Minutes of Meeting No. FR4 of Finance and Risk Committee
held on 12 May 2014 in the Council Chamber, Barkes Corner, Tauranga
Commencing at 9.00am

Present

G Webber (Chairperson), Councillors R Goudie, K Gunn, P Mackay, K Marsh, S Matthews, G Merriman, M Murray-Benge, J Scrimgeour, D Thwaites, M Williams and His Worship the Mayor R J Paterson

In Attendance

G Snelgrove (Chief Executive Officer), M Taris (Group Manager Corporate and Planning Services), G Allis (Group Manager Engineering), R Davie (Group Manager Policy and Planning), M Potton (Finance Manager), P Watson (Reserves and Facilities Manager), I Kruis (Utilities Environmental and Compliance Officer) and F Sweeney (District Secretary)

Others

Submitters as listed, and two members of the press.


The Finance and Risk Committee considered the late submissions received after the submission closing date and circulated separately. It was noted that Submission 373 from Tauranga City Council as tabled had been received within the timeframe but was inadvertently omitted in the production of the submissions document.

Resolved: Webber/His Worship the Mayor Paterson

THAT all late submissions to the draft Annual Plan 2014/15, and the draft 2014-2015 Fees and Charges be received, being the following:

- 359 - Raymond Hayward
- 360 - Fairhaven Primary School
- 361 - Carole Parker
• 362 – Gabrielle Syminton
• 369 – Tauranga Safe City
• 370 – James A’Bear
• 371 – Quayside Properties
• 372 – Te Puke St John

FR4.2
Draft Annual Plan 2014/15 and Draft 2014-2015 Fees and Charges - Submitters to be heard

Councillors Merriman and Williams declared an interest in all submissions on the Katikati Heritage Museum.

FR4.2.1
Submission 23 - Richard Ashton

Richard Ashton was in attendance and he tabled and read a further submission.

FR4.2.2
Submission 104 - Dallas, Andrew Murray

Andrew Dallas spoke to his written submission in support of the funding for tennis courts in Omokoroa. In response to questions he advised as follows:

- He believed there needed to be four courts as other things such as lighting could be added later.
- He would prefer the courts on the reserve rather than at the school.

FR4.2.3
Submission 139 - Wallis, Donald John

Donald Wallis was in attendance and spoke to his submission on the Katikati Heritage Museum noting the following:

- His biggest concern was the collection.
- There were alternative sites such as the Katikati Fire Station or the Athenree House where the collection could be housed.
- The value of the collection was approximately $45,000 and Council should consider whether the collection was separate to the premises.

In response to a question he said that the Fire Station, because of its location, was ideal for the collection and would work well with less staff.

Donald Wallis was thanked for the work he and other volunteers did for the museum.
FR4.2.4 Submission 147 - O'Hara, Kelvin

Kelvin O'Hara spoke to his written submission highlighting the following:

- Council should retain its interest in the Kaituna River and any transfer to the Regional Council would have serious implications for adjoining landowners.
- He did not believe Council was getting a good return on its investment in economic agencies.
- Council needed to plan for longer than a 10 year time frame in regard to the Tauranga Eastern Link.
- Council did not have sufficient representation on all of the organisations it was funding.
- He was disappointed at the amount of support the tourism industry in the Western Bay was receiving from Tourism Bay of Plenty.

In response to a question he advised that there was a problem on the waterway with a jet boat on a part of the river adjoining the property resulting in a loss of a large piece of the riverbank. He advised that it had taken over 4 months for the Regional Council to address the issue.

FR4.2.5 Submission 151 - Davison, James Adam

James Davison was in attendance and he tabled and read a further submission in relation to the Highfields (Katikati) stormwater detention pond. Mr Davison was thanked for his work on this topic.

FR4.2.6 Submission 168 - Presland, Peter John

Peter Presland was in attendance and thanked Council for the “Have your say” section on its website. He spoke in support of his submission and highlighted the following:

- One of the objectives of the Omokoroa Point School was to increase its roll and to attract people to Omokoroa it was necessary to develop facilities such as a playground at the Western Avenue reserve.
- Omokoroa Point School, given its location, was ideal as a hub for the community and should sports facilities be developed at the school this was on the basis that any facilities were for the use of the whole community.

In response to questions he noted the following:

- If there were three courts these could be multipurpose for tennis, hockey and tennis.
- The school had missed the opportunity to apply to the facilities in the community fund in the current round.
- The school was always fundraising and would be looking for a partnership to develop facilities.
FR4.2.7 Submission 256 - Omokoroa Community Board - Members John Palmer and Chris Woods

Member Palmer spoke on behalf of the Omokoroa Community Board emphasising the following:

- Council was to be congratulated on its financial prudence.
- The Board supported the Structure Plan Review and the Community Development Plan review.
- He questioned the figures relating to the costs for the tennis court development, and noted that this was at odds with the internal submission and draft Annual Plan on this project and stated that he believed the correct figure was $185,000 and not $105,000.
- The Board did not support a district wide approach to the Katikati Heritage Museum, but did support a district wide joint approach to a central museum with Tauranga City.

In response to questions Members Palmer and Woods advised as follows:

- The community was still small and at this time in regard to the tennis courts there was some reservation as to why that amount of money was to be spent on one facility when a number of other facilities such as playgrounds and a skate park were needed.
- The Board supported the concept plan for the courts and the overall concept plan for Western Avenue and many of the proposed facilities would need to be included in the Long Term Plan and funded over time.
- All the work on the seawall was new work and not maintenance.
- They understood that there were other Council/School partnerships for facilities in the community.

FR4.2.8 Submission 206 - Gaelic, Paula Jennifer

Paula Gaelic was in attendance and tabled and read a further submission. In response to questions she advised as follows:

- It was difficult to assess the value of the collection as it had not been accessioned and catalogued.
- Recent collections donated to the museum were on the basis that it was a public facility and if the facility did not exist these may have to be returned.
- The one-off grant proposed in the Annual Plan would only band-aid the financial haemorrhaging.
- All other museums around the country got money every year from their Councils and with a $550,000 mortgage to pay further funding would be needed but with a business plan in place and a set of financial accounts the Museum could now apply for other funding.
- Other museums which had not started off with a mortgage did not have this issue as funding agencies tended not to support a mortgage but rather museum equipment such as display cases.
• The collection was the most important thing.
• There were advantages and disadvantages with the current site, as it had good access for buses and a carpark for visitors.

10.30 a.m. The hearing adjourned for morning tea.
10.45 a.m. The hearing reconvened. Councillors Gunn and Williams were not present.

FR4.2.9 Submission 223 - Katch Katikati

Jacqui Knight was in attendance on behalf of Katch Katikati and spoke in support of the written submission to relocate Katch Katikati to the Fire Station which was the preferred option. In response to a question she advised that the model including the information centre to move into the Fire Station was a result of consultation with Council staff and other interested parties.

FR4.2.10 Submission 226 - Moller, Dennis Keith

Dennis Moller was in attendance and spoke to his written submission, and asked how long the museum funding would continue and what would happen in the future after another year.

FR4.2.11 Submission 210 - Haggo, Craig

Craig Haggo, Principal of Pongakawa School was in attendance and addressed the following matters:

• The Community Action Centre was developed with the community and Council.
• He requested that Council revisit the application for funding tennis courts.
• He asked that Council reconsider the restriction on the use of the grant made earlier in the year and allow for an electronic scoreboard.
• He advised future plans for the Pongakawa Wetland Project.
• He suggested that there may be a need to provide for some subdivision in the Pongakawa area.

In response to questions he advised as follows:

• The Crown owned the land for the wetlands area and it was administered by the Council.
• The vision was that the tennis courts surface be a multi-sport surface to allow for hockey and other sports.
• The Pongakawa Hall Committee would also provide support in funding the tennis courts.
• The school and the local community could decide whether or not they wanted to develop a tennis club in the future.

11.15 a.m. Councillor Williams re-entered the meeting.
FR4.2.12 Submission 259 - Te Kapu O Waitaha Trust - Maru Tapsell

Maru Tapsell highlighted that a subsidy for electricity was critical in supporting the on-going community and social services provided by the marae and they were asking for $3,000 as a subsidy for this. In response to a question he advised that the $3,000 was about half the total cost of the annual electricity account.

FR4.2.13 Submission 231 - Omokoroa Point School Board Of Trustees - Vicki Knell

Vicki Knell as Principal of Omokoroa Point School was in attendance and read her written submission.

FR4.2.14 Submission 230 - Omokoroa Point School - Students

Children from the Omokoroa Point School gave a presentation and tabled a page of photographs to support the development of a skate facility at Omokoroa. In response to questions they advised that the community understood the need to raise funds and were aware of the work done by young people in Katikati to raise half the funds needed for their skate park.

FR4.2.15 Submission 233 - Hickey, Michael Arthur

Michael Hickey gave a verbal summary of his written submissions.

FR4.2.16 Submission 245 - Bay of Plenty Community Trails Trust - Lyn Manning

Lyn Manning tabled and read a further submission. In response to questions he advised he would welcome contact with staff responsible for developing cycle and walking trails and the Trust’s priority was to link trails from Tauranga to Waihi Beach.

FR4.2.17 Submission 224 - ARRC Wildlife Trust - Dr Liza Schneider

Dr Liza Schneider was in attendance and she tabled and gave a powerpoint presentation to support the written submission. In response to questions she advised as follows:

- Shooting cats could be more humane than some trapping methods so there was no problem with the rural culture of shooting.
- Limited funding meant that at this time cats who were adopted out were not microchipped.
• Poisoning cats was seen as inhumane.
• They worked with the community to establish whether or not cats were stray or feral.

FR4.2.18  **Submission 277 - Maketu Community Board - Shane Beech**

Shane Beech, Chairperson of the Maketu Community Board, was in attendance and spoke in support of the issues raised through the written submission.

12.20 p.m.  Councillor Thwaites withdrew from the meeting.

In response to questions he advised as follows:

• The Regional Council had no plans to upgrade any of the channels or the sea walls as they believed it was the responsibility of the district Council.
• The Board would be talking about fund raising for a multipurpose facility in the community.

12.30 p.m.  The hearing adjourned for lunch.

1.05 p.m.  The hearing reconvened. Councillors Marsh and Williams were not present. Councillor Gunn re-entered the meeting.

FR4.2.19  **Submission 279 - Envirohub Bay of Plenty**

Mary Dillon and Ben Crowther were in attendance and spoke on behalf of Envirohub Bay of Plenty to their written submission. They noted that as it was the 10 year anniversary of the Sustainable Backyards programme they would be applying for funding for this celebration from any appropriate funding sources.

FR4.2.20  **Submission 282 - Pukehina Beach Ratepayers Association - John Cook**

John Cook was in attendance and spoke to the written submission on behalf of the association. In response to questions he advised as follows:

• He would have to come back on whether or not the Association supported the transfer of powers in relation to the Kaituna River.
• He had personal views on the need to develop the Rangiuru Park but was keen to understand the funding and outcomes deliveries expected of Te Puke EDG.
• Kerbing and channelling on the other side of Pukehina Beach needed to remain on the table for the future.
FR4.2.21 Submission 283 - Young, James Francis
James Young tabled and read a further submission.

1.32 p.m. Councillor Williams re-entered the meeting.

FR4.2.22 Submission 285 - Te Puke Gymsport Incorporated - Janet Butler and Jocelyn Boyle
Janet Butler and Jocelyn Boyle on behalf of Te Puke Gymsport tabled and gave a powerpoint presentation in support of their written submission. In response to a question they noted that the quote received for the building was $1.5 million including fit out.

FR4.2.23 Submission 308 - Te Puna Heartlands - Richard Comyn
Richard Comyn was in attendance and spoke to the written submissions on behalf of Te Puna Heartlands, advising that these were the expression of community concern. In response to a question he advised that there had been no discussion of what people were prepared to pay for a wastewater system but the issue was a question of communication as the community did not know what was going on, and any proposals for future treatment would be welcomed, as would discussion of saving for a future scheme.

FR4.2.24 Submission 312 - Colmore, Margaret Louise
Margaret Colmore and 7 other residents of Mountain Road were in attendance and she tabled and read a further submission with photographs demonstrating concerns with the condition of the road and gutters, advising the submission was supported by 16 of the residents on Mountain Road. Two other residents also spoke of their safety concerns with the road. It was noted that only two more kilometres needed to be sealed, and that Mountain Road had been on the list to be sealed in 2013, but was deferred. The road was graded when the residents requested it but did not seem to be on a programme for grading.

FR4.2.25 Submission 320 - Connell, James Desmond
James Connell spoke to his submission and stated that the current Omokoroa Structure Plan was sound and the area was ideal, because of its views, for development.

FR4.2.26 Submission 332 - Waihi Beach Stormwater Action Team (SWAT)
Paul Weaver, and three other representatives of SWAT were in attendance to speak to their submission and they advised the following:
• They were concerned that no funding had been identified in the Annual Plan to address the identified stormwater problems at Waihi Beach.
• Flooding issues were not caused by a lack of initiative from residents at Waihi Beach.
• There was a degree of infrastructure necessary.
• The SWAT team were awaiting response from the Storm in the Teacup meetings but could not see what response could be given that there was no funding allocated in the Annual Plan for works that may be needed.

FR4.2.27  Submission 339 - Rick Powdrell

Rick Powdrell spoke to his written submission clarifying that he supported Option 2 for the Katikati Heritage Museum. He asked Council to consider what could happen in terms of growth in areas such as Paengaroa once the TEL was open. He noted that for rural people the roading contribution was a huge part of their rates and progress was needed with rural roading issues.

FR4.2.28  Submission 355 - Te Puke Residents & Ratepayers Association

Mike Lally was in attendance on behalf of the Association and he tabled and read a further submission. In response to a question he stated that the Association was new and had about 13 members, and in terms of the operation of the Pool they did not know how it had operated over the last summer.

FR4.2.29  Submission 369 - Tauranga Safe City - John Payne

John Payne spoke about the Safe City programme and its success within the Tauranga and Western Bay area. In response to questions he stated the following:

• Outcomes from the projects were hard to measure but the overall crime reduction in the wider Bay of Plenty would suggest that the programmes were contributing to community safety.
• Mike Mills as the Safe City Co-ordinator attended the Safer Communities meetings.

FR4.2.30  Submission 300 - White, Judith Claire

Judith White stated that she was speaking on behalf of the home owners on Bramley Drive and was here to draw Council’s attention to her written submission. In response to a question she stated that it would be great if there was a seawall as currently there was no protection from erosion from the sea. She said there were 13 properties affected.
FR4.2.31 Submission 9 - Summerhill Charitable Trust

Cloie and David Blackley were in attendance and they tabled a brochure about the Trust and spoke of the Trust and its purposes, advising that the Trust had been legally established from the 1st of January this year so it was the first time they had applied for rates relief. The basis for the application was that the land had been gifted to the nation and they felt it was unfair that they had to pay rates on this land. They said that they personally funded the facilities including toilets and trails on the land.

FR4.2.32 Submission 96 - Priority One Western BOP - Andrew Coker

Andrew Coker gave a verbal summary of the written submission, and said that Priority One would welcome suggestions from elected members on how it could deliver better service.

FR4.2.33 Submission 100 - Federated Farmers Of New Zealand (Inc.) - Gwyn Morgan and Rick Powdrell

Gwyn Morgan tabled some comparative rates charts from Waipa District Council to demonstrate the types of examples provided by that Council, and highlighted the following from the written submission:

- They would like Council to continue to control rating increases.
- The draft Annual Plan should include an accurate number of ratepayers to assist lay people in reading and understanding the information provided.
- In regard to dog registration fees it would be helpful to have a comparison with other districts as the organisation contended that Western Bay of Plenty District Council was not consistent with other districts.
- In any amalgamation discussion this, as a rural Council, should treat Federated Farmers as a key stakeholder

FR4.2.34 Submission 360 - Fairhaven Primary School

Representatives from Fairhaven Primary School forwarded their apologies as they were unable to attend the hearings.

FR4.2.35 Submission 8 - Democrats for Social Credit, Submission 16 - McCormick, Hayden Roy and Wong, Stephanie, Submission 21 - Coates, Patricia Margaret

The above submitters forwarded their apologies as they were unable to attend the hearing. A further written statement was provided by Submitter 8 – Democrats for Social Credit.

The meeting adjourned at 4.07 p.m.
Western Bay of Plenty District Council

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reconvening on 13 May 2014 in the Council Chamber, Barkes Corner, Tauranga
Commencing at 9.00am

Present

G Webber (Chairperson), Councillors R Goudie, K Gunn, P Mackay, K Marsh, S Matthews, G Merriman, M Murray-Benge, J Scrimgeour, D Thwaites, M Williams and His Worship the Mayor R J Paterson

In Attendance

G Snelgrove (Chief Executive Officer), M Taris (Group Manager Corporate and Planning Services), G Allis (Group Manager Engineering), R Davie (Group Manager Policy and Planning), M Potton (Finance Manager), P Watson (Reserves and Facilities Manager), and F Sweeney (District Secretary)

Others

Submitters as listed, and two members of the press.

Apologies

An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Gunn.

Resolved: Webber/Murray-Benge

THAT the apology for lateness from Councillor Gunn be accepted.

FR4.2 Draft Annual Plan 2014/15 and Draft 2014-2015 Fees and Charges - Submitters to be heard (Continued)

9.05 a.m. The hearing adjourned to await the attendance of the first submitters.
9.15 a.m. The hearing reconvened. Councillor Gunn was present.
FR4.2.36 Submission 125 - Tanners Point Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc - Helen Gudsell

Helen Gudsell was in attendance and tabled and read a further submission to support the written submission. In response to questions she advised that they paid approximately $250.00 per year for metered water in addition to an annual water charge.

9.25 a.m. The hearing adjourned to await the next submitters.
9.29 a.m. The hearing reconvened.

FR4.2.37 Submission 93 - Buchanan, John and Rae

Mr and Mrs Buchanan forwarded their apologies as they were unable to attend.

FR4.2.38 Submission 165 - Paul Hickson

In addition to his written submission Mr Hickson spoke of his opposition to the Council taking over part of the State Highway as a local road once the Tauranga Eastern Link was operational. He noted the heavy traffic use of this road which would continue in spite of the new bypass, citing kiwifruit traffic, tourists, and those not wishing to pay a toll. He said that the current condition of the road would mean that it would cost millions just to get up to scratch and was concerned that this would be an additional charge on ratepayers.

FR4.2.39 Submission 174 - Te Puke Fast Forward - Graeme Walker

Graeme Walker on behalf of Te Puke Fast Forward tabled and read a further submission. In response to a question he advised that if Council was already cutting spending on roading to maintain the budget it was not logical to add a further road at a cost of $1.5 million and overall this may mean roading across the District would just get worse, particularly in the rural areas.

FR4.2.40 Submission 330 - Walker, Graeme Francis

Graeme Walker reiterated his personal submission and highlighted concerns that once the Tauranga Eastern Link was in place the former State Highway would not be maintained in a satisfactory condition and he also expressed concerns at a proposal for an 80 kph speed limit on this road. In response to a question he stated that local people needed an input into the decision for Council to take ownership of the road.
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FR4.2.41 Submission 62 - Badger, Richard Dudley Hampton

Richard Badger did not attend the hearing to speak to his submission.

FR4.2.42 Submission 172 - Coffey, Warren Wyman

Warren Coffey forwarded apologies as he was not able to attend the hearing.

FR4.2.43 Submission 212 - Andrews, Joy Maxine

Joy Andrews was in attendance and tabled and read a further submission.

10.00 a.m. The hearing adjourned to await the next submitter.
10.10 a.m. The hearing reconvened.

