

3 May 2024

File Ref: IRC-6068



Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 26 February 2024 to Wellington City Council | Te Kaunihera o Pōneke (the Council) requesting the following information:

- *details and copies of all correspondence between Government Ministers and the Offices of Mayor Tory Whanau, and or/ WCC since 26/09/23.*

On 28 February 2024, you agreed to refine your request to be for the following information:

- *Details and copies of all correspondence between Government Ministers and the Offices of Mayor Tory Whanau since 26/09/23.*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). Please find attached, as **Appendix One** to my response, a table detailing all correspondence in scope of your request. The correspondence is being released to you in part, with some information being withheld pursuant to:

- Section 7(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons, and
- Section 7(2)(b)(i), to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information, and
- Section 7(2)(f)(i), to maintain the effect conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression on opinions by or between or to members or officers or employee of any local authority in the course of their duty.

As per section 7(1) of the LGOIMA, I do not consider that in the circumstances of this response, the withholding of this information is outweighed by the other considerations which render it desirable to in the public interest to make the information available. Additionally, one document has been withheld in full as 'out of scope' as the email was intended for the Mayor of Palmerston North.

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If you require further information, please contact assurance@wcc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

Chelsea McHugh
Senior Advisor Official Information
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Wellington City Council

Appendix One – Documents and Decision on Release

Document	Title	Pages	Release Decision
01	Correspondence from Hon Chris Bishop	3	Some information withheld pursuant to section 7(2)(a)
02	Correspondence from Hon Christopher Bishop and Hon Simeon Brown	3	Some information withheld pursuant to section 7(2)(a)
03	Response to Information Request	28	Some information withheld pursuant to section 7(2)(a) [Response to Minister over water issues - News and information - Wellington City Council]
04	Response to Information Request part 3	216	Some information withheld pursuant to section 7(2)(a), pages 105 – 216 withheld in full pursuant to section 7(2)(b)(ii) - [please see public version Release of independent report and recommendations on Wellington Water Ltd - News and information - Wellington City Council]
05	Minister of Local Government to Mayor Whanau Wellington City Council	4	Some information withheld pursuant to section 7(2)(a)
06	Letter to Mayor and Chief Executive from Hon Simeon Brown	1	Some information withheld pursuant to section 7(2)(a)
07	Fwd Correspondence from the Minister of Transport	4	Some information withheld pursuant to section 7(2)(a)
08	FW Letter – Minister of Local Government to Mayor Whanau	3	Some information withheld pursuant to section 7(2)(a)
09	Letter to Hon Bishop and Hon Brown 1.02.2024	2	Some information withheld pursuant to section 7(2)(a)
10	FW Correspondence from Hon Christopher Bishop and Hon Simeon Brown	3	Some information withheld pursuant to section 7(2)(a)
11	FW Third party consultation on release of information	11	Some information withheld pursuant to section 7(2)(a)

12	FW Transport Choices Programme	3	Some information withheld pursuant to section 7(2)(a)
13	RE Meeting with Simeon Brown and Chris Bishop	4	Some information withheld pursuant to section 7(2)(a)
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17	FW FINAL media statement	2	Some information withheld pursuant to section 7(2)(a)
18	FW LGWM Mayor's Office edits	3	Some information withheld pursuant to section 7(2)(a), section 7(2)(f)(i)
19	TXT Michael Naylor to Brian Anderton	1	Withheld in full pursuant to section 7(2)(f)(i)
20	TXT Mikaela Bossley to Pearl Little	1	Withheld in full pursuant to section 7(2)(f)(i)
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From: [Christopher Bishop \(MIN\)](#)
Subject: CORRESPONDENCE FROM HON CHRIS BISHOP
Date: Wednesday, 13 December 2023 4:44:40 pm
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Letter from Hon Chris Bishop Minister responsible for RMA Reform 2.pdf](#)

Good afternoon

Please find attached correspondence from Hon Chris Bishop.

Kind regards



Office of Hon Chris Bishop
Minister for Housing | Infrastructure | RMA Reform | Sports & Recreation |
Associate Finance | Leader of the House | MP for Hutt /south

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Hon Chris Bishop

Minister of Housing
Minister for Infrastructure
Minister Responsible for RMA Reform
Minister for Sport and Recreation
Leader of the House
Associate Minister of Finance



13 December 2023

Tēnā koe,

Intention to repeal the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023 and the Spatial Planning Act 2023 and replace the National Policy Statement for Freshwater 2020

It is a privilege to be able to write to you as the new Minister Responsible for RMA Reform. I look forward to meeting with you in due course.

As you may be aware, the Government has set out its commitments for its first 100 days in office. These include changes to resource management legislation.

Repeal of the Natural and Built Environment Act and the Spatial Planning Act

Our first step is to repeal the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023 (NBA) and Spatial Planning Act 2023 (SPA) before Parliament rises at the end of 2023, a commitment made in the Government's coalition agreements. Once the repeal is finalised, legislation will revert to the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

To avoid unnecessary disruption through the repeal, a limited number of NBA functions will be retained including the fast-track consenting process while the Government develops a replacement fast-track consenting regime. We will introduce this new regime within the first 100 days of taking office alongside other changes to make the RMA faster and easier to use.

The Government is committed to reforming the resource management system. Repealing the NBA and SPA is the first phase of this reform.

In the second phase of the reform, the Government will amend the RMA to make it easier to consent new infrastructure including renewable energy, allow farmers to farm, build more houses, and enable aquaculture and other primary industries.

The third phase of the reform will replace the RMA with new resource management laws based on the enjoyment of property rights.

The Government is committed to honouring the undertakings made by the Crown through Treaty of Waitangi settlements and other arrangements. Treaty settlement arrangements reached between iwi and the Crown will be protected through the repeal and any future resource management reform processes.

Changes to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management

We have also decided to review and replace the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM) in this term of Government, following normal RMA processes for national direction.

We will also use the repeal legislation mentioned above to extend the RMA's statutory deadline for notifying freshwater planning instruments to implement the NPS-FM by three years to 31 December 2027. This will allow time to replace and then implement a revised NPS-FM.

We intend to use the planned RMA amendment bill to progress changes to the application of the hierarchy of obligations contained in the Te Mana o te Wai provisions of the NPS-FM. Our intent is to clarify that consent applicants do not have to demonstrate how their individual activity adheres to the hierarchy, and to disapply the hierarchy from council consent decisions. We will undertake targeted engagement with iwi/ hapū/Māori on these matters before making final decisions.

I appreciate the expertise that local government holds and the key role you will continue to play in the resource management system. I acknowledge that over the last two years or more you may have committed significant time and resources into the broader resource management reforms.

I look forward to working with you and understanding your perspective as we move forward. Should you have any questions in the meantime, please contact RM.reform@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



Hon Chris Bishop
Minister Responsible for RMA Reform

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From: Christopher Bishop (MIN) <C.Bishop@ministers.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 January 2024 5:58 pm
To: Mayor <mayor@wcc.govt.nz>
Cc: Simeon Brown (MIN) <S.Brown@ministers.govt.nz>
Subject: Correspondence from Hon Christopher Bishop and Hon Simeon Brown

Good Evening

Please find attached a letter from Hon Christopher Bishop and Hon Simeon Brown regarding Wellington Golden Mile.

Kind regards



Hon Chris Bishop
Minister for Housing | Infrastructure | RMA Reform | Sports & Recreation |
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Tuesday 23 January 2024

Her Worship Tory Whanau
Mayor of Wellington
By email: mayor@wcc.govt.nz

RE: Wellington Golden Mile Project

Dear Mayor

We are writing to formally request an update on the commitments you agreed to on behalf of the Wellington City Council regarding the Wellington Golden Mile project at our meeting on 13 December 2023.

The collective focus during our meeting highlighted the importance of prioritising efficiency and enhancing both bus routes and pedestrian access within the project. Notably, all participants in the meeting acknowledged that the Government does not endorse in-lane bus stopping.

During our discussions, you committed to reassess and modify this aspect of the design of the Golden Mile as the project transitions to being Council-led, aiming to eliminate this element. Critically, you agreed to increase engagement and consultation with local businesses and residents as part of bringing the project in-house.

This commitment was reflected in our joint statement approved by your office, issued on 17 December 2024, which stated: "Wellington City Council will bring the Golden Mile project in-house and work to cost efficiencies, better bus routes, greater pedestrian access and closer engagement with local businesses."

This remains the Government's position.

We were surprised to read a letter from Buddle Findlay solicitors acting for Wellington City Council, sent to the legal representatives for the Guardians of the Golden Mile, a local business advocacy group. This letter, dated 20 December 2023, states that "WCC does not intend to revisit the decisions that it has made concerning the GMRP. WCC does not consider that it is required to consult further with businesses before any further steps are taken in respect of the GMRP as WCC intends to proceed with the GMRP in accordance with its previous decisions."

Considering our agreement, we are now seeking an understanding of how the Buddle Findlay letter can be reconciled with our joint statement issued only three days earlier.

We also seek an update on the reconsideration of the design of the Golden Mile, specifically addressing the removal of in-lane bus stopping.

Furthermore, we request an outline of the steps being taken to ensure effective community re-engagement as part of this process.

We believe that sustained communication is essential to the success of transport improvements in Wellington and request that you respond to this letter by 1 February 2024.

Yours sincerely



Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Transport



Hon Chris Bishop
Minister of Infrastructure

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From: [Mayor Tory Whanau](#)
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Subject: Response to Information Request
Date: Thursday, 1 February 2024 3:11:00 pm
Attachments: [WCC Ministerial Response-Mayor Whanau Letter 2024_FINAL.pdf](#)
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[WCC Ministerial Response-Supplementary Presentation 2024_FINAL.pdf](#)

Dear Minister Brown

Please find attached a response to your request for further information from Wellington City Council about our investment in water infrastructure. Due to size of the files this information will be sent over several emails.

If you have any questions or need any of the information clarified, please do not hesitate to contact myself or my office.

Kind regards

Tory

[Tory Whanau](#)

Mayor of Wellington | Wellington City Council

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1 February 2024

Kia ora Minister Brown,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Barbara McKerrow, Andrea Reeves and myself on Monday to discuss Wellington City's current water infrastructure challenges, following on from your letter of 19 January 2024.

Wellington City Council (WCC) provided feedback into the letter sent by the Chair of the Wellington Water Committee Mayor Campbell Barry on 18 January 2024 and we were comfortable that it represented our city's position. We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with further information demonstrating that Wellington City is both willing and able to meet our obligations regarding supply of drinking water.

I want to reiterate we are committed to working collaboratively with all councils in our region and central government on the current challenges and realising a new style of regional CCO that has the mandate and financial sustainability to ensure the provision of a safe, reliable, quality water service for our communities, and meets our obligations under the Local Government Act to ensure value for money for our ratepayers.

And, as we discussed, our priority is to invest in maintaining our pipes and upgrading our water infrastructure to ensure we are fit for the future.

Since receiving your letter of 19 January 2024, WCC staff have compiled the information you have requested. We have provided detailed responses to your questions and supporting information is attached in appendices. We have also included a presentation which summarises our response.

Please note that decisions on the Council's future investment in our three waters infrastructure for the 2024-34 Long-term Plan (LTP) must be made via the Local Government Act 2002 statutory process. Decisions on the options to be included in the Consultation Document will be made in a meeting on 15 February 2024. The final plan will be adopted by Council at the end of June 2024. Current proposals would see WCC's investment in three waters over the next 10 years total approximately \$4bn.

I also acknowledge your comments about Better Off funding and this is being actioned.

Ngā mihi



Mayor Tory Whanau

Background

Roles and responsibilities of Wellington City Council (WCC) and Wellington Water Limited (WWL)

WWL is a Council Controlled Organisation, jointly owned by WCC, Hutt City Council (HCC), Porirua City Council (PCC), Upper Hutt City Council (UHCC) Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) and South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC).

The role of WWL (under a collective Management Services Agreement – MSA) is to safeguard the councils' water assets from damage, loss and destruction, and keep the assets in good condition and repair. This includes managing the risks associated with all water assets and advising councils of funding requirements to manage our current and future infrastructure.

They operate with a regional lens, but report to each council separately.

Funding of Wellington Water

Funding for WWL comes from Council water services related revenue (via targeted rates and metering charges). An annual budget is agreed with WWL for Operations and Capital Programmes to undertake all operational tasks for drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater, and WWL is responsible for delivery of the capital programme.

From 2017, WWL moved to a OneBudget model whereby the shareholding councils provide bulk funding based on advice from WWL. WWL then distribute the funding across the three waters.

Appendices

1. WWL out of cycle approvals timeline and detailed breakdown
2. 2018 – WWL Advice
3. 2021 – WWL Advice – October 2021
4. 2021 – WWL Advice – Final Advice
5. 2021 – WWL Excel file – Final Figures
6. 2024 – WWL advice – stage 2 (October 2023)
7. 2024 – WWL advice – stage 3 (November 2023)
8. 2024 – Councillor LTP workshop presentation – January 2024
9. 2024 – Independent review executive summary
10. 2024 – Independent review full review

1. Provide a summary of all actions taken by your council in the last ten years to prevent water shortages, including investment in water network infrastructure and asset management.

There are two key categories of expenditure that are funded by WWL's shareholding councils:

1. **Opex** – operational expenditure required for all operating activities including, amongst other things, asset management planning and all maintenance on assets. This is the expenditure used to fund leak detection and repair.
2. **Capex** – capital expenditure required to upgrade, replace or build new assets.

Note, operating expenditure is directly funded by rates and approximately \$4 million of operating expenditure is equivalent to a 1% rates increase. Capital expenditure is primarily debt-funded.

The following table outlines WCC's Long-term Plan (LTP) investment in three waters over the last 10 years.

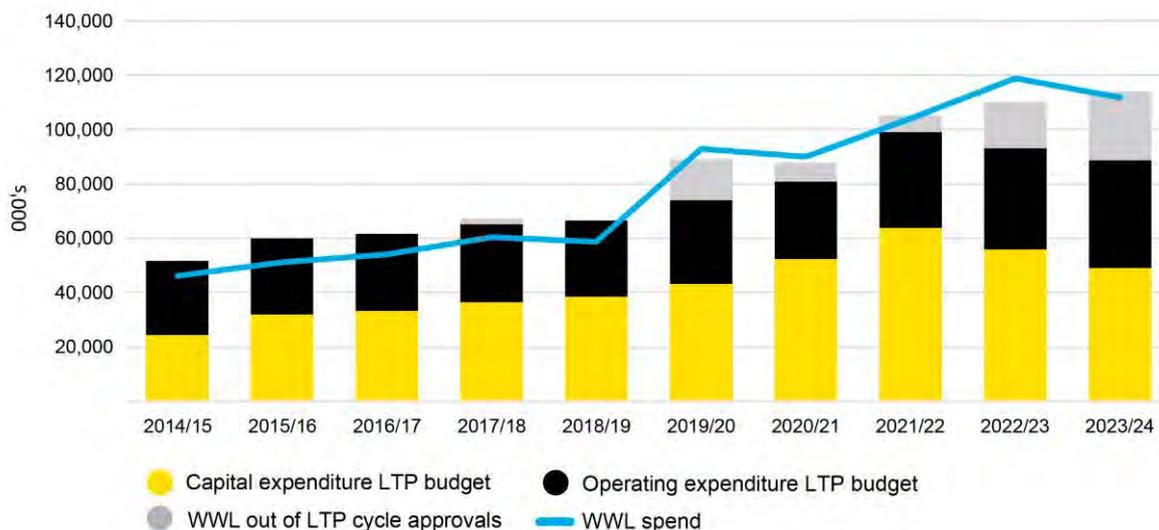
	LTP 2015-25	LTP 2018-28	LTP 2021-31
Total operating expenditure	\$1,200,385,000	\$1,371,422,000	\$1,719,214,000
\$ Increase on prior LTP	N/A	\$171,037,000	\$347,792,000
% Increase on prior LTP	N/A	14%	25%
Additional funding to WWL out of cycle	N/A	\$17,480,000	\$29,000,000
Total capital expenditure	\$394,239,000	\$480,730,000*	\$678,693,000
\$ Increase on prior LTP	N/A	\$86,491,000	\$197,963,000
% Increase on prior LTP	N/A	22%	41%
Additional funding to WWL out of cycle	\$2,000,000	\$7,700,000	\$28,500,000

*Note the 2018-28 LTP included the capital cost (\$30m) of the sludge minimisation facility project which was ultimately funded off balance sheet by WCC utilising the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act.

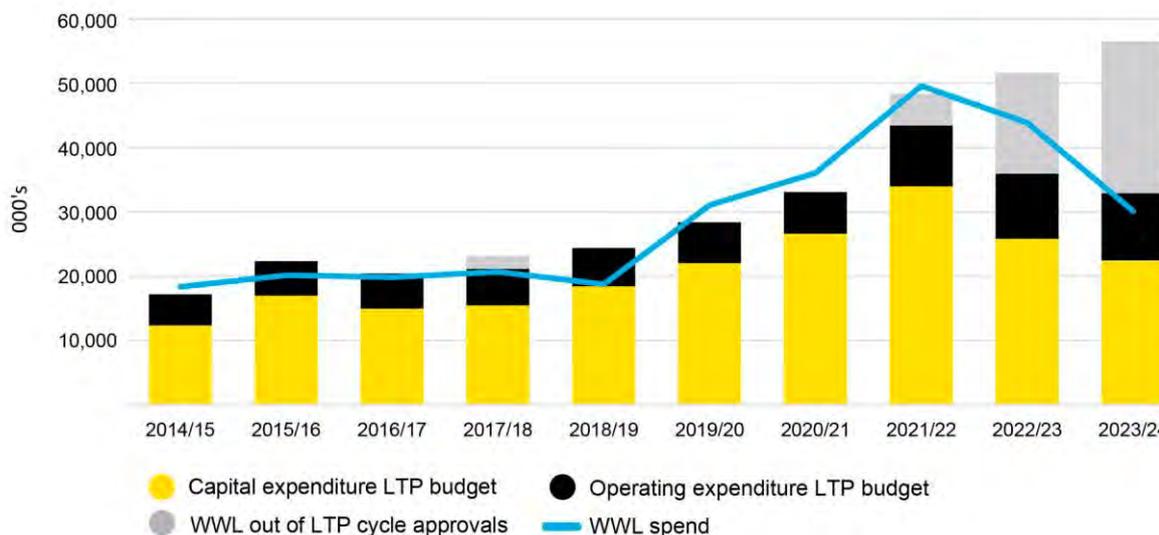
The following graphs show the level of funding provided to WWL for operating and capital expenditure. The first graph shows the total three waters investment and the second graph relates only to drinking water.

Note the costs shown in these graphs do not include WCC ownership costs including bulk water purchasing, depreciation, interest and insurance. These costs remain with WCC.

Three Waters Total WWL Investment



Drinking Water Total WWL Investment



Note the peak in 2021/22 was driven by investment in the Omāroro Reservoir

Ten year total breakdown of water capital expenditure 2015 to 2024

	Replacement of existing assets	Level of service upgrades	Growth
10 year total three water actual capital expenditure	\$290m	\$100m	\$70m
10 year total drinking water actual capital expenditure	\$100m	\$64m	\$38m

Included in WCC's steady increase in drinking water (and all three waters) investment over the past 10 years, there are several examples of significant capital investments over the more recent years.

Examples of WCC key investments in water network infrastructure **For the complete list please refer to the WWL website all [projects page](#).**

Omāroro Reservoir

The Omāroro Reservoir provides critical additional bulk water storage for Wellington's central business district area and low-lying suburbs to improve operational and disaster resilience. The 35 million litre bulk water storage facility, buried above the playing fields at Prince of Wales Park Mount Cook, was completed in 2023. Its completion is a big step towards building more resilience into Wellington's drinking water supply network.

Omāroro involved constructing:

- A 35 million litre buried concrete reservoir in Prince of Wales Park in the Town Belt.
- Connections to the existing water supply with a supporting new pipeline corridor along Wallace Street.
- Renewing of local water supplies, stormwater pipes and wastewater pipes in the area.

The reservoir extends the amount of time the central business district has a water supply from 24 to 48 hours in a situation where the main supply of water from the Hutt Valley is cut or there is an unforeseen treatment plant failure.

The Omāroro Reservoir is vital following a major emergency event such as a large earthquake. It will provide critical drinking water to support the community through the immediate survival and stability phase, and then through a longer-term restoration and recovery period.

Original 2018 budget was \$40.8m including related pipelines. Final project cost came in at \$72.5m.

Completed: June 2023

Taranaki Street pump station and rising main

The Taranaki Street pump station is Stage 1 of a major programme of work called the CBD Wastewater Renewals and Upgrades designed to ensure future resilience, support population growth, and protect the environment.

The new Taranaki Street rising main – a pipe that carries wastewater under pressure – will allow wastewater to be diverted to the main interceptor which carries wastewater to the Moa Point treatment plant. This will connect to the lower rising main system to provide continued service while the other rising mains are replaced in the future.

The project provides additional ‘redundancy’ in the system ensuring that if a problem arises such as a burst pipe, there is capacity to pick up the load and store it or pump it via an alternative route to the interceptor.

Projected completion date for pump station: April 2024

Projected completion date for rising main: May 2025

Victoria Street Wastewater Rising Main – Stage 1

This project is also part of the major upgrade of the CBD Wastewater Renewals and Upgrades programme.

The project replaced an existing rising main along Victoria Street that had reached the end of its life.

Completed: May 2023

Moa Point Wastewater Treatment Plant

We’re investing in the refurbishment of the Moa Point wastewater treatment plant inlet pump station and a clarifier to increase resilience and reduce the risk of discharges. Some of the electromechanical parts, pipework, and pipe fittings are reaching the end of their design life.

The refurbishment programme replaces and repairs these parts. This increases resilience of the pump station and improves environmental and health outcomes. It reduces the risk and frequency of wastewater discharges through the short outfall into the environment.

Projected completion date: October 2025

Wellington City's Proposed District Plan

While investment in key infrastructure projects is critical, we must pull every lever we have to manage pressure on our city's water network particularly when planning for growth.

The Proposed District Plan includes new regulations to manage development within the city and ensure “hydraulic neutrality”. This means that development needs to employ methods to reduce stormwater demand on networks that also encourages the reuse and retention of water which will in the longer term reduce the demand for drinking water and stormwater capacity.

More information can be found [here](#).

2. Provide a summary of all funding provided by your council in the last ten years for condition assessments of water network infrastructure.

From 2017, WWL assumed accountability for all asset management activities, including asset condition assessments. It also moved to a OneBudget model at this time whereby the shareholding councils provide funding based on advice from WWL. WWL then distribute the funding across the three waters and this includes determining how much funding is allocated for asset condition assessments.

WWL is currently contracted to its shareholding councils under a collective Management Services Agreement (MSA) which requires it to, amongst other things, safeguard the Councils' water assets from damage, loss and destruction and keep the assets in good condition and repair. As such, there is an expectation on WWL to understand condition as a key input into its asset management plans.

Prior to 2017, WCC's financial management system did not report at the level of granularity required to identify the specific spend on asset condition assessments. We have since updated our financial system to enable this level of reporting.

WWL estimates that over **3%** of their operating expenditure budget has been allocated to condition assessment activities since 2017.

The stimulus funding programme allowed for additional condition assessment activity as well as other key activities that supported an effective condition assessment programme, including over **\$2.8m** allocated to asset management systems and other technology enablers.

WCC Condition Assessment Operating Funding 2017-18 to 2021-24

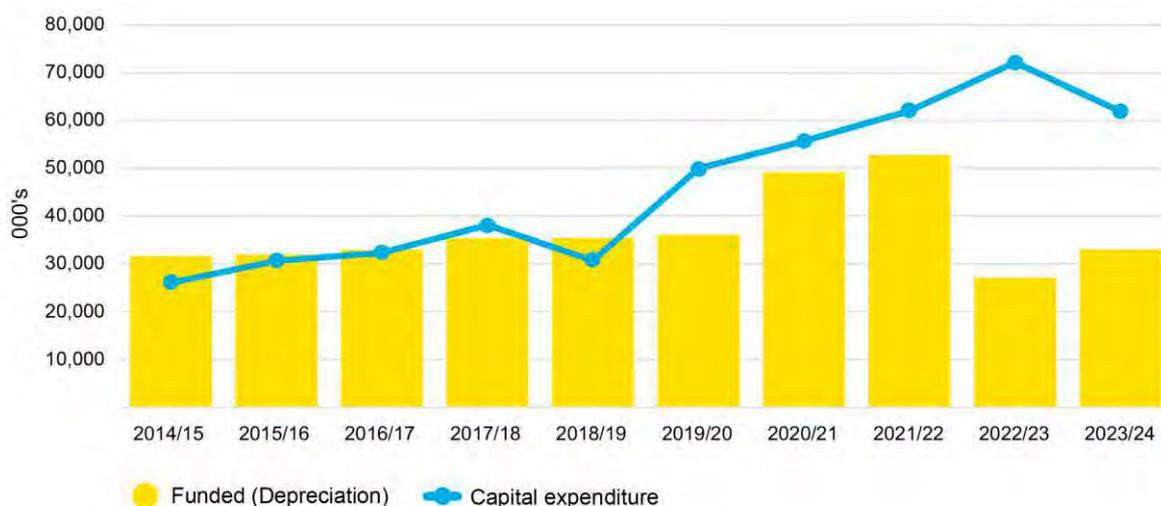
	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	Stimulus programme funding (multi-year to end 21-22)	Budget FY 22-23	Budget FY 23-24
Condition assessment	\$312,292	\$58,922	\$76,566	\$603,970	\$1,165,103	\$3,408,529	\$1,055	\$1,356,000

3. Details of all depreciation accrued against your water network infrastructure versus the level of capital investment to be outlined in the first three years of your 2024-34 Long-term Plan.

Decisions around depreciation and capital investment in WCC's 2024-34 Long-term Plan have yet to be made by Council. The options being presented to Council are outlined in our response to Question 5. Once decisions have been made we will provide this information in a follow-up letter.

For context the following information outlines WCC's depreciation and capital expenditure for the last 10 years.

Three Waters Capital Expenditure



Over the past 10 years we have collected \$365m in depreciation and spent a total of \$460m in capital expenditure across three waters. For drinking water, \$142m was collected in depreciation and \$208m spent on capital expenditure.

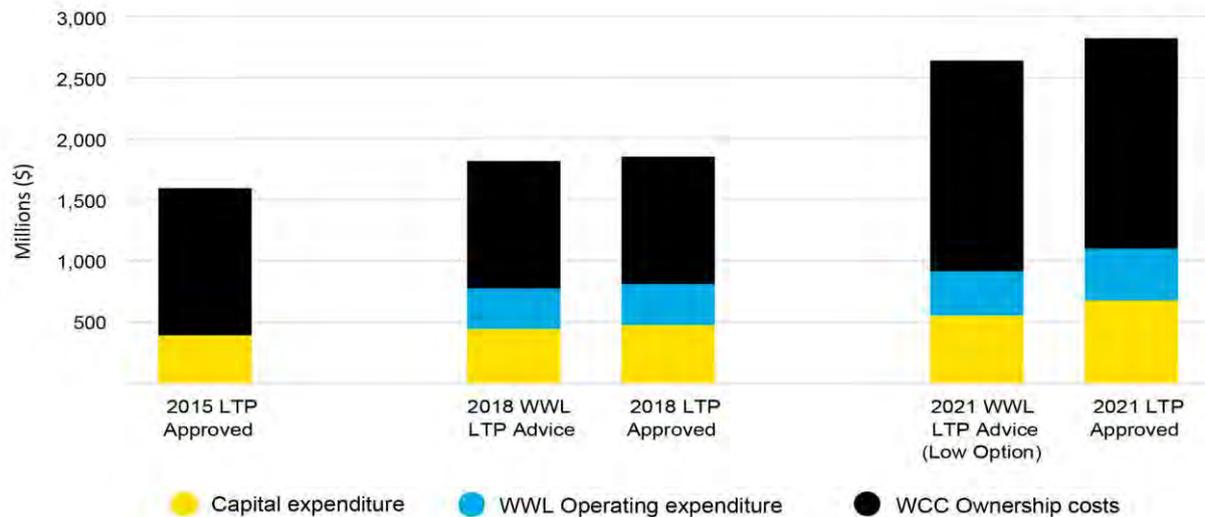
4. A summary of all advice received by your council from Wellington Water in relation to necessary investment levels and actions taken by your council in response to this.

The following information provided goes back to the 2015-25 LTP. Advice from WWL has been in various forms over the period in question so where applicable we have provided links to the advice received or attached in Appendix 1.

Where advice was received as part of an LTP process, that advice was provided in the form of options and associated risk profiles to inform Council decision making. Out of cycle funding requests have been made to address specific funding requirements or shortfalls.

