
2012-2022 DRAFT LONG-TERM PLAN: SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

1. Purpose of Report

This report provides a summary of the consultation process and community feedback on the 2012-22 draft Long-term Plan.

This report should be read in conjunction with the following reports on this agenda:

- the summary of oral submissions
- the report on funding requests and prominent issues.

2. Executive Summary

Formal consultation on the long-term plan ran from 16 April until 18 May 2012. It resulted in over 2600 written submissions and 174 of these were also presented in person to the Strategy and Policy Committee. This was a record in terms of submissions on a Council annual or long-term plan document.

The submissions covered a wide range of Council activities with the majority focused on key issues and proposals identified in the summary document. A high number of responses were received on some of the proposals identified as 'alternative proposals not included in the plan'. A small number of new funding bids were also received.

This report provides for the formal receipt of the written submissions and presents a summary of those by the five key focus areas identified in the summary document.

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Receive the submissions that were lodged as part of the special consultative procedure for the 2012-22 draft long-term plan (previously distributed).*
3. *Note that a response will be provided to all submitters on the decisions made once the final long-term plan is adopted on 27 June 2012 at Council.*

4. *Note that submissions of an operational nature have been provided to relevant business units for consideration against existing work programmes and these will be actioned as appropriate.*
5. *Note that prominent issues and funding requests are dealt with in a separate report (report 5 of this agenda)*

4. Summary of feedback

4.1 Engagement and communication tools

An engagement programme for the draft plan was agreed by the Strategy and Policy Committee in March 2012. The engagement programme was designed to meet the Special Consultative Procedure requirements set out under legislation (the Local Government Act 2002), effectively raise awareness of key proposals and encourage feedback.

Tools to support the engagement programme included:

Documents

In total, 2,700 copies of the summary document, 400 copies of the submission form and 307 copies of the full draft long-term plan were produced. Reprints of these documents were done 'on demand' to ensure that printing costs were kept to a minimum. Hard copies were available through all Council libraries and the City Service Centre at 101 Wakefield Street.

PDF and accessible versions of these documents were made available through the Council's website. In its submission on the draft plan the Council's Accessibility Advisory Group identified a number of places where incorrect terminology was used in the full draft plan. Officers will correct these in the full plan before it is finalised. The advisory group and the Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind also made recommendations on the use of tables and images in the documents which will be implemented in the future.

Mostly positive feedback was received on these documents with people saying that they were easy to read, the information was presented clearly and they encouraged people to make submissions.

Direct communication

A message from the Mayor introducing the draft plan and encouraging submissions was sent to an email database of 151 stakeholder organisations.

Postcards alerting people to the consultation were printed and distributed to ratepayers with the rates mail out in early May.

Information about the consultation process and how to get involved was also included in three Council newsletters to different groups of stakeholders.

Encroachment holders were also sent a letter advising them of the proposed changes to the fee structure in the draft plan and the opportunity to make a submission.

Business units were asked to contact stakeholders they interacted with regularly and let them know of any proposals that would impact on them in the draft long-term plan, and a number of specific meetings took place.

Other organisations were also encouraged to provide information on the draft plan in their newsletters with a number taking up this suggestion including the Wellington Council of Social Services and Arts Wellington.

Meetings

Presentations and discussions on the draft long-term plan occurred in a number of different forums throughout the consultation period. Sessions that were open to the public were advertised in advance through the Council's *Our Wellington* page in the Dominion Post. Groups were also offered posters that they could tailor to promote the meetings within their communities.

Council reference groups and forums

Presentations on the draft long-term plan were made to the Multicultural Council, the Accessibility Advisory Group, the Environmental Reference Group, Pacific Advisory Group and the Youth Council. Most of these groups made a formal submission on the draft plan to Council.

The Youth Council said their feedback on the draft was small because they felt that their input in the earlier stages of the plan's development had been reflected in the draft.

Information on the draft long-term plan was also included in the Mayor's presentation to the most recent Pacific and Ethnic Forums with relevant documents also made available to attendees.

Community boards and residents associations

Councillors presented the draft plan to both the Tawa and the Makara-Ohariu Community Boards.

Residents Associations were sent three e-mail messages, in advance of or during the consultation period, informing them about the consultation and asking if they would like a councillor to present to them, or their community, on the draft plan.

Three residents associations took up the offer to have ward councillors attend a meeting. The joint Kilbirnie, Lyall Bay, Rongotai and the Creswick Valley Residents Associations hosted public meetings (attended by around 30 and 17 people respectively), while the Ngaio Progressive Association invited councillors to attend a meeting of their committee. In addition, councillors organised a joint meeting with the several northern ward community associations which was attended by approximately 80 people. This meeting incorporated a series of presentations on key projects, which were well-received.

Special Forums

During the consultation period, a Sports and Recreation Forum and a Natural Environment Forum were held at the ASB Centre, which were attended by

approximately 100 people each. At these events, the Mayor introduced the draft plan long as part of her presentation. Copies of the plan and submission form were taken away by attendees. These forums also covered other aspects of Council's work in these areas.

An Arts and Events Forum was also held at the Toi Pōneke Arts Centre and attracted 12 attendees. The respective portfolio leaders introduced key proposals in the long-term plan and responded to questions. The draft Events and Public Art Policies were also introduced.

Councillor clinics and meetings

Councillors hosted or attended a number of other meetings. These included clinics held by Councillor Marsh at the ASB Centre and a series of eight community meetings in the Southern Ward organised by Councillor Eagle. Councillor Eagle also had a market stall at Newtown School over three successive weekends.

In general, these meetings served to engage the public in the consultation process and the key issues in the draft plan. While attendees would ask questions, and in some cases express their views (which were recorded by officers where possible), the meetings did not, on the whole, lead to in-depth discussion on key issues. Rather people seemed to wish to take the documents away and make their own submission.