FR4.2.44 Submission 238 - Fowler, John Raymond

John Fowler tabled and read a further submission opposing cuts to the seal extension programme. He suggested that other little issues that got funded could perhaps be cut as alternatives.

10.17 a.m. The hearing adjourned for morning tea, and to await the next submitter.
10.47 a.m. The hearing reconvened.

FR4.2.45 Submission 118 - Dadson, Clive Joseph

Clive Dadson spoke in support of the Katikati Museum. He strongly recommended that the Museum get an annual grant of $65,000 inflation adjusted as happened for other museums around the country. He cited various examples around New Zealand such as Nelson and MOTAT.

FR4.2.46 Submission 108 - Opus Orchestra - Maggie Farmer

Maggie Farmer spoke on behalf the Opus Orchestra and noted that they were asking for continuation of support from the Western Bay of Plenty District Council, advising that they had to apply to 17 Councils for funding, and this supported the funding received from Creative New Zealand.

FR4.2.47 Submission 102 - Chamber of Commerce Tauranga - Dave Burnett

Dave Burnett, Chief Executive of the Chamber of Commerce, was in attendance and he gave a verbal summary of the written submission. In response to a question on the new growth projections in the Western Bay he believed the area was on the cusp of new growth with what was happening with kiwifruit and small business in the region.
He believed that cultural amenities were very important to attracting people into the area, in addition to the great natural attractions the area had. He did see the Western Bay of Plenty as an integral part of the sub region.

11.15 a.m. The hearing adjourned to await further submitters.
11.21 a.m. The Hearing reconvened. His Worship the Mayor was not present.

FR4.2.48 Submission 130 - Te Tumu Landowners Group - Jeff Fletcher

Jeff Fletcher spoke to the written submission emphasising the request for an interpretive sign on the Kaituna Sand Spit Recreation Reserve stating that he believed it was appropriate that the Western Bay of Plenty District Council work with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council on the sign.

FR4.2.49 Submission 131 - Property Council New Zealand - Jeff Fletcher

Jeff Fletcher spoke to the written submission highlighting the following:

- The key submission was on SmartGrowth funding proposing that each partner Council contribute an additional $80,000 in this year’s annual plan.
- He was not aware of the pro-rata basis for funding and was happy that this be applied to the additional funding request across the partner councils.
- He based his request on observations as part of the Strategic Partners Forum as to the amount of work required in implementing the SmartGrowth Strategic Plan.

11.37 a.m. His Worship the Mayor Paterson re-entered the meeting.

- In regard to the Property Council project considering alternative funding of local government infrastructure he felt it would be good for local government and the private sector to work together to present a case to Central Government.

FR4.2.50 Submission 146 - Housing Affordability Forum - Christine Ralph

Christine Ralph as Chair of the SmartGrowth Housing Affordability Forum was in attendance and spoke to the written submission highlighting the following:

- The Forum were seeking a workshop in June or July with Council to facilitate a review of opportunities for affordable housing.
- In the long term over two years there was about 800 hours of work to be done and this was not budgeted work, and a portion of the SmartGrowth funding could be put to the pilot project.
- The request was being put to all three partner Councils.
• Affordable locations considered such matters as bus and shopping services.

In response to a question as to whether there was co-ordination with the Government’s Housing Accord programme she said that at this time this was not integrated as the outcomes between the Government and Local Authorities and also timing issues had not been resolved.

FR4.2.51 Submission 34 – Neilson, Geoff and Judy

Geoff Neilson and Judy Neilson were in attendance and tabled and gave a powerpoint presentation to support their written submission. In response to a question they advised that Reid Road was used as an alternate route when accidents closed the main road. They were concerned with safety issues including road width, blind corners, dust and corrugation.

12.15 p.m. The hearing adjourned for lunch.
1.00 p.m. The hearing reconvened.

FR4.2.52 Submission 209 - Surf Lifesaving Bay of Plenty - Chris Emmett

Chris Emmett on behalf of Surf Lifesaving Bay of Plenty tabled and gave a powerpoint submission to support their submission and noted that they were seeking changes as described in the submission. In response to questions he advised as follows:

• Funding from the Waikato region tended to go to the Thames Coromandel region.
• They had previously made applications to Matamata - Piako with no success.
• The service contract could have various performance measures, but the key priority was to have lifeguards on the beach.
• About 80% of their funding came from the Western Bay of Plenty District Council and the Regional Council provided $10,000.

FR4.2.53 Submission 232 - Tauranga Community Housing Trust - Josephine Helen Gravit

Jo Gravit tabled and spoke to a further submission giving a summary of the issues faced by the Trust. She noted that Council could continue to contribute as it had been through supporting SmartGrowth, policy making, considering issues such as accessibility through the changing life stages, and perhaps considering land on which low cost housing could be put on.
Submission 352 - Gravit, Josephine Helen

Jo Gravit spoke to her written submission and expressed a concern that connectivity between the Minden and Te Puna be maintained through the safety improvements at the State Highway 2 intersection. She emphasised the importance of the Te Puna Hall to its community. In relation to wastewater she advised that potential future development at Pirirakau needed to be taken into account.

Submission 253 - Waihi Beach Community Board - Allan Sole

Allan Sole as Chairperson of the Waihi Beach Community Board spoke to the Board's submission highlighting the following:

- The additional funding request the Board was proposing was for public relations.
- The Board was looking to work more closely with Katikati.
- The issue of the seawall in Waihi Beach was an issue of the past but Waihi Beach residents had paid for their own seawall.
- The Board supported Option One in the draft Annual Plan for wastewater and water UACs.
- The UAC amalgamation would give a bit of relief to Waihi Beach ratepayers, and the change should happen in one step now.

Submission 284 - Gawith, Jenny

Jennifer Gawith tabled and read a further submission.

Submission 169 - Te Puna Hall Committee - Rosaleen Holmes

Rosaleen Holmes tabled and read a further submission on behalf of the Hall Committee. In response to a question as to where the hall could be relocated to she said this should be a matter of public discussion but could include the Minden as well and should take into consideration parking needs.

Submission 261 - Katikati Community Board - Sam Dunlop

As Chairperson of the Katikati Community Board Sam Dunlop tabled and gave a further submission on behalf of Katikati Community Board.

Submission 291 - North, Brian John

Brian North was in attendance and tabled and read a further submission.
Submission 302 - Omokoroa Athletics Club - Steve McGregor

Steve McGregor was in attendance on behalf of the Omokoroa Athletics Club and he tabled and read a further submission. In response to questions he advised as follows:

- The athletics track would always be grass.
- Currently the tennis club was small and happy to play at the local school and two courts was fine given the limitation on funding.
- A full sized hockey pitch would cost too much money.

Submission 331 - Dugmore-Steele, Joan Elizabeth

Joan Dugmore-Steele was in attendance and reiterated the main points in her submission.

The Hearing adjourned for afternoon tea.

The Hearing reconvened. Councillor Williams and His Worship the Mayor were not present.

Submission 354 - Te Puke Fruitgrowers Association - John Garwood

John Garwood was present and reiterated that he was simply seeking information as written in his submission on the divestment of State Highway 2.

His Worship the Mayor Paterson re-entered the meeting.

Submission 1 - Charles, Robert Noel

Robert Charles was in attendance and he tabled and gave a powerpoint presentation in relation to the condition of Thompson’s Track. He asked if Council had received any funding from the logging operations for the damage to the road caused through that operation. He also noted that through that operation the dust had affected both air and water quality for residents.

In response to a question he confirmed that the logging operation had now ceased and there would be no more logging trucks on the road.

Councillor Williams re-entered the meeting.

Submission 310 - Boggiss, Joan Lilian

Joan Boggiss was in attendance and tabled and read a further submission.
FR4.2.65 Submission 345 - Meyer, Penelope Helen

Penelope Meyer spoke to her written submission and highlighted the following matters:

- She was representing her generation of ratepayers - younger who were struggling to own their own homes which was now a luxury.
- If the rates went up it made the struggle much harder.
- There were some things the ratepayers were being asked to pay for that they should not have to pay for.
- Money should be allocated separately to things like Kaituna and the Katikati Museum.
- Her main concern was the affordability of rates.

FR4.2.66 Submission 176 - CCS Disability Action

Representatives from CCS Disability Action were not able to be present but emailed the following statement which was read out to the Committee.

"Please take the submission as read but focus on the three key recommendations on the first part of the submission. CCS would like to see more collaboration on projects that council is conducting to make sure that all discussions around the topic of access for the disabled are taken place. One example is the Katikati Heritage Museum. There is no access to the second level for anyone who is wheelchair bound or has other physical disabilities. Council needs to have a dedicated Disability Action Team/Committee like TCC do."

FR4.2.67 Submission 357 - Meyer, Diana Frances

Diana Meyer spoke to her written submission and reiterated the points made in that submission. In response to a question she advised that she paid over $3,000 for her rates and she had to pay separately for recycling and rubbish collection.

FR4.2.68 Submission 180 - Te Puke High School - Alan Liddle and Steve Butler

Alan Liddle, Principal of Te Puke High School and Steve Butler, Chair of the Board of Trustees, were in attendance and tabled and read a further submission. In response to questions Alan Liddle advised as follows:

- He had not yet discussed the options proposed in the submission for land purchase and land swap with the Ministry of Education in Wellington although officials in Rotorua had expressed interest.
- The school would still have to use both parks.
- There were 900 students and the decile rating was 5.
• They had not approached any of the neighbours to the Park with this proposal.

FR4.2.69 Submission 175 - Toi Te Ora Public Health - Phil Shoemack and Submission 66 - Martin, Diane Frances

The above submitters were unable to attend the hearing and forwarded their apologies.

FR4.2.70 Submission 129 - Zariba Holdings - Dwayne Roper, Submission 243 - Matenga, Paora, Submission 260 - Bragg, Earle and Submission 264 - Sampson, Robert Graham James

The above submitters did not attend the hearings to speak to their submissions.

The meeting adjourned at 4.30 p.m.
Minutes of Meeting No. FR4 of Finance and Risk Committee reconvening on 14 May 2014 in the Council Chamber, Barkes Corner, Tauranga Commencing at 9.00am

Present

G Webber (Chairperson), Councillors R Goudie, K Gunn, P Mackay, G Merriman, M Murray-Benge, J Scrimgeour, D Thwaites, M Williams and His Worship the Mayor R J Paterson

In Attendance

G Snelgrove (Chief Executive Officer), M Taris (Group Manager Corporate and Planning Services), G Allis (Group Manager Engineering), R Davie (Group Manager Policy and Planning), M Potton (Finance Manager), P Watson (Reserves and Facilities Manager), and F Sweeney (District Secretary)

Others

Submitters as listed and one member of the press.

Apologies

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Williams and for absence from Councillors Matthews and Marsh.

Resolved: Webber/Murray-Benge

THAT the apologies for lateness from Councillor Williams and for absence from Councillors Matthews and Marsh be accepted.

FR4.2 Draft Annual Plan 2014/15 and Draft 2014-2015 Fees and Charges - Submitters to be heard (Continued)
FR4.2.71 Submission 44 - Vailie, Douglas Ross

Douglas Vailie was in attendance and he tabled and read a further submission.

FR4.2.72 Submission 113 - Rains, Wayne

Wayne Rains was in attendance and he tabled and read a further submission.

9.10 a.m. Councillor Gunn entered the meeting.

FR4.2.73 Submission 164 - Sue Baker Wilson

Sue Baker Wilson was in attendance and she tabled and read a further submission.

FR4.2.74 Submission 190 - Price, Kenneth Andrew

Kenneth Price was in attendance and he tabled and read a further submission highlighting the following:

- The public accounts for the Katikati Heritage Museum Trust were read out at the last two Annual General Meetings of the Society, and the current draft set was still being worked on.
- It was true that there was an issue with the building for those with disabilities and it would be good to have the funds to address this issue.
- Currently there were not enough funds to survive let alone do all the things that needed doing at the museum.

FR4.2.75 Submission 237 - Friends of the Tauranga Art Gallery - Debbie Meldrum

Debbie Meldrum was in attendance and she tabled and read a further submission, adding that visitors from the Western Bay of Plenty District Council area were approximately 30% of gallery visitors and 22% of the membership of the Friends of the Tauranga Art Gallery. She corrected the tabled statement by noting that Tauranga City Council did not contribute to the Art Bus.

In response to questions she advised as follows:

- Use of the Art Bus by Western Bay of Plenty District schools was approximately 30% but the gallery could provide accurate figures.
- Western Bay of Plenty District Council did not provide the total funding for the bus.
FR4.2.76 Submission 128 - Carter, Rita

Rita Carter was in attendance and spoke to her submission requesting a bus shelter at the Wilson end of Seaforth Road and spoke of her experiences waiting for the bus in inclement weather.

FR4.2.78 Topic - Planning for the Future - Issue - SmartGrowth - Submitters 279, 175,146,131,130,129,102

Your support of Council continuing to support SmartGrowth is noted and appreciated.

FR4.2.79 Topic - Planning for the Future - Issue - SmartGrowth - Submitters 331, 205, 220

SmartGrowth is funded by the three Councils to assist in ensuring our long term planning is properly integrated with all the parties involved. In this regard SmartGrowth's purpose is to ensure effective use of Council funds, thereby minimising rates rises rather than increasing them because of inefficiencies that otherwise would occur.

FR4.2.80 Topic - Planning for the Future - Issue - Te Puke Community Development Plan - Submitter 358

We recognise the desire of the community board (and other community groups) to lead the process of the review of the plan and look forward to assisting as you see fit in this process.

We agree that a 'Spring celebration' is a fantastic way to acknowledge all that has been achieved by the community over the last ten years and to galvanise collective thinking about Te Puke's future.

FR4.2.81 Topic - Planning for the Future - Issue - Trans Pacific Partnership - Submitter 2

The Trans Pacific Partnership is a Central Government led initiative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. As a rural council to date no concerns have been raised by the community regarding this matter. Whilst your initiative to raise awareness of the issues is to be commended in the present climate of local government we will continue to retain a watching brief on the response of other local and regional councils. If it is seen as an issue of wider relevance then it is anticipated that this Council would follow the lead of organisations such as Local Government New Zealand in providing a collective response to Central Government.
Topic - Rates Affordability - Issue - Debt servicing  - Submitter 100

Thank you for your support.

Topic - Rates Affordability - Issue - Environmental Protection Rate - Submitter 282

Your continued support for the Environmental Protection rates is appreciated.

Topic - Rates Affordability - Issue - Expenditure Priorities - Submitter 4

Council operates like any other professional organisation and must employ competent staff to deliver its many services across the district. Many services require the employment of qualified professionals and if Council didn't offer competitive salaries it wouldn't be able to recruit or retain the right people. Many of the services Council provides are critical core services such as the provision of water supply and wastewater management. Managing these services is specialised and must be delivered safely and consistently by qualified experienced staff.

It should be noted that Councillors salaries are set by an independent authority and the average salary is $31,500.00 per annum.

More than 75% of Council's annual expenditure goes towards just maintaining existing services and assets. The ongoing cost of delivering core services, primarily required by Government legislation is where Council spends the majority of its income. Western Bay is a growing district and that requires that new infrastructure must be provided over time to allow for that growth. A very large proportion of this infrastructure is funded from the developer community rather than rates.

Topic - Rates Affordability - Issue - Expenditure Priorities - Submitter 60

Thank you for your suggestion to reduce costs and rates. Affordability is a concern for Council and we are always working hard to balance the tensions between what communities desire and what they need in the form of essential services.

As part of the 2014-15 Annual Plan preparation the proposed capital and operational expenditure budgets were reviewed thoroughly and any unnecessary expenditure was removed. Council is acutely aware of the current economic climate and has prepared a budget that ensures it can meet all of its current level of service and legislative obligations.
Any further reduction in costs or rates may result in a decreased level of service experienced by the Western Bay ratepayer or the inability to meet certain legislative obligations.

In considering affordability issues, Council reduced the 2014/15 average increase in total rates to 4.68%, this is 1.32% lower than the forecast. Individual rates will also be affected by rates for utilities such as water and wastewater, and targeted rates for additional local projects. Please find attached a list of services provided for rates.

Topic - Rates Affordability - Issue - Expenditure Priorities - Submitters 355, 341, 325

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As part of the 2014-15 Annual Plan preparation the proposed capital and operational expenditure budgets were reviewed thoroughly and any unnecessary expenditure was removed. Council is acutely aware of the current economic climate and has prepared a budget that ensures it can meet all of its current level of service and legislative obligations. Any further reduction in costs or rates may result in a decreased level of service experienced by the Western Bay ratepayer or the inability to meet certain legislative obligations.

There are a large number of factors that drive Council costs, inflation is one of those drivers. Others include debt servicing, capital expenditure and upgrades to existing facilities.

For products and services that are provided by external contractors, Council does not set the market price and is at the mercy of the market. Council has robust procurement policies and procedures aimed at achieving the best outcome.

Topic - Rates Affordability - Issue - Expenditure Priorities - Submitter 111

There are a large number of factors that drive Council costs, inflation is one of those drivers. Others include debt servicing, capital expenditure and upgrades to existing facilities.

For products and services that are provided by external contractors, Council does not set the market price and is at the mercy of the market. Council has robust procurement policies and procedures aimed at achieving the best outcome. The major driver of the proposed rates increase of 4.68% is the result of Council’s adopted financial strategy to increase water and wastewater charges by 5% to address the interest costs on growth related debt.
This affects the urban areas more than the rural areas due to a large number of properties in the rural areas that are not connected to council services.

The average rate variances across the district are due to targeted rates that apply to specific areas, e.g. the Te Puke promotion rate has reduced by $150 for commercial properties in that area, this has reduced their overall rated increase.

There has been no increase in the forecast penalty income as there is no evidence to suggest this will increase, the rate of payment has remained consistent over the last several years despite difficult economic conditions.

The other income figure for 2013 is the actual income for the year rather than the budgeted amount. This includes non cash items such as investment gains and asset revaluations.

FR4.2.88  Submission 314 - Newton, Harry Challinor

Harry Newton forwarded his apologies as he was unable to attend the hearing.

FR4.2.89  Submission 305 - Smart, Heath

Heath Smart did not attend to speak to his submission.

FR4.3  Recommendation for Adoption of 2014-2015 Dog Control Fees and Charges

The Finance and Risk Committee noted that the one submission received in relation to the Dog Control fees referenced a policy review rather than the level of fees as notified.

Resolved:  Webber/Murray-Benge

THAT it be recommended to Council that the 2014-2015 Dog Control Fees and Charges as included in the 2014-2015 draft schedule of Fees and Charges be adopted and approved for public notification in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996.

Resolved: Webber/Mackay

THAT all written and verbal submissions to the Draft Annual Plan 2014/15, and Draft 2014-2015 Fees and Charges be received and submitters thanked for their comments.

The meeting adjourned at 12.50 p.m.
Minutes of Meeting No. FR4 of Finance and Risk Committee reconvening on 9 June 2014 in the Council Chamber, Barkes Corner, Tauranga Commencing at 9.00am

Present
G Webber (Chairperson), Councillors R Goudie, K Gunn, P Mackay, K Marsh, S Matthews, G Merriman, J Scrimgeour, D Thwaites, M Williams and His Worship the Mayor R J Paterson

In Attendance
M Taris (Group Manager Corporate Services), G Allis (Group Manager Engineering), B Whitton (Group Manager Customer Services), R Davie (Group Manager Policy and Planning Services), and F Sweeney (District Secretary)

Others
1 member of the press.

Apologies
An apology for lateness was received from His Worship the Mayor. It was noted that Councillor Murray-Benge was on leave of absence.

Resolved: Webber/Merriman

THAT the apology for lateness from His Worship the Mayor be accepted.

