove 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: Glassworks is a prime example of a cultural entity that has put Whanganui on the map.

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: As I wrote above - providing access to information and resources, supporting literacy and education, and accessible third spaces are all vital for a community.

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: Having a vibrant culture is what makes people want to come to Whanganui.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments: A stitch in time saves nine.

Hotel and Car Park

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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

Submitter Comments: The Opera House is another prime example of a cultural entity that keeps Whanganui on the map.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: Good investment

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve 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

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Submitter Comments: Selling productive assets is shortsighted.

How would 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

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 649

Not Speaking

First name: **Malcolm**
Last name: **Griffiths**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments: This is the central library and is valuable and important. I am a regular user and visitor for many reasons and its services should be maintained at the current level

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments: A good pool is needed East of the river. Upgrade and improve it.

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments: This city is culturally strong and needs to maintain easy access to the events that the theatre holds.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Seek a public/private partnership to ensure the upgrading and ongoing provision of this facility.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments: They enhance the main street and I have no doubt attract people to visit the area.

New Zealand Glassworks

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

Option 1: Keep New 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 is an asset but I agree a private buyer is how the funding and continuance should be achieved.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments: Absolutely essential.

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments: I am a member of a community group which regularly uses the Gonville Library. we are welcomed and know other groups make great use of the facility. It should be retained as a library and community hub unchanged.

Winter Gardens

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

Option 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, peaceful and useful facility displaying innovative creations.

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

Option 1: Increase the 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 enhance the community and should be supported. This increase will help maintain a vital community support.

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments: Makes good sense. We need a quality 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: This is a vital centre of our cultural activities and needs to be long-term enhanced.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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 support the council's view which values Te Tiriti.

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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: Fully support this crucial service

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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

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

Submitter Comments:

How would 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 # 826

Not Speaking

First name: Richard
Last name: Grobecker

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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: Deadwood and non essential services need to be cut. Nice to have versus must have.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 865

Not Speaking

First name: Carolyn
Last name: Groves

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

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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: Sell theatre to repertory for \$1 and they can fund raise for bank stabilisation etc if they feel it is viable.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Aviary was a rotary initiative i think. Pass this back to the community to maintain and run. eg mens shed and/or a voluntary youth skill education, lions, rotary or other voluntary group.

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: Reevaluate next year. Or keep hanging baskets to half the current area

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments: We have a bus system to take people to the town library. Also mobile library service

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: I think kerbside recycling is a waste of tax payers money. People who will recycle already do, and those who can't are able to have things collected if they ring.

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Real estate should not be Council business in my view.

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Submitter Comments:

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

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

Submitter Comments: I also do not support wifi and lighting at Castlecliff domain as this just encourages gatherings after dark. Gates are closed at dusk at both Kowhai Park and Basin reserve.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1232

Not Speaking

First name: David
Last name: Gurney

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 important community resources - given the minimal cost per property, I support retaining the existing service level.

Whanganui East Pool

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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

Submitter Comments: Keeping birds in captivity is outdated.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove 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 important to keep the CBD attractive for residents and visitors, to keep a vibrant retail zone.

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 provide a unique experience in Whanganui - adding brand value to the district.

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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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 longer that infrastructure improvements are left, the more expensive they become. Therefore, I support a faster pace of infrastructure improvement.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take 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: Running a successful hotel business requires specialist expertise - expertise that Council's don't usually have.

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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Long-term investment

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

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 281

First name: **Hadi**
Last name: **Gurton**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Submitter Comments:

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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 # 1007

Not Speaking

First name: Justin
Last name: Gush

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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? **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 # 967

Not Speaking

First name:

Yvonne

Last name:

Guttenbeil

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: No.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1067

Not Speaking

First name: **Jamie**
Last name: **H**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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: Unless there are other options to keep the main streets of Whanganui Central looking good. The flower baskets are a nice touch.

New Zealand Glassworks

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

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (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: Important to look after our Rural communities.

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: Saving of money is important. I ticked the option of closing the Davis library for one day. I dont believe a library needs to be open 7 days a week. But the library being open for the weekends is great.

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

Option 1: Increase the 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: Money being saved is important to put the money into infrastructure and upgrading current infrastructure. NZ has an aging infrastructure and people generally like things to look or be modern.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred 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: Very important.

Hotel and Car Park

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

Option 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:

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

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Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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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:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

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

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

Submitter Comments: I believe that managing the finances properly and making good clear decisions will see Whanganui head in the right direction. Upgrading or building infrastructure is important. It starts to attract people to want to move or visit Whanganui. People need to have trust in their council to make the right decisions for Whanganui. Council need to be upfront and honest. At the end of the day, listening to too many peoples perceptions will just delay the decision making. Just make a decision a go for it!

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1028

Not Speaking

First name: C
Last name: H

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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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:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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Submitter Comments:

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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? **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 # 738

Not Speaking

First name: Rosie
Last name: Hackett

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments: Please do not close the pool. I have lived here for nearly 70 years, So many have learned to swim at our pools, There were Gonville Central and Wanganui East as well as most schools , There are many other things to get rid of before those Baths.

Repertory Theatre

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

Option 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: Ask the public for Volunteers to help maintain the Aviary

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Ask for Volunteers

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Sell the Glassworks

Winter Gardens

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Again ask keen gardeners if they would like to help

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments: You are Not developers . Dont waste our rates

Asset Sales

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

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to 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
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 Horizons and the Buses that are going around Empty, Crazy waste of money

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 487

Not Speaking

First name: saffyre
Last name: haddon

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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 we should look into natural hot water to run the pool as there is a thermal water tank there. This would generate more income and bring more people to the pool. I prefer my kids learn how to swim at a pool rather than drown in the river.

Repertory Theatre

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Could move to Amdram.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments: Put a better playground there for our whanau to enjoy and picnic area

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments: Or ask local businesses on the ave to support and sponsor the baskets

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

Option 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

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? **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 # 197

First name: **Raiden**
Last name: **Haddon**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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 Whanganui East Pools should stay open because the diving board is the best. The slide is fun because its an out door pool. It is better then the splash because we can walk there from home.

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 # 690

Not Speaking

First name: **Brenna**
Last name: **Hadley**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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 sell it to a private entity who will operate it.

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

Option 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Make entry koha

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: Teach pedestrians road safety/ crossing skills

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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 # 1575

Not Speaking

First name: Paul
Last name: Hagaraars

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments: Support this move but also look at book purchases reducing.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: Pool is well past it's use by date. Outdoor pool at existing Splash Centre.

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments: Eyesore and underutilised.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments: Look at using local charity organisations to fund this and maintain 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: No longer well maintained and do not draw in 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: Not a Council duty to keep this open.

Drop 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: Good option.

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: Relocate all books to Main Library.

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments: Be more specific around funding applications as some are not relevant.

Further comments on service cuts: Look at staffing levels in Council and reduce as well as a freeze on salaries.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments: Never too early to invest in the correct infrastructure. Developers need to pay more for creation of subdivisions.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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 the time of a Council function. If it stacks up = major Hotel Chain would be doing 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: Charge more for use of the building.

Marae Development

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

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

Submitter Comments: Sufficient funding is provided to Marae by Central Government and they must invest in their own facilities.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments: Make sure it is going to last a further 50 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: Wish list - not essential.

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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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: Wise decision - core assets should be retained only.

How would 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: Invest in infrastructure and maintain core services and assets.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1234

Not Speaking

First name:

Ruth

Last name:

Hagenaars

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

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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? **3**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Would like to have seen the pages to refer to on Selling of Assets. Other questions have page numbers. Your drag button doesn't work very well.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 938

Not Speaking

First name: Teresa
Last name: Hague

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

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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: The options seem limited, perhaps there are options for improvement that sit between the choice of nothing and \$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

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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: A difficult choice given no options have been provided.

How would 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 # 123

Speaking

First name: Samuel
Last name: Haines

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: Nothing needs to change as there should be enough money from this year's rates increase.

Whanganui East Pool

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: There should of been a feasibility study done before this even made it to the proposed rates increase.

Repertory Theatre

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: They need to go to their insurance company and run all feasible plans past them before getting council to fund this project because if it is a major issue the building could potentially be condemned.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: No rates increase need because all funds needed to cover this should of been in the latest rates increase.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments: Remove all hanging flower baskets because it is rotting the awnings of the historic building on the avenue and becoming an eyesore.

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: I don't see how this has anything to do with rate payer if it is owned by council and you are trying to find an independent buyer this is a conflict of interest and should be removed from here immediately.

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 do not see how this is an issue for funding because if it has worked so far with current funding and with the rates increase already it should already be funded.

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: This problem of funding should have been addressed when the initially build plans and feasibility of the gonville library when it was initially developed and should have been incorporated in it's running costs.

Winter Gardens

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: If the running cost have been that amount so far how are rate payers needed to fund it now and if so that should already be funded from the latest rates increase not future ones.

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 fund completely as so far it has provided a confusing sculpture that the public were not consulted on and also took 4 years to complete utter waste of tax payers money as his family own and historic wanganui which is being renovated so should have been privately funded not tax payer funded also he live in palmerston north so technically he is not currently not a wanganui resident.

Further comments on service cuts: Yes, as a local wanganui resident your current rate increase throughout all suburbs was outrageous because if all new builds and subdivisions are rate income for council that should be enough for future costing. I believe that there needed to be a thorough independent investigation of spending because all budgets should have been appropriately managed to avoid over spend.

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: If council managers that amount for infrastructure why does it need more plus it also get funding from government.

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: Cancel this plan it is a waste of money that can be spent elsewhere as it will just end up being emergency housing for the homeless problem that is happening already.

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: If it is a health and safety concern then it needs to be taken up with their insurance provider and if it is major there needs to be a feasibility proposal, also if the building is owned by the council the again it's a conflict of interest and should have been addressed when you purchased the building, not rate payer concern or problem.

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: Why does this concern rate payers they get private funding from the government and treaty settlements to cover this if you choose to fund this it should be at your cost not rate payers.

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: They need to do what all business do and go to the banks for funding and if the banks won't provide them the money then it's not a feasible option.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments: If road layout has worked so far than leave it be.

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: This is a waste of money and it is just going to end up in some getting hurt walking or cycling in a 100km road keep them to city limits.

Asset Sales

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Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: All purchases of buildings and assets should have been assessed for feasibility before purchase and should not be rate payers problem now and it is also a conflict of interest if we got increased rate due to you not selling them. This need a independent review to see where all councils spending is going because it sound like misappropriation.

How would 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: There need to be more clarity in where all the money has gone and is going.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 973

Not Speaking

First name: **RonMarion**
Last name: **HAINSWORTH**
Organisation: **N/A**

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: See our blanket comment at the end of this questionnaire response.

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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: Can basic/practical effort be made to simply maintain (without unnecessarily enhancing in any way) this community facility, for the ongoing benefit of residents (children) on that side of the city? The river surely cannot in any way be a "replacement playground".

Repertory Theatre

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

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Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments: See our blanket comment at the end of this questionnaire response.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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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:

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Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Submitter Comments:

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Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

Submitter Comments: See our blanket comment at the end of this questionnaire response.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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Rapanui Road Trail

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

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Submitter Comments: See our blanket comment at the end of this questionnaire 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? **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: We have paid local Council annual rates for 60+ years, having both been born, and raised here, and continued to live here, in our own hard-earned home. Having married in the 1960's and successfully raised and educated our family here, we have now been pensioners for a number of years and 13 years ago we determined/were obliged to sell our family home and downsize to our current small (cross-lease), centrally located unit, closer to pertinent services. We now have no alternative but to manage the increasing costs of living and aging – there is absolutely no option but to live within our income (which has not been recently increased by the potential 10.6% Council rates rise), and accordingly, we are progressively eroding our ever-diminishing lifetime savings for ostensible aged care in our years ahead. So, from our point of view, the same reasoning/action needs to be applied to Council's operating costs/rates. Hence, the "penny-pinching" evident in this questionnaire response, that we have seriously worked through and concluded on together.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 83

Not Speaking

First name: J
Last name: Hall

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?

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments: I regularly see locals/visitors at the aviary. Please do not take this away. It is an attraction for all to enjoy.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove 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 flower baskets give a lovely ambience to the main street. Would be sad to see them go.

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments: We dont want to loose the wonderful art of glass in wanganui. We are known for this in our town. Would be a shame to lose 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: This is a must. We do not want more illegal dumping.

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: Closing of one day per week would be acceptable.

Winter Gardens

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

Option 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 do not close the winter gardens. This place is fantastic and a real draw card for visitors and locals. Would love to see more lighting 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 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

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

Submitter Comments: All for progress in our city. If it's feasible 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments: Surf Lifesaving is a wonderful service to the community. We need this!

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments: Not needed. There is many more issues at hand that are far more important especially when financial times are tough.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which 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 waste of money. Caters for a low per cent of users and 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: Depends on what would be up for sale.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 # 879

Not Speaking

First name: **Graham**
Last name: **Hall**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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

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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: if it is viable a private operator will build it and sell it to someone to run, if not they won't, WCC is NOT a property developer .

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments: Option 2 will not benefit any other road users except motor vehicles.

Asset Sales

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

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

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

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

Submitter Comments: We need a roof on the velodrome to make it a multi use, year round facility, we missed an opportunity when it was built, it will never be cheaper to roof it than now.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 887

Not Speaking

First name: **Helene**
Last name: **Hall**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments: This aviary is disgusting and needs 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:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

Option 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?

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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?

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?

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Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

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

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1428

Not Speaking

First name: graham
Last name: hall

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?

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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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:

How would 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 # 1047

Not Speaking

First name: Richard
Last name: Hamblett

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments: Otherwise, offer Summertime free shuttle service between Whanganui East and the "Splash Centre" - especially during weekends and school holidays.

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments: Sell building to the dramatic arts group (or a combination of creative clubs) who can fund raise to maintain the facility. It is currently used multiple times a week, therefore consultation document statement "no longer fit for purpose" was NOT researched! NOTE: Bank stabilization work could be included in Hotel Development plan - see Issue 2 suggestions

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments: Today's focus should be on Natural bird environments eg. Shorebird site protection (river mouth), Bushy Park, Whanganui River National Park etc.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments: But include Schools in learning plant care and engendering pride in their City Centre - maybe several baskets allocated to each school to plant/maintain. Council only responsible for irrigation.

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments: Is it possible to partnership with a new owner in that the Council stipulates access must be maintained for Public enjoyment/education?

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

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: Impact on local residents? Has the comment re "a certain day" been actually researched within the Gonville library - eg. questions to Monday users?

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments: Is this an opportunity for collaboration with Schools in the hanging basket suggestion - a place to visit, learn, practical application, and pride in 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: Focus on youth participation - long term positive outcomes for individuals and the community.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to

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

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: Proposal: Possible lease on soon to be available Bell St Police Station site. Develop Hotel/Carpark with lifts that enable access to a horizontal walkway into Queens Park cultural Centre - hotel patrons are highly likely visitors to the Sarjeant/Library/Museum/Davis Theatre events etc. Also, high rise less intimidating there than in main street. Good vantage of river and mountain. Contracted civil engineers could be addressing Repertory Bank stabilization at the same time! Would that save a few cents?

Royal 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: Construction Health and Safety NZ may loosen their stringent requirements under this present government. Watch that space.

Marae Development

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

Submitter Comments: Whanganui to continue to honour Te Tiriti O Waitangi

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve 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

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Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Not willing to comment until further detail of specific assets up for sale are revealed

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

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

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

Submitter Comments: Dragging the circles did not work!

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 839

Not Speaking

First name: Liz
Last name: Hamblyn

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments: I strongly believe that children need to learn to swim. A lot of schools cannot afford to maintain their own pools, hence the need for a local pool. Also, it is so much part our our Kiwi lifestyle to be able to enjoy and swim at an out door pool. This is an intangible quality that can not be quantified by a council's monetary policy.

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?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments: Living in a rural community, 35 km from Wanganui, we rely on our drop off places for rural rubbish. The problem is the unfortunate problem of outsiders dumping their rubbish at rural site. I believe cameras have made some difference.

Gonville Library

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

Option 1: Keep Gonville 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: Thank you for the opportunity to forward a rate payer's view point and I must comment the council's campaign to get as much community engagement as it has.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred 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

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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?

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to 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: I think the council has been very proactive with it's need to engage with consultation of the rate paying community. You can't say that the Council has not tried to get people's opinion about the Long-Term Plan.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 885

First name: Carol
Last name: Hamilton
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?

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 an area that will grow over the next decade. It's a great amenity for the community. Keep it please

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: Can this be sold to a group who will look after it and raise funds etc to keep it 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: Would rather plant bird attracting trees.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

Option 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 trees are lovely as they are

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments: It's a great asset for Council. Marketing of it needed. More classes would be good

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: It's an excellent community asset

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: If closure would keep the East pool open, close it

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I don't always agree with who gets funding but I'd like to see a lot more due diligence about how organisations use the money.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments: Isn't core infrastructure Council business?

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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: How about making existing buildings in city centre habitable. Air BnB the upstairs areas for people to book and they can walk around the city centre that way. Don't build a hotel while buildings lie unused! We r a heritage city.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Something else (state below)

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

Submitter Comments: I think sell this building. Can the Opera School be amalgamated with UCOL and their premises be used?

Marae Development

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

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

Submitter Comments: Somehow we need to have conversations about the long term function of this facility and who will pay for 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: People surf round here? Madness 😊

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments: Nope, nope, nope. Luxury project to be considered after holes in our pavements (that both Maori and non walk on) etc are fixed. Or Council could try to get money out of the males who are using intersections as drag strips to pay for this.

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

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

Submitter Comments: There has to be ways of retaining assets already paid for.

How would 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: It's a hard call when people are so squeezed. Council are about infrastructure. We need a new Dublin Street Bridge before an hotel. What's the use of an hotel if traffic is backed up for 45 minutes either side of the bridge.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 750

Not Speaking

First name: Tessa
Last name: Hammond

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

Option 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 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building

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

structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 131

Not Speaking

First name: **Barbara**
Last name: **Hammond**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments: Close on the least used day as the Library indicates

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: Put a timeline on the feasibility study. Be aware the youth will swim elsewhere as in the river where hidden debris eg trees and dead animals may cause accidents

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 council owns the building. As a good owner they should be fixing with the rent received yearly. Volunteers run the service for youth to older persons. The service provided caters to convince building of all persons of all cultures and ages. Very difficult to find another building with the services, materials and support that the present group offers.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is 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 brings joy and education to many people, It is one of the few places that a family can attend without costing a small fortune. The council can ask for donations, volunteer/community support to enhance this experience. My grandchildren enjoy the outing to see the birds and enjoy Virginia Lake and grounds

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Ask the business's to support the flowers above 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:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

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: A family friendly and beautiful aspect of Virginia Lake.

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments: Apply some of these funds to the Bird Aviary, Winter Gardens, Repertory Theatre and Whanganui East Pool as a starter grant. As individual groups they can then apply for grant funding eg Lottery Funds

Further comments on service cuts: It appears cuts are being made in areas that families enjoy. Cancelling the cross walk suggested, and putting in a speed bump would save funds that could support the Aviary, Winter Garden and add a bit to mowing of the public park lawns. Visitors appreciate tidy gardens and cared for parks. Whanganui is known for its beauty, family friendly activities. Lets try to keep it that way

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: Ensure consultations and investigations are done by qualified persons. Done once and right

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. 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 a car park and hotel was a great financial option an investor would be found

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: Look for funding from the arts groups within NZ... eg Lottery Funding

Marae Development

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to 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: Other volunteer organizations would appreciate this sort of help eg Coast Guard or Velodrome. Will they be granted the same funds?

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments: Speed bump would support crossing or proper lights

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

Don't know

and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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: Identify what assets are proposed to be sold please

How would 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: Last 2 questions are difficult to comment on without knowing the full context of the decision

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1379

Not Speaking

First name: Nicole
Last name: Hampton

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments: Suburbs - other than Castlecliff - appear to be losing out on resources that support local communities coming together and enjoying something within their neighbourhood. I agree the cost is large and there have been issues with bullying at the pool. However, I see that as a Police issue, and one that needs to be addressed regardless. Taking things away from suburbs and making them more centralised means people - especially kids - miss out.

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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: 13 years is a long time to wait for an offset on rates. In the meantime, locals are paying for a service that will only support businesses and owners of those businesses - what percentage of those owners live and work in Whanganui? What about those that don't own a business? How do they

benefit. A stronger argument for investing is needed to ensure there is a win/win for all regarding the commercial benefits to the wider 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I agree with the upgrades for support during civil emergencies. However, it would be good to have a breakdown of what the funding will go towards and how marae will be allocated the funding. What are the criteria and does Council need to continue to fund maintenance indefinitely? Simply a curiosity. I have no understanding of how they are currently serviced, where their funding comes from or how each marae plans to future-proof themselves going forward. I am tauiwi so not aware of these matters. But I am in support of building closer relationships and reducing the division that seems to be growing. How do we work together to break down barriers and build the mana of 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 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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

Don't know

and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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 don't understand. Council wants to sell off assets - not disclosed which - yet Council wants to invest in building a hotel and carpark. I need more information before making a 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? **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: Th scroll bar didn't work well for me. Services and infrastructure are important to our community. Balancing that for the good of the community is challenging when faced with cost of living etc. I hope, based on feedback from our community, you can make those difficult decisions for us, as our elected members.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1546

Speaking

First name: Elaine
Last name: Hampton

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Should be Sunday I think

Whanganui East Pool

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

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 deserves its pool. The other option is long term never never land

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: Lovely building which should survive. The theatre should become iconic like Bats in Wellington. Civilization is at stake here

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Keep the Aviary, add a gold coin entry fee, similar to the charge for the fountain

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove 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 attract many of our visitors, poor choice to remove

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: Something so attractive to visitors should be kept in Council control

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments: No brainer

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments: Gonville is not an affluent suburb, so it needs entities like it's 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: No brainer

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: Would like to review the whole council balance sheet, hopefully on line?

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred 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: NZTA as was, limited the number of our roads that they would maintain some years ago. This should be remedied. Also we need more contribution from the huge lorries and haulage trucks pulling wood out of our area. These are the most damaging to our roads. Also pedestrians and bicyclists and mobility scooters need prioritising

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take 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 involved in a 5 star hotel project is not core responsibility. If such a hotel was a going proposition a private company would build it. I would strongly object to such an item worthy

of Wellington where vanity projects allowed the streets to be flooded with waste which is their core business

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: What income does the Opera house bring into council? Or is it through rates and visitor business? I think leave as is until better information is available re borrowing against income

Marae Development

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

Submitter Comments: Marae must be supported. How much was dedicated to this previously. ?

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments: Find it. NZ has a very high drowning rate

Pākaitore Reserve 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: Need more information on the plans, good idea, access to the awa? Pedestrian crossing. Where would traffic be diverted to, if you are envisioning a bridge, the No

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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

Something else (state below)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Sale of the electric company for a paltry \$13 million was a disaster for users. Each item should be debated and carte blanche cannot be an acceptable way to garner consent

How would 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: Keep iconic Whanganui going by

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 314

Not Speaking

First name: Tanya
Last name: Hancox

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments: Library services are important to the local community, especially an aging community. My preference would be to reduce service to other libraries in the area, for example Gonville library. Also, given the reopening of the Seargent Gallery in the same locality as the Davies Library, I would have thought that having the library open 7 days would be mutually beneficial.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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?

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: My preference is to retain the Davis library and to close Gonville library. So long as we keep the book bus running.

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: I don't believe that the Council should be investing in building and maintaining a hotel/carpark. If a hotel/carpark in Whanganui is viable then I am sure that some developer would be interested in using their own money to fund this. Council should stick to core services for ratepayers. In particular I do not agree that Council should be looking at investing \$1m in preparing a business case to

even understand the viability of a hotel/carpark. Equally, without a business case, how can Council say the cost will only be \$55m and that it will offset future rates at all? This is money that ratepayers can't afford in this cost of living crisis. I disagree vehemently with the decision to fund the business case to the hotel/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 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments: The Councils raised crossings have caused havoc as they are not clear... are the judder bars or crossings or both? Sometimes people don't know which and this causes cars to slam on their brakes as they suddenly stop for wayward pedestrians who walk out onto the judder bars. Whatever happened to regular pedestrian crossings?

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

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

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

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

Submitter Comments:

How would 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)

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Submitter Comments: Council should remind themselves that they are not a business, they are there to ensure core services are in place to support ratepayers. We have an ageing population in Whanganui and the rises to rates will not be sustainable for them. I am concerned that our elderly will not be able to afford rate increases and this will have a negative impact them.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 448

First name: **Rochelle**
Last name: **Handley**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Believe the library to be an important facility for all our community. They serve people of every age, income level, location, ethnicity, and physical ability, and provide a great range of information resources needed to live, learn and work.

Whanganui East Pool

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I think the pool is important on a number of levels. Kiwi kids need to be able to swim & be confident in the water. Many children use this pool and for some children in the holidays, this may be their only destination - travel for some families to the Splash Centre may not be a viable option. I also love that it's an outdoor pool with plenty of fresh air. The changing rooms are old fashioned to be sure but not everything has to be new and shiny. And I am questioning the notable leaks & \$2million price tag to keep it operating?

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 has a wonderful history..... can it not be put up for sale to the highest bidder with a covenant that the building may not be demolished but knowing they have to stabilise the retaining bank. ie it may work out like the Savage/Musicians Club

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

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 believe we were the first place in NZ to have the hanging baskets and many visitors from far & wide commented on our they enhanced the beauty of our CBD. I know in the whole scheme of things it seems trivial but I believe they lift our CBD, bring smiles not just to visitors but locals as well and lift an area that could otherwise seem drab. Firstly we need to source this service locally ie: would the prison be interested in making them. Could you approach our strong Whanganui Gardening Club and have them brainstorm some ideas. Appeal to Philanthropy New Zealand.....

New Zealand Glassworks

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

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (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 1: Keep Gonville 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?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take 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 # 495

Speaking

First name: **Tatjana**
Last name: **Hanne**
Organisation: **Stratford District Youth Council**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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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Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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 # 336

Not Speaking

First name: **Michael**
Last name: **Harallambi**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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: Dont listen to the noise on social media. You're doing a great job.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 587

Not Speaking

First name: Dawn
Last name: Harallambi

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: Birds do not belong in cages.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

Option 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: User pays... charge a fee or at least a Kona.

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

How would 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)

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Submitter Comments: I think it is more than reasonable to charge a fee to to non residents of Whanganui a fee for enjoying the Sarjeant Gallery. I think that a small fee, even \$5 could prove to be a great revenue stream to halo fund the ongoing costs of running the gallery. It’s our city jewel and it should be making money for the community.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 899

Not Speaking

First name: **Miriama**
Last name: **Harmer**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

Option 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 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (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 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?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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 # 1203

Not Speaking

First name: Andrea
Last name: Harper

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

Option 1: Keep Gonville 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 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 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:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 530

Speaking

First name: T.R.
Last name: Harris

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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 # 135

First name: **Benjamin**
Last name: **Harrison**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Reduce staff. Reduce hours on Mon to 4 hours, open at 10 - close at 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?