The exception to this was one of the ward meetings hosted by Councillor Eagle at the Vogelmorn Hall. Attendees at this meeting expressed strong views about the possible closure of the hall. While the community clearly wanted such an opportunity to raise their concerns and receive responses, neither the councillors nor the officers present were in a position to respond. This experience points to the potential of holding issue-based meetings in the future, with appropriate officers in attendance to present information and answer questions, as occurred at the Johnsonville meeting.

Consultation with Māori

The Mayor and Chief Executive hosted meetings with both the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust and Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira. The draft plan was the focus of both these meetings.

In addition to this, sessions were held with two other groups. The first was a broadly representative group of Māori in the city. The second was made up of parents and children who attend Kohanga Reo and Kura Kaupapa in Seatoun. Councillors presented the draft plan to both groups and responded to questions. Both groups said they appreciated being invited to the session, as they felt this recognised that there are Māori in Wellington who are not represented through the formal relationship Council has with its mana whenua partners.

The Budget Simulator

This year, once again, the Council provided the public with the opportunity to use an on-line budget simulator. Through this, people could see the cost of Council activities. They could then make changes to the amount of expenditure (up or down) for each of these activities.

The budget simulator allowed people to adjust the expenditure for each activity cluster by up to plus or minus 10%. 96 people used the budget simulator to develop their own 'budget'. 41 of these also provided comments. The averages for each cluster ranged from no change for stormwater and wastewater down to a reduction of minus 3.2% for governance, information and engagement. The average rates increase people preferred through this process was 1.65 percent.

The principal message from participants is that the Council should keep rate increases to a minimum and focus on maintaining infrastructure. Arts and culture activities were the most polarising activity in this exercise featuring prominently on both the increase and decrease spending lists.

Analysis of the simulators use also shows that a total 532 people visited the site with 387 experimenting with its functions. This may partially be the result of widespread interest in the tool with other councils contacting officers to learn more about it.

Councillor Hotline

The Councillor Hotline was available over three Thursday evenings from 7pm until 9pm. It was advertised in the Council's *Our Wellington Page*, on radio, in newspapers, on the front page of the Council's website and on postcards that were distributed with rates accounts, through libraries and at market stalls.

Councillors were available on phones set up in the contact centre for the first two sessions. During the first session no calls were received and only four were received during the second session. As a result, for the last session it was arranged that any incoming calls would be directed through to Councillors' phones so they could receive calls offsite. However, no calls were received.

Should this tool be used again in the future, officers would advise the use of technology to forward calls to Councillors' individual phones.

Other communications and marketing

Our Wellington page

A dedicated double-page long-term plan feature was published in *Our Wellington* on 17 April, providing an overview of the draft plan. Subsequent stories on different proposals were included in editions on 24 April, 8 May and 15 May. The 1 May *Our Wellington* page was also fully dedicated to the draft plan.

Media coverage

Two media releases and one media advisory were issued on the long-term plan consultation. 29 related stories were covered in the media during the consultation period (see appendix 1). These included general stories and specific stories of topics such as Te Papa, funding for the Chest Hospital and northern suburbs projects.

Advertising

A public notice was published in *The Dominion Post* at the start of the consultation period. Display advertisements were included in *The Wellingtonian* and *Capital Times*.

Advertising was undertaken on 2 radio stations (ZM and The Breeze) for a total of 6 days (10 x 30 second slots on each station).

Online advertising on the Metservice website (on the Wellington weather page) and Wellington based-Facebook users was undertaken. This advertising generated almost 2000 visits to the long-term plan consultation page on our website.

Poster, banners and stalls

Long-term plan posters were displayed at a range of locations across the city, including in Council libraries and our City Service Centre.

Banners using the same design were made available for Councillors to use at public meetings. One was also displayed in the City Service Centre.

Submission forms and consultation documents were also handed out a number of stalls. These were held periodically throughout the consultation period to coincide with community events and festivals.

Social media

Several tweets were issued from Council about the long-term plan consultation, including details of meetings. The Council's twitter feed has around 2,500 followers.

The Council's Facebook page was launched immediately prior to the consultation period opening. During that period, the number of people liking our Facebook page grew to over 400, and has subsequently increased. Several posts relating to the draft plan and consultation process were made on Facebook.

4.2 Submission tools

Website

19 percent of submissions were received via the website. It is noted that in response to a question from the Mayor during his oral submission, a first-time submitter said that he found the website user friendly in terms of engaging with the draft plan and making a submission. The reduction on submissions received via the website reflects a number of rote submission campaigns (deep water pool and Clyde Quay) which were not made electronically as the submission form did not have a specific question relating to specific items that were recommended to be deferred.

Smartphone applications

i-phone and android apps, were also developed and made available via our website. These were downloaded by 25 people.

The timeframes involved in developing the application impacted on our ability to actively promote it. The app could not be developed and tested until the content of the plan was finalised, which occurred just prior to consultation opening. There was then a two-week delay while the app was reviewed by iTunes administrators before it was available for downloading.

It is noted that the submission from the Victoria University Students' Association congratulated the Council on developing an app for the draft plan consultation, but did note that it was not promoted to students. Officers will look to address the above issues for future consultation exercises.

Long-term plan submission form

A submission form was developed that asked specific questions on the proposals outlined in the summary document. Directing submitters to answer key questions is effective in ensuring feedback is focused on the matters put forward for consultation. Officers were not able to include all proposals as a question on the submission form as this would make it too long and result in reduced completion rates. The submission form allowed for people to expand on their views under each section and included a space where submitters were able to comment on general matters.

The submission form followed the key proposals articulated in the summary consultation document. This was the document that was page referenced in the submission from.