The Chairperson noted that while Councillors Marsh and Matthews had been absent for the third day of hearings they had been provided with all tabled items and a copy of the record of the hearings for that day and had read all additional material.
The Finance and Risk Committee considered the Issues and Options papers and draft responses circulated prior to the meeting for deliberations. The Group Manager Corporate Services explained the process required for decision making.

9.05 a.m. His Worship the Mayor entered the meeting.

**FR4.5**

**Draft Annual Plan 2014/15, and Draft 2014-2015 Fees and Charges (excluding Dog Control Fees and Charges) - Deliberations and Decisions**

In discussion of this topic the following matters were noted:

- The impact of a 4 year period or any more than 2 years there would need to be a mechanism to change the revenue and financing policy to address differential changes for some areas.
- Water would be the last thing to amalgamate which would align with the metering of the whole district.
- Timing of installation of water meters could be brought forward in the Long Term Plan.

Moved: Mackay/Matthews

THAT the three water Uniform Annual Charges are amalgamated into one charge and the five wastewater Uniform Annual Charges are amalgamated into one charge over 3 years, and this be included in the draft 2015-25 Long Term Plan

THAT the revenue and financing policy for water and wastewater be reviewed in the 2015-25 Long Term Plan to ensure the communities of interest are protected should there be a change in the policy in the future.

Moved Amendment: Thwaites/Scrimgeour

**FR4.5.1**

THAT the three water Uniform Annual Charges are amalgamated into one charge and the five wastewater Uniform Annual Charges are amalgamated into one charge over 2 years being 2014/15 and 2015/16.

The amendment was put and lost.
The original motion as follows was put.

Resolved: Mackay/Matthews

1. THAT the three water Uniform Annual Charges are amalgamated into one charge and the five wastewater Uniform Annual Charges are amalgamated into one charge over 3 years, and this be included in the draft 2015-25 Long Term Plan.

2. THAT the revenue and financing policy for water and wastewater be reviewed in the 2015-25 LTP to ensure the communities of interest are protected should there be a change in the policy in the future.

A division was called.

Voting on the motion was as follows:

For the Motion: His Worship the Mayor R Paterson and Councillors Goudie, Gunn, Mackay, Marsh, Matthews, Merriman and Webber.

Against the Motion: Councillors Scrimgeour, Thwaites and Williams.

The motion was carried.

Reasons for Decision

- The impact of the transition is spread over 3 years.
- The impact to the areas facing increases will be smoothed over a period of years.
- More accurate growth projections will be available to determine the capital requirements of the schemes and supply zones for the next 30 years.
- More accurate asset management planning will be in place leading to more reliable capital expenditure estimates for the next 30 years.

FR4.5.2

In discussion of this item it was noted that a lot had changed in relation to the Katikati Heritage Museum since the release of the draft Annual Plan.

It was noted that now that Council had secured the Museum collection and costs for this project were now related to operational issues rather than funding the Trust as an entity, the need for rates funding for the Trust was no longer applicable.

Resolved: Webber/Merriman

1. THAT Council decline the proposed funding request for $65,000 as consulted on in the annual plan.

2. THAT Council fund the associated costs of protecting the museum collection from the General Rates Reserve.

Reasons for Decision

- There would be no increase in the Katikati Community Board Rate or the General Rate.
- Options for the recovery of these costs can be included as options in the Draft 2015-25 LTP
- Insert paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 from pg 12 issues and options.
- Subsequent to the Draft Annual Plan being adopted the Museum Trust closed the Museum on 14 May 2014 due to continued financial difficulties and is now working with their bank to sell the property.
- Council has secured the museum collection on behalf of the community and is intending to consult with the community on the future of the collection as part of the 2015-25 Long Term Plan.
- In the interim there are costs that will be incurred in relation to paying the Museum Trusts existing creditors as well as cataloguing and storing the collection. These costs may be as high as $150,000.
- Council was obliged to act in the best interests of both the museum collection, and Council as guarantor prior to finalising the Annual Plan decisions.
Resolved: Marsh/Matthews

THAT Council agree to transfer all residual powers, responsibilities and functions under the Kaituna District River Act 1926 from the Western Bay of Plenty District Council to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

Reasons for Decision

- The works provided for under the Kaituna River District Act 1926 are already funded as part of Bay of Plenty Regional Council’s core business through both the Natural Hazards and Natural Resource Operations Groups.
- The timing works well with the re-diversion of the Kaituna River.
- This decision formalises what was already in place in terms of the Regional Council managing the Kaituna River.

Resolved: Williams/Merriman

THAT the 2014/15 seal extension budget be increased by $200,000 to $795,839 funded $168,000 from the roading rate and $32,000 from rural roading financial contributions.

Reasons for Decision

- Increased satisfaction from users of and residents on unsealed roads.
- Submitters should be advised that even with the increase this may not mean that their specific roads would be brought forward in the programme.
FR4.5.5  
**Topic APLAN06 - Transportation - Issue 14 - Community Roading Projects - Submitters 100, 291, 308, 282, 339, 279**

**Resolved:**  His Worship the Mayor/Williams

*THAT the 2014/15 community roading budget be confirmed at $160,120.*

**Reasons for Decision**

- Retains current rating levels as prudent management of costs and rates affordability.
- This is being reviewed in the Long Term Plan as part of an overall review of community roading funding.

FR4.5.6  
**Topic APLAN07 - Stormwater - Issue 8 - King Street Stormwater - Submitter 255**

**Resolved:**  Gunn/Williams

*THAT Council decline the request to bring forward the Stormwater works at King Street, Te Puke.*

**Reasons for Decision**

- No increase in funding required.
- This would be reviewed as part of the Long Term Plan.
- Council records show no service requests relating to stormwater flooding in the King Street area have been received. Council’s latest stormwater model developed in 2013/14 does however show limited capacity within the stormwater network. Based on this information and our current criteria, it would be more prudent to review this project as part of the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan review in 2015 at which point projects will be prioritised and ranked.

FR4.5.7  
**Topic APLAN08 - Recreation and Leisure - Issue 2 - Pongakawa Tennis Courts - Submitter 210**

**Resolved:**  Williams/Merriman

1.  *THAT Council decline the request for additional funding but retain the existing budget of $99,000, to be released when the Pongakawa School/Community has raised the additional funding required to complete the tennis court project.*

2.  *THAT Council support the Pongakawa School / Community in seeking other funding.*
Reasons for Decision

- Additional funding will not be required from rates and the $99,000 included in the budget has been retained.
- The Pongakawa community is good at raising funds and Council is happy to support future efforts.

FR4.5.8  
Topic APLAN08 - Recreation and Leisure - Issue 3 - Pongakawa Action Centre Scoreboard - Submitter 210

Resolved: Matthews/Marsh

THAT Council approves variation to the conditions of the $21,000 grant from the Facilities in the Community Fund approved by Council on 10 February 2014 provided that the Pongakawa School completes the originally funded programme comprising heating, sports equipment storage and a defibrillator using voluntary labour and alternative funding.

Reasons for Decision

- Pongakawa School will have an electronic scoreboard to ensure tournaments are successful.
- Pongakawa School won't have to wait and raise funds for the electronic scoreboard.
- No additional funding is being requested.
- This will support maximising the use of the Action Centre on a regional/national basis.

FR4.5.9  
Topic APLAN08 - Recreation and Leisure - Issue 6 - Maketu Playground - Submitter 277

The Committee was advised that the Community Board could fund this project from their reserve funds.

Resolved: Gunn/Scrimgeour

THAT Council declines the request for $50,000 additional funding to complete the Maketu playground and will continue to work with the Maketu Community Board to raise the shortfall as resolved on 19 September 2013.

Reasons for Decision

- Council supports the Community Board in seeking alternative funding options, but should this prove insufficient would recommend the Board use its Reserve account to fund any shortfall.
- Additional unbudgeted funding not required.
- Existing level of service still maintained.
FR4.5.10  
**Topic APLAN08 - Recreation and Leisure - Issue 8 - Te Puke Pool**  
- **Submitter 367**

**Resolved:** Matthews/Williams

THAT Council fund $100,000 for the proposed pool painting through the Te Puke Pool targeted rate over a five year period and fund the $30,000 Te Puke Pool boundary fence renewal from the asset replacement reserve.

**Reasons for Decision**

- Implements the deferred maintenance
- Assists to maintain pool water quality and minimise water loss (through restoring the water barrier)
- Security of the pool facility is improved (the proposed new fence would be see-through versus the existing which isn’t, thereby lessening unauthorised entry and risk)
- Facility appearance and profile is lifted – this may also attract greater use.

FR4.5.11  
**Topic APLAN08 - Recreation and Leisure - Issue 9 - Maketu Signage** - **Submitter 277**

**Resolved:** Scrimgeour/Thwaites

1. THAT Council will fund OR partially fund the erection of signage for the Maketu cemetery ($500) to be funded from the cemetery account.

2. THAT Council declines to fund the erection of a Community information/notice board.

**Reasons for Decision**

- Improved public signage in the Maketu community.
- Increased awareness of community connection in Maketu.
- Funding will not have to be sourced from other projects but Council considers that an Information Notice Board would normally be funded from the Community Board Reserve account.

FR4.5.12  
**Topic APLAN08 - Recreation and Leisure - Issue 10 - Maketu Channel Dredging** - **Submitter 277**

It was noted that the channel may be impacted by the re-diversion of the Kaituna River.

**Resolved:** Matthews/Mackay

THAT Council defers the request to dredge the Maketu Harbour in the vicinity of the boat ramp until the anticipated Kaituna River Diversion occurs as this may address silting issues in the channel.
Reasons for Decision

- Any expenditure at this time may not be appropriate or required.
- This could be reviewed in the future, and it was noted that past dredging had not been successful.
- The cost and timing of the consent may impact on the Kaituna River project and any works should align with that project.

FR4.5.13

Topic APLAN08 - Recreation and Leisure - Issue 13 - Omokoroa Recreation Facilities Submitters 20, 104, 363, 256, 10, 38, 230, 231, 335, 247, 302

Resolved: His Worship the Mayor/Webber

1. THAT the funding of $185,000 included within the budget for 2014/15 to progress development of the Omokoroa Sports Ground shall be allocated (in part) as follows:

   - $115,000 towards the construction in 2014/15 of two tennis courts provided that provision shall be made for the construction of a further two courts at some time in the future, funding for which shall be determined through the 2015-25 Long Term Plan.
   - $50,000 as a contribution toward a skate park / skate path provided that the balance of the total cost of any such facility must first be raised by the Omokoroa community.

2. THAT funding of $20,000 from the Facilities in the Community Fund shall be provided to the Omokoroa Point School as a contribution toward the remediation and re-surfacing of the existing two hard courts on the understanding that upon completion these courts shall become a multi-purpose facility for the school and wider community. The balance of any funds required to complete this project shall be met by the Omokoroa Point School.

3. THAT development of the remainder of the Omokoroa Sports Ground concept plan (namely; new toilets as part of a new clubhouse / pavilion, a new playground and associated carparking) shall be referred to the 2015-25 Long Term Plan for funding consideration.

Reasons for Decision

- No financial implications beyond what is already budgeted or provided for in the Facilities in the Community Fund.
- Balances the wide and varied views of the Omokoroa community with regard to recreation facilities and reflects the significant consultation that has been done within the community.
- Utilises existing recreation facilities (i.e. tennis courts at the school).
- Encourages the youth of Omokoroa to follow the example of their counterparts in other parts of the District that have achieved positive results in fundraising for their recreational facilities.
• The Council extends its support the Tennis Club in any endeavours to raise funds from other sources to increase the number of courts for the future.

FR4.5.14

Topic APLAN10 - Natural Environment - Issue 3 - Sustainable backyards - Submitter 279

Resolved: Goudie/Thwaites

That Council declines the funding request of $13,400 for the 10th anniversary of Sustainable Backyards and recommend Envirohub submits to the ten year plan for future support.

Reasons for Decision

• No additional financial cost to Council.
• The current funding of $2,000 per annum will continue.
• This request seeks a higher level of commitment from more partners across the region on a pro rata basis. Council should expect to see a much higher level of service for the extra money, but this expansion is not detailed in the submission. Nor is the resultant expectation about how year eleven would be funded.

FR4.5.15

Topic APLAN10 - Natural Environment - Issue 4 - Urban Greenspace - Submitter 279

Resolved: Goudie/Williams

THAT Council decline the funding request for the first year of the Urban Greenspace pilot programme.

Reasons for Decision

• Creates no assumption that we will be obligated via the Long Term Plan to fund the resultant model into the future.
• Council notes that a plethora of organisations, however, provide services very similar to this within our District; Coast care; estuary care and land management officers at Bay of Plenty Regional Council, New Zealand Landcare Trust staff; Councils Wild About New Zealand service provider works with groups and schools around Te Puna/Katikati/Waihi area; Forest and Birds “Land for Wildlife” programme is active on small rural holdings; Enviroschool initiates school projects; Western Bay of Plenty District Council Reserves staff and the Environmental Development Officer are all working with community groups.
Councillor Gunn declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion and voting thereon.

The Group Manager Policy and Planning advised that there were three themes coming through submissions, regarding economic development, events and town centre promotion and marketing which were all included in this issues and options paper. She also noted the Te Puke Community Board alternative proposal to employ a part time events co-ordinator.

In discussion the following matters were raised:

- Council needed to consider the impact of the proposal on Te Puke ratepayers.
- The Te Puke EDG service contract already included events and town centre promotion as an outcome, and it was important that Council specified expectations.
- Just under half of the total funding was coming from residential ratepayers and there was a concern that the benefit was to commercial ratepayers.
- Council should not be the only funder of economic development and growth and there were a number of successful businesses in the Te Puke community who could also support Te Puke EDG.

Resolved: His Worship the Mayor/Goudie

THAT Council increase funding for Te Puke Economic Development Group from the current sum of $90,000 to $130,000 and agree at a future workshop the key deliverables expected from this funding which shall include (but shall not be limited to) town centre promotion, activities and events for Te Puke.

A division was called.

Voting on the motion was as follows:

For the Motion: His Worship the Mayor Paterson and Councillors Goudie, Mackay, Merriman, Thwaites, Webber, and Williams.

Against the Motion: Councillors Matthews, Scrimgeour, and Marsh.

Abstention: Councillor Gunn

The motion was carried.

Reasons for Decision

- Like the rest of the District we support the work of Te Puke EDG in the area of economic development.
• The budget approved for 2014/15 of $130,000 will enable Council to consider specific deliverables in relation to the need for events, activities and general town centre promotion.
• The contractual arrangements will be reviewed as a result of the change in the budget.
• Council is conscious of the impact on residential ratepayers in this ward of increasing to the full amount requested.

10.45 a.m. The meeting adjourned for morning tea.
11.00 a.m. The meeting reconvened.

The Committee was updated on the impact on the rates of decisions taken to date.

FR4.5.17  Topic APLAN11 – Economic – Issue 9 – Waihi Drainage District - Submitter 171

Resolved: Goudie/Mackay

THAT Council reflects the Waihi Land Drainage revised budget and applicable rates in the 2014/15 final annual plan.

Reason for Decision

Funds will be available to provide for full budgeted expenditure.

FR4.5.18  Topic APLAN11 – Economic – Issue 12 – Waihi Beach Community and Events Co-Ordinator - Submitters 251, 253

Resolved: Goudie/His Worship the Mayor

THAT Council allocates a total budget of $25,000 from the Waihi Beach Community Board Rate as a community service contract to provide public relations and marketing services to promote the Waihi Beach area as a holiday destination.

Reasons for Decision

• Would provide targeted marketing and promotional services from .25 FTE plus $10,000 for operating expenses.
• Council supports the economic development initiatives already underway at Waihi Beach.
• The additional funding will allow a coordinator to work and drive a consistent approach to building tourism and support businesses in the area.
FR4.5.19  
**Topic APLAN11 - Economic - Issue 15 - New Premises for Katikati Information Centre, Promotion Tourism - Submitter 223**

**Resolved:** Williams/Mackay

1. THAT Katch Katikati remains in its existing location and the funding is increased by $10,000 to be funded from the town centre promotion rate to maintain the level of funding received in 2013/14.

2. THAT Council declines Katch Katikati’s submission to relocate to the Fire Station as this premises is being used to house the museum collection on an interim basis.

**Reasons for Decision**

- Additional projects started with additional $10,000 in the 2013/14 year can continue.
- Council wishes to maintain the current level of service.
- The outcome of the overall review of economic development will include the role of Katch Katikati.

FR4.5.20  
**Topic APLAN11 - Economic/Communities - Issues 6 and 7 - Queen Street Toilets/Te Puke Skate Park - Submitter 358**

Clarification was sought as to where the toilets would be funded from in the future should they be required and it was noted that this would be a decision for a future Council.

In regard to whether the Te Puke community had been consulted about the facility it was noted that the skate facility was part of the original consultation on town centre development.

**Resolved:** Gunn/Matthews

1. THAT the funding of $107,000 for the Queen Street public toilet, project 333101 be reallocated to the Te Puke Jubilee Park skate facility project.

2. THAT Council notes that $50,000 is allocated in 2015/16 for the skate facility and that if the community raises the balance required of $33,000 for the skate facility in 2014/15 the Council approves bringing the $50,000 budgeted in 2015/16 to enable construction to proceed.

3. THAT Council notes that there was a further $13,000 set aside for a contribution to Plunket for utility connection costs to be incurred when they build their building on the Queen Street site.

A division was called.
Voting on the motion was as follows:

For the Motion: Councillors Goudie, Gunn, Mackay, Matthews, Marsh, Scrimgeour, and Webber.

Against the Motion: His Worship the Mayor Paterson, Councillors Merriman, Thwaites and Williams

The motion was carried.

Reasons for Decision

- Skate facility project was consistent with the Te Puke 20 year development plan.
- Ensure continuity of the Te Puke development plan.
- This supported the youth of Te Puke.

FR4.5.21

**Topic APLAN12 - Communities - Issue 12 - Hei Marae - Submitter 259**

**Resolved:** Matthews/Merriman

THAT Council declines the funding request for a contribution toward the electricity costs of Hei Marae.

**Reasons for Decision**

- Does not set a precedent for council to contribute to the ongoing operational costs of marae or community organisations.

- Whilst Council is proposing the establishment of a marae maintenance fund, it is not envisaged that ongoing operational costs such as electricity would fit the criteria of such a fund. Discussion to date regarding the fund has focused on making provision for maintenance of marae including small capital projects e.g. repair or replace toilets, dishwashers etc.

FR4.5.22

**Topic APLAN12 - Communities - Issue 17 - Tauranga Arts Festival - Submitter 281**

**Resolved:** His Worship the Mayor/Thwaites

THAT Council allocates funding of $4,000 towards the 2015 Tauranga Arts Festival funded from the General Rate.

**Reasons for Decision**

- Supporting subregional events that contribute to economic growth and community well being.
• In recognition of the contribution of arts to our recreation and leisure portfolio.

FR4.5.23

Topic APLAN12 - Communities - Issue 24 - Te Puke Hall - Submitter 344

Moved: Matthews/Scrimgeour

THAT Council decline the request from the Te Puke Memorial Hall Committee to lease the area behind the hall.

Moved Amendment: Gunn/Goudie

THAT the Te Puke Memorial Hall can lease the area behind the Memorial Hall, funded from the Community Hall rate.

The amendment was put and lost on a show of hands.

The original motion as follows was put.

Resolved: Matthews/Scrimgeour

THAT Council decline the request from the Te Puke Memorial Hall Committee to lease the area behind the hall.

Reason for Decision

This could be supported in the future but should be postponed for a year to allow community consultation to be part of the review of the community development plan process.

