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Overview

The Representation activity underpins our Council's democratic processes. Leadership and direction is provided to the organisation and wider community by the Mayor, councillors and community boards.

Tangata whenua perspectives are offered by Te Komiti Maori in its advisory role, and the Democracy Services team provides the necessary support to Council and its committees.

Our community outcome

Leaders are informed by the views of residents to make effective decisions which improve our communities and environment, now and for the future

Our goals

- Effective representation arrangements for our communities
- 2 We engage with our communities, listen well, lead effectively and make well informed decisions
- 3 We actively seek and consider the full range of residents' views on our plans, policies and projects
- We have strong relationships with tangata whenua and work together in a range of ways so that tangata whenua perspectives inform our decisions
- Strategic relationships at all levels are maintained and strengthened
- 6 Financial management is prudent, effective and efficient

How we will track progress towards our goals

Goal	We'll know we're meeting our goal if	Target
		2013/14
Effective representation arrangements for our communities We engage with our communities, listen well, lead effectively and	The level of achievement in the financial performance index (this index monitors Council's financial trends and level of compliance with 5 key treasury ratios. Target 1.00 is total compliance)	1.00
make well informed decisions	Level of resident satisfaction with:	
We actively seek and consider the full range of residents' views on our plans, policies and projects	 the opportunities to participate in decision-making Councillor and Community Board representation and Council's overall performance 	
We have strong relationships with tangata whenua and work together	Community Tangata whenua	No survey No survey
in a range of ways so that tangata whenua perspectives inform our decisions	Levels of tangata whenua satisfaction with the representation provided by the Te Komiti Māori	No survey
Strategic relationships at all levels are maintained and strengthened	Percentage of residents confident that Council makes decisions that are in the best interest of the District (monitored by Annual Residents' Survey those who are 'confident' and 'very confident')	≥50%
Financial management is prudent,	Percentage movement in total rates income (after allowance for growth)	≤7.0%
effective and efficient	Percentage completion of the annual work programme as identified in the Leadership - Representation Strategy and Action Plan	≥90%

How we will track progress - levels of service

What we provide	We'll know we're meeting the service if	Target
		2013/14
 Representation will be provided by: 1 Mayor 12 Councillors 5 Community Boards 1 To Kondik Magaine 	 Number of meetings held per annum: Council based on 6 weekly cycle Community Boards based on 6 weekly cycle Te Komiti Māori based on: 	8 8
 1 Te Komiti Māori Following the Local Body Elections on 12 October 2013 Councils 	formal meetingsworkshops	4 2
Representation arrangements will change to:	Percentage attendance of elected members (Councillors and Mayor) at Council and Committee meetings	≥80%
1 Mayor11 Councillors	Percentage attendance of Community Board members at Community Board meetings	≥80%
	Number of Council Committee meetings held in the community	4
	Level of compliance with statutory timeframes	100%
Finances will be managed to comply with the limits identified in the	Interest expense on external debt as a percentage of rates revenue (Maximum identified in Treasury Policy is 25%)	≤25%
Treasury Policy	Liquidity ratio - this ratio monitors Council's ability to pay all current liabilities if they became due immediately	≥110%
	Percentage of net external debt to total revenue	≤220%
Council will be financially prudent in the management of rates levied	Stewardship of rates income, the percentage of District rates income not spent or committed at the end of the financial year	≤2.0%



Summary financial forecast - Representation

For the year ended 30 June	LTP estimate 2014 \$'000	Annual Plan 2014 \$'000	Variance \$'000
Analysis of expenditure by activity			
Representation	2,518	2,597	79
Total operating expenditure	2,518	2,597	79
Analysis of expenditure by class			
Direct costs	1,670	1,707	38
Overhead costs	842	884	42
Depreciation	6	6	-
Total operating expenditure	2,518	2,597	79
Revenue			
Community Board rate	510	510	-
Interest	58	58	-
Total revenue	568	568	-
Net cost of service - surplus/(deficit)	(1,950)	(2,029)	80
Capital expenditure	-	-	-
Vested assets	-	-	-
Total other funding required	(1,950)	(2,029)	80
Other funding provided by			
General rate	2,004	2,082	(78)
Loans	-	-	-
Reserves and future surpluses	(54)	(53)	(2)
Total other funding	1,950	2,029	(80)

How our plans have changed

The timing and costs of some of our projects have been updated since we adopted our 2012 - 2022 Long Term Plan (LTP). The differences are shown below. This is not a complete list of the projects/programmes we have planned for this group of activities. The full list is available on our website, www.westernbay.govt.nz

Project number	Project name		\$
			2014
250401	Triennial elections	Previous Plan	157,908
	Costs have been reassessed and reduced	This Plan	153,000
		Difference	(4,908)