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Keep the aviary open

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 # 148

First name: Lauree
Last name: Harrison

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: 1/2 days on the weekend

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

Option 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

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

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

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 # 263

Not Speaking

First name: **Meta**
Last name: **Harrison**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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 to 4 hours on a monday.

Whanganui East Pool

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

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: Reduce staff costs. Have options to sponsor a bird. Have a donation box.

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: See if businesses would be willing to Sponsor a basket.

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments: Have workshops available 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:

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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?

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

Submitter Comments:

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: From Neighbours Day, and Pride funding

Further comments on service cuts: Remove Neighbours Day, and Pride funding.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

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

Submitter Comments: Put Collegiate Motor Inn back into motel accommodation. Turn Wakefield Chambers into basic accommodation for the flight school.

Royal 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:

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

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

Submitter Comments: Ratepayers should not be funding maraes which are hapu owned.

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: No raised platform. If Pedestrian crossing is needed just paint one. Also do not remove the Weeping Woman memorial at Pakaitore.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which 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 at this stage. Look for alternative funding.

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: What assets? Have to know before selling. Can alternative uses and incomes be used at those 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?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

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

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1039

Not Speaking

First name: Linda
Last name: Hart

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during 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 believe residents will soon become used to this closure on a Monday and its no real hardship in the long run

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: Yes it's a shame to close but I believe it's looking 'shabby' and is not frequented much. The Splash Centre can 'soak up' users of the Whanganui East Pool easily.

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments: Sadly the building is no longer fit for purpose and there are alternative venues available for the plays to continue (school of church halls, Royal Opera House, Whanganui War Memorial Hall, etc)

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you 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 should be free to fly. Close it

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments: I have heard many complimentary remarks about the beauty of our city, especially in Victoria Avenue re the flowers. Perhaps the businesses in 'Mainstreet' could be asked to donate for this?

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: NZ Glassworks is unique and very much part of our creative 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: Absolutely keep. There's enough dumping illegally already.

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments: I don't know how many residents visit the library on a Monday but I'm sure they will get used to going on another day. No doubt this decision can be altered in the future should it be a problem.

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: As a resident I might visit once a year. If it closed there would be no hardship to me, but I'd hope something imaginative would be done with the empty space.

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments: The more help here the better.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to 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 can't afford to fall behind here

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: If the council feels it's important to develop a hotel and carpark in Whanganui then I'm hoping an investor will too. (I can't see any 'returns' going back to ratepayers ever)

Royal 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: It's unique, one of a kind, beautiful theatre. Fix H&S concerns etc and it should help attract more shows. I don't believe funds need to be spent addition heating/air con and 'modernising' FoH areas which would alter the character too 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 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's character includes the Iwi culture and we need to support this. It's imperative that as a community we work as one.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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 all know someone who has needed the help of the life saving service. Castlecliff in particular is a treacherous beach which has caught many out. Keep this going.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and 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 isn't a busy road and this suggested crossing 'would be nice' and certainly not essential. A zebra crossing will be fine - you can jazz it up a bit with native paintings on the pavement to make it special.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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's a nasty road and this will help to make it safe, especially for cyclists.

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: Agreed - with clear and honest consultation with residents prior to any sales proceeding.

How would 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: Thank you for the opportunity to be included and making the process so simple.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 360

Not Speaking

First name: **Marlene**
Last name: **Hart**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Seek volunteers to run and maintain it, seek lottery grants or sponsors

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

Option 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: Other councils do not offer rural rubbish service

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: People will get used to it.

Winter Gardens

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Volunteer run and maintained, sponsorship

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?

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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: Maraes have their own funds like any other business or organization.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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Submitter Comments:

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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?
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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 # 1101

Not Speaking

First name: Sabine
Last name: Hartmann

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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 facility for the health of the wider community. It should stay open while the council looks into possibilities for a new swimming facility.

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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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?

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

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

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

Submitter Comments: We should do anything possible to set our infrastructure up for climate change. Future inflation and building costs are only going to increase the costs for these necessary works.

Hotel and Car Park

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

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 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: All safety issues should be addressed to make sure this iconic and unique building will continue to bring mre cultural events into our city.

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Don't know

Submitter Comments: I can't comment on this as long as I don't know the specific asstes.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 115

Not Speaking

First name: Shirley
Last name: Hastings

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: Leave as is but no addition to the rates

Whanganui East Pool

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

Submitter Comments: The only out door pool, which Council have neglected for ever, rate payers pay to use it, but Council would rather support the revolting Splash Centre.

Repertory Theatre

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Another neglected Council building, what ever happened to fixing a problem when it first appears, instead of wanting to rip the rest of the Heritage buildings down.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Submitter Comments: Surely one of the overstaffed council workers could be put to better use looking after the Aviary, perhaps on a job share with another worker.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

Submitter Comments: What is wrong with the Council gardeners growing plants like they do @ 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?

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: Make current staff work smarter!

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: Stop putting useless speed humps on streets. Hold contractors to account for sub-par workmanship, if job not up to perfect standard, make them do it again @ their expense.

Hotel and Car Park

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

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: There are several multi storied heritage buildings in Wanganui, perhaps look at refitting these buildings instead of stupid ideas of building in flood prone areas. Buy back Collegiate

Motor Inn, it should never have been sold in the first place. I'm sure the then owner was laughing all the way to the bank - the A. Main council should never have purchased 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 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: No funding to Marae what so ever. The Ardern government gave them heaps!

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to 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? **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 # 491

Not Speaking

First name: Paul
Last name: Hausia

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

Option 1: Increase the 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?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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 # 507

Not Speaking

First name: **Bernie**
Last name: **Hawke**
Organisation: **Public Libraries New Zealand**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments: Please see attached submission

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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: Please see attached submission

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? **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 **Yes**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1507

Not Speaking

First name: Mitchell
Last name: Hawker

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

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

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

Submitter Comments: Keep east pools open and virginia lake avary

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 351

Not Speaking

First name: Cameron
Last name: Hawker-Guilford

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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: They get gov funding anyway. Not our problem.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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 # 1010

Not Speaking

First name: **Margaret**
Last name: **Hawthorne**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: being able to swim is critical in a city where rivers, lakes and beaches are on our doorstep

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: There are other venues which can be shared use including War Memorial Hall theatre, Baptist Church, Wicksteed Street, Gonville Hall and others.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: It is far more important to keep the winter garden and upgraded toilets for the public and visitors

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: These are part of the unique character of the 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: only a passionate buyer would be interested.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

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: costs keep rising and the contributions made by community groups is significant to the overall vibrancy and well being of 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: Its a wait and see on central government assistance. Infrastructure must be maintained.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 4 - 5 start hotel in the city is essential to attract visitors to the city and city events.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Essential to safety of users.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 are in the settlement phase of their Treaty Settlements with significant payout of cash. This money should be directed to the benefit of hapu in upgrading Marae in the district.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to 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: an essential service to 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 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: Focus on one sealed walkway around Virginia Lake as another option. The existing walkways are too rough for disabled people and wheelchairs or walking frames. This community and visitor group are as important or more important than able bodied people and it is really disappointing that this lovely walk cannot be enjoyed by all. (my husband was in a wheelchair and upper walkway just too rough to go there more than once).

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: It would have been helpful to know which properties are included in the estimated return of \$16 million.

How would 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: I am a fairly new resident to Whanganui so dont know if sealing one of the Virginia Lake walkways has ever been proposed and if so why it has not been undertaken?

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1103

Speaking

First name: Harry
Last name: Hawtree

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 saw that you want to extend the library however also close it for one day a week the Davis library is a popular place where me and many of my friends go after school to study.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 pools are an important place for the young people of Whanganui and an excellent asset to encourage families in this town.

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: Again if you don't want a town full of old people you need to keep family attractions open

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Would be a nice to have however not a Nessaracy

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This is an excellent asset that can help grow the art scene in 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 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This is also an excellent place in whangnau when I used to work in tourism I would often recommend people visit.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: We need to focus on more important things

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Let's pay it now so it isn't hundreds of dollars per rate payer in a few years

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments: This is a good idea and needed

Royal 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: Whangnau keeps missing out on national tours because the opera house isn't to 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?

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 have more important things to worry about

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and 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 unnecessary this will create significant delays while it's built we also are making cuts to more important services for this to happen.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: Assets are assets let's not sell them off let's turn them into money makers!

How would 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 # 1492

Not Speaking

First name: **Nathan**
Last name: **Hawtree**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 pool open and complete a feasibility study on a new pool or repair of the old pool ASAP

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: services should be aimed at supporting families and the younger generation to help increase the population

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in 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: Council should not run the hotel and only be the owner of the building. The rental of the building should transfer all normal maintenance and running cost to the operator. Council needs to insure that no council money is used to set it up or operate the 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 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: full upgrade of both front and back keeping as much of the historic character as possible. This will give Wanganui a facility for 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?

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

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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: only assets that will never make a return to the council other than by sale and also only with consultation 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? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 942

Not Speaking

First name: **Melanie**
Last name: **Haxton**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during 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 also think that we should consider closing the local libraries for one day a week as well. What would the cost saving of doing this be?

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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 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 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 # 1175

Not Speaking

First name: **Christine**
Last name: **Haxton**
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?

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: Consider work to establish a 'friends of the aviary' volunteer group to take over the management and everyday running of the aviary. Invest savings from wages into improvements to welfare for the birds.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (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: Reduce the number of drop off points or frequency of service

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 on a different day to the Davis Library.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Address immediate health and safety concerns and put the opera house up for sale.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Revisit funding at a later date

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Local iwi should take charge of this 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?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1163

Not Speaking

First name: Russell
Last name: Hayes

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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Perhaps finding a more suitable building in a more accessible site would encourage more users

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Is this building still used? Perhaps some sort of an arrangement with the Opera House could be entered into for the benefit of all parties.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is 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 essential community asset and should be upgraded properly.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove 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 major beautification item that helps to lift an often run down shabby old buildings district. It was also a major reason why my family came to Whanganui to live because of these flower baskets iconic benefit. Keep the flower baskets and tidy up the run down buildings. Check out Horowhenua DC what they did about this same situation, and Taupo DC.

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: An iconic institution that attracts people to Whanganui. Don't be crazy with a cheap fix of doing a "runner"

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Use one of the library trucks to visit the Gonville area 3 days a week.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Another Whanganui icon Council should not touch negatively

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Cut community funding by 20% and ensure it goes to organisations that strictly meet the guide lines for such grants

Further comments on service cuts: No more rate payers money being spent on the wharf and North Mole area. Council bombed out to Patea / South Island service, bombed out on Whanganui / Nelson service. There's only 2 coastal trader ships operating in this area and Council haven't shown any ability to increase shipping services so stop wasting ratepayers money (who don't benefit from a wharf) on such a "looser" project. STOP mayor and counsellors junket trips

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to 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 policy over the last 10 years has been to neglect replacing old and dangerous infrastructure such as roads, footpaths and pipes / water. It's water quality is unacceptable due to lime levels in drinking water. Old concrete tile footpaths have caused serious injuries especially for our people

who need to use wheel chairs and mobility frames. Pathetic "excuses" have been constantly told to these injured people as to why WDC can't rectify these health and safety issues. Pot holes and poor quality roads are also a major problem including unable to see oncoming traffic. WDC MUST take this situation seriously and do something positively constructive immediately.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Just make sure that it's not a large white elephant like the wharf. And what is WDC going to do about the velodrome / Cooks Gardens / Mountain Biking / Athletics etc to attract sports ??? the WDC hasn't shown much competence in getting anything working like this in the past and a lot of the opposite of blunder and squandering....

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: Would WDC look at \$250k / year over 6 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:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which 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: Would be selling the wharf off be top of the sell list??? Would WDC actually pay off \$16m of debt and NOT raise any new debt / loan money.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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: How much new debt does WDC intend to borrow each year. Inflation 4% and coming down from over 7.4% (that's almost a 50% drop over 3 years) , WDC rates increase 10.6% and rising.....Let's get some capable counsellors and senior staff so as rates management can be closer to the level of inflation.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 869

Speaking

First name: **Phill**
Last name: **Haynes**

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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Monday is the quietest day in town - according to the CBD digital parking receipts - & businesses treat Monday as an action or admin day, so this day is also the most employed day, where part time jobs (outside retail, who often close on Monday)..... For Students doing research (& any business people for that matter), Monday would also be the least frequent day to be either out of studies/classes or in town. Monday would appear to be the best day to choose, as well as being better for staff adjustment than say 2 hours a day less.

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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 another year, while do the feasibility study in the background - limiting the deadline for the study to 8 months, giving 4 months for Councilors to consider proposals over a few Council meetings & form a background team to focus on this issue. During that time - start a give-a-little fund or similar to rally funds & investment support, it's a key facility & our town should avoid doing the minimum or just offering the basics for the sake of trying to have a % rate increase lower than others... the % is irrelevant, if a service & amenity is a community focal point. It also appears to me to be about \$0.50c or \$1 too cheap & for a period of time once investment made - the price needs to reflect any improved facility or service. Perhaps its time to investigate a community combined activity membership card - where membership gets access to a selection of facilities and ratepayers opt-in or out of the household being members or not? Create separate fund for this - otherwise we will just face this issue with amenity and amenity after activity after activity, as they age & require an investment - just like the Velodrome - we made that into a drama too like we've made the pool & aviary into dramas - there's always going to be something in our community activity facilities, every 3 years needing \$2-5m of investment - next LTP it'll be museum, or splash centre, or Cooks Gardens, etc.etc.... The town needs an Activity amenities investment fund or Trust & a membership to or stock holders to contribute & rally to it.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Do not demolish it - \$250,000 seems a bargain to maintain the heritage & the facility. In the assessment of a sale - consider if a Trust can be formed for it to be bought then leased back to the users. Or continue its use for at least another year, while the users pay a higher fee for its

use - or some sort of membership/club fee/support foundation, and other alternative methods of funding support & other uses outside the plays/acting use. What part-time or full time day use opportunities can be diverted to it? Find a way to fix it, maintain it & provide the use - if necessary add technology facilities to provide wider use coverage.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is 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 was already voted on to maintain & keep it - regardless of any other issues of current financial environment, this facility is a great family & visitor focus & in my opinion you've already had your community response only a short time ago, if anything financial costs, inflation & economic activity is slight improving at a slow rate, so there is no real justification for this other than trying to achieve a certain % look & find another \$1m savings to 'fill the page' put on the list... > look elsewhere, or be satisfied with what other items you've found.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove 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 item doesn't sound like it needs to be all or nothing for an LTP period of 3 years - if necessary and the community is split on this then opt for a 1 yr on 1 yr off type approach or only half as many ... there are also volunteers who may have a particularly keen interest in this who could donate or fund per basket. I would suggest for this LTP one of the additional items should be to pool together a list of 'optional' mixed acceptance or limited user support as items to find voluntary contributions for... e.g. WDC LTP core Budget + \$1m Pool of Optional Voluntary funded items like this - then ask for additional voluntary contributions from ratepayers or donations - that not all would opt into, but some would, & probably enough to average out to cover a cost... Like a Round-up at checkout - or instead of the automatic early payment discount, which is actually only really benefitting the well-off, give the option to those, to still pay the higher full amount & donate the early payment discount to the Pool of Voluntary Optional annual items...

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: IF there is a need for a contribution - then could there be higher or new commercial fees that could be made or increased for usage & providing services? e.g. online webcam subscription ? or similar set of services to raise a few \$000's a year. Set the users the task to fund raise.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

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: ask for gold coin donation - or combine with the fountain gold coin fee. Also provide a QR code reader to become a supporter with a voluntary donation of \$2, \$5 or \$10.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the 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 would also recommend during this LTP - look at how to bolster this by also creating a short-list of un-funded grants, that missed out - to request of the community additional voluntary funds to cover the causes - on the basis of "these causes & needs would be approved if the funds were available & meet criteria - can we have some extra help please". Request this of any rate payer who pays up front, or who takes the early payment discount, therefore well-off enough to have disposable income to gift or devote to worthy causes.

Further comments on service cuts: I don't believe that service cuts should be a pre-requisite of a good budgeting process, unless it finds waste & marginal uses/benefit services. We should not chase a minimal rates increase just because some EMs campaigned on being able to make better services, find waste & balance books from savings - it was naive to expect or to promise to achieve that. What ever the rates increase needed in \$ terms that is then what the % increase is - there is hardly any relevance to comparison across councils or other areas, we have our own scale, topography, needs, demographic & climate - this mix of variation make chasing a % a vanity & poor measure. For example Hawkes Bay with its exceptional issues would expect a higher increase than a council with no climate issues. Southland compared to Whanganui would be irrelevant - yet both are in an average. So my opinion would be - treat each service cost \$'s, each headcount, each programme or project in its own merits, if it has justified benefits in the professional opinion of your officers & EMs combined, then so be it - the cost is justified & whatever inflationary increase is needed it is what it is - maybe theres an alternative material or product or method - but if the service has been justified, keep it in the budget, regardless what % it results in - we can't expect rates not to go up - there are more of use, ageing, more needs for an expanding town - and we don't have the scale benefits yet to see per capita or rates account savings from more population yet. There have been issues, of caps & spend limits causing issues to worsen, especially in roading & infrastructure that needed doing last year - like SH3 & pathway repairs, which waiting until a new financial year is just increasing risk. I for one have had to repair an alloy wheel & tyre in 2022 because WDC & NZTA didn't fix a pot hole that everyone was aware of, until the 2023/24 budget allowed! There'd be others, less fortunate or more consequential damage, or could lead to accidents. Don't let us fall for such false economies.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: In my opinion - such investment is a core & significant part of a local economy & employment generation or maintenance - local & central government are responsible for the greatest

one provider of economic activity in any area. Jobs, activity, investment yield incomes, spend, having local circular & cyclic economic benefits - don't stop this sort of item, some of these are what provides the income to the ratepayer base & expansion. Just take great care to spend as much of it as local as possible, because as an area of net income from central funding, we stand to benefit ourselves & the prosperity & wellbeing of the community.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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: be bold & go for it - perhaps even ask the community for seeding investors to retain a certain stake or land ownership or a cooperative approach? There will be ways - but do consult & involve local business & property owners/investors, there are some sane & sensible people in our town & also key events, amenities, businesses that would benefit & share in such a success..... Masters Games, Collegiate, Velodrome, Cooks Gardens, Airport, Conferences, Agriculture, Port manufacturing, regional farming/livestock groups, road tours, Club events, etc.etc. not just the air school.

Royal 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: Plan front of house in first year of next LTP. Then, during 2024-25, in this LTP period - look to gain voluntary donation funding to do the front of house improvements in 2028/29, or bring forward a year or two from next LTP into this. On this topic - i would suggest this aspect of additional projects list to find additional voluntary funding for is explored as a committee focus approach. Starting with asking ratepayers to offer an additional voluntary amount "release the early payment discount to extra projects", Round up your rates voluntarily to the nearest \$10 or \$100 to donate for the extras optional projects & needs list", or "We are your local non-profit organisation that benefits your community - please donate an additional monthly/quarterly amount \$10, \$20, \$50 \$100 etc.." like a political party asking for support?

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: This is a key service & youth development project. Take a lead to help them also find other & future funds. But also caution them in over-facilitating, \$5-7m sounds an ambitious amount of asset/facility given properties & resources possibly available in our area to adapt/modify or build on.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: install a simpler crossing & raised section by the end Bell st, by the steam shed.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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 under utilised connection to the town - it should be more useful & available for non-vehicle. The cars travel too fast along it - the speed limit also needs reducing, some of the corners/bumps & cambers are poor for the average vehicle, which is usually now an SUV or ute, or an old poor condition car with younger travellers.... This mix of users means its not a cycle route for the average cyclist - its discouraging - especially given the proximity of the Botanical gardens attraction too. Limit the speed to 80km/h. Add the trail Add traffic calming & safety measures - it is a serious accident waiting to happen....

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to 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: Explore this option - but be clear what the assets of the Community are - list ALL, then the short list within that. I personally would only devote HALF of any funds raised to debt repayment - debt is not a bad thing at the moment, it may be hard to come by in 5-10 years time.... So i would recommend invest the other half in projects that yield alternative growth/community longer term benefit or more productive assets. Be bold - don't be debt free, or debt less, strive to be better positioned to enter the next LTP!

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? (Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to 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? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I have two Submission Proposals. 1) Implement a community cooperative fund raising approach, to ask for Additional voluntary Contributions towards rates, donations to wards optional extra services/facilities/investment, or a Trust investment fund etc. > like at checkouts , e.g McDonalds or charity requests, where your asked if you want to top up, or round up to include a donation, or support a cause. > this could be implemented when people pay rates online at 'check-out' or as they pay. > If this is successful, later in the LTP or next LTP, we could increase Community Grants, or create an additional Local Wellbeing fund, or Investment Seeding Trust, or we could also offer a small concession to those who are struggling by offering for them to 'Round down to nearest \$10 or \$100, while we ask for people to "Round up" ... it may balance out some - it may foster a greater sense of community & find a better equilibrium sensitivity that the more rigid rating process cannot be sensitive to. 2) Start planning & project to implement Park & Ride facilities at the entrances to SH3 & 4 - using existing under-utilised & available space. There are three key easy convenient areas that could be start of these projects that are on or close to bus routes & cycle ways - to help alleviate town centre parking & traffic, this will be future proofing us also for when the Sarjeants Gallery also gets busy & help justify & bolster the additional routes proposed. I can provide more details - but for us as a town we have some ready resource & spaces available & could achieve this easily - we don't need grand scale or new facilities just an agile approach to getting on with it. As a small provincial town, we will add a feature that punches above our weight & also adds to our network of public transport services cost effectively & add to regional connections. > Can submit materials to show & have also proposed this as a joint activity with Horizons into the Horizons LTP. I will submit a file to support for presentation..

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 374

Not Speaking

First name: Tanya
Last name: Hayton

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 should be accessible to all the community. As someone who works in hospitality and retail, Sunday and Monday are the only time I get to go to 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: The East Pool is a great place for tamariki to go for summer fun. There are no regular buses that go into town/splash centre for Eastside kids/families. I like that it is a retro outdoor pool. We should celebrate retro in Whanganui.

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Hanging baskets should stay. I heard there was a trust set up for hanging baskets. This money should go on them.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: A Whanganui tourist attraction that supports many of our local artists should stay in council hands

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I agreed with three waters to start with. Infrastructure will cost far too much in the future. Auckland and Wellington are finding that out already.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. 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 definitely need more accommodation. I don't know whether council should be in charge of its development.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: A painted pedestrian crossing

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 922

Not Speaking

First name: Cordell
Last name: Hayward

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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 1: Increase the 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 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? **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 # 925

First name: **Gracie**
Last name: **Hayward**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve 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 # 924

Not Speaking

First name: Esther
Last name: Hayward

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

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 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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? **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 # 1126

Not Speaking

First name: **Hilary**
Last name: **Hazell**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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: I can't even imagine Whanganui without the flower baskets , I have spoken to friends who live in palmerston north and Marton , and these are one of their favourite things about Whanganui

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: If the glassworks was sold to a commercial entity it may be closed in the future and we would have no say in that decision, we have lost the glass school , lets not lose this as well

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: The Winter Gardens are glorious , also a lot of volunteer work goes into that ?

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the 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: Is there a suitable site for a hotel and car park ? An operator would probably want a return on investment , ask for rate rebates , employ locals at slave wages and build an eyesore. That coupled with no flower baskets conjures a horrific vision of 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: It's the Marae who step up and provide practical grass roots support in natural disasters, definitely give something back in support.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Vital

Pākaitore Reserve 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: Pedestrians only down a section of taupo quay at weekends but its hard to think of a through route for heavy traffic , I've seen logging truck and trailer combos go through there and the intercity bus stops are down there

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: so far in the future I don't have to think about 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?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would 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 # 417

Not Speaking

First name: Emma
Last name: Healey

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 390

Not Speaking

First name: **Noeline**
Last name: **Healey**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

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?

Submitter Comments: Can't comment on this, where is the proposed building supposed to be and why aren't you using existing buildings

Royal 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: As long as this is reversible once notification of which assets are looking at being sold

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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)

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Submitter Comments: I would prefer not to lose any current services but put a hold on new projects and focus attention on the things that need upgrading and repair. Once the economic crisis is in a more manageable place we then look at new projects, Lets finish what's started now before starting more

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1304

Not Speaking

First name: Peter
Last name: Healey

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

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, 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 # 371

Not Speaking

First name: Chanel
Last name: Heather

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Close one day a week on a weekend day

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option 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 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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: An alternative cycle path should also be created down tayforth road. What is the sense in guiding cyclists back to SH3 where there is no dedicated cycle path back to town??

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to 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 # 179

Not Speaking

First name: **Casey**
Last name: **Hedges**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Libraries are a basic necessity.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 access should be available to all given our countries high drowning rates.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Keep it

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This is a much loved asset I have been taking my child here every week for almost 2 years. Maybe suggest a gold coin donation or Koha to enter

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Have the store owners look after them. If they want one they can put their name down for one then maintain it themselves.

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: Offer classes or courses to those that want one to offset rates but keep in council ownership

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville 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 one I have gone to weekly for 2 years. I see a lot of tourists here. Keep 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:

Further comments on service cuts: Yes. The food scrap bin. Do not do it. I have a compost and worm farm I struggle to fill so i will not use it. And yet I get penalized for doing my bit and sorting a lot of my own food waste which is minimal. Also the amount of stray rabid dogs in this area is just going to raid those bins trash the street with rotting food and attract vermin and other pests.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Basic infrastructure is a necessity

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Stop using perfectly good existing motels as emergency housing and utilize what we already have. We do not need a purpose built hotel as we have more than enough accommodation

Royal 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: We need this service due to our countries drowning rates

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which 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 at this stage

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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: Due to the assets not being listed I can not in good faith agree to the selling of any assets. Please list them so we know what is 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: Please listen to the people. You work for us, remember that.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1342

Not Speaking

First name: Alison
Last name: Hedges

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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: Everyone I know that comes to Whanganui make Virginia Lake, the cafe, Aviary & Wintergarden one of their priorities to visit.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: One of the things residents & visitors love about Whanganui is the flower baskets & how clean the main avenue is. Are you going to reduce the footpath cleaning as well??