Southern Ward Submission Form

Councillor Eagle developed a separate submission form specific to the Southern Ward. It asked submitters to answer a series of questions that related to the draft long-term plan and the southern ward. This was widely distributed to households in the ward and also made available online. 197 submissions were received on this submission form. The results are outlined in appendix 2.

Survey

A survey was conducted on the key proposals included in the draft long-term plan. The survey largely mirrored the submission form but included an additional question on the proposed Te Papa funding reduction due to the level of reduction proposed. The survey also asked those taking part to share their views on the five key proposal areas and the results are reflected in the next section. As with the submission form, it was not possible to go to this level of detail for each individual proposal as this would extend the survey beyond what could be completed within a reasonable timeframe. The survey –like the submission form – included a section for general comments to capture feedback on other proposals.

The overall results of the survey and submission form ranked by 'leave in plan – high priority' is attached as appendix 3.

Oral submissions

174 people requested oral submissions. These were held over eight days. Each person or organisation was given the option of a 5 or 10 minute slot. On request, a group could submit for up to 20 minutes.

Due to oral submissions beginning the next working day after the closing date for written submissions, a lot of effort was required to schedule submitters within a short timeframe. It is also noted that oral submissions on the ECO-City proposal were running in parallel and that a combined total of 4,500 written submissions were received.

Following on from a successful process used in Auckland, submitters were offered the opportunity to make their oral submission in a less formal workshop environment. This option was taken up by very few submitters and so the sessions were cancelled and the submitters booked in for individual submission slots.

As a result of the above, some logistical issues did occur such as a person submitting on both proposals being scheduled to speak on separate days. Such issues were resolved within the first few days with the latter schedules running smoothly and to time.

Suggestions have been made by councillors for how the process could be improved and these will be taken into account by officers in the future.

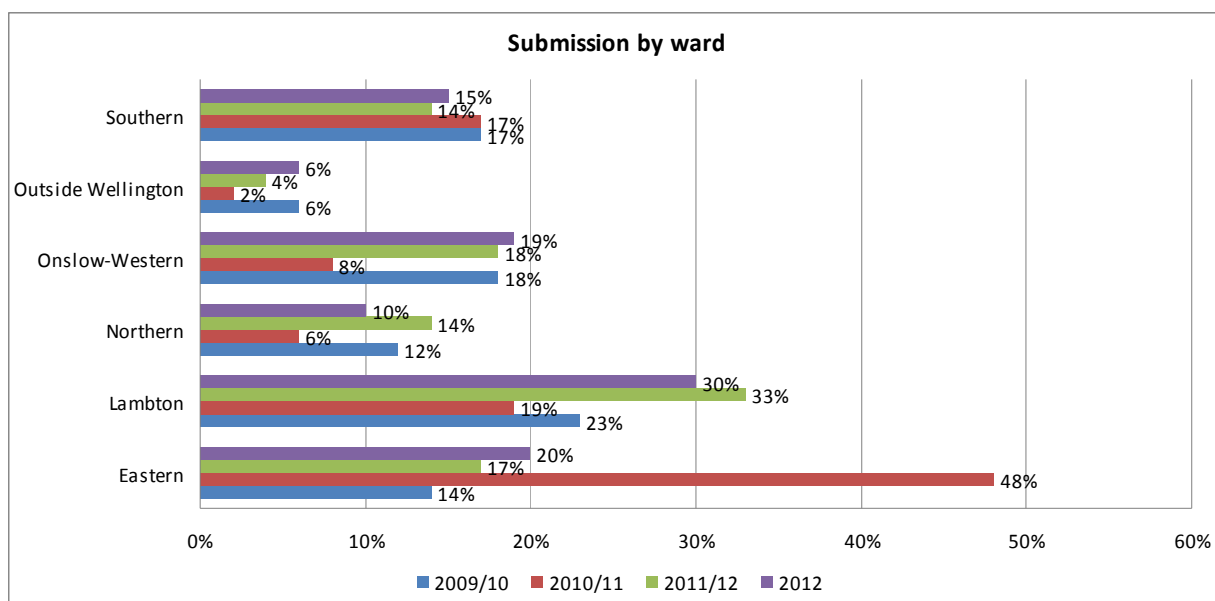
4.3 Submitter profile

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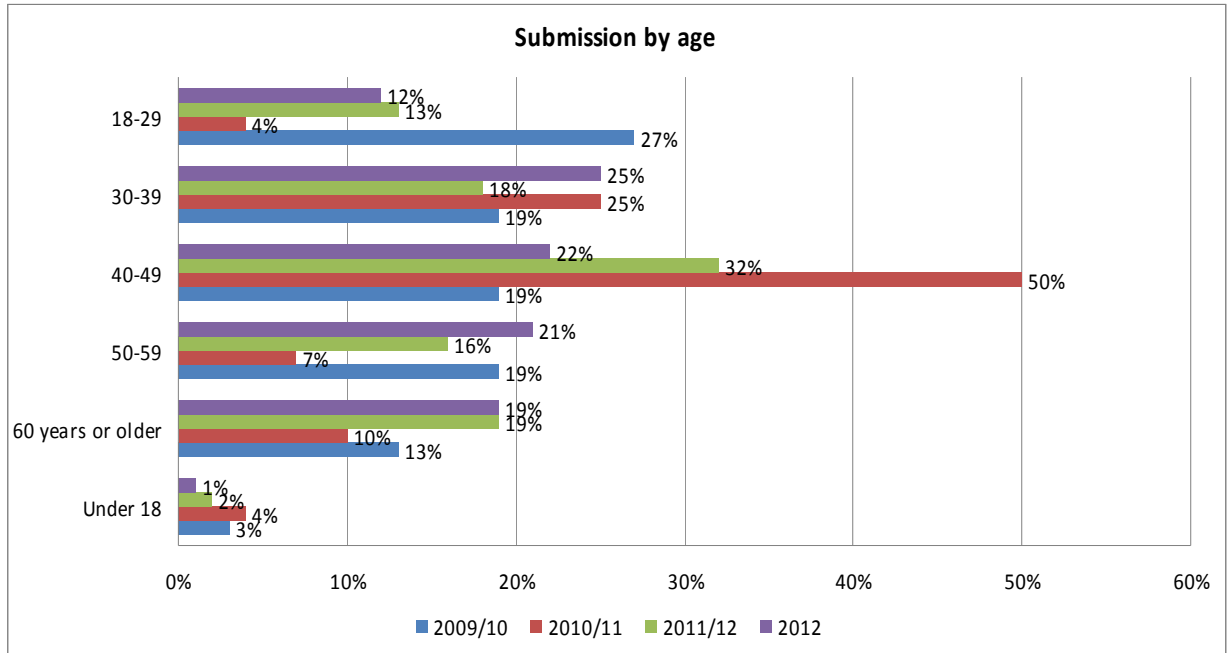
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The following graphs outline the submitter profile for 2012 compared to previous years. The information is sourced from the submission form.