All investment budgets and advice has been summarised by LTP period. We have also provided additional out of cycle investment events under the period covered by each LTP period.

10-Year LTP Three Waters Investment



Note This graph does not include out of cycle approvals.

LTP 2015-2025

In 2014 WWL was established and up until 2017 WCC was responsible for investment decisions, under a Management Services Agreement (MSA).

In 2017, the MSA was varied by an agreement with the Wellington Water Shareholders in order to transition to a OneBudget model. This variation established WWL as the Trusted Advisor, funded by the shareholder councils, and able to operate as Principal to all new contracts.

There was only one additional funding requirement during the 2015-2018 period totalling \$2.1m of capital expenditure to bring forward the Omāroro reservoir project. This was on top of the approved LTP budget. Detailed breakdown can be found in Appendix 1.

LTP 2018-28

This was the first full LTP period operating under the OneBudget system.

WWL presented two options for capital expenditure

1. A base option which was equivalent to the existing 10 year budget – \$366m
2. A base plus option which brought forward key investments – \$366m + \$80m = \$446m

Copy of WWL advice is attached in Appendix 2. Note that WWL figures do not include inflation and WCC subsequently inflates them for planning purposes.

The final approved capital expenditure LTP budget was \$480m.

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The total value of WCC operating expenditure (WWL + WCC ownership costs and bulk water purchasing) was \$1.37b.

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LTP 2021-2031

WWL presented three options for the 2021-31 LTP and then subsequently provided a spreadsheet with revised figures. Council elected to commit \$679m of capital expenditure and \$422m of operating expenditure over the 10-year period.

The total value of WCC operating expenditure (WWL + WCC ownership costs and bulk water purchasing) was \$1.7b.

Copy of WWL advice is attached in Appendices 3,4 and 5.

Council selected an option which was a hybrid of WWL's low and mid investment options. This was an approximate 22% increase in operating expenditure and 41% capital expenditure increase in investment over the 2018 LTP.

There were multiple additional funding requests approved during this period totalling a further \$28.5m of capital expenditure and \$29m of operating expenditure (including \$6.1m of stimulus funding) on top of the approved LTP budget. Detailed breakdown can be found in Appendix 1.

LTP 2024-2034

Question five addresses this budget period and reflects the current point we are at in our LTP decision making cycle. Budgets will not be finalised until the LTP is adopted in June 2024. Attached in Appendices 6 and 7.

5. Evidence your council intends to make necessary investments in the first three years of the 2024-34 Long-term Plan in water loss management activities, and increasing capacity and storage.

Below is a summary of options presented to Council on Wednesday 31 January 2024. Final decisions on what will be included in the Consultation Document for the 2024-34 LTP will be made by the LTP Finance and Performance Committee on 15 February 2024. These options will continue to be developed in preparation for the meeting agenda.

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Note these capital and operating expenditure budgets will not be finalised until the LTP is adopted at the end of June 2024.

Councillor presentation attached in Appendix 8.

6. Evidence your council is committed to supporting the recommendations made at the Wellington Water Summit in September 2023.

WCC supports taking recommendations made by WWL at the Wellington Water summit to our Council for final decision.

As local authorities cannot make decisions at an informal meeting such as the summit, these commitments must be formalised through the LTP statutory process which includes an obligation to consult with the community.

Through the current LTP process officers will be recommending that elected members support continuing with increased investment into finding and fixing leaks, managing water loss, and replacing old infrastructure as well as investment in universal smart water meters across the Wellington metropolitan region.

WCC has increased investment in drinking water services over the past 10 years (see response to question one). Options being presented to WCC elected members as part of the 2024-34 LTP process propose further increases in investment in this area and also recommend that funding for investigations and planning of universal smart water meters be included in the draft LTP budget for consultation.

Options presented to elected members in the LTP workshop of 31 January 2024 are attached in Appendix 6.

Provision of new storage lakes is the responsibility of Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) and WCC will support the efforts of GWRC to explore options for further capacity.

7. Any other documentation that would give me assurance your Council is taking action to address the risk of water shortages this summer and into the future.

Independent review – Wellington City Council/Wellington Water

On May 31, 2023, the WCC Long-term Plan Finance and Performance Committee approved a Mayoral amendment to provide WWL with a \$2.3m operating expenditure funding increase (for a total \$7.9m approved in 2023/24) to be directed to detecting and fixing leaks, contingent on WWL agreeing to an independent operational review. The focus of the review was to identify efficiencies, cost savings, and improvements to transparency and reporting.

A Terms of Reference and Statement of Work were developed between council officers and WWL staff. Independent consultants FieldForce4, were engaged to undertake the review. Field Force4 has extensive global water utility and commercial experience and specialise in improving frontline services workforce productivity. The review makes several recommendations for improving service delivery.

The recommendations in the report will help to inform our Council's input into the Letter of Expectations (LoE) which will be the subject of a Wellington Water Committee workshop on 9 February.

Please find attached the executive summary and the full management presentation. Note that you are receiving an **unredacted version which contains commercially sensitive information and officer names**. This information will be redacted in the publicly available version so please **treat in confidence**.

The executive summary and full review is attached in Appendices 9 and 10

Wellington City Council water conservation efforts

WCC will aim to comply with all requirements of water restrictions at each level.

Every part of the Council is exploring how it can reduce its water usage while the city is experiencing water restrictions. For example, Parks Sports and Recreation (PSR) – are implementing a range of measures to cut back on water usage.

These include:

- As restrictions increase, the number of days that watering will occur will be limited to only use the amount of water necessary to keep the grass alive and usable.
- Stopping irrigation on bedding displays, green walls, and collections (including in the Botanic Gardens).
- Turning off two water features in Queens Park Thorndon that rely on mains water.
- Water conservation messaging provided in WCC facilities.
- WWL's water efficiency tests (a non-residential customer water efficiency programme to help reduce, improve, and save water) - WWL has conducted site visits with Council's PSR team with six visits in total being carried out and reports and assessments being finalised. Berhampore nursery, Botanic Gardens, and the Aquatic Centres will be included in the next round of assessments. WWL is planning on holding a forum with PSR and other WCC departments within the next few weeks to share some insights, tips and further short and longer-term improvements.

Additionally, WCC is providing subsidised water storage tanks for public purchase at its Tip Shop. Initially demand exceeded supply but the processes have been reviewed and additional tanks ordered.

Wellington City water restrictions emergency response plan

The WCC Emergency Management team is refining a response system based on a predictive logistics distribution model which will predict which neighbourhoods are most likely to experience low (or no) water pressure. Prior to a neighbourhood or suburb experiencing low (or no) pressure within a household, WWL will inform WCC which will establish a water distribution point in the nearby vicinity prior to it being needed. This will give the occupants access to water - 20 litres per person per day.

Water distribution points:

Wellington topography is challenging, so a number of different types of distribution points are being planned. These include:

- 5,000 litre deployable bladders.
- The ability to plumb directly into the water network at a lower elevation.
- Community Hub Emergency Water tanks.
- A home delivery option for vulnerable individuals.
- The purchase and delivery of additional 10,000 litre water tanks.

Reconnaissance of each proposed water distribution site is currently underway with the Northern Ward having been completed this week. Additional considerations being planned are the traffic management for each site, risk management and the security factors required at each distribution point. Another important consideration is how this information will be communicated with the community. The website is being developed to communicate the closest distribution point, hours of operation, and what you need to bring.

Planning for training of council officers in setting up and operating these facilities is well underway with training taking place next week for 30 WCC staff members and approximately 30 members of the New Zealand Response Team (NZRT8). This aim is to have staff available to assist the public at each distribution point. As the region progresses through restriction levels, the training will be expanded accordingly. For those who are unable to access distribution points WCC will work with its partner agencies to ensure there is a home delivery service that can distribute water to those in need.

WCC will also continue to support WWL's communications and amplify their restrictions and conservation messages across all our channels.



Wellington City Council **Ministerial Response**

Summary Presentation

“Fixing water infrastructure is a key priority for me and my council. We have continued to fund water infrastructure, and we will be prioritising more funding for water in the upcoming Long-term Plan. We are committed to working with all our partners towards a financially sustainable regional solution.”



Mayor Tory Whanau



Wellington City Council (WCC) Three Waters Network

Much of WCC's three waters network was constructed following the Second World War. Due to age, many parts of the network are in poor condition and deteriorating. With some pipes more than 100 years old, a significant portion of the network will need to be replaced over the next 30 years.



How we work with Wellington Water Limited (WWL)

- WWL was established in September 2014 to manage the drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services of its shareholder council owners.
- WWL advise WCC on requisite action for the prevention of water shortages, water network infrastructure capex and opex requirements and asset management.
- WWL operates a OneBudget model – shareholding Councils provide funding and WWL then distribute the funding across the three waters.
- WWL advise WCC on investment options and associated risk profiles for the prevention of water shortages, water network infrastructure and asset management.
- WCC's total operating costs of the three waters includes not only the funding directly provided to WWL but also ownership costs such as depreciation and interest, as well as purchasing bulk water.



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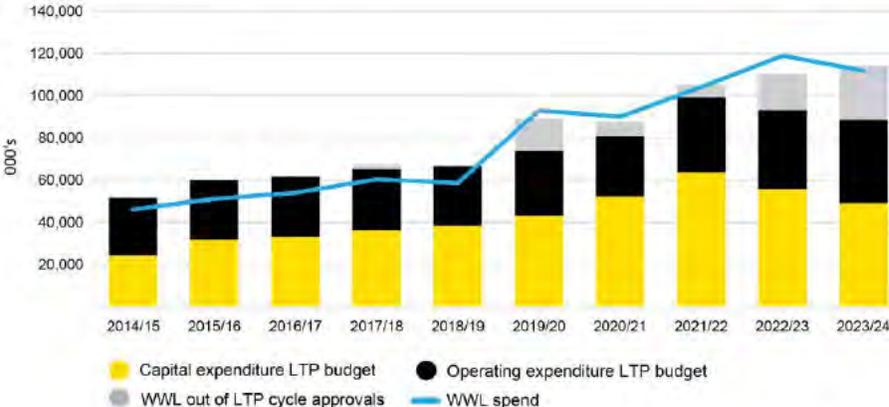
WCC action to prevent water shortages over the last 10 years

- WCC has consistently invested in three waters infrastructure over the past 10 years.
- Planned investment within the Long-term Plan (LTP) has increased each cycle.
- WCC has provided WWL \$288m to be spent on opex and capex for drinking water supply over the past 10 years.

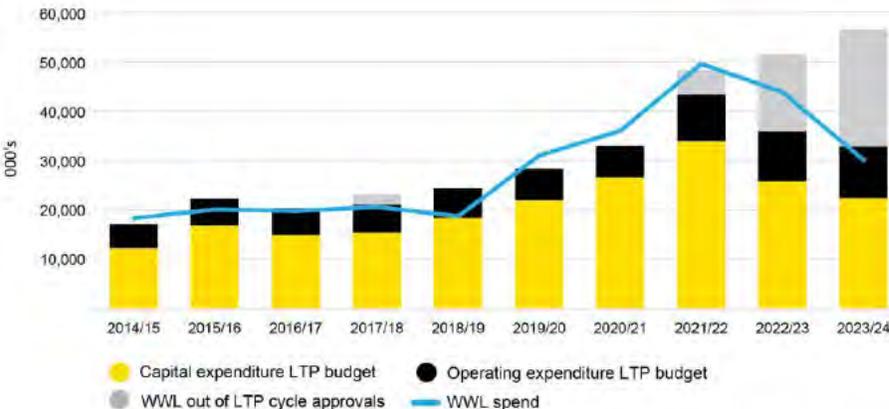
	LTP 2015-25	LTP 2018-28	LTP 2021-31
Total operating expenditure	\$1,200,385,000	\$1,371,422,000	\$1,719,214,000
\$ Increase on prior LTP	N/A	\$171,037,000	\$347,792,000
% Increase on prior LTP	N/A	14%	25%
Additional funding to WWL out of cycle	N/A	\$17,480,000	\$29,000,000
Total capital expenditure	\$394,239,000	\$480,730,000*	\$678,693,000
\$ Increase on prior LTP	N/A	\$86,491,000	\$197,963,000
% Increase on prior LTP	N/A	22%	41%
Additional funding to WWL out of cycle	\$2,000,000	\$7,700,000	\$28,500,000

*Note the 2018-28 LTP included the capital cost (\$30m) of the sludge minimisation facility project which was ultimately funded off balance sheet by WCC utilising the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act.

Three Waters Total WWL Investment



Drinking Water Total WWL Investment



Note the peak in 2021/22 was driven by investment in the Omāroro Reservoir

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Summary of WCC funding for condition assessments over the last 10 years

- As part of their service delivery, WWL apply asset condition as a key input of their asset management planning.
- WCC provide funding based on advice from WWL about their intentions for allocation of that funding across the three waters, including condition assessments.
- WWL estimates over **3%** of their opex budget, has been allocated to condition assessment activities.
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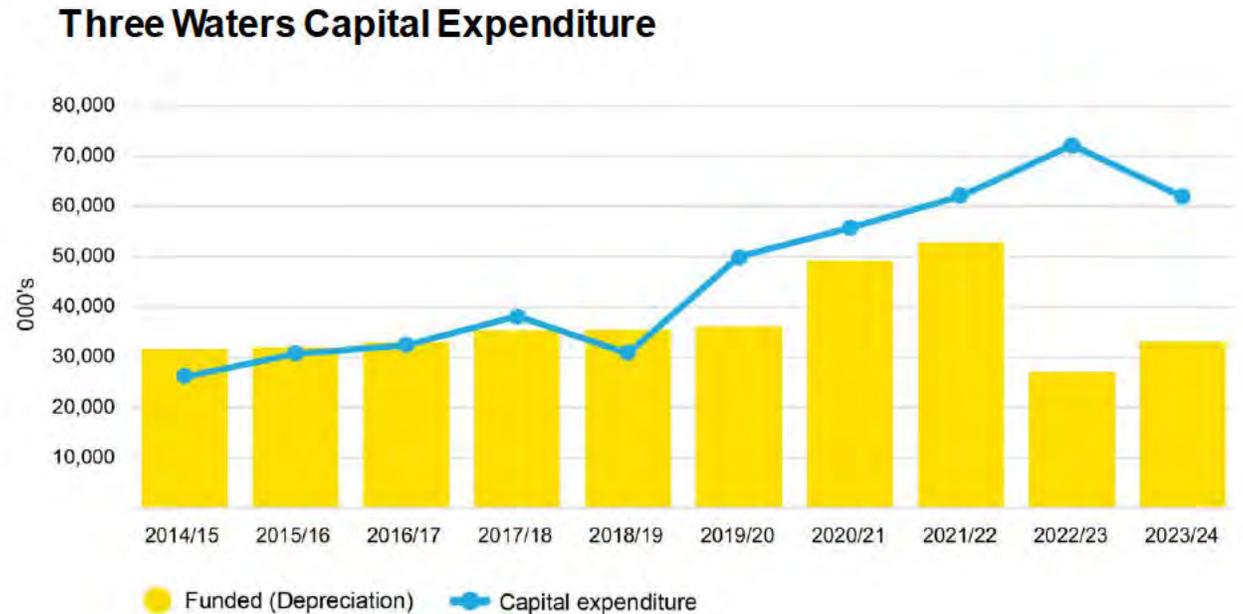
WCC Condition Assessment Operating Funding 2017-18 to 2021-24

	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	Stimulus programme funding (multi-year to end 21-22)	Budget FY 22-23	Budget FY 23-24
Condition assessment	\$312,292	\$58,922	\$76,566	\$603,970	\$1,165,103	\$3,408,529	\$1,055	\$1,356,000

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Depreciation accrued against network infrastructure versus the level of capital investment in first three years of WCC 2024-34 LTP

- As of 1 February 2024 final decisions on depreciation and capital investments in WCC's 2024-34 Long-term Plan are yet to be made.
- Over the past 10 years WCC have collected \$365m in depreciation and spent a total of \$460m in capital expenditure across three waters.
- For drinking water specifically, \$142m was collected in depreciation and \$208m spent on capital expenditure.

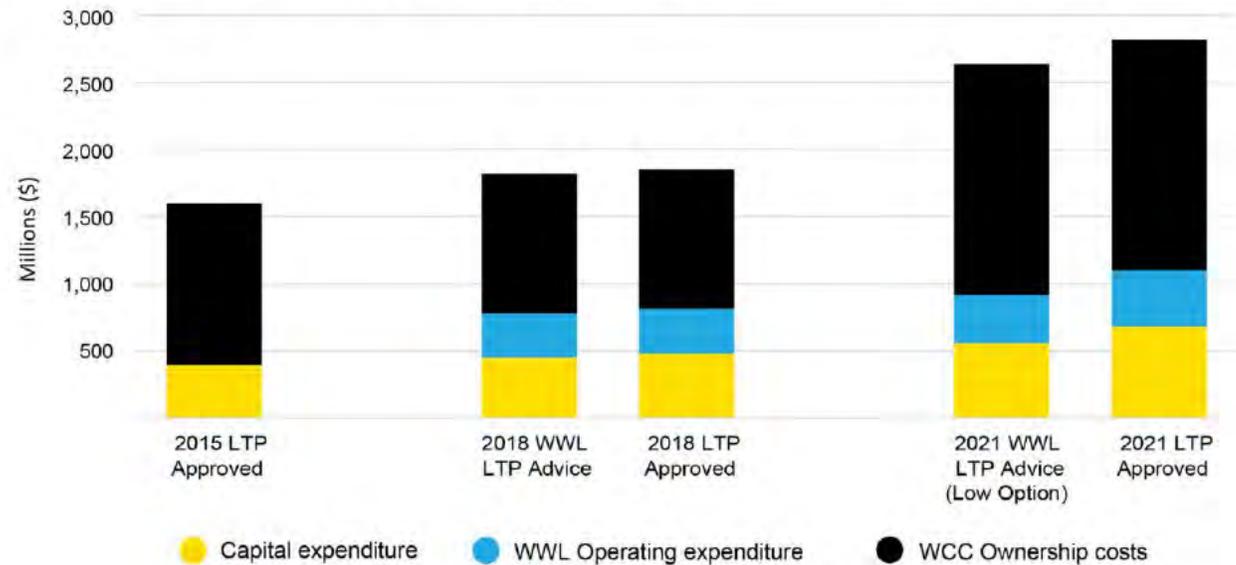


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Summary of investment level advice from WWL and actions taken by WCC in response

- All investment budgets and advice have been summarised by LTP period. We have also provided additional out of cycle investment events under the period covered by each LTP.

10-year LTP Three Waters Investment



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Evidence WCC intends to make necessary investments in first three years of 2024-34 Long Term Plan in water loss management activities and increasing capacity and storage

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Other actions WCC is taking to address the risk of water shortages this summer and in the future

- **Independent review – Wellington City Council/Wellington Water Limited**
Independent review of WWL contracts to identify efficiencies, cost savings, and improvements to transparency and reporting.
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- **Wellington City water restrictions emergency response plan**
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Ngā mihi
Thank you

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As per previous emails please find attached the appendices 6-10.

This completes the information.

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Purpose and outcome sought

Supporting Wellington City Council's 2040 vision of 'an inclusive, sustainable and creative capital for people to live, work and play'

This advice is to present options with indicative budget levels, high-level activities and risks, for investing in your three waters assets and services. It is intended to assist you, as part of a staged process, in developing and making decisions on your 2024-34 Long Term Plan.

Wellington Water seeks your direction on:

- Council's affordable funding level for three waters assets and services
- Council's preferred option for investing in three waters assets and services

Recap – Where we are at in the process:



The information and evidence we have to inform the 2024-34 Long Term Plan has improved

New knowledge gained, along with increased costs to meet levels of service, indicate that investment in three waters needs to increase

Since the 2021-31 Long Term Plan was developed, we have gained greater knowledge of Wellington City Council's three waters assets and future investment needs through:

- Asset condition and criticality assessments
- Growth studies
- Strategic studies
- Global stormwater and wastewater overflow consents
- Refinement of the age based network and pump station renewals profiling
- New methodology for measuring and reporting on leaks and faults in the network
- Technical studies (e.g. material deterioration rates)
- Centralised asset register
- Some engagement with Taranaki Whānui and Ngāti Toa Rangatira

We also have a solid base of investment needs in the 'unconstrained' investment database which was established through the National Transition Unit (NTU) asset management plan workstream. This forms the starting point for investment planning

Five priorities guide 2024-34 three waters investment

Te Mana o te Wai and five regional strategic priorities, endorsed by the Wellington Water Committee, guide the 2024-34 investment planning advice for each council. These priorities are a continuation of the investment direction for the region established in 2021-31 Long-Term Plans.

The region's three waters strategic priorities are:



Looking after existing infrastructure



Supporting a growing population



Sustainable water supply and demand



Improving environmental water quality



Achieving net zero carbon emissions



Each presents major challenges:

Water assets are ageing faster than rate of renewals

The extent and speed of growth is putting pressure on existing and future three waters infrastructure and services

We are facing acute water shortages, with demand increasing while supply is becoming more vulnerable

Blocked or directly discharging stormwater and wastewater networks risk returning unsafe, contaminated water to the environment

Risks from natural hazards and climate change are leaving communities and water assets vulnerable to disruption and economic loss

We also need to ensure resilience to natural hazards and the impacts of climate change are reflected.

Context and assumptions to investment options

We have framed our advice to reflect the maximum we consider can be delivered over the 24-34 investment period. This will be different to what is affordable to Council. We appreciate that Council will be facing financial pressures across all of its budgets and any increase in funding to your three waters assets and services will need to be considered alongside other Council priorities. The budgets proposed in this advice will be refined over the next stages of developing your LTP

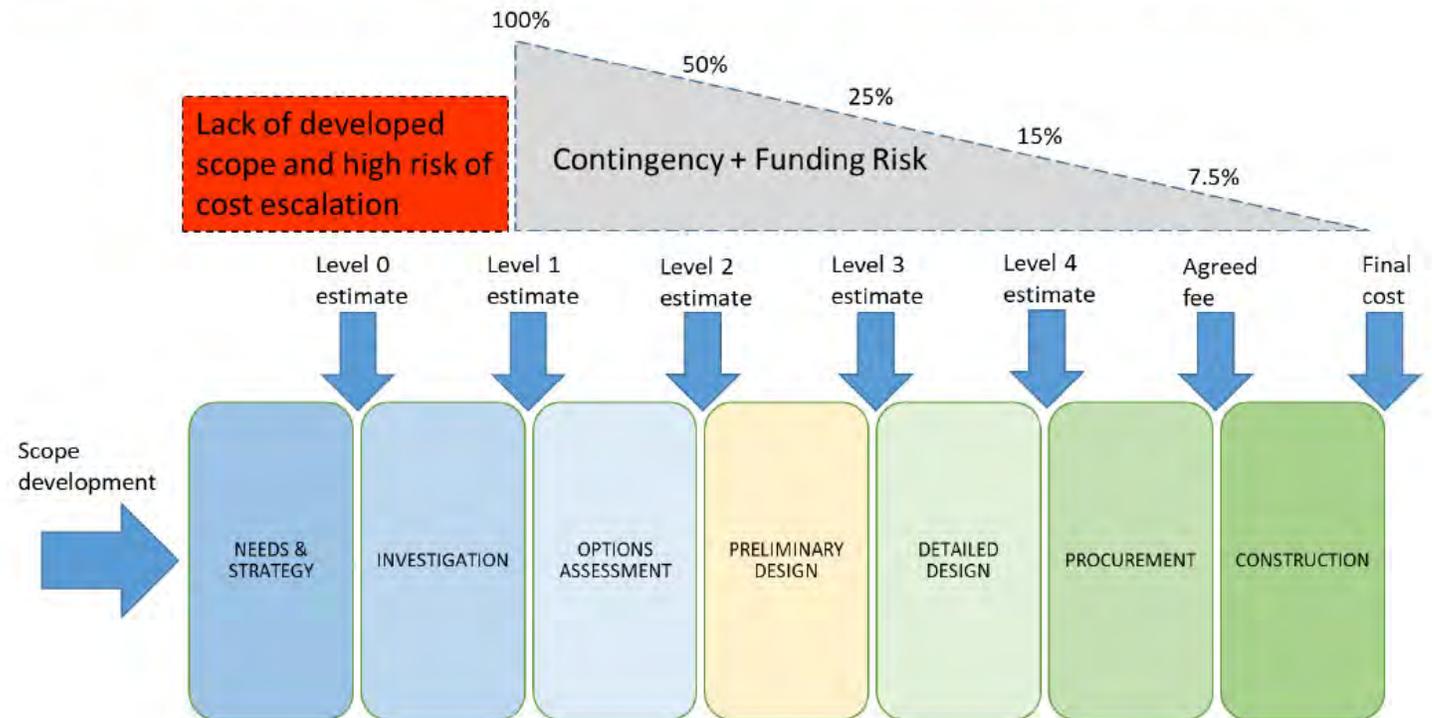
- Under current legislation, Councils are required to make funding decisions for the first two financial years of water services in their 2024-34 LTPs. Year three will be funded by the new Water Services Entity. Funding and pricing plans for year 4 onwards will be set by the new entity
- We have provided a 10-year view of investment to ensure consistency and alignment between your LTP and transition to the new entity – the investment programme we would recommend would be the same regardless of who was making the funding decision
- Work already in progress and contractually committed forms the basis of budgets for the first few years of this 10-year period. However, decisions made by Council will influence the work that is investigated, designed and delivered in the longer term through the new entity
- Since the previous long-term planning process, we have delivered year-on-year increases across Capex programmes. While inflationary pressures have driven some of this increase, past performance shows a very strong record of growth in delivery where funding has been made available by our owner Councils
- Our advice continues this growth trend. Based on previous growth and market responsiveness to increased investment across our client councils, it is considered feasible that we could deliver 30% year on year increases, or approximately \$100m, over the next three years and beyond (subject to a number of assumptions). This represents the maximum we consider can be delivered across the region
- Despite the uplift in investment and delivery, there is more work than can be done even within a 30 year time frame.
- We have prioritised our recommended work programme based on:
 - The region's strategic priorities for water
 - Our recommendations on what is of most importance (in terms of risk) and is of highest criticality
 - Compliance, consenting and regulatory requirements, as well as human health and safety needs that must be met
 - Increases needed to maintain current levels of service and to mitigate risks

Cost Estimation

Wellington water has an established method of cost estimation

- Estimates used by Wellington Water, follow our Cost Estimation Manual requirements.
- Where projects are at early stages of development, there is a large degree of contingency and funding risk applied.
- Examples include investments in flooding risk identified through growth studies and investments for global waste water and storm water discharge consents.
- Figures used therefore have increasing uncertainty the further out a planned investment is.

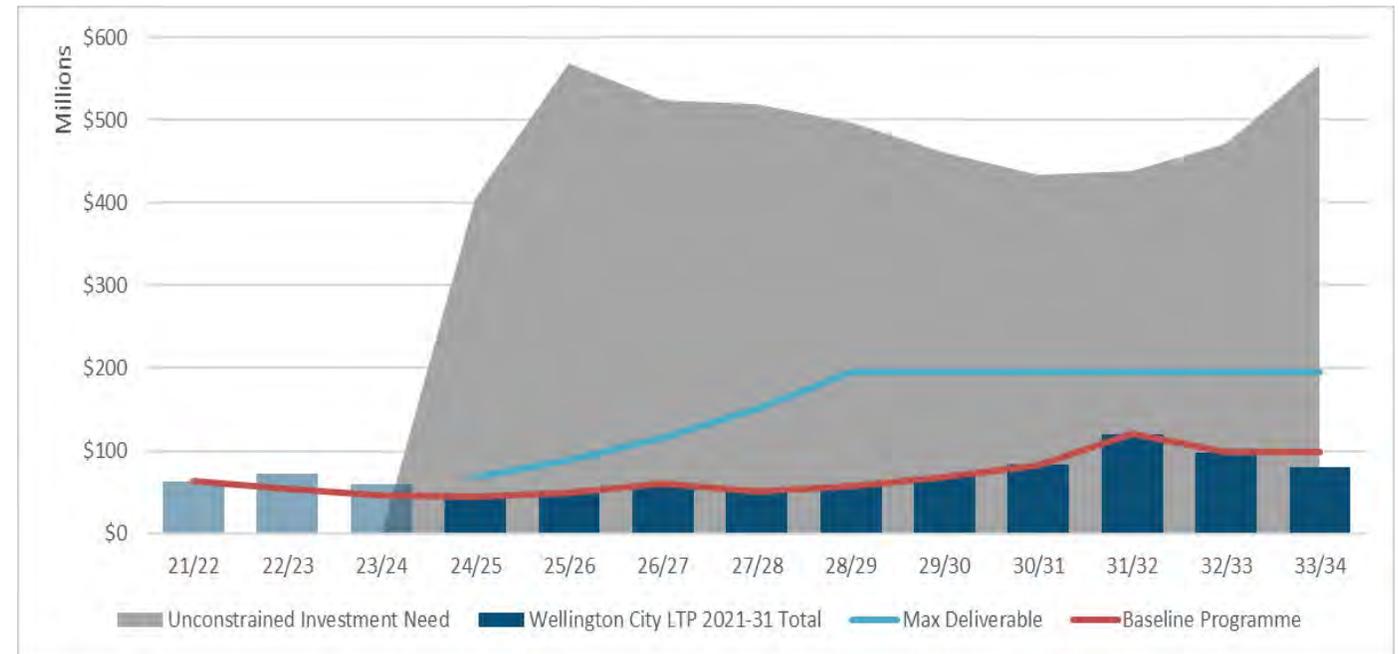
Figure 1: Illustration of scope and estimate development with contingency and risk



Summary Overview

The following table summaries Wellington Water's investment story for Wellington.