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: I live in a rural area & if there was no rubbish collection point the rubbish would just get dumped at the end of our street which we have a problem with anyway at times. It is not an issue personally as we recycle, compost or burn our 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: Council wants to close the Aviary, is forcing the closure of the Funky Duck Cafe. If you close the Wintergarden as well what is left for people to visit at Virginia Lake. A sad state of affairs especially if park & reserve maintenance is going to be reduced as well. Whanganui will lose many of the reasons visitors come to visit & it will start to look unloved & uncared for.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the 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: A lot of issues facing Whanganui are due to the fact that maintenance has not been kept up to date in so many areas i.e. the Aviary. Everyone I speak to agrees & while we do not like the fact our rates are going up we do not want our town to lose the things that make it Whanganui & we do not want it to look unkempt or unloved. Once some things are gone we will never get them back. Things are not going to cost any less in the years to come. Sometimes we just have to bite the bullet. Whanganui does not need to spend \$850k on a raised crossing on Taupo Quay we've survived without it this long & those monies can fund all the other things we want to retain plus others.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Don't know

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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: If We do not keep up maintenance & invest in infrastructure in Whanganui we are just going to become a poor cousin of what we could have been. If you own property & don't keep the maintenance up to date it soon gets so bad you can never get ontop of it. We all have to invest in Whanganui or the same thing will happen.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 642

Not Speaking

First name: Wendy
Last name: Heibner

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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

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 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 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 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which 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 # 850

First name: **Riley**
Last name: **Heka**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Too many accidents happens and it puts pressure on staff at splash when things go badly as well as there isn't enough staff during those times for when things go badly and then can't go back to east because situations become so bad staff are either to scared or are too tired to attend work

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

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:

Marae Development

Our preferred option 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 # 1264

Not Speaking

First name: **Malcom**
Last name: **Hemi**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

Don't know

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1130

Not Speaking

First name:

Quinn

Last name:

Hemingway

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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?

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, **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 # 1622

Not Speaking

First name: Tania
Last name: Henare

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 # 155

First name: **John**
Last name: **Henderson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Keep the Whanganui Pool open for the year while the feasibility Study is carried out. Restrict the period when the pool is available

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: Prepare a Video of the birds currently in the aviary with appropriate commentary which can be circulated to schools and others subsequently

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Explore alternative ways of stock, installing and maintaining the baskets. Perhaps consider talking to Corrections, social groups and rural training providers

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: Be mindful that Climate change will do that over the foreseeable future so the design parameters and alternatives in the event that something happens reflect that

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. 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 concentrate on ensuring that the reasons people want to come to Whanganui are supported, enhanced and promoted. Advocate for improved air access to Whanganui, perhaps at the times of likely increased demand as a result of events like Vintage Week.

Royal 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: A great asset which needs to be such that promoters want to come - which then makes Whanganui a more attractive place to visit

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Upgrade Grants should be targetted at what is need to provide resilience in the event of extreme climate related events

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: It achieves nothing and most who have to cross it will not have positive reactions.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which 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? **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:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1347

Not Speaking

First name: Kathleen
Last name: Henderson

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

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

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Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

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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 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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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: Very difficult to answer this question without knowing which assets may 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**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: It is so important to maintain and keep the facilities we have otherwise I wonder what attractions there will be in Whanganui to encourage people to stay in this city or to come to visit. Ratepayers in the future will question why we did not make more effort to keep what we have.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1030

Not Speaking

First name:

R. J.

Last name:

Henderson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I saw a great show there a couple of years ago. There seem to be quality other venues around wanganui.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you 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: Flowers give me allergies

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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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?

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?
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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 # 1259

Not Speaking

First name: **Ross**
Last name: **Hendry**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 grew up when Wanganui had a population of roughly 30,000 people. I was a child growing up and I had access to the Aramoho School Pool (same size as W.E pool Central baths Wanganui East and Gonville pools. One by one these pools have closed! Now with a population of 50,000 we have one suburban pool. Kids need to be able to learn to swim safely. These pools were well used and very popular - nobody jumped in the river and drowned themselves. Lets look after what we've got here.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Council paid a fortune for this back in the day - should not have been in the business - sell it if you can take the loss and get on with life.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

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: Got to cut your cloth here - beggars cannot be choosers!!!

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Council should not be in the Hotel business. This is a private enterprise opportunity. Remember if we build a large hotel this will negatively effect local motel industry. They will be competing against big brother here.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Do nothing at this stage. Review and choose option 3 when we can afford to.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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

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: A lot for a minority of people. Wanganui needs another hump in the road like it needs a hole in the head.. If they must have it share the cost with the signatories - Iwi Central Govt. WDC

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Do another day this one - it is a lot of money for the few.

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I believe the council does not always get the best value for money. This is caused by apathy and lack of accountability by council staff. I'm in business and I am aware of prices in certain areas of my expertise. I believe more in quotations than estimate of costs which allow some very big projects to get really out of hand because suppliers are lazy and put in low prices to get the job and fall back on contingency conditions. Front end job dearer but end job cheaper. Just a thought

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 573

First name: Anna
Last name: Herd

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The theatre is an iconic place for Whanganui with many successful productions being shown. Most shows are sold out or nearly full. Amdram isn't suitable to house every production Whanganui theatre groups put on and is privately owned (I believe), and the Opera House is too big for some productions. It would be a travesty if The Rep was demolished.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

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: Invest in the riverbank! We have an incredible resource with the river and water events - rowing, waka ama etc but it's difficult to watch events especially up near Aramoho Whanganui Rowing Club. Provide more seating along the riverbank.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1642

Not Speaking

First name: Maya
Last name: Herewini

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Not ideal but we need to save money somehow

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Just do the bare minimum to keep it open and dont give our money to consultants!

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Or sell it to someone who wants it

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This is the only place in town that all our whanau can enjoy, including our babies and kaumatua. Its free, entertaining and accessible to all, there is nothing else like it for us

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Glass stuff is only for rich people - the cost of keeping this is the same as the cost of keeping the aviary but the aviary is for everyone not just the rich.

Drop 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: But if we have to choose, its better to keep the aviary than the winter gardens

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Reduce this fund by at least half or better yet kill it completely. I dont pay rates for you to donate to charity on my behalf.

Further comments on service cuts: No more money to the masters games Stop funding public art Reduce costs for Aramoho Library Don't spend any more on consultant reports especially for climate change.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. 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 business of Council!

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Not the business of Council - lwi will be post settlement by then

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Just put in a zebra crossing

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 2

Speaking

First name: Whanganui
Last name: Heritage Restoration Trust
Organisation: Whanganui Heritage Restoration Trust

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 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

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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?

Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred 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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Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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: Whanganui Heritage Restoration Trust The Trust is seeking Council's ongoing funding support in this 10-Year Plan for the duration of the building redevelopment project at 11 Ridgway Street, Council being one of the main funders of this project, the other being Lotteries. The Trust is also seeking Council's preference for the speed of the project delivery. History: The Whanganui Heritage Restoration Trust – a registered Charity - was formed as a result of Council's Regeneration Strategy for the Whanganui Town Centre 2016 by Urbanism Plus. The goal of the Trust is to effect heritage restoration of buildings in the CBD together with much needed accommodation. A Charitable Trust has easier access to external financial support from independent funding organisations and donations and was therefore seen as a better vehicle than direct ownership by Council. Council staff progressed the Heads of Agreement between the Trustees and Council. Trustees: The Trust has 4 voluntary Trustees who receive no remuneration: • Deputy Mayor Helen Craig – Chair • Lawyer Richard Austin • Retired project manager Rick Grobecker • Retired engineer John Henderson The Trust uses the services of Andra Bayly as an independent contractor to further the Trust's work. The Building: On 30 June 2020, the Trust purchased the former Native Land Court building at 11 Ridgway Street for \$175,000. The building had functioned as an office but became vacant quite a number of years ago when UCOL had no further use for it. The latest QV valuation is \$600,000, being \$590,000 land and \$10,000 capital value. The building has the highest heritage rating in New Zealand, being Category 1. Its previous owner UCOL, applied for a Demolition Consent on two separate occasions, but this was not supported by Heritage NZ and was ultimately declined by the Environment Court. It is in a very poor state, not fit for occupation for any purpose and requires a total restoration. Being Category 1, it will receive the maximum support from Lotteries Heritage and Grant funding of 66% of all building costs. Reports to Council: The Trust has made a number of reports to Council on its ongoing progress including: September 2020, August 2021, September 2022 and August 2023. Councillors were also invited to visit the site in 2023, with most being able to do so. Councillors are welcome to view anytime, and a further invitation will be made this year once more detailed redevelopment plans are available. The Trust has also liaised with CEO David Langford about scoping the commercial options for the building. Loans: Council funded the original purchase price plus an allowance for costs secured by Deed of Acknowledgement of Debt. Loans from Council total: \$275,000 with a further \$110,000 approved but not yet drawn down – this was for a contribution to reroofing (\$60,000) and further administration/operating costs (\$50,000). Loan funding from commercial banks has not been canvassed but is deemed not viable due to no financial backing being available to the Trust. Council has access to lower interest rates via its loan agreements and is the only viable option for loan funding of the project. Grants: The Trust has received a Grant from Lotteries of \$35,000 toward the cost of the Conservation Plan which is complete. They have also granted \$118,896 for reroofing which

has not yet started and has not yet been drawn down. Progress to Date: A comprehensive Heritage Conservation Plan has been completed which included: • Historical Research • Architectural Plan • Fire Engineering Plan • Earthquake Engineering Plan • Boundary Survey Covid intervened and slow progress was made over the next couple of years as the Trust awaited completion of the Conservation Plan and considered the best redevelopment options. A shortage of builders and materials and high inflation has meant there was no urgency to redevelop. Commercial Building rate of inflation over the last three years has totalled 25% - this was not a good time to start a full restoration of a dilapidated building! The roof was assessed mid last year as in a poor condition which needed replacement without too much further delay. Emergency repairs were made and an urgent application made to Lotteries and Council for the cost of replacement. The Emergency repairs have been effective in reducing ongoing water ingress and the Trustees are finalising options for each stage of development of the site before undertaking the roof replacement with incorporated earthquake strengthening– do the job once and properly. Design Options: The Trustees have researched a number of residential and commercial options as follows and favours Option 4: 1. 2 x 2 bedroom apartments 2. 4 x 2 bedroom apartments 3. Offices 4. Up to 11 ensuite double rooms suitable for self-contained accommodation which could be accessed through AirBnB, Hotel extension or student accommodation. Development stages: The Trust believes the best option forward is staged redevelopment over 4-5 years: 1. Roof replacement including earthquake strengthening components, upgrade of gutters and downpipes, bracing of parapets and possible pre-fitting for Solar panels which would be added later. Inspection of the ground under the building and restoration where any issues are identified and carry out those components of earthquake strengthening whose placement may be impeded by replacement of the roof. 2. Earthquake strengthening of main structure 3. External walls and window restoration. 4. Internal fitout for the configuration within the building finally adopted 5. External ground works, boundary walls and carparking provision. Whilst some of the above steps may be combined to achieve efficiency of approach to the restoration, the alternative is treating it as one project taking only 2 years. This can be considered if it's Council's preference subject to confirmation from Lotteries that funds are available. Ultimate Outcome: On completion of the redevelopment one option under consideration (currently preferred) is for the Trust to lease out the completed building on Contract to an accommodation operator. Using the income generated it would be the Trusts intention to prioritise repayment of all Council loans. Ongoing profits can be deployed to further heritage restoration projects as agreed with Council. There are other models which show the effectiveness of this approach: 1. The Timaru Civic Trust purchased an historic stone building due for demolition from Council and following full restoration as an event venue, (Landing Service Conference Centre) now provides heritage grants to the community from proceeds. 2. The Christchurch Heritage Trust took ownership of an earthquake damaged church in the inner city, and with \$1,700,000 loan funding from Council, is now leased to a bar operator (The Church Brew Pub) and proceeds used to repay debt to Council and then ongoing support for further heritage projects in the city. Financial outcome to Council and the community: 1. Only a charitable trust can obtain the 66% support funding from Lotteries versus a private owner who has no access to such funding. This should ensure the minimum cost to redevelop the site. 2. This project is likely to produce good capital gain in the long-run. 3. Much needed accommodation will be provided in the CBD. 4. A significant Category 1 heritage building saved long term. 5. This is a long-term investment that will provide community grant funding for heritage restoration projects or a springboard to move onto another similar project. Future Reporting: Ongoing full financial details and reports will be provided to Council along with updated estimates for restoration and valuations to ensure ongoing confidence by Council in the options for restoration being considered.

Whanganui Heritage Restoration Trust

The Trust is seeking Council's ongoing funding support in this 10-Year Plan for the duration of the building redevelopment project at 11 Ridgway Street, Council being one of the main funders of this project, the other being Lotteries.

The Trust is also seeking Council's preference for the speed of the project delivery.

History:

The Whanganui Heritage Restoration Trust – a registered Charity - was formed as a result of Council's *Regeneration Strategy for the Whanganui Town Centre 2016* by Urbanism Plus. The goal of the Trust is to effect heritage restoration of buildings in the CBD together with much needed accommodation.

A Charitable Trust has easier access to external financial support from independent funding organisations and donations and was therefore seen as a better vehicle than direct ownership by Council.

Council staff progressed the *Heads of Agreement* between the Trustees and Council.

Trustees:

The Trust has 4 voluntary Trustees who receive no remuneration:

- Deputy Mayor Helen Craig – Chair
- Lawyer Richard Austin
- Retired project manager Rick Grobecker
- Retired engineer John Henderson

The Trust uses the services of Andra Bayly as an independent contractor to further the Trust's work.

The Building:

On 30 June 2020, the Trust purchased the former Native Land Court building at 11 Ridgway Street for \$175,000. The building had functioned as an office but became vacant quite a number of years ago when UCOL had no further use for it.

The latest QV valuation is \$600,000, being \$590,000 land and \$10,000 capital value.

The building has the highest heritage rating in New Zealand, being Category 1. Its previous owner UCOL, applied for a Demolition Consent on two separate occasions, but this was not supported by Heritage NZ and was ultimately declined by the Environment Court. It is in a very poor state, not fit for occupation for any purpose and requires a total restoration.

Being Category 1, it will receive the maximum support from Lotteries Heritage and Grant funding of 66% of all building costs.

Reports to Council:

The Trust has made a number of reports to Council on its ongoing progress including: September 2020, August 2021, September 2022 and August 2023.

Councillors were also invited to visit the site in 2023, with most being able to do so. Councillors are welcome to view anytime, and a further invitation will be made this year once more detailed redevelopment plans are available.

The Trust has also liaised with CEO David Langford about scoping the commercial options for the building.

Loans:

Council funded the original purchase price plus an allowance for costs secured by Deed of Acknowledgement of Debt.

Loans from Council total: \$275,000 with a further \$110,000 approved but not yet drawn down – this was for a contribution to reroofing (\$60,000) and further administration/operating costs (\$50,000).

Loan funding from commercial banks has not been canvassed but is deemed not viable due to no financial backing being available to the Trust. Council has access to lower interest rates via its loan agreements and is the only viable option for loan funding of the project.

Grants:

The Trust has received a Grant from Lotteries of \$35,000 toward the cost of the Conservation Plan which is complete.

They have also granted \$118,896 for reroofing which has not yet started and has not yet been drawn down.

Progress to Date:

A comprehensive Heritage Conservation Plan has been completed which included:

- Historical Research
- Architectural Plan
- Fire Engineering Plan
- Earthquake Engineering Plan
- Boundary Survey

Covid intervened and slow progress was made over the next couple of years as the Trust awaited completion of the Conservation Plan and considered the best redevelopment options. A shortage of builders and materials and high inflation has meant there was no urgency to

redevelop. Commercial Building rate of inflation over the last three years has totalled 25% - this was not a good time to start a full restoration of a dilapidated building!

The roof was assessed mid last year as in a poor condition which needed replacement without too much further delay. Emergency repairs were made and an urgent application made to Lotteries and Council for the cost of replacement. The Emergency repairs have been effective in reducing ongoing water ingress and the Trustees are finalising options for each stage of development of the site before undertaking the roof replacement with incorporated earthquake strengthening– do the job once and properly.

Design Options:

The Trustees have researched a number of residential and commercial options as follows and favours Option 4:

1. 2 x 2 bedroom apartments
2. 4 x 2 bedroom apartments
3. Offices
4. Up to 11 ensuite double rooms suitable for self-contained accommodation which could be accessed through AirBnB, Hotel extension or student accommodation.

Development stages:

The Trust believes the best option forward is staged redevelopment over 4-5 years:

1. Roof replacement including earthquake strengthening components, upgrade of gutters and downpipes, bracing of parapets and possible pre-fitting for Solar panels which would be added later. Inspection of the ground under the building and restoration where any issues are identified and carry out those components of earthquake strengthening whose placement may be impeded by replacement of the roof.
2. Earthquake strengthening of main structure
3. External walls and window restoration.
4. Internal fitout for the configuration within the building finally adopted
5. External ground works, boundary walls and carparking provision.

Whilst some of the above steps may be combined to achieve efficiency of approach to the restoration, the alternative is treating it as one project taking only 2 years. This can be considered if it's Council's preference subject to confirmation from Lotteries that funds are available.

Ultimate Outcome:

On completion of the redevelopment one option under consideration (currently preferred) is for the Trust to lease out the completed building on Contract to an accommodation operator. Using the income generated it would be the Trusts intention to prioritise repayment of all

Council loans. Ongoing profits can be deployed to further heritage restoration projects as agreed with Council.

1. There are other models which show the effectiveness of this approach: The Timaru Civic Trust purchased an historic stone building due for demolition from Council and following full restoration as an event venue, (Landing Service Conference Centre) now provides heritage grants to the community from proceeds.
2. The Christchurch Heritage Trust took ownership of an earthquake damaged church in the inner city, and with \$1,700,000 loan funding from Council, is now leased to a bar operator (The Church Brew Pub) and proceeds used to repay debt to Council and then ongoing support for further heritage projects in the city.

Financial outcome to Council and the community:

Only a charitable trust can obtain the 66% support funding from Lotteries versus a private owner who has no access to such funding. This should ensure the minimum cost to redevelop the site.

This project is likely to produce good capital gain in the long-run.

Much needed accommodation will be provided in the CBD.

A significant Category 1 heritage building is saved long term.

This is a long-term investment that will provide community grant funding for heritage restoration projects or a springboard to move onto another similar project.

Future Reporting:

Ongoing full financial details and reports will be provided to Council along with updated estimates for restoration and valuations to ensure ongoing confidence by Council in the options for restoration being considered.

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1421

Not Speaking

First name: Harriet
Last name: Heron

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Preferably the weekday wouldn't have any activities for kids on it (i.e. not a Tue with story time)

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Can users be charged more to rent the opera house / see shows to reduce the cost for 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 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: Provide 50% funding

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 # 1301

Not Speaking

First name: **Hector**
Last name: **Hetherington**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
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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 # 1355

First name: **Amber**
Last name: **Hickford**

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?

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?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the 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

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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 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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 # 1509

Not Speaking

First name: **Matthew**
Last name: **Hickman**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: A significant contributor to the look and feel to Whanganui as a pleasant shopping and visiting destination, removing the baskets would be a huge loss and create a feeling of dereliction and emptiness.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I see no reason why this is needed in Whanganui; maybe the town is too small to host large events ... and this is okay.

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: Suggest a third option to continue discussions with central government to seek alternative funding arrangements, especially given the civil defence benefits.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to 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 project seems to be hugely expensive for very little benefit.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Assets will tend to appreciate in value and the selling of them will usually be a short-term benefit but longer term loss; especially if this means less open space.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: We need to think about the impact of a drive for growth, much of which is unaffordable, especially when there is green field development. The attraction of Whanganui is that it is small and does respect and take pride in itself. The proposed removal of hanging baskets is a small example of decaying respect for our district. Council need to think about the limits to growth and the downsides of always pushing for more. We need to invest in what we have and promote the benefits of being small, and looking after the communities we have.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 215

First name: **Simone**
Last name: **Higgie**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 key service that bridges inequalities and must not be compromised. Closing the library for one day saves a tiny amount yet has a big impact and opens the door for further regressions. I cannot believe the council is even considering cutting funding to 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?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This is a shocking proposal by council. It is not up to the council to conduct high risk development projects that can be left to private investors, should demand suggest it viable. If there is money to be made, private developers will come on their own.

Royal 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: This should be a priority for council, the current facility is an embarrassment to Whanganui and severely inhibits what could be a thriving and important community. \$1 million does not seem like anywhere near enough.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments: Do not sell assets.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 560

Not Speaking

First name: Heather Rosemary
Last name: Higgle

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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: this historic building must be preserved

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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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: we have dangerous beaches and must retain our excellent whanganui 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:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: need to understand potential assets considered for sale. ie. may be \$10M worth - I dont know what they are?

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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: Service cuts may not be extreme. If our population rises/productivity increases there is more wealth per capita.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 536

Not Speaking

First name: Elayne
Last name: Hill

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 facility is great for young families through the Summer months and is an affordable and safe way to teach them to swim and enjoy some fun in the sun safely. Generations have enjoyed it so please keep it.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Most families have enjoyed this facility over generations. Ask for volunteers to take over the work. These birds cannot be set free. Ask for a small donation from 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: These are the only beautifying thing in the city centre that stops Whanganui just looking like another drab small town. Retain them. Ask the business owners to care for the upkeep outside their premises once they're planted.

New Zealand Glassworks

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: If you want to close the main libraries on Mondays make it standard.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 beautiful place to retain for residents and visitors.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: Stop putting in speed bumps all over the place. They are not necessary and a waste of money.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: I thought the 3 waters was cancelled? What do/ did you have to achieve under it as this is not mentioned above?

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: No need for Council to involve itself in expensive, risky business ventures with no guarantees of a profit. Leave that to the business communities.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments: Leave it until you have completed the art gallery project. One big restoration at a time is stretching ratepayers means as it is. What is a 'fly system' as no explanation is given?

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Reassess the state of Whanganui and environs in 2027 as recession may be worse and this project may need to be delayed. Otherwise use the central govt funds to provide generators etc only to marae that are not in flood prone areas until 2027 from now until then. Go to option 1 if all is affordable in 2027.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is 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: What about using the rotunda at Castlecliff as a lifesaving building while it can be otherwise utilized during the cooler months.

Pākaitore Reserve 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: Paint a zebra crossing on the existing road if you think large numbers of people are crossing there. There is a link to the awa by just crossing the road to the river. I supported the return of the whenua at the time but I don't believe in this extra expense for taxpayers.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which 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 # 1060

Not Speaking

First name: **Chrys**
Last name: **Hill**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 libraries of Whanganui are much more than a place where books are issued and returned. They are a place of sanctuary for many of Whanganui's population, especially those who live in the margins. The libraries are a place where a diversity of people feel safe and respected regardless of their situation. Just yesterday I encountered a group of young people using the computers at the Gonville Library. At the outset they were rowdy, impatient and hyper active. The library staff calmly explained about manners and respect for others. But more than that, they then took the time to help sort out computer issues for the kids and patiently assisted with reading issues. They then encouraging the kids to look at programs that have an educational focus. A situation that had potential to get out of hand was defused and the young people learnt about being part of a community and respect was exchanged on both sides. This is a scenario I have seen several times not just at Gonville and with kids but across the library service in Whanganui. Others also benefit from this type of caring and kindness. Elderly people go to the library and enter a safe caring environment where they receive assistance with computing/cell phones etc. They can even enjoy a coffee, read the latest newspaper and browse books. The same scenario applies for the lonely in our community. I have also seen High School students researching for assignments or just checking books on topics that interest them. Whole families arrive to select books getting help when needed from the supportive library staff. Those without jobs go to the library because here they can get a book to take home books for free. Whanganui libraries are a place where all sections of our community gather, feel valued and included. I have often comment to others that the Libraries of Whanganui are our hidden treasures. Any reduction in library services is short sighted and tragic for the community. Where will those on the edge of our society, who have no other place to go feel welcome? What will the kids do if the doors to their sanctuaries are closed? The media keeps telling us about the falling standards of reading in schools. What sort of response is it to this situation when a Council considers limiting access to public libraries? It doesn't just take a village to raise a child, it also takes a village to care for its community. The libraries of Whanganui play a significant but unrecognised, role in the care and social well-being of our community. Value them, protect them, enhance them, but please do not close them ... even for one day.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Keep it open until you have an alternative sorted out. I fear that to close it and then seek an alternative option. The Whanganui East pool is a valuable community resource for the East. It is not a good look to have the Springvale pool open and the East pool unused.

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 like to see historic buildings retained whenever possible and believe that doing so has long term advantages.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is 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 don't know why I am even doing this. This is a PR failure. The Council have been here before. From my recollection over 400 submissions were received previously. 38 were in the negative and the rest said "keep the Aviary". Is it policy of this Council that if they don't like the reply to a question they asked, they will keep asking the same question until they wear out peoples good will to respond? Look at the numbers. Do the sums. Oh, and don't forget that another vote is coming up in a few years on your futures. Do you plan the same response if you don't get the answer you want?

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Happy to pay \$5 more. I have not forgotten the pride I felt when our town won the award for Most Beautiful Town. Maybe it did not have the same effect upon those in the current Council. The flower baskets were part of that award, they make Victoria Ave a pleasure to be in. The baskets are like a sales promotion. Tourist and visitors appreciate the beauty of our town, they come, they spend. Why would the Council want to actively discourage that?

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: We have a group of talented Glassworkers who attract people to Whanganui. The priority should be to encourage and promote them. These artists function at a world class level not just at a Provincial level. Leaving them alone to continue their good work. A new management structure of any type has the danger of compromising their work. The first question should be ... "How will change affect them?" Next would be ... "How can we help?" Follow their wishes. Don't ask me or the public, ask them.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Better in the bins than in the ditch beside the road. But I would advocate a user pays aspect to this. Town people pay a rubbish collection fee, maybe a portion of rural rubbish expense could be directed back to the rural community. Some claw back seems appropriate.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Please see response to Davis Library. The Gonville Library is a community resource that is about more than just books. Good things happen there and the space gets used by other interest groups. It helps keep a significant number of kids off the streets. It is even connected to a community meeting space.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: I'm glad that something that is free to visit is allowed to exist. A well-used and popular Whanganui attraction that works in harmony with the Aviary. Another popular tourist and local's place to visit

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Some increase but maybe not the full \$100,000 Keep at least what is currently being offered and add a .small to medium increase. I recognise the importance of the groups that receive funding but have limited my response due to current difficult times. Like several other options in other areas the council is proposing an all or nothing solution. Seeking a middle ground is an option worth exploring.

Further comments on service cuts: I don't really feel confident that the Council will even consider this submission or if it does nothing will change their opinion. The Aviary issue is an example of this. After public submissions of over 400 people about 90% said keep it, but hear we go again. The desire of the Council to 'kill it' is as obvious as is their neglect of public opinion. Somehow a town with no flowers a closed Aviary, knocked down historic buildings and closed Glassworks etc is expected to promote Tourism and civic pride. I believe that this survey is also skewed. The offering of the Council's Preferred Option is a 'selling' of their own opinion designed to influence the outcome. The Council also is inclined to over state the consequences. There appears to be no middle ground. The implication that we buy into their point of view or face significant rate increases is a disguised threat. What other considerations have they made - it would be nice to know. Maybe there are compromises to be sought? Things like cut back on library services is a kick in the teeth for the front line staff. Is there any consideration in cutting back in the area of Management? And I mean Management across the Council. Has any consideration been given to a cut back in Councillors? Could the Council still operate with 2 or 3 fewer Councillors? On evidence of this biased survey that might not be such a bad idea. Where do these ideas come from are they really the wishes of the elected Councillors or have they originated at an executive level? A continuation along this path might see a quite different level of elected representatives next time around.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: What is this Three Waters you mention in the Survey? Whatever, I believe that Whanganui has a good water infrastructure and am happy to see it maintained. I could have easily been

tempted into a medium increase. When I drive over the 7 humps in the Victoria Ave and Guyton St intersection I really wonder how our rates are being 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: I'm not convinced the Council have the ability to own and operate a Hotel and think the financial risk is too great. If a private operator can be found that would be a no risk approach and if they are successful Whanganui will benefit with jobs and tourist spending etc. Mind you by then will the City still be open or will it have closed due to Council cuts. See my response to Proposed Service Cuts.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Is option 2 (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27) really more expensive than option 3 (\$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27) ? Option 3 seems to offer more things. Such precise measure of cost increases. What are the chances of cost increases overruns etc. I am happy to support the Opera House but very concerned after the overrun of the Art Gallery. Councils efforts to restore old buildings causes me to hesitate.