FR4.5.24

Topic APLAN12 - Communities - Issue 26 - Surf Lifesaving NZ - Submitters 209, 220

In discussion of funding sources it was suggested that this Council could support Surf Lifesaving approaches to other councils for funding of their residents’ use of coastal areas.

Resolved: Webber/Marsh

1. THAT Council increase the current Surf Lifesaving New Zealand service delivery contract period term from one year to three years.

Resolved: Matthews/Goudie

2. THAT Council increases the current Surf Lifesaving New Zealand service delivery contract funding by $8,400 per year.
Reasons for Decision

- Provides stability of service over longer period of time.
- Increased funding enables Surf Lifesaving NZ to provide lifeguard services over extended high use and risk periods.
- Surf Lifesaving be encouraged to approach non-coastal councils for a contribution in recognition of the use of local beaches by their communities.

FR4.5.25

**Topic APLAN12 - Communities - Issue 34 - Tauranga Safe City - Submitter 369**

**Resolved:** Matthews/Thwaites

THAT Council contribute $10,000 to Tauranga Safe City programme, funded from the General Rate in 2014-15 and that funding options continue to be reviewed.

**Reasons for Decision**

- Ensures Safe City programmes continue in the District.
- Recognises the contribution Tauranga Safe Cities community safety programmes have provided to the District.

FR4.5.26

**Topic APLAN12 - Communities - Issue 36 - Community Halls Work Programme - Submitter 368**

**Resolved:** Williams/Matthews

THAT Council accept the revised hall committee’s budgets for 2014/15 and reflect them in the 2014/15 Annual Plan

**Reasons for Decision**

- Halls would receive the correct funding.
- The required funding will ensure that essential maintenance is carried out and that the halls remain available for use by their communities.

FR4.5.27

**Topic APLAN18 - Financial Contributions - Issue 1 - St Johns Financial Contributions Waiver - Submitter 372**

**Resolved:** Williams/Mackay

THAT Council declines the request by St Johns Te Puke for the waiver of the financial contribution for Wastewater already paid to Council. The submitter is advised that a Stormwater financial contribution was not required and was never invoiced.

**Reasons for Decision**
• Equitable application of “user pays” philosophy for financial contributions.
• Those persons or activities that have an effect on the infrastructure pay for that effect.
• Avoids Council having to determine what activities should be exempt, and which should not.
• Council has already made significant contributions in supporting St Johns Te Puke.

FR4.6 Summary of Financial Position after Decisions

The Finance Manager summarised the position at the end of the issues and options paper to a position of 4.21% increase in the rates.

12.15 p.m. The meeting adjourned for lunch.
1.20 p.m. The meeting reconvened.

FR4.7 SmartGrowth Funding

The Group Manager Corporate Services advised that in accordance with the partnership funding for SmartGrowth a late request for additional funding had been received and agreed to by the other partner Councils. She advised that the Western Bay of Plenty District Council share was $14,400 and that the 2014/15 budget should be adjusted accordingly.

Resolved: Webber/Merriman

THAT Council agrees to an additional funding of $14,400 for SmartGrowth to cover the additional costs of the settlement pattern review.

FR4.8 Responses to Other Submissions - Draft Comment Responses

The Committee considered a separately circulated document containing draft responses to submitters.

Resolved: Webber/Matthews

THAT the following responses to submitters on issues raised through their submissions be approved and advised accordingly:

FR4.8.1 Topic - Communities - Issue - Acknowledgments - Submitter 358

Council appreciates the support given by the Te Puke Community Board in relation to the refurbishment of the Te Puke Library and the development of Jubilee Park.
FR4.8.2  **Topic – Communities – Issue – ANZAC Memorial – Submitter 277**

The ANZAC Memorial project has been a partnership involving the community, the Maketu Community Board and the RSA. Reports updating progress through the Community Board meeting minutes from the latter parts of 2013 noted that arrangements with the plaque were well in hand. The responsibility for the project has always been with the Maketu Community Board.

FR4.8.3  **Topic – Communities – Issue – Art Gallery – Submitters 220, 237, 102, 295, 73**

Council notes your support for a regional arts amenity such as the Tauranga Art Gallery. Council also notes that this asset plays a part in developing our young people and attracting skilled people to contribute to our economy.

FR4.8.4  **Topic – Communities – Issue – Art Gallery – Submitter 100**

Council appreciates your input into this process and notes your opposition to any investment into the regional art gallery.

FR4.8.5  **Topic – Communities – Issue – Art Groups – Submitter 22**

Council and staff will continue to work with any community group to develop and enhance cultural aspects of life.

FR4.8.6  **Topic – Communities – Issue – Cemetery Records – Submitter 343**

Council is part way through a project to establish on-line records and we think that this may take up to another 12 months to get to a point where cemetery records can be made available online, on a cemetery by cemetery basis. This work includes system and software modifications (for example, the linking of electronic maps with the Council database) as well as resolving any record anomalies. We are also researching what information other Councils provide, to determine what information we can include, such as memorial inscriptions.

Council is not quite ready for outside assistance but is happy to meet with you to discuss the project and consider when and how we can best utilise your expertise. Council staff will make contact to arrange a suitable time and date in due course.
FR4.8.7  **Topic - Communities - Issue - Civil Defence - Submitter 282**

The Councils have been working together for several years on the development of appropriate systems. The close working relationship and joint approach to system implementation will continue into the future.

Council is appreciative of your support for project 316401, Annual Contribution to Bay of Plenty Regional Council for the Emergency Management Group Operation, to develop an integrated coastal emergency alarm system.

Your support for project 229109, Tsunami System Education, is appreciated.

The budget of $2,663 was originally to be focused on the proposed warning sirens. It will now be utilised to work with community organisations, such as yours, to put in place an appropriate education programme. Staff will be in contact with you later in the year.

The previously proposed siren warning system (project 323101) is not a solution as a stand alone system. The current approach is to use a multi-faceted approach with TEXT alerting, radio, education about natural signs, neighbourhood groups, and where appropriate, limited sirens. Staff can meet with the Pukehina Ratepayers Association and a public meeting arranged to explain the proposed tsunami warning methods. To arrange this in the first instance, please contact Gary Allis, Group Manager Engineering Services.

FR4.8.8  **Topic - Communities - Issue - Civil Defence - Submitter 220**

Civil defence services are not being duplicated; the service provision responsibility is being transferred from Western Bay to Tauranga City. There will still be a single civil defence unit for both Councils.

FR4.8.9  **Topic - Communities - Issue - Community Halls - Submitter 105**

Your support with regards to the insurance of the Waihi Beach Hall being recovered through the targeted rating system is appreciated. Council will continue to rate for the insurance of the Waihi Beach Hall over the 2014/15 financial year.

FR4.8.10  **Topic - Communities - Issue - Community Halls - Submitter 358**

Your support with regards to the ongoing funding of the Te Puke War Memorial Hall has been noted and is appreciated.
FR4.8.11  **Topic - Communities - Issue - Community Halls - Submitter 282**

Your support for the funding of the Pukehina Community Centre has been noted.

FR4.8.12  **Topic - Communities - Issue - Crime Prevention - Submitters 220, 282**

Council proposes to reduce the budget for crime prevention projects. This is reflective of Council's community development focused approach to work more collaboratively with other government and non government agencies and coordinate resources better, to support communities to respond proactively to local crime issues.

FR4.8.13  **Topic - Communities - Issue - Facilities in the Community - Submitter 282**

The Councillors appreciate your support for the Facilities in the Community fund. The Facilities in the Community fund, established in 2001, acknowledges recreational facilities that will be available for public use on land that isn't owned by Council. On 11 September 2008 Council decided the fund would become available to the community every two years rather than annually. In making that decision Council was aware that due to the strict eligibility and criteria requirements, there was not a big uptake in groups applying for the fund. Making it available every two years would allow the fund to accumulate to an amount where it would be more attractive to applicants and would increase the incentive for groups to make the effort to complete the challenging application process.

While there were savings in costs to administer the fund if it were terminated, Council decided that the advantages for community groups far outweighed terminating by making it available every two years rather than annually.

FR4.8.14  **Topic - Communities - Issue - Graf Art - Submitter 277**

Council has supported successful community art projects, involving public assets and facilities that have been subject to graffiti and vandalism. This process is guided by Council's Public Art Policy. A combination of art murals undertaken by local Maketu youth, and installation of CCTV cameras, has contributed to a significant overall reduction in vandalism and graffiti on public buildings in Maketu.

FR4.8.15  **Topic - Communities - Issue - Grants - Submitter 220**

Council notes your support for a fund that community groups can apply to for smaller community based projects.
FR4.8.16  **Topic - Communities - Issue - Katikati Fire Station - Submitter 263**

The Katikati Town Centre Plan has been extensively consulted on with the community and adopted by Council. The work planned for the old fire station is included in this Town Centre Plan.

In view of the above, it is not intended to consult further on this project, unless there is a significant deviation from the proposals outlined in the Town Centre Plan. The Katikati Community Board will be considering the priority projects for implementation.

FR4.8.17  **Topic - Communities - Issue - Katikati Rialto - Submitter 152**

Council agrees that a Rialto theatre would be an asset to the wider Katikati community. This would require a private commercial operator to come forward to fund and run this as a business venture.

FR4.8.18  **Topic - Communities - Issue - Libraries - Submitter 141**

The proposed increase in library and service centre space for Katikati is scheduled for the financial year 2020/21. In the interim the use of our library spaces is changing in response to rapidly developing technology and the changed customer expectation that it brings. Our libraries are still issuing over 290,000 items per year and currently only 1% of those issues are for electronic items; we currently dedicate 8% of our total budget to e-resources that can be borrowed freely by customers, but the uptake to date is very slow. At the same time our traditional library users require and expect up to date hard copy collections to be available, and all our libraries are struggling to find shelf space, particularly at the western end of our district. Our libraries are also experiencing a marked increase in foot traffic with an average of 27,164 customers through the doors per month; in the last quarter Katikati had 37,990 customers, almost half the district total for the period. Some of those customers are 'new' library users and come to utilise the library space and take advantage of our Wi-fi service, so you are absolutely correct when you say that modern technology is a factor we need to consider when planning new spaces. Modern library service has been undergoing change for the last 20 years, and the one factor that remains constant is the people, no matter how you offer service or what channels you use to deliver it, people will always require space and other people to guide and assist them. We believe that flexible library space will always be needed by our communities and hope that we will be agile enough to respond accordingly.

FR4.8.19  **Topic - Communities - Issue - Maketu Projects - Submitter 277**

Council supports the work of the Maketu Projects Team, and acknowledges the goals achieved in the Maketu Community Plan.
FR4.8.20  **Topic - Communities - Issue - Marae Maintenance - Submitter 18**  

Council appreciates your feedback for the proposal to establish a marae maintenance fund. The review of the Long Term Plan in 2015 will be the opportunity to submit regarding the ongoing nature of such a fund.

FR4.8.21  **Topic - Communities - Issue - Marae Maintenance - Submitter 220**  

Council appreciates your feedback regarding the proposal to establish a marae maintenance fund.

FR4.8.22  **Topic - Communities - Issue - Marae Maintenance - Submitter 100**  

Council appreciates your feedback regarding the proposal to establish a marae maintenance fund. The rationale for proposing that a grant be established to assist marae in maintaining their facilities is in recognition of the fact that Tangata Whenua provide for their own meeting facilities, resulting in less demand on Councils halls. Marae are also used as meeting places for the general public and can be key meeting places in the event of a civil defence emergency, particularly in rural communities.

FR4.8.23  **Topic - Communities - Issue - New Stadium for Tauranga City - Submitter 233**  

Stadia development initiatives would be the responsibility of the respective Councils and as such Western Bay of Plenty District Council is unaware of Tauranga City Council’s proposals other than what they choose to make public. If they need to approach Western Bay of Plenty District Council for funding assistance we would be obligated to give it due consideration and to seek feedback from our communities.

FR4.8.24  **Topic - Communities - Issue - Opus Orchestra - Submitter 108**  

Council is pleased to confirm that it has provided $1,000 in the 2014/15 budget for the Opus Orchestra.

FR4.8.25  **Topic - Communities - Issue - Paengaroa Hall - Submitter 220**  

The proposed budget for Hall maintenance and the insurance on the Paengaroa Hall will result in an amount being levied across the Paengaroa Hall area of benefit of $13,495 for the 2014/2015 financial year. This is a rate of $22.11 per property.
Whilst Council has sympathy with your perspective that the Hall should be operated at no cost to the community, it is advised that only one of Council's halls operates in that manner and from time to time they have to ask for additional funding as well.

FR4.8.26  
**Topic - Communities - Issue - Pensioner Housing - Submitter 358**

Your comments regarding fee increases for pensioner housing are noted. For your information, rentals only increase by the Consumer Price Index and have done so for a number of years now.

FR4.8.27  
**Topic - Communities - Issue - Rural Fire - Submitter 220**

Your support of the increased funding of the rural fire activity is appreciated.

FR4.8.28  
**Topic - Communities - Issue - Social and Cultural Needs - Submitter 352**

In all of our decisions we consider the social, cultural, economic and environmental impacts.

FR4.8.29  
**Topic - Communities - Issue - Sport Bay of Plenty - Submitter 220**

Sport Bay of Plenty provides valuable community development outcomes as a service contractor to Council. This contract is reviewed annually. Sport Bay of Plenty continues to deliver excellent sport, recreation, and leisure services and support to our district communities.

FR4.8.30  
**Topic - Communities - Issue - Sport Bay of Plenty - Submitter 247**

Council acknowledges the valuable services and support that Sport Bay of Plenty provides in our communities, including contributions and advice to council processes and strategies that provide sport, recreation and leisure outcomes across our district and the Bay of Plenty region.

The Recreation and Leisure Strategy will be reviewed as part of the forthcoming Long Term Plan process. We would welcome the participation of Sport Bay of Plenty as a key stakeholder in this process and will be in contact in due course.
FR4.8.31 **Topic - Communities - Issue - Sport Bay of Plenty - Submitter 282**

Council notes your support for lifeguard services in Pukehina. Surf Lifesaving is currently funded the amount you quoted to provide lifeguard services in Maketu, Pukehina and Waihi Beach.

FR4.8.32 **Topic - Communities - Issue - Summerhill Farm - Submitters 9, 170**

The submitter is requested to enter into discussions direct with Bay of Plenty Regional Council, the owner of the Papamoa Hills Cultural Heritage Park, to establish links between the Summerhill Park and the Regional Park.

FR4.8.33 **Topic - Communities - Issue - Te Puna Community Development Plan - Submitter 308**

As you are aware the Te Puna Community Development Plan process commenced in April 2011 following a request from Te Puna Heartlands to review the 2007 plan. Notwithstanding good community interest in the launch day at Te Puna School Hall, interest and attendance at subsequent focus groups waned to such an extent that the process has effectively been in abeyance ever since.

Community readiness is critical to the success of any planning endeavour. Wide and representative involvement ensures there is a community mandate for action. It is against this background that Council remains of the view that Te Puna community leaders need to catalyse wide interest in developing a plan (and/or reviewing the existing plan).

We are also mindful that the aspirations of Pirirakau, as mana whenua of the Te Puna area (and beyond,) need to be reflected in any wider community planning process. Noting that the review of the Pirirakau hapu management plan is underway we believe there is merit in awaiting the conclusion of that process.

Funding to complete the Te Puna Community Development Plan has been carried forward over subsequent years in anticipation of the community leading this process (with the support of Council).

FR4.8.34 **Topic - Communities - Issue - Te Puna Memorial Hall - Submitters 352, 169, 178, 215**

Council appreciates that the State Highway 2 intersection upgrade at Te Puna promises positives for the wider community in terms of road safety, while on the other hand creating some uncertainty and concern regarding the future of the Te Puna War Memorial Hall.
It is against this background that the Council has committed to facilitating a comprehensive community engagement process to canvas views on the value the Hall has for individuals, whether the Hall should be kept and relocated or whether a new / different type of community facility is needed somewhere in Te Puna.

By undertaking this engagement process and capturing community views Council will be better equipped to negotiate terms with the New Zealand Transport Agency in due course.

FR4.8.35

**Topic - Corporate - Issue - Upgrade of Barkes Corner Reception - Submitter 220**

Your comments regarding the refurbishment of the front of house area of Barkes Corner are noted. The proposal is to make the area more user friendly for customers. Council thanks you for your comments and will note your opposition to this expenditure.

FR4.8.36

**Topic - Economic - Issue - General - Submitters 220, 282**

Council has commenced a review of its Economic Strategy including funding arrangements for economic development as part of the review of the Long Term Plan. Council will consider your suggestion as part of the review.

FR4.8.37

**Topic - Economic - Issue - General - Submitter 147**

Council already has service delivery contracts with various community organisations, including Priority One and Tourism Bay of Plenty, where Council jointly appoints the directors in consultation with Tauranga City Council. Council could require that it has an appointed representative to all of the organisations it funds, and will consider this on a case by case basis.

Accountability is dealt with by way of service level agreements with each organisation in which Council stipulates the deliverables and outcomes sought and progress is required to be reported back to Council.

FR4.8.38

**Topic - Economic - Issue - General - Submitters 96, 261**

Council appreciates your support of funding allocated to Katch Katikati. As you are aware Council is reviewing its Economic Strategy and will consider your comments as part of the review.

Katch Katikati activities are partly funded by Council and they currently have sufficient funds to carry on until July 2014. In 2013 an additional $10,000 was granted which has enabled them to spend extra time further developing events and tourism products that build community vibrancy, enhance the area and bring additional economic benefits to Katikati. Some of these activities include further development of the Katikati cuisine trail, and a large amount of time on a cycle way from Katikati to Waihi Beach.


The Fire Station needs some remedial work to make it comply with the earthquake standards set in terms of the Building Act.

The Community Board has worked through a public expressions of interest process to find suitable tenants for the building and will be making a recommendation to Council. It is anticipated that Council will make a decision on the future use of the old Fire Station as part of its annual plan submissions deliberation.

FR4.8.41  **Topic – Economic – Issue – Katikati Open Air Art – Submitter 261**

Council notes your support for a regular grant that allows Open Air Art to maintain the murals in Katikati.

FR4.8.42  **Topic – Economic – Issue – Priority One – Submitter 96**

Council appreciates the work undertaken by Priority One. As you are aware Council has commenced a review of its Economic Strategy including the funding arrangements for economic development as part of the review of the Long Term Plan. Your comments will be considered as part of the review.

FR4.8.43  **Topic – Economic – Issue – Priority One – Submitter 282**

Council appreciates your support for the funding of Priority One. Council has commenced a review of its Economic Strategy including the funding arrangements for economic development as part of the review of the Long Term Plan. Your comments will be considered as part of the review.

FR4.8.44  **Topic – Economic – Issue – Priority One – Submitter 102**

Council appreciates your support for the funding of Priority One, in particular the ongoing implementation of SmartEconomy and working with Te Puke Economic Development Group.
As you are aware Council has commenced a review of its Economic Strategy including the funding arrangements for economic development as part of the review of the Long Term Plan. Your comments will be considered as part of the review.

FR4.8.45  
**Topic** - Economic - Issue - Pukehina Development - Submitter 282

Your continued support for the $20 Pukehina Development Rate is appreciated.

FR4.8.46  
**Topic** - Economic - Issue - Strategic Property Sales - Submitter 183

Your suggestion regarding the selling of the kiwifruit orchards adjacent to the Omokoroa Hall is noted. For your information, Council has already reviewed its strategic property holdings with a view to reducing debt. It will continue to look at the most effective way to balance debt with the requirement for flexibility with regards to strategic land holdings going forward.

