



**HAWKES BAY**  
**REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
TE KAUNIHERA Ā-ROHE O TE MATAU-A-MĀUI

**Regional Council Workshop**

**Date:** Wednesday 16 October 2024

**Time:** 9:00am

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Hawke's Bay Regional Council  
159 Dalton Street  
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**Agenda**

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# HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

## Council - Workshop

16 October 2024

Item 4

### Subject: Annual Plan 2025-2026

#### Reason for report

1. This item is to workshop potential areas for savings, reduced levels of service or ceasing activity for the 2025-26 Annual Plan.
2. This is in response to a request from Council to reduce the average rates increase for Year 2 of the Three-Year Plan, which is forecast to be 18.3%.
3. This is the second Annual Plan related workshop. At the first workshop on 25 September staff presented the timeline to develop the 2025-26 Annual Plan.
4. The Executive Leadership Team will lead the discussion and circulate a PowerPoint separately.

#### Exclusion of the public from this part of the 16 October 2024 workshops

5. Members of the public are to be excluded from this part of the workshop as described following. The reason and specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for exclusion are:

General subject of the item to be considered	Rationale for excluding the public	Grounds under section 48(1)
2025-26 Annual Plan cost savings options	<p>Excluding the public is necessary to enable free and frank discussions with the Executive Leadership Team on potential areas for cost savings, reduced levels of service or ceasing activity without creating unnecessary uncertainty for potentially affected staff and community members.</p> <p>The community will have an opportunity to provide feedback on proposed service delivery changes through consultation on the 2025-26 Annual Plan.</p>	<p>Excluding the public is necessary to:</p> <p>s7(2)(f) maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through—</p> <p>(i) the free and frank expression of opinions by and between councillors and staff, and</p> <p>(ii) the protection of Councillors and staff from improper pressure or harassment.</p>

#### Next steps

6. Following this workshop, staff will bring back further detail on impacts for those areas Council wants to pursue and advice on what topics require consultation.

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**Approved by:**

**Nic Peet**  
**Chief Executive**

**Attachment/s**

There are no attachments for this report.

**Subject: Revenue and Financing Policy adjustments**

**Reason for report**

1. This item provides Council with modelling of rating options for Public Transport and the Upper Tukituki Flood Scheme in response to direction received at the 25 September Council workshop.

**Background**

2. During deliberations on the Three-Year Plan 2024-27, Council made a number of resolutions to further review and/or investigate changes to the Revenue and Financing (R&F) Policy that affect rates for specific groups of ratepayers. These were:
  - 2.1. A cap on the Utilities Roll
  - 2.2. A differential on the general rate for lifestyle properties
  - 2.3. Public Transport
  - 2.4. Upper Tukituki and Makara schemes.
3. At the Council workshop on 25 September, Council narrowed the topics for modelling to:
  - 3.1. Public Transport and
  - 3.2. Upper Tukituki Flood Scheme.

**Discussion**

4. During the workshop, staff will present a PowerPoint presentation showing:
  - 4.1. three modelled options for Public Transport
  - 4.2. three modelled options for Upper Tukituki Flood Scheme.
5. Rate modelling includes:
  - 5.1. averages (broken down by TA, property type and band)
  - 5.2. outliers (highest and lowest rates overall and by band)
  - 5.3. pie graph showing how the total targeted rate is split by band
  - 5.4. sample properties
  - 5.5. bell curve.

**Next steps**

6. If required, staff will provide further analysis of modelled options or modelling on new options at the Council workshop on 13 November 2024.
7. At the Council meeting on 27 November or 18 December 2024 Council will then be asked to agree their preferred option for consultation, as well as the topics not to progress and the reasons why.
8. The proposed changes to the R&F Policy will be consulted on concurrently with the 2025-26 Annual Plan. A rates look-up tool will be available during consultation which will show the cumulative impact of the annual plan and R&F Policy changes.

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**Attachment/s**

There are no attachments for this report.

**Subject: Reimagining Flood Resilience: Scheme Reviews Community Engagement**

**Reason for report**

1. The reason for the workshop is to update Councillors on the progress being made to design a framework for engagement on 'Reimagining flood resilience' for the Upper Tukituki Flood Control Scheme and the Heretaunga Plains Flood Control and Drainage Scheme.
2. This workshop follows on from the workshop held on 7 August 2024 - *Engagement for the Upper Tukituki and Heretaunga Plains Cyclone Gabrielle Scheme Reviews*.
3. External consultants, Traverse Environmental, have been engaged to work alongside HBRC staff on this project.
4. A power point presentation will outline the key steps that are underway to progress this project, including:
  - 4.1. Participation by PSGEs in developing the engagement framework
  - 4.2. Working with the relevant Territorial authorities
  - 4.3. Engaging with key stakeholders
  - 4.4. Forming a project control group.

**Next steps**

5. There will be another progress update to Council at a follow-up workshop in November.
6. The intention is to bring a completed proposal to Council on 18 December for endorsement.

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**Attachment/s**

There are no attachments for this report.