Marae Development

Our preferred option 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: Again I would like to see the Marae development along the lines of the proposal. I understand the good works undertaken by Marae on the East Coast recently but I'm not convinced we can do this in terms of expenses. Can this be stretched out for a longer time span. Is there a middle option to get this done. Is the need in some areas more urgent than in others?

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to 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: While I support this it is similar to the Marae proposal. Good idea but can we afford it at the moment. I support the work of the Surf lifesavers.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Whanganui seems to have developed a love affair with raised crossings. It is rapidly becoming "Hump City". This is a name used by some of my visitors from out of town. Every hump

is a not just a safety thing it is also a problem for Police and ambulances etc rushing to a destination. This coin has two sides.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which 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 note that this has already been costed out before the Feasibility Study. So this is really a calculated guess. I understand the issues but at this time it is simply too expensive. Before I could be convinced I would need lots more information. 2.4 Million could be spent in so many other ways to benefit the city. It would solve the Marae and Surf lifesaving proposals and still have spare change. Both of these proposals I would like to see before a cycle lane and foot path out the Kai Iwi Beach. Improve road safety that is the goal and a good one, not a horse and bike ride.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to 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: A lack of options we can afford. Too much of all or nothing. Few middle options. It does not really read as seeking our opinion, with the Preferred Option across each topic. It feels more like vote for this. The Council have a history of asking for peoples opinions then ignoring them, eg (Aviary). Ive done my best knowing that this survey is yet another PR exercise that will most likely be forgotten before the next Council meeting, as they keep steering in their preferred direction they are going. Who really comes up with these ideas the elected Council or the executive branch. Maybe we could save a bit and get some of the good ideas done with a smaller Council and Executive. I would have voted for that but did not see it as a Preferred Option.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 177

Not Speaking

First name: Deb
Last name: Hill

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: nil

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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: Retain the existing building but remediate the bank and 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 an iconic asset to the city and has been a drawcard for visitors and locals alike for generations.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove 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: We want a reading and literate population. It also services the wider Castlecliff community.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Again, this and the aviary are iconic and must stay.

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 business for council.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Just put in a simple, painted, rianbow crossing.

Rapanui Road Trail

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Submitter Comments:

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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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Cannot comment until the list of assets is outlined. Once assets are gone out of public hands, they're gone so huge caution needed.

How would 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: There has been too much spending to date on "nice to have" things like horrible raised traffic calmers -- which are not calming traffic but creating traffic avoidance and unsafe situations for the elderly, ambulances etc. We don't need light boxes, ugly wooden "conversation" stables, etc. Backhouse over-indulgent spending has been a huge waste of public money when people are finding their footpaths cracking and falling apart. The mooted revamps of Majestic Square and the "dinosaur park" (Kowhai Park) aren't needed; just maintenance as usual. We have to focus on our knitting. As far as the Rep Theatre goes, it's such an iconic building and deserves at least the facade to stay the same.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 185

First name: **Breea**
Last name: **Hina**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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 Whanganui East pools should stay open because it is the only outdoor pool that has a diving board in Whanganui. It is my favourite pool and my parents won't take me to the Splash Centre anyway.

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 # 1648

Not Speaking

First name: **Geoffrey**
Last name: **Hipango**
Organisation: **Te Ao Hou Marae**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Marae have contributed significantly to economy and social cohesion and this will only get stronger inclusive of tourism and narratives from tribal perspective. Te Awa Tupua and Te Heke Ngahuru Strategy which commits WDC and hapuu to a shared future pathway of development that will benefit Whanganui.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Its a well balanced plan that fiscally meets Whanganui needs but does fall short of inclusive within the long term plan a hapu led aspiration inclusive of housing. 1. What is the process to be included on Long Term Plan. 2. Housing in an issue that we can contribute and have made this clear at WDC forums and with staff. I am more concerned at the alarming disconnection thinking that by talking to staff I am talking to the entire WDC this is not the case. 3. The fact that Awa Tupua strategy as outlined in Te Heke Ngahuru is a relationship with regulators and hapu is a forum that will be able to bring this to table.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 163

Not Speaking

First name: Grant
Last name: Hird

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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? **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 # 743

Not Speaking

First name: John
Last name: Hird

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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: Visitors comment on them

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Not at all in the average rate payers interest.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: What a complete 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 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 # 1275

Not Speaking

First name: Jeannie
Last name: Hird

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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? **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 # 977

Not Speaking

First name: Evelyn
Last name: Hiri-Gush

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 our only outdoor pool; if upgraded, more whānau will go there. Not everyone likes going to the splash as for some, it is hard to breath in there especially when it has much people in there .

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 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 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: why???

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: Great idea, and it will benefit all that use the marae within Whanganui however, grants need to be given out with a strong plan in place and this plan followed up on a monthly basis by WDC

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: this is a need; this service and the people risk their lives for 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:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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 will the WDC pick these assets, i am all for selling stuff we don't use however it should be a community vote not a we will sell this and let's the community know

How would 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 # 434

Not Speaking

First name: **Carla**
Last name: **Hitchcox**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you 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**

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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 under council but a private investor needs to be found

Royal 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: No as there is nothing wrong with the way it is

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

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? **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 would like to see more for the kids to do, upgrade kowhai park. Look at extension at splash centre with an outside pool

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1022

Not Speaking

First name: Hayley
Last name: Hodges

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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**

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1490

Not Speaking

First name: scott
Last name: hodson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: terrible priorities even suggesting this while your saying we need to sell assets as theres no 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: please stop with the vanity projects and focus on core necessities. Sorry but its truly outrageous purposing unnecessary raised crossings and wasting money trying to bring a hotel here (the business case for is likely to fail as we arnt a big enough city for it) while proposing to sell assets to bring down debt

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1418

Speaking

First name: Tessa
Last name: Hogg

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 critical service and the heart of the community, it is a ludicrous idea and incredibly non-progressive to close it.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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: This is in contradiction to the animal welfare act, I would support closing it.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I like the baskets, but would prefer a fully functioning library and Youth Council

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the 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: Put in the infrastructure and invest in the community before focusing on hotels and carparks.

Royal 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:

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: I'm not familiar with this site.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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: Access to Matipo Park. Provide more trails and dog friendly sites. Open up the upper track of Lake Virginia to dogs on lead. This is critical for retaining families in your region.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: I'm not sure without knowing what assets these 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? **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: It is disappointing to see the proposals be cut so much social infrastructure. Investment is critical for the future. Are there executive pay cuts in council that can be considered?

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 316

Not Speaking

First name: Trish
Last name: Holden

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during 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 Whanganui residents could live with that

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 with our lovely weather deserves to have a outdoor pool. Children over Whanganui East deserve to be able to learn to swim. Not all can get to Splash Centre or can afford it. KEEP that pool

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Wages and costs don't add up. Council seem to be being dishonest here putting costs way above what they must be. Definitely the wages.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Definitely keep the hanging baskets. They are a must for the beauty of our main street and so many lovely comments from all show how they are appreciated. I believe this is not council run but is done with a Trust. Also none of the business people were asked about these baskets. I know one for absolute certainty would be happy to pay \$500 to keep these baskets. Why haven't the business people been asked before rash decision to 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 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (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: Absolutely keep these beautiful gardens 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 1: Increase the 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: We definitely don't need this crossing and especially at the exorbitant expense. We have sufficient crossings to get to the river. Definitely scrap this 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: A nice to have but 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?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Caversham Park residents pay huge rates for our properties plus we have to keep our own lighting and roading. We are still waiting for the promised turn off into Caversham Road from Springvale Road. Traffic has tripled in the past 10 years along this road and past a school as well. We face danger sitting out in the middle of the road waiting to turn. Please treat this as urgent. Thank you for the new footpaths being done at moment. Wonderful.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1430

Not Speaking

First name: **Deanne**
Last name: **Holden**
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: As the least used day, closing on Monday's will allow money to be saved in staffing, on bank holidays and allow for better staff rotation

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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 East pool is a loved heritage pool with a vast number of residents using on a regular basis. Drowning rates in rivers increased dramatically during the time this outdoor pool was closed. It is simply bad practice to shut without an alternative outdoor pool option or solution in place. I recommend to remove any plans for future development until a report is brought to council on the viability of the outside swimming in Whanganui and to reduce maintenance costs to a minimum. This will be a \$440K will reduce to \$110K for the summer period and importantly for our community also the added benefit of 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: We do not require council to run numerous theatres in Whanganui. If this was to be renovated or held, it should be via private investor and not by Council.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Council has been told very clearly, numerous times, that the public is happy to fund the aviary. After an overwhelming positive response in 2023 the council again has NOT listened to those it represents. I recommend all proposed work cease, leaving only a \$40K saving (as per the council's figures last year) and then I would like to see the council privatize this facility to ensure its success with no council input or interference in future. A future plan could be to close over a 10 year period or for upgrades over time, depending on demand from the public.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Something else (state below)

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Has the council considered perennials? A pop of colour adds to the overall ambiance of the main street so I would suggest looking at cheaper options to add colour and vibrancy.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: \$192 a year is a top-up that the council can not continue to fund in this environment, however cutting this without warning could have a far reaching impact on the art industry.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: \$175 a year at a time where urban residents are seeing a 2.4%+ rate rise for forced recycling and rising costs for urban for their rubbish. It is no a council responsibility to remove rubbish for free, at a cost for everyone. Either a purely targeted rate is applied for a self-funded community project is enabled. Using fear of fly tipping is not an excuse to pay for services, it leads to more bad behaviour and more inefficient costs.

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: Libraries need to evolve to become a community hub, we have 7 libraries, mobile libraries and online libraries. The cost to run a library is significantly more that the cost to run a community hub.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Visited by thousands of locals and tourist in our premier park, it is not something we should consider especially given there is limited "indoor" visitor areas in the city during poor weather at weekends

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: \$1.1M is proposed to be spent, which is just under 2% of councils total spend. Some of these items are much loved and other are a mixture of social groups, churches, plugging the gap in central government funding and literally just charity. It is NOT the councils job to be DONATING to charity and my recommendation is to reduce by \$600K for a total of \$500K. If ratepayers want to donate to charity they can - they should not be FORCRED to by way of rates. I understand the impact reduction will cause o a small number of people, who will need to seek funds from the private market, however the

harm 1% rate rises caused on 36% of our population has a combined impact for exceeding the harm that these organisations will have to endure.

Further comments on service cuts: I propose the following: Masters games: A profitable and successful event that does not need \$100K of resident money to be successful. This should be stopped and the council not held to ransom that by doing so will cause the event to be cancelled. Our own people who are already employed for Tourism and Economic Development should be focused on this highly profitable event to raise exposure and private funding. Mobile Library: \$150K a year spent on mobile libraries with the general of online information, no need for this service given the cost. Public Arts. \$176K a year on art becomes counter intuitive, art is an expression of the times and time are tight and our art scene needs to understand that. Home Library Service \$70K for home library service is not required with the online library available. Davis library could bring in a delivery system which would cost less than the home library service. The number of users could also mean buying electronic devices and using the online library would be more affordable. Costal Action Plan: Plans without action are an inefficient and costly measure. \$27 can be saved by not borrowing large sums for projects without objective end results. Whanganui River Boat Centre: \$67K can be saved through a transition to combine services, drive more self-sustainability and focus on profit share arrangements. Climate Change Fund \$110K is budgeted for this year with no strategy or outcome of that benefits the people of our district. As per the answer to Cr Laws question in 2023, the surplus is likely to be spent on reports from consultants instead of outcomes we need. Remove completely until needed and a clear outcome is identified for the use of the funds. CBD maintenance: \$1,421,000 - proposed to lock this in a one million, fixing costs allow innovation to ensure the maximization of outcomes. Port: \$1,798,000 It is understood that costs have escalated on this project due to inflation, however the return on investment now sits well outside the council's risk parameters. What work has been done to reduce spending? This requires urgent review.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Iwi should provide funding via their treaty settlements to maintain marae

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: A nice to have, but in this current economic environment, not nicer than kai in childrens puku!

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and 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 appropriate in current economic climate, access is still safe and available. Relook at either private/iwi investment or place on long term hold.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which 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**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: nil

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 262

Not Speaking

First name: **Adrienne**
Last name: **Holland**

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:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the 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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Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 19

Not Speaking

First name: Zane
Last name: Holloway

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

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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:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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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: Hi. After reading Philippa Baker-Hogan's article I decided to take up the offer to respond to Long Term Plan. I realise Philippa loves sports. But all these sporting proposals are only going to benefit those who can afford to join clubs. As for the outdoor pool, I would rather see the money needed for that invested in Surf lifesaving in the summer and the indoor pool during winter. Both the beach and the indoor pool are enough options. As for the recycling pickup, I think the drop off station is enough for our cities current size. That should be reviewed in another 5 years. On another note, I am disappointed in hearing that the bus fare has increased by 100%. That's what my daughter told me as we dropped her off the bus stop. Perhaps her card is faulty. There was previously an article in the paper about the city's housing crisis. By increasing rates so dramatically, can you honestly not see who this is going to affect. In your LTP have you factored in the cost of homelessness or family support? Because that's who your rates increase is going to affect. The cost of food will go up as the shops will have to pay more rates. The cost of rent will go up as landlords will only pass on the cost. The cost of services will go up. All of it. I don't understand why council lives in this 'must have it now' world so 'let's just get debt and increase rates'. So, yay! The rich get more sports and the poor get more hardship. I also believe, and I'm certain I'm not the only one, that the 10.6% increase is a sign of mismanagement and lack of thought. Thanks for taking the time to read this. Regards, Zane

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 701

Speaking

First name: **Graham**
Last name: **Holloway**

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: Implement a charge for all books etc borrowed from library, to help offset cost of the library service. If no charge, then no more purchase of books, and look at further closures to save money. School students exempt from charges.

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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: Give it back to the school who donated it to WDC, or put it up for expressions of interest. The pool is too valuable to close, so it must remain open.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Give back to land owner, then they can decide options. They could then stabilise the bank and obtain a good price for it. Am totally opposed to ratepayer funding on the theatre.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Privatised it, or advertise for expressions of interest. It would be apparently obvious that \$190,000.00 p/a is excessive, and am sure that WDC have loaded other hidden costs to be applied to justify this figure i.e. wages of staff etc and the alike on maintaining of 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: or consider perennials, and ask shop owners affected if they want to chip in as another idea to retain 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: Increase or introduce admission costs to offset \$190,000.00 of rates funding as Option A or if that doesn't happen Option B Close

Drop 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: Those who chose to live there, to sort their own rubbish, and by being NO drop off townies will be then deterred from driving there to avoid paying. Or those there pay for it as a targeted rate specifically for them, being enforceable like the UNWANTED 3 bins for residential.

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: AGAIN charge for all book borrowing. Those whom use the library don't have the right to dictate what they want at the expense of others. If a charge scenario is successful, then Option 1. Also againk students exempt of charges.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Cut back on costs and introduce a cost to visit or coin donation in a secure idiot proof box.

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: Can't increase grants when rates are out of control pushing us seniors and low income earners over the edge. Then needing financial support thru no fault of theirs, and that is absolutely unacceptable.

Further comments on service cuts: WDC has got figures wrong here. Option 1 equates to 18182 properties. Option 2 equates to 18868 properties. Option 3 equates to 18750 properties. How can we trust WDC in figures given when there is a 686 max diff here. Why is a simple task here wrong

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: If anyone wants to connect to the WDC infrastructure being roading, subdivisions, subdividing, water and sewerage, then they have to pay for the privilege because they are impacting the shortening of the life of our systems and that absolutely cannot fall on existing ratepayers. Again user pays e.g. power companies charge full rate to connect to their infrastructure.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: NO MORE projects with absolute no proven certainty. Audit NZ has made reference to 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: Must be self funded after 3 years and guarantee that rates WILL NOT prop it up. If that guarantee can't happen, then close it. Another auditor concern.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Iwi consultation payments have been more than enough to pay for marae rates that they don't pay, and maintain them. e.g. \$864279 Horizons paid for North Mole project consultation, plus were paid for attendance and food supplied, its definitely like a gravey train that is also out of control. Figures obtained thru DIA. WDC will no doubt be tared with the same brush

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is 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: Fund up to an absolute capped amount of \$1 Mill, and absolutely NO exceptions. WDC only to start paying when project commences and other funding needed is guaranteed. Again NO exceptions.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: WDC has had a warning from the heavy haulage operators of the impact on them. WDC NEED to listen to them Am happy for a conventional pedestrian crossing, and that only.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: We can't keep paying for those whom want to use bikes and not pay for where they want to ride. Put GPS meters or road user charges like those being proposed by Simeon Brown. for vehicle owners, some will say they have a vehicle at home, however that doesn't count when car on the road tax is paid thru fuel, and RVC on diesels. It is another case of cyclists and E.V. owners wanting everything for nothing at the expense of others. AGAIN UNSUSTAINABLE

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to 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 can't believe this figure has been mooted when WDC don't know what WDC are selling. It appears to be a figure to please rate payers and that is a case of stupidity, because iwi will again have a significant impact on it, as they have in the past. Also auditor has doubts.

How would 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? **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: WDC has been misleading to domestic ratepayers because WDC keeps quoting ave 10.6% increase, instead of being more transparent on the reality that it is 12.8% and could be higher, where as other ratepayers are better off. Attached sheet shows what I mean

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 270

Not Speaking

First name: Gayelene
Last name: 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?

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: The Repertory Theatre should be sold for \$1 to the group operating the theatre so it can be retained as a venue.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1169

Not Speaking

First name: **Greg**
Last name: **Hoobin**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Not an ideal option however i am sure that visitor numbers have been tracked to ensure that the least amount of people are inconvenienced.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 will never come to fruition. NZ has too many drownings so we should support peoples ability to swim and be able to do this safely

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Once you lose something like this you never get it back.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: With more buildings falling into disrepair at least the baskets offer some vitality, especially in the winter months

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: Put these savings toward the aviary?

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Council should be keeping to core functions and where surplus is available contribute to wider community needs

Further comments on service cuts: Like any household budget, focus on core needs and then spend on the nice to haves

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Ensure this is within reason and scrutinise external contracts closely

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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 unreasonable. Major hotel chains have completed feasibility studies and the numbers do not add up. Do not waste money on consultants that will supply the same outcomes.

Royal 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 published costs for these works seem very unreasonable. Park for now and explore other more efficient and cheaper 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: This is a central government issue and should not be considered at a local level. I am sure each marae currently have a portable generator?

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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 dangerous beach and having had to rescue people previously this is where our money pays dividends by protecting all of our people

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: The proposed figure for this is unrealistic and needs to be addressed. At this cost it should not go ahead, look at other options and funding models

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: By losing the proposal to invest in a hotel surely this must reduce the budget shortfalls. Focus on core duties and move away from some councilors pet projects.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 562

Not Speaking

First name: Diane
Last name: HOOD

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: PLAN FOR the Davis to be part of the WHAT'S ON OFFER ON THE HILL - along with the Alexander, the Sargeant, the Museum, the Memorial Hall and forecourt and the Lion! All open 7 days a week. It should be part of the CULTURAL (intellectual, physical and social) contract this city provides for its residents and its visitors. Davis and the other libraries in WG form part of a robust foundation for democracy and their customers will inform future Councils because those customers will be literate. Sure - costs have to be weighted - charge an annual subscription, encourage care of library assets, charge for high loan items, lost and damaged books, and high user items. Teach users our Libraries and their assets are to be respected. The Extension to the Davis needs to start NOW - respect respect, respect. Just like the other assets on this hill.

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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: Can the Splash Centre and the bus service accommodate the users of this suburban pool? What are the national stats on drowning? Where do non swimmers learn to swim - the river - the beach? Is this where they learn water skills - life saving skills?

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Shame on you Council - this was a rate payer asset which was patently neglected. It is Council (previous and present) who have relegated this theatre to the scrap heap. But for a needle the thread was lost

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is 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, Cafe, Winter Gardens, the Fountain, sculptures, walk ways, rotunda, the lake itself, duck life, gardens - concerts, peace of mind, tranquility - All an integral part of WHAT'S ON OFFER AT THE LAKE.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Have the service requested. Find some savings.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This goes hand in hand with the soon to be introduced curb side recycling. It's part of ensuring residents and visitors keep our city tidy and rubbish disposal compliant.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Same comments apply as to the Davis - in as much as the value these hubs bring to the democracy and informed residentship of our city.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Winter Gardens, Cafe, Aviary, the Fountain, sculptures, walk ways, rotunda, the lake itself, duck life, gardens - concerts, peace of mind, tranquility - All an integral part of WHAT'S ON OFFER AT THE LAKE.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Recently published opinion of Bruce Jellyman tells me this city benefitted greatly from Vintage Weekend. So the cash support given by Council was welcomed and used to benefit residents, tourists and business owners. Just enough \$\$ from Council to support these events will inspire all participants to be involved and offer a joyful community experience.

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: This must be the top priority - efficient, effective and safe infrastructure will beget and beget ... Competent, efficient and get the job done right the first time by the CONTRACTORS who are tasked with providing the services may well be needed.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: You in the hotel business - you have to be dreaming. Look at the Opera House and other assets which have not been managed at all well. Hotels!!!! Let private business do that. Grand Hotel - what's happening there???? Commercial Club????

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: What does Council know about what they have to do to ensure this building is compliantly safe to protect users and Council from a major civil case for, want of a better phrase, putting users in harms way! This is going to be your biggest challenge. Get on with it. Or CLOSE IT! Royal or not.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 household I am financially liable for all the costs you mention above. I do not have the benefit of a Treaty settlement. The Marae (plural) need to step up. Be partners - run their businesses.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Beach/coast and river - a city of potential beauty and danger for users.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Pedestrians and drivers need to be better educated. Paint a zebra crossing for goodness sake.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which 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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Don't know

Submitter Comments: Council have not named the assets. How can you expect 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? **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: Your circle does not DRAG. If the scale is 1-10 with 1 being to the left and 10 being to the right - then put both circles at 7. I cannot afford an increase in rates, but I will have to

afford it. I want a SAFE efficient city, one which attracts, stimulates and encourages my sense of belonging. I also believe Central Govt could contribute more to cities and townships out of my taxpayer contribution, eg pay rates on properties they own in WG. How much GST returns to WG residents.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1027

Not Speaking

First name: **Shylla**
Last name: **Hopkins**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It's an amazing community pool that once flourished. I believe if it is looked after it will do so again

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: It makes our town feel lively and beautiful

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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? **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 # 468

Not Speaking

First name: Paul
Last name: Hopper

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 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 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 864

Not Speaking

First name: Stephen
Last name: Hormann

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 an experienced frontline library staff member, I know how important the library service is to both Whanganui residents and visitors (e.g. tourists). We have some regular customers who visit the library every day and would be personally affected if the library were closed even one day and others who may rely on the library being open to get printing done or obtain access to a computer. Although not ideal (since we are already under-resourced in terms of the population we serve), I can accept a temporary reduction in the book buying budget to cut Council costs but I think it is important to keep the library open to maintain public access to the services we provide.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 WE Swimming Pool is an important community asset and not just for Whanganui East residents. It provides an important venue for school swimming lessons and I doubt whether the Splash Centre could cater for this demand if the WE Swimming Pool was closed. A number of WE residents (esp. children) would also not have ready access to safe swimming if the pool was closed as the Splash Centre is some distance away. Having an outdoor swimming pool option in Whanganui is also important, especially after the earlier loss of the Gonville outdoor swimming pool in Tawa Street, which, I understand, had similar issues. Due to this, Council should have previously invested in maintaining the WE outdoor swimming facility to keep this option available to the public. If Council still decides to close the WE pool it should definitely commit to investigating and funding a suitable replacement outdoor swimming facility.

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 think the Whanganui Repertory Theatre is an important cultural institution (noting, that this means its history and the nature of the organisation as much as the theatre building itself). Although it is a heritage building, I assume it is not considered practical/cost effective or desirable to strengthen and upgrade the existing building? The stability of the earth bank definitely needs to be addressed for the long term, so demolition and construction of a new theatre may be the best solution if the heritage building cannot be feasibly retained. Would the Opera House provide a suitable alternative

venue for Repertory-style plays? Not really intimate enough (too large) in my opinion (but it could be OK as a temporary solution).

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Although the bird aviary may still be a valued visitor attraction, rising costs and animal welfare issues may make it difficult to retain.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Hopefully, this will only be a short term cost-saving measure and they can be re-installed later (i.e. a 'nice to have', rather than a need at the moment). I also assume that the other Victoria Avenue gardens/plantings will continue to be maintained to retain the attractiveness of our Mainstreet.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Not really sure about the need for ongoing Council ownership of NZ Glassworks but I do think it is vitally important that we retain it as part of our arts and design culture and our tourism offering (a great visitor attraction).

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Important to prevent fly-tipping but do monitoring and enforcement work to prevent abuse.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville 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 worked at Gonville Library for several years, I know how vitally important this facility and the services it provides are to the Gonville community (noting that we also get many customers from Castlecliff, Putiki, Tawhero and Springvale).

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 beautifully presented and must be retained as a feature of Rotokawau Virginia Lake, especially if the aviary is 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 1: Increase the 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 Community Grants enable many good things to happen in the Whanganui community.

Further comments on service cuts: Not ideal, but I guess we have to accept some service cuts in order to keep rates increases at an acceptable level, especially for those on a fixed income.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Investing in our core infrastructure is important, especially with the impacts of climate change and to allow for our increasing population.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. 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 need for additional, quality accommodation in Whanganui is acknowledged but this should be a market-led private sector initiative/investment. It is perhaps too risky for Council to be directly involved in this. Council could play a role in facilitating this through help with planning/consenting and perhaps rates relief.

Royal 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 Whanganui Opera House is an important heritage building and community asset. It should be upgraded so that it meets health and safety requirements and can be used to its fullest potential.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: Marae are important places for our cultural heritage and the wider community, especially at times of civil emergency. It would be good if Council can support Iwi and Hapu in this way.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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 important community facility and service, both for youth development and to keep our swimming beaches safe.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments: Important to provide this link to the awa (and the riverbank area was originally part of Paikatore) and safer pedestrian access.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: Happy to support this if the feasibility study show that this would be a good community investment/asset. Rapanui Road is dangerous for cycling and a multi-use trail alongside the road could be worthwhile.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to 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: Asset sales could be considered but we would need to know what assets are proposed for disposal. Note that there have often been barriers (e.g. reserve status or other conditions) that have prevented disposal in the past. Other factors may include preservation of open space/amenity value (e.g. Cornmarket Reserve - I would not like to see this area developed/disposed off).