Council’s Structure Plan currently reflects this area as being required for the Omokoroa Town Centre. Whilst this area may indeed change as a result of community consultation, the move to sell this land cannot be considered until the Council and the Omokoroa Community have agreed on the most appropriate location for the Omokoroa Town Centre.

FR4.8.47  
**Topic** - Economic - Issue - Te Puke Town Centre Landscape - Submitter 14

Your support of the town entrance improvement is welcomed. Staff will be in contact with you regarding possible art works.

FR4.8.48  
**Topic** - Economic - Issue - Tourism - Submitter 102

Council appreciates your support for the funding of Tourism Bay of Plenty. As you are aware Council has commenced a review of its Economic Strategy including the funding arrangements as part of the review of the Long Term Plan.

FR4.8.49  
**Topic** - Economic - Issue - Tourism - Submitter 220

Council has commenced a review of its Economic Strategy including the funding arrangements for tourism and economic development as part of the review of the Long Term Plan.
FR4.8.50  **Topic – Economic - Issue - Tourism - Submitter 96**

Council appreciates your support for the funding of Tourism Bay of Plenty and its implementation of the Tourism Strategy. As you are aware Council has commenced a review of the Economic Strategy as part of the review of the Long Term Plan including its funding arrangements for tourism. Your comments will be considered as part this review.

FR4.8.51  **Topic – Katikati Heritage Museum - Issue - General Questions - Submitter 134**

Currently Council standing orders require a simple majority to pass a resolution. In relation to the guarantee to the BNZ a majority was achieved and the resolution was passed. Council has an adopted significance policy which all Council decisions are measured against. If the decision is considered significant under this policy, Council is required to consult with the community.

FR4.8.52  **Topic – Katikati Heritage Museum - Issue - General Questions - Submitter 152**

Thank you for your suggested name change to the Katikati Heritage Museum. As the museum is not owned or operated by the Western Bay of Plenty District Council we are not able to change the name.

FR4.8.53  **Topic – Natural Environment - Issue - Coastcare - Submitter 282**

Your continued support for the Pukehina Coastal Protection rates is appreciated.

FR4.8.54  **Topic – Natural Environment - Issue - Grants - Submitter 109**

This application will be considered for funding for the two Western Bay high schools for a total amount of $3600. For the future years, Council recommends that you apply to the Long Term Plan 2015 - 25 specifying that funding is sought for the full ten years.

FR4.8.55  **Topic – Natural Environment - Issue - Pongakawa Wetland Group - Submitter 210**

The relevant classification for a wetland to be included in the District Plan is a "significant ecological feature". To receive this classification the wetland would need to be assessed by an ecologist and deemed to have established biodiversity values to a predetermined level. At a minimum this usually takes 5 to 6 years of good management to reach this level. The Pongakawa Wetland Group will take several years yet to be near that level.
With regards to a small financial contribution, Council has no formalised funding model to support environmental care groups with cash. The Environmental Development Officer and Reserves staff who the group are already working with, have some small discretionary ability to assist groups with their operational budgets and Council would recommend continuing to work with them. There is also our annual Discretionary Grants, but Council would encourage the wetland group to make applications to contestable funds and not rely entirely on Council.

FR4.8.56

Topic - Natural Environment - Issue - Stray Cats - Submitter 224

Your submission requests Council consider:

1. Supporting ARRC in the production of written material to educate the public about the importance of responsible pet ownership,
2. Supporting the ARRC via the use of Council's website,
3. Contributing funding toward the ARRC Kids Education Programme,
4. Imposing a limit on the number of cats allowed per household,
5. Implementing a system to register cats.

Turning first to the request to impose a limit on the number of cats per household and/or a registration system; Council is reluctant to pursue this approach at the present time noting not only the compliance implications but the staff and system implications. You will be aware that there is no statutory mandate (unlike for dogs) to impose a registration system for cats. Council is mindful that at present feral cats are dealt with by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council as pests.

A registration system, in order to be effective, would require staff with appropriate expertise to determine whether a cat is feral or domestic. Further, council has no facility to hold unregistered cats and no legal framework to dispose of them, (with the exception of seeking disposal orders through the court system).

With regard to supporting "awareness" raising campaigns, we suggest you liaise in the first instance with Council's Environmental Development Officer who administers the contract "Wild About New Zealand" the purpose of which is to provide environmental education in schools. This may be an appropriate avenue to progress ARRC's messages to children and youth.

FR4.8.57

Topic - Planning for the Future - Issue - Age Friendly Strategy - Submitter 352

Council is becoming increasingly aware of the impact of population ageing and its implications for the provision of Council services, facilities and infrastructure. Council is a member of the Population Ageing Technical Advisory Group and is a signatory to the actions in SmartGrowth related to an ageing population.
In addition, all high priority projects are required to complete the community well-being check list which includes considering the scope or impact of the initiative on different population groups e.g. older people.

FR4.8.58

**Topic - Planning for the Future - Issue - Infrastructure Delivery and Funding Options - Submitters 130, 129, 131**

Council, as a partner to SmartGrowth, is committed to implementing the actions of the SmartGrowth Strategy 2013. The Settlement Pattern Review Project is a complex and comprehensive project. It will be informed by a series of sub-projects to be delivered either by individual partners or jointly through the Technical Implementation Group (TIG). The Settlement Pattern Review carries a high level of importance in that long-term decisions around land use, infrastructure and funding are made on the basis of the SmartGrowth Settlement Pattern. It is critical therefore that the evidence base behind the review of the Settlement Pattern is robust and can withstand scrutiny. At present there is a relatively small pool of technical staff across the partner Councils responsible for generating this evidence base and these staff have multiple other competing demands in their primary roles which do not pertain to SmartGrowth.

The additional funding as requested by the submitters would enable additional resources to be employed in the SmartGrowth office to be specifically dedicated to the project management and technical requirements of the Settlement Pattern Review.

The submitters are requesting that each SmartGrowth Partner Council contribute an additional $80,000 to SmartGrowth budget ($240,000 in total). Given that the Chief Executives agreed in November 2013 to include increased funding for SmartGrowth in their draft Annual Plan process, the $240,000 increase sought by the submitters is considered to be excessive.

Staff recommend that the cost of one additional FTE is contributed in total across all 3 partner Councils (approx. $90,000). This additional contribution to the SmartGrowth budget would be divided in accordance with the agreed SmartGrowth funding share arrangements which are:

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While the additional dedicated resource will greatly assist with the overall project timeframe, it is also relevant that the Settlement Pattern Review is reliant on a number of other comprehensive project inputs such as the City Wide stormwater project which has been initiated by Tauranga City Council and will guide decisions around intensification in the Settlement Pattern Review.
FR4.8.59  **Topic - Planning for the Future - Issue - Barrier Free Design - Submitter 176**

Council is already working in collaboration with the local branch of CCS Disability Action and has taken advice on a number of projects including toilet blocks and safety additions to the Te Puke Heritage Walkway. In addition there is an initiative to assess footpath widths in Katikati with a view to improving mobility scooter access and movement.

On the completion of the Tauranga Eastern Link revocation of the current State Highway 2 will occur and it will then become part of the district roading network. The Te Puke community has campaigned for many years for general safer access in the town centre and it is hoped that with the change of ownership progress will be made in this regard.

FR4.8.60  **Topic - Planning for the Future - Issue - District Housing Policy - Submitter 352**

As you are aware Council is planning to develop an affordable housing policy. Council will also consider the issues that you have raised regarding the changing demography of the population and growth pressures in the district in the process of developing the policy.

FR4.8.61  **Topic - Planning for the Future - Issue - Electromagnetic Radiation - Submitter 7**

Council notes your concerns regarding electro-magnetic radiation on human health although we note your caveat that the science regarding the health impacts of such radiation is not yet conclusive. In terms of the provision of fibre optics in the workplace, schools and libraries the cost of this technology remains prohibitive. The community is now used to, and demands, being able to access information within these types of environments with smartphones / I pads using wireless technology.

As a local government body we continue to provide for the needs of our communities and are also aware of our responsibilities in terms of their health and well-being. However, given that we have no role in the electricity supply there is a limited mandate for us to advise the community on concerns regarding Smart Meters.

FR4.8.62  **Topic - Planning for the Future - Issue - Format of Annual Plan - Submitter 100**

The final Annual Plan will include the number of ratepayers within the finances at a glance section. Please also note that our Annual Report also includes this reference information.
Western Bay of Plenty District Council is a partner to the SmartGrowth Strategy (together with Tangata Whenua, Tauranga City and Bay of Plenty Regional Council's). The strategy was updated in consultation with the communities of the western Bay of Plenty sub-region throughout 2013. While the previous strategy had a growth management focus the updated strategy has taken a more comprehensive approach, considering social, economic and cultural matters. The planning horizon is 50 years with a strong focus on the next 20 year planning period.

The possible future role of Paengaroa as a growth area is to be investigated as part of the SmartGrowth Settlement Pattern Review being undertaken over the next two years. With regard to lifestyle and rural subdivision, there are some 4,000 vacant rural lots in the District with 1,659 in the eastern end. Council reviewed these with the recent District Plan Review (2009/2010) and believes it is too soon to undertake a further review.

The possible future role of Paengaroa as a growth area is to be investigated as part of the SmartGrowth Settlement Pattern Review being undertaken over the next two years.

Council notes your comments on genetic engineering and the inclusion of a precautionary statement on transgenic organisms in the Bay of Plenty Regional Policy statement.

It is however noted that in its Decision (ENV 2012-AKL-000146) the Environment Court were mindful that through raising the issue in the introduction to the Regional Policy statement, as opposed to being included as a matter of regional significance with supporting Objectives and Policies, the issue was highlighted but without a directive regime for regional or district authorities to follow.

To date Council has not been aware of any strong community direction to include new provisions in the District Plan or a significant policy statement in the Long Term Plan regarding a strong precautionary approach to the release of genetically modified organisms into the environment.
Should the issue be more widely raised by the community then through your submission Council will be in a position to undertake further engagement with the community on these issues. In the meantime Council will continue to keep a watching brief on these issues.

FR4.8.67 **Topic - Planning for the Future - Issue - Housing Accord - Submitter 131**

Support of Council entering an accord is noted. Any development will be undertaken in partnership with a private sector interest. Council believes that at this time it has sufficient resources within the current operating budget to meet Council’s commitment.

FR4.8.68 **Topic - Planning for the Future - Issue - Housing Affordability - Submitters 146, 232**

Council is concerned about the growing issue of housing unaffordability and looks forward to the opportunity to consider how it could further support the increased provision of affordable housing.

FR4.8.69 **Topic - Planning for the Future - Issue - Kaimai Escarpment - Submitter 278**

The District Plan has landscape controls for identified landscape features. One of these features is the Kaimai Ranges which is defined as the native bush line associated with the Department of Conservation Estate and includes contiguous private land. These controls include the felling of native trees and the location and construction of buildings.

FR4.8.70 **Topic - Planning for the Future - Issue - Land Zoning - Submitter 152**

With regard to your submission about the use of the land on the corner of Fairview Road and State Highway 2 and the development of town houses, Council would be willing to look at such a proposal if it had support from the landowner. However we are aware that they are keeping the land for a future use and would resist a change in zone.

FR4.8.71 **Topic - Planning for the Future - Issue - Nano Technology - Submitter 7**

Council notes the concerns you raise with regard to the risks posed by persistent nano-materials to human health and the environment. Council does not currently dispose of wastewater biosolids on to land.
Our wastewater treatment plants are regularly tested for heavy metals but as a rural Council we do not see the requirement to undertake specific monitoring for nano-materials that may be more applicable to large urban areas with industries using these materials.

FR4.8.72

**Topic – Planning for the Future – Issue – Offshore Drilling for Oil and Gas – Submitter 7**

Offshore drilling for oil and gas sits outside the statutory responsibilities of district councils. Council can however control activities on land. In the current District Plan mineral prospecting is a permitted activity only where the samples are taken by hand or hand held methods. For larger mineral exploration the activity defaults to a discretionary status that requires consent from Council and where council also has the ability to decline the activity. As a result on-shore drilling for oil and gas would potentially have to be notified and go through a public process open to public submissions and hearings.

Having been directly affected the Western Bay of Plenty community is fully aware of the risk that oil spillage can cause to the marine and coastal environments.

FR4.8.73


Council acknowledges the Commercial Zoned land at Tralee Street, which is progressively being developed. The role of that commercial area has always been identified as a neighbourhood centre that will cater for the needs of the community to the north of the railway. Because of the ultimate population of Omokoroa there will be a need for a larger town centre. It should ideally be located between the State Highway and railway, rather than a location such as Tralee Street which, at three quarters down the peninsula, is not the best location to maximise exposure and hence economic return. The current study is about what is the best location for the town centre, not about the neighbourhood centre at Tralee Street. It is agreed that the development occurring at Tralee Street will serve Omokoroa’s needs for a number of years, but in due course a properly designed town centre in the right location will be required to serve the eventual population of 12,000. Council is not looking at buying more land for a commercial centre.

FR4.8.74


Thank you for your comments about the future of Hamurana Road Extension. You are correct in that one of the options is not to have the road formed all the way to Francis Road.
However this option also includes the option of retaining the link because as you state in your submission, Council already owns all the land from Tralee Street to Prole Road. The option therefore would be to use it as a green way for walking and cycling, with the option of a road being formed in the future if it proves desirable and is wanted by the community at that point in time.

FR4.8.75  

Council notes the support for and importance of the Structure Plan review. This project is being done within the operational budget and the outcome of the project is anticipated to be one of the plan changes to be notified in August this year.

FR4.8.76  

As stated in your submission the global financial crisis has had a significant effect on a number of matters, including development affordability at Omokoroa. It is imperative therefore that Council reviews the Structure Plan for Omokoroa to ensure it is still fit for purpose, including the size and location of the town centre. As one of the directly affected landowners you will be consulted on this project.

FR4.8.77  
**Topic – Planning for the Future – Issue – Paengaroa – Submitter 147**

Through the Paengaroa community plan process the community has agreed to participate fully in any subregional planning processes such as the Smartgrowth Settlement Pattern reviews which will discuss options for development in the wider subregion.

FR4.8.78  
**Topic – Planning for the Future – Issue – SmartGrowth – Submitters 279, 175,146,131,130,129,102**

Your support of Council continuing to support SmartGrowth is noted and appreciated.

FR4.8.79  
**Topic – Planning for the Future – Issue – SmartGrowth – Submitters 331, 205, 220**

SmartGrowth is funded by the three Councils to assist in ensuring our long term planning is properly integrated with all the parties involved. In this regard SmartGrowth's purpose is to ensure effective use of Council funds, thereby minimising rates rises rather than increasing them because of inefficiencies that otherwise would occur.
FR4.8.80  **Topic - Planning for the Future - Issue - Te Puke Community Development Plan - Submitter 358**

We recognise the desire of the community board (and other community groups) to lead the process of the review of the plan and look forward to assisting as you see fit in this process.

We agree that a 'Spring celebration' is a fantastic way to acknowledge all that has been achieved by the community over the last ten years and to galvanise collective thinking about Te Puke's future.

FR4.8.81  **Topic - Planning for the Future - Issue - Trans Pacific Partnership - Submitter 2**

The Trans Pacific Partnership is a Central Government led initiative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. As a rural council to date no concerns have been raised by the community regarding this matter. Whilst your initiative to raise awareness of the issues is to be commended in the present climate of local government we will continue to retain a watching brief on the response of other local and regional councils. If it is seen as an issue of wider relevance then it is anticipated that this Council would follow the lead of organisations such as Local Government New Zealand in providing a collective response to Central Government.

FR4.8.82  **Topic - Rates Affordability - Issue - Debt servicing - Submitter 100**

Thank you for your support.

FR4.8.83  **Topic - Rates Affordability - Issue - Environmental Protection Rate - Submitter 282**

Your continued support for the Environmental Protection rates is appreciated.

FR4.8.84  **Topic - Rates Affordability - Issue - Expenditure Priorities - Submitter 4**

Council operates like any other professional organisation and must employ competent staff to deliver its many services across the district. Many services require the employment of qualified professionals and if Council didn't offer competitive salaries it wouldn't be able to recruit or retain the right people. Many of the services Council provides are critical core services such as the provision of water supply and wastewater management. Managing these services is specialised and must be delivered safely and consistently by qualified experienced staff.
It should be noted that Councillors’ salaries are set by an independent authority and the average salary is $31,500.00 per annum.

More than 75% of Council’s annual expenditure goes towards just maintaining existing services and assets. The ongoing cost of delivering core services, primarily required by Government legislation is where Council spends the majority of its income. Western Bay is a growing district and that requires that new infrastructure must be provided over time to allow for that growth. A very large proportion of this infrastructure is funded from the developer community rather than rates.

**Topic - Rates Affordability - Issue - Expenditure Priorities - Submitter 60**

Thank you for your suggestion to reduce costs and rates. Affordability is a concern for Council and we are always working hard to balance the tensions between what communities desire and what they need in the form of essential services.

As part of the 2014-15 Annual Plan preparation the proposed capital and operational expenditure budgets were reviewed thoroughly and any unnecessary expenditure was removed. Council is acutely aware of the current economic climate and has prepared a budget that ensures it can meet all of its current level of service and legislative obligations. Any further reduction in costs or rates may result in a decreased level of service experienced by the Western Bay ratepayer or the inability to meet certain legislative obligations.

In considering affordability issues, Council reduced the 2014/15 average increase in total rates to 4.68%, this is 1.32% lower than the forecast. Individual rates will also be affected by rates for utilities such as water and wastewater, and targeted rates for additional local projects. Please find attached a list of services provided for rates.

**Topic - Rates Affordability - Issue - Expenditure Priorities - Submitters 355, 341, 325**

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There are a large number of factors that drive Council costs, inflation is one of those drivers. Others include debt servicing, capital expenditure and upgrades to existing facilities.

For products and services that are provided by external contractors, Council does not set the market price and is at the mercy of the market. Council has robust procurement policies and procedures aimed at achieving the best outcome.

**FR4.8.87**

**Topic** - Rates Affordability - Issue - Expenditure Priorities - Submitter 111

There are a large number of factors that drive Council costs, inflation is one of those drivers. Others include debt servicing, capital expenditure and upgrades to existing facilities.

For products and services that are provided by external contractors, Council does not set the market price and is at the mercy of the market. Council has robust procurement policies and procedures aimed at achieving the best outcome. The major driver of the proposed rates increase of 4.68% is the result of Council’s adopted financial strategy to increase water and wastewater charges by 5% to address the interest costs on growth related debt. This affects the urban areas more than the rural areas due to a large number of properties in the rural areas that are not connected to council services.

The average rate variances across the district are due to targeted rates that apply to specific areas, e.g. the Te Puke promotion rate has reduced by $150 for commercial properties in that area, this has reduced their overall rated increase.

There has been no increase in the forecast penalty income as there is no evidence to suggest this will increase, the rate of payment has remained consistent over the last several years despite difficult economic conditions.

The other income figure for 2013 is the actual income for the year rather than the budgeted amount. This includes non cash items such as investment gains and asset revaluations.

**FR4.8.88**

**Topic** - Rates Affordability - Issue - GST on Rates - Submitter 20

Council understands that ratepayers are frustrated that GST is charged on their rates, however, Council is required to charge GST on its rates by the Income Tax Act as they are a charge for the supply of goods and services that Council provides. While you are correct that interest costs make up a portion of Council’s total costs they are part of the costs associated with running the organisation. In this regard it is no different to GST being charged by any other organisation for the goods and services they supply.
With regard to your suggestion around alternative ways to generate revenue e.g. a regional tax, this is currently not provided for under the existing legislation which is controlled by central government.