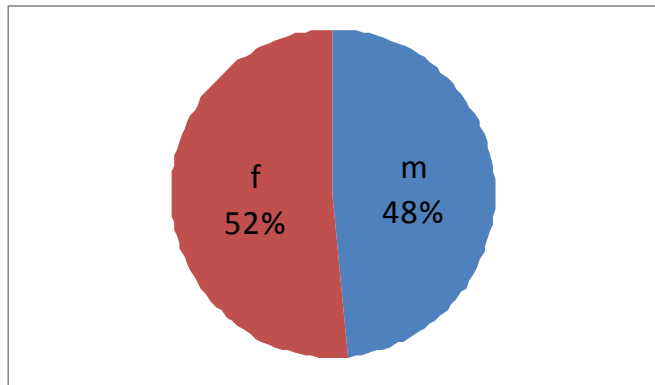
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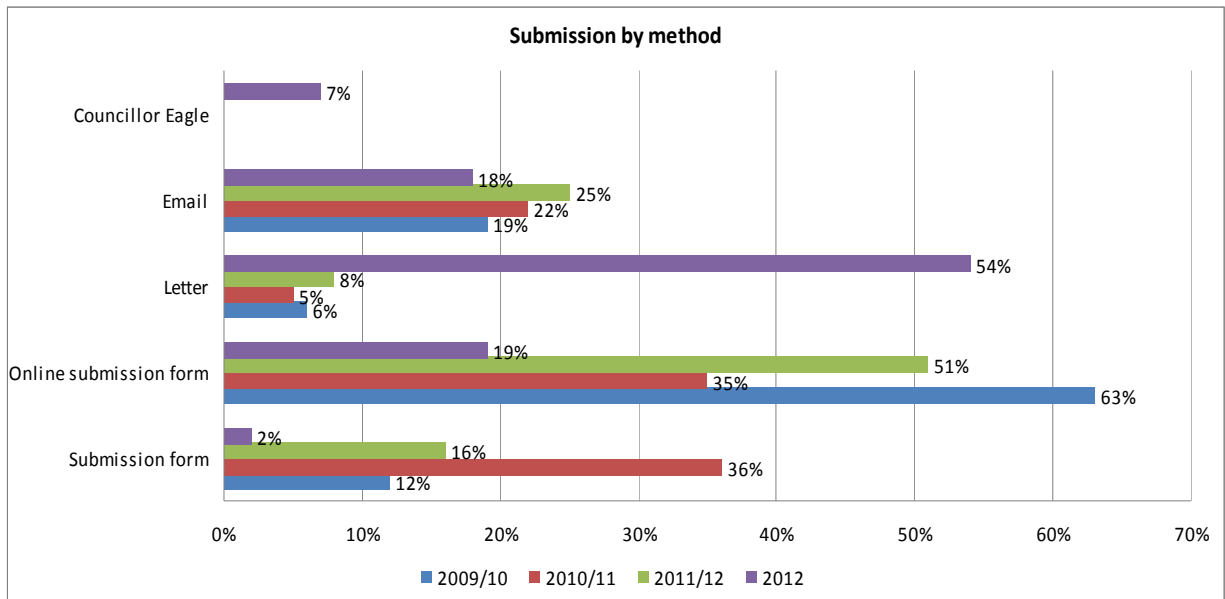