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and

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close more services to get the rates lower and 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 # 1315

Not Speaking

First name: Lesley
Last name: Horn

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Maybe some money may be saved by not purchasing any further large "coffee table" books with glossy colourful photos, which are very expensive.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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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: If option 2 does not eventuate, I choose option 3

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: This is a ludicrous cost - why not paint a regular "zebra crossing" & teach people to look both ways before crossing the road.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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? **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 # 169

Not Speaking

First name: **Hamish**
Last name: **Horsley**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: Concerning proposed cuts to the funding of the Sarjeant Gallery There is considerable evidence (local and international) as to how new or redeveloped cultural institutions become a major draw-card and driver of economic uplift. They become a magnet for people of all diversities and experience to visit and celebrate the new venue. These visitors crucially include those who might not have visited a gallery before. A positive experience can initiate new supporters, returning time and again and inevitably bringing others with them. Whanganui's Sargeant Gallery already has a proven record in this visitor development approach – with a rich history in putting on events and exhibitions, artist talks and reviews that engage the public. But now the gallery is on the threshold of something far more dramatic and engaging; the potential is huge and global. The spinoff for Whanganui is equally bursting with potential and not just in image but also in terms of financial rejuvenation. Visitors spend – and the city's businesses reap the harvest. This new and remarkable gallery extension, a shared expression of Maori and Pakeha creative aspiration, linking the past and the present, is truly visionary. But it's not just the creative response that we need to acknowledge, but also the financial (and educational) return to this community that this vision can engender. We also need to acknowledge that there has been a significant investment from Whanganui individuals, central government, private trusts and philanthropists from throughout Aotearoa along with us ratepayers to pay for the redevelopment. This is the moment to celebrate not only these incredibly generous contributions but to also commit to the on-going development and reputation of the city's greatest taonga. It's crucial therefore that the gallery is fully resourced at the very time when the world of the arts will be looking to Whanganui to represent a vision of our creative nation. The opening presents a one-off opportunity. It is a moment to fully utilise this and to ensure the best return on everyone's investment; to set the gallery up for future success in the arts but to also set the tone for potential fundraising, and to do so at the highest level. As part of the \$1.5 million of savings across Whanganui District Council's proposed expenditure in the Long Term Plan to achieve a 10% rates rise, the Sarjeant Gallery's budget for the reopening year and following years has been cut by \$200,000 per annum from what had been planned. These cuts risk the gallery being under-resourced at the very moment it needs a unified and enthusiastic support base from the WDC. I consider that the WDC needs to keep the Sarjeant budget at a level that allows full leverage on the reopening opportunity and to seriously reconsider making any proposed cuts that will negatively impact the successful operation of the Gallery going forward and to ensure the successful operation of the opening celebrations and all aspects of the Gallery's activities at this time. It is a once in a lifetime moment for Whanganui to show its best.

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1303

First name: Sally
Last name: Horwood

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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?

Submitter Comments: Council should not sell historic assets

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is 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?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the 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?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: I would like to see Freq rail service to Welly and generally better public transport

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 449

Not Speaking

First name: **Jeano**
Last name: **Hosie**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: Wanganui has done well to reduce our debts and maintain that. As we look to the future we should invest in our core infrastructure and investments like the port and opera house. In the present we should maintain lower costs for lower rates while the cost of living is in mind for all our residents but not at the expense of closing services we would wish to see back in the city such as the repertory theatre or the aviary. Balance is the key look at who will buy what assets from the council and also maintain the usage of the assets instead of demolish or shut down. Better to pay at the door per use then to walk past an empty plot of land reminiscing on that used to be.....

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1580

Not Speaking

First name: Alan
Last name: 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 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: The Aviary is a draw card to the lake and young kids enjoy it. this should have had a maintenance budget from the start and not allowed to get to this position.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: The hanging baskets help to win Wanganui recognition as a beautiful city removing them will take away from the main street appearance.

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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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 a council requirement and they also do not have the skills to do it properly just look at the Art gallery over run.

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: The Marae need to be self-funding like any other family unit.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which 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 # 1512

Not Speaking

First name: Rosalie
Last name: 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: I think this is a good idea as people are using the internet more for information

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Whanganui does not have an outdoor pool except for the Whanganui East pool. If it is more costly to fix the one we have than build a new outdoor pool yes close it and build a new central outdoor pool. Build the new one before closing the Whanganui East pool however

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: The building needs renovating as well as the bank stabilizing. I think this building and bank will cost more to fix than estimate, costing rate payers more in the long run

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The aviary is an attraction in Whanganui, other places have mini zoos and aviaries. If the aviary is to go we have a lake and a Green house as attractions in that area. The Aviary has bought my family and I many hours of enjoyment watching the birds

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The hanging baskets do beautify our city and the heritage building. Tourists take photo of our main street building and hanging baskets. Please don't lessen the beauty of our city by removing them and not mowing and keeping the place tidy and a place to be proud of

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Seeking a buyer I think is a good idea, as the buyer hopefully will still keep this as an attraction to Whanganui and there by Whanganui will still make a profit

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: As I don't live in a rural area I don't know

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: I don't know as I do not know how well Gonville library is used

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: The Winter Gardens are an attraction to Whanganui and to all Gardeners in our city. We need attractions please do not close the Winter Gardens. I live here and visit the Winter Gardens when ever at the Lake

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Our roads and infrastructure are not up to scratch, so we do need to put more funds into this

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: This type of development should not be done by the council but by a private business. The Council should not be taking on expensive construction at the cost of other projects and infrastructure. Lets maintain what we have and not reduce our beautiful City. Let out side money or businesses build Motels/Hotels and parking buildings

Royal 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: I would like to see funding for this type of project being put aside each year for any maintenance in the future

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and 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 a painted crossing and signs that a crossing is coming 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:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to 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: Yes selling assets which are costing rather making a profit is sensible, except where it impacts the beauty of our city. I'm glad that these assets would be reviewed before being sold and public informed

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I think we should be thinking long term, but also looking after what we already have. Getting a balance between the two I understand can be difficult. If there is outside funding use it. Don't destroy a good thing that we already have rather improve it. Council should not be trying to do things that outside business can do at no cost to the rate payer

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1623

Not Speaking

First name: Elizabeth
Last name: 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: This pool is an essential facility that caters for families, schools and the community. The council's own Strategic Directions emphasises "family friendly city" It must be retained.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is 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 facility that must be retained if we are to maintain our "family friendly" image that is portrayed to the rest of the country in getting people to come and live here. The aviary is a tourist attraction, family friendly activity and is essential to the lake's reputation as being a premier family destination.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Must be kept going!!

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

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: Another essential council funded initiative that is needed more than ever! The community can not thrive without the services that are there to work with people who need help, where govt funding doesn't cover.

Further comments on service cuts: I know rate increases are hard to swallow but we also need to face facts that we are in a financial environment that is cost heavy at present. Zeroing in on cutting the essential family facilities is unacceptable. There is no mention in this process for debating other costs that the council spends in-house, such as "sister city" expenses, renovation expenditure, vehicle fleet renewals or the charges that council imposes such as regulatory fees going up to help alleviate this rate burden.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates 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:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Why is this option so expensive? Maybe trim the extravagance of the 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?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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: It's a bitter pill but must be done, we don't like paying higher rates but we need to keep up with infrastructure maintenance or we will end like Wellington or Auckland and that's unacceptable. We must also keep our family friendly assets going or we will lose the momentum we have for people wanting to come to live here.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1054

Not Speaking

First name: Naomi
Last name: Hoskins

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Is it possible for a part own council and private owned pool. As the Whanganui East pool is an important part of our community and we need to upgrade our facilities so more people will come and use them

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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: Can other services be utilised. Kowhai Park for example ask people for donations to help support the upkeep. Same with other areas are there other ways to reduce the outlay to reduce costs or increase income. Is it possible to use other agency's for support with labour in projects or maintenance. I.e volunteers themselves, community work. Keeping only those things that are essential to keep Whanganui - Whanganui. As also our rate payers pay a lot for what feels like very little on the essential things. I.e rubbish. Roading, good quality drinking water, being sustainable and offering more ways to improve 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Feels like an investment needs to happen but at what cost and what happens when our rate payers cannot afford the rates

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. 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: Why not get external funding of 75% so the rate payers pay 25% which would be less of an 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:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which

Don't know

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 # 1382

Not Speaking

First name: Graeme
Last name: Houlahan

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It's not yours to sell, it belongs the wanganui east people, because of the agreement when they gave it in good faith to run and maintain, it's pretty clear that you have broken the agreement, This pool teachers our kids to learn to swim. It is an asset that has been overlooked for to long. Wanganui east school deserves to still a place tjeteach our kids to swim. More kids would use the pool than bikes use the cycling bridge at upokongaro bridge, 2.5 mil

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: No other suburbs have library, why not the library bus like everyone else

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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 pay rates for the council to run our city, not give money away, put it towards wanganui east pool

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 # 1352

Not Speaking

First name: Josh
Last name: Houlahan

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Something else (state below)

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Provide stickers that directly relate to rural properties. This will enable tracking of rubbish from the rural community. Cctv for these areas is a must to prevent illegal dumping.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This is a joke and is not needed. If it was viable the grand and other accommodation options wouldn't be struggling.....

Royal 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: Local iwi already get enough support from government. There is no benefit to the rate payer 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 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?

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Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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: Investments to future proof Whanganui should be investments that are guaranteed to bring people and money to Whanganui. An \$800 + raised crossing is not will not contribute to future proofing Whanganui. Also, why would the council want to build a new hotel/accommodation when current accommodation is struggling? It would be more beneficial to invest in the sports stadiums etc we do have to ensure we can still hold the masters games.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1621

Not Speaking

First name:

Hannah

Last name:

Houshangi

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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?

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?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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 # 1291

Not Speaking

First name: Ari
Last name: Houshangi

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: A great compromise between doing nothing or closing the road altogether. A great way to connect people walking by the river to Pākaitore and other areas inland.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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 # 313

Not Speaking

First name: **Rosemary**
Last name: **Hovey**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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 # 882

Not Speaking

First name: Diane
Last name: Howard

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Get Horizons to pay out of their budget

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville 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: No need, paint a crossing if one is thought necessary. 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?

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: Depends on what is sold off. more work around this before anything is undertaken.

How would 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 # 1091

Not Speaking

First name: **Michaela**
Last name: **Howe**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: It's a great facility

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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 it

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Stop replacing garden at gonville round about by Tab

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (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 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: No need have enough hotel airnbs etc & only get booked out once or twice yearly

Royal 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? **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 # 1454

Not Speaking

First name: Simon
Last name: Howe

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (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 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which 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 # 1327

First name: **Nicky**
Last name: **Howe**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Do nothing other than give the applicable compliance. Ridiculous use of council rates!

Royal 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: Settles have happened, perhaps iwi can fund 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: As above perhaps this can be funded through iwi and business relationships

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Get into the town centre and the residential areas that are not fit for purpose, in fact most intersections either side of Victoria are diabolical and an embarrassment!

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Pay attention to the rate payers - please get on top of our infrastructure

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 948

Not Speaking

First name: Kirsty
Last name: Howells

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 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 # 13

Not Speaking

First name:

Griffin, Beau & Johan

Last name:

Hübsch, Retzold-Alexander & Correa

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during 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 whole of the group says option 1 because most of the community come on a weekend so they would be happier.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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 choose number 1 because the pool isn't as popular as splash center.

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: Option 2. the birds are good for Whanganui and people would miss them.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Option 2 because it makes Whanganui feel alive

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Option 3 it saves money and we don't really need it

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Option 1. Because there will be more polutoin and more rubbish

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: We choose option 1 so the places are better

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. 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 think option 2. Because people don't want to pay with there own money

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: We can say option 3 cause it won't put as much money as the other things and it upgrades some things

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Option 2

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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 so the kids keep safe

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments: Option 1. So its safer for pedestrians so its safer and less injurys.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Option 2. We should not focus on safety but if there was a footpath and someone crashes on the person on the footpath the person still gets hurt.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to 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: Option 2. if you sell the Assets to Whanganui. We would be happy to pay the money because it ruins the cutter of Whanganui.

How would 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 # 32

Speaking

First name: David & Tanya
Last name: Hughes

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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: Stabilisation of the retaining wall but keep the building as it is don't sell 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: KEEP IT OPEN. put in a collection box get volunteers to feed the birds and clean the aviary

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Submitter ticked both Option 1 and Option 2.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: DO NOT CLOSE THE WINTER GARDENS. its our local tourist attraction many come to see it and take photos.

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 metal strip out to the Kai Iwi Beach shouldn't be done why are you promoting a polluted beach when you have a good beach at Castlecliff. The new crossing down by moutoa gardens doesn't need to be done especially at the amount needed to do it. If you want to put money into roading the Handly Road needs to be upgraded and made into a 2 lane road and tar sealed as this is an emergency bypass road when there is a closure due to slips or accidents on State Highway 3. As the road is now trucks can't get around there and if they try they block the road

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: They don't need another hotel in wanganui they need to fix up the ones we have got move the homeless and emergency housing somewhere else. If you put money into the hotels/motels we already 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 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: Just do the necessary upgrades.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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 is the council mainting Moutoa Gardens the maoris should be paying it as they own the land.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Why are they promoting a polluted beach when wanganui already has castlecliff beach

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Depending 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?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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 are they letting campervans stay at Springvale Stadium car park free of charge they should be charged a fee per night this would help with some of the council dept. There are alot of them staying there. Hopefully something is done before the council ruins wanganui

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1633

Not Speaking

First name: **Jacqueline**
Last name: **Hughes**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: Whanganui has an abundance of performing arts groups (Amdram, Whanganui Performing Arts Soc., Rep, Dance Schools and local high schools) and venues (RWOH, Amdram, school halls and chapels, Museum, War Memorial etc) that can be used by locals and touring groups. I believe it is time to consolidate some community groups, pool resources and spaces and maximise venue revenue and paying audience numbers.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is 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 provides a point of difference for Whanganui and the Virginia Lake park as a visitor destination.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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, but the CBD will survive without them. It is an idea that can be looked at in the future once critical infrastructure is repaired and maintained.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Drop off points for rural rubbish**

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This is a critical service that Council should maintain. Removal of this service would only lead the rubbish dumping and pollution creating problems for future generations.

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 Council maintains multiple library facilities. Careful scheduling will ensure residents always have an option.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It is my personal opinion that the current Winter Gardens do not warrant further Council support.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the 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: Investment in the roading, footpaths and three waters assets is critical to securing the future of Whanganui as a viable placeto live.

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: I have heard some talk regarding the investment in accommodation for large scale events in Whanganui. However, I am not sure if it should be an investment by Council.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: Option 3 is the most sustainable option. It will permit local and touring groups to engage in a professional manner with Venue Facilitators and technicians. If the Opera House facilities are bought upto levels expected by local and touring groups there is a greater chance to secure more bookings for this iconic heritage facility. Modernising the fitout flows seamlessly into working smarter for performance groups who may not currently benefit from being exposed to current theatre and performance venue standards. If a user pay system exists it would be encouraging to see smaller local groups such as the dance schools, performing arts competitions society and Amdram considered in terms of what they can pay to utilise the facility regularly.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: I speak as a Castlecliff local and regular swimmer at Castlecliff beach. These dedicated volunteers require a venue that supports the beach patrol efforts. During Summer the Castlecliff beach area, including carparks, domain and toilets are truly at capacity, needing regular rubbish pick ups, sand clearance and patrolling. The facility has an option to become a community hub outside of the beach patrol timelines and garner more income for Council. I would also support the demolition of the Duncan Pavillion and consolidating Council efforts into the one premises at Castlecliff Beach.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a

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:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to 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 support selling assets to provide revenue for critical projects such as roading, footpaths and three waters assets.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 contribute to the LTP. All the hard work that has gone into this is heartening and there are some tough decisions to be made-you got this WDC!

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 699

Not Speaking

First name: Michael
Last name: Hughes

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Our libraries are a vital community asset and must continue to function fully. I suggest that council reinstates an annual membership fee for adult members of say \$5.00 p.a. Also I suggest reinstating a fee for adult fiction rentals of say 50cents per book. These measures are going to cause little pain, but ensure we continue to have a vibrant library service.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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 an historic building and demolition should be an absolute last resort.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: The aviary is an eyesore, and has been for decades.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: They add colour and charisma to the avenue. I would willingly pay an extra \$5.00 to retain this feature.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New 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 is a unique and iconic Whanganui asset, the control of which must remain in Whanganui hands. By all means seek a buyers, with the understanding that it remains 100% locally owned and operated forever.

Drop 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: It is vital that Gonville library is kept as a library. As such, it is a vital community focal point and asset. It also provides access to books for free in a community that is economically 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: These gardens are of inestimable value as a quiet space of beauty. As a former gardener who worked at Virginia lake, I am aghast at any suggestion of closing the winter gardens. Why not install a donation box in the foyer? I would quite happily work as a volunteer in the Winter Gardens to reduce costs.

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: Whanganui is a great place to live, with amazing heritage buildings, a vibrant art community and stunning avenues of trees as well as fantastic parks and reserves. We must not sacrifice the quality of this town to save a few thousand dollars. I am also concerned at any suggestion of cutting back the use of annuals and tree planting. The foresight of past generations in planting avenues of street trees, has given us the magnificent avenues of trees we now enjoy.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: To me, this proposal is pie in the sky. Council has no business investing in a highly risky venture like this. If it was a viable option, surely a commercial operator would have come forward by now.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: This iconic building must be retained in as fully functional condition as is affordable certainly there is a significant cost which will balloon overtime but so many different groups use this building so its retention is vital try seeking funding from overseas sources as this building is an international 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?

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? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I note that the mayor and most, if not all, councillors have significant alternative sources of income, other than their council remuneration. They could show considerable community spirit and lead by example and reduce their remuneration, for the foreseeable future, by 25%. That would be a great sign of empathy with residents who are struggling with the high cost of rates. This is stablishing the youth council is very short sighted. Our young people must be heard, as they are vital to maintaining a vibrant, forward-looking, community. They will leave if we don't value them.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 846

Not Speaking

First name: **Christie**
Last name: **Huirua**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Return to Whanganui East based schools using the pools to learn to swim and run classes from the site. Also open it for duration of school holidays not just the end

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Reduce amount of baskets. This is one feature draws visitors to our 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Charge rural properties the extra rates

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 it's good enough for Davis Library it should be the same across the board

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 lake is a beautiful draw card as is. Or look for a buyer to run it as a business

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: Council has enough to worry about maintaining for its residents as 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 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 for full funding or share funds going into the gallery instead to offer more to our community

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Not something ratepayers should have to fund

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Not really a priority given the current financial climate

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: This is a good investment for both residents and visitors

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, **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:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1588

Not Speaking

First name: John
Last name: Hulley

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during 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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Option 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

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Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

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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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 # 1225

Not Speaking

First name: **barbara**
Last name: **humphrey**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I strongly believe the W.E outlook pool should be kept open and usable.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Stabilise the bank and leave it up to the theatre to sink or swim.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you 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: Leave it up to individual owners.

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: prefer to support local libraries as well as central.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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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Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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:

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Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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?
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Enforce regulations on owners who are not keeping buildings in a good state. ie cnr Rutland and the ave.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1224

Not Speaking

First name: **Mark**
Last name: **Humphrey**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Keep the pool open, do the study, then report back. W East must have swimming facility available.

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 let the Rep. deal with the other issues.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Let retailers request baskets that will be charged at an agreed rate.

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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Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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:

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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?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 # 471

Speaking

First name: Vicki
Last name: Humphreys

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Closing the library on Sunday is my preferred option with one day per week closure. This would be in line with other services that remain closed on Sundays. Saturday many facilities are open, however Sunday in many people's thinking is traditionally known for business, services, retailers, organisations to be closed. The library could well fit in with this form of practice too.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: maintenance on the pool is essential to be kept up to date, upgrade where basically it is necessary to meet guidelines. provide qualified lifeguards, set season ticket family prices, upgrade leisure area & facilities for families. This is an important place/location for the community in this area. include in public transport route, engage with local schools for use. promote a 'Friend of WE Pool' incentive scheme whereby individuals, families, business can be recognised in the upgrade, a lane, seating, paving, structure for preservation of history. 'Sell' wall space, footpath pavers, roof panels, shade structures, BBQ. supporters of the plumbing by local contractors.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required. Source quotes for what is required by civil engineers- put out for contractor prices...where did the estimated quote of \$250,000 come from? DO NOT sell the building. the building has been standing since 1882, it is part of Wanganui history, in fact NZ early history. The whole area of the location has very significant history, land marks, buildings,- Market Place, Ridgway St, Moutoa gardens, the river, tourist attractions etc. Seek funding support / listing rating from Heritage NZ to fund basic strengthening of the building up to safety code.

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! Have a donation point entry at the turn style doorways. Create a "friends of the Aviary" group to do maintenance, feeding, utilise the skills of local bird enthusiasts. Appeal to the public(individuals , groups, families, business) to own/sponsor a bird (like sponsor a child via World Vision \$1 per day). Even the local veterinary services may pledge free service/sponsorship- the birds can't be that high need ! The aviary has stood the test of time since the 1970's and provides a great tourist and local attraction. It is Virginia Lake . The aviary is part of the whole Virginia lake attraction/experience along with the other features- playground, punchbowl, fountain, lake , bird life, Winter gardens, cafe. Virginia lake is Wanganui, Wanganui is Virginia Lake. If its ok for Virginia lake to have volunteers assisting (promoted on your FB page) then lets have likewise for the aviary, winter gardens if thats what it takes to keep the attraction for future generations.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: ask visitors to imagine a picture of Wanganui and they are bound to say the image of the avenue and the spectacular hanging baskets , the fountain and heritage buildings will spring to mind. Postcards, advertisements, calendars, banners, flyers etc all feature images of the iconic baskets along the Avenue .These must be kept on their twice yearly cycle of planting/replacement for our main street, side streets , gaslamp posts, arches etc.. How did Wanganui gain its prestigious award for two consecutive years as " the most beautifulsmall city title" Keep NZ Beautiful awards if it wasnt for the huge focus on the art and beautification including the hanging baskets and heritage buildings. these hanging baskets have enhanced our city atmosphere for 30 years, and have likely to have inspired other towns/cities to copy our CBD appearance by replicating them.As recommended by councillors I did contact Mainstreet on their suggestion to get details. Unfortunately Mainstreet I understand have been advised by council in April to cancel what was the order for the supply of the new replacement winter hanging baskets to be hung after the April/May removal of the current end of season baskets. Despite this 'have your say' submission option they have been ceased regardless from the out of town supplier, who must have been relying on the completion of the agreed contract order. What a huge disappointment this decision has been made prior to consultation with residential ratepayers and likely the Central Business District targeted rates payers too. Maybe the targeted rates payers pay a greater portion of the suggested \$5 per property towards the baskets than residential rate payers? Growing seedling plants, basket preparation, installation etc all takes time and sadly the what was to be May-December hanging baskets season included in Christmas events will be noticeably absent, invisible in any recorded images based on the cancellation of supply from the grower.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: the Gonville library is central to the community for a facility not to receive service as a library but provide a place for all the many many other users of the space. you only need to look at their timetable to see all the variety of activities it hosts, the wide range of users, topics, ages of people, networking. This venue is vital to be retained for the good it does for the children off the streets on the computers, the elderly alleviating isolation, young parents supporting each other in childcare matters etc. It is way more than just a place to borrow a book!

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Since you are preferring to increase the community grant fund by \$100,000 that a percentage of this extra funding goes to any organisations that are working with youth in the city since the council has dis-established the Youth Council representatives. Youth therefore need greater support , so those charities, services, organisations that work with young people are given an opportunity to be granted greater funding if they can substantiate their applications.

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: "Wanganui has long aspired to attract a hotel to the city " - this viewpoint- has there been a survey, consultation to base this statement upon? money must have already been paid out to obtain the figure of \$55 million for the price of hotel & carpark . As in the scenario of the Art gallery over runs, inflation, price increases, variation contingencies surely will see this figure increase over time, let alone completion should the project go ahead. I don't believe it is councils' role to be taking the lead with the development of a hotel & carpark, or even embarking on a detailed business case. is this really the role of our elected councillors and staff to be getting into this arena,, is this what they should be being paid for to explore. If Wanganui really has the need for this why hasnt it already happened by an investor/entrepreneur who has seen the gap, implemented the vision and funded the dream. Hotelling

doesn't seem the core business of elected councillors to administer the city civic matters. option 3 - do nothing means just that.

Royal 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)

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Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and 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 changes to existing road layout in this location please. People cross roads all over the city every day and night without the need for specific installed pavements and raised road crossings. In the interest of spending our precious resourced funds from a limited number of ratepayers surely this is one expense that is frivolous at upward of \$830,000. The reserve is a public space where people crisscross all over the grassed space, so no raised pavement crossing is going to be in the ideal location space for all users. Is the provision of a \$830,000 raised paved crossing actually going to restore the link between the land and the river. A clear entrance point that can be viewed from the river - is this therefore for the traffic on the river to disembark and walk up to Pakaitore reserve as they cant find the walk in spot? safety benefits with the volume of trucks and cars using this road to avoid Dublin street bridge would seem hazardous installing a \$830,000 paved raised crossing along a road where there is parked vehicles, poor vision as pedestrians step out . Common sense to cross the road again like we do on other streets around the city, wait for the traffic to pass, look left, look right, look left again then cross. Is there data for accidents occurred in this spot if it is for safety benefits ? Does this pedestrian crossing appeal to NZ Land Transport as a great idea to keep pedestrians and vehicles from collision? When the council is desperately trying to prune back expenses ,reduce rate increases- this expense which is sure to have price variations for completion seems 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 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: when you are asset rich and cash poor it is imperative that you cut your cloth accordingly. ratepayers must be informed of what , where, when the \$16 million assets you are referring to are up for discussion regarding sale. Meanwhile in the interest of cutting back expenditure of ratepayers \$\$\$ only essential expenditure should be carried out. Just as a family operates its own household accounts , so too should the council be taking a close look under the microscope of its essential expenditure balanced with the income. Expensive raised paved crossings is a classic example of cut back in economic hardship.

How would 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 # 670

Not Speaking

First name: Susan
Last name: Hunt

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Too many NZers drown, we are coastal with the awa running through our town, all children should have the opportunity to learn to swim and have the facility to use

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Whanganui is known for the baskets and helps the main street look beautiful and welcoming

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Don't know

Submitter Comments: Depends on what assets you intend to sell.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 976

Not Speaking

First name: sarah
Last name: hunt

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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 east pool, but build a 50 m outdoor pool at spalsh centre, we have an amazing swim squad, that require 50m to train, keep open all year round. squads from other regions would also use as currently they travel to Marton

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: you must keep the aviary open , its a joy for so many , also attracts 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:

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: internet is a great source for 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 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Lots of money wasted on footpath markings and speed bumps. Bikes belong on the road .

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred 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: With all the new builds, which is increasing the population and stretching our resources, the bill should go to them to maintain and update the infrastructures, not the rate payers

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: the government should pay, not the rate payers

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: with the potential upgrade of the splash center , maybe life saving can be apart of this !