- The unconstrained investment need (grey) represents the total investment identified for operating, maintaining and meeting current and future water services needs.
- It is based upon the unconstrained investment list provided to the NTU in March 2023, and therefore covers all possible investment needs currently within Wellington Water's systems, including those derived from condition assessment, growth studies, consenting, catchment management plans etc.
- The baseline programme (red line) reflects the 21-31 LTP budget levels, including adjustments approved by Council subsequently.
- The maximum deliverable (blue line) is the level of investment Wellington Water considers it can deliver (WCC's proportional share of a regional deliverability view)



Operating Expenditure

Within OPEX budgets there are a number of activities considered unavoidable that need to be covered by Council. These relate to activities that are mandatory or cannot be avoided or deferred as they are essential for the operation and maintenance of Councils assets. For example, costs required for the day-to-day operation of critical services where the consequence of failure is very high or for maintaining compliance with legislation, regulation, or industry standards.

There is some discretion predominantly within the budgets for Investigations and planned and reactive maintenance investment categories, however there are risks with any reductions or deferrals with expenditure likely to be required in the future.

High-level factors influencing Council’s recommended 24-34 OPEX budgets:

- Impact of inflationary factors driving up the cost of materials, labour, services, and utilities costs
- The need to increase the number of repairs undertaken to meet demand and minimise water loss, and increasing repair needs for ageing infrastructure resulting in higher operational costs.
- Impact of the bulk water levy, which hasn’t been included in our advice, but will need to be factored into WCC considerations – we are speaking to the Greater Wellington LTP Committee late October. Preliminary estimates from Greater Wellington predict an increase of 13% or more on the bulk water levy

Proposed 24-34 operating expenditure against 23/24 budget and 20/21-22/23 actual expenditure



Recommended 2024-34 Operating Expenditure



Drivers for investment

	23/24 Baseline	Year 1 (24/25)	Year 2 (25/26)	Year 3 (26/27)	10-year total	
Monitoring & Investigations	\$5.1M	\$8.6M	\$10.2M	\$10.3M	\$110.7M	<p>Includes activities such as condition assessments, resource consent compliance monitoring, water sampling and monitoring, investigations, design studies, and asset management. Uplift on 23/24 budget levels due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic interventions to manage water loss and active leakage control • Greenhouse Gas inventory audits, emissions monitoring and other investigations related to climate change • Measuring fugitive emissions from Moa Point and Western Wastewater Treatment Plants • Increased spend on inflow and infiltration roving crews, ensuring meeting Global Stormwater consent conditions and to reduce contamination in water ways • Intensification impact assessment and growth planning for the Southern, Western and remaining Northern catchments
Operations	\$0.4M	\$0.5M	\$0.5M	\$0.5M	\$4.8M	Includes the control systems covering the electrical, instrumentation and automation systems for Council's stormwater, wastewater, and potable water assets.
Planned Maintenance	\$4.7M	\$9.4M	\$9.5M	\$10.5M	\$110.8M	<p>Includes water and wastewater pump station, utility and network asset maintenance, and stormwater maintenance activities. Uplift on 23/24 budget levels due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-off backdated clean for the stormwater syphon • Completing critical water supply and wastewater valve and rising main inspections that were deferred from the 2023/24 program, and an additional 20% increase in the number of water supply valve and hydrant inspections
Reactive Maintenance	\$14.4M	\$19.6M	\$17.5M	\$18.1M	\$198.0M	<p>Maintenance budgets across Council's distribution pump station, network, and reservoir assets are estimated based on delivery trends to date, the average age of assets and rates of renewal/replacement. For the 24-34 investment period increases have been reflected to account for ageing plant and previous year expenditure. Uplift on 23/24 budget levels due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in work to reduce the leakage rate and begin to return to drought resilience Level of Service through to 2035: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drinking water repairs – Additional 1644 jobs in backlog closed (8724 closed jobs v 7080 under baseline budget) ○ Drinking water reinstatement jobs – Additional 700 jobs in backlog closed (2496 closed jobs v 1800 under baseline budget) • 15% increase in contingency for storm events
Treatment Plant	\$18.8M	\$21.2M	\$21.4M	\$21.6M	\$214.8M	Covers all activities relating to the operation of wastewater treatment plants including planned and reactive maintenance, operations, and investigations. Most of the recommended increase for the 24-34 period is from increased flows, a new gas contract starting in October 2023 and contract variation conditions. There is also an assumed cost increase of 30% increase in costs changed from PCC in line with their WWJV increase, however this cost may include capex.
Management & Advisory Services	\$7.1M	\$6.9M	\$6.9M	\$7.0M	\$74.9M	<i>NB. Does not include allowances for required investments in WWL systems and people in the event that transition to Entity G does not occur.</i>
TOTAL	\$50.5M	\$66.2M	\$66.1M	\$68.0M	\$714.0M	

Summary Overview: Option One (CAPEX) - Continuation of LTP baseline

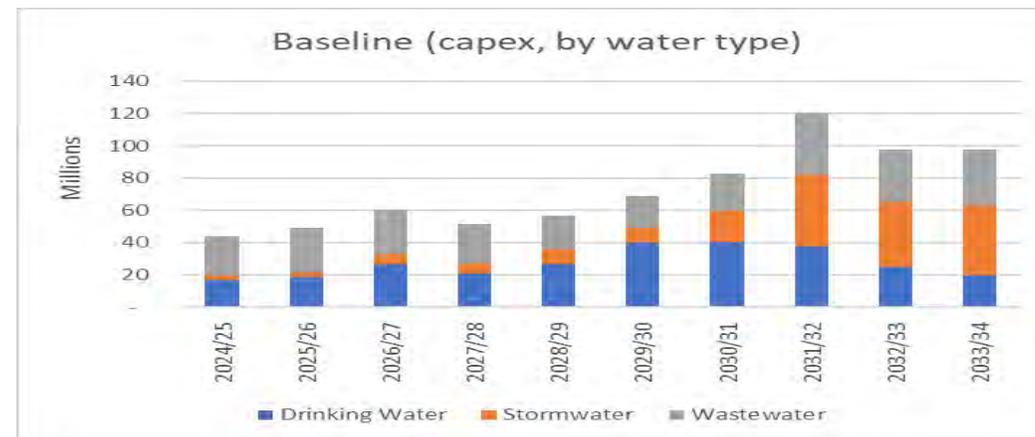


Option One represents a continuation of the current 2021-31 LTP, including any additions or adjustments made since.

Option One: WWL Baseline

	23/24 Budget	Year 1 24/25	Year 2 25/26	Year 3 26/27	10-year total (\$m)
Drinking Water	\$16.3M	\$16.8M	\$18.6M	\$26.5M	\$272.1M
Stormwater	\$6.8M	\$3.1M	\$3.1M	\$6.6M	\$185.3M
Wastewater	\$36.5M	24.3M	\$27.4M	\$26.9M	\$271.5M
TOTAL	\$59.6M	\$44.2M	\$49.1M	\$59.9M	\$728.9M

* The 21-31 investment plan did not include growth investments, as these were to be developed as a result of studies completed during the initial years.



Risks

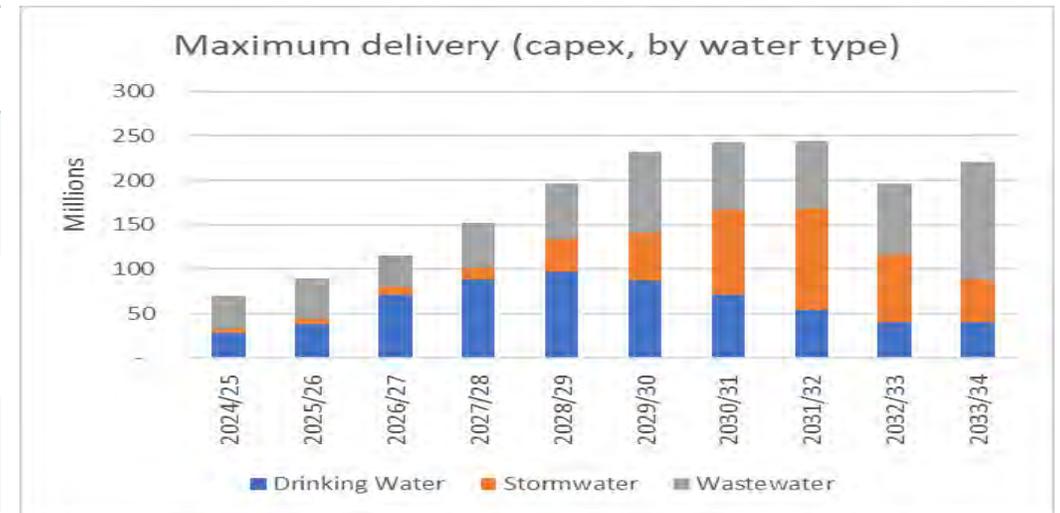
- Water demand for Wellington City is outstripping supply due to water loss in the network and growth. Networks are not optimised in accordance with Te Mana o te Wai
- Wellington's infrastructure is aging impacting delivery of safe drinking water as well as having environmental and cultural impacts. Unplanned spend is required to remediate critical three waters failures
- Moa Point WWTP at capacity and at increased risk of not meeting capacity requirement and non-compliance. Wellington is completely reliant on Southern Landfill to accept WW sludge, non-compliant discharge comes with high risk of prosecution
- Wellington Water is experiencing significant increases in the costs of material and labour due to higher than anticipated inflation and market capacity pressures. This has placed pressure on Council's capital delivery plan, meaning fewer projects may be delivered than initially planned
- An insufficient baseline increases the likelihood of not meeting WSE Act 2021 obligations, health and safety standards, and impacting works already in progress

Summary Overview: Option Two (CAPEX) – Maximum deliverable

Option Two represents the maximum programme WWL recommends can be delivered irrespective of total investment need, affordability and other constraints outside of WWL’s control.

Option Two: Maximum deliverable

	23/24 Budget	Year 1 24/25	Year 2 25/26	Year 3 26/27	10-year total (\$m)
Drinking Water	\$16.3M	\$28.3M	\$37.8M	\$71.4M	\$615.7M
Stormwater	\$6.8M	\$4.8M	\$5.7M	\$8.2M	\$456.8M
Wastewater	\$36.5M	\$36.3M	\$46.1M	\$36.3M	\$688.8M
TOTAL	\$59.6M	\$69.4M	\$89.6M	\$115.9M	\$1,761.3M



Risks

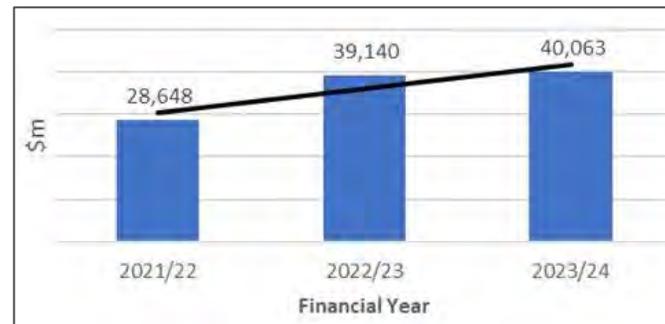
- As with option 1 but lower
- Inflationary pressures putting pressure on scoped project budgets resulting in potential for rescoping projects, reallocating budgets from lower priority projects, or increasing budgets
- Potential for resource and supply chain constraints of both materials and personnel impacting the delivery of projects in delivery

Water assets are ageing faster than they're being renewed

Existing assets and services need to be operated, maintained, and replaced to ensure they deliver the services expected by customers.

What do we know?

- Based on condition assessments and asset knowledge, a desk-top study estimates approximately 43% of Wellington City's pipe network assets are due for renewal within the next 30 years (41.2 km per year) – a desktop assessment has been completed of all pipe assets utilising national and local knowledge of similar assets
- Investment in renewals has increased year on year but is still below the rate necessary to reduce the growing backlog
- We know more about the very high and high critical assets (including of the wastewater treatment plants) through condition assessment, and this will ensure renewals investment is targeted at the highest need assets.



Investment in renewals is increasing but not at a rate necessary to reduce the growing backlog

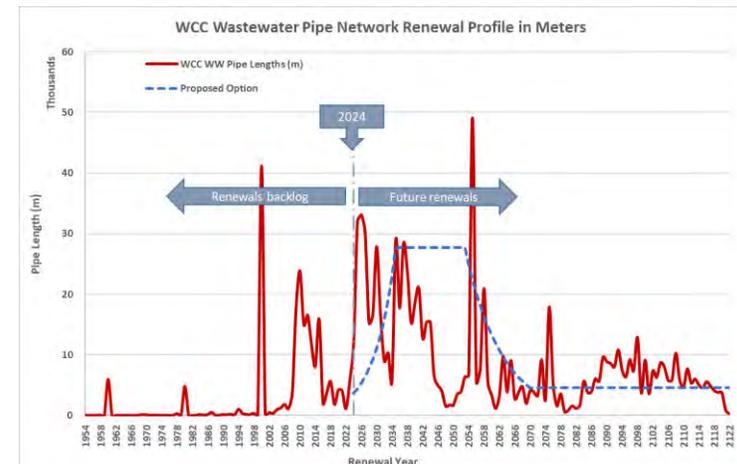
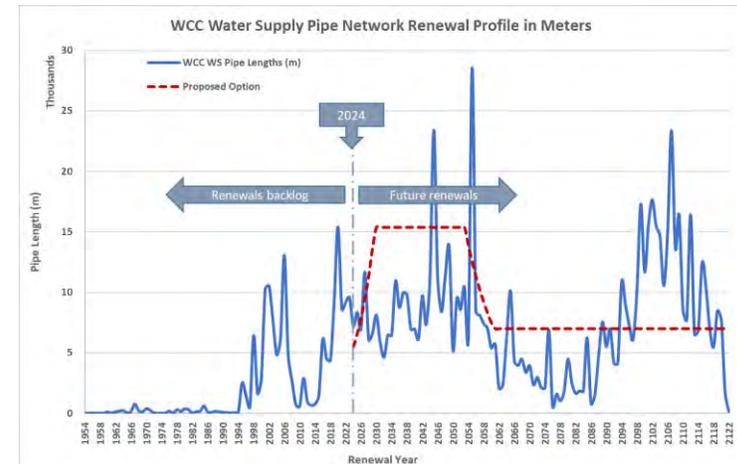
2024-34 investment need

- Continued investment in condition assessments and maintenance activities for the highest risk and priority very high and high criticality assets
- Significant and targeted replacement of the highest risk network assets using outcomes from the VHCA condition assessment programme and the latest condition and criticality assessments to minimise service failures
- Year-on-year increase in renewals to address the renewals backlog and support the water loss strategy to maintain existing service levels
- Significant investment is needed to address compliance, capacity, and emerging issues

Renewals

Renewals are one solution to looking after existing infrastructure. Despite an uplift in renewals expenditure, the average age of the asset base continues to increase. To assure agreed levels of service and to operate within agreed risk tolerances, the required state is to continuously renew assets at the same rate as they deteriorate.

- Specific renewals budgets are proposed aimed at achieving a sustainable asset base that is renewed at a pace that matches deterioration. These budgets have been built from:
 - Requirements for treatment plants, reservoirs and storage, pump stations and pipe networks
 - Looking at forward renewal requirements over the lifecycle of the asset base
 - Retain a level of budget for reactive renewals (based on history) to ensure that failed items can be replaced immediately
- To note:
 - Renewals needs are heavily dominated by pipe networks
 - The recommended programme has been prioritised to achieve a balance between critical and non-critical assets
 - Deferral of renewal projects that make up the proposed budgets will lift the risk of increased service failures resulting in interrupted water supply and continued leakage, and unplanned overflows from wastewater pipes as well as elevated health and safety risks arising from collapsed or failed assets. Consequential rise in unplanned maintenance expenses
 - Pipe renewals are programmed for completion because we know the condition of the pipe or have a history of service failure. Renewal programming is based on our knowledge of condition – of which age is an important first consideration, but not the only consideration (see further information page 27 and 28 for condition images)



Proposed investment by strategic priority: Looking after existing infrastructure

The desired state is where the reliability of the network improves and customers receive agreed levels of service across all three waters.

Option 1: Baseline (\$m)

Focuses on immediate risk where high likelihood of critical failure only. Partial lift in renewals to work towards elimination of backlog of end of life assets within 30 years

	Year 1 24/25	Year 2 25/26	Year 3 26/27	10-year total
Drinking Water	\$16.8M	\$14.3M	\$26.5M	\$165.5M
Stormwater	\$3.1M	\$3.1M	\$6.6M	\$163.9M
Wastewater	\$20.2M	\$27.4M	\$26.8M	\$226.8M
TOTAL	\$40.0M	\$44.8M	\$59.9M	\$556.2M

Option 2: Maximum deliverable (\$m)

Replacement of assets with known failure history or poor condition only within first 10 years, looks to replace waterpipes in high leakage areas, and seeks to lift renewals to achieve elimination of backlog of end-of-life assets within 30 years

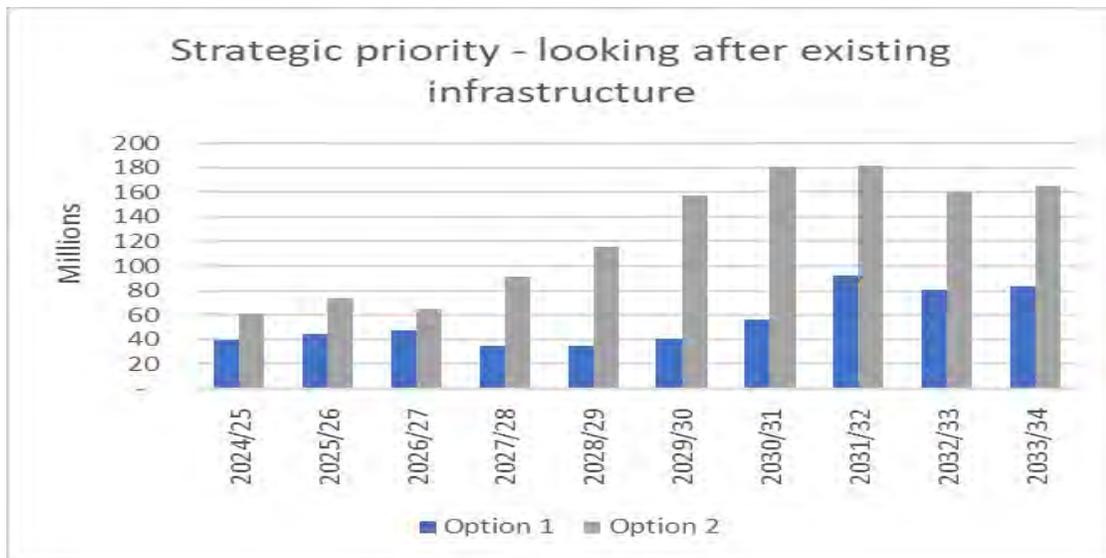
	Year 1 24/25	Year 2 25/26	Year 3 26/27	10-year total
Drinking Water	\$26M	\$26M	\$30.4M	\$380.6M
Stormwater	\$4.8M	\$5.7M	\$6.9M	\$343.2M
Wastewater	\$29.9M	\$41.7M	\$27.8M	\$527.7M
TOTAL	\$60.6M	\$73.4M	\$65.1M	\$1,251.4M

Key projects: Option 1

- Complete CBD wastewater rising mains in Victoria St, Waring Taylor St and Kent Terrace
- Work on VHCA Eastern Suburbs trunk sewer (known to be in poor condition - including within airport) delayed for 3 years. No work commencing on design of replacement/refurbishment of main interceptor within Kilbirnie and western side of airport
- Critical watermains with known failure history in Broderick Rd, Kilbirnie Cres, Link Rd, and Wadestown Rd delayed until year 4 with subsequent impact on road reseal programmes
- Wastewater pump station renewals deferred with risks of pump failure and untreated sewage overflows to sea
- Funding targeted towards most urgent activity at Wastewater Treatment Plants

Option 2

- In addition to projects in Option 1, watermains in Broderick Rd, Kilbirnie Cres, Link Rd, and Wadestown Rd will be replaced in first 3 years
- All work in baseline completed and watermains above will be replaced within first 3 years
- Design work on Eastern Suburbs Trunk sewer and Kilbirnie interceptor commences but no construction until year 4 (completion by year 8)
- Moa Point and Western WWTP upgrades progressed.
- Increased quantity of network renewals achieved.



Metro Wellington is likely to face acute water shortages this summer and ongoing summers

Our communities want to have enough water when they need it, while Te Mana o te Wai is implemented by using it efficiently and leaving enough water in the rivers to sustain freshwater ecosystems.

What do we know?

- Water use in the Wellington metropolitan area continues to increase and is at an all-time high, primarily due to water loss across the network
- Approximately 31% of water being supplied to Wellington's communities is being lost through leaks in the public network
- Our supply capacity is no longer sufficient to meet summer peak demand due to treatment and distribution constraints
- To implement Waitua recommendations, less water will be available during summer

Our current approach is no longer working – doing just one thing is no longer an option. Action on all fronts is needed



We've considered many possible options

2024-34 investment need

A collective regional response is required over the next 10 years, with all councils acting together to:



Keep the water in the pipes



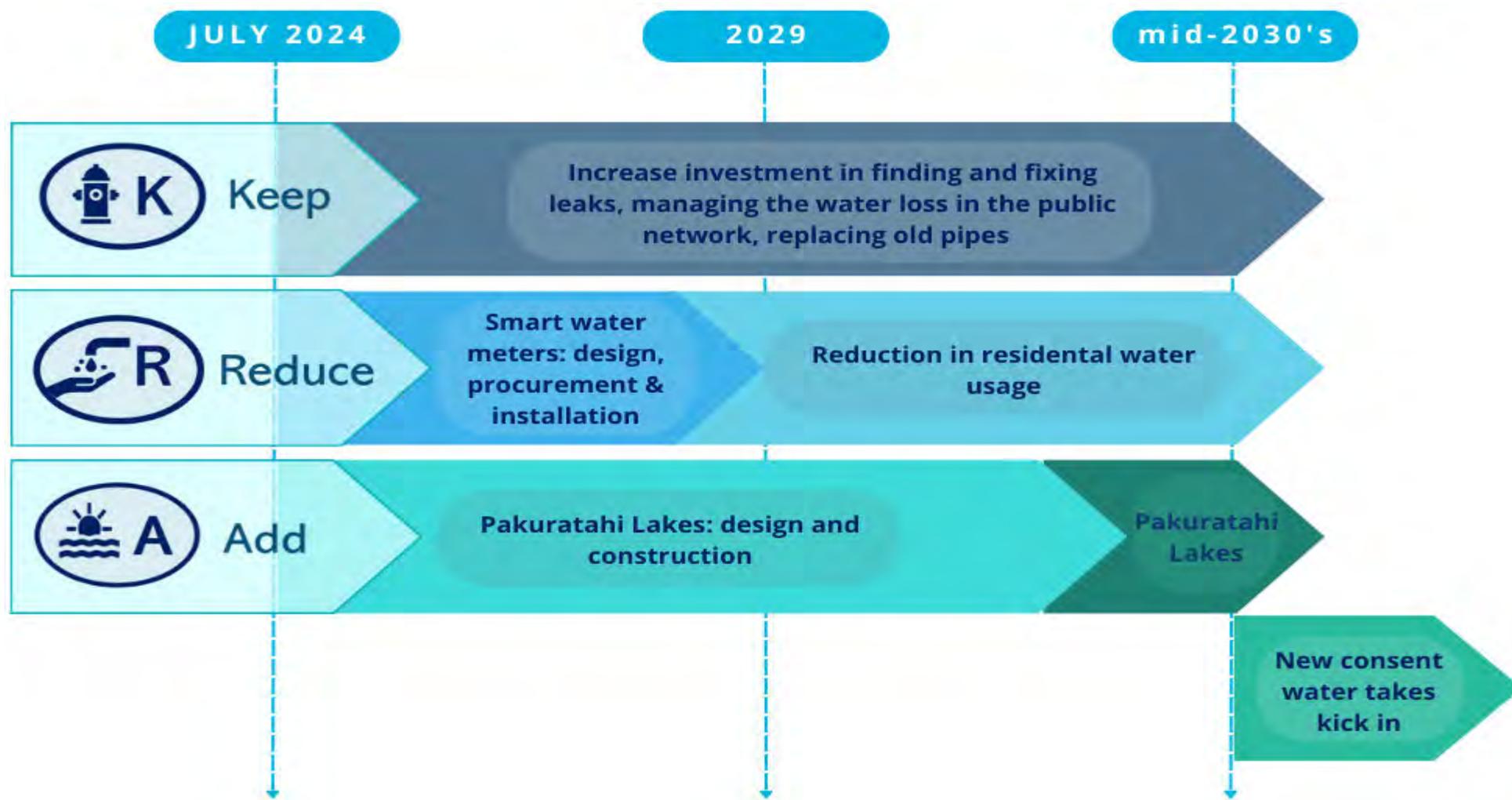
Reduce water demand through water metering



Add more storage lakes so we have increased back up supply in the summer

Wellington City Council has a significant role in this.

Phasing of recommended actions that need to start now



Proposed investment by strategic priority: Sustainable water supply and demand

The desired state is where water isn't wasted, supply meets demand, and customers and the network are more resilient in times of shortage

Option 1: Baseline (\$m)

Little activity planned to sustainable water supply and demand

	Year 1 24/25	Year 2 25/26	Year 3 26/27	10-year total
Drinking Water	\$0.008M	-	\$1.4M	\$56.8M
Stormwater	-	-	-	-
Wastewater	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$0.008M	-	\$1.4M	\$56.8M

Option 2: Maximum deliverable (\$m)

The water needs of communities are met while maintaining the health and mauri/mana of the source water. The primary activity here is installing water meters from 2026 onwards

	Year 1 24/25	Year 2 25/26	Year 3 26/27	10-year total
Drinking Water	\$2.3M	\$11.8M	\$29.8M	\$130.8M
Stormwater	-	-	-	-
Wastewater	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$2.3M	\$11.8M	\$29.8M	\$130.8M



Key projects: Option 1

- Commercial water meter renewal

Option 2

- From 2024, Universal Residential Smart Metering (\$124m).

Urban growth is putting pressure on three waters services

Water services exist to serve communities. As the number of people in towns and cities increases, the extent of water services must grow with them.

What do we know?