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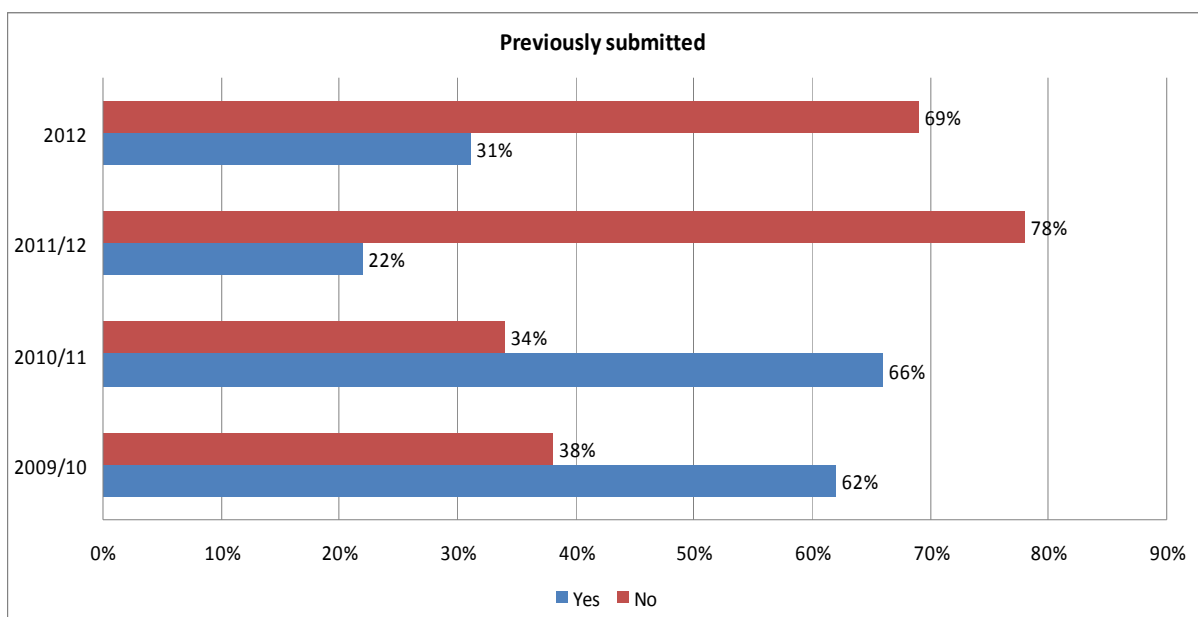
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Submission method



Note: The high percentage of submissions by letter reflects high number of rote submissions on Clyde Quay and the Deep water Pool.

Previously submitted



5. Summary of feedback

5.1 How the next section works

The following section outlines the feedback the Council received on the draft long-term plan. The information is presented in the same order as outlined in the summary consultation document. The sources of the feedback include:

- Submission form (result of specific questions)
- Submission form (summary of comments)
- Survey

5.2 Overall strategic direction

As shown in the table on page 3 of the draft long-term summary and 6 of the full draft plan, Council's proposed strategic architecture consists of the following three levels in a descending hierarchy.

One Vision:

- Our over-arching vision is *Wellington Towards 2040: Smart Capital*. This was adopted by Council in October 2011.

Four Community Outcomes

- Under this vision, Council adopted four pillars or goals. In the long-term plan, it is proposed that these become our four 'community outcomes' and will guide Council's prioritisation and decision making over the next ten years.

Three Council Priorities

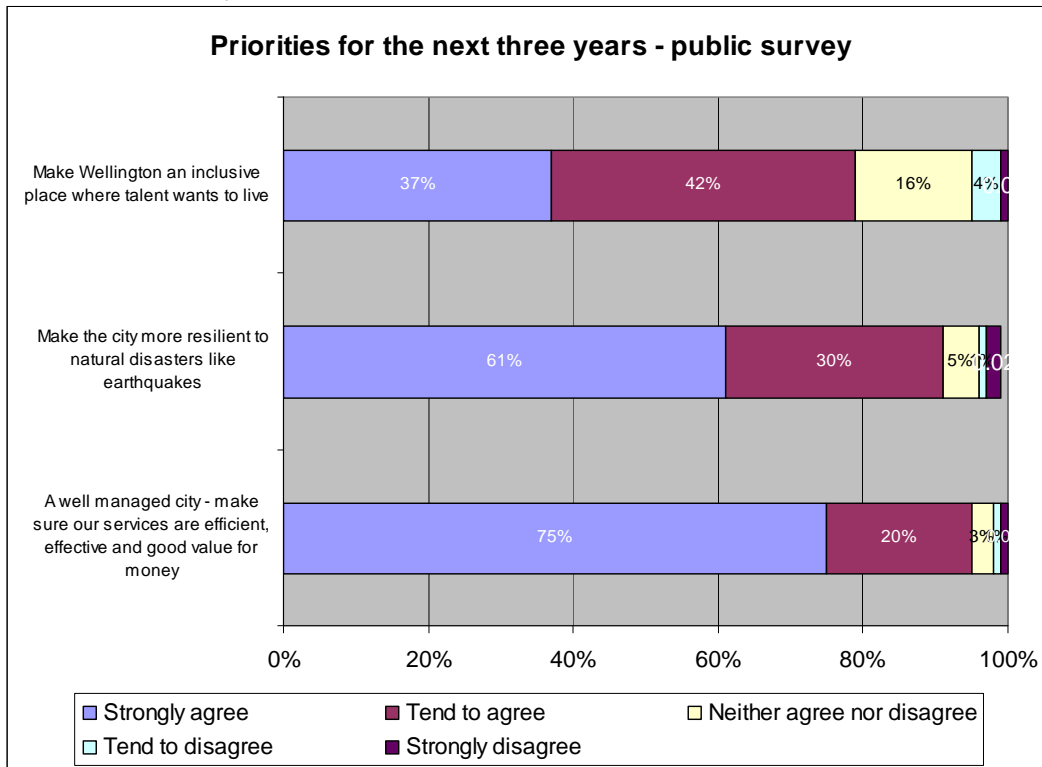
- As in previous years, officers have recommended a set of three priority areas of focus for the first three years of the plan. These were arrived at by considering:
 - the community's input during the early engagement process to develop this plan, and
 - urgent steps Council needs to take to address immediate issues such as earthquake strengthening
 - an assessment of the priority steps Council needs to take now in order to move towards its long-term vision and community outcomes

In constrained financial circumstances, these are intended to provide a focus for Council's effort and investment. They are not intended to capture all Council's activities. Council can review its priorities at any time and may do so in response to new issues as they arise or when it has sufficiently addressed an issue.

Generally there was strong support for this strategic architecture. The overarching vision and the four community outcomes were not specifically included in the submission form or public survey. This was because they had been subject to public consultation before the 2040 vision was adopted. Despite this, we received unsolicited support for the 2040 vision from significant stakeholders, such as the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust and Victoria University of Wellington.

