



Democracy and planning

A major role of Council is to plan for the District's future to meet the needs of our communities.

Council has a formal program of workshops and monthly meetings that are open to the public, as well as a wide range of community engagements. Councillors are appointed to many committees and community trusts within the District and across the region on issues such as health, sports, environment, Māori land, arts, and more, to maintain contact with the full range of communities within the District. Because decisions of Council affect the wellbeing of our many communities we need to ensure those decisions are based on robust information and community consultation.

In order to service our communities openly and transparently, Council meetings are webcast, and we publish meeting records and official information on our website, and also provide it on request. We keep residents informed through a wide variety of media, provide information and receive service complaints through our contact centre.

Some parts of the District are projected to grow over the next ten years, and some parts are projected to decline and we need to meet the demand for infrastructure and services of our current and future communities. We do this with long term planning, and spatial planning (structure plans, District planning), and policy work for all the other services of Council. Council uses two major planning processes to establish and advocate for the long term wellbeing of the District: this long term plan, and the District Plan. Both these processes generate extensive consultation with our communities, and many take a lively interest in Council's proposals for the towns and settlements where they live and holiday.

Last year Council notified District Plan Changes 28-33 which sought to zone new commercial and industrial land in the District, and we have made provision for infrastructure to service this land in the Investments activity. Council appointed a panel of independent Commissioners to conduct the Hearings, which are now completed. Subject to appeals, we will implement the decisions once they are adopted.

Advocacy and leadership are essential for Council, to ensure that the special qualities and particular needs of our District are considered when national and regional plans are being developed. We contribute to regional planning

and coordination, and work with a wide range of community partners to advocate for our communities.

The Turangi-Tongariro Community Board supports community participation in decision-making and advocates for its community to Council. Council also has a special sub-committee for ensuring we maintain strong community contact with Mangakino-Pouakani. In the representation review we will consider whether to establish a Community board for the Mangakino-Pouakani ward.

Increasingly we are focusing on the economic development potential of our sister city relationships, which are with Suzhou, China; Hakone, Japan, and Noumea, New Caledonia and we are a friendship city with Xian, China. The Turangi/Tongariro Community Board has a sister city friendship with the village of Kitashiobara in Japan.

This group of activities contributes to the Environment, Economic and Engagement community outcomes.

Projects over the next three years

- Complete the Representation Review (2012)
- Complete Commercial and Industrial District Plan changes 28-33
- Finalise the Southern Settlements Structure Plan
- Prepare and notify the Hazards District plan changes
- Publish a State of the District report (2012/13)
- Prepare the Long Term Plan 2015-25, and publish Annual Plans and Annual Reports.

Opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision-making processes

Our relationships with local iwi and *taura here* or *Māori from other areas* are important to Council and hopefully we show this in the ways we involve Māori in our work. Over a number of years we have entered into forums and agreements to make decisions on a range of issues that affect the District. These decision making forums have come about through Treaty or Land Court settlements, specific legislation or negotiated agreements between iwi and Council.

Current agreements/decision making forums

- **Management Protocol with the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board:** Signed in 2004/05, the protocol enables the two chief executives to meet regularly to share information and seek advice from each another. The relationship is particularly important for discussing how the Board or specific hapu can participate in Council activities. Following changes on the Trust Board, Council is keen to meet with the new leaders and strengthen the breadth and depth of this important relationship.
- **Lake Taupō Protection Trust Joint Committee:** Council works in partnership with central government, Ngāti Tūwharetoa and WRC on the Protecting Lake Taupō Project, and the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board is represented on the project's joint Taupō District// Waikato Region Council Committee. The Committee oversees the Trust that allocates a public fund to reduce by 20% the amount of manageable nitrogen from pastoral land going into Lake Taupō.
- **Joint Management Agreement with Ngāti Tūwharetoa:** This agreement relates to Māori multiply-owned Māori freehold land within the District. Councillors and appropriately qualified persons on behalf of Ngāti Tūwharetoa can hear resource consents and private plan changes. When signed in 2009, the agreement was the first of its kind and has received a number of awards. Council will review this agreement with Ngāti Tūwharetoa to ensure it is operating as intended, in 2012/13.
- **Waipāhihi C75 Māori Reservation Trust:** The C75 Trust has representatives of local hapū and Council, to oversee the foreshore area from north of the Two Mile Bay sailing centre to the former Scouts den. The area has areas of significance for the hapū including the Taharepa Bath adjacent to the northern boundary and the Ōnekeneke Stream.
- **Tutemohuta Reserve Trust:** The Trust is responsible for decision-making for the Tutemohuta Reserve at Waitahanui. Trustees are appointed by the Māori Land Court and include representatives of Council, hapū/ Tauhara Middle 14 and the community. Council has allocated \$20,000 over the next two years for improvements on the reserve.

Agreements in development

- The Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Raukawa, and Te Arawa River Iwi Waikato River Act requires Council to form joint management committees with River Iwi within the Taupō District and enter into agreements for the co-management of the Waikato River. A joint committee has recently been formed with Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and work has begun on the Memorandum of Understanding required by the legislation. We have begun discussions with Raukawa and Council are waiting to hear from Ngāti Tūwharetoa whether it wishes to enter into a formal relationship.