**FR4.8.89**

**Topic - Rates Affordability - Issue - Property Valuations - Submitter 286**

Every three years the Western Bay of Plenty District is revalued, as required by the Rating Valuations Act.

The next revaluation is due to take place with effect from 1 September 2014, and your new revaluation figures will be posted out to you in early December 2014.

**FR4.8.90**

**Topic - Rates Affordability - Issue - Rates Increases - Submitter 39**

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Affordability is a concern for Council and we are always working hard to balance the tensions between what communities’ desire and what they need in the form of essential services.

As part of the 2014-15 Annual Plan preparation the proposed capital and operational expenditure budgets were reviewed thoroughly and any unnecessary expenditure was removed. Council is acutely aware of the current economic climate and has prepared a budget that ensures it can meet all of its current level of service and legislative obligations. Any further reduction in costs or rates may result in a decreased level of service experienced by the Western Bay ratepayer or the inability to meet certain legislative obligations.

**FR4.8.91**

**Topic - Rates Affordability - Issue - Rates Increases - Submitter 100**

There are a large number of factors that drive Council costs, inflation is one of those drivers. Others include debt servicing, capital expenditure and upgrades to existing facilities.
For products and services that are provided by external contractors, Council does not set the market price and is at the mercy of the market. Council has robust procurement policies and procedures aimed at achieving the best outcome. The major driver of the proposed rates increase of 4.68% is the result of Council's adopted financial strategy to increase water and wastewater charges by 5% to address the interest costs on growth related debt. It should also be noted that the average rural ratepayer who is not connected to Council's water and wastewater network faces an average increase of less than 2% which is lower than the proposed rate of inflation.

FR4.8.92

**Topic - Rates Affordability - Issue - Rates Increases - Submitter 133**

There are a large number of factors that drive Council costs, inflation is one of those drivers. Others include debt servicing, capital expenditure and upgrades to existing facilities.

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Council uses the Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) to forecast inflation. This index has been created to reflect the costs that councils face. This has been assessed as being a more appropriate measure than the Consumer Price Index which measures price movements on the average basket of consumer goods.

FR4.8.93

**Topic - Rates Affordability - Issue - Rates Increases - Submitter 134**

Affordability is a concern for Council and we are always working hard to balance the tensions between what communities desire and what they need in the form of essential services.

As part of the 2014-15 Annual Plan preparation the proposed capital and operational expenditure budgets were reviewed thoroughly and any unnecessary expenditure was removed. Council is acutely aware of the current economic climate and has prepared a budget that ensures it can meet all of its current level of service and legislative obligations. Any further reduction in costs or rates may result in a decreased level of service experienced by the Western Bay ratepayer or the inability to meet certain legislative obligations.
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**FR4.8.94**

**Topic – Rates Affordability – Issue – Rates Increases – Submitter 195**

The average rates increases disclosed in the draft Annual Plan are calculated using a selection of properties in each community e.g. Katikati and by zoning type e.g. rural and residential. The reason for the higher average increase in the residential areas compared to the rural areas is due to rural properties that are not connected to councils water or wastewater schemes and therefore do not face the proposed increases in those rates. The variance between the residential areas is due to the proposed amalgamation of the water and waste water annual charges which have affected each community differently.

As rates are based on a mixture of valuation based rates and targeted rates which may vary from community to community a flat average increase would not be feasible.

**FR4.8.95**

**Topic – Rates Affordability – Issue – Rates Tables – Submitter 100**

Thank you for your suggestion. This will be considered for inclusion in the 2015-25 Long Term Plan.

**FR4.8.96**

**Topic – Rates Affordability – Issue – Rating Basis – Submitter 100**

Council currently rates using a hybrid model. This uses capital value for the general rate and land value for the roading rate. As you are aware a robust engagement process was followed in 2009 to determine a fair rating basis. On balance this process determined that the hybrid method was the most appropriate. Whilst we appreciate the view of Federated Farmers we see no compelling reason to revisit this process in the near future.

**FR4.8.97**

**Topic – Rates Affordability – Issue – Rating Basis – Submitter 331**

The interest recovery rate was consulted on as part of Council’s financial strategy in the 2012-22 Long Term Plan. This clearly set out how much would be recovered each year from this rate.

In order to provide greater transparency to the ratepayer, the amount payable each year is disclosed as a separate line on the rates assessment and both rates instalments.
FR4.8.98  **Topic - Rates Affordability - Issue - Reserves - Submitter 282**

Thank you for your support of the Disaster Contingency Reserve. This is a critical reserve to ensure that Council can demonstrate to the Government that their requirements regarding disaster insurance and funding obligations are met.

FR4.8.99  **Topic - Rates Affordability - Issue - Roading Rates - Submitter 100**

Council acknowledges your assertion that the rural ratepayer pays the bulk of the roading rate and recommendation that this is spent in the rural areas. As you are aware an annual works programme is compiled based on priority of works required rather than the source of the funding. It should also be noted that rural ratepayers are also frequent users of the district’s urban roading network.

FR4.8.100  **Topic - Rates Affordability - Issue - Roading Rates - Submitter 305**

The roading rate collected by Council is used to fund the maintenance, upgrades and renewals of the roading network and is ring fenced for this purpose. The annual roading works programme is compiled based on priority of works required rather than the source of the funding. It should also be noted that rural ratepayers are also frequent users of the district’s urban roading network.

FR4.8.101  **Topic - Rates Affordability - Issue - UAGC - Submitter 100**

The calculation of the 30% limit under s21 of the Local Government (Rating Act) 2002 includes the Uniform Annual General Charge and other targeted rates that are set on a uniform basis. For the proposed 2014/15 rates under this section of the Act amount to 28% of total rates. These rates include but are not limited to, library rate, environmental protection rate, community board rates and stormwater rates.

In response to your suggestion regarding the layout of the Funding Impact Statement, Council has undergone a review of best practice and will be amending the presentation in the final Annual Plan. This should address all of your suggestions.

The fixed roading rate, environmental protection rate and district library services rate have all been separately disclosed in the Funding Impact Statement on page 86 to 90 of the draft Annual Plan for transparency.
FR4.8.102  **Topic - Rates Affordability - Issue - Use of Targeted Rates - Submitter 100**

Council will continue to use targeted rates for services and introduce new ones when there is a clear benefit to doing so.

FR4.8.103  **Topic - Recreation and Leisure - Issue - Coastal Marine - Submitter 282**

Your support for project 321101, Coastal Marine Structures Renewals, is appreciated.

Council notes your comment about the Little Waihi estuary. However, funds from the coastal marine structure renewals project cannot be spent on assets located in the Pukehina Beach marginal strip; because it is owned by the Crown and administered by the Department of Conservation.

FR4.8.104  **Topic - Recreation and Leisure - Issue - Facilities in the Community - Submitters 19, 155, 39**

The Facilities in the Community fund is not rate funded. It represents 2% of the annual income Council receives from growth related development financial contributions.

The fund was established in 2001 in acknowledgement of recreational facilities that will be available for public use on land that isn't owned by Council. The Policy has very strict criteria and eligibility guidelines which Council applies every 2 years. The application process involves advertising and an assessment process which requires that each applicant must be a legal entity.

Consideration is given to availability of other recreational facilities provided by Council including the availability of alternative funders and whether the proposal is in response to growth. The proposed facility must not duplicate or replace facilities on Council land in the vicinity and public access has to be clearly stated by signage.

The applicant has to be ready to proceed and projects must be undertaken within the financial year that funding has been approved. An Access Agreement must be in place including agreement to ensure the facility continues to be available for public use for the agreed life of the facility. In case of delays, Council has to formally approve any carry over funding.

The wider community have the opportunity to submit on each proposal through the Draft Annual Plan submission process in April/May of the year the fund is allocated. Final decisions on funding proposals are made in June/July.
FR4.8.105  Topic - Recreation and Leisure - Issue - Facilities in the Community - Submitters 21, 247

The Councillors appreciate your support for the Facilities in the Community fund.

FR4.8.106  Topic - Recreation and Leisure - Issue - Facilities in the Community - Submitter 205

The Councillors appreciate your comment regarding heating the Omokoroa No 1 swimming pool.

The Facilities in the Community fund does not come from rates. It represents 2% of the annual income Council receives from growth related development financial contributions. The fund, established in 2001, acknowledges recreational facilities that will be available for public use on land that isn't owned by Council.

The Policy has very strict criteria and eligibility guidelines which Council applies every two years. The application process involves advertising and an assessment process which requires that each applicant must be a legal entity. Consideration is given to availability of other recreational facilities provided by Council including the availability of alternative funders and whether the proposal is in response to growth. The proposed facility must not duplicate or replace facilities on Council land in the vicinity and public access has to be clearly stated by signage.

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FR4.8.107  Topic - Recreation and Leisure - Issue - General - Submitter 152

Council has a robust reserve management planning process in the Wards and across the District for the provision of recreation facilities such as a flying fox, climbing frame, playgrounds etc. This ensures the community has an opportunity to be involved with establishing location and types of facilities and also determines how and where funds are allocated. Therefore your request for facilities will be considered during the next review of the Katikati/Waihi Beach Ward Reserve Management Plan.
With regard to your comment about cycle ways in Katikati, Council is currently working on a cycleway project with Katikati Trails Development Group to identify and establish a series of walking and cycling connections in and around Katikati. There is a planned cycle way link between the town centre and Hunter Reserve, however at this point in time Council Staff are negotiating access across the final property. Therefore formation of the cycle way/walk way can’t proceed until legal access across the entire route has been obtained.

The bowling alley idea would normally be something that a commercial operator would consider, not Council. If in that process a request is made to locate the project on a Council reserve or in an existing Council owned facility due consideration will be given. At the moment Council is considering the future of the former fire station but not for bowling alley purposes.

**FR4.8.108**

**Topic – Recreation and Leisure – Issue – General – Submitter 220**

Plans are in place to implement roadside barrier fencing (to discourage children from running across the main driveway). Due to resourcing and other project priorities, the seating and bin component will be extended into the 2014/2015 financial year.

**FR4.8.109**

**Topic – Recreation and Leisure – Issue – General – Submitter 182**

Facility development initiatives would require Council to undergo a series of feasibility assessments to ensure that need justifies the cost to ratepayers.

**FR4.8.110**


Council has a working relationship with the Haiku Pathway Focus Committee through their representative Sandra Simpson. The Committee have erected a sign at the entrance to the Haiku Reserve on the roadside. There is also a large brown tourist sign directing the travelling public to the reserve.

The Committee continues to be instrumental in providing feedback and guidance about many aspects of Haiku Park development including appropriate signage and their location. As part of the ongoing working processes Council will undertake to raise signs and seating furniture issues with the Committee.
**FR4.8.111 Topic - Recreation and Leisure - Issue - Katikati Public Toilets - Submitter 262**

Toilets at Park Road Project 295305 are timed for 2017/18 and Project 246506 Diggelmann Park for the 2015/16 year subject to funding being approved in the 2015 - 2025 Long Term Plan.

**FR4.8.112 Topic - Recreation and Leisure - Issue - Litt Park and the Domain - Submitter 180**

The Te Puke High School is requesting Council to consider discussing the Ministry of Education purchasing the Te Puke Domain from Council or to consider discussing a land swap of Litt Park for the Te Puke Domain. However before any proposals can be discussed, the position of the Ministry of Education and of Iwi will need to be clearly established.

Council has a lease with the Ministry of Education for the use of the Domain during hours of school time and receives an annual rent under the terms of the lease. According to Council title records, ownership of Litt Park and the Te Puke High School site are in the name of Iwi.

There have been past discussions between Council and the former Board of Trustees about the idea of undertaking a land swap between Te Puke Domain and Litt Park. During these discussions the question was asked; "That if swapping the ownership of the land were to occur, would the High School still need to use Litt Park as a part of the school's sports curriculum?" The answer was yes and on this basis, there is no tangible benefit or efficiencies to be gained by swapping the ownership of the land as the school would still need to use Litt Park.

There would be considerable cost and time resource associated with the required statutory processes that would need to be followed. This would include sign off of the process by the respective Ministers of Central Government and Iwi.

**FR4.8.113 Topic - Recreation and Leisure - Issue - Maketu Indoor Facility - Submitter 277**

Thank you for advising that the Maketu Community Board will be asking for a multi use indoor facility to be considered in the 2015 - 2025 Long Term Plan.

**FR4.8.114 Topic - Recreation and Leisure - Issue - Maketu Seawall - Submitter 277**

The maintenance of the seawall at Beach Road, Maketu, is an operational issue and has been referred to Council's Contractors, Inroads, to investigate and repair as required (CCR 189340).
FR4.8.115  
**Topic** - Recreation and Leisure  
**Issue** - Motunau Park  
**Submitter 282**

Your support for the budget of $19,590 for a picnic table, bench seats and a BBQ at Motunau Park, Pukehina, is appreciated.

FR4.8.116  
**Topic** - Recreation and Leisure  
**Issue** - Omokoroa Domain Playground  
**Submitter 256**

There is no current project or budgets assigned to upgrade the Omokoroa Domain Playground. Following the lengthy lullaby renewal discussions in 2012, it was agreed that a playground upgrade project (to include widespread community youth consultation and design plans) would be included in the next scheduled Reserves Management Plan review.

In the meantime, existing playground equipment will be replaced when play equipment condition has deteriorated to a point where repairs become uneconomic.

The only walkway upgrade planned for the next year will be completing the replacement of a section of the metalled area between Beach Grove and Cooneys Reserve with concrete.

A resource consent application for the new all-weather walkway connection between Tinopai Reserve and Lynley Park will be lodged in the near future. Commencement of the physical works will be subject to sufficient funds being available following the planning, design and tendering processes. Current Community Board funding of $65,000 approved for 2013/14 will be carried forward into 2014/15 to provide the funding base for the project.

FR4.8.117  
**Topic** - Recreation and Leisure  
**Issue** - Omokoroa Seawall  
**Submitter 333**

Council too is concerned about the long term protection of assets such as the walk way at Omokoroa, and the mitigation of natural hazards. It has done this through programmes including the installation of storm water and waste water systems, installation of horizontal bored drains, vegetation control, minor earthworks and sea wall construction.

Council stated its interest in directly maintaining and installing sea walls with its application for resource consent for new sea walls as advertised in November 2002, and as subsequently amended in 2004, and renewed in 2012. The sketch (A781800) below shows the current status of Council’s on going commitment to mitigation of natural hazards at Omokoroa.

While priorities have changed due to a number of factors, your support for the proposed lift in the financial allocation to the sea wall has been noted and is appreciated.
Council has confirmed the allocation of $570,000 in 2014-15 for further rock wall erosion protection at locations identified as Priority 2 and Priority 3 in the plan shown.

FR4.8.118  
**Topic - Recreation and Leisure - Issue - Omokoroa Seawall - Submitter 253**

In explanation of the increased funding, there are a number of factors which resulted in this proposed funding increase subsequent to identifying this project in the Long Term Plan:

1. Prioritised sections of wall were better defined in 2012-13
2. A resource consent was obtained for these sections. It should be noted that this is only a small fraction of the length of the Omokoroa peninsula at risk.
3. If the original funding amount stood, then part of the sea wall would be incomplete.
4. The costs of installing a sea wall are better known with a firm competitive offer in hand to complete the rest of the wall.
5. The sea walls protect substantial amounts of Council infrastructure and walkways. It is acknowledged that while private property is also protected, this is not the primary intention as occurs at Waihi Beach.

The use of the Environmental Protection Rate is considered an appropriate use of the rate for this type of work, as Council walkways are considered to have significant environmental quality.

FR4.8.119  
**Topic - Recreation and Leisure - Issue - Omokoroa Seawall - Submitter 256**

It is good to see that the Omokoroa Community Board supports the additional funding for the sea walls (Project 281505) as proposed. Thank you for the support.

Council has confirmed the allocation of $570,000 in 2014-15 for further rock wall erosion protection at locations identified as Priority 2 and Priority 3 in the plan shown.

FR4.8.120  
**Topic - Recreation and Leisure - Issue - Seabreeze Park - Submitter 282**

All planned works including toilet refurbishment, fencing etc have been completed for project 322801 - Seabreeze Park. Currently a total of $4,766 remains unspent in the account which will eventually be reabsorbed into the district wide account if not spent by the end of June 2014.
On the 24 May 2012 the Tauranga City Council/Western Bay of Plenty District Council Joint Governance Committee adopted the updated Joint Tauranga City Council/Western Bay of Plenty District Council Sub-Regional Parks Policy.

One of the Policy's primary objectives is for the joint Councils to work together on the provision, development, management and use of sub-regional parks within the sub-region.

The policy goes on to talk about the need to secure, develop and maintain land by partnering with Councils and other agencies and organisations. The Councils will respond to opportunities for land purchase for sub-regional parks on a case by case basis. However for the moment the Councils will focus on ongoing development and management of the TECT All Terrain Park and Huharua Park to ensure the parks are developed to their full potential over a period of time.

Council has separately received a presentation from the Brann's regarding Roydon Downs Farm Park and the possibility of acquiring the farm for public use. The acquisition does not meet the sub-regional parks policy/strategy and accordingly Council will not be further investing acquiring the farm park.

It is suggested that if there is strong community demand to have the farm park available for the public that a community trust be formed to acquire and manage the property.

Your support for the deferrals of projects at TECT All Terrain Park has been noted.

Following on from recent staff meetings and discussions with representatives from Te Puke Gymsport, Council will continue to assist where it can in your endeavours to find a suitable “home” in Te Puke. Please keep in touch with John Rauputu, Recreation Planner who has been assigned by Council to monitor the project.
FR4.8.124  **Topic - Recreation and Leisure - Issue - Te Puke Pool - Submitters 100, 175, 247**

The Councillors appreciate your support for the funding of up to $100,000 on the Te Puke Aquatic Centre.


During the 2013/14 Annual Plan process a proposed targeted rate to fund the projected Te Puke pool operational cost of $100,000 was widely consulted.

On Thursday 27th June 2013 Council resolved to charge a single rate of $14.85 across the Te Puke and Maketu areas of benefit to fund the Te Puke pool operations.

The net effect of the targeted rate and the income from user fees results in an entry fee being consistent throughout the district. If the targeted rate was reduced to $50,000 (rate is halved to $7.43 pa) then entry fees will become unaffordable and the viability of the pool is put at risk.

FR4.8.126  **Topic - Recreation and Leisure - Issue - Te Puna Netball - Submitter 243**

You also submitted to Council’s 2013/2014 Draft Annual Plan which was subsequently adopted by full Council on 27th June 2013. Council wrote to you on 10 July 2013 advising that your request to relocate the Maramatanga Park netball hard courts would be referred to the Kaimai Ward Reserve Management plan review in 2014/15 for consideration for funding in the 2015 - 2025 Long Term Plan process. This would allow Council to facilitate further community dialogue.

Subsequently to our letter last year, amendments have been to the timing of the Reserve Management plans which is no longer being reviewed in 2014/15. However it is still proposed to carry out an assessment of the Maramatanga Park netball hard courts to feed into the 2015 - 2025 Long Term Plan process.

Accordingly no change will occur until the above processes have occurred and only then if a relocation is approved and funded.

FR4.8.127  **Topic - Recreation and Leisure - Issue - Te Tumu Pa Signage - Submitter 130**

As the owner of the Kaituna Sand Spit Recreation Reserve, Western Bay of Plenty District Council is mindful of the historic and cultural significance of the Te Tumu Pa and would like to be involved with introducing mechanisms to protect the site.
There is a Biodiversity Management Plan involving Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council, as well as the Department of Conservation and the volunteer group Maketu Ongatoro Wetlands Society Inc. Collectively through the Plan it could be a good opportunity for the organisations to support erecting interpretive signage.

