



**CENTRAL  
HAWKE'S BAY**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

# Council Workshop

Thursday, 29 February 2024

9.00am

Council Chambers,  
28-32 Ruataniwha Street, Waipawa

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## 2 THREE YEAR PLAN BUDGET WORKSHOP

### PURPOSE

This workshop covered the following key topics that further build on the development of the Three-Year Plan budget:

#### **Community Affordability Workshop**

This workshop session invited key community organisations into Council's workshop, to provide early feedback on the Draft 3 Year Plan.

This session was an opportunity for Council to hear first-hand about the challenges the proposed 3 Year Plan in its current position creates, but more importantly to hear what the potential opportunities or ideas are for Council to support organisations and their members/community through the 3 Year Plan.

Attendees were from CHB Budget Services, Rural Support Trust, Federated Farmers, Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea, Older Persons and Disability Networks, Safer CHB/Food Secure Networks and Youth Council.

We specially sought their insights on:

1. Understanding from their organisation what they see the biggest challenge(s) of the proposed 3 Year plan being for their members/community and;
2. What options/opportunities can they suggest and/or what assistance could council provide to their organisation or their members/community directly recognising the challenges.

The outcomes of this session will be presented at a principles level as part of a report on the Three-Year Plan to Council at their meeting on 14 March 2024.

#### **Infrastructure Strategy**

This workshop session was to provide a further update on the Draft 2024-2034 Infrastructure Strategy with a key focus around the assumptions and limitations, key infrastructure challenges/risks highlighted, the options to address risks and what investment is required.

Elected Members were asked to give further general feedback on the direction of the strategy, to ensure that any further changes can be made prior to further decisions of Council.

Page 162 of the [2021 - 2031 Long Term Plan](#) has the 2021 Infrastructure Strategy as background context.

This Strategy will now be presented to Council for its endorsement at its 14 February 2024 meeting, before being adopted for consultation as part of the Three-Year Plan Consultation Document supporting information on 4 April 2024.

#### **Draft Financial Strategy**

This workshop session is to provide Council with an update on how the Draft Financial Strategy has been developed, including the considerations around the current challenges we are facing around affordability and sustainability of council services over the next 10 years.

It summarises the overall financial position of Council, and in particular at the end of the 10-year period. This workshop session is to seek any general feedback from elected members on the strategy. In particular, we would like elected members to give feedback on the economic and

environmental opening comments.

The Strategy will continue to be subject to change, relative to further decisions of Council.

Page 138 of the [2021 - 2031 Long Term Plan](#) has the 2021 Financial Strategy.

This Strategy will now be presented to Council for its endorsement at its 14 February 2024 meeting, before being adopted for consultation as part of the Three-Year Plan Consultation Document supporting information on 4 April 2024.

### **Development Contributions Policy – Early Draft**

This workshop session was to provide an update on the additional work that has been completed to revise the draft Development Contributions Policy, since early February workshops, and to seek feedback and input from elected members on the policy development.

The numbers in the early draft policy are not final and are subject to further change ahead of workshop next week.

Elected Members were encouraged to spend their time considering the policy provisions, which are substantially unchanged from the 2021 Policy, albeit the inclusion of roading projects.

Page 162 of the [2021 - 2031 Long Term Plan](#) has the 2021 Development Contributions Policy.

This Policy will now be presented to Council for its endorsement at its 14 February 2024 meeting, before being adopted for consultation as part of the Three-Year Plan Consultation Document supporting information on 4 April 2024.

### **Better Off Funding**

This workshop session was to provide elected members with a further update on Better Off Funding (BOF) and to seek feedback on the mix of options and projects there are to repurpose funding based on the BOF criteria. This follows updates to Council in late 2023, following Council's decision to reconsider the projects following Cyclone Gabrielle.

As background, the Better Off Funding Project Scopes confirmed by Council in September 2022 was also provided.

A further workshop on this topic is being held on 6 March 2024 presenting information requested, ahead of Council formally debating and considering this item at its 14 March 2023 Council meeting.



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# Workshop Agenda – 29 Feb 2024

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Affordability Workshop

Infrastructure Strategy

Financial Strategy

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Better Off Funding

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