- By 2048, Wellington City's population is projected to grow by between 50,000 to 80,000 people
- Growth studies have been completed for priority areas of Johnsonville, Tawa, CBD and Newtown
- The majority of investment identified in these studies is to restore levels of service, rather than specifically enabling growth



Developers have a role to play in contributing to growth driven infrastructure needs

2024-34 investment need

- Significant three water investment will be required over the next 30 years to support the city's growth and bring existing networks to target levels of service
- Further growth studies are planned for the Southern, Western and remaining Northern catchments
- Assessments to understand the impacts of housing intensification in main urban centres and around transport corridors

Proposed investment by strategic priority: Supporting a growing population



The desired state is where growth can be achieved while ensuring target levels of service are met or exceeded

Option 1: Baseline (\$m)

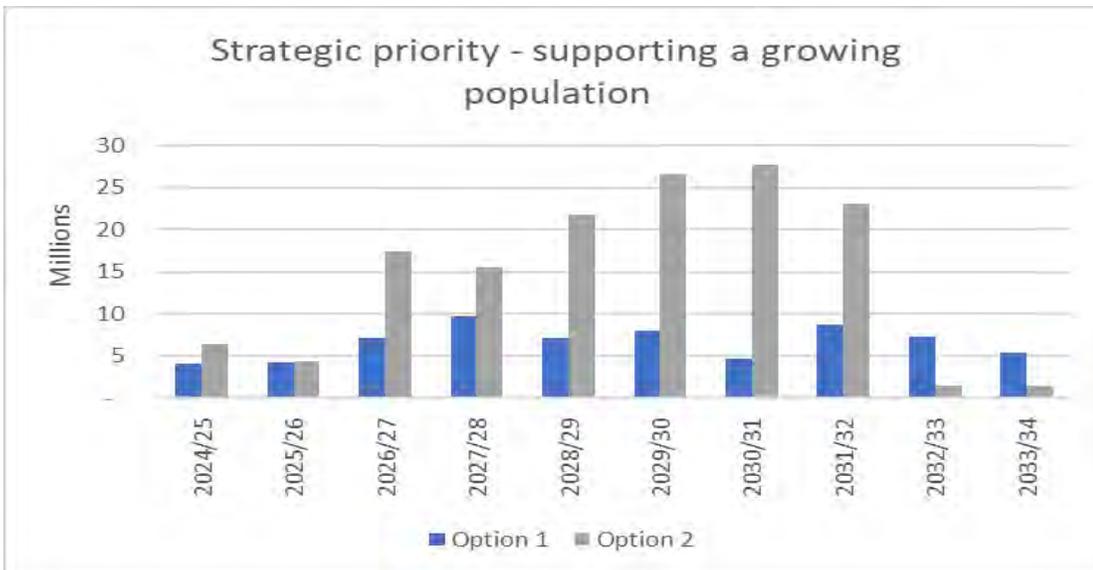
Minimal provision for growth projects

	Year 1 24/25	Year 2 25/26	Year 3 26/27	10-year total
Drinking Water	-	\$4.2M	\$3.6M	\$43.0M
Stormwater	-	-	\$0.08M	\$0.5M
Wastewater	\$4.2M	\$0.04M	\$3.5M	\$23.0M
TOTAL	\$4.2M	\$4.2M	\$7.1M	\$66.5M

Option 2: Maximum deliverable (\$m)

Significant investment in key infrastructure that supports growth in Wellington

	Year 1 24/25	Year 2 25/26	Year 3 26/27	10-year total
Drinking Water	-	-	\$9.4M	\$89.2M
Stormwater	-	-	-	\$0.9M
Wastewater	\$6.4M	\$4.4M	\$8M	\$55.8M
TOTAL	\$6.4M	\$4.4M	\$17.6M	\$145.9M



Key projects: Option 1

- Note that growth was excluded in the 21-31 LTP while growth studies were completed
- Drinking water, wastewater and stormwater reactive development projects
- Water supply Zone Management Planning
- Miramar stormwater pump station
- Central Wellington Wastewater Storage

Option 2

- Taranaki WW pipes upgrade
- Wakefield WW rising mains
- Aro (Moe-i-te-ra) and Bell Road Reservoirs including Inlet Outlet Mains
- Water Supply upgrades

The quality of water in the environment must be improved

Stormwater and treated wastewater are returned to the environment. Pollutants enter the water, making it unsafe for people and ecosystems. Stormwater management can also significantly modify the natural characteristics of creeks and streams.

What do we know?

- Leaking, blocked or directly discharging stormwater and wastewater networks return unsafe, contaminated water to the environment
- Mana whenua iwi and our communities want our fresh and coastal waters to be healthy and clean
- The Government has put in place regulation that puts the health and wellbeing of water first, with Te Mana o te Wai at the heart of water management
- Global Stormwater Consent and Wastewater Network Overflow Consent have been lodged



Objective to improve waterway and ocean health

2024-34 investment need

- We need to change the way we manage stormwater and wastewater networks to reduce the frequency of wastewater overflows and reduce contaminants in stormwater entering the environment
- Improving the networks to support water quality targets will take decades and significant investment
- Ongoing investment to progressively implement the consents through activity such as:
 - source control and constructed wetlands for stormwater contaminants, and
 - inflow and infiltration programmes, storage tank, pump station and pipe upgrades, and treatment plant improvements for wastewater

Proposed investment by strategic priority: Improving environmental water quality

The desired state is improved water quality, Te Mana o Te Wai is implemented, mahinga kai regenerates, and regulatory requirements are met.

Option 1: Baseline (\$m)

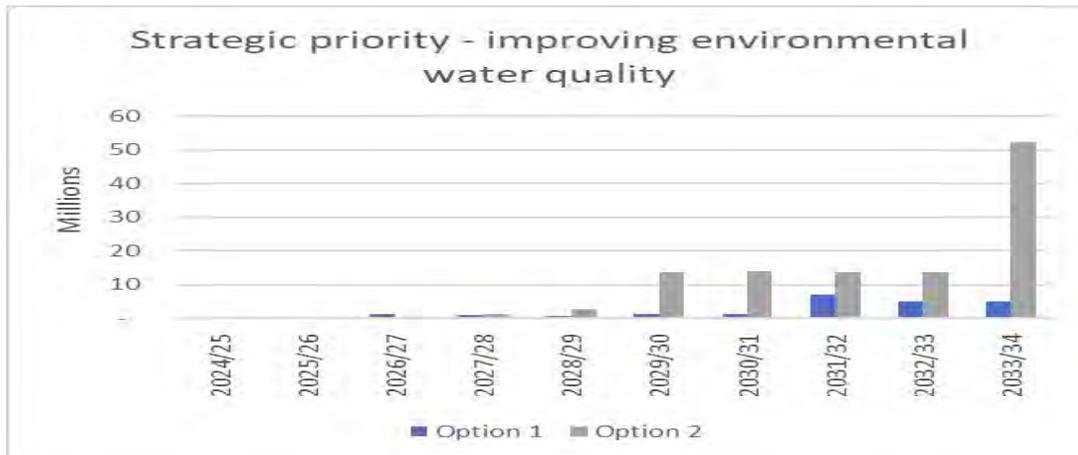
Provision for minimum level of activities to support improving environmental water quality.

	Year 1 24/25	Year 2 25/26	Year 3 26/27	10-year total
Drinking Water	-	-	-	-
Stormwater	-	-	-	\$1.0M
Wastewater	-	-	1.3M	\$21.6M
TOTAL	-	-	\$1.3M	\$22.6M

Option 2: Maximum deliverable (\$m)

Major projects aimed at improving environmental water quality. Note some activities delivering improved environmental water outcomes covered through the Moa Point WWTP upgrades

	Year 1 24/25	Year 2 25/26	Year 3 26/27	10-year total
Drinking Water	-	-	-	-
Stormwater	-	-	-	\$6.5M
Wastewater	-	-	\$0.4M	\$105.2M
TOTAL	-	-	\$0.4M	\$111.7M



Key projects: Option 1

Limited funding focused on wastewater overflow and stormwater quality in later years

Key projects: Option 2

- Removal of constructed overflows (from 28/29)
- Stormwater Subcatchment Management Plan associated with discharge consent deferred to 27/28
- Wastewater Overflow Subcatchment Reduction Plan associated with wastewater network overflow consent deferred to 27/28

Projects currently not prioritised within 24-34 LTP / risks

Insufficient funding to meet consent requirements resulting in consent breaches
No funding to engage meaningfully with Mana Whenua

Breach of conditions when granted due to deferral and inability to deliver against conditions
Stormwater activities not prioritised.
Some activities required

The impacts of natural hazards and climate change are becoming more prominent

Water services are at risk from natural hazards such as earthquakes and landslides and from more intense rainfall events and sea level rise caused by climate change.

What do we know?

- Levels of flood protection are highly variable across the region, and parts of Wellington City are subject to flooding
- Council has acknowledged there is a climate emergency and signed up to Net Carbon Zero by 2050
- Wellington City contributes around 40% of Wellington Water's operational inventory carbon emissions with most of these coming from the Moa Point, Karori (Western) and Porirua Wastewater Treatment Plants
- There are opportunities to reduce emissions when renewing assets



Community water stations are part of ensuring a resilient water network

2024-34 investment need

- To ensure 10-year level of service against flooding risk is achieved, continued investment in initiatives to address existing flooding issues in Wellington is required
- Investment is needed for both immediate flood protection and long-term climate resilience
- Continue to investigate opportunities to reduce carbon emissions from assets, particularly at the Moa Point, Karori (Western) and Porirua Wastewater Treatment Plants

Increasing resilience to natural hazards and the impacts of climate change

The desired state is resilient infrastructure that provides essential water services safely during an emergency event.

Option 1: Baseline (\$m)

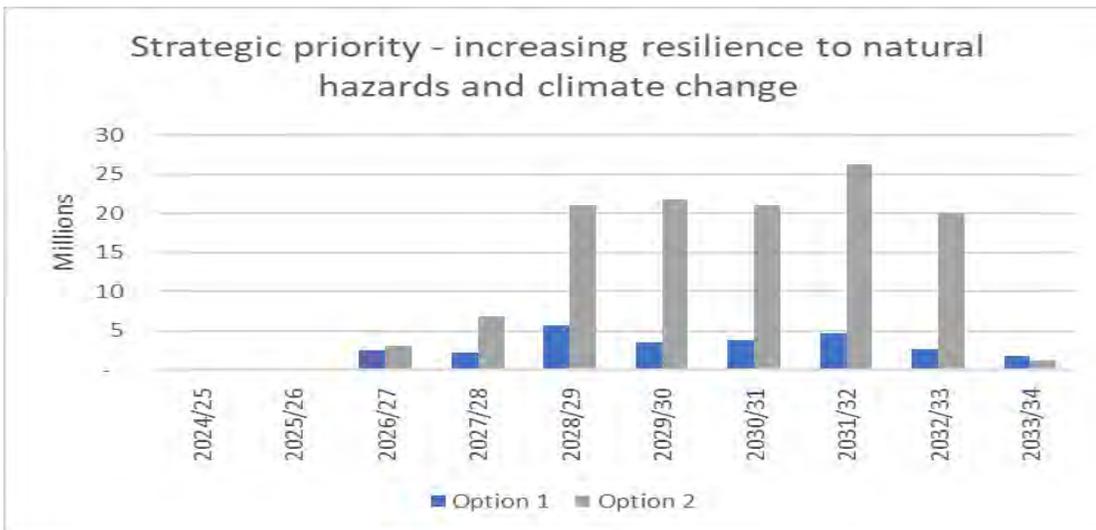
Minimal activities aimed at ensuring resilience of water services following a major emergency

	Year 1 24/25	Year 2 25/26	Year 3 26/27	10-year total
Drinking Water	-	-	\$0.9M	\$6.8M
Stormwater	\$0.0004M	\$0.0005M	\$1.5M	\$20.0M
Wastewater	-	-	\$0.01M	\$0.06M
TOTAL	\$0.0004M	\$0.0005M	\$2.5M	\$26.8M

Option 2: Maximum deliverable (\$m)

Activities included aimed at improving network resilience

	Year 1 24/25	Year 2 25/26	Year 3 26/27	10-year total
Drinking Water	-	-	\$1.8M	\$15.0M
Stormwater	-	-	\$1.4M	\$106.2M
Wastewater	-	-	-	\$0.1M
TOTAL	-	-	\$3.2M	\$121.3M



Key projects for delivery: Option 1

- Stormwater network renewals

Option 2

- Wrights Hill, Grenada North, Ngaio reservoir seismic improvements from 2026
- Stormwater (Tawa) and flooding resilience (Hataitai, Lyall Bay and Kilbernie) upgrades
- Carbon Modelling

Projects currently not prioritised within 24-34 LTP / risks

Projects to address the impacts of climate change and flood risk not delivered

- Stormwater model build and mapping
- Stormwater control system upgrades

A number of projects to address flooding have been deferred more than five years to start at the end of the LTP period.

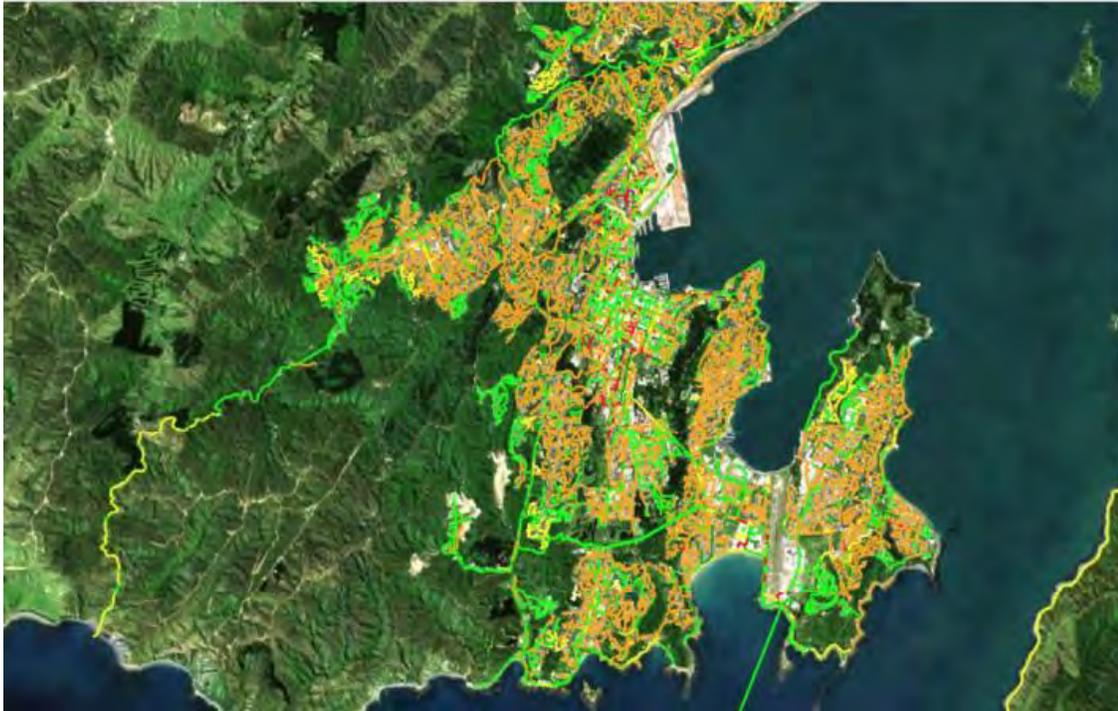
Next steps

The process from here



Attachments and further information

Condition Maps – Wastewater



Wellington Central and South: Wastewater Condition



Wellington Central North and West: Wastewater Condition

Condition grades

1. dark green (very good)
2. green (good)
3. yellow (moderate)
4. orange (poor)
5. red (very poor)

Condition Maps – Water Supply



Wellington Central and South: Water Supply Condition



Wellington Central South and West: Water Supply Condition

Condition grades

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2024-34 Investment Planning and Advice

Wellington City Council

Step 3: Council guidance on
DRAFT investment level

21 November 2023

Where we are in the process:



Seeking Council direction on DRAFT three waters OPEX and CAPEX budgets

- Council's baseline OPEX and CAPEX budgets for the 2024-34 LTP are based on the 2021-31 LTP figures
- These budgets are insufficient to ensure Council is compliant with health and safety, regulatory consenting and legislative requirements
- Due to the significant risks Council will carry, WWL recommends the Council LTP Baseline OPEX and CAPEX budgets should not be adopted as the final three waters budgets for the 2024-34 LTP
- Areas where WWL recommends budget is increased above the Council LTP Baseline OPEX and CAPEX baseline will be presented for consideration through this update

Operating Expenditure

Operating Expenditure (OPEX)

	23/24 Budget	Option 1: Council LTP Baseline Budget	Option 2: FY2023/24 OPEX + unavoidable cost increases	Option 3: WWL Recommended Budget
Monitoring & Investigations	\$5.1M	\$5.8M	\$5.5M	\$8.6M
Operations	\$0.4M	\$0.4M	\$0.5M	\$0.5M
Planned Maintenance	\$4.7M	\$0.0M	\$4.7M	\$9.4M
Reactive Maintenance	\$14.4M	\$7.8M	\$15.0M	\$19.6M
Treatment Plant	\$18.8M	\$21.0M	\$21.2M	\$21.2M
Management & Advisory Services	\$7.1M	\$6.6M	\$6.6M	\$6.9M
TOTAL	\$50.5M	\$41.6M	\$53.5M	\$66.2M

OPEX Option 1: Council Baseline LTP budget

- Option 1 is \$8.9M below the current FY2023/24 budget (which is already under pressure)
- This is a high-risk budget, insufficient to meet legislative requirements under the Water Services Entities Act 2022
- Option 1 is expected to result in:
 - non-compliance with regulations
 - legal consequences
 - risk to public health
 - increased leaks
 - reactive maintenance budgets exhausted within six months
 - inability to address unforeseen events
- Option 1 is not recommended



OPEX Option 2: FY2023/24 OPEX + unavoidable cost increases

- Option 2 is based on the FY2023/24 budget plus unavoidable cost increases at the Treatment Plants and for monitoring and operational activity
- The FY2023/24 budget is already below a level recommended by WWL. Option 2 therefore still carries risks
- The level of leakage and backlog of repairs will increase. WWL is estimating there to be 3500 open leaks by end of 2023/24. This will increase by 1000 leaks a year if the budget stays as is.
 - This will increase the risk of an acute regional water shortage
- The number of service failures, sewage overflows, leaks, and flooding events will increase
- Option 2 should be considered a minimum OPEX budget that could be adopted for FY2024/25 and beyond, but is not recommended by WWL



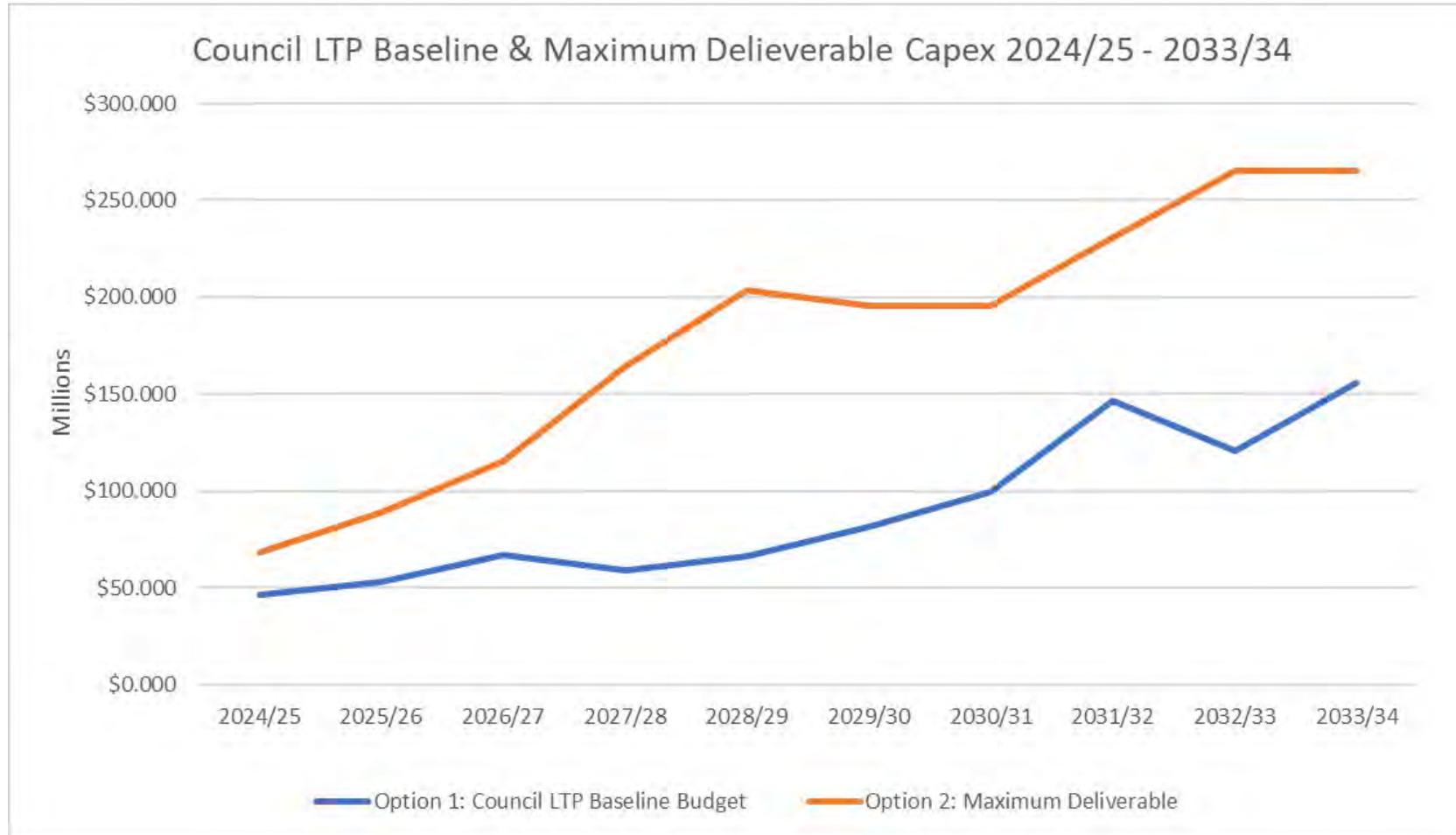
Capital Expenditure

Capital Expenditure (CAPEX)

CAPEX Options

	Year 1 24/25	Year 2 25/26	Year 3 26/27	10-year total
Option 1: Council LTP Baseline	\$46.28M	\$53.32M	\$66.89M	\$896.70M
Option 2: Maximum Deliverable	\$68,44M	\$89.11M	\$115.36M	\$1,793.49M
Difference	(\$22.16M)	(\$35.79M)	(\$48.47M)	(\$896.79M)

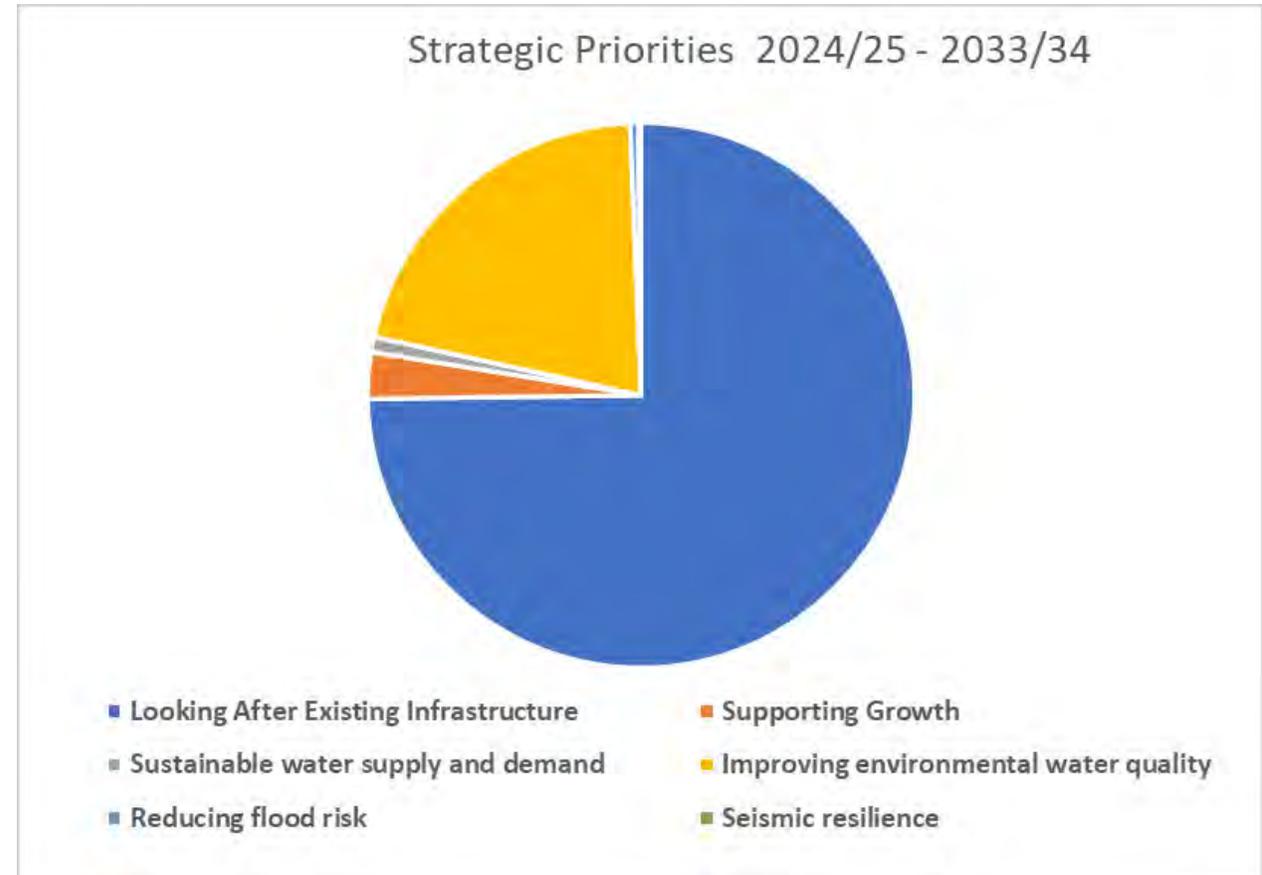
Capital Expenditure (CAPEX)



Risk reduction

Option 1: Council LTP Baseline CAPEX budget

- The draft CAPEX programme has been built to make best use of the Council Baseline LTP CAPEX budget
- Due to historic underinvestment in renewal activity, ageing infrastructure, and underlying issues with council's assets, 75% of the Council Baseline budget targeted to critical renewals activity
- There is an inability to support growth or invest in initiatives to increase levels of service under Option 1



Option 1: Council Baseline CAPEX budget – Key activity delivered

Continuing delivery of the following contractually committed projects

- Wrights Hill drinking water reservoir seismic improvements
- VHCA Reservoir water quality renewals
- Stormwater Improvements - Main Road Tawa and Shirley Street to Hurman St
- CBD Pump station rising main programme:
 - Taranaki St new WW Rising Main
 - Victoria St (PS7), Wakefield St (PS5-6) & Victoria/Dixon St Shared Rising Main Renewals
 - Wakefield St new WW Rising Main
 - Pump Stations 1 - 7 Upgrades
- Karori Effluent Pipeline Remediation
- Wastewater Renewals - Aro Valley, Yule Stoke Tainui, Broomhedge and Severn Street

Moa and Western Wastewater Treatment Plants

- Moa Point inlet pump station
- Moa Point clarifiers and associated equipment
- Moa Point / Western / Careys Gully electrical and control upgrades
- Moa Point aeration renewal (delayed 2 years)

New Network Renewals across all waters

Improving Environmental Water Quality

- Modelling activities and Catchment management plans to respond to Global waster water overflow and stormwater quality consents
- Pilot sub catchment interventions for storm and wastewater

Activity to support Sustainable Water Supply and Demand

- Pressure Management (reduced budget below WWL recommendation)
- Reactive renewal of existing water meters

Option 1: Council LTP Baseline Budget – Risks

- The following key projects are either unfunded in Option 1: Council LTP Baseline budget or deferred beyond a start date that WWL recommends:
 - Moa Point and Western Wastewater Treatment Plant critical asset renewals at recommended rate
 - Universal residential smart meters
 - Pressure control valves at recommended rate
 - Eastern Trunk Main
 - Airport Triplicate Interceptor
 - Proactive network and pumpstation renewals at the recommended rate
 - Bell Road Reservoir Inlet Outlet Mains, Bell Road Reservoir and Moe-i-te-Ra (Aro) Reservoir replacements



Overview

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Operations	\$0.4M	\$0.4M	\$0.5M	\$0.5M
Planned Maintenance	\$4.7M	\$0.0M	\$4.7M	\$9.4M
Reactive Maintenance	\$14.4M	\$7.8M	\$15.0M	\$19.6M
Treatment Plant	\$18.8M	\$21.0M	\$21.2M	\$21.2M
Management & Advisory Services	\$7.1M	\$6.6M	\$6.6M	\$6.9M
TOTAL	\$50.5M	\$41.6M	\$53.5M	\$66.2M

← Increased investment required in planned maintenance and leak management

Options for additional investment (WWL prioritised list)

While these are high priority activities WWL recommends council should consider to invest in, they do not address all unfunded activity and needs of the three waters network, for example infrastructure to support growth or level of service driven improvements

	Years 1-3	LTP 2024-34
Baseline Budget	\$166.49M	\$898.69M
1 Additional budget for Moa Point and Western WWTPs critical renewals	\$10M	\$130.4M
2 Universal Residential Smart Meters Detailed Business Case	\$2.5M	\$124.2M
3 Pressure Management fully funded	\$3M	\$7.8M
4 Eastern Trunk Main Stage 1 Airport cargo area pipe	\$20M	\$89.2M
5 Airport Interceptor design through to consenting, and balance chambers	\$5M	\$91.2M
6 Increase in pump station renewals – three waters	\$15M	\$54.6M
7 Increase to 50% of target network renewals – three waters	\$45.5M	\$181M
8 Bell Road and Moe-i-te-Ra Reservoirs	\$10.8M	\$90M
Subtotal	\$110.8M	\$768.4M
<u>Council prioritised network renewals (part of network renewals, not in addition):</u>		
9 Golden Mile Opportunistic Renewals (Delivered by LGWM)	\$30M	\$30M
10 Houghton Bay Stormwater Pipe	\$7M	\$7M