Therefore Council will raise the possibility through the Biodiversity Management Plan with the other organisations to erect interpretive signage to protect the Te Tumu Pa site.

FR4.8.128  

While Council can determine where retail activities may occur, the specific nature of individual tenancies is not a matter that Council has any control over.

FR4.8.129  
Topic – Regulatory – Issue – Fees and Charges – Submitter 100

The Dog Control Policy was last reviewed in 2011 and the process for the next review will begin in 2015. A discussion of the funding for the activity is part of the review process which falls outside of the Annual Plan process.

Fees and charges were published as part of the Annual Plan submission process and therefore open to any submission for alternatives through this process. We note that your request relates to being consulted on the policy relating to fee setting in this instance and we welcome your input on the policy at any time but note that it was not under review in the annual plan process. Any policy review would of course be a matter for public consultation and your interest is noted should a review on this policy be proposed.

FR4.8.130  
Topic – Regulatory – Issue – Fees and Charges – Submitter 373

Western Bay of Plenty District Council acknowledges the need for a sub-regional Tangata Whenua consultation policy.

The Council identified the need to review its 2002 policy and completed this project with local iwi and hapu members with full endorsement by Council’s Te Komiti Maori. This process was concluded prior to the commencement of the Combined Tangata Whenua Forum's directive.

The fee is a financial acknowledgement of the participation and provision of information by the relevant participants into the resource consent process.
In the interim, Council must operate to the agreed "Engagement with Tangata Whenua on Resource Consent Applications" protocol, including the fee as committed to, until such time a sub-regional policy, in some form, is complete.

FR4.8.131  
**Topic – Regulatory - Issue – Legal Highs - Submitter 319**

Council have adopted a Psychoactive Products policy to limit the location of retailers of psychoactive products as much as possible. In addition, the recent announcement by central government to removal all psychoactive products until they have been proven to be low risk will eliminate the products from being sold by retailers for at least the next 1-2 years.

FR4.8.132  
**Topic – Representation - Issue – General - Submitter 252**

Council agrees that there is significant work to be done to build relationships with Waihi Beach ratepayers, however we are sure you will agree that Council has made good progress over recent months through the one-on-one meetings with residents in the floodable areas and the 'Not just a storm in a teacup' engagement process. We feel certain we can continue to rely on your support to help us with this work.

It is also important to acknowledge the diversity of perspectives that exists within the community which ultimately means that endeavours to build relationships and mutual understanding will take time and will be challenging on occasion.

FR4.8.133  
**Topic – Representation - Issue – General - Submitter 331**

All ratepayers across the district contribute to the costs of district wide Council services and assets and are rated based on the same rating principles. The only variations to rates by area are for very specific local services provided and for local community board projects that benefit that community board area. Council considers its current structure is the most appropriate given the nature and composition of its communities.

FR4.8.134  
**Topic – Representation - Issue – General - Submitter 358**

As you will be aware Council recognised the effectiveness of having five community boards to represent communities in the last review of representation arrangements. However, part of the determination by the Local Government Commission requires that a review of community boards be undertaken prior to the 2016 local body elections. Council will consider the timing of this over the coming months.
FR4.8.135  **Topic - Representation - Issue - General - Submitter 373**

We acknowledge your submission points supporting our ongoing commitment to SmartGrowth and other collaborative initiatives.

FR4.8.136  **Topic - Representation - Issue - Lobby Central Government - Submitter 8**

Council supports you lobbying Central Government regarding low or nil interest funding from the Reserve Bank to assist with essential capital works as well as the removal of GST from rates.

Any support for a proposed 'Robin Hood' tax campaign would need to be considered in terms of what the potential impact there would be on the citizens of New Zealand not just the Western Bay of Plenty. When levying additional taxes on money market or financial transactions it is likely that these costs would flow down to the end consumer, which in this case may be ratepayers. While the 'Robin Hood' tax has merit, more evidence would be needed to demonstrate its effectiveness and how the additional tax revenue would be distributed.

Council currently has not investigated the benefits of flouridation.

Council did consider the single transferable vote in the 2012 and elected to stay with the first past the post system.

With regard to the Trans Pacific Partnership we would suggest that you contact Local Government New Zealand. They represent Local Government on these types of country wide issues.

FR4.8.137  **Topic - Solid Waste - Issue - Recycling - Submitter 233**

The recycling operation located at Kopu is encompassed within the Thames Coromandel District Council and serves the ratepayers of that district. One of the major components in operating a recycling centre is the cost associated with transporting recycled commodities to the purchasers market.

With cost efficiencies for the ratepayer in mind, Council changed its operating model for the Katikati and Athenree Community Recycling Centres two years ago by bringing its management and operation in-house. A compaction baler was purchased and installed at the Katikati Recycling Centre with Waste Minimisation Levy funding. Plastics, cardboard and paper are transported from Athenree Recycling Centre to Katikati for processing. Staff are baling and selling plastics number 1 & 2 which include milk and soft drink bottles, cardboard and paper. Recycled glass is sold to a local recycler who transports it to Auckland in commercial loads. Scrap metal is also sold to a recycler and used motor oil is recycled cost neutral to Council.
The new operating model is providing a community recycling service and provides a return on commodities sales.


Western Bay of Plenty District Council sees its predominant role in Solid Waste as planning, educating and enforcement. Council has a 'polluter pays' approach, allowing the market to provide services and set the price for waste and recycling collection. This approach requires those producing waste to pay the appropriate cost for its disposal and that by paying for its disposal people are more likely to change their behaviour and attitudes towards waste minimisation.

The "Blue Bag Glass Recycling Trial" was conducted over a five week period, coinciding with the Easter holidays in 2013. Results of the survey were presented to the Waihi Beach Community Board in July 2013 and highlighted the following:

- 825 households took part in the trial with 4,125 blue bags being distributed out (5 to each household). Blue bags were collected over a five week period (20% take up)
- The total volume of recyclables diverted from landfill from the trial equated to approximately 12,000kgs
- 70% of the total volume was made up of glass

While a 20% take up of the trial may not be considered as a success story, the recycling collection did highlight the opportunity for a potential kerbside service by a local contractor, given the high number of property owners who do not permanently reside in Waihi Beach. Council staff had indicated a willingness to assist any person or community group who wishes to pursue such an opportunity in the future.

**FR4.8.138**

**Topic - Solid Waste - Issue - Rubbish Collection - Submitter 341**

Council’s solid waste uniform annual charges and user fees for green waste provide for the operation, maintenance and renewals expenditure associated with solid waste activities.

These activities include the operation of community recycling centres in the district (Te Puke, Katikati and Waihi Beach), removal of illegal dumping and abandoned vehicles and promoting of waste minimisation education programmes.

Western Bay of Plenty District Council reviewed its Solid Waste Strategy in the 2009/19 Long Term Council Community Plan and further confirmed its position in the 2012/22 Long Term Plan that its predominant role is in planning, educating and enforcement.
Council adopted a “polluter pays” approach allowing the market to provide services and set the price for waste collection. This approach requires those producing waste to pay the appropriate cost for its disposal and that by paying for its disposal, people are more likely to change their behaviour and attitudes towards waste minimisation. Council is committed to the continued provision of rates funded recycling drop-off facilities but has chosen not to provide disposal or kerbside services. Council would be required to re-address this position if private operators fail to provide a suitable level of service.

**FR4.8.139 Topic – Solid Waste - Issue - Zero - Submitter 7**

In September 2010 Western Bay of Plenty District Council adopted a joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan with Tauranga City Council. The plan has the vision to promote efficient waste management practices that minimise environmental harm by working towards minimal waste. One of the objectives of the vision is to reduce the total quantity of waste to landfill. Council has set targets in its plan for a reduction in waste to landfill by 2015 to measure the achievements of the objectives. Diversion rates are measured annually to track progress. The Waste Management and Minimisation Plan is due to be reviewed in 2016 after a waste assessment.

**FR4.8.140 Topic – Stormwater - Issue - Bramley Slip - Submitter 300**

Council too is concerned about the issues that Bramley Drive slip poses. While the causes of instability are similar to those along the north western scarp, we recognise that Bramley Drive is different in that the slip surface plane is located higher up the scarp face, and well above the erosive effects of the sea. As a result, a seawall in front of this slip will have very limited effect. However slips in Omokoroa, including that at Bramley Drive are typically activated by increases in ground water pressure due to long periods of rainfall, together with an over steep slope.

The land in Bramley Drive may also be affected by what has been stated as the presence of an ancient in filled channel, bringing water to the face of the scarp. The Waikato University is currently undertaking further work to try to identify and prove this.

After the 1979 slip, Council was advised to change the way that the community managed storm water and waste water. In the mid 2000s, Council spent approximately $50million installing new sewerage and storm water collection systems. Ratepayers and developers now pay for these systems and it is no longer permissible to use ground soakage systems.

A building restriction line (District Plan Hazard Line) was also created in the early 1980s.
Sea walls have been installed in areas most affected by sea erosion, protecting Council infrastructure and walkways. The Draft Annual Plan 2014-15 includes funding to complete sea walls that were prioritised in 2012/13.

A 2011 report on Bramley Drive slip hazards by Tonkin and Taylor identified risk and conceptual remedial options. Several options identified remedies which would fully mitigate the effects of the slip, e.g. rock buttress infilling and structural walls. While no costs were provided in the report, a rough order cost estimate would be of the order of $4million. As such these options were considered unaffordable to the affected community.

However as a result of the 2011 Tonkin and Taylor report, Council's focus changed to a more holistic approach to stability, by addressing more affordable issues, such as

- vegetation issues,
- minor engineering issues,
- slope drainage issues, and
- monitoring.

As part of this focus, horizontal bored drains were installed into the base of Bramley Slip, and utility services were re-routed.

It was also recognised that Council does not have a policy on protecting private property, although it continues to mitigate natural hazards when funds become available.

Council stated its interest in directly maintaining and installing sea walls with its application for resource consent for new sea walls as advertised in November 2002, and as subsequently amended in 2004, and renewed in 2012.

While priorities have changed due to a number of factors, obligations under the act continue and the proposed lift in the financial allocation for the construction of further sea walls is a clear demonstration of ongoing focus with limited funding.

Additionally and as a result of a perceived policy gap, a project (in conjunction with Tauranga City and Regional Council) has been commenced to address this gap.

The project is in several parts. Initially a science review will consolidate and clarify the current knowledge on erosion within the harbour. Then a high level cost benefit analysis will be delivered, and finally consultation and collaboration with the community will begin. Out of this project, a Council Policy on mitigation of natural hazards will be delivered which will provide direction for mitigation and funding.
FR4.8.141  
**Topic - Stormwater - Issue - Financial Contributions - Submitter 371**

We would just like to thank you for your efforts to date in developing the Rangiuru business park in recent times. Your submission to the Annual Plan on costs for multiple culverts under the Tauranga Eastern Arterial is noted. Alterations to the Metroplex Rangiuru Financial Contribution Model will be made accordingly.

FR4.8.142  
**Topic - Stormwater - Issue - Highfields Retention Pond - Submitter 151**

The Highfield stormwater pond was originally established as a detention pond to manage stormwater. The design was based on maintaining a "dry pond" rather than a "wet pond". Your proposed solution of piping water from a nearby stream to keep a constant water level, would effectively reduce the capacity of the pond retention design.

From Council’s perspective the existing pond is better served to operate as a dry pond with modifications being made to the decant structure and minor recontouring of the immediate area. As part of this exercise any unsuitable vegetation and sediment build-up would be removed and the area re-sown with grass seed.

Subsequent to our meeting on the 16 May, Council has agreed to workshop the issue with the Katikati Community Board.

FR4.8.143  
**Topic - Stormwater - Issue - Maketu Stormwater - Submitter 277**

Council’s current maintenance schedule for stormwater drains in Maketu is as follows:

- Routine spraying of open drains in March and September each year
- Routine mechanical clearing programmed annually in April
- The lower parts of the drains (bottom 300mm of drain) are maintained to allow the free-flow of stormwater
- Flood gates down by Spencer Ave are checked monthly and the culvert grill at Maketu Road is checked at the same time
- Stormwater outlets to the harbour and coast are checked quarterly

Currently Council does not undertake any pre-heavy rain inspections in Maketu. Council staff will work with the Community Board to identify "vulnerable localities" for pre-storm heavy rain warning checks to help ensure the stormwater system is working as efficiently as possible during heavy rain events.

Council staff are currently working in conjunction with Bay of Plenty Regional Council to investigate options to help alleviate flooding issues at Spencer Ave.
Requests for funding of any proposed upgrades will then be made to Council though the 2015/2025 Long Term Plan process. Possibility may exist for funding support from Bay of Plenty Regional Council’s infrastructure funding.

**FR4.8.144**

**Topic – Stormwater – Issue – Mulgan Street – Submitter 139**

Council has not allocated funds to improve the existing floodgate at Plantec Nurseries at Mulgan Street. Council has however commenced a study of floodgates throughout the district. An outcome of this study will determine the condition and ability of each floodgate to control stormwater flows. Should any funding be required to improve any floodgates within the district, the appropriate funding will be applied for through the next Long Term Plan process.

**FR4.8.145**

**Topic – Stormwater – Issue – Pukehina Beach – Submitter 282**

Council appreciates your support for the improvement of stormwater drainage in Pukehina Beach. The kerbing on the seaward side has been considered in relation to other conflicting priorities in the Rural Communities Roading programme, but has not rated high enough to be considered as a priority in the short term. The project will be considered again when the project list is reviewed in the course of preparation of the Long Term Plan over the next year, subject of course to availability of funds.

**FR4.8.146**

**Topic – Stormwater – Issue – Rates Reduction – Submitter 5**

Stormwater is rated for on a catchment basis, where it is identified that properties receive a benefit from the stormwater infrastructure and as such there is no remission available for this rate.

The requirement for a water tank to mitigate the stormwater run-off from your property would have been a condition of consent at the time of subdivision and has no impact on rates.

**FR4.8.147**

**Topic – Stormwater – Issue – Station Road – Submitter 334**

Council has recently developed a model for the Te Puke area using latest modelling technologies and rainfall information. The model identifies areas throughout Te Puke where the network has limited capacity. No funding is currently allocated in Council’s Long Term Plan to address/improve the stormwater network at Station Road.

The model does indicate that parts of the stormwater infrastructure on Station Road are undersized and could be improved. On this basis, the model will be used to help develop the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan and potential improvements to the infrastructure on Station Road.
Your comments regarding the potential health and safety hazard of stormwater run-off in this area will be incorporated into this review.

Council is in the process of developing a Comprehensive Stormwater Consent for Te Puke that will provide Council with the ability to better manage stormwater quality. At this point in time Council may look at options to better improve water quality such as wetlands. For more information on the Comprehensive Stormwater Consent please refer to Councils website www.westernbay.govt.nz

Requests to remove rubbish from drains can be made to Council via Councils service request system by calling 0800 926 732 however as a result of your submission, we have lodged a service request to meet with you and visit the area in question. A Utilities Engineer will be in contact with you in the near future.

**FR4.8.148**

**Topic – Stormwater - Issue - SWAT - Submitter 332**

Firstly it is important to acknowledge that Council (and in particular the Utilities Manager and his team) value the constructive relationship and open dialogue that exists with the SWAT group and it is critical that this continue.

The report of the Utilities Manager to the Operational Services Committee dated 10 May 2013 primarily arose as a result of the 2012 and 2013 flood events at Waihi Beach. The report provided context for councillors regarding various catchment areas within the township and highlighted the main areas of concern raised by those affected by the flooding. Within this report the Utilities Manager described a short term work programme and a more strategic long term approach that would require consideration via the Long Term Plan 2015-25.

Council approved a capital works programme for 2013/14 to address agreed priority issues in the Waihi Beach floodable area and it is clear SWAT has had an active role in pursuing progress in relation to this work programme. The 2013/14 work programme alone constitutes close to $1m worth of capital works. Funding sources were identified for approximately $400,000 of this programme (i.e. from savings in other areas), but it is important to note that who pays for the remaining $600,000 is yet to be determined.

So, while we acknowledge your desire for substantial funding to be put in place, the reality is that the only available funding source is from rates.

The "Not Just a Storm in a Teacup" process is a commitment by Council to collaborate with the wider Waihi Beach community (which includes Pio's Beach, Bowentown, Athenree the rural hinterland and those parts of Waihi Beach that don't flood) to determine a sustainable, equitable and long term approach for managing stormwater, noting that the One Mile Creek, Two Mile Creek and Maranui catchments are not the only areas that experience flooding within the community board area.
The feedback from the community that we've received so far has led council to two clear problem statements:

The first is that development and changing land use has reduced natural drainage causing on-going property damage during storm events and uncertainty for people about their future at Waihi Beach. Secondly, that difficulty understanding what is fair and equitable means that Council has been unable to make long term decisions that are acceptable to the wider community.

There is no doubt that if an obvious funding source was available (beyond rates) then resolving the issue of flooding would be easy. By far the most difficult problem to solve is the question of who pays, and how much. This problem cannot be addressed without the involvement of the community.

Indeed, this point is being exemplified now within the 2013/14 work programme where Council is attempting to broker agreement amongst land owners to undertake Two Mile Creek erosion protection works. It has been an incredibly difficult process to broker the agreement that we have to date and Council anticipates that the discussion around who pays and how much will be even more difficult. We anticipate that while some land owners along Two Mile Creek might agree to contribute something toward the project, there will be an expectation that the community pay something too.

Just how difficult these conversations are was also recently exemplified by the review of the Waihi Beach funding approach for the dunes, which were constructed in 2012 in front of seven properties along Shaw Road. The dunes were subsequently washed away in one of the 2012 flood events. This process demonstrated vociferous opposition from the wider Waihi Beach community to contributing any more on their rates bill for an issue that they believed didn't affect them. In this case we were talking about an approximate $10 impact on rates.

We're incredibly mindful that the best technical solution for Waihi Beach flooding would likely cost 10's of millions. Decisions committing a community (or even a district) to this type of expenditure and subsequent rates impact cannot be taken without their close involvement.

So while work continues to progress the 2013/14 stormwater programme for Waihi Beach, the long term approach to stormwater management can only become clear if the wider community (including the community affected by flooding) collaborates with the Council to solve the problems outlined above. This takes time. Council has consistently maintained that once the community and Council have determined the suite of solutions, including who pays and how much, then the funding implications will be reflected in the Long Term Plan for 2015-2025.
We acknowledge your request for council to allocated funding to remediate Two Mile Creek and to work with the affected ratepayers for a suitable solution. Indeed, this is what Council has been endeavouring to do for some time now. In this regard we note that you are one of the land owners.

In your submission you reference the ‘fairness’ of requiring affected ratepayers to pay for the proposed Two Mile Creek erosion protection works when the wider community would benefit from those works also.

Questions regarding who pays and how much for addressing flooding issues is arguably the very root of the problem we (Council and the wider Waihi Beach community) has to solve.

This year (2013/14) Council has been progressing a capital works programme to address agreed priority issues in the Waihi Beach floodable area and the SWAT group at Waihi Beach has had an active role in pursuing progress in relation to this work programme (including Two Mile Creek erosion works). This programme alone constitutes close to $1m worth of capital works. Funding sources were identified for approximately $400,000 of this programme, but it is important to note that who pays for the remaining $600,000 is yet to be determined.

None of these projects (including the proposed Two Mile Creek erosion protection works) will resolve all flooding issues in the long term.

The "Not Just a Storm in a Teacup" process (of which you ought to be aware) is a commitment by Council to collaborate with the wider Waihi Beach community (which includes Pio's Beach, Bowentown, Athenree the rural hinterland and those parts of Waihi Beach that don't flood) to determine a sustainable, equitable and long term approach for managing stormwater, noting that the One Mile Creek, Two Mile Creek and Maranui catchments are not the only areas that experience flooding within the community board area.