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: No thank you ! , complete waste of money . preferer money to be spent on the aviary

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which 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: Too much money has been wasted on velodrome, an art galley , cycle paths and bridges, crazy speed bumps all over town that is causing major expense to us car users , as new shocks/suspension are required for our cars. Fed up being forced off the foot path and onto the road by all these cycle paths, that are used as a race track by most cyclists . Bikes belong on the road and they should respect the road rules . Keep aviary open, shut the art gallery

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1574

Not Speaking

First name: **Bridget**
Last name: **Hurley**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: A public library holds great worth. It provides access to books and the internet for learners of all ages. It gives mothers a place to go with their young children on a rainy day.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Gift the pools back to Whanganui East School and provide them with a clear outline of what work has been deemed necessary.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Rebuild the theatre at a new location. The bank behind the theatre would have been easier to retain a decade ago, at this point it can not be retained without significant damage to the building. By repurposing some of the existing materials for historical purposes, and creating a new theatrical hub for community theatre in Whanganui, we will, as a city, retain a valuable asset and The Rep will carry on. Every secondary school in Whanganui offers Drama at NCEA levels, and those students are welcomed at The Rep, giving them a valuable opportunity to develop their skills outside of the classroom. The range of services that The Rep offers at present encompasses community members from 7-100, from playreading groups, a library of scripts, to children's acting classes, to hosting touring shows that are looking for a smaller venue than the Opera House but still want a proper auditorium. A new venue would enable The Rep to expand the work that it does for the community and continue to support young actors, sound techs, stagehands and youth that may otherwise not find a positive connection elsewhere in the community.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you 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: Rubbish removal, drinkable water and road maintain are three non negotiable services all ratepayers should recieve!

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 day of closing should differ from the Davis Library closing day to insure a Library is available to the community 7 days a week.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Install a Koha coin box for entry (similar to the coin cost to run the fountain that has worked for many years) to help contribute to financially supporting the upkeep.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which 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 # 368

Not Speaking

First name: Tayla
Last name: Hurley

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Give volunteers the opportunity to help out with the bird aviary, request regular donations for bird food such as fruit and vegetables. Also have the opportunity for people to donate through adopt a bird, a great scheme children will enjoy viewing their "adopted" 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: Give volunteers the opportunity to help maintain the flower baskets creating a good community spirit Whanganui has a great gardening community. What if the horticultural class at UCOL cares for 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I don't think Whanganui should be worrying about attracting tourists right now if it can't keep up with the care of the local attractions like the aviary, library and swimming pool. Let's worry about our locals first before we worry about tourists.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: We are lucky to have such a wonderful piece of history, let's care for this. Then maybe we can consider attracting tourists, once we have cared for the buildings and locals that have always been here.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: Marae is very important to New Zealand and we should care for the marae as much if not more than our church's or roads.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Surf life savers, save life's.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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?

Submitter Comments:

How would 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: Whanganui has a wonderful reach out to them. They might be the ones to save themselves, to give you the opportunity to build for tourism.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1392

Not Speaking

First name: **Tamia**
Last name: **Hurtad**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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 # 1396

Not Speaking

First name: **Raymi**
Last name: **Hurtado Stuart**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Our family loves going to the library, it is an asset, especially on poor weather days. \$2.30 is the cheapest membership for what we get out of it.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I think that for a coastal town this size we need more than one good public pool (ie the splash Center). I would see investment into the East Pool as well as services supplied at the pool like swimming lessons. Anecdotally, there are many parents taking their kids to Marton for swimming lessons due to a lack of providers in Whanganui.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I'm not familiar with the theatre and therefore have no understanding of it's significance to the community.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: My gut instinct is to close it. I have been to Brooklands Zoo in New Plymouths, and I could see future development of an aviary like Brooklands' at Virginia lake, however I do not consider it to be a priority.

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 love the hanging baskets, but I understand that savings need to be made. Could business opt in to care for them as part of their street frontage? Or perhaps a community group would like to step up to maintains them?

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I think the glass works is a great facility and important to the vibe of Drew's Ave

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: We need our infrastructure, so we should invest in 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: This depends on where the hotel and car park are develop and what visual impact it will have on our town Center - car parks are ugly.

Royal 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: The cost estimate of over \$800K seems excessive for this project. I see a need for a crossing point there, however is there no middle option? Are there any currently crossing in Whanganui that compare to what is proposed?

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: I support this. I would also like to see at least one safe crossing point on great north to allow students of St Johns Hill, Westmere School and Moston School to be able to cross great North road safely.

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: I think asset sales are a good option, but of course this depends on which assets are on the table.

How would 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 # 309

Not Speaking

First name: **Glen**
Last name: **Hutchins**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: The library is an important resource for people - close it one day over the weekend instead of the week

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: There is not much else for kids to do in Whanganui East - its packed over summer. Don't leave the community with one pool and no real plan to build another one.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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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

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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

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Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 485

Not Speaking

First name: **Abbie**
Last name: **Imrie**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Having the option for our local community and tamariki to learn how to swim, especially in the middle of an underprivileged community, is incredibly important - so I feel that investing in the pool is of huge importance.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: As long as the community still has access to view the glassblowing, as we do now

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

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 would love to see the Hakeke Community Centre, who focus on providing these kind of services to the local Whanganui East community, be considered with this rise in funding

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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I'd want keeping the historic feel of our city centre to be priority, and a huge hotel in the middle of town would be an eye-sore. Definitely agree with needing accommodation and bringing more events to Whanganui, but the risk of the council being heavily involved with a hotel, and risking unforeseen costs to ratepayers, makes me nervous

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)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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

Our preferred option 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?
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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 37

Not Speaking

First name: Lyn
Last name: Ingram

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: You have the best library service I have experienced especially the community integration and friendliness of the suburban libraries and that welcome coffee

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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 little library is such an asset to the area and many small groups also use it as a clean and safe venue for activities especially used by senior citizens.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the 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: This would depend entirely on where this was to be

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?

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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

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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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Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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 # 1056

Speaking

First name: rosalie
Last name: irwin

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Before you cut the hours so people can visit the library how about some more parking. Common sense prevails

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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: Get someone who knows how to operate the pool from another council and stop paying consultants for nothing.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Keep the aviary open and reduce the bird numbers and this will result in less feed which will reduce the operating costs. No need for any rate increase

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Ask shop owners to pay for hanging baskets if they want one. The baskets are a stupid waste of money from the ratepayers

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Why don't Horizons pay for the rural collections

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: The gardens do not require that much money to operate, Put the gardens up for public tender.

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:

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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?

Submitter Comments: Be careful what you sell. Make sure that NONE of the sales are sports ground.

How would 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: Yes. I would like to see results of all submissions and have a scrutineer oversee this. The results should be made public.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1085

First name: **Jessica**
Last name: **Jacklet**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 the hub of the community--making it less available will shut off access to books, community space and internet, hitting the poorest people in the community the hardest. Where will all the teenagers that currently go to the library after school for the free wifi will do if there's no library? What will the mums do on a rainy day when the library isn't open for their little ones? Where will older folks read the newspaper? The library is a wonderful place, often full of people using its facilities--please don't make it less accessible!

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: More people enjoy the Winter Gardens than the aviary. There's wild birds to enjoy on the lake--we don't need to keep caged ones. Better to have the playground, the walk and the winter gardens.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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: Access to libraries is key to a democratic society! There are ladies knitting, kids on computers, people reading--it's a wonderful 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:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This is NOT what the community needs to invest 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

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core 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 # 1330

Not Speaking

First name: Wendy
Last name: Jackson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: The drowning rate of NZers is substantial and having the opportunity of learning to swim is vital. All schools used to have a swimming pool, not all people can travel to the splash centre. If the council opt to drop the pool then it should be returned to WE school

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: The option to use the Wgi opera house is a good one and there is amdram theatre also which I presume runs with no council funding? We cannot save all of our heritage buildings. Why is there not an option to either sell or give the building away 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: As a child Virginia lake and the bird aviary were a regular weekend journey. I would not like to see this outdoor activity which gets children away from tablets etc taken away

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: There are garden beds in the avenue which are maintained. The individual shop owners could have baskets hanging outside on their verandahs if this is something they wish to keep at their own 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: I do not believe this should be a council funded entity. Not an essential service. Would rather see rubbish removal funded by council to reduce the amount of dumping.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: It is not rural people who dump rubbish / fly tip. There are many urban people that make the trip to these rural bins. The cost of dumping rubbish charged by private enterprises is horrendous and this should never have been allocated to be run by private enterprises

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville 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: Why not put an honesty box to collect donations and/or have a small gold coin entry fee

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Council should focus on essential services not involve themselves in a wide range of non essential programmes, i.e. glass works etc. The community can fund raise for projects they deem essential

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: The state of the roads is appalling. I do not understand why this has deteriorated to what it was 'in the old days!!' You need to go back to fixed contracts instead of contractor lead contracts which invariably lead to run overs / extra. The contractors are given an open cheque.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. 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 an essential service. Not a project the council should be involved in. A developer will do this if the \$s stack up and is a viable option

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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, iwi, hapū have access to a lot of funding already. This is not a council essential service. This could be likened to a club - are you going to fund all clubs in whanganui. I would like to state that I am Ngai Tahu and this is in no way a racial statement. I do not believe this is the responsibility of the council

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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 safe monitoring patrol for swimmers is necessary for the beach.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This is not necessary and the cost quoted is exorbitant. If Waka or procession is needed to get to the river, surely the occasional road closure is more common sense and far cheaper

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This is not essential and there are other areas in the same boat. The Whanganui area is not ALL about providing for the walkers and bike riders.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Depends ENTIRELY on which assets would be sold. Reserves etc that have been left to the city for community use should not be included in sales.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to 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: The wasted money of late by this council is evident in the exercise park along the river front and desire to have cycle paths, speed humps everywhere. The essentials seem to be being forgotten. The parks and lawnmowing around the city are not maintained to an acceptable standard. The Alliance have free range and judging by the number of workers standing around on worksites would not be a profitable company should they need to justify their work output.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1419

Not Speaking

First name: Ellen
Last name: Jackson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Library is well used by parents with young children. There are not many public spaces in town where young children can play inside. Shame to not have access to it!

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

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: Like having a place for our tamariki to view birds or animals but the condition of the birds is so sad.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove 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?

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: We use this library regularly and see lots of kids on the community using it! Such a shame they may lose a safe space for them

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 the winter gardens almost once a week! It's one of my toddlers favorite places on Whanganui!

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Don't know

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Option 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?

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? **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: No

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 482

Not Speaking

First name: Chris
Last name: Jacques

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: I think really important for that part of town to have an outdoor pool in the future

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 such a blight on what is otherwise a beautiful area. I would strongly support its closure

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: Less baskets. It is a real icon and people from out of town appreciate it and comment on it

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

<p>Drop off points for rural rubbish Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?</p>	<p>Don't know</p>
<p>Submitter Comments:</p>	
<p>Gonville Library Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?</p>	<p>Don't know</p>
<p>Submitter Comments:</p>	
<p>Winter Gardens Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?</p>	<p>Don't know</p>
<p>Submitter Comments:</p>	
<p>Level of Community Grant Funding Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?</p>	<p>Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)</p>
<p>Submitter Comments:</p>	
<p>Further comments on service cuts:</p>	
<p>Proposed Future Investments</p>	
<p>Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?</p>	<p>Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)</p>
<p>Submitter Comments:</p>	
<p>Hotel and Car Park Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?</p>	<p>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)</p>
<p>Submitter Comments:</p>	
<p>Royal Whanganui Opera House</p>	<p>Don't know</p>

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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? **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 # 1604

Not Speaking

First name: **Cindy**
Last name: **James**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: All libraries could run on less hours and less days a week. This would be a good way to save money.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Don't bother completing a costly feasibility survey for an outdoor pool in Whanganui. Just close the Whanganui East pool and only have the indoor Splash Centre as a swimming option. If people want to swim outdoors, they can go to the beach.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Try to get sponsorship from local businesses to keep the costs down. This facility is not just a niche place for the limited people with an interest in birds as stated in the local paper. It is an extremely important local attraction that is enjoyed by many, many people, local and 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: They are an ugly, unkept and untidy eyesore that costs way too much money. Not at all needed and no value to the city.

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: This is a niche facility with a limited number of interested people who go there. I can't believe that you want to close the bird aviary before this exclusive and elitist attraction!!! It is also ironic that the cost saved by closing this is also the same as the cost to keep the aviary open. Not closing this place or having it in the plan as a cost cutting reeks of elitism from the council.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: User pay would be a preferred option for this. Why should I fund people who choose to live rurally.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Close one day a week and operate on reduced hours for the other days.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Look for ways to cut costs in running the gardens and try to get sponsorship from businesses.

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 need the community funding not to be handing out community funding. Handing out funding shouldn't be the role of the council.

Further comments on service cuts: Listen to the public. How dare you consider closing the bird aviary after all the feedback last year not to close. Actually start listening to what the hard-working rate payers want.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Couldn't the council tap into more government funding?

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Leave this to a private enterprise. This should not be the sort of interest that the council concerns itself with. Keep to the basics.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments: Leave as is

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: User pays should apply here.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is 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: Would \$1 Million be enough? It could turn into a bottomless pit 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: What a waste of money this would be!!! Not necessary and absolutely ridiculous. Please don't waste our hard-earned rates money on something so unnecessary.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: User pays if wanted not my rate money please.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Carefully chosen assets could be sold to make money.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Please listen to the general public and hard-working rate payers when making decisions. All too often our money goes to funding niche interests and things the council really shouldn't be involved with. The art gallery is a perfect example of an elite group getting funded by the masses.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1071

Not Speaking

First name: **Megan**
Last name: **James**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Where are our youth council? Are they going need this 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:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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: Compost bins are a waste. Encourage education on home composting instead

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 636

Not Speaking

First name: **Jeff**
Last name: **Jamieson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 vitally important that options for children to learn to swim are provided. The ability of people to get to the Splash is greatly diminished by distance and lack of public transport

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Currently there are other options available 'for the arts'. The Opera House and Amdram are two suitable venues

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is 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 valuable tourist attraction. Potential modifications could be made to reduce on-going costs

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Somethings need to be retained, or we will have a "standard city", - sterile environment ...

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New 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 more of a business, and not a core Council function

Drop 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: People chose to live in a rural area, and can dispose of their rubbish when they come to town. This will also stop "townies" taking their rubbish out to the "free" rural rubbish points!

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: Surely this will reduce penal rates for weekend work?

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Top tourist attraction - must be retained

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Inflation dictates increased costs

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: No to Councils financial involvement This is private developers domain and not core Council business. Happy for Council to facilitate the aggregation of land (but where is this spare land in central Wanganui?)

Royal 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: Top icon facility - needs continuous development over a long term to retain access to good touring shows/acts etc

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: All in favour of the upgrade for ongoing support for the community in times of need. However, I believe that this is a Central Government function and should be financed, not from Rates

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to 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: Plus additional funding should also come from Central Government for such an important facility

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Wrong choice to form a raised platform. Just think about the noise that vehicles make when decelerating to go over the 'bump', and the 'clunks' from the truck suspensions. This level of additional noise pollution, is unwarranted in this popular park area. When (and if) the Dublin Street bridge is eventually replaced, just think of the horrendous upheaval and additional obstacle this would create in this main arterial route!

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: Great idea. A more important cycle trail to assist in continuity around the City, is to complete the Mosston road swale and cycle way to link the Mosston school to Castlecliff - this should be done before the Rapanui trail

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: Lets have a look first at what is proposed to sell

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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: Love the clarity and colourful clear setout of the document

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 75

Not Speaking

First name: **Ross**
Last name: **Jamieson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 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 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 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1620

Not Speaking

First name: **Reuben**
Last name: **Janes**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: As a former member of Repertory Theatre, I have seen the state it is in. Holes in the ceiling due to possums, loose bricks, false walls, it needs to go. On top of that the current committee doesn't care what happens and just expect everything given 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 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: Should be the same as the other library.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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

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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:

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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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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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:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 91

Not Speaking

First name: Tracey
Last name: Jarman

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Close other library facilities, to save more costs

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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: Use splash centre

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Your costs appear high to maintain the current aviary. Look at how you can reduce these ongoing 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: Your costs to maintain are exorbitant. Contract out of Council to save costs (tender)

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: Close - it is no councils core business. Sell the business? If it is no making money - it is going to be difficult to sell

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Rural area do not receive alot from council now

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: We have a perfectly good library in the davis library

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Look at cost savings. Community groups / tender etc

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: Community groups can apply to various trusts now. Council clearly cannot afford 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: Follow up on the work completed already. Make contractors more accountable for shabby workmanship and poor planning. This is happening all over our city. Tender / contract further afield

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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: Cannot believe you are looking at this as an option. Stick to your core business

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Cannot afford the extra rates to maintain. Obtain outside funding/grants to upgrade

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Cease all funding now

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Apply for grants. Fundraise (like other surf clubs do throughout nz)

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Exorbitant rates. Ridiculous

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Boy racer road. Look at the injuries from vehicles that dont stay on the road. Bad idea

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to 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: Keep sales transparent to all. (as you are renowned to support/give all to iwi)

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: In this current climate im positive that the Council could cut alot of cost. Look at core services and internal workings within Council

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 103

First name: **Margaret**
Last name: **Jarman**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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 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: Work needs to be done properly. Work being done very poor standard.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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

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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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: apply for grants

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Bad idea

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: We are an aged population. Please consider your rate increases. People are struggling.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 564

Not Speaking

First name: **Debbie**
Last name: **Jarrett**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: We need to maintain the assets we already have.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: sell it to the theatre for a minimal amount (\$100) and use a small lease to pay for retaining wall

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: arrange a volunteer group to run it & put a gold coin entry box at the entry after the circular gate so it is protected at night for security.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove 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 city is known for them so they should be 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: maintain our tourist attractions. Do Council get a percentage of sales? If not - they should to regain some costs.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: It will result in dumping if this is removed.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Gonville is close to the CBD so they can access the main library if required.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: maintain our assets. Advertise for volunteer gardeners to reduce costs.

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: Perhaps put it out to tender to see if there are cheaper companies.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: seek an operator - I don't believe a public carpark is required. Plenty of street parking is available. Is it an option to make Liverpool St motel back to motel? Do the Pilot academy actually use all of that AND former rest home?

Royal 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: maintain our current assets

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Iwis have been given a lot of money & should be maintaining their own buildings like any other organisation/church etc

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: community safety is important.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: this area has very little pedestrians except for when the market is on so is non-urgent & should be considered a luxury 'want'. People will still cross where they like & are unlikely to go to the 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

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Submitter Comments: I would like to know what assets first before making a decision on this. Bare land would be OK.

How would 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 # 454

Not Speaking

First name: Jay
Last name: Jay

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: Keeping the lake as it is now is very important for Wanganui. It is the biggest attraction in Wanganui so cuts should not be thought of. Putting money into the lake would be a great advantage for Wanganui

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

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Option 3 - Do nothing (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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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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? **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 # 250

Speaking

First name: **Bruce**
Last name: **Jellyman**
Organisation: **Brass Whanganui, Musical Director**

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?

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: See attached

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Submitter Comments:

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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

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 361

Not Speaking

First name: **Hamish**
Last name: **Jellyman**
Organisation: **Brass Whanganui**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It is vital for Whanganui to keep buildings and organisations like the Rep theatre. It is a historic building and adds character to the city. And plays an important role in providing a space for small theatre shows, music events and other events, that otherwise have not a lot of options locally.

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

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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

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred 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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Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: Whanganui needs to have a fully functioning theatre. To attract travelling shows and keep alive the arts and entertainment industry, of which this city is abundant, option 3 or 4 is the only choice. We use the Opera House multiple times each year. It is really a wonderful space to perform and record music in. Possible cost saving could be made by using local technical staff instead of contracting staff from out of town. Prior (local) tech staff were very experienced, and extremely helpful and more willing to listen and go the extra mile.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1132

Not Speaking

First name: **Cherie**
Last name: **Johansson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: I suggest using the current pool site as a community garden and develop and plan to extend the Splash complex with outdoor swimming facilities in the future

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It is a heritage building. Whanganui values our heritage buildings. This provides the opportunity for someone to invest in the purchase and upgrade of the building for future performances

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: I don't believe that we should keep birds in cages. It is an archaic practice

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 recommend we set up a scheme where people can 'sponsor' a hanging basket for \$X per year. This keeps our city colourful and takes the burden of cost away from Council and to people who can afford to help out.

New Zealand Glassworks

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I do not think that it is Council business to build hotels. I think Whanganui should actively approach a variety of hotel chains to suggest they build a hotel 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 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 many 'flying' shows do 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 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: It depends what the assets are. Please confirm?

How would 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 # 1359

First name: **Mary**
Last name: **John**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: If you close the pool our children will drown in the river. and this will be on your shoulders.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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 # 634

First name: **Maxine**
Last name: **Johnson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Wanganui East pool is an integral part of our community. Those of us who suffer effects from the enclosed concentrated pool chemicals cannot use the 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:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is 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: Many people from Wanganui and out of town comment How awesome the hanging baskets and the city centre is welcoming and lovely to visit. The baskets add the ambience of the heritage theme of our 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 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: Council should not be in commercial business

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: The road is too narrow 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?

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? **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 # 214

Speaking

First name: **Margaret**
Last name: **Johnson**
Organisation: **President Friends of the Opera House**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 to support the wanganui east suburb by retaining this facility and not expect them to travel to the splash centre. The emphasise on youngsters Learning to swim is extremely important.

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: To stabilise the bank and offer the theatre to repertory for \$1. This special Little Theatre must be retained the performers who use repertory could not afford to hire the Opera House and repertory theatre is the ideal size for their needs whereas they would be "lost" in the Opera House.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The aviary is an important attraction as part of the Virginia lake and Winter Gardens complex.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove 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 "nice to have" that is very special to this city and greatly admired by both locals and visitors. I understood from a conversation with a retailer a few years ago that each shop pays towards the cost of the baskets and so why the concern about costs to the council?

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: if NZ glass works goes out of council ownership it is very likely to be lost to Whanganui and be removed to a larger city eg Auckland !!

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

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: From one who has experienced a mishap on a dodgy footpath, we need to improve our core infrastructure sooner rather than later otherwise ongoing deterioration will incur more expense in the future.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Occasionally there is a need for more accommodation in the city but not at ratepayers expense. Encourage a developer for this project. Multi-storey car park not needed however the forecourt outside the memorial centre could be used for public parking when not required for an event in the hall.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: Please refer to attached notes

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: If grant funds had been used wisely on upgrades up till now, it should not be necessary to continue grant funding before 2027.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Our surf lifesavers provided excellent service and appropriate facilities are essential for them to undertake training and development of their members.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: What a waste of ratepayer funds!! Absolutely not needed and due to the weight restriction on the deteriorating Dublin st bridge, any narrowing of this road would have a major impact on heavy motor vehicles that use this section of the roading network on a regular basis.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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	Yes
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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 594

Speaking

First name: **Brian**
Last name: **Johnson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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: If a buyer is found and ownership changes hands to the new owner what guarantees will be in place to ensure this remains 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:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville 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: The longer this is left the more it will cost in the future.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: It is not the Council's responsibility to be funding a new hotel or for ratepayers to be burdened with an unnecessary expense.

Royal 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: The Opera House is an amazing building and has wonderful acoustics. It is obvious that the scaffolding needs to go and be replaced with an upgraded fly system to support lights etc. I understand that option 3 is preferred but given the current economic climate I believe we should at this stage only upgrade the fly system and leave the rest of the proposed changes under option 3 to some time in the future. There has been suggestion that if we proceed with option 3 then more shows and performers will be attracted to perform in the Opera House. I believe this is wishful thinking by those who believe this will happen mainly because the seating capacity is limited and this is one of the reasons that some promoters bypass the Opera House because of the seating capacity and the local community do not support large shows by purchasing tickets. Therefore, the promoters are not getting the sold out shows necessary to meet their expenses. The one thing that promoters look for is bums on seats and it is not happening to their satisfaction.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: We need to support the Surf Lifesavers to avoid more drownings in the future.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and 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 spending for something that is not required for an occasional use. Of greater concern is that this road carries a very large percentage of heavy motor vehicle traffic because of the Dublin Street Bridge weight limitations. This plan suggests the road be narrowed at this point which will be of concern to those road users. The document suggests that this proposal has safety benefits for pedestrians. Really!! How many pedestrians will use this crossing? Maybe during Pakaitore celebrations once a year but the council close the road when this is held so why do they need a crossing. The projected exorbitant cost would be better spent fixing our many footpaths that are in need of urgent remedial work.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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 # 88

Speaking

First name: **Kaye**
Last name: **Johnson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Wanganui East school is used by many families and is iconic

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Don't sell the land or develop it. Keep 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: Keep basket's and suck up the cost Wanganui is known for it's Flowers

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (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: Although not much is provided for rural areas

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 do close it you need to increase the mobile library's

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: If you do close it don't develop nor sell the land

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Most people find it hard to find the money for rates please don't give it away

Further comments on service cuts: I live rurally have own water own sewage and am unable to put rubbish at the gate as live on a blind corner. I don't get services so why do I pay so much

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Provided it is used for walkways not cycle road

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Don't need hotel and car park. Sick of paying rates so council can bring income to the haves. Help the have nots

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: I'm poor

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: My Maori relative's provide for themselves and never see any money nor upgrades when the iwi have been given grants or payouts

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: It's an asset

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Wasting our money again plus cause's problems for emergency vehicle's

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Wasting money on non essentials

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments: Don't sell our assets do your job and try innovated ideas instead of robbing the 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? **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: Before making decisions stop spending money on what's PC or trending and realize \$5 for some people is their food for the day

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 655

Not Speaking

First name: **Maryanne**
Last name: **Johnson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It's essential to have access to an outdoor summer swimming pool. It's essential to keep this in Whanganui East to provide safe swimming for locals. It avoids the danger of people choosing to swim in the Awa. It exists and has great outdoor space around it. It provides a sense of community as a place for families to come together over summer. I worry if it closes a new outdoor pool will be unaffordable and Whanganui will be left only with the indoor facilities at the Splash Centre. The environment at the Splash Centre is unpleasant for many due to the enclosure smelling strongly of chlorine and for those who just prefer to be outdoors in the summer. Please keep it open

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I walk around the lake and past the aviary several times a week and at different times of the day. Ninety nine percent of the time there are visitors looking at the birds. As long as they are well looked after it adds an attraction 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: When I think of Whanganui City and the main centre of town my image is of the historic buildings and the hanging baskets. I remember how Whanganui looked before the hanging baskets....it was very drab. Not an image we need to project

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: Why sell something if it's not impacting 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: We need to do everything possible to protect the environment

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville 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 provides so much for the community. Please don't close 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: Our Winter Gardens are sensational. Please don't close it

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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

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:

Royal 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: Cyclists and motorists will benefit from this. Please consider building a gravel path as soon as possible. Further development can happen at a later stage. People cycle the road in significant numbers and need to be able to do so safely.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt

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)

and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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 think asset sales needs to be approached asset by asset

How would 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 # 806

Not Speaking

First name: Joy
Last name: Johnston

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would 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 # 1676

Not Speaking

First name: Gary
Last name: Johnston

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: In general, I support the council's current thinking.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1627

Not Speaking

First name: Leah
Last name: Johnston

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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 1: Increase the 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 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 # 734

Not Speaking

First name: **Melissa**
Last name: **Johnston**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option 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?