The three Council priorities were included in the submission form and public survey. As shown below, a high degree of support was given for all three priorities.

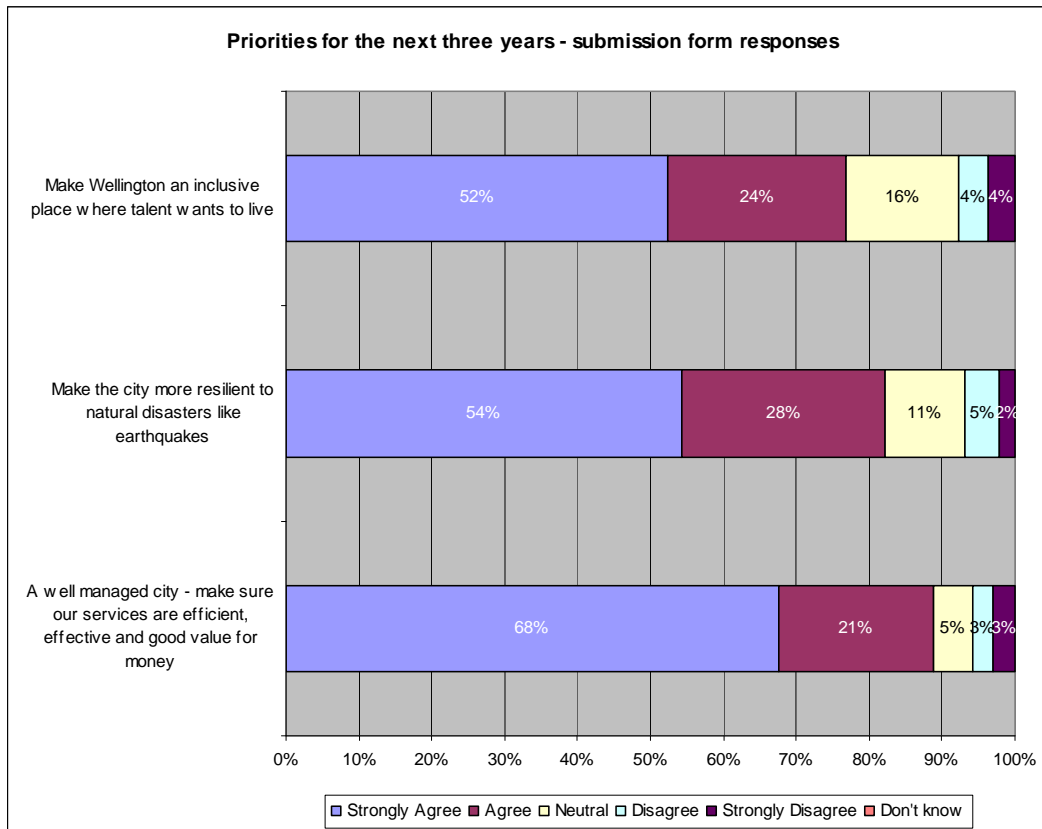
Results of survey



Additional comments from survey respondents on priorities

Several key themes emerged among comments on priorities for the city. The greatest number of comments related to financial management - reducing or limiting rates, reducing or limiting debt and spending, or emphasising the need for efficient and effective management. Developing the economy and job creation was also a strong theme, as was improving city safety, improving public transport, and a focus on environmental sustainability. A further strong theme emerged around fostering community and inclusiveness, and providing support for Wellington's people, particularly vulnerable groups such as the homeless, those on a low income, and those with mental health issues. The cost of living and improving affordability, particularly of housing, was also a significant theme. Other themes which emerged include maintaining or adding to Wellington's facilities, attractions and events, and maintaining Wellington's strengths in creativity and culture, and maintaining or improving infrastructure, particularly roads and the water supply, and improving waste management. Some other common comments were around improving consultation and engagement, promoting Wellington, focusing on core services, restricting waterfront development, and developing the waterfront.

Results of submission form



The five important proposals

For the purposes of consulting the draft plan, key initiatives proposed to achieve these priorities were divided into five areas or ‘important proposals’. This was done to make it easy for people to understand the draft plan and make submissions on what we are proposing. These five areas will not form part of the final plan. Rather, key proposals will be presented under the seven strategic areas as in previous plans.

However, it is noted that the stuff.co.nz website ran a 17 April story on the draft long-term plan highlighting the inclusion of these five issues. It generated 30 comments and was accompanied by an online poll which asked people to identify which issue they thought was most important to Wellington. Of the 363 votes received on which issue was the top priority for the city, the results showed:

- 31% of people said growing the economy
- 22% of people said transport
- 18% of people said creating a place where people choose to live
- 16% of people said balancing the budget
- 13% of people said city resilience

The following comments were received in relation to the different priorities.

An inclusive place where talent wants to live

Several submitters wanted to ensure the Council maintained its focus on Wellington as a centre of creativity and the arts. It is intended that this is a key focus for the Council under this priority. Other submitters were keen for the priority to include additional terms such as 'accessible', 'fair' and 'affordable'.

When the term 'inclusive' was added to this priority during the work shopping process with Councillors, it was to incorporate concepts such as tolerant, affordable and accessible. It is therefore suggested that a description of this term is included in the final plan so that these notions are clearly captured within it.

Enhancing Resilience

In terms of the resilience priority, some submitters felt that Council was over-reacting to the earthquakes in Christchurch, stating that the risk of a significant earthquake in Wellington had not changed. However, this was contrasted with the many comments in support of Council's focus on earthquake resilience.