We're incredibly mindful that from an engineering perspective the best technical solution for Waihi Beach flooding would likely cost 10's of millions.

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So while work continues to progress the 2013/14 stormwater programme for Waihi Beach, the long term approach to stormwater management can only become clear if the wider community (including the community affected by flooding) collaborates with the Council to solve the problems outlined above. This takes time.

Council has consistently maintained that once the community and council have determined the suite of solutions, including who pays and how much, then the funding implications will be reflected in the Long Term Plan for 2015-2025.

**FR4.8.150**

**Topic - Stormwater - Issue - Waihi Beach Darley Drain - Submitter 172**

Council recognises there is a number of issues within the Darley Drain sub-catchment and acknowledges your request for funding to improve this system. Due to the low lying nature of this catchment, as well as the tidal influence, it is very difficult to improve the system to a state that will allow stormwater to drain away and prevent properties from flooding. Funding previously identified in Council’s Long Term Plan for the 2009/2010 year ($1,650,000 total), which has subsequently been shifted out to 2015/2016 and 2019/2021, is to install/upgrade the existing stormwater pipe running through Wallnutt Ave and discharging into Darley drain. While upgrading this stormwater pipe may help to reduce the level of flooding in this area, it will not prevent the exposure of flooding to a large number of properties and houses.

In order to manage and alleviate flooding in this area, a catchment wide approach needs to be taken to ensure any upgrades or modifications to the stormwater network are feasible and will not increase the risk of flooding to other properties. To this end a community wide solution is required.

The "Not Just a Storm in a Teacup" process currently underway is a commitment by Council to collaborate with the wider Waihi Beach community (which includes Pio’s Beach, Bowentown, Athenree, the rural hinterland and those parts of Waihi Beach that don’t flood) to determine a sustainable, equitable and long term approach for managing stormwater, noting that the One Mile Creek, Two Mile Creek and Maranui catchments are not the only areas that experience flooding within the Community Board area.

Council is incredibly mindful that the best technical solution for Waihi Beach flooding would likely cost 10's of millions. Decisions committing a community (or even a district) to this type of expenditure and subsequent rates impact cannot be taken without their close involvement.

Council has, over the previous year, been working closely with residents at Two Mile Creek to assist with gaining consent for stream bank protection.
Council has not at this stage committed any funding for construction of any works in this area. It is important to note that one of the options to assist with alleviating flooding in the Darley Drain area is to re-direct some of the stormwater flowing into this catchment towards Two Mile Creek. Therefore the consideration of Two Mile Creek in any community wide solution is important.

So while work continues to progress the 2013/2014 stormwater programme for Waihi Beach, the long term approach to stormwater management can only become clear if the wider community (including the community affected by flooding) collaborates with Council to solve the problems outlined above. Council has consistently maintained that once the community and Council have determined the suite of solutions, including who pays and how much, then the funding implications will be reflected in the Long Term Plan for 2015-2025.

FR4.8.151  
**Topic - Transfer of Powers - Kaituna River - Issue - General - Submitter 148**

The resource consent to operate a jet boat operation on the Kaituna River was granted by this Council in 1986 and that consent has been continuously given effect to and so remains valid. The transfer of powers from the Western Bay of Plenty District Council to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council will effectively see the function of administration of the consent being transferred. The conditions of the existing consent will still remain valid under the new administering body and the operation can proceed subject to the required “speed uplifting” being authorised by the Regional Council.

FR4.8.152  
**Topic - Transportation - Issue - Bus Shelters - Submitter 128**

The Community Board has provisionally ranked the Community Roading Programme priorities for Waihi Beach.

The request for a bus shelter will be included in a list of projects for consideration when the Waihi Beach Community Board reviews the programme. The Community Board will be in touch once the consideration has been completed.

FR4.8.153  
**Topic - Transportation - Issue - Kerb and Channel - Submitter 277**

The completion of the kerbing on Williams Crescent is unaffordable but will be ranked by the Maketu Community Board against other competing priorities.
This project is not included in the Utilities list of local drainage projects. Although the Community Board may wish to rank the project ahead of others, the lack of funding in the 2014/2015 year will preclude any significant drainage projects.

**FR4.8.154**

**Topic** - **Transportation** - **Issue** - **Cycleways** - **Submitters 170, 245**

Council has recognised the increased community enthusiasm for cycling, in particular recreational cycling. In the current year it has allocated $100,000 funding towards cycling projects from the community roading budget and will allocate further funding in 2014/15. The priority routes being investigated for implementation are listed below. Investigation is often being led by community groups or organisations.

- Waihi Beach to Waihi (with Waihi Beach Trails Group)
- Tauranga to Omokoroa (with BOP Community Trails Trust and Tauranga City Council)
- Tauranga - Tauranga Eastern Link to Maketu, Paengaroa
- Katikati Cycle Trails (Katikati Trails Group)
- Waihi Beach Mountain Bike Trail (with Waihi Beach Cycle Group)

**FR4.8.155**

**Topic** - **Transportation** - **Issue** - **Extend Anderson Land** - **Submitter 184**

Extension of Anderson Lane to Omokoroa Industrial area is considered too expensive in relation to the potential benefits.

The expenditure will have a significant impact on rates, or added to financial contributions of developers, will make property development uneconomic.

**FR4.8.156**

**Topic** - **Transportation** - **Issue** - **Parton/Bell Roads** - **Submitter 35**

The request relating to the drains on Parton Road and the concrete culvert are operational and have been referred to our engineers (Customer Contact Request 188905).

The matter of the drain on Bell Road is still subject to negotiation between this Council and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

With regard to portions of the network maintained by the Fulton Hogan Alliance as “construction roads”, the implication on the lump sum was regarded as being not able to be recovered contractually, and the implication is therefore cost neutral.
It is possible however, that the cost implications will be considered in the commercial negotiations when the construction roads are handed back to the maintenance contractor at the conclusion of the "construction road" arrangement.

**FR4.8.157**  
**Topic** - Transportation  
**Issue** - Pot Holes  
**Submitter 341**

Potholes are a maintenance issue. We appreciate any potholes being reported so that our contractor can attend to them as soon as possible. In this regard we invite you to contact our customer services team on 07 571 8008.

**FR4.8.158**  
**Topic** - Transportation  
**Issue** - Project Deferrals  
**Submitters 308, 220, 238**

The projects were deferred in the Annual Plan process due to Council needing to balance the budget.

**FR4.8.159**  
**Topic** - Transportation  
**Issue** - Project Support  
**Submitter 261**

Your support for the proposed Wharawhara Road upgrade and the access to Kauri Point Park is appreciated.

Your support for project 210407, Minor Safety Projects, has been noted.

**FR4.8.160**  
**Topic** - Transportation  
**Issue** - Project Support  
**Submitter 279**

Your support for the proposed reductions of the transport project expenditure has been noted.

Council approved an increase in the seal extension budget of $200,000 in response to a number of requests from rural ratepayers.

Council has recognised the increased community enthusiasm for cycling, in particular recreational cycling. In the current year it has allocated $100,000 funding towards cycling projects from the community roading budget and will allocate further funding in 2014/15. The priority routes being investigated for implementation are listed below. Investigation is often being led by community groups or organisations.

- Waihi Beach to Waihi (with Waihi Beach Trails Group)
- Tauranga to Omokoroa (with BOP Community Trails Trust and Tauranga City Council)
- Tauranga - Tauranga Eastern Link to Maketu, Paengaroa
- Katikati Cycle Trails (Katikati Trails Group)
- Waihi Beach Mountain Bike Trail (with Waihi Beach Cycle Group)
FR4.8.161  Topic - Transportation - Issue - Project Support - Submitter 127

Your support for Project 307601, District Walking / Cycling and Urban Footpath Development, and Project 321501, Katikati Foreshore Development, have been noted.

FR4.8.162  Topic - Transportation - Issue - Rangiuru Industrial Roading Link - Submitter 220

Your support of the Rangiuru Business Park roading funding is appreciated. Council is working with key land owners and New Zealand Transport Agency in order to facilitate progress.

FR4.8.163  Topic - Transportation - Issue - Road Crossing Safety - Submitter 176

Council staff are negotiating options with the Transport Agency in relation to the future form and function of State Highway 2 through Te Puke, and the provision of safe pedestrian crossing points is a crucial factor in the deliberations.

FR4.8.164  Topic - Transportation - Issue - Rural Footpaths - Submitter 205

The construction of footpaths has been undertaken as a result of overwhelming support for the proposal evidenced at meetings with residents in the development of community plans.


The transfer of State Highway 2 to Council is at the discretion of the Minister for Transport and is conditional on the construction of the Tauranga Eastern Link. Council is aware of the community concerns over the transfer. Currently staff are working at a technical level with NZTA to determine the cost and implications of:

- current state of the road and structures
- outstanding maintenance issues
- safety deficiencies
- land issues
- future maintenance programme
- community expectation for improvements and upgrading
- funding model, increased subsidy, transition period
- transfer date

Council will be establishing regular communication with key community groups over the proposed transfer and its implications and opportunities.
Minutes of No. FR4 held 12, 13, 14 May & 9 June 2014

Please contact the Group Manager Engineering Services for further information.

FR4.8.166  
**Topic** - Transportation - **Issue** - State Highway 2 - **Submitter 6**

Council does advocate for improvements on State Highways serving our communities. Upgrading work of State Highways is ranked using criteria based on government policy and regional priorities in a climate of fiscal restraint. Your matter has been referred to the New Zealand Transport Agency.

FR4.8.167  
**Topic** - Transportation - **Issue** - Street Lighting - **Submitter 277**

The request for street lights on Te Awhe Road has been referred to our engineers and a response will be provided to the Community Board (Customer Contact Request 188586).

FR4.8.168  
**Topic** - Transportation - **Issue** - Te Puke Footpaths - **Submitter 342**

The new road maintenance contract, starting November 2014, provides for a substantial improvement in the level of service for footpaths. This includes reducing the level of trip hazards and repair of uneven surfaces.

FR4.8.169  
**Topic** - Transportation - **Issue** - Te Puna Intersection - **Submitter 352**

Thank you for your support of the State Highway 2/Te Puna intersection upgrading project. New Zealand Transport Agency is the lead agent for the project and Council is working with them to achieve the upgrade and a good outcome for the community.

FR4.8.170  
**Topic** - Transportation - **Issue** - Te Puna Intersection - **Submitter 308**

The Te Puna Road/State Highway 2 intersection is in the final stages of design and is expected to be commissioned by the New Zealand Transport Agency in 2014/2015 if funding is available. Council is working closely with New Zealand Transport Agency to facilitate a good outcome for the community.

FR4.8.171  
**Topic** - Transportation - **Issue** - Town Centre Litter Removal - **Submitter 139**

The issue of roadside litter appears to be a contractor performance issue and will be referred to our engineers (Customer Contact Request 189037).
The removal of pampas grass is an operational issue and has been referred to our engineers to deal with in accordance with Council's policies and available funding. CCR 189017. A response will be provided to the Community Board through the normal reporting process.

Maintenance on roads is undertaken in accordance with prescribed levels of service based on the particular road category. It follows that low volume roads have a lower level of service and increased response times. Council could increase the level of service but the required increase in rates is considered unaffordable.

Specific maintenance queries are best handled by lodging a service request about the issue, which can be done by calling our customer services team on 07 571 8008.

The rationale behind the amalgamation of the Multiple Pan charges is to reflect the principle of overall harmonisation of all the water charges across the district. This will put all our reticulated communities on an even footing going forward and smooth the payments of renewals/upgrades and consents across the three water supply and five wastewater treatment areas.

Te Puke multiple pan charges are proposed to rise but this should be looked at in the context of an historic low charge in comparison to other areas and the fact that in terms of water supply Te Puke (and the rest of the eastern water supply) will see significant decreases in on-going water supply charges.

Western Bay of Plenty District Council (Council) is currently working closely with Bay of Plenty Regional Council (Regional Council) and the Ongare Point Ratepayers Association to develop a solution to issues arising from septic tank systems within the Ongare Point community.

Regional Council's On-site Effluent Treatment Plan (OSET Plan) requires that properties within the maintenance zone of Ongare Point need to undertake one of the following by December 2015:
- Connect to a Council reticulated scheme or;
- Upgrade their existing septic system or;
- Obtain a Resource Consent for their existing system.

Before any work can be done to improve septic systems in Ongare Point, the community and Council need to have a thorough understanding of both the existing septic tank systems, and the ability of property owners to comply with Regional Councils OSET Plan. Council and Regional Council will be working with individual property owners over the next year to identify options for each property owner.

Funding was allocated during the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan for the 2014/15 financial year to provide a community scheme if required. The 2014/15 Annual Plan defers this funding to 2015/16 to ensure financial prudency and that the best possible solution is found for the community. The provision of $30,000 has been allocated in the 2014/15 financial year for investigations and design. The design of the project will only be undertaken if Council and Regional Council investigations indicate a community scheme is the best solution for the community.

It is important to note that a solution to effluent treatment at Ongare Point must be made prior to the deadline of December 2015.

FR4.8.176  
**Topic - Wastewater and Water Uniform Annual Charge (UAC) Amalgamations - Issue - Pukehina Surf Club - Submitter 282**

Maintenance relating to blocked ventilation, blocked gully traps and a general tidy up was recently carried out on the Council toilets which form part of the basement of the Pukehina Surf Club building. For the present the septic tank is adequate to meet normal public use; however it is noted that regular events organised by the Surf Club often have high attendances. In the past Council has encouraged the Club to supplement the existing toilets for these events with portable toilets. Obviously it is in their interests as event host and organiser that they comply with public health and safety regulations; they have been reminded of these obligations.

With regard to the surf club part of the building, under the terms of the lease it is the responsibility of the Surf Club to maintain and/or upgrade the building. In 2010 Council as landowner approved plans for building extensions and the use of two shipping containers for additional storage. If and when the Surf Club plans to renew their facility, Council may consider contributing to new toilets as a part of the rebuild.

Other than the public toilet component Council does not contribute funds toward clubroom facilities.
Western Bay of Plenty District Council (Council) is currently working closely with Bay of Plenty Regional Council (Regional Council) to develop a solution to issues arising from septic tank systems within the Te Puna west community.

Council recognises the requirement to find a solution for the Te Puna community prior to December 2015 and the demand for a solution is increasing as time progresses. However to ensure financial prudency for the community and prior to any financial expenditure, the community and Council need to have a thorough understanding of both the existing septic tank systems, and the ability of property owners to comply with Regional Council’s On-site Effluent Treatment Plan (OSET Plan).

Funding was allocated during the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan for the 2014/15 financial year to provide a community scheme if required. This funding for construction has now been deferred one year with the provision of $80,000 in 2014/15 to complete the investigation and design.

Regional Council, with the support of Council, will over the following year, work with the Te Puna West community and individual property owners to find the best possible solution for the community. If a community wastewater scheme is the best solution, design will be undertaken in the 2014/15 financial year with the possibility of construction commencing in 2015/16 (dependant on agreed funding).
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Council will continue to work with Maori and all other parties to investigate any wastewater disposal options for larger scale buildings, such as Marae.

**FR4.8.179**  
*Topic – Water – Issue – Fluoride – Submitter 7*

Your submission urges all Councils to maintain fluoride free drinking water supplies in the interest of public health. Council’s water supplies currently do not have fluoride added and there are no plans to review this decision.

**FR4.8.180**  

Your submission suggests Council review the water UAC and water volumetric charges to encourage conservation of water. The installation of water meters for all connections across the district is planned to be completed by June 2018. The project needed to be spread over a number of years to minimise the financial impact of the installations for the ratepayers.

Council will be in a better position to review water charges once meters are installed and will have a better understanding of customer water consumption habits.

Prior to the commencement of the district wide water metering project there has always been a significant portion of water connections that have meters and are charged for volumetric usage. The issues raised with the comparison between charging on metered or unmetered supplies, will be resolved at the completion of the district wide water metering, when all connections are metered.

**FR4.8.181**  

Council acknowledges and appreciates your support of the water metering project. Currently the installation of water meters is happening in the Pukehina and Pongakawa areas and will continue in the eastern supply zone through to 2016.

Water meters are a fundamental tool to help achieve operational efficiencies and identify losses similarly consumers benefit from the conservation measures they implement through the "user pays" philosophy.
As well as water metering there are a number of other water conservation initiatives in place which collectively help reduce losses or wastage. Some of these include:

- Pressure management of network pipelines reducing usage and wastage
- Bulk flow metering to measure flows, "water produced = water used"
- Leakage surveys of towns and rural mains to locate and repair leaks
- Education and information to promote, advise and help customers with ideas on how to conserve water

**FR4.8.182**  

Council appreciates your support for metering of all water connections within the district. To ensure the affordability of this project for the community Council needed to spread the costs over a six year period. As meters are installed progressively in each area, the user pays charging is introduced for those customers.

Council is about to commence the third year of a six year project to install water meters to all water connections throughout the district. As a water supply authority, Council has the responsibility to sustainably manage its water resources, implement water conservation measures and ensure water is available for all users and for future generations.

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FR4.8.184  Topic – Water - Issue - Water Quality - Submitter 82

As a public water supplier, Council complies with the requirements from the Ministry of Health and the Drinking Water Standards of New Zealand 2005 (revised 2008) which determine the quality of water supplied and the testing regime to be followed and reported.

For each water supply within our district, Council has a "Public Health Risk Management Plan" which has been approved and is monitored by the Drinking Water Assessor for the Ministry of Health. These plans are in place to mitigate any risk of contamination of the drinking water source or the water reticulation.

At every water source the raw (or ground) water is treated and monitored to ensure that potable water is being delivered through the network to the customer.

The water entering our mains after treatment is of a very high quality, however over time sediments can build up in the pipes, particularly if the water is slow moving. This could result in customers occasionally receiving sediment particles in their water, particularly if there has been a surge in the flow (perhaps because of fire-fighting or a burst water main). Too much sediment can also affect the taste, clarity and colour of water.

Delivering high quality drinking water to our customers, every day of the year, means that we need to carry out a variety of maintenance type jobs designed to keep our system in tip-top condition. One of these jobs is to periodically flush some of our water mains especially if we believe that natural sediments may have built up inside them. This may explain the presence of the "black bits" you refer to in your submission.

As a result of your submission, we have lodged a service request relating to "the black bits" in the water. A service technician will be in contact with you.
FR4.8.185  

Council appreciates your support to increase the budget for project 243002, Eastern Water Reticulations Improvements. These improvements have been identified through Council’s asset management planning to ensure the quality and capacity of the water supply network will continue to deliver the required levels of service to our communities for current and future generations.

FR4.8.186  

Council appreciates your support for projects 243002, Eastern Water Reticulations Improvements and 243619 Western Water Reticulations Improvements. These improvements have been identified through Council’s asset management planning to ensure the quality and capacity of the water supply network will continue to deliver potable drinking water to our communities for current and future generations. Council shares your opinion that potable water supplies are imperative to the health and well-being of the community.

FR4.9  

Resolved:  
Webber/Mackay

1. **THAT it be recommended to Council that the draft Annual Plan 2014/2015, as amended in accordance with the Finance and Risk Committee resolutions contained in the minutes FR4 and dated 12, 13, 14 May and 9 June 2014 be adopted.**

2. **THAT it be recommended to Council that the draft Fees and Charges 2014/2015, as amended in accordance with the Finance and Risk Committee resolutions contained in the minutes FR4 and dated 12, 13, 14 May and 9 June 2014 be adopted, noting that the Dog Control Fees and Charges had been previously adopted by an earlier Council resolution.**

The meeting closed at 2.05 pm.