Attachments and further information

Impacts of Option 1: Council LTP Baseline

Looking after existing infrastructure

- Prioritised in the programme, but insufficient to address Treatment Plant renewals needs, or backlog of network and pump station renewals

Sustainable water supply and demand

- Minimal investment in activity to address acute water shortage risks
- Increasing water loss expected
- At Opex baseline, maintenance budget exhausted within 6 months

Growth

- Inability to support Council's growth aspirations
- No additional budget beyond finishing existing commitments

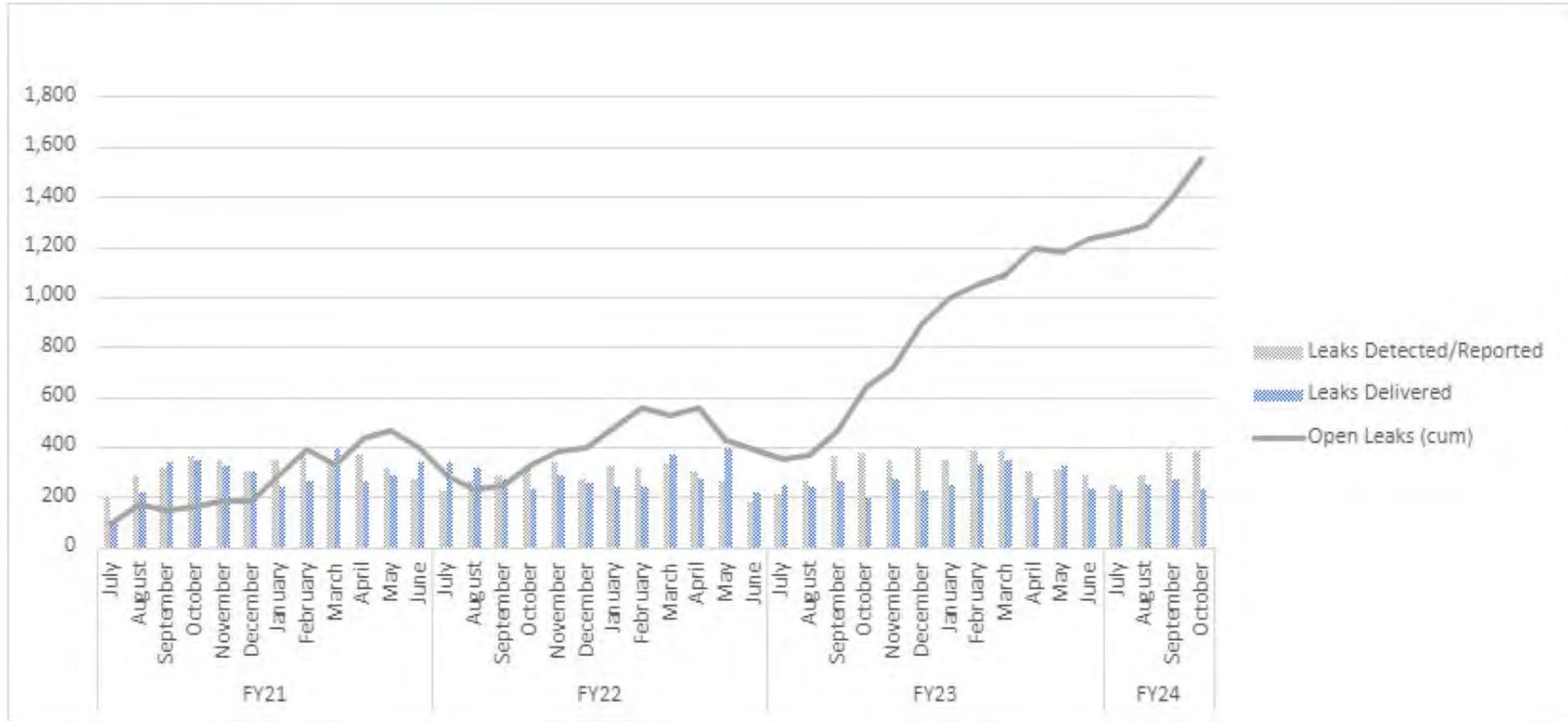
Improving environmental water quality

- Activity to deliver the global stormwater and wastewater discharge consents has been prioritised

Climate change and resilience

- No new activities funded beyond existing commitments

Historic Leak Backlog



Moa Point and Western Wastewater Treatment Plants

While the baseline budget prioritises investment at the WWTPs, it is still insufficient to address all risks present at the WWTPs

Outstanding risks

- Works and renewals deferred three or more years
- WCC is at increased risk of non-compliance and prosecution, raw sewage outflows, public health risk and increased odour at Moa Point

Proposed Mitigation:

Included budget to progress concept design of core activity to allow further prioritisation and can be quickly implemented if failure occurs of the deferred activity

Additional budget recommendation

Additional **\$10M** over the first 3 years should be prioritised to Moa Point and Western Wastewater Treatment Plants to progress deferred activity at the recommended time.



Sustainable Water Supply and Demand

Council LTP Baseline budget is insufficient to deliver on the core activity to achieve sustainable water supply and demand.

Outstanding risks

Inadequate budget to manage water loss, no water meters, and reduced budget for pressure control valves has risk:

- Goes against Council direction to provide additional investment in leak repair activity
- Increased risk of water supply shortages in summer
- Production pressure on water sources and treatment plants and increased risk of asset failure

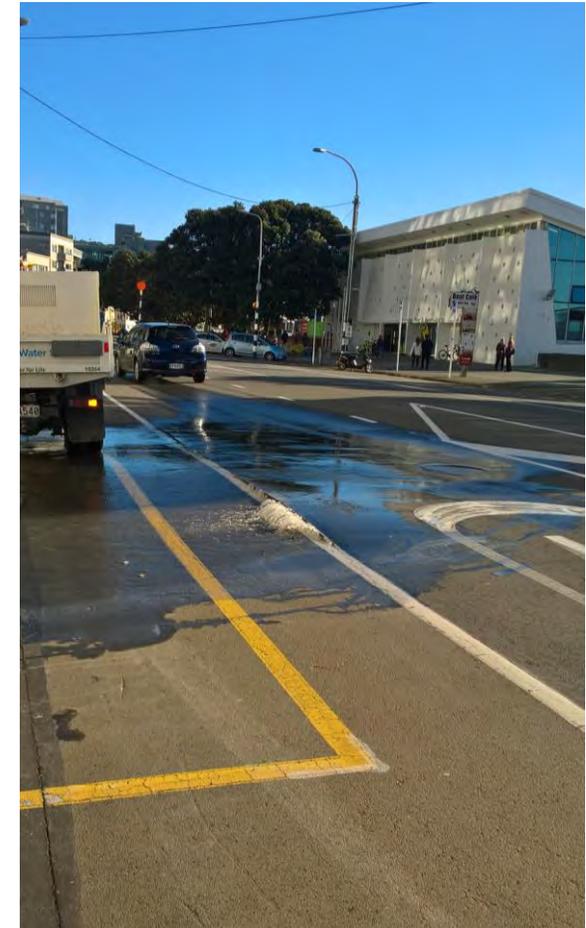
Proposed Mitigation:

Together, with the other metro councils fund a detailed business case for universal residential smart meters and defer implementation to start in 2027

Additional budget recommendation:

\$2M for WCC's contribution for a \$5M Universal Residential Smart Meters Detailed Business Case

\$3M to roll out pressure control valves at the rate recommended by WWL



Eastern Trunk Main

The Eastern Trunk Main is a very high critical asset which is in very poor condition and at high risk of structural failure. **Option 1: Council Baseline budget does not include any funding to renew this asset.**

Outstanding Risks

- Grade 5 VHCA passing under the Airport Logistics Centre
- Raw sewage would enter the centre in a collapse
- The Airport has started redeveloping the logistics centre and the risk collapse through construction is expected to increase
- There is a contingency in place to pump sewage around the site if a collapse occurred but this would be an OPEX cost to Council.

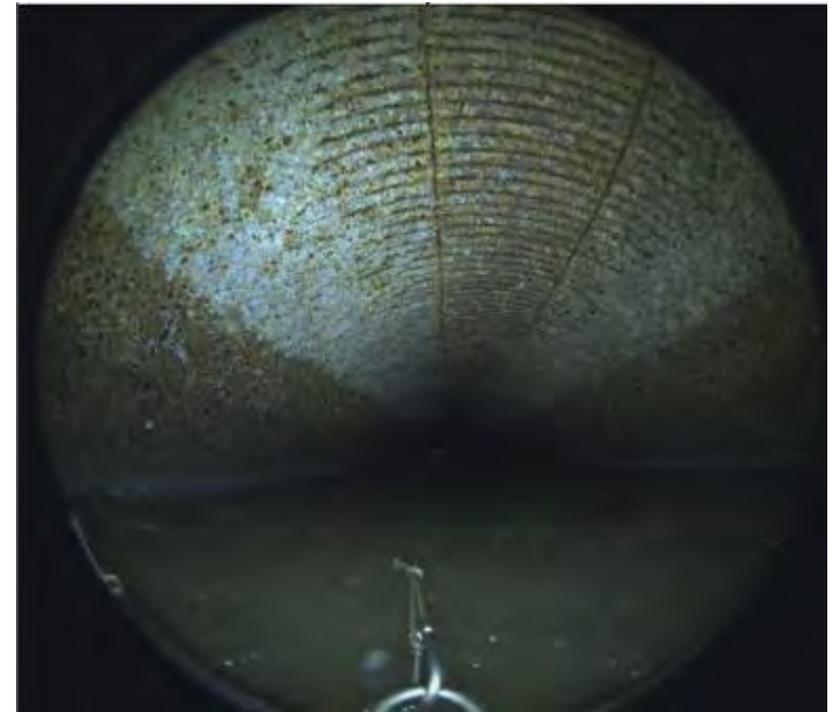


Image from inside the corroded interceptor showing exposed reinforcement steel

Proposed Mitigation:

Progress Stage 1 of 4 stage renewal process: Do the pipe under the logistics center first

Additional budget recommendation:

\$2M for design to a consenting level to better understand scope, costs and consent requirements

\$18M Delivery of the Eastern Trunk Main Stage 1: Airport cargo area pipe

Pump station renewals

75% of the Council Baseline budget is put towards critical renewals activity but is still insufficient to meet minimum requirements to deliver reliable, safe and compliant three waters services. There is no budget in Option 1: Council LTP Baseline budget for wastewater and drinking water pumpstation renewals



Pumpstation Renewals

- Pump stations are critical assets that need a replacement plan to avoid asset failure
- Failing to plan increases risk of wastewater overflows impacting the environment and public health
- Water supply issues can be expected with failing drinking water pumpstations
- Option 1: Council LTP Baseline budget does not include any funding for planned renewal of wastewater and drinking water pumpstations.

There is little mitigation for the impacts of overdue pumpstation renewals. Increased investment to enable a greater rate of renewal is required.

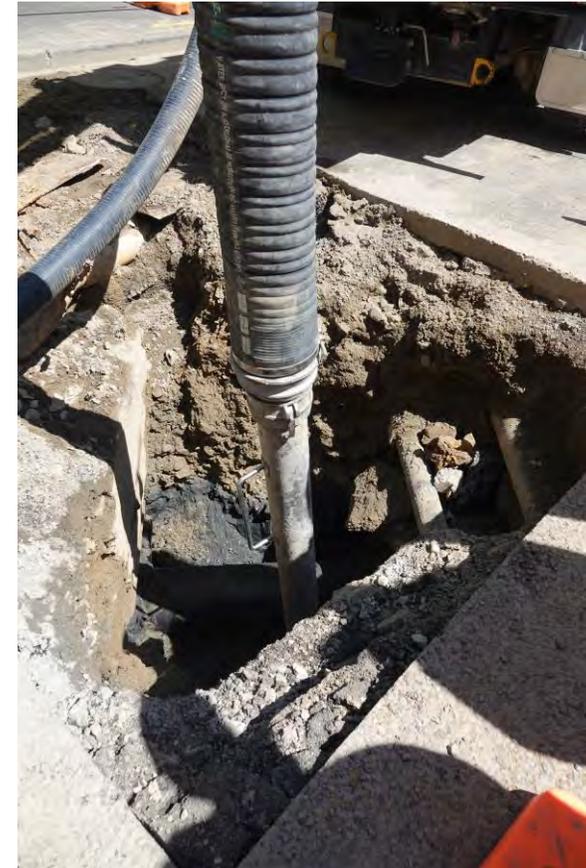
Network renewals

75% of the Council Baseline budget is put towards critical renewals activity but is still insufficient to meet minimum requirements to deliver reliable, safe and compliant three waters services. Option 1: Council LTP Baseline budget only allows for 37% of the WWL recommended level of network renewals over the 10-year LTP

Outstanding risks

- Network renewal levels need to be significantly increased to around 41km per
- Increased risk of wastewater overflows, seepage, and flooding events
- Operational funding for finding and fixing leaks of treated drinking water through council owned pipes is insufficient to reduce leakage to an acceptable level
- Reactive unavoidable OPEX costs responding to asset failures

**There is little mitigation for the impacts of overdue network renewals
Increased investment to enable a greater rate of renewal is required**



Bell Road and Moe-i-te-Ra Reservoirs

The existing Bell Road reservoir is well beyond its expected 100-yr service life and is in very poor condition, and it is at high risk of failure in even a moderate earthquake. Public health risk also present due to condition

Outstanding risks

- Both reservoirs are needed to provide critical storage volume to the Bell Road and Aro supply zones
- Moe-i-te-Ra reservoir is needed to allow replacement of the Bell Road reservoir,
- Existing storage for the Aro zone is insufficient for current demand
- Forecast population growth in the Aro supply zone is to increase by 35-40% in the next 30 years



At 112 years old Bell Road reservoir is well beyond its expected service life

No mitigation

The programme of works to replace the Bell Road reservoir needs to be progressed as recommended by WWL at a cost of \$90M.

This cost includes connecting inlet and outlet supply pipelines.

\$10.8M to progress this work in years 1-3.



Other projects not included in Option 1: LTP Baseline

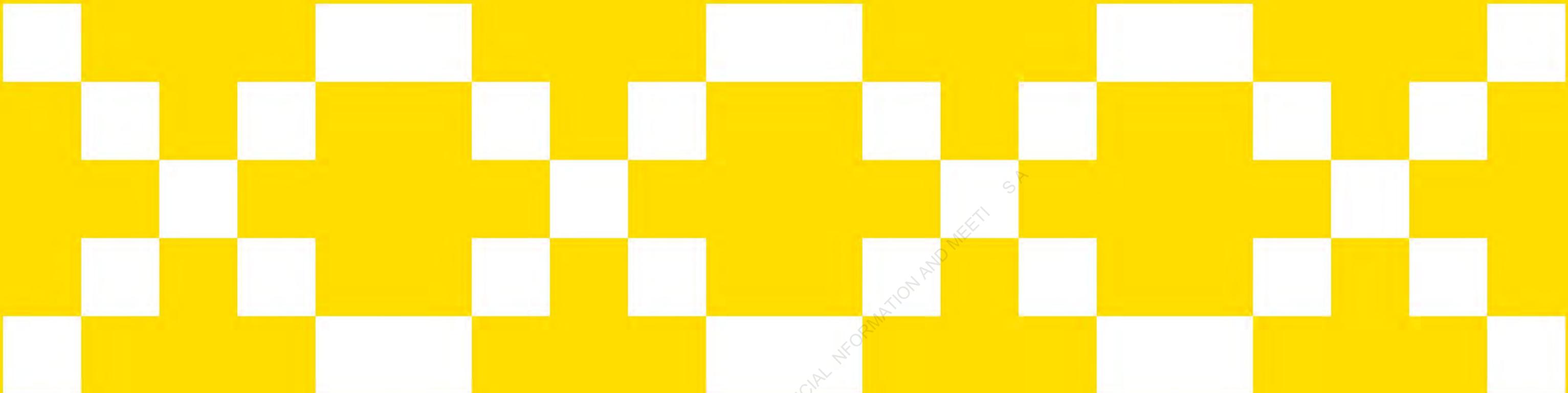
Golden Mile Opportunistic Renewals

- Council has a 'dig once' policy and is seeking to bring renewal of these assets forward
- Without the Let's Get Wellington Moving transport improvements going ahead, WWL would not prioritise these assets for renewal over other critical renewals

Houghton Bay Stormwater Pipe

- Leachate from the old landfill gets into the stormwater culvert below the landfill which frequently overtops in light rainfall and results in leachate discharging to Houghton Bay
- The stormwater culvert needs to be sealed as a first step





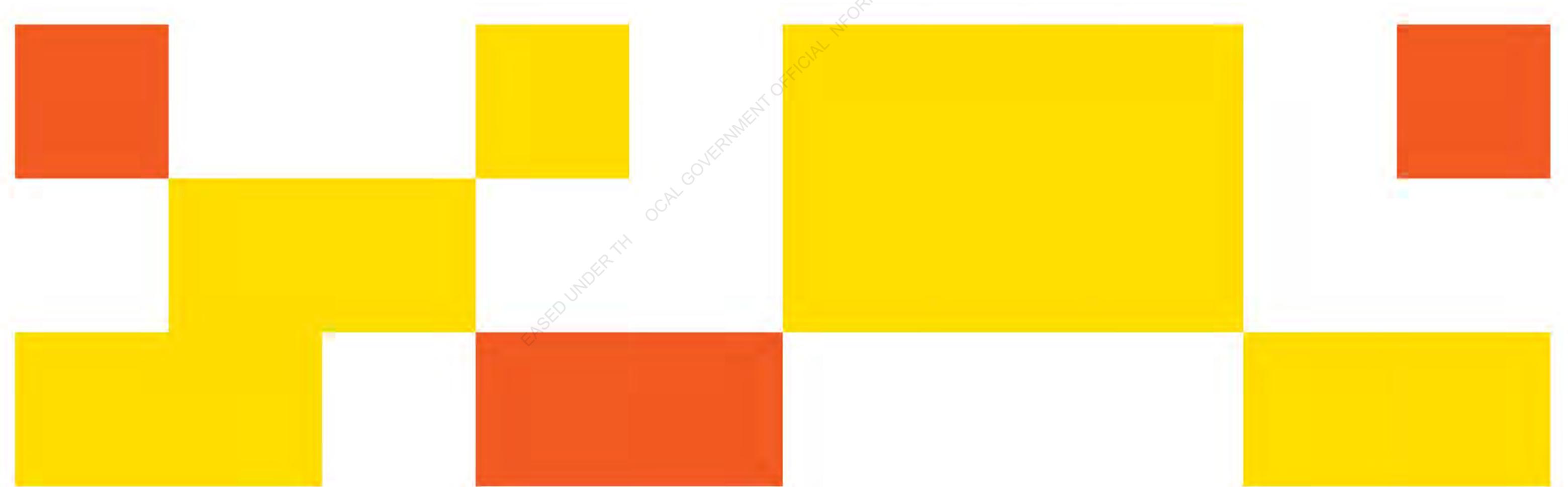
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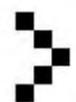
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Recap: process and context



Agenda

- Introduction (Mayor)
- Recap and programme update (Stephen)
- Recap of budget as at Dec (Andrea)
- Key issues - Water/Transport (Barbara / Siobhan)
- Break
- Budget update (Andrea)
- Revenue & Financial Policy (Raina)
- Fees and charges (Raina)
- Infrastructure/ financial strategies (Baz / Raina)
- CD key consultation issues (Baz)
- Next steps (Baz)



Recap: We have come a long way and we are on track



- 18 month+ process starting with outcomes and priorities.
- Our current focus is on the developing the budget and what the options are for consultation.
- Initial capital focused options have been considered and agreed in principle in November
- High level budget approach to achieve 13.8% rates increase
- Today's briefing covers material for February 15 committee meeting when decisions on the budget and supporting information are made
- Consultation document will be developed based on those decisions



Recap: It is a challenging environment to build an LTP

Infrastructure

We own a large network of infrastructure and facilities that is aging and earthquake prone and requires significant investment.

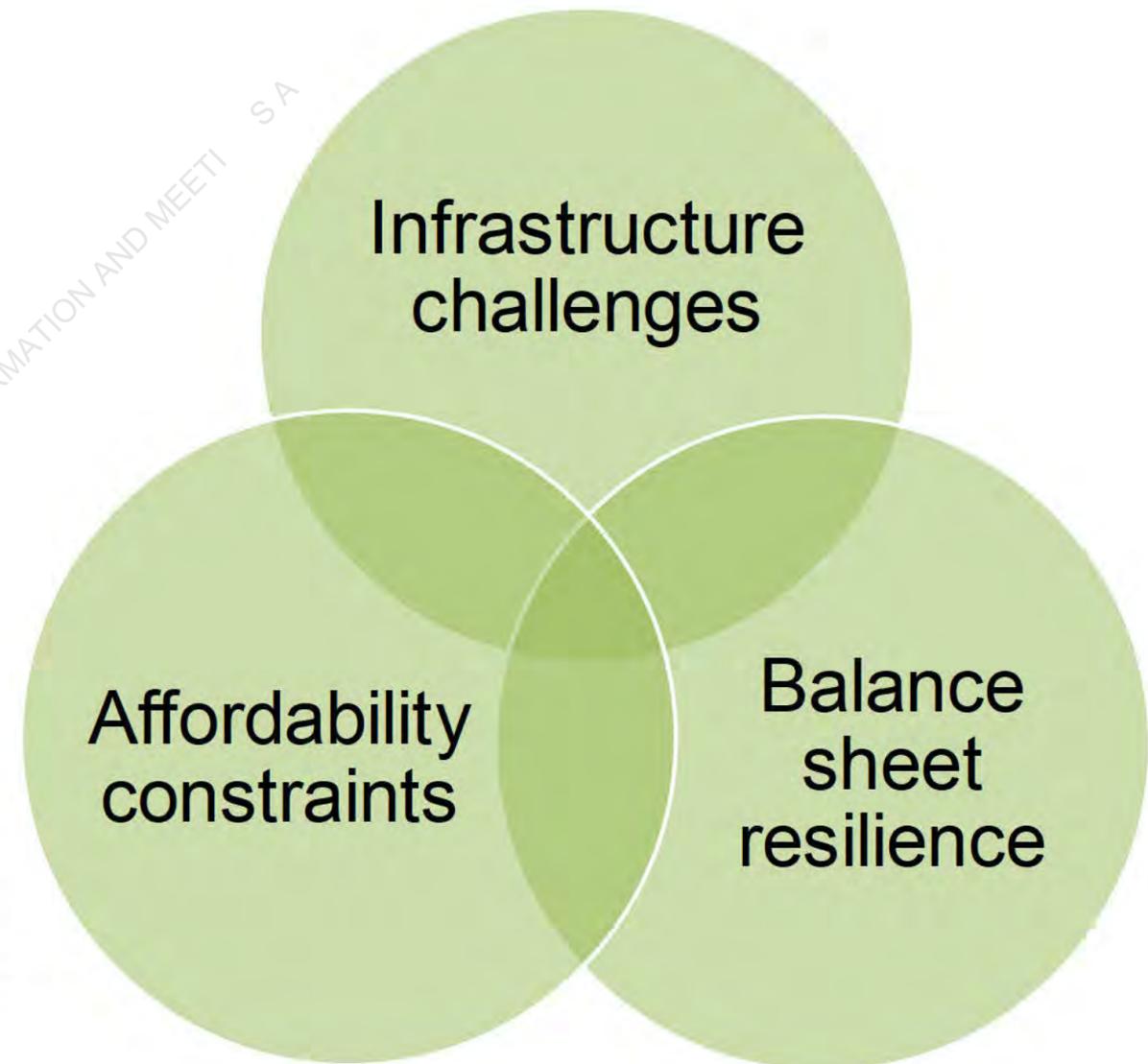
Affordability constraints

Infrastructure costs and delivering existing services has become more expensive due to interest and inflationary pressures.

The community also has affordability constraints due to higher cost of living pressures

Balance sheet resilience

Our earning investments are all Wellington based and this carries a significant amount of balance sheet risk in the event of a significant natural event - Our balance sheet needs to be more resilient.



LTP Programme overview

Programme

Overall programme timeline is on track, supporting material for consultation is being finalised. All underlying components to the LTP will be available to support decision making in the 15 February meeting

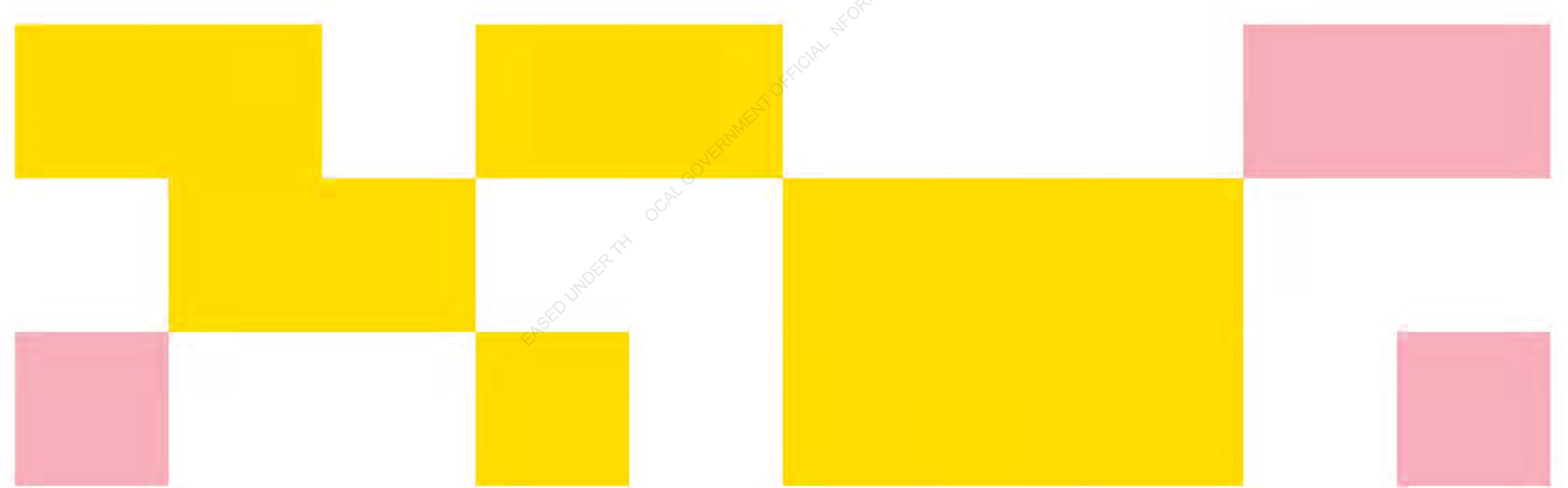
- Key area of focus is agreeing proposals around service levels and capital investment so that there is a clear basis for community consultation on the plan.
- Tight process for these decisions in order to progress through audit, consultation and final deliberations.