In addition to these positions a number of staff have vital roles in working alongside the numerous hapū and their respective whānau groupings.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

What we want to know	Performance measures and targets
Council performance is highly rated	<p>54% of the District rates the performance of the Mayor and Councillors as very good or fairly good.</p> <p>45% of Turangi-Tongariro ward respondents rate the performance of the Community Board members as very good or fairly good</p> <p>69% of residents and non-resident ratepayers rate the performance of Council staff as very good or fairly good.</p>
Council is on the right track	<p>49% of the District feel informed about Council's long term direction for the District.</p> <p>56% of ratepayers feel they are getting value from Council.</p>
Council consults widely with District communities, including Māori before making decisions.	<p>55% of the District is satisfied with the way Council involves the public in its decision-making</p> <p>51% of Māori residents who are satisfied with their involvement in Council's decision-making (new measure)</p> <p>Council advocates (to regional and central governments) for water and land use rules that meet our communities' needs. We will report on these advocacy issues, efforts, and outcomes.</p>
Council operates an open and honest decision-making process that generates confidence and trust in the democratic system.	<p>80% of residents and non-resident ratepayers say they know how and where to find information on Council activities and services</p> <p>75% of residents and non-resident ratepayers are satisfied with the way Council provides information on Council services and facilities. This is a new measure.</p> <p>100% of requests for official information are responded to within 20 working days.</p>
Long term planning	
We plan and develop policies to encourage economic development, while preserving the District's special character.	<p>60% of residents and non-resident ratepayers agree the District is developing in a way that takes into account its unique character and natural environment (new measure)</p> <p>Number of District Plan Changes that are mediated (settled) before reaching the Environment Court. (No target as we will use this for monitoring).</p>

HOW WE FUND DEMOCRACY AND PLANNING SERVICES

	Public/Community Benefit		Private Benefit	
	Uniform charge	General Rate	Targeted Rate	Fees & Charges
Leadership, governance and advocacy	100%			
Long term planning		100%		
Turangi Tongariro Community Board		20%	80%	

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Operating Funding Requirements	2011/12 (\$000)	2012/13 (\$000)	2013/14 (\$000)	2014/15 (\$000)	2015/16 (\$000)	2016/17 (\$000)	2017/18 (\$000)	2018/19 (\$000)	2019/20 (\$000)	2020/21 (\$000)	2021/22 (\$000)
Operating Income											
Targeted rates	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80
Development and/or financial contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vested assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	8	75	9	9	84	10	10	95	11	12
Total Income	80	88	155	89	89	164	90	90	175	91	92
Operating Expenditure											
Operating expenditure	6,097	6,359	6,745	6,823	6,793	7,308	7,456	7,446	7,960	8,205	8,293
Depreciation and amortisation	24	23	23	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finance costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenditure	6,121	6,382	6,768	6,834	6,794	7,308	7,456	7,446	7,960	8,205	8,293
Net Deficit (Surplus) of Operations	6,041	6,294	6,613	6,745	6,705	7,144	7,366	7,356	7,785	8,114	8,201
Funded by:											
General rates	6,041	6,294	6,613	6,745	6,705	7,144	7,366	7,356	7,785	8,114	8,201
Operating deficit (surplus) from/to reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recognition of vested assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation not funded	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opening balances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funding Applied	6,041	6,294	6,613	6,745	6,705	7,144	7,366	7,356	7,785	8,114	8,201

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Capital and Reserves Funding Requirements	2011/12 (\$000)	2012/13 (\$000)	2013/14 (\$000)	2014/15 (\$000)	2015/16 (\$000)	2016/17 (\$000)	2017/18 (\$000)	2018/19 (\$000)	2019/20 (\$000)	2020/21 (\$000)	2021/22 (\$000)
Capital Expenditure											
Renewals	-	-	62	-	-	69	-	-	76	-	-
Growth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Increase in level of service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital Expenditure	-	-	62	-	-	69	-	-	76	-	-
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cost	-	-	62	-	-	69	-	-	76	-	-
Funded by:											
Loans raised	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Development and/or financial contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer from reserve(s)	-	-	62	-	-	69	-	-	76	-	-
Total Funding Applied	-	-	62	-	-	69	-	-	76	-	-
Split of Capital Expenditure											
Renewals	-	-	62	-	-	69	-	-	76	-	-
Growth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Increase in level of service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cost	-	-	62	-	-	69	-	-	76	-	-
Schedule of Capital Expenditure											
Activity/Scheme	2011/12 (\$000)	2012/13 (\$000)	2013/14 (\$000)	2014/15 (\$000)	2015/16 (\$000)	2016/17 (\$000)	2017/18 (\$000)	2018/19 (\$000)	2019/20 (\$000)	2020/21 (\$000)	2021/22 (\$000)
Council Services - District	-	-	62	-	-	69	-	-	76	-	-
Total Capital Expenditure	-	-	62	-	-	69	-	-	76	-	-

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Total Capital Expenditure	-	-	62	-	-	69	-	-	76	-	-