Some submitters said that the scope of this priority should be expanded to include environmental, economic and community resilience. It is noted that other priorities do have a focus on these other aspects of resilience (such as the plan's focus on the strengthening the economy and creating jobs). In addition to this, officers believe the clear focus on earthquake resilience sends an important message to people currently living in Wellington, and those looking to relocate to or invest in the city, that the Council is actively working to ensure Wellington is prepared for an earthquake and can recover from.

A well-managed city

People generally supported this priority. Some submitters expressed a view that Council should focus on core services such as water and roads and that Council must keep rates down with several mentioning the rate of inflation as an appropriate level.

Some submitters identified other issues that they felt Council should have as a priority. These included Wellington as an 'affordable' place to live with a particular focus on housing affordability and affordability of public transport. Another issue mentioned was a focus on Wellington as a healthy city. Other submitters proposed that the need to focus on protecting the natural environment and environmental sustainability.

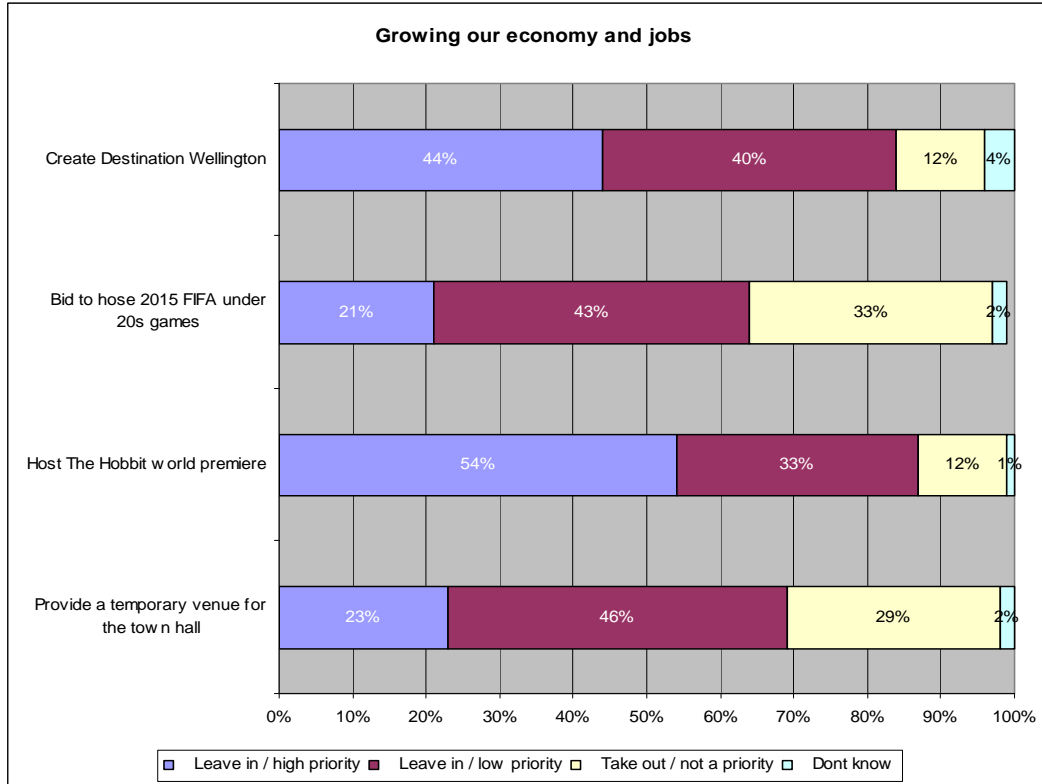
Officers agree that these issues are important. However, officers do not recommend that priorities are added or changed in response to these comments as the current priorities received such strong support.

5.3 What's important 1: Growing our economy and jobs

There is uncertainty in the economy. The global financial environment is unstable, households and businesses are struggling and central government is downsizing.

We proposed a range of initiatives in the draft long-term plan to lift the city’s economic performance and support job growth. The following feedback has been received.