Audit approach

- Audit NZ initial feedback ('cold review') is complete - with constructive feedback being incorporated
- Formal audit of consultation material begins in March 2024 once a clear set of proposals for the community are agreed
- We continue to work closely with auditors on underlying material for feedback



Recap: Budget

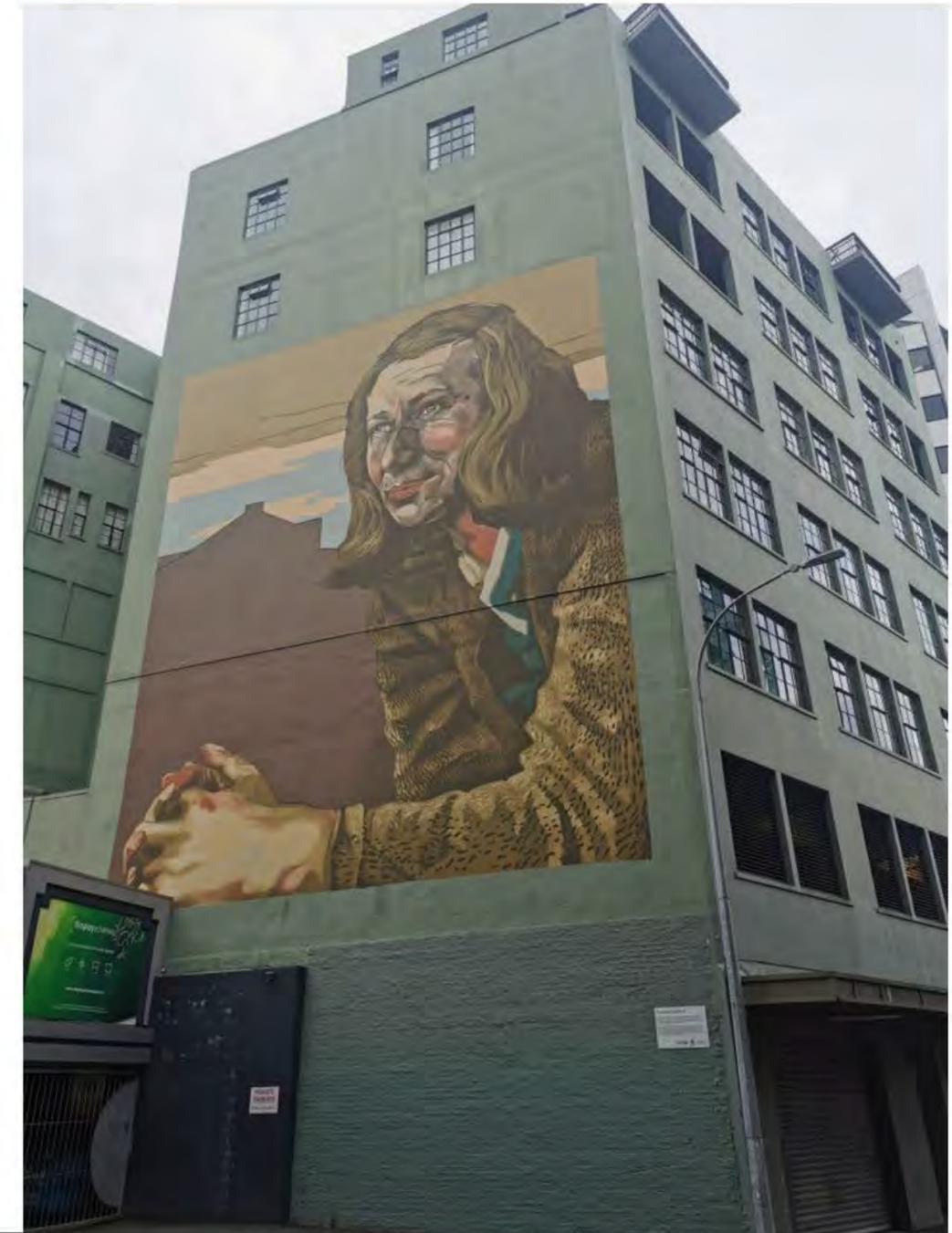


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Budget has been prepared on the following basis

The draft budget is being prepared on the following basis to date:

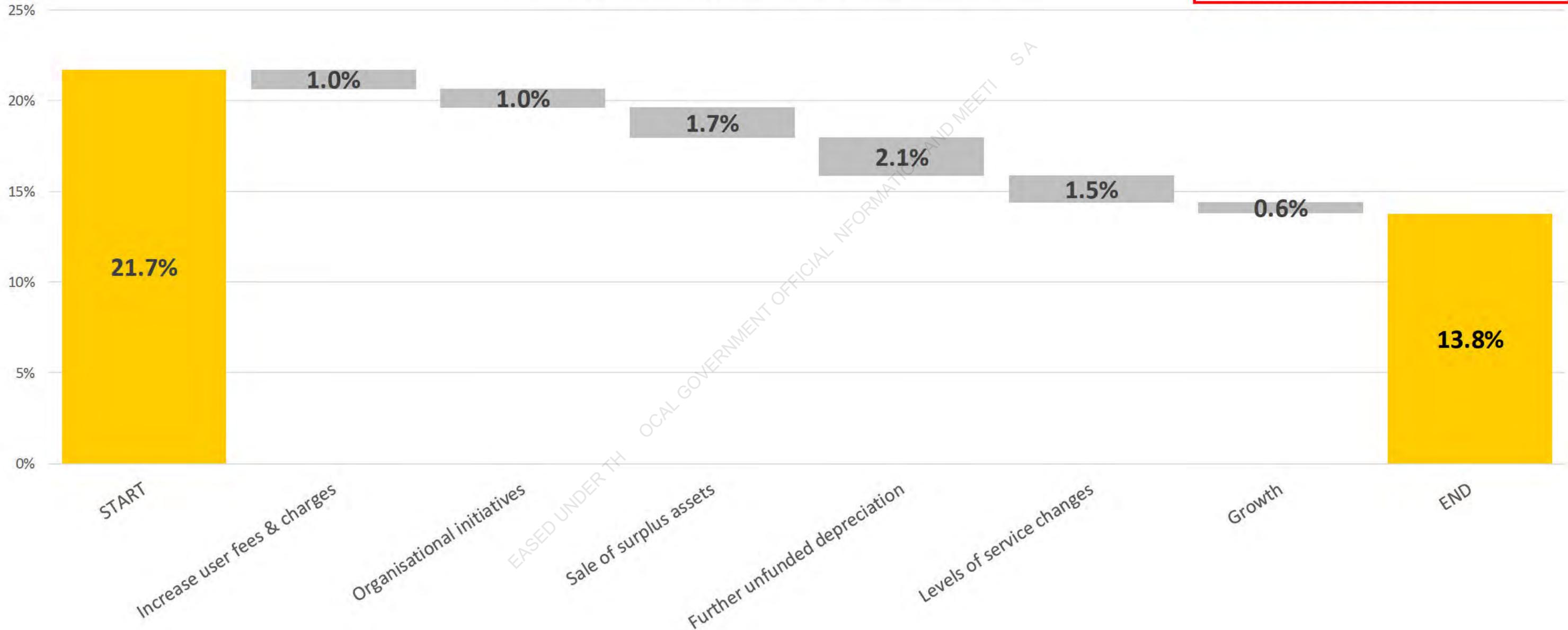
- Decisions made on 9th November
- Investments are aligned to deliver on outcomes and priority areas
- Investments are phased over the 10 years of the plan
- Some capex reprioritisation to achieve objectives within funding limits
- Fees & Charges / New Revenue are used to ensure those that benefit continue to pay an appropriate portion of the costs
- Sale of surplus assets to fund operating expenses
- Not fully fund depreciation where appropriate (excludes three waters and transport) in years 1-10 with increased renewal investment from years 11-30
- Some proposed changes to service levels (for deliberations on 15 February)
- Organisational efficiencies



A reminder from 12 December (indicative figures)

2024/25 Further reductions to be made

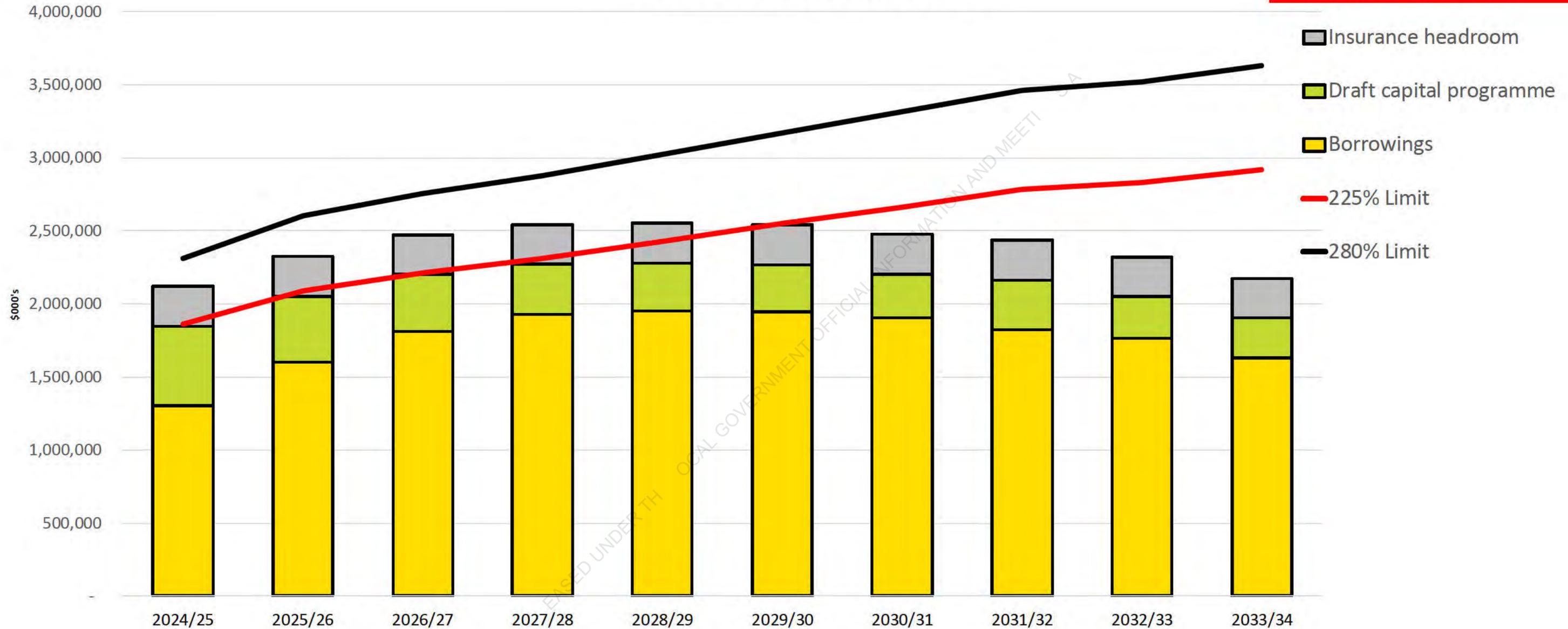
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A reminder from 12 December (indicative figures)

Forecast Debt/Revenue Ratio

Note: This does not yet include funding for water meters



Key Issues: Water and Transport

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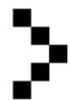
Three Waters

Overview

- Three waters are a core mandated service for Councils to deliver.
- A well functioning three waters network is a high priority for the city and the region
- Our network, as well as that of the region, is not performing as required due to the overall age of the network, legacy investment issues and recent earthquakes.

Central Government position

- Key principles of Local Water Done Well for the delivery of water services include:
 - Introducing greater central government oversight, economic and quality regulation.
 - Local government led, fit-for-purpose service delivery models and financing tools, such as improving the current CCO model and developing a new class of financially separate council-owned organization.
 - Setting rules for water services and infrastructure investment.
 - Ensuring water services are financially sustainable. Financial sustainability means revenue sufficiency, balance sheet separation, ring-fencing and funding for growth.



Three Waters (cont.)

- As part of the 2021 LTP we significantly increased funding for three waters, with a capital programme of approximately \$678 million over the ten years of that plan. This was 33% more than the previous year
- Since 2021, we increased funding on an annual basis with contributions substantially more than planned in the 2021 LTP. In the last 3 years we have provided an additional \$29 million of opex funding
- On 21 November WWL presented a range of investment options for the 2024 LTP.
- The unconstrained WWL proposed budget is unaffordable for the Council and Councils in the region
- We will look to invest as much as we can in Three Waters within the community and our levels of affordability.

Development of options

- The next slide covers the options for Councillors to consider for inclusion in the 2024-34 LTP
- Work continues to refine these options including whether there are other principal options, and they will be brought to 15 Feb for consideration
- The options reflect level of investment based on existing legislative settings



Three Waters - option 1 (Not recommended)

Overview of option

This option includes:

- 2023/24 budget + unavoidable cost increases

Opex costs

- \$53.35m pa (circa \$600m over ten years)

Capex costs

- Baseline option - \$896m over ten years

	Rates impact (year 1)	Debt impact (year 10)
Baseline	13.8%	\$897m



Three Waters - option 2 (Not recommended)

Overview of option

This option includes:

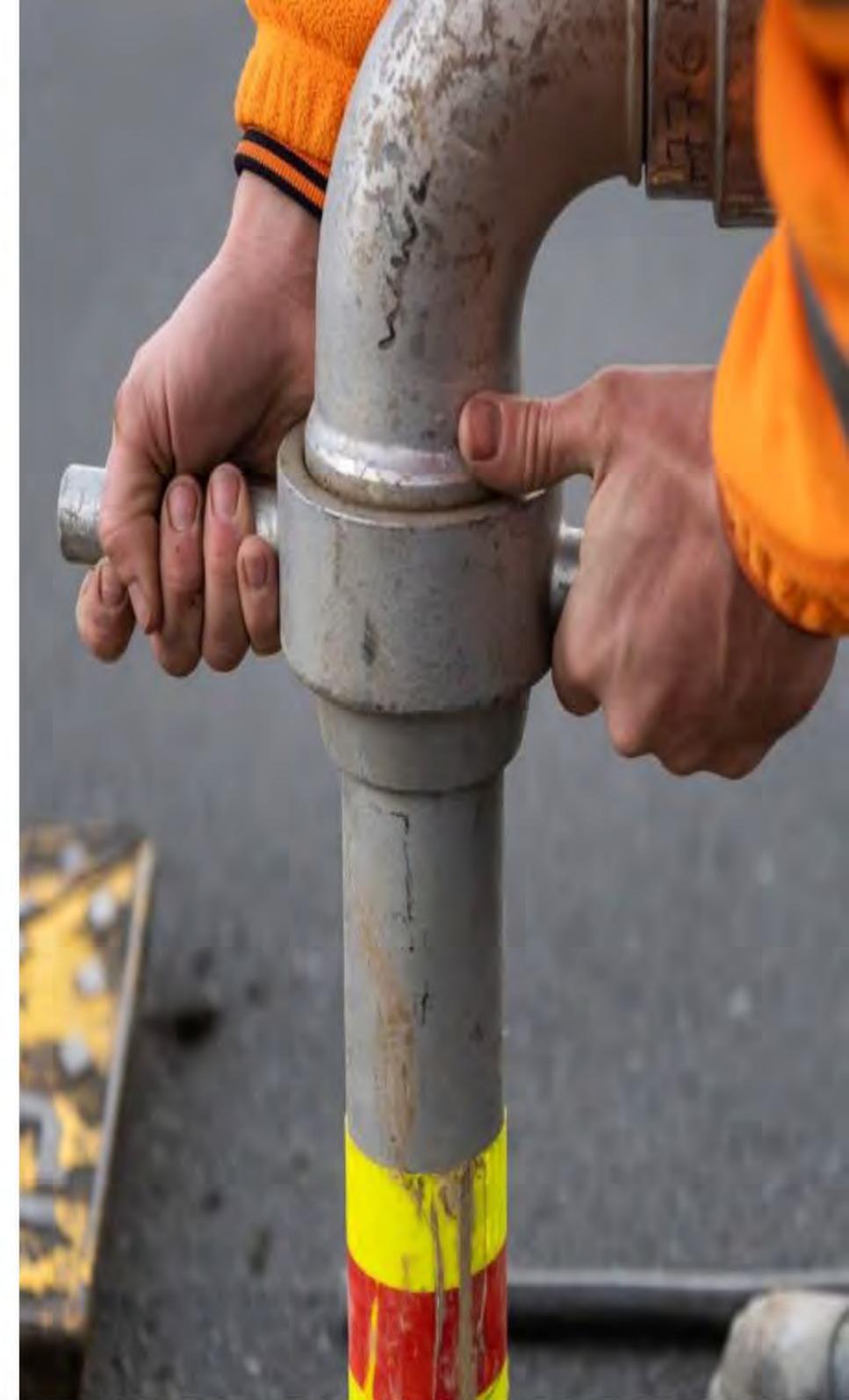
- 2023/24 budget + unavoidable cost increases
- + water meters

Opex costs

- \$53.35m pa (circa \$600m over ten years)
- + \$2.4m for planning for universal water meters in first three years

Capex costs

- Baseline option - \$896m over ten years
- + \$122m for smart water meter roll out from year 4.
- Timing to be confirmed and needs to be regionally consistent
- Assumption for water meter budgeting is capex but this is to be worked through



Option 2 impact on rates and debt

	Rates impact (year 1)	Debt impact (year 10)
Option 1	13.8%	\$897m
Option 2 water meters	+0.5%	+\$122m (not inflated)

Note 1

Option 1 was included in the December budget as a placeholder. It did not have water meters in at that point

Note 2:

Assumes additional costs are added to rates and debt rather than further prioritisation of BAU and existing programmes

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Three Waters - option 3 (Recommended)

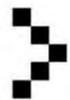
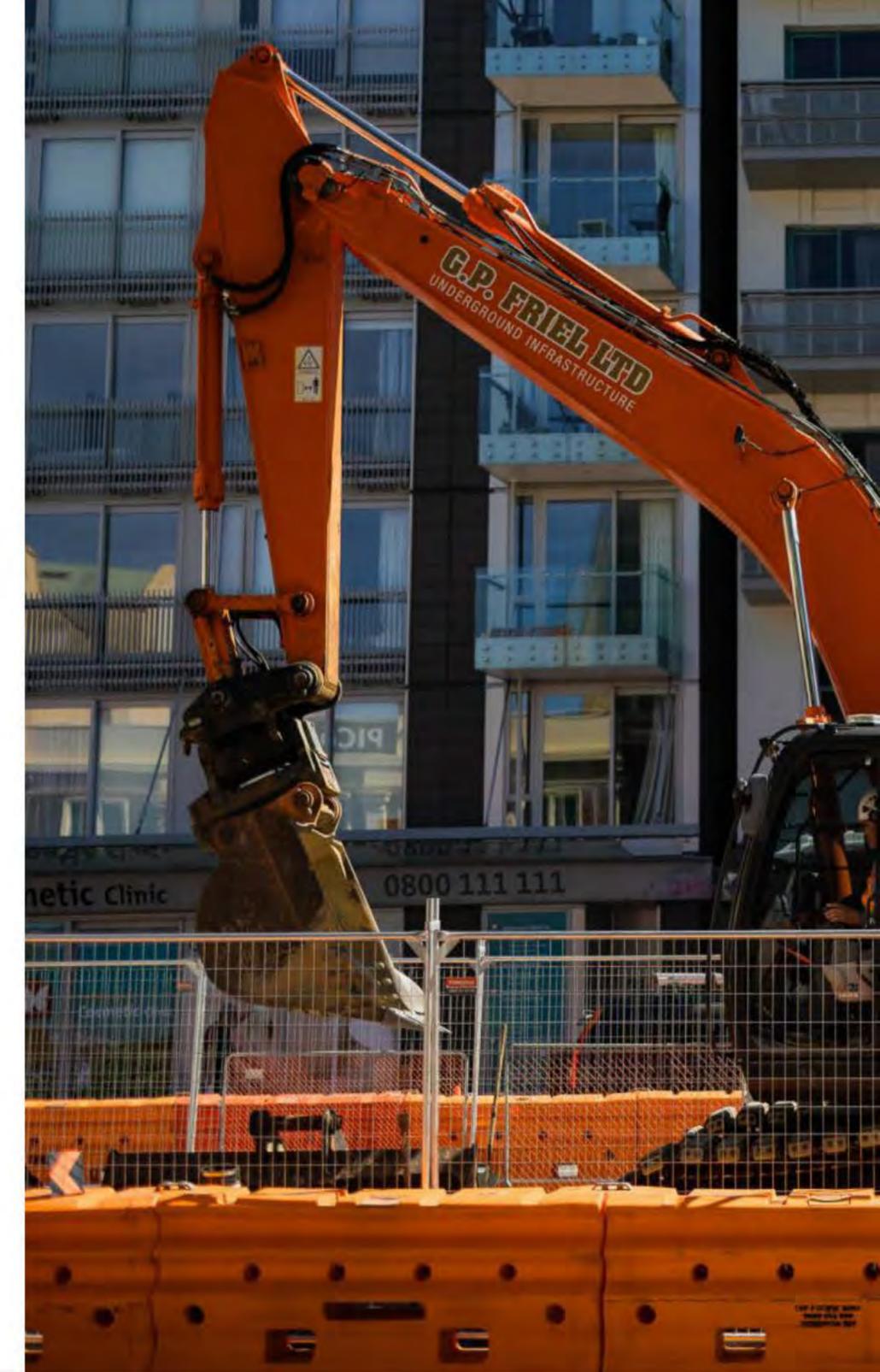
Overview of option

This option includes:

- Everything from Option 1
- Plus additional investments with a focus on the drinking water network
- The additional possible investments are outlined in separate parts below:

Part A: Additional investment – leak detection / repair

- Increase Opex funding for water to WWL recommended level
- Opex: Additional \$5.3m Opex pa for leak / reactive maintenance (circa \$60 over the ten years).



Three Waters - option 3 (cont.)

Part B: Water network renewal - target priority areas

- Target existing water renewal network funding to priority areas
- This means completing the Golden Mile in two stages.
- Complete Courtenay Place will be delivered as planned and Lambton Quay and Willis Street in later years of the LTP
- This would free up circa \$16m earmarked for Golden Mile water renewal to higher priority areas of the city in the short term.

Part C: Additional capex funding - Pressure Control Valve Management

- Reduce pressure in the network. Current pilot underway.
- Early indicators is that this will reduce the number of failures and reduce leakage from the network.
- Additional funding of \$3m in first three years, \$7.8m total (capex)

Part D: Additional funding - Reservoir capacity

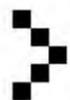
- The current Bell Rd reservoir is over 100 years old and needs renewing.
- The Moe-i-te-Ra Reservoir needs to be constructed first to ensure capacity is available in this part of the city whilst the Bell Rd Reservoir is renewed.
- Total capital costs is \$91m - timing and phasing to be confirmed



Option 3 impact on rates and debt

	Rates impact (year 1)	Debt impact (year 10)
Option 1	13.8%	\$897m
Option 2	+0.5%	+\$122m (not inflated)
Option 3 (Part A)	+1.1%	
(Part B)	No additional impact / Reprioritisation	No additional impact / Reprioritisation
(Part C)	N/A	+\$7.8m (not inflated)
(Part D)	N/A	+\$91m (not inflated)

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Transport (LGWM)

- The Government / WCC / GWRC agreed in principle to dissolve LGWM. Central government will build/fund:
 - Basin Reserve upgrade
 - second Mt Victoria tunnel
 - opportunities for urban development and housing.
- Council will bring the Thorndon Quay / Hutt Road, Golden Mile and City Streets projects in house.
 - enable Council to reset relationships with key stakeholders
 - opportunity to reset programme inline with capital programme constraints
- The individual business cases for the City Streets projects are not yet complete. The intention is to progress the highest priority City Streets projects, such as the second spine, with the Bike Network Plan as one programme of work.
- In parallel we will be developing a combined multi-modal programme, including bus-priority improvements.

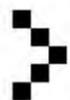


Transport - current budget allocation

Initiative	Capex (over 10 years incl. 2023/24 budget)
Golden Mile	\$70m
Thorndon Quay Hutt Road	\$32m
City Streets and other	\$113m
Total	\$215m

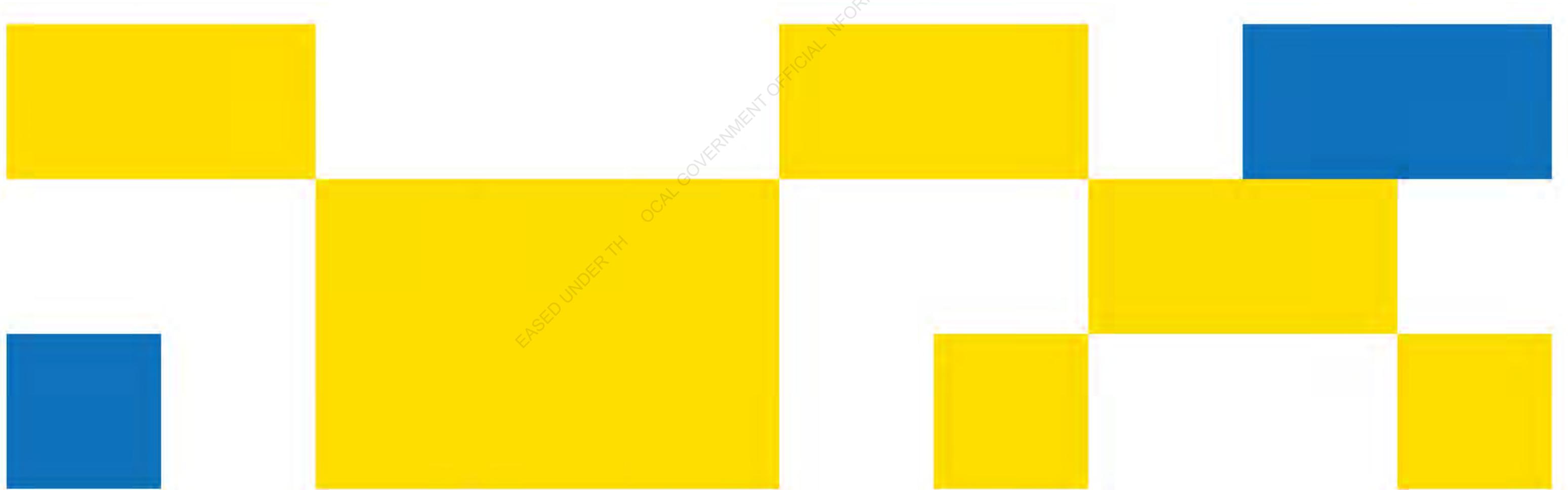
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LTP Budget Progress Update

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LTP Budget Progress Update

- Following slides work through the levers that officers have investigated
- Summarise the likely overall budget position that will be presented on 15 February in particular:
 - Organisational initiatives
 - Fees & Charges/New Revenue
 - Sale of surplus assets to fund operating expenses
 - Not fully fund depreciation
 - Proposed changes to service levels for deliberations on 15 February
 - Other Change: Frank Kitts park update
 - Revenues – fees and charges
- The proposed additional funding for water will be included in the budget that will be presented on 15 February (and the associated impact on rates).



LTP Budget Progress Update (cont.)

Starting budget position was 21.7% and through detailed review of the budget and the use of the levers outlined below has reduced the indicative rates increase to 13.8%

Levers

1. Organisational initiatives \$5m (approx.)

Further efficiencies through organisational change. To be implemented 1 July 2024.

2. Fees & Charges/New Revenue \$5m (approx.)

Covered under Revenue & Financing Policy & fee changes slides. Proposing that this is met through increased/new Parking fees.

3. Sale of surplus assets to fund operating expenses \$8m (approx.)

The proceeds from the sale of some commercial leases to be used to fund operating expenses rather than offset against debt.

4. Not fully fund depreciation \$10m (approx.)

Proposal to not rates fund the depreciation on some assets, for example, Tākina.