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?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would 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 # 414

Not Speaking

First name: linda
Last name: Johnstone
Organisation: Whanganui Literary Festival BOMBs cycle

group/Whanganui Tramping 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: Whilst I vote for option 1 I only do so on the understanding it will be for a limited time of need. I would prefer a time limit be put on it as I view the library as an essential community hub for all ages and ethnicities. It disturbs me to have to vote for this 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: This savings option(1) ought only be offered once the feasibility study has been carried out, not before so I cannot vote for it.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Appeal to the wealthier in our community for support. Plaques on seats or the edge of the stage etc. The repertory need to have a home base to meet, rehearse and put on events and plays. This theatre is sought out by various groups to display their art not just repertory plays.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is 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 don't think this can be voted for as in option 1. I do think private sponsorship should be sought to keep it open in its best state. Perhaps offer it to a service club to finance. The sense of wonder people have as they pass through this aviary is to be treasured. The assets of this whole park area should be protected as it is an entranceway to our lake and to the town for those coming south. it is also a special place for members of all areas of our community

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove 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 city needs to have its best clothes on to present itself to visitors and potential new residents. Whanganui is a garden city as well as a heritage an, sports and arts city and this needs to be represented as with the hanging baskets. Can the number of baskets be reduced in number to save at least 25% of the money?

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Drop off points being cleared is an essential service in today's world. Our countryside would become a dump if it's not maintained.

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 for the earlier library options I would agree to this option(2) to only be for a stated limited time until the economic times pick up for our community.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: My comment for this option is dealt with in previous options.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the 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 agree with Option 1 however access to this grant's criteria must be broadened to those who do not qualify for community grant funding at present so they can qualify in the future. The adjusted criteria would include organisations such as the Whanganui Literary Festival, the Repertory, the Quartz Museum and the Musicians Club and others, allowing them to benefit in some way. All of these organisations help to benefit community health and well being but are not recognised at present for any community grant funding.

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

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: It is imperative our roads be brought up to a decent standard and our water is in its very best condition. With so many youngsters in prams etc and elderly with walkers our pathways in all areas of Whanganui remain a priority.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. 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 Opera House must be attractive to outside performers as well as provide an excellent venue for our local performers and events. For this venue to be worthwhile it needs to be equipped for 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 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: We need to show a willingness to support our marae in the hope that a future government (probably a Labour Government) will meet our amount. With that in mind we could plan to offer a little less with the expectation that it would be supplemented in the future.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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 definite yes!

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments: I agree with the proposal.

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: As a user of this road, as both a driver and a cyclist I have considered that there is a need for this improvement for the safety and well being of all users.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: So long as consultation occurs on what is 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: Impossible to shift the bubble to where I wanted it on the previous two requests for comment. I note that the sporting community has been neglected in this plan which is disappointing. Also attention to the elderly as in the Mens Shed is not put forward for attention. Where they are to be housed. I think they need council support.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 508

Not Speaking

First name: **Shane**
Last name: **Jones**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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 it

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: close it

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Close it

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Pull it 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: You charged shop owners for this WHY am i paying for it?? remove them

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: close it

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: close it

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: close it

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: remove this charge

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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 disgrace

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: Pull it down

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: why are we 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: NO

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option 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: Put a cycle way out to the beach

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: we vote you people in to make these decisions

How would 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 the basic stuff right before you waste money on rubbish

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 602

Not Speaking

First name: Rod
Last name: Jones

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 677

Not Speaking

First name: Anne
Last name: Jones

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 94

Not Speaking

First name: Lawrence
Last name: Jones

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Option 1 & 2 do not count

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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: Private operators

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Sell as is

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Have this sponsored or privately run

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: No cuts / have this sponsored

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: Do not lose this asset

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Go to davis library**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Iconic area and draw**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Keep this alive This city needs this, forever**Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Congrats, a big yes**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Council should not get involved with 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Apply to Govt for ARTS funding period.

Marae Development

Our preferred option 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: These marae ARE charity driven, with 'no' thought for ratepayers. No, no, no, NO. NO OPTIONS

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to 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: turn this one back to GOVT

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Ratepayers have no cash left for more of council wish lists

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which 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: DO NOT put people on the streets. \$16 million is chicken feed

How would 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: be brave and precise on your judgements, please please please. arohanui

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 568

Not Speaking

First name: Jenny
Last name: Jones

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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? **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 # 474

Not Speaking

First name: Ellen
Last name: Jones

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Suburban Libraries... close or make user pays if not already user pays.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Closing it is not the answer, nor is it up to the rate payer to keep it open at such a cost. Open this up to ideas for someone, or a group of people to work on re establishing the pool.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Privatised ... Sell as is, where is, and leave out the rates increase on this!! Someone would buy 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: The aviary is a very important attraction to Wanganui overall as well as a top attraction for visitors to the city. It needs to stay. While rates could cover the costs, why not create a safe / secure donation box as well, for adults and children to take part in caring for this beautiful feature. It is seriously a real icon / drawcard to Virginia Lake.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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?

Submitter Comments: User pays too expensive. ?

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 rate payer people who don't use Gonville Library, should not be expected to pay for it out of their rates. We struggle enough to pay for what we do use.!! Make it user pays, if not close 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: The winter gardens are known nationwide!! It would be so bad to close them. Like the aviary they are a drawcard to the lake, and Wanganui's tourism!! They are part of the heart and soul of the city!!

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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

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

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: Go for Government funding for the arts..... Don't put this on the 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?

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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Submitter Comments:

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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)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Please keep within the affordability for all rate payers, as there are many people living very frugally in order to survive in Wanganui. We are personally living solely on the superannuation, and the struggle is huge. Rates take a sizable chunk of what we get. Wanganui is not a huge city like major cities, who are putting up rates a lot. Please keep within the means with this plan.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1531

Speaking

First name: Ian
Last name: Jones

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: Please keep this valuable Live Theatre Building. Proposal: That the Council sell to Repertory Theatre at a nominal fee. Similar to the sale of community halls several years ago. That the council stabilize the bank. This is going to be needed irrespective of the building being there or demolished. The Repertory Theatre caters for the creative and social wellbeing of all age groups. As well as putting on several plays a year the The Theatre also has a Play Reading group which meets monthly. The Whanganui Performing Arts Academy utilizes this venue catering for the development of school age Children. Not only producing Children's plays they also help in the building of confidence in its students alongside speech and dance. Council members that have been to a show at Repertory will know the uniqueness of the stage and seating. This cannot be replicated at either The Whanganui Royal Opera House or our other live Theatre, Amdram. I personally have performed several times on the stage and found it adequate for the shows that have been presented. I am sure those that have passed thru the doors over the years either as actors, backstage, Set construction, Wardrobe, front of house or patrons will get behind financially for the continued life of that little theatre. Please don't let this theatre close. We've already lost two live theatre groups. RSA Little Theatre and 4 Seasons Professional Theatre. Live Theatre is part of Whanganui's Art Community. Thank you for your time and consideration. Ian Jones

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This is part of the uniqueness of our main street.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This provides a great social hub for the community.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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: we need to be on top of this even if it means we have to have a little hardship.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. 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: I'm not sure what you mean about the stage house. I assume you mean the stage. I have performed on the stage and see no reason to change it. Its served us for all these years why make major changes.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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 Marae is possible the only place that could cater for large amounts of people displace either thru flooding, Earthquake or Volcanic emergency. I fully support this.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Not a user of the beach it is still important for the community to have adequate facilities for Surf Life Saving.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 355

Not Speaking

First name: **Brendan**
Last name: **Jones**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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. Lease the pool out to a Not for profit organisation at minimal lease cost. It's a resource for the whole community. Any profits of the NFP is stipulated to be used for maintenance and repairs. Council allocates NFP funds to this instead of NFP orgs that are focus on less than all community members.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Turn into NFP organisation. Leave it open. Same as above for the pool

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Involve every school in wanganui. They fundraiser and learn about the birds houses there and our native birds. Allocate a month per school. They will divide it into different year levels. Fundraise onsite at the bowl. Food trucks etc. small % of stalls profits pay into aviary fund. Organisation of fundraiser is done by committee of year 12 business students

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 great, but time to tighten the purse strings, maybe in the future bring them back... when \$\$ permit

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Close the library or open a library in every suburb! Why are the whole of Whanganui supporting a library for a suburb when everyone else goes into town to the public library. Let the gonville and surrounding 1 or 2 suburbs pay for their privileged library if they want 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:

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 and use it for the pool, theatre and aviary. That can be a proportion of covering some costs. Rate payers can't afford to give money away and yet the council is taking money as rates and giving it away

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in 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:

Royal 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 for now. Look for grant's for assistance since it is such a unique building. Look for an arts benefactor and perhaps give naming rights to it for 20-30 years to the benefactor

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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: Status quo. Not a necessity. It would be nice. But as everyone is financially struggling, why stretch Whanganui people to breaking point? Utilise money on the other projects that gives more value to everyone

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which 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)

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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1177

Not Speaking

First name: Claudia
Last name: Jones

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 # 1183

Not Speaking

First name: Susi
Last name: Jones

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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 think it is an extremely tragic sign of the times that of all the options available to reduce, the library is the chosen option. It is used by mothers and parents of babies, right through to the elderly and is especially beneficial to those from lower socioeconomic status. What about employ one less person to save funds? What about instead of buying new Books, buy second hand ones? Plenty of amazing condition books on FB marketplace? What about reducing the opening hours to 10am some days? To close this valuable and much used service one day a week is utterly shocking to me that this is even an option. I am a mum of 2, a teacher and I absolutely love the library and all its services- it was invaluable to me as young mum.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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 personally have never used the pool, nor even know it existed. However we have access to a school pool during the summer so have never needed to use it.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is 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: This is such a unique thing to Whanganui and it would be a shame to sell it. Who know what the new owners would do with it when they own it. At least if council owned it, they could keep it as is or use it to help to generate funds in some way.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)**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 have already mentioned my views on the importance of libraries in my above comments about the Davis library. However, from a financial perspective having 2 operating libraries in one town would be very expensive. Surely a happy medium can be found!!! I personally have only ever used the Davis, but in lower socioeconomic areas, especially for people with transportation issues I can totally understand the value of keeping this open and operating at its status quo.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: My children and I enjoy visiting the winter gardens and seeing the lovely displays such as the Christmas one. However, when visiting, I have noted the ever changing Indoor plant collection and pondered how expensive it must be to purchase, maintain and the replace those plants. I have often thought that it must be a very expensive operation and wondered if there was a more financially viable option such as the indoor plants are mostly permanent with only a few changed (in pots) and have changing displays such as garden art work (even things children have made at school), or (local artists) to create themes. I think \$140,000 is excessive and love it, but it could be done much cheaper and just as nicely (I'm happy to help with this as a volunteer advisor/brainstormer!)

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 really is something I don't know much about so don't feel I can really comment on, other than feeling out of all the options I feel this could be the place where money is saved. I have not used any service that's received grant money which is why I feel this could be the thing that is cut, definitely not the library!!!!!!!!!!

Further comments on service cuts: While it is horrible to think of job cuts for people at council, surely one or 2 could be streamlined in some way or made part time? I haven't read anywhere that that has been an option to save money but streamlining/merging jobs is always an effective way to save money!!

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I think this is a terrible idea! Who knows what transport and accommodation options will be by 2038!!!! Z25 years ago AirBNB wasn't a thing so who knows what will be in 2038. In terms of transport, Perhaps we will all be using electric scooters so a parking building will become unnecessary. I agree with the need to invest in something to bring revenue but not 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 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: What a stupid and pointless of money. Will add absolutely no value to anyone's life. How can this be more of a priority than keeping council assets such as the rep theatre or the Davis

library being open 7 days. This makes absolutely no financial or logical sense to me at all and feels like a tokenism nod to keep iwi happy.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Feels completely pointless and unnecessary to me.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments: Selling assets feels short sighted. I feel it's better to hang on to as much as we can for future proofing.

How would 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 # 1539

Not Speaking

First name: P
Last name: Jones

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: But, there is surely no need to bring in out of town consultants to do a feasibility study. There are resources right here!

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Cut the cloth to suit. Build a purpose built theatre when finances are better. Use the amdram hall in the meantime.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Build a new aviary to a suitable budget line, with the facility able to be expanded/upgraded in the future.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove 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 our City and the hanging baskets are what helps it achieve the Most Beautiful City.... and it is.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: With care taken as to the enthusiasm and financial stability of the person/s purchasing.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

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: But make it a different day closure to the main library....e.g. Wednesday.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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: Again, cut the cloth to suit your finances. Reviewable at a later date for an increase.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Infrastructure is your core work. By far it is the most important.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Not councils core business. But we do need a top class hotel here and more carparking to facilitate visitor numbers....so a private developer. We need to grow Wanganui - not stagnate 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: Use it as the Repertory Theatre and other events that do not require an extensive flying system.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: All iwi have been given per the Government [you and I included] massive amounts of finance. They should be maintaining their own marae. Most of Wanganui's citizens, NZ European, Asian, Indian, etc., are open to providing accommodation and supporting civil defence and emergency management responses to natural hazards. It is not all about the maori,

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Totally necessary but I would like to see fund raising by the WSLS being carried out as well.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Not necessary for such a minority group. Not financially viable. Cut the cloth to suit and really it is not part of WDC's core business.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with

and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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: Again, these are tough times and selling assets is a good option to gain some finance.

How would 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: Wanganui needs to grow. There is no room at the Council table for anyone who does not agree and support this.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 789

Not Speaking

First name: Carmel & Michael
Last name: Jones

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Support Option 1 as Gonville Library is a very valuable community space, well used and very welcoming.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the 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 will gauge whether a new hotel / car park is financially viable

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Support Option 4 as others appear to be "patch up" jobs. The Opera House is an historic building and needs to be preserved.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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 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 # 1248

Not Speaking

First name: Nick
Last name: Jones

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 community need as travel into town can be prohibitive for people. \$22.00 per year is not excessive for this pool to remain open. I understand some of the issues at the pool that need addressing are security issues re: safety?

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?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the 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: This should be a private operator undertaking. I suggest as this has not happened already, it suggests there is no viable business case for a hotel and car park. In addition you only mention 2 events that might require additional overnight accommodation. We should not be funding a hotel and car park.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 565

Not Speaking

First name: Gareth
Last name: Jones

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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 it as it is

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is 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: Decrease the number of baskets or remove if not possible

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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? **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 # 914

Not Speaking

First name: **Jacqueline**
Last name: **Jones**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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:

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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

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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?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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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: This would completely depend of which assets the council intends to sell

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Keep updating and having questionnaires like this one on the long term plans

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1063

Not Speaking

First name: Alice
Last name: Jonker

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: Why does it have to cost so much to maintain- it's an icon in Wanganui so should be kept but there must be a cheaper way to maintain 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: Let each shop/business maintain the baskets outside of their shop/ business.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Interestingly we used to have guests come every year for a week to do glass making, 10 years running they came from Auckland and Hamilton, but they stopped 2 years ago as they said the new health and safety rules were over the top and got a bit silly.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Starting the kurbside collection is an unnecessary expense. Taking the re-cycling to the recycle centre is the weekly occasion it's as good a catch up place as the market and part of the locals routine. Those who take their re-cycling will be the ones using the service and those who don't recycle now won't do it even if it comes to their kurb. It's a waste of money. Wanganui is small enough for everyone to the re-cycle centre now.

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 why does it have to cost so much to run, trim the budget another way. And keep the Funky Duck open by extending the lease. No one can sell a business without a proper lease. The same happened to Marton Fish and Chip shop- the poor owner had to just shut down because the council there reneged on the lease so his sale fell through- 5 people lost their jobs and the town lost their best Fish and Chip shop. We don't want to loose the Funky Duck the same way. Councils should be supporting small businesses.

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: Council should make it as easy as possible for a business to set up but not be doing the business themselves. It's a great opportunity for a new business in town. We don't want anymore liquor stores or vape shops.

Royal 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: Marae's should be funding themselves. Do we really need 20?

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and 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 reason for a special crossing at all. Why did this even come up as an idea?

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which 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 needed just reduce the speed limit and deal with those who break the law.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with

and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 794

Not Speaking

First name: Frances
Last name: Joyce

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 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 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 # 1469

Not Speaking

First name: **Mary Anne**
Last name: **Judd**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: When literacy rates are declining among children is not the time to be reducing library services. In fact I think every child who is enrolled at every kura/school should automatically receive a library card along with their school's enrolment information. This would increase library usage I believe.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: Older pools have ongoing, costly issues. I'm not sure why it is necessary to have outdoor pools when an excellent indoor option already exists. In my view an extra outdoor pool is a luxury that is unnecessary. The cost savings from the feasibility study could go into subsidising using the indoor pools at Splash Centre.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: It's time that we more fully utilise publicly funded venues (such as school halls) for these activities.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: In 2024 the demand for this facility is a lot similar to small zoos - largely cute but totally unnecessary.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Why can't a collaboration of local voluntary organisations manage different sections of the hanging baskets, and be acknowledged for doing so. \$93K seems like a hell of a lot to be spending on flowers.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This is an absolutely unique facility. If Whanganui wishes to market itself as being 'arts central' then we need to keep the glassworks.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Important to avoid roadside dumping, which will ultimately cost more to clean 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:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Very important for community hauora.

Further comments on service cuts: I'd suggest that cuts are easy to do, but once a facility or service is gone it rarely returns. Exercise caution please. Kia ora!

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Council should not be involved in providing accommodation for visitors as that will cut into the existing businesses offering accommodation, which isn't fair given they have to compete. Private business shouldn't be forced to compete with public funded business. Covered car parking, heck no! Far more efficient to move car parking out to an industrial area, leave it uncovered, and run electric shuttles or trams to and from CBD and or event areas. I consider it a complete waste of my money to pay for someone to keep dry getting to and from their car - invest in free umbrellas if needed.

Royal 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 stagehouse requires expanding" - does it really? Are there larger productions held weekly? No there aren't. This space is cramped, but it is not a health and safety risk - yes it is restricted, but still workable. Get rid of the theatrical flying system - it's a 'nice to have', not a 'must-have'. \$17.8 million to allow someone to fly through a performance and have more space to work out of - this suggestion is an utter absurdity in my view!! Then I note this statement, which would indicate that you've already made the decision anyway. "This project is scheduled to begin construction in 2025/26."

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: Marae are hugely underfunded for what they provide.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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: Reroute heavy traffic away from this area altogether. And while WDC is at it, how about you recognise the full extent the original land area of Pakaitore, rather than the tiny area you've squashed it into? Page 20 of this report <https://teatawhai.maori.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Pa%CC%84kaitore-A-History.pdf> states "Rather due to pre-colonial and tūpuna usages by Whanganui Hapū and Iwi, the whole area on the map proposed for reclamation was considered Pākaitore." An image on page 22 demonstrates how Maori used Pakaitore and it's true area.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Please don't construct new facilities when existing ones are shoddy, such as the so-called cycle way through Aramoho that, in multiple places, just disappears.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to 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: Please supply a list of assets to be possibly sold and their worth. This question shouldn't be asked until there is sufficient information for people 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? **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: Asset sales should not be mooted without clear information being provided and people having opportunity to feed into the process of decision making. The assets belong to this community - council are merely custodians, not owners.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 805

Not Speaking

First name: **Robbie**
Last name: **Julian**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: As a rural resident I get NO services.

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: Use as part of an amazing tourist stop over.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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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? **3**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 749

Not Speaking

First name: Shannon
Last name: Julius

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Invest and do up the pool! The community love this pool. Better than the splash.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 # 308

Not Speaking

First name: **Christine**
Last name: **Jurgensen**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: To some extent the upgrade is deferred maintenance which hasn't been done over the years. The pool is in a less affluent area, easily accessible by bicycle, and is an important community hub for Whanganui east, with its additional recreation activities of waterslide and bbq's, making it a recreational venue for families of all ages. It would be great to extend the length of time that pool operates.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The aviary is an attraction for both locals and visitors to Whanganui.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The hanging baskets are part of what makes Whanganui such a beautiful city. \$5 per year is a small cost to keep them.

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: As the plaque inside the gardens says 'a public good should be a public care, all should preserve what all may share.'

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: Running hotels is not council business, if it is an economically viable option a hotel chain or private business would do it.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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 both a cultural acknowledgement of the role that Marae play in NZ life, and an investment in infrastructure for all in times of extreme need. In recent years we have seen the role that Marae take in times of floods and cyclones.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is 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

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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

Something else (state below)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: ideally no assets sold, but that does depend whether council have the funds to maintain thne current assets.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Community assets such as the Whanganui East Pool, and Aviary are infastructure that are accessible to all irrespective of income level. These should be retained , their value is more than just \$\$ dollars.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1121

Not Speaking

First name: **Christine**
Last name: **Kale**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 feel the Davis library should be available 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 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This facility is well past its use by date and is no longer fit for purpose

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Sadly this is no longer fit for purpose and is way too expensive to keep propping up.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Birds shouldn't be caged

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Not as visually eye catching as they once were. Not necessary.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: A nice to have but should be a commercial entity. Sell.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This is a valuable asset to our community and very well used.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 delight and brings joy to everyone who visits. The current gardeners do a fantastic job and I would hate to see it close.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the 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 don't see a need to have annuals planted 4 times a year at the traffic islands/roundabout Carlton Ave/Fitzherbert Ave - why not plant once with low growing shrubs like hebe

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to 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 it now but do it RIGHT.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments: This is desperately needed for Wanganui. But should a private company wish to take the lead then I'm all for it.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: I think we need to ensure this building is safe to use but try and get funding from Lotto or somewhere to do the rest of the Full Upgrade

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: Having seen what cyclones can do I think we need plans in place for major disasters and Maraes can help in so many ways at times

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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: Unnecessary

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: It will only get more dangerous overtime if nothing is 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: I would love to see a list of Council Assets - I look forward to seeing the ones that are earmarked for sale in due course.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I just hope that inflation doesn't skyrocket over the next 10 years as I think it is a very difficult decision as to what to cut and what to invest in.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 108

Not Speaking

First name: Paul
Last name: Kamau

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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 Davis Library for 2 days a week.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Lease pool out to an independent operator to provide swimming pool service to the community.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Seek alternative funding for the project to go ahead. Otherwise close it.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I'd rather not close the Aviary.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: What about reducing the amount of baskets and mixing some fake or plastic flowers in between the real ones. These baskets are a great attraction for tourists. How about increasing the parking meter fees by \$1 to subsidise it.

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: Lease out to an operator instead of selling it.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: If you close this it will just get dumped in the river and around the place.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Close Library for 2 days a week.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Keep it and encourage more volunteers

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 the funding as is for the meantime and pocket the savings.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: As Long as one of the goals is to improve our drinking water from being hard water. It may have been ok during Queen Victoria's reign, but her reign ended over 100 years ago, so should our hard water.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. 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 should do everything to encourage a hotel operator but it is not something I believe the council should own or even take the lead 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 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: I agree, but we shouldn't be averse to asking for help in funding this and maybe putting on some shows to contribute towards 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: Council should assist iwi in seeking funding through civil defines and other agencies.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I don't know about this one.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Make it 20 years and bring the value down to \$10 per household

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to 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 have to see a list of assets 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? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I would be more in favour of leasing out assets instead of a wholesale sell off. Some of cause would need to be sold.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1409

Not Speaking

First name: Jhonelle
Last name: Kara

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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

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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

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Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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

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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

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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?

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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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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would 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 # 1401

Not Speaking

First name: Kelly
Last name: Karena

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 keeps connection alive in Whanganui. It's a valuable community hub. I also use the library for study where there are printers, wifi and computers.

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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: We have an 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 birds are only there for humans pleasure, not for the benefit of the bird who were made with wings to fly. Although these birds would need to be re homed because of the length of time they have been in captivity, it is wrong to cage species up for another species pleasure.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Maybe ask a business to adopt a hanging basket, even half of them and the council the other half. They do make our avenue brighter. Also, don't buy so many flowers for roundabouts etc, there's so much more life on the flowers when you pull them out. Leave them in there longer or out ones in there that last longer.

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: Glassworks is not something my family and I are interested 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: We need to help keep our environment clean.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Again, connection to the community stays alive. And by closing the library one day a week is only saving \$1 per household.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Keep it open and ask for a gold coin per family or per group each time they go in. Use those meters where you put a coin in and it lets you in. At least you get some kind of money coming 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Hire experts to do the mahi.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and

Don't know

carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: If you do develop a hotel here, make sure they have a spa, a mini gym, and maybe a breakfast buffet, something the locals can also enjoy and would want to stay at when they want something different. I would if there was such a place here.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Cut the funding in half. Surely it doesn't need that much. First in first serve.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to 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: If you cut Marae funding down to half, you could give the rest of that towards the rebuild. They literally help save lives, they deserve a stable building.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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 would be a lovely touch to connect the awa with Pakaitore, especially on Saturdays (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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I'm not familiar with that road, I would rather people who use that road to comment.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt

Don't know

and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: There are a lot of Heritage buildings here that would be sad to see them go to rich people who don't live in NZ and charge the earth to lease them out to locals.

How would 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 # 1654

Not Speaking

First name: Diljeet
Last name: Kaur

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which 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? **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 # 346

Not Speaking

First name: Kimberly
Last name: Kawau

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: I support keeping it open but think it could be better or bigger and is good for locals and 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: Maybe a good idea to have a monitoring system in place to ensure it is rural communities using the service

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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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would 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 # 455

Not Speaking

First name: Joshia
Last name: Kaweroa

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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 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

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 927

Not Speaking

First name: **Mere**
Last name: **Keating**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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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?

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?

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take 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

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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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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: Good Luck

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 613

Not Speaking

First name: Daryl
Last name: Keeling

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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:

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Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to 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 # 618

Not Speaking

First name: rae
Last name: keeling

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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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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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1551

Not Speaking

First name: Nicholas
Last name: Keene

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This recommendation would be an unnecessary act of self-harm. Reducing opening hours is an extremely cost ineffective way to make savings - the recommendation represents a 15% reduction in service for a 1.5% budget saving. The rates requirement for Libraries will fall in 2024-2025 with the reduction in the book budget without this additional small saving but if the money has to be saved ask the Library to find it in a way less harmful to the service.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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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:

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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?

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? **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 # 1098

Not Speaking

First name: Ellen
Last name: Keene

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Such a huge service reduction for so little saving makes no sense, especially given the larger saving already applied to the book budget. If further savings are required, they should be found through other means like offering staff voluntary reduction in hours or trimming other budgets. If opening hours have to be reduced, you must look to weekends first - no library service in the country operates Tue-Sun! Please remember the cost of libraries is a lot less than the cost of an ignorant nation

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to 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:

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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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: A lesser amount, half the suggested

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which 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? **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 # 1187

Not Speaking

First name: **Adrienne**
Last name: **Kellow**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: When the baskets were first introduced they looked absolutely amazing and were worth every cent. Now they are an absolute disgrace and we are being completely ripped off if the cost is \$93k/year. They look pathetic, most don't even have annual flowers in them just some scungy plant that lasts year round. I am in complete disbelief that the council agrees to pay this sort of money and that is the result

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: Get rid of those hanging baskets pronto

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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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

Don't know

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Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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: Baskets baskets baskets

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1181

Not Speaking

First name: Shirley
Last name: Kelly

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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:

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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:

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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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 # 1577

Not Speaking

First name: Jillian
Last name: Kelly

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

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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: Reduce the number of hanging baskets and provide some funding to a community group - these baskets add beauty and colour to our community's streets and it would be a shame to lose them.