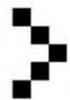
5. Decrease in levels of services \$7m (target)

Per following slides



Decrease in levels of services

- On 12 December workshop, we proposed to use the lever of decreasing some level of services to achieve the target saving of \$7.0m
- Council has reviewed all the level of services and have proposed a number of changes to level of service (next slide and handout for details)

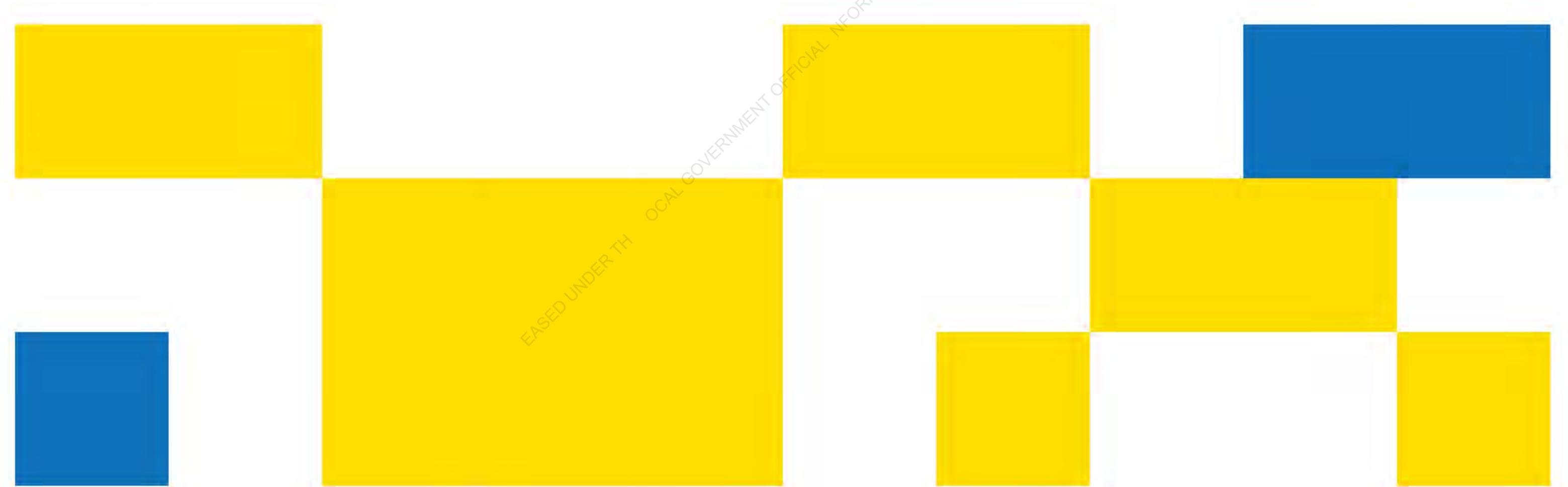


Summary of Proposed Savings

Initiative	Description	Estimate Savings
Composting hubs trial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove funding for composting hubs as we are introducing organics collection service 	\$0.14m
Heritage advisory service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decrease the free Heritage advisory service (non-regulatory) 	\$0.21m
Wellington publication (Our Wellington)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move from hard copy to digital for Our Wellington publication information 	Est. \$0.13m
Graffiti service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce graffiti budget from \$0.5m to \$0.38m 	\$0.12m
Library network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing hours across library network \$400k library saving budget 	\$0.40m
Wadestown Community Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revisit sale of Wadestown Community Centre as signalled in 2021-31 LTP and sell 	\$0.08m
CCTV Cameras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Cease live monitoring or (b) look to pass on costs for active monitoring of city safety CCTV cameras or source alternative funding source 	Up to \$0.23m
Swimming pool operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close Khandallah Pool and decrease hours of operation/season at other pools Note: change to previous Council decision on Khandallah Pool on 9 November 	\$0.59m
New Years Eve event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discontinue New Year's Eve signature event 	\$0.29m
Annual Fireworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discontinue annual fireworks 	\$0.20m
Arapaki service centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close Arapaki service centre (Digital and phone service, with other services to be delivered by libraries) 	\$0.30m
Property leasing arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities for leasing to generate additional revenue 	Est. \$2.5m
Internal Level of Service savings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal savings – no committee approval required (on top of \$5m committed in the budget) 	\$1.8m



Revenue and Finance policy & fee changes



Revenue and Finance policy update

The Local Government Act 2002 requires Councils to adopt a Revenue and Financing Policy

The purpose of the R&F policy is to provide predictability and certainty about sources and levels of funding available to the council. It explains how activities should be funded to achieve strategic Outcomes. How activities should be funded is complex, key questions are:

Who benefits?

- Individual – user charge
- Identifiable part of community – targeted rate
- Whole community – general rate

Who creates the need for an activity ?

- Beneficiary pays
- Exacerbator pays

Time frame of benefits?

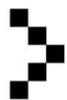
Can someone be excluded from the activity?

Yes - pointing towards fees

No - pointing towards General rates

Plus, consideration of overall Impact on Community from funding split & Judgement:

- Accountability
- Affordability
- Benefit & Cost
- Business
- Competition
- Efficiency & Equity
- Impact of change
- Legal & Social
- Strategic Alignment & Transparency



Changes to Revenue and Finance policy

Changes to Activity structure

1. Added two new activities:

- Charged up Capital
- Collection of Organics & Rubbish (from Y3 LTP)

2. Removed four activities:

- Māori and Mana Whenua Partnerships
- Major Economic Projects
- Climate Insights & Engagement
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation

3. Other changes to existing activities:

- Combining activities where makes sense
- Activity name changes (e.g. arts space)

Other changes

- Introduction of funding bands rather than a fixed percentage
- Expectation of annual inflation adjustments
- Changes to overall funding considerations
- Rating Policy Review



Revenue and Finance policy alignment

68 activities
7 areas of non-alignment (outside funding band)
16 areas with proposed changes to fees above inflation

Activities requiring higher fee funding (less rates funding) - temporary non-compliance

- Marinas
- Housing (*ring-fenced)
- Golf Course
- Passenger Transport Network

Activities requiring lower fee funding (more rates funding) – temporary non-compliance

- Recreation programs
- Cycle Network
- Roads & Open Spaces

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Fees & Charges

- The Revenue & Financing Policy states fees should be increased in line with inflation every year
- Temporary non-alignment with Policy for Swimming Pools, Marina's, Cemeteries & Housing
- We are proposing a further increase to Revenue of \$5m to help offset rates increases – met through new/increased parking fees
- Most activities have fee increases at or above inflation (see next slide for list)

Can fees be increased further?

- Some areas can't increase fees without substantial decreases in volume (e.g. Swimming pools)
- We are restricted to reasonable cost basis rather than making a profit for most activities
- Some activities have minor revenue, increasing fees even more won't significantly increase revenue



Fees & Charges: New Fees / Parking

New fees for

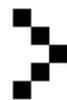
- Parking
- Swimming Pools
- Marina's
- Waterfront
- Cemeteries
- Network wide Control & Management
- Parks & Reserves
- Charged Up Capital
- Building Control & Facilitation
- Development Control & Facilitation
- Public Health Regulations

Fee increases substantially above Inflation for

- Waste minimization
- Network wide control and management (corridor access)
- Parking
- Swimming Pools
- Recreation Centres
- Wellington Gardens
- Golf Course
- Building Control & facilitation
- Development Control
- Public Health Regulations

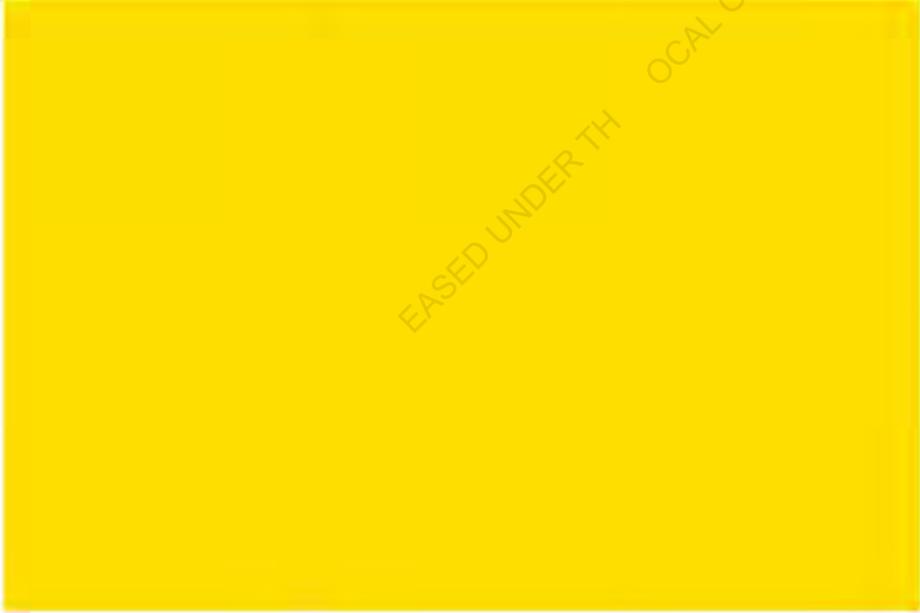
Parking

- Changes to Parking to meet the \$5m additional revenue targeted
- Revised and additional parking charges proposed in line with WCC Parking policy. Includes:
 - Uniform \$5/h charge for pay-by-plate parking in the central city
 - Introduce parking charges in selected suburban areas
 - Replace coupon parking with pay-by-plate spaces
 - Purchase additional off-street parking.



Other change: Frank Kitts park update

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Other Change: Frank Kitts Park Update

So far:

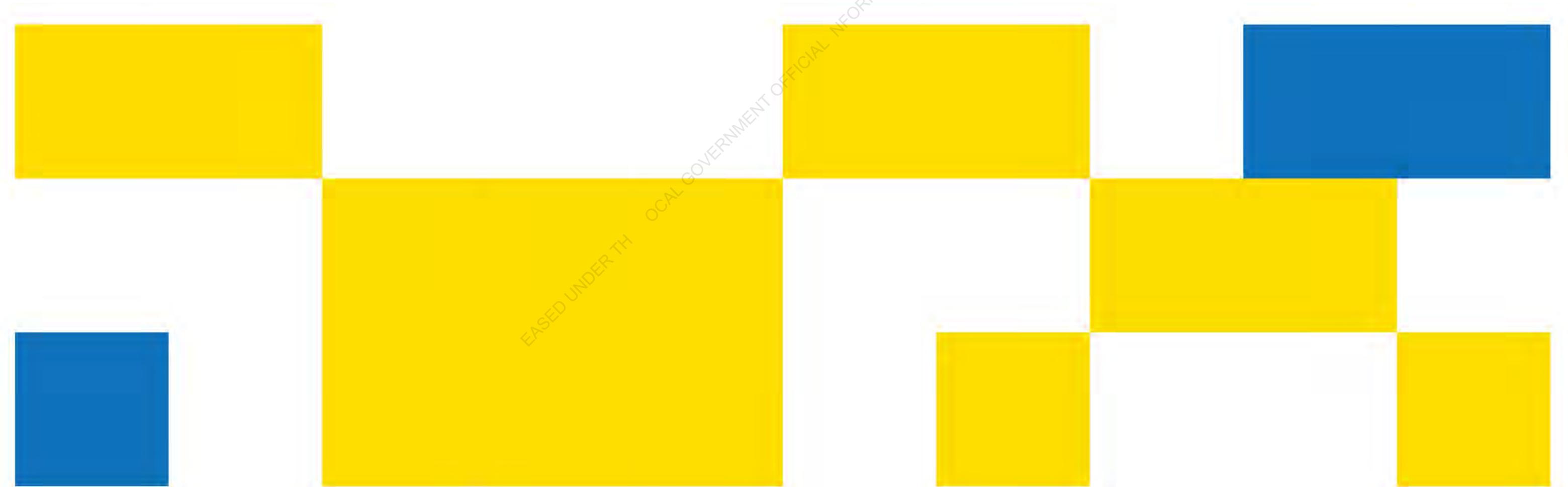
- The current LTP has budgeted for \$6.5m in year 1 for Chinese Garden in Frank Kitts Park, but there was no funding for the wider Frank Kitts Park Redevelopment beyond resource consent lodgement.
- Additional \$40.0m Capex
- The resource consent application for the adopted plan is progressed well and will be ready for lodgement shortly.

Approach:

- \$3.0m out of the \$6.5m is required for years 1 - 3 2024-34 LTP for consenting process and detailed design, and then year 4 - 6 will be the construction period which requires additional LTP funding.
- The Chinese Garden will be contributing funding towards the construction and the garden will be owned by the Council.
- The Fale Malae construction will align with WCC's construction programme and be fully funded and owned by the Fale Malae Trust.
- Will come back on the 15th for advice

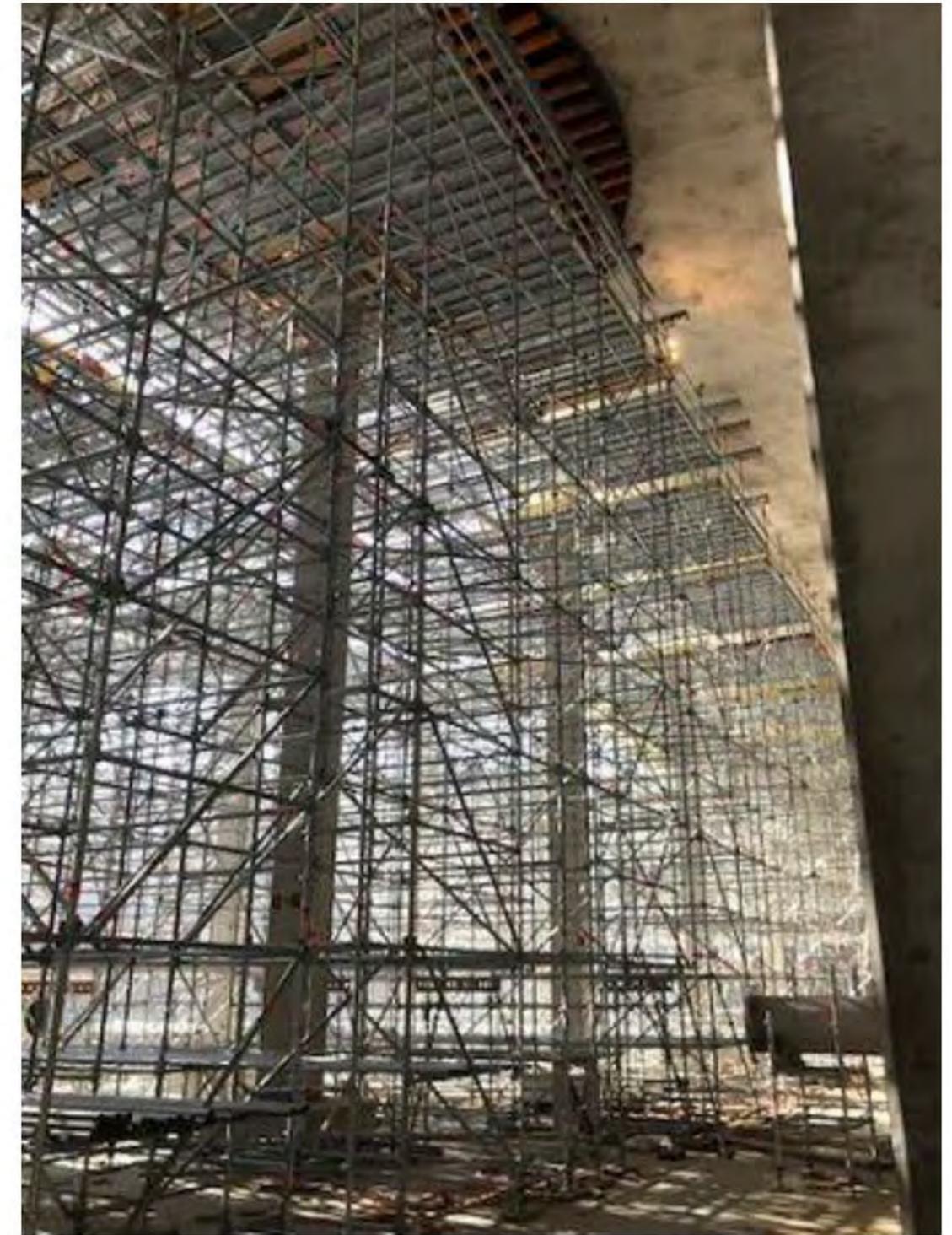


Infrastructure and Financial Strategies overview



Finance and Infrastructure strategies

- Both strategies are key interdependent foundations of the LTP.
- Together tell a story about **long-term financial sustainability** and addressing the **infrastructure needs** of the city over a 30-year horizon.
- Separate strategies rather than combined for 2024
- Still strategic but allows for greater level of detail for both



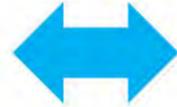
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Financial Strategy: Goal - ensure long-term financial stability

Focus:

1. Managing immediate affordability constraints
2. Infrastructure deficit - affordable funding of deficit catch-up; and
3. Easing Balance Sheet constraints



Key strategies:

Strengthen the:

- Prudent management and prioritisation of its investment programme and expenditure in community services (rates, borrowing)
- Risk management of the investment in infrastructure assets; (funding renewals & core assets, asset recycling, alternative funding)
- Resilience of the Council's balance sheet (diversifying the investment portfolio including reducing the asset geographic concentration, alternative insurance solutions & investment vehicle)

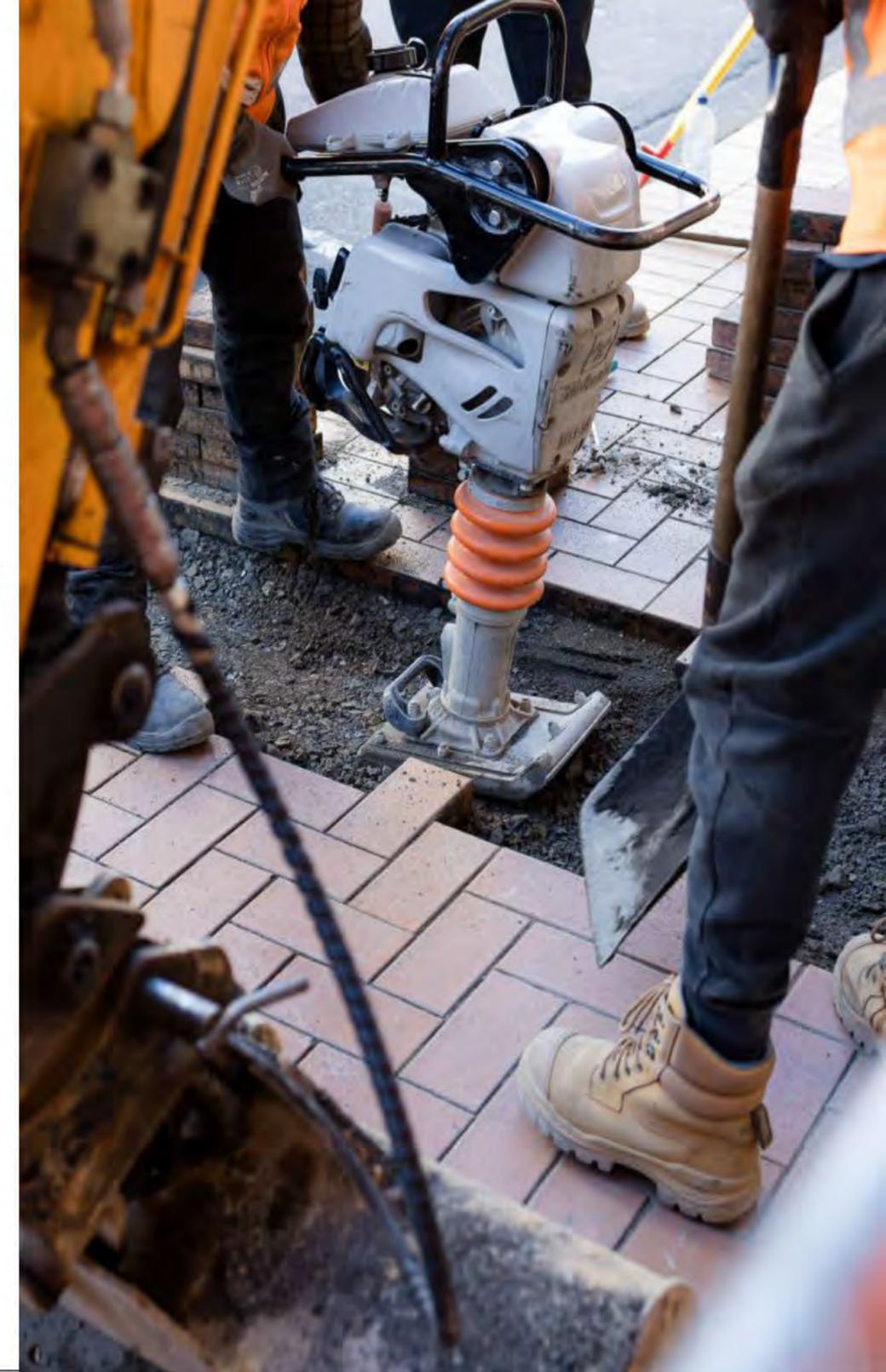
Key tools include:

- Retain existing 225% debt to revenue ratio. Excluding a \$272m insurance headroom, the forecast shows WCC will just stay within this limit, for the first 5 years, then improving from 2029/30 onwards to *include* insurance headroom
- 5-8% average rates limit over 10 years.
- Rates limit excludes the sludge levy which starts 1 July 2024.
- Transition from higher rates increases in the first three years of the LTP reducing to an approximate 5% increase year on year for the remaining years.
- Prioritise renewals in early years



Infrastructure Strategy Summary

- Purpose of the strategy:
 - significant infrastructure issues over next 30 years
 - the principal options for managing those issues and the implications of those
- It signals key decisions relating to the city's infrastructure over the next 30 years.
- Approximately two-thirds of the Council's \$10 billion infrastructure assets these are for three waters services and transport.
- The strategy covers five **infrastructure challenges** and the proposed strategic responses to them across different asset groups.
- The challenges are:
 - Population growth and changing demand
 - Aging and declining condition of infrastructure
 - Mitigation and adaptation to climate change
 - Earthquake hazards and earthquake prone buildings
 - Affordability and deliverability



Consultation Document – Key issues and approach

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- Have to have an open mind throughout the consultation period and in receiving and considering feedback
- The **significant proposals** for the LTP are presented to the community in the Consultation Document (CD) which is audited and reviewed by the OAG. The CD includes an audit opinion.
- Significant proposals assessed against **statutory requirements**, the Council's **Significance and Engagement Policy** and **audit guidance / feedback**.
- Overall, the CD has two tiers of information for public input:
 - **Significant proposals** - key significant decisions for the Long-term Plan, with clear options including the objectives of the proposals as well as how rates, debt, and levels of service might be affected (with relevant supporting documents / policies); and
 - **Other key features of the LTP** - strategies, policies, fees and charge and budget for community feedback.

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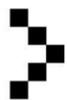
Consultation - LTP significant decisions for 2024

The following **significant** proposals are to be the basis for consultation through the CD:

1. **Three waters funding:** as per previous slides (and subject to decision making on 15 February)
2. **Establishment of a Perpetual investment fund through sale of airport shares:** diversify investment and insurance risk through selling airport shares and ground leases and establishing a new investment fund
3. **Waste collection:** Changes to Council's waste collection service to meet Zero Waste targets, including moving to a rates-funded service and the introduction of organics collection.

Note: the City to Sea bridge is no longer a consultation item and will have a separate consultation with the full draft Te Ngākau masterplan.

In the CD these proposals will have specific options for the community to consider along with audited information on financial and non-financial impacts and risks etc.



Establishment of a perpetual investment fund through sale of airport shares

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C	<p>Do not sell Council's airport shares and do not establish the Perpetual Investment Fund to manage future natural disaster and insurance risk.</p>



Waste proposed options

Rubbish and Organics

Options for bags or wheelie bins for rubbish, and whether to introduce organics

Note: rubbish collection would change to fortnightly once organics is in place

Options	Collection
A	Weekly 60L rubbish bags and no organics collection. <i>Remains user pays – status quo option</i>
B	Fortnightly 60L rubbish bags and Weekly 23L food only bin <i>User pays for rubbish, targeted rate for organics</i>
C	Fortnightly 60L rubbish bags and Weekly 80L food and garden wheelie bin <i>User pays for rubbish, targeted rate for organics</i>
D	Weekly 80L rubbish wheelie bin and no organics collection <i>This would be funded by a change to a targeted rate, changes container</i>
E	Fortnightly 120L rubbish wheelie bin and Weekly 23L food only bin <i>Targeted rate for rubbish and organics</i>
F*	Fortnightly 120L rubbish wheelie bin and Weekly 80L food and garden wheelie bin <i>Targeted rate for rubbish and organics</i>

Recycling and Glass

Options for increasing size of recycling wheelie bin and whether to change glass collection method

Note: this is funded through the landfill levy

Options	Collection
A	Fortnightly 120L recycling wheelie bin and Fortnightly 45L glass crate (<i>status quo</i>)
B	Fortnightly 120L recycling wheelie bin and Four-weekly 80L glass wheelie bin
C*	Fortnightly 240L recycling wheelie bin and Fortnightly 45L glass crate
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Other items in the Consultation Document for feedback

Feedback items

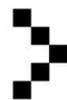
These are decisions facing Council that are not classified as significant, but which are likely to be helpfully informed through community feedback. They include:

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3. Revenue and Financing policy
4. Notable LoS trade-offs – to be confirmed on 15 February.

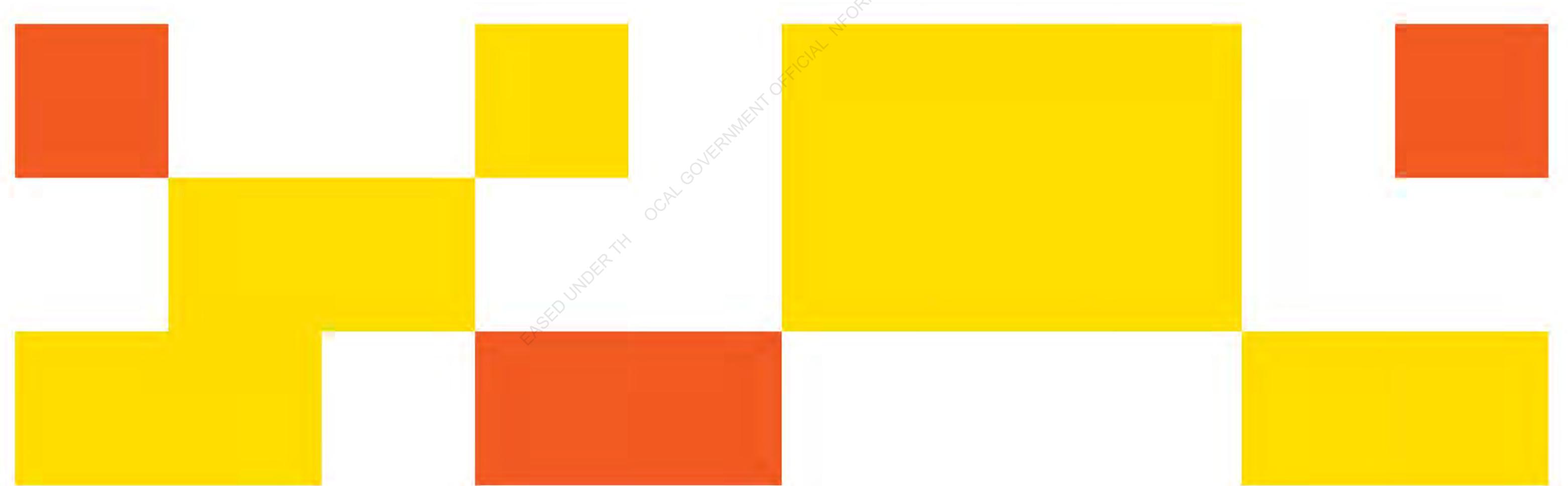
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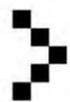
Next Steps



Next steps of the LTP process

- **31 Jan:** LTP briefing
- **Early Feb** – drop-in session (to be programmed)
- **15 February:** Deliberation on draft budget, assumptions and level of service
- **27 February:** LTP process update (*Audit & Risk Committee*)
- **13 March:** Agree Consultation Document to Audit
- **10 April:** Consultation Document adoption and Approve DC Consultation
- **12 April - 12 May:** Consultation
- **9-22 May:** Public Hearings
- **30 May:** Deliberation on the final LTP
- **26-27 June:** Adopt the 2024-34 LTP

Note: feedback to the Mayor through councillor survey prior to the 15th



Items that will be considered on 15 Feb

- Draft Financial Strategy
- Draft Infrastructure Strategy
- Draft Budget overview
- Proposed levels of service changes
- Draft Significant Forecasting Assumptions
- Draft Revenue and Financing policy
- Draft Fees and charges
- Draft Activity Statements

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20 DEC 2023

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I am writing to inform you of my decisions regarding the Transport Choices programme:

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NZTA will be in communication with your teams early in the New Year to discuss implications for your project(s) specifically.

Thank you for your understanding as we work through these changes.

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Hon Simeon Brown

Minister for Energy
Minister of Local Government
Minister of Transport
Minister for Auckland
Deputy Leader of the House



19 January 2024

Tory Whanau
Mayor
Wellington City Council

By email: mayor@wcc.govt.nz

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Please submit the information requested to my office in writing by 1 February 2024.

Under section 257(4) of the Local Government Act 2002, you must respond to this notice by this date, unless I have agreed otherwise.

Should you have any questions about this process, or any questions regarding my decision, please contact my office.

Yours sincerely,



Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Local Government

Copy to: Barbara McKerrow
Chief Executive
Wellington City Council

1 February 2024

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister of Infrastructure

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Transport

Tēnā kōrua

I am responding to your letter of 23 January 2023 requesting an update on the commitments that were agreed regarding the Wellington Golden Mile project at our meeting on 13 December 2023.

With regards to seeking cost efficiencies, better bus routes, greater pedestrian access and closer engagement with local businesses on the Golden Mile, I can assure you this commitment still stands.

Prior to Christmas I wrote to the Council's Chief Executive and Chief Infrastructure Officer asking that, as they transition the management of the Golden Mile project from the former LGWM programme to in-house Council management, they look for potential efficiencies and cost savings in the delivery of it. This is underway and includes a complete review of the design with an intent to seek whatever delivery and cost efficiencies we can achieve. Officers are also considering how we can plan the construction in a way that minimises the impact on local businesses.

As you will be aware we are putting forward an option in the upcoming Long-Term Plan to delay construction of the Lambton Quay portion of the Golden Mile by two to three years. This option is being considered as we now have the ability to better line-up this project with our other infrastructure priorities, in particular upgrades to our water network. It will also provide us with additional time to engage with businesses on the Lambton Quay portion of the Golden Mile. The Council will vote on whether or not to include this option in the Long-Term Plan on 15 February 2024.

The Guardians of the Golden Mile (GGM) are claiming, via judicial review proceedings, that the funding decision relating to the approval of the Golden Mile project was flawed. The statement from Buddle Findlay that *"WCC does not intend to revisit the decisions that it has made concerning the GMRP. WCC does not consider that it is required to consult further with businesses before any further steps are taken in respect of the GMRP as WCC intends to proceed with the GMRP in accordance with its previous decisions."* accurately reflects the status of the funding decisions (approval of the business case in October 2021 and approval to increase funding made in June 2023) made by the Wellington City Council, which are being challenged by GGM. From a legal perspective, the Council is now looking to implement these decisions and we do not agree with the claim by GGM that further consultation under the Local Government Act 2004 is required. This does not mean the Council will not engage further with businesses on the construction of the Golden Mile.

To that end, ahead of construction starting, we are implementing a more proactive and responsive engagement approach. As set out in the letter from Buddle Findlay, this includes having Council staff *"on the ground"* providing businesses with information on when and how construction will take place, and answering any questions and concerns that they have. This will be supported by a business support service

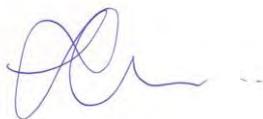
(via Wellington NZ), regular email updates and a drop-in centre. I also intend to establish a business advisory group to provide feedback on the Golden Mile and other key projects in the city directly to myself other Councillors and WCC staff.

Thank you for clarifying the Government's position on in-line bus stops. Having conferred with Chair Ponter on this response, I can confirm that the proposed design for the Golden Mile results in only one additional in-line bus stop. There are already five in-line stops along this route (therefore a total of six in the proposed design). This reflects the reality that, given central Wellington's compact form, parts of the corridor are narrow (i.e. Manners Street and Willis Street) and therefore options are limited. Metlink, as the bus operating arm of the Regional Council, is satisfied that off-line bus stops have been retained at key locations where there is a specific operational requirement for this, such as Courtenay Place and the north end of Lambton Quay.

Wellington's Golden Mile is a high pedestrian environment. The retention of in-line bus stops was a clear design choice which was made to maximise space for waiting bus passengers with separate space for pedestrians at bus stops, while minimising congestion around shop fronts and poor pedestrian amenity for the region's premier shopping and business destination. Other design elements of the project will assist in more reliable bus journeys as demonstrated by modelling undertaken to inform design decisions.

I hope that this addresses the issues you have raised. I thank you again for what I felt was a very constructive meeting and I look forward to continuing to work with you both on Wellington's transport and infrastructure challenges.

Ngā mihi



Tory Whanau

Mayor of Wellington | Wellington City Council



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From: [Mayoral Meetings](#)
To: s7(2)(a)
Subject: FW: Correspondence from Hon Christopher Bishop and Hon Simeon Brown
Date: Wednesday, 24 January 2024 12:29:00 pm
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[230124 - Letter to Mayor Whanau.pdf](#)

From: Christopher Bishop (MIN) <C.Bishop@ministers.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 January 2024 5:58 pm
To: Mayor <mayor@wcc.govt.nz>
Cc: Simeon Brown (MIN) <S.Brown@ministers.govt.nz>
Subject: Correspondence from Hon Christopher Bishop and Hon Simeon Brown

Good Evening

Please find attached a letter from Hon Christopher Bishop and Hon Simeon Brown regarding Wellington Golden Mile.

Kind regards



Hon Chris Bishop
Minister for Housing | Infrastructure | RMA Reform | Sports & Recreation |
Associate Finance | Leader of the House | MP for Hutt /south

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Office of Hon Chris Bishop

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Minister for Infrastructure
Minister Responsible for RMA Reform
Minister for Sport and Recreation
Leader of the House
Associate Minister of Finance



Tuesday 23 January 2024

Her Worship Tory Whanau
Mayor of Wellington
By email: mayor@wcc.govt.nz

RE: Wellington Golden Mile Project

Dear Mayor

We are writing to formally request an update on the commitments you agreed to on behalf of the Wellington City Council regarding the Wellington Golden Mile project at our meeting on 13 December 2023.

The collective focus during our meeting highlighted the importance of prioritising efficiency and enhancing both bus routes and pedestrian access within the project. Notably, all participants in the meeting acknowledged that the Government does not endorse in-lane bus stopping.

During our discussions, you committed to reassess and modify this aspect of the design of the Golden Mile as the project transitions to being Council-led, aiming to eliminate this element. Critically, you agreed to increase engagement and consultation with local businesses and residents as part of bringing the project in-house.

This commitment was reflected in our joint statement approved by your office, issued on 17 December 2024, which stated: "Wellington City Council will bring the Golden Mile project in-house and work to cost efficiencies, better bus routes, greater pedestrian access and closer engagement with local businesses."

This remains the Government's position.

We were surprised to read a letter from Buddle Findlay solicitors acting for Wellington City Council, sent to the legal representatives for the Guardians of the Golden Mile, a local business advocacy group. This letter, dated 20 December 2023, states that "WCC does not intend to revisit the decisions that it has made concerning the GMRP. WCC does not consider that it is required to consult further with businesses before any further steps are taken in respect of the GMRP as WCC intends to proceed with the GMRP in accordance with its previous decisions."

Considering our agreement, we are now seeking an understanding of how the Buddle Findlay letter can be reconciled with our joint statement issued only three days earlier.

We also seek an update on the reconsideration of the design of the Golden Mile, specifically addressing the removal of in-lane bus stopping.

Furthermore, we request an outline of the steps being taken to ensure effective community re-engagement as part of this process.

We believe that sustained communication is essential to the success of transport improvements in Wellington and request that you respond to this letter by 1 February 2024.

Yours sincerely



Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Transport



Hon Chris Bishop
Minister of Infrastructure

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Date: Monday, 5 February 2024 2:48:00 pm
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[DIA on behalf of the Minister - OIA24-051 consultation with third parties Mayor Whanau.pdf](#)
[Letter - Minister Brown to Wellington City Council 19012024.pdf](#)
[Letter - Minister Brown to Wellington City Council 20012024.pdf](#)
[Letter to Minister Simeon Brown.pdf](#)
[Mayor Whanau Wellington City Council.pdf](#)

Hi, please see below email for request of information.

s7(2)(a)

s7(2)(a) (She/Her)
Kaiārahi Matua ki te Koromatua | Executive Assistant to the Mayor

M s7(2)(a)
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From: Water Services Reform <WaterServicesReform@dia.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 2:10 PM
To: Mayor <mayor@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Third party consultation on release of information

Kia ora Mayor Whanau

Please see attached a letter of consultation on behalf Minister Simeon Brown on request for official information.

Please respond by **Monday 12 February** should you have any comments.

Ngā mihi,

Water Services Reform Programme

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5 February 2024

Mayor Tory Whanau
Wellington City Council
Email: mayor@wcc.govt.nz

Dear Mayor Whanau,

Official information request for correspondence between Minister Simeon Brown's office, Wellington City Council and Wellington Water Committee since 1 August 2021.

The Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) is conducting a consultation on behalf of the Minister of Local Government, Hon Simeon Brown regarding his Official Information Act (OIA) request for correspondence between Minister Simeon Brown's office, Wellington City Council and Wellington Water Committee since 1 August 2021.

We are consulting you on this request because some of the information at issue was supplied by you to Minister Brown. We are prepared to consider your views before providing advice to the Minister.

What is the OIA?

The OIA enables people to request official information held by government agencies, including Ministerial Offices. Requested information must be made available unless there is a good reason for withholding it. Good reasons for withholding official information are listed in sections 6 and 9 of the OIA.

The information at issue

The information at issue includes the following documents, which should already be in your possession.

- Letter to Minister Simeon Brown 200124
- Letter – Minister Brown to Wellington City Council 20012024
- Letter – Minister Brown to Wellington City Council 19012024
- Mayor Whanau Wellington City Council

Our initial views

The Department's preliminary assessment is that the information at issue should be released to the requester in full.

Your views

We would appreciate your views about how disclosure of the information at issue would affect your interests. It may be that you do not object to the information being disclosed. However, if you have concerns about release of the information, the more detail you can provide, the better. It is not enough simply to object to disclosure.

With that in mind, please let us know:

- what information (if any), you are happy for release;
- what information you are most concerned about release, and why;
- how release of that information is likely to affect your interests; and
- any other information you think needs further consideration.

Final decision

It is up to the Minister to make the final decision on this OIA request. However, we will take your views into account in the release of these documents, but you cannot veto release of the information. We will let you know the decision we end up making.

Please provide your views by Monday 12 February 2024 to **s7(2)(a)**, Manager, Ministerial Services at **s7(2)(a)** [@dia.govt.nz](mailto:s7(2)(a)@dia.govt.nz). Please note that if we do not hear from you by 12 February, we will assume you do not wish to comment, and we will proceed to pass on our advice to the Minister.

If you want to discuss this OIA request, you can contact me at **s7(2)(a)** [@dia.govt.nz](mailto:s7(2)(a)@dia.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely,

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Manager, Ministerial Services
Department of Internal Affairs

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Chief Executive
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20 January 2024

Tory Whanau
Mayor
Wellington City Council

By email: mayor@wcc.govt.nz

Dear Tory

Thank you for your letter of 20 January 2024.

I appreciate your prompt reply and the initial information you have provided. I share your concerns about the potential for water shortages in the Wellington region and I look forward to getting that additional information.

I agree that we should meet to discuss these matters that have a significant impact on the well-being of your city. I have instructed my office to arrange a time to meet as soon as our diaries allow.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Simeon Brown'.

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Local Government

20 January 2024

Simeon Brown
Minister of Local Government

Kia ora Minister,

I am responding to your 19 January letter requesting information under section 257 of the Local Government Act 2002.

I want to be very clear that Wellington City Council takes the potential for water shortage and ongoing infrastructure issues extremely seriously. My team is working hard to pull together the information-as per your request.

We are committed to working regionally with the other shareholding Councils and our collective water services provider, Wellington Water, to ensure the provision of sustainable water services to the city.

Our previous council committed to a capital investment programme of approximately \$678 million over the 10 years of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan (LTP), specifically directed towards water, wastewater, and stormwater projects.

To provide some context to the increased investment, in the first year of the LTP, we increased our capital investment in three waters by 33%.

Over the last three years Wellington City Council has provided Wellington Water with an additional \$25 million in opex funding over and above what was approved in our 2021-31 LTP and much of this has been directed to detecting and fixing leaks.

We are currently deliberating on our 2024-34 LTP and will be considering funding for water. As part of our draft LTP we are proposing further increases in our funding for water. This includes additional funding for a fully developed business case to roll out water meters. A business case is important to support the funding decisions of Council and serves as a foundation for open and transparent conversations with our community about what is likely to be a significant change in the level of service.

Unfortunately, there appears to have been some misunderstanding regarding the response required to your original request to the Chair of the Wellington Water Committee on 20 December 2023. While we provided input into, and supported, the content of the 18 January 2024 response to you from the Chair of the Wellington Water Committee, we were not aware of the level of

information and specifics you required. I apologise for this, and I will provide the additional information as soon as possible.

We kindly request an opportunity to discuss these matters further at your earliest convenience. Your support is critical as we navigate through these important decisions that have a significant impact on the well-being of our city.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to discussing these challenges with you further.

Ngā mihi



Tory Whanau

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Mayor Tory Whanau
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Email: mayor@wcc.govt.nz

cc. Barbara McKerrow Chief Executive
Email: barbara.mckerrow@wcc.govt.nz

Dear Mayor Whanau

New direction for water services delivery

This morning I announced that earlier this week Cabinet agreed to repeal the previous government's water services legislation. I also signalled next steps for implementing our plan for water services, Local Water Done Well.

I wish to provide you with further information about three key aspects of our plan, to ensure you have the clarity and certainty you need as you develop your council's 2024-34 long-term plan and prepare for your next financial year:

1. Repeal of the previous government's water services legislation
2. Options to help your council complete its 2024-34 long-term plan
3. Local Water Done Well – key principles of our future direction for water services.

I want to acknowledge that councils across the country are facing multiple challenges, including pressures with water infrastructure. I also want to acknowledge that many councils have done a good job of managing their water infrastructure, and that there is not a one size fits all solution to moving to more financially sustainable water services.

The Government is committed to addressing the longstanding challenges this country is facing with our water services infrastructure.

Our Local Water Done Well approach recognises the importance of local decision making and flexibility for communities and councils to determine how their water services will be delivered in future. We will do this while ensuring a strong emphasis on meeting rules for water quality and investment in infrastructure.

1. Repealing the previous Government's water services legislation

Cabinet has agreed to introduce a repeal bill that will restore council ownership and control of water infrastructure and services. The bill makes the following changes:

- All legislation relating to water services entities will be repealed (Water Services Entities Act 2022, Water Services Entities Amendment Act 2023, and Water Services Legislation Act 2023).
- Previous legislation related to the provision of water services will be reinstated (including local government legislation). This will restore continued council ownership and control of water services, and responsibility for service delivery.

- The Northland and Auckland Water Services Entity (the only entity that had been legally established under the Water Services Entities Act 2022) will be disestablished and any outstanding work on the entity's set-up will cease.
- Councils will need to add and integrate information about water services into their 2024 long-term plans. Some transitional support options are available to assist you (below).

The repeal bill is expected to be introduced in February 2024 and enacted as soon as possible.

2. Options to help your council complete its 2024-34 long-term plan

I have heard that councils are seeking legislative certainty for your 2024-34 long-term plan and are seeking direction and support for how to continue to plan for and finance water services.

I am also conscious that different councils will have different needs and preferences and will be at various stages of developing their long-term plans.

To provide flexibility for these local circumstances, Cabinet has agreed the repeal bill will include temporary modifications to local government legislation for the transitional period affecting the 2024 long-term plans. Once the bill is passed, these options will be available for councils to use, as appropriate.

I recognise a few councils are preparing an unaudited three-year plan, with a focus on cyclone recovery, rather than a standard 10-year plan. As such, some of the proposed modifications may be less relevant to you.

If your council is...	Options available
<p>Starting to prepare or consult on long-term planning material that includes water services information – ahead of the repeal bill being enacted</p>	<p>The enacted provisions clarify that the council can include water services material in the final plan, without re-consulting, but:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must include new/updated information on water services in its final plan – to reflect the continuation of its responsibilities; • Must consider the views and preferences of affected and interested persons as it considers appropriate; and • Does not have to delay the adoption of its long-term plan past 30 June 2024 (in order to provide opportunities for public consultation on its revised proposals). <p>Transitional provisions will also help ensure the risks of future legal challenge (associated with concerns about possible issues in process) will be minimised.</p>

If your council is...	Options available
Needing more time to develop and consult on long-term planning material	<p>The statutory deadline by which the 2024 long-term plan must be adopted will be extended by three months – to 30 September 2024.</p> <p>This flexibility may be desirable to smaller councils with fewer resources, or those councils that would prefer to wait until the repeal legislation is enacted before starting consultation.</p> <p>The deadline for adopting the 2023/24 annual reports will also be extended, to reflect the possible overlap in auditing processes if councils are taking longer than usual to finalise the long-term plan.</p>
	<p>Councils will be permitted to have unaudited long-term plan consultation documents.</p> <p>This would allow auditing of the final long-term plan to proceed in tandem with consultation, to help achieve statutory deadlines.</p>

3. Local Water Done Well – key principles of our future direction for water services

With Local Water Done Well we are going to do things in a way that recognises the importance of local decision making and flexibility for communities and councils to determine how their water services will be delivered in future. We will do this while ensuring a strong emphasis on meeting rules for water quality and investment in infrastructure.

We want to enable councils and communities to determine what works best for them, while establishing clear expectations and bottom lines.

Key principles of our future plan for the delivery of water services include:

- Introducing greater central government oversight, economic and quality regulation.
- Fit-for-purpose service delivery models and financing tools, such as improving the current council-controlled organisation model and developing a new class of financially separate council-owned organisation.
- Setting rules for water services and infrastructure investment.
- Ensuring water services are financially sustainable. Financial sustainability means revenue sufficiency, balance sheet separation, ring-fencing and funding for growth.

I intend to work with all councils on the development of our Local Water Done Well policy to ensure it reflects your local needs and circumstances.

I look forward to working with you in the New Year to refine our approach to water services delivery.

Yours sincerely,



Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Local Government

From: s7(2)(a)
To: s7(2)(a); s7(2)(a)
Cc: s7(2)(a); s7(2)(a); s7(2)(a)
Subject: FW: Transport Choices Programme
Date: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 12:10:00 pm
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[20 December 2023 - Transport Choices.pdf](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hi s7(2)(a)

Can we have some advice on what this letter means? Seems he is clarifying his earlier letter from last week.

s7(2)(a)

From: Mayor Tory Whanau <s7(2)(a)@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 11:58 AM
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Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:04 am
To: Simeon Brown (MIN) <S.Brown@ministers.govt.nz>
Subject: Transport Choices Programme

Good morning Mayor and Chief Executive
Please find attached letter from Hon Simeon Brown, Minister of Transport, regarding Transport Choices Programme.
Kind regards



Office of Hon Simeon Brown

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Hon Simeon Brown

MP for Pakuranga

Minister for Energy

Minister of Local Government

Minister of Transport

Minister for Auckland

Deputy Leader of the House



20 DEC 2023

Dear Mayor and Chief Executive

A number of local authorities have been working with New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) on projects funded through the Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF) under the Transport Choices programme. NZTA paused funding commitments for these projects at the end of October 2023.

I am writing to inform you of my decisions regarding the Transport Choices programme:

- All projects that were put on hold at the end of October 2023 will not receive any further funding, and therefore will not proceed to implementation/construction as part of the Transport Choices programme.
- The Transport Choices projects that already have a signed Schedule 2 (implementation/construction) funding agreement with NZTA are not impacted, and can continue to progress to delivery.
- All councils proceeding in the programme with a signed Schedule 2 funding agreement are to complete their Transport Choices projects by June 2025.

NZTA will be in communication with your teams early in the New Year to discuss implications for your project(s) specifically.

Thank you for your understanding as we work through these changes.

Yours sincerely,

Hon Simeon Brown

Minister of Transport

From: [Mayoral Meetings](#)
To: s7(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Meeting with Simeon Brown and Chris Bishop
Date: Monday, 17 July 2023 11:15:00 am
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.jpg](#)

Kia ora s7(2)(a)

The mayor is at 113 The Terrace. If Simeon and Chris can go to Level 16 and sign in there will be someone to bring them to the mayor's office.

Ngā mihi

s7(2)(a)

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From: s7(2)(a) <s7(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 17 July 2023 11:03 am
To: Mayoral Meetings <Mayoral.Meetings@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Meeting with Simeon Brown and Chris Bishop

Kia ora s7(2)(a),

Thank you for confirming a time that would work for Mayor Tory Whanau. I have confirmed this on our end.

No need to send an invite, however, if you could please confirm the location that would be great.

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

s7(2)(a) | **Communications, Research and Policy Advisor**

Office of Simeon Brown | National Party Spokesperson for Transport, Auckland, Public Service, and Deputy Shadow Leader of the House

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Subject: RE: Meeting with Simeon Brown and Chris Bishop

Kia ora s7(2)(a)

The mayor is available on the 23rd August at 10am. Please let me know if you would like me to send an invite from our office for the meeting.

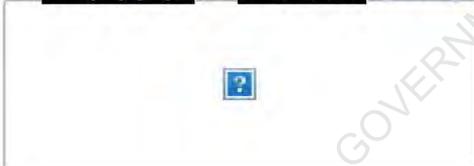
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From: s7(2)(a) <s7(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 12 July 2023 9:37 am
To: Mayoral Meetings <Mayoral.Meetings@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Meeting with Simeon Brown and Chris Bishop

Hello s7(2)(a),

The below email has bounced back due to Tiimalu being out of the office.

Could you please respond to this meeting request.

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

s7(2)(a) | **Communications, Research and Policy Advisor**

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From: **s7(2)(a)**

Sent: Wednesday, 12 July 2023 9:35 AM

To: **s7(2)(a)** @wcc.govt.nz

Subject: Meeting with Simeon Brown and Chris Bishop

Kia ora Tiumalu,

Following on from the scheduled meeting between Mayor Tory Whanau and Simeon Brown and Chris Bishop in June being postponed, could you please advise if any of the following times would work for a meeting in the Mayor's office?

- Wed 2 August 9:30am
- Wed 16 August 10:00am
- Wed 23 August 10:00am

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Kind regards,

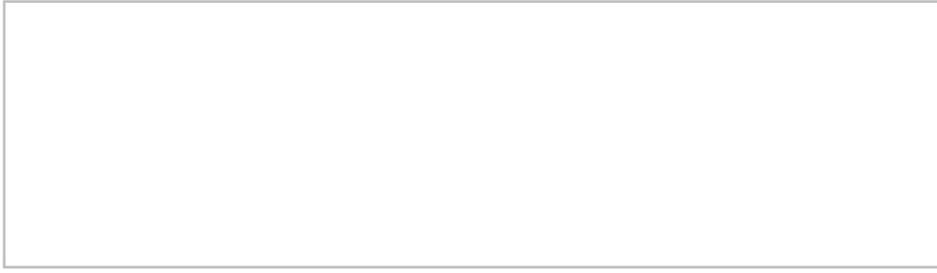
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From: s7(2)(a)
To: s7(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Meeting with Mayor Whanau
Date: Thursday, 10 August 2023 1:17:42 pm
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)
[image003.png](#)

Kia ora s7(2)(a)

We will be looking to discuss general transportation issues facing Wellington with the Mayor, including roads and public transport.

There will be particular interest in the Let's Get Wellington Moving programme.

We look forward to seeing you on 23 August.

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

s7(2)(a) | Communications, Research and Policy Advisor

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Sent: Thursday, 10 August 2023 11:00 AM
To: s7(2)(a) <s7(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Meeting with Mayor Whanau

Kia ora s7(2)(a)

Mayor Whanau is looking forward to meeting with Chris and Simeon on 23 August. Are there some particular topics or policies that they will be raising with her? If so let me know so I can give her a little prep beforehand.

Kind regards,

s7(2)(a)

Senior Advisor

Office of the Mayor | Wellington City Council

s7(2)(a)



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From: Mayor
To: s7(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Letter - Minister of Local Government to Mayor Whanau
Date: Wednesday, 24 January 2024 11:18:00 am
Attachments: image001.jpg

Great, thanks!

s7(2)(a)

s7(2)(a) (She/Her)
Kaiārahi Matua ki te Koromatua | Executive Assistant to the Mayor

M s7(2)(a)
E s7(2)(a)@wcc.govt.nz

From: s7(2)(a) s7(2)(a)@wcc.govt.nz
Sent: Wednesday, 24 January 2024 10:58 am
To: Mayor <Mayor@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Letter - Minister of Local Government to Mayor Whanau

Yes. Barbara, Andrea Reeves and me too.

From: Mayor <Mayor@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 10:57 AM
To: s7(2)(a) <s7(2)(a)@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Letter - Minister of Local Government to Mayor Whanau

Will Barbara be invited to this meeting with Tory? You talk to s7(2)(a) about Barbara attending

s7(2)(a)

s7(2)(a) (She/Her)
Kaiārahi Matua ki te Koromatua | Executive Assistant to the Mayor

M s7(2)(a)
E s7(2)(a)@wcc.govt.nz

From: Mayor <Mayor@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 24 January 2024 10:54 am
To: s7(2)(a) <s7(2)(a)@wcc.govt.nz>; Mayor <Mayor@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(a) <s7(2)(a)@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Letter - Minister of Local Government to Mayor Whanau

Will do, thanks s7(2)(a)

s7(2)(a)

s7(2)(a) (She/Her)
Kaiārahi Matua ki te Koromatua | Executive Assistant to the Mayor

M s7(2)(a)
E s7(2)(a)@wcc.govt.nz

From: s7(2)(a) s7(2)(a)@wcc.govt.nz
Sent: Wednesday, 24 January 2024 10:48 am
To: Mayor <Mayor@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(a) <s7(2)(a)@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Letter - Minister of Local Government to Mayor Whanau

Hi s7(2)(a)

Yes confirmed. s7(2)(a)

s7(2)(a)

From: Mayor <Mayor@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 10:47 AM
To: s7(2)(a) s7(2)(a) @wcc.govt.nz
Cc: s7(2)(a) <s7(2)(a)@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Letter - Minister of Local Government to Mayor Whanau

Hi s7(2)(a)

Please can you check with s7(2)(a) re this meeting for Monday 29 January at 9am—s7(2)(a) ?

s7(2)(a)

s7(2)(a) (She/Her)

Kaiārahi Matua ki te Koromatua | Executive Assistant to the Mayor

M s7(2)(a)

E s7(2)(a) @wcc.govt.nz

From: s7(2)(a) <s7(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 January 2024 9:37 am
To: Mayor <mayor@wcc.govt.nz>
Cc: Barbara Mckerrow <barbara.mckerrow@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(a) s7(2)(a) @wcc.govt.nz
Subject: RE: Letter - Minister of Local Government to Mayor Whanau

Kia ora Mayor Whanau

Following on from the below correspondence and your letter dated 20 January 2024, Minister Brown will be available to meet with you from 9-9:30am on Monday 29 January 2024. Your chief executive, Barbara, is also welcome to attend the meeting.

Would you kindly reply to my email to confirm your attendance?

Many thanks,

s7(2)(a)



s7(2)(a)

Local Government | Office of Hon Simeon Brown
Minister for Energy, Minister of Local Government, Minister of Transport, Minister for Auckland, Member of Parliament for Pakuranga

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From: s7(2)(a) <s7(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2024 5:30 PM
To: mayor@wcc.govt.nz
Cc: barbara.mckerrow@wcc.govt.nz; s7(2)(a) @wcc.govt.nz; s7(2)(a) <s7(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Letter - Minister of Local Government to Mayor Whanau

Kia ora Mayor Whanau

Please find the attached correspondence from Local Government Minister the Hon Simeon Brown.

Ngā mihi,

s7(2)(a)



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From: s7(2)(a)
To: s7(2)(a)
Subject: FW: DRAFT media release for LGWM decision
Date: Monday, 29 January 2024 4:12:51 pm
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Importance: High

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Subject: DRAFT media release for LGWM decision
Importance: High

Kia ora kōrua,

Below is a draft media statement which we are planning to publish late morning on Sunday, with your agreement of course.

I've highlighted placeholder statements for Mayor Whanau and Mr Ponter – please make any changes to these that you see fit. Mr Ponter, you may wish to add an extra quote as it's quite light for you at the moment.

Given the tight turnaround, I would be extremely grateful if you were able to get this back to me **by tomorrow (Friday) afternoon**.

Our proposed plan for release is as follows:

- 11am Sunday: Media statement sent to media by Minister Bishop's press secretary
- Following this, Minister Bishop, Mayor Whanau and Mr Ponter will arrange their own media interviews as necessary.

Please don't hesitate to call me with any questions or concerns about these suggestions. I'm on s7(2)(a)

I'll look forward to hearing from you tomorrow.

Ngā mihi,

s7(2)(a)



s7(2)(a)

Senior Press Secretary | Office of Hon Chris Bishop
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From: Pearl Little
To: s7(2)(a)
Subject: FW: FINAL media statement LGWM
Date: Monday, 29 January 2024 4:12:51 pm
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Subject: Re: FINAL media statement LGWM

Amazing, thanks s7(2)(a)!

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Senior Press Secretary, Hon Chris Bishop
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Subject: Re: FINAL media statement LGWM

Approved from this end. Thanks so much s7(2)(a)!

Have a great weekend everyone.

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Subject: RE: FINAL media statement LGWM

Hi again,

Final-final version attached. Hopefully we're there now.

Thanks again to you all for such prompt feedback. I'm very grateful!

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Subject: FINAL media statement LGWM

Kia ora koutou,

Attached is the final version of the media release with edits from you all. I have done my very best to accommodate everyone's

views.

In the interests of getting mutual agreement by all four leaders, I respectfully ask that you only suggest changes now if you have spotted a factual inaccuracy or if any part of it is an absolute dealbreaker.

The plan is still for me to send this media release out on Sunday at 11am.

I'll be on s7(2)(a) all weekend so please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Thanks again for all your help and your very timely feedback!

Ngā mihi,

s7(2)(a)



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Subject: LGWM Mayor's Office edits

Kia ora koutou,

Please see the PR with edits from the mayor's office. Happy to provide track change copy if it's helpful.

Feel free to ring if any issues.

Ngā mihi,

s7(2)(a)

s7(2)(a) (She/Her)
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