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:

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Submitter Comments: I think all libraries should close for one day a week - staggered days so that the community can still access library services each day (but maybe at a different library than their usual).

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Is it possible to put the gardens on "pause" - remove all the plants and shut it until a point in the future when we can afford to open it again? If not, I think the gardens should be closed (Option 2).

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: One of the funding grants could go to a community group responsible for the hanging baskets?

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments: I would prefer to leave this to the private sector - I would've thought that a private developer would be pursuing this type of project if there was feasibility for it in Whanganui. I'm unsure it sits within Council's core business, particularly in this economic climate.

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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? **2**
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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 # 782

Not Speaking

First name: Julie
Last name: Kelly

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Close on Sundays

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 Feilding can operate a lovely indoor/outdoor complex - why cant we?

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 place caters for only a few

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Its had its day. Time to move on

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: No impact on rates - why change it?

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Something else (state below)

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Rural users should pay for it

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

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Ratepayers shouldn't be having to fund a hotel. How about council make it easier for an operator to plan and build something like this?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments: No way should rate payers have to fund Maori more than we already do. Tribes/iwi or whatever should be able to seek funding from their own coffers.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to 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: What percentage of ratepayers benefit from this service? Going to the beach is a choice and self responsibility should be the message. There are many more ways council could support sport and recreation for the wider community eg enhancing Kowhai Park, Springvale Park,

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Submitter Comments: Who uses it? A small and possibly vocal minority.

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Submitter Comments: And Mosston Rd please!

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1398

Not Speaking

First name: **Julene**
Last name: **Kelly**

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:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1365

Not Speaking

First name: **Bruce**
Last name: **Kelly**

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: keen reader and user of the Library, but 7 days a week not needed

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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: As I live in Castlecliff, I do not know the situation in Whanganui. However, they would have no further to travel to the Splash Centre, than I do.

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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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:

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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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I think if this what Iwi want, then perhaps Iwi should front up with 50% of the cost. Alternatively, a more simple and less costly structure put in place

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:

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I would like to see the Tram Track extended as this something the Council signed up to doing almost 20 years ago and we are still waiting !

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1083

Not Speaking

First name: David
Last name: Kemp

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Reduce the hanging baskets to 2 city blocks only

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The quicker this work can be done the better. It will never get cheaper.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. 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's role should be to attract and facilitate such a development, not own it. The suggested cost is in cuckoo land, you will never build a 60 room facility for that, look at the Sargent! Even a feasibility study will be a waste of money but there is no mention even of the cost of that.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Need to see a business case for doing anything with the facilities, but keeping the service operating is vital.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Need to see actual proposed plan and how this cost is made 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 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: Details of proposed sales must community consultation prior to selling.

How would 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: Future planning is fine, but not at the expense of losing community facilities which we will never get back.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 972

Not Speaking

First name: Josephine
Last name: Kennedy

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, 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 # 1120

Not Speaking

First name: Terry
Last name: Kennedy

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 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?

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:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: No

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 775

Not Speaking

First name: **Brian**
Last name: **Kenny**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: We already have a dedicated indoor pool area. Which is available just about all year round.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This is part of a visitor attraction area.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: They add value to our central city for visitors and our community.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: If this is an important issue for the council to be looking at, maybe they should be looking at ways to support the establishment hotel's already here.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Everyone in the country has some involvement at some point with the Opera House directly or indirectly. From schools, businesses to touring shows. Adults through to children. And that's just the beginning. Just stop and think about how you have been connected with the Opera House at some point of your life. There is also a lot of potential in this asset for Whanganui now and into 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 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? **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 # 1272

Not Speaking

First name: Louise
Last name: Kenny

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I think it should be kept at all cost.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is 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 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 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 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

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1646

Not Speaking

First name: Steven
Last name: Kerridge

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take 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 have a building at 60 Ridgway St that has a restaurant on the ground floor and soon to have a rooftop garden/bar, I am already considering converting the top floor into accomodation and have the option to convert the first floor also, this would provide roughly 40 studio/single room beds as a starting point all within the existing footprint at a far lower cost then building new At the rear of the property is the council carpark off St Hill St opposite the Opera House that you could multi level Once the Sarjeant Gallery has vacated my other property at 38 Taupo Quay another idea for more rooms is I convert the upstairs into boutique accomodation I am not a hotel operator and don't want to be so would look for a lessee be it council or other and need support in finding someone who is and can advise

on the layout etc for the development Between these buildings and other developers properties such as the Native Land Court on the corner of Rutland St you would be well on your way to filling the need for more accomodation but in a more boutique way which would activate different parts of lower town also Food for thought...

Royal 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?

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

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community 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: Wakefield Chambers has been sitting empty since I moved here three years ago, if privately owned a developer may or may not have developed this by now and be making use of the upper levels

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 343

Not Speaking

First name: Margi
Last name: Keys

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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?

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

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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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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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:

Supporting documents No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1489

Not Speaking

First name: Lana
Last name: Kidd

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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: U could look at a gold coin donation box,that would help with the upkeep

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

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: No

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 615

Not Speaking

First name: Reg
Last name: Kidd

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Agree with council 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 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: Agree with council option

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Other premises available to be better utilised

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: All adds to local visitors and tourists as well

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove 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 feature many visitors admire

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 don't see it as a commercial operation and it does add to tourism, which brings revenue to other local businesses

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the 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 with Council logic and option for this service

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Appropriate option

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 for Glassworks and Aviary, this adds to visitor numbers and revenue for various local businesses

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Agree with Council option to support the community in this way, but ask where Central Government is on this issue!?

Further comments on service cuts: Cutting any service cost should not be carried out, if any such cut is simply a deferment of either operating or capital costs. Later year rates will rise more quickly

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Future inflation expectations need to be kept in mind and which ever option is chosen now, Council addressing future costs are better to set aside more rather than less in any year a surplus may occur. Does Council have any depreciation consideration when planning future infrastructure capital and maintenance costs and budgeting accordingly?

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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 option could also be modified to not have council involvement in the hotel business, but rather just act as a facilitator in the manner of what frequently happens in the US. For example, concessions for a certain period to an entity who does proceed with such a development. The relevant impact on rates would need to be taken into account.

Royal 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: Agreed, as long as the commitment is set into place, to give confidence going forward, to all parties involved.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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 with council option.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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 must have service that does need to be supported.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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: Agreed

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: My logic

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Agree as long as delivery of Council services are impacted minimally

How would 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

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1080

First name: Donna
Last name: King

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

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: Gonville Library needs to stay. It's a ,real hub for our coconnecting and enriching our lives. I don't drive and appreciate that it's wAlking distance from my home. It's staff are professional and friendly, they know our names and GreAt to talk to about books we enjoy. Also like how it hosts talks and other community activities, we're locals get to make,new,friends.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to 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 # 1416

Not Speaking

First name: Sue
Last name: King

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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: Give the land back to the Whanganui East School if the pool is not going to be maintained by the council. The council will need to pay the costs of returning it to the state it was when the school community gifted it to the Council

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Make it function properly eg fix the fly system to encourage organisations like the RNZB to be able to use the Opera House for the benefit of the community.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 # 920

Speaking

First name: **Tania**
Last name: **King**
Organisation: **Sport Whanganui, CEO**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: We support having an outdoor pool in our community but understand the cost of operating it affects ratepayers. In most cases pool facilities are not built as financial investments. They are costly to construct and operate. Those that are not private, commercial facilities (swim schools and tourist spas.) will operate at a financial loss. Therefore, the return on investment for most pool facilities is not driven by financial returns but by wellbeing returns. Sport NZ estimates that overall for every \$1 spent on sport and physical activity \$2.12 of social return is generated and aquatic facilities contributes to this. Completing a district aquatics strategy/feasibility study before the pool is either closed or invested in is the best approach to ensuring we are maximising social returns and minimising the financial burden on ratepayers. Our preferred action is completing the strategy/feasibility study during the pool's 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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?

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: Community grants enable locally-led development and events, which make a significant contribution to the community. We support increasing this funding. We would particularly like to see increased funding to the Sport and Recreation Facilities fund.

Further comments on service cuts: We are concerned that the decision to reduce parks maintenance will come at the cost of our community using these spaces for recreation. 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. 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. We would like to know: what parks are facing a reduction of service and to what extent? What criteria did the council use to come to decisions around what service reductions will be made at which parks/areas? There is no mention of sports facilities in the consultation document. What, if anything, is proposed around sports field maintenance?

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

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: We agree that a lack of accommodation is a limiting factor for hosting events, such as the Masters Games and sports tournaments. There is inarguably a need for more accommodation to support these events. However, there are a number of factors to consider, such as the council's broader strategy for attracting events and catering to different needs of visitors. For example, travelling sports teams will have accommodation requirements that may be different to visitors coming in for a weekend arts event. Our preferred action is for the council to complete and socialize a feasibility/scoping study for the hotel and car park and for consultation to be undertaken once the community has the information needed to assess the projected benefits against costs.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Don't know

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Don't know

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: The Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service is critical to ensuring safe enjoyment of our beaches. They contribute significantly to community wellbeing and we endorse further investment in this organization and its infrastructure.

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: Consistent with the council's Open Spaces and Physical Activity Strategy, we support the development of our parks and open spaces to better support access and increased use of these facilities. However, we would need to see a concept plan to evaluate the potential benefit of the development against the costs. Our preferred action is for the council to complete and socialize a concept plan, and for consultation to be undertaken once the community has enough information to assess the potential benefits against costs.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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 support the development of this trail and expect it will be a well-used recreational asset for our community. We also support the council's plan to investigate options for external funding as mentioned in the consultation document.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: We understand the need to reduce debt, however we have serious concerns about the lack of transparency around this question. Asset sales have the potential to affect sport and recreation significantly. We do not want to see a loss of sports facilities, nor for neighbourhoods to lose access to recreational spaces. Our preferred action is for 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?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the

lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Overall, we're disappointed by the options and lack of detail presented. The approach of consulting before feasibility studies or business cases are completed does not allow the community to put forward informed opinions. As it stands, it is difficult for us to fully understand the potential impact of this LTP (positive or negative) on our sector. We are also concerned by the potential impact of both asset sales and service reductions on our parks, open spaces and sports facilities. We firmly believe that divestment in these spaces and places will be to the detriment of community wellbeing, and hope the goals set out in the Open Spaces and Physical Activity Strategy remain a priority for the council.

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 589

First name: **Melanie**
Last name: **King**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 486

Speaking

First name: Tash
Last name: Kingi
Organisation: None

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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: Move to amdram

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Put a better whanau orientated space in the area

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Start looking at upgrading our sport facilities eg stadium

Further comments on service cuts: Nope

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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: Stay true to what your community is saying to you

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1557

Not Speaking

First name: Debra
Last name: Kingston

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 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: There are plenty of other funders out there providing support. Also there are plenty of community organisations not performing as they say they are and we seem to have multiple organisations offering very similar services.

Further comments on service cuts: Why is council restructure and wages not on offer??? Why do we have some many councilors we pay for? Why did we put money into the cooks gardens bike track? This is a very short list of actual places we can save money, mismanaging is a great start don't you think? Love to see another list of costings and savings on the above items I have mentioned

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: No! We don't have enough accommodation? I think you need to recheck this. I have worked in a motel and they are mostly at capacity when an event is on once every year or longer.

There is not way it will pay for itself once you have staff etc involved and you will take away from other providers. How is this even a council consideration? It's more a business venture in disguise.

Royal 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: You can't afford much else

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Marae are funded hugely by regional and nation wide funders, this will be supported if you look into their financials. why are we looking and funding them more than any other organisation? For the amount of people who actually get benefit from it I believe we cease funding as per the original agreement.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to 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

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Restructure if council will offset this and then some

How would 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: Again you have only given a few options, there needs to be more options including restructure and information how much is spent on wages and benefits for council

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 428

Not Speaking

First name: Christopher
Last name: Kirby

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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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?

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?

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?

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Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 # 510

Not Speaking

First name: James
Last name: Kirkwood

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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take 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:

Pākaitore Reserve 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? **4**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I have been informed by the Sarjeant Trust that the Sarjeant Gallery's budget for the reopening year and following years has been cut by \$200,000 per annum from what had been planned originally. These cuts could risk the gallery being under-resourced, and it seems to me that a bigger gallery - which has been so long in the making (and will be such a great asset to Whanganui and the large arts community) - will obviously cost more to run than previous incarnations. Hopefully that will be considered as an important factor in making the most of the new facility. I consider that Whanganui District Council needs to keep the Sarjeant budget at a level that allows the gallery to operate confidently into the future. James Kirkwood.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 102

First name: **Te**
Last name: **Kirkwood**
Organisation: **Redroom Ltd Director**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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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

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1019

Not Speaking

First name: Joanne
Last name: Knapp

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Insignificant savings compared to inconvenience to users

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Do wanganui east schools use this pool for teaching their kids, if so then upgrade is preferable.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Known as a special feature of Wanganui. Maybe shops could help sponsor a basket?

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (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: Vital to the community

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Look for a patron of the gardens to prioritize fundraising.

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: More transparency required of how much money is gifted to what projects. If council is already gifting a significant amount why is more required. Accountability is required.

Further comments on service cuts: Stop installing expensive raised pedestrian crossings and judder bars. Don't begin kerbside recycling. Pandering to social do gooders. It's prone to many issues and problems (consider evidence from other councils). People in Wanganui already have a recycle facility to use. This alone would surely create a significant cut to council spending

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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:

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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? **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 # 911

Not Speaking

First name: **Melva**
Last name: **Knapp**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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Submitter Comments:

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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

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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: A "must" for whanganuis image. Cannot imagine the main street without flowers. PLEASE KEEP AT ALL COSTS!

New Zealand Glassworks

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Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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Submitter Comments: Keep the gardens - a must

Level of Community Grant Funding

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Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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?

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 # 1550

Not Speaking

First name: Channa
Last name: Knuckey

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 SO important, as Whanganui grows it will become more important. No outdoor pool at the Splash centre. With climate changing it is not a time to add a new outdoor pool.

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: This is a much loved 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: This is a huge part of what makes Whanganui unique and attractive

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Option 2 would cost more in long run - with dumping of litter.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville 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 important neighborhood hub, which contributes to community cohesion & 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:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the 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 believe rates will NEED to rise by at least 10.6% We need to maintain our unique attractive features.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: It will cost MUCH more to let things go...

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Option 2 depends on keeping our level of attractive features maintained

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Something else (state below)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Seek naming sponsorship to cover costs of option 3 or 4.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: We are a seaside city - option 1 is the only smart option

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Make it a speed limit road with speed humps. Drivers need to become wiser in this district to other road users.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

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Submitter Comments: My main areas of support to local and regional council are walking, cycling safety and effective public transport.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 629

Not Speaking

First name: Cory
Last name: Kondracki

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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: Why not sell it on the provision that it stills operates as an outdoor pool because so many people use it

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 442

Not Speaking

First name: Nichole
Last name: Kopu

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville 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 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. 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:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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? **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 # 379

Not Speaking

First name: **Fabian**
Last name: **Kopu**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: Unfortunately there is no data on the use of the seven library facilities that exist currently and i believe this is important information to make a decision on. That said I believe there should be a consolidation to further reduce costs.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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: Seems sensible to consolidate to one site

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Vibrancy is important as it affects the mood of the town and it's inhabitants. Also great for 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: If no buyer then council should retain 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: As per comments on Davis library, hard to state exactly what should occur here as the impact is not known however cost reduction need to be undertaken at a greater level than the proposed cuts

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: Again unsure of the use and so in my view it should be closed as i don't see what value it brings

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I don't believe the council should be taking on this risk and it should be left to companies that have the skill set to implement. Council should focus on driving economic activity from

which local business can thrive. I would like to see a feasibility study on the development of a conference facility as an option.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: It's important to have infrastructure available in the event of an emergency

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: This is an essential service to the community. Having seen this building and should other funding streams be available to WSLS I would be in favour of the funding being provided earlier than the current budgeting timeframe

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I believe there are more important projects

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which 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: The specifics are important

How would 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: Council needs to achieve single digit increases in rates during the next 3 years. The cost crisis is such that under utilised services are consolidated and streamlined and assets need to either generate an appropriate return or be sold. Infrastructure needs to be protected and developed as do assets that bring economic activity to the region such as the airport and port.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 541

First name: zekhalia
Last name: koro

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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 be open because when it is summer it will be to hot and you can go swimming at the whanganui east pools with your family and friends . also doing swimming lesson with your friends and mum or dad and because when you go to splash it well be to hot in there . Whanganui East School, age 9

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option 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:

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Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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 # 1215

Not Speaking

First name:

Mihiterina

Last name:

Kotuku haami

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 990

Not Speaking

First name: Erik
Last name: Kruithof

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Keep pool open until another option for east Whanganui is available

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 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: doing more work with in house workers and not contracting it all out

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. 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: This will provide the space to have many more and bigger shows, there by providing the funds to continue the improvements in future

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: raised pavement crossings are a traffic hazard because the council is training people to use the like zebra crossings and expect cars to stop for them. I have been yelled at for not stopping for them

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1143

Not Speaking

First name: Philip
Last name: Kubiak

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: The council is not in the business of running caged 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:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (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?

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 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? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: No thanks.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 139

Not Speaking

First name: Hihiria
Last name: Kumeroa

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (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 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: Our marae offer refuge in times of crisis to the entire community. We need investment to ensure we can maintain the mana and integrity of not just Whanganui iwi members but all the community.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: What assets are being proposed? How did these become assets? What is the history behind how these assets were obtained? Will this impact on relationships between WDC and Whanganui iwi?

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: We will submit a document on behalf of our hapu collective. Thank you.

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 999

Not Speaking

First name: Sue
Last name: Kumeroa
Organisation: Gonville Book Club. Book Club Member submitting

with whole group permission

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: We are the eight members that make up the Gonville book club and have been meeting monthly since shortly after the Gonville Library opened, sometimes in the library, and sometimes in the community room behind the library. Most of the books we read and discuss are borrowed from the Gonville library. We are all regular visitors to Gonville Library, borrowing books, using wifi, drinking the yummy library coffee, and many of us also belong to other groups that meet regularly at the library. Several of us have grandchildren who have taken part in library holiday and after school programmes. We have high praise for our friendly and knowledgeable librarians who help make the library the wonderful place it is. We would be incredibly saddened if any of the services at the library were stopped, including the possibility of closing the library for a day a week. Gonville is an actively connected community, as evidenced by such groups as Stone Soup Community, and we see this library as our community hub for diverse ethnicities, and all ages. We urge the council please do not change the way our library runs. Thank you.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1328

Not Speaking

First name: Sue
Last name: Kumeroa

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

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 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Our community needs Gonville library. As a part of Stone Soup community and a very regular user of the library I would be very distressed to see the library close, or even continuing with reduced opening hours. Gonville library is a hub for our community. As well as book loaning, it offers knowledgeable, friendly staff, daily services, groups, activities, speakers, and technology availability for all ages. We are a lower income part of Whanganui and are often disadvantaged because of this. The library is an accessible, safe, friendly space for enjoyment, educational, neighbourhood connections, and getting lost in book-land. As well as book borrowing, it enables people in our community to access many support services they would not otherwise have easy access to. I ask that opening hours are not reduced, and that our library continues to operate as it currently is. Thank you

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 416

Not Speaking

First name: Leon
Last name: Kyle

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Charge for 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 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Charge for 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:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. 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: Outsource the whole project and partition to govt for funding for building of historical significance. Charge more for hireage of building to offset costs.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Sell all assets that return less than 7% and if that includes places of significance then write into the sales agreement term in favour of community benefit.

How would 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 # 1002

Not Speaking

First name: V
Last name: L

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Sounds sensible, not a huge saving though so also seems negligible - happy to pay the \$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?

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 part of town already lacks facilities and many kids live amd gonto school in the area. Invest amd make it more of a destination, that way we have facilities more accessible to the wider community

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: Sounds like a more sensible solution than having an empty space- these are things they can contribute to a dying town

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you 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 fully support closing the aviary, it is in quite a gross state (or alternatively setting up a satalite of Wild Base)

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: They add a wonderful aesthetic and charm to our town which is always great for tourism. I would support main street businesses covering the instead cost (or an adopt a basket)

New Zealand Glassworks

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: It appears well visited and contributes to our strong arts scene - a huge drawcard for visitors and new residents

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: Special levy for rural properties? Otherwise support keeping it

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Libraries are amazing community resources

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It doesn't have the same wow factor as the same in other towns, rather keep the town hang baskets instead

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: Seems important!

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Support option 2 without the carpark. I dont believe it is necessary- we should encourage more public transport use instead

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: We need at least one amazing venue

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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

Something else (state below)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Dont feel i can answer without knowing whats on the chopping blpck. Generally do not support asset sales

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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 # 812

Speaking

First name: **Stephen**
Last name: **Lace**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 see great value in community swimming pools which bring swimming skills, joy and healthy exercise in a safe environment. We place - correctly - a high value on human life. Pools such as WHANGANUI EAST help develop valuable water and swimming skills.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Sad but seems necessary to demolish or sell the building.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: WDC is best placed to determine - in the current environment - - whether the Whanganui in Bloom hanging baskets are worth the investment.

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: Close or sell the Glassworks or lease the site to an artist. WDC should never have purchased this building and business. The operation is best run by private enterprise.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

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: Libraries can be closed for 1-2 days per week. The public can adapt.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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: Core infrastructure should be Council's main focus. We seem to be making progress on Stormwater but our roads / streets are in poor condition.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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: WDC should not try to pretend that it has any expertise in the hotel business. Other factors have had a recent impact on available beds including WDC's own actions. Leave it to commercial operators to identify the opportunity and come to you to discuss.

Royal 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: Do nothing. Wait until we have improved WDC's financial position - then reconsider.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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 seem to be well resourced and to have been well provided for. You have not provided detailed reports on the condition and current capability of the various Marae.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Support the new facility but with a firm limit of \$1M.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: This is a good idea and will greatly reduce danger to vulnerable users.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Hard to have a clear / firm opinion if you do not indicate what assets might be sold. But - you are making new investments so perhaps sale of under-used or under-performing assets is wise.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 324

Not Speaking

First name: Linda
Last name: Lamb

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, **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 # 458

Not Speaking

First name: **Mary Ann**
Last name: **Lamont**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during 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 don't think closing on a Monday would impact library uses too much as it would be open all other days.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This pool is a valuable and well used pool for families and schools. Having an outdoor pool in Whanganui is very important. I do not enjoy taking grandkids to the Splash especially in summer. The Whanganui East community in particular have always used and loved this facility.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Don't know

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments: I think this improved access would enhance this area, in convenience, connection and safety.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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? **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 # 1605

Not Speaking

First name: Wendy
Last name: Lane

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 one of the few multigenerational multi ethnic facilities we have

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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 should sell the pilot academy it is not something that benefits the rate payers of whangabui and has been taking money from it for many years and will continue to do so

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 4

Not Speaking

First name: Elizabeth
Last name: Lane

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 1: Increase the 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

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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 # 1666

Not Speaking

First name: Sarah
Last name: Lang

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during 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 library buildings those days

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Option one, but delay the feasibility study for a year or two to reduce the year one rates increase- we are all really struggling and this is an expense we could do without at the moment (but we do need outdoor swimming options in future so I dont think we should bin it completely)

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Delay the demolition for a year or two until the economy is out of recession and wages catch up to costs so people are better able to afford the cost of the demo. Also sell the land under it- it's pretty prime real estate so that should offset some future costs

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The aviary is an absolute icon for Whanganui, and one of the only things here that is truly accessible to all regardless of age, disability, income etc. There is really nothing else for people in wheelchairs. Please please don't take away the one thing they have.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I have mixed views- am keen to reduce costs to reduce the burden on everyone, but these really add to the charm of our city and removing them might have a detrimental impact on tourism. Could we remove some of them (say every second one) instead?

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: I think this is a real tourist attraction and closing it might cost us more than it saves. Are there other ways of reducing costs like only opening a few days a week?

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Rural people won't fly tip! If the issue is urban people doing it, there must be a cheaper option than remote bins- say monthly amnesties somewhere so they use that rather than fly tipping (which happens all the time at the beach etc and must cost a lot to tidy up!)

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: This is a key part of our best park. But it would be better to close this than the aviary!!

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: As a disabled person, nothing useful comes out of this slush fund for us! There is no way we should be paying into it much less increasing it at the expense of the aviary which is the one place I can enjoy with all my family!!!

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: I don't want my rates to increase, but infrastructure is essential and the most core thing Council does so I accept the need for this.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: If it is viable, the private sector will meet the need. This is not the business of Council and absolutely not something that we should be asked to pay for when we are struggling and you are talking about removing things that actually make life worthwhile.

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: Sell the Opera House like you are proooising with the Glassworks. This is not an accessible building, and it's not worth trying to upgrade it when there are other facilities in town (like the Collegiate auditorium) that are accessible and able to host more performances

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: By 2027 we will be post settlement, so there isn't a need for the wider community to fund 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 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Surf lifesaving is an emergency service that should be funded by central government. Councils dabbling in this just enables them to evade their responsibility

Pākaitore Reserve 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: Just put in a zebra crossing! Surely painting a few white lines won't cost us \$60 each!!!

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which 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 # 1680

Not Speaking

First name: Amy
Last name: Langford

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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 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 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 # 1066

First name: **Mary**
Last name: **Laurenson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Important to my life. Difficult to park on any day. More days open, the better.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Ideas for outdoor swimmingpool very vague. Necessary in Whanganui East particularly. Access to Splash Centre or anywhere else difficult.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Demolish building, stabilise bank behind, leading to possibility for shelter and seated area.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: demolish aviary but build a smaller one, giving birds chance to rest and keeping within ideal regulations. Community help?

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: But no Parking tower. Make sure new owner accepts this

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?

Submitter Comments: For general safety Whanganui drowning statistics are high; building can be used for communities activities. Already cafe and exhibition areas are appreciated

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Moving along this area is already dangerous and would impact truck movements. Pakaitore can be entered from each side by foot traffic. To acknowledge its importance to earliest use of the river access, sculptures or real waka could be a feature of the river bank, perhaps close to or continuation of Market Place. Promotes Art in Whanganui.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which 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: Absolutely necessary to consult city and Whanganui as a whole before any asset sales at all are considered by Council

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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: Congratulations on very clear and well set out consultation document. Very necessary. Fear what Government will dictate, despite Council efforts!!

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 567

Not Speaking

First name: Lucy
Last name: Law

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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. Follow Michael Law's plan

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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:

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Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Gift baskets to shop owners. Mainstreet only responsible for watering

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Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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Don't know

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 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:

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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? **3**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**