Results of survey

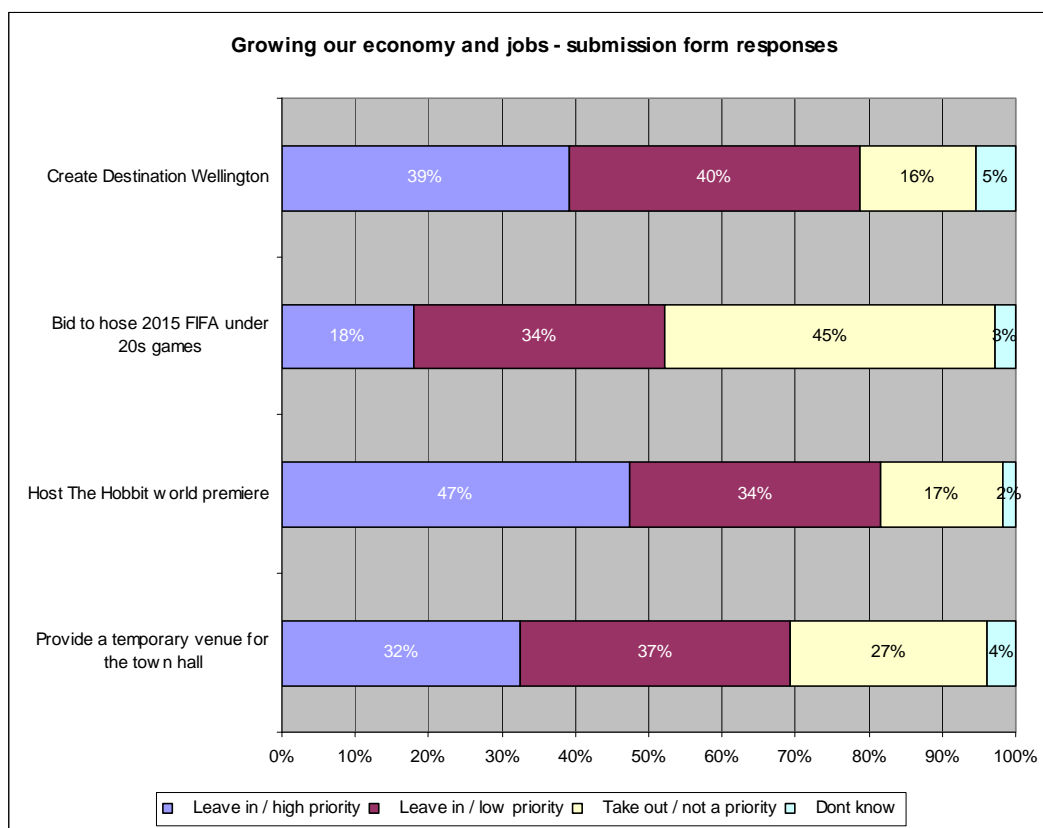


Additional comments from survey respondents on growing the economy and jobs

Comments on ‘growing the economy and jobs’ centred primarily around suggestions of other ways to grow the economy. These included, for example, the need to diversify, creating a business friendly environment, providing greater support for small and medium sized businesses, and identification of specific areas for development for example, the harbour front, suburban areas, and high-tech industries. The need for priority to be given to job creation was also a common theme. There were also a number of general comments in support of the proposals.

Somewhat in contrast, a further key theme among comments was the opinion that ‘growing the economy’ was not the role of Council, but of business or the central government. Concern was also expressed in a number of comments over whether a significant return on investment would be seen from the proposals outlined in this section.

Results of submission form



Destination Wellington

54 submitters provided comments on the Destination Wellington proposal. Those in support noted that it has been a 'priority for some time' and that it was particularly important in the current environment where the region is facing strong competition from other centres and when the government workforce was contracting. The support was highest from those representing the commercial sector and some noted that the private sector needed to have a role in undertaking the activity.

Submitters that opposed the funding argued that it was the role of central government or duplicated the existing functions of Grow Wellington and other ministries such as Trade and Enterprise. One or two noted that similar schemes overseas had been expensive to run with questionable effectiveness.

See the report on key issues and funding requests on this agenda where this proposal is discussed further.

Regional Amenities

14 submitters provided comments on the Regional Amenities Funding proposal. It is worth noting that this proposal has been subject to a separate consultation process prior to funding being included in the draft long-term plan for consultation.

The majority who submitted on this issue were in support or provided conditional support. Submitters noted that it had the potential to sustain

activities and employment in the events and visitor sector but noted that how funding was allocated across the region/sector could be contentious. One submitter – while in support of the concept – was not convinced the proposal was workable or better than funding raised on a case-by-case basis. The Wellington Community Trust believed that an independent organisation of any council would be the most effective and efficient, and most prudent solution, to manage and operate the fund. The trust offered its services as a contractor to manage the administration of the Fund.

One submitter that opposed the proposal stated that the fund would be used in the way of a discretionary spend on risky projects along the lines of Zealandia, Commonwealth games bids etc.

See the report on key issues and funding requests on this agenda where this proposal is discussed further.

Replacement venue for the Town Hall

95 comments were received on this proposal. Those that supported the proposal noted that the impact of not having a replacement venue would have a significant negative impact on Wellington's conference and meetings market. A replacement facility would ensure more than \$30m in new spend across the two years the Town hall is out of action would not be lost. A number of those in support also noted that the conventions market was critical to Wellington and its economy, and that the new facility would also allow Wellington in the future to significantly increase the conventions market – the capacity to host two large conferences concurrently when the Town Hall is back up and running. The potential loss of conferences to other regions was also raised.

Those that opposed the funding noted that the cost was too high and that there were alternative venues that could be used while the Town hall was unavailable. Examples were provided and included the Wharewaka, the St James and facilities in hotels.

The World of Wearable Art supported the proposed replacement facility in principle. They noted that the current configuration was not optimal and that the plan to insert a structure within the existing footprint of Shed 6 would reduce the width further preventing WoW from installing their stage for show rehearsals. They noted they might be forced to find an alternative rehearsal venue but also identified that the proposed improvements would be highly beneficial during the shows in providing warmer and improved environment to accommodate staff and performers. They welcomed further consultation in the design and reconfiguration of the facility.

See the report on key issues and funding requests on this agenda where this proposal is discussed further

The Hobbit

A total of 39 comments were received on this proposal. Those in support were largely from the commercial sector and noted that it was a 'once in a lifetime thing' and 'it is a fun thing for the city that needs a bit of a pick me up'. They said Council support was recognition for a very important industry within the

city, and that significant tourism benefits could be leveraged from the event. Those that opposed the funding cited cost and that it would be better funded by the film industry or central government.

FIFA

The FIFA proposal received 33 comments from submitters. Those that supported the proposal encouraged the Council to leverage plenty of game time during the New Zealand leg of this tournament and often noted the economic benefits that this kind of event can deliver for the city, as well as increased participation in sport and recreation. One submitter identified that the Under 20 Tournament was FIFA's second largest tournament, and that in terms of visitor numbers, exposure and economic impact it would be 'massive'.

Those that opposed providing funding support for the event either did not consider it a funding priority or thought the amount - \$2.54 million – was too high for an event that was already committed to coming to New Zealand. One submitter argued our contribution should be limited to supplying sportsgrounds and facilities, while another submitted that funding should only be committed if it could be shown to provide an economic return.

Sport Wellington noted in its submission that Council will need to consider the potential additional demand on sportsfields by the community as a result of an increased popularity of football after the event.

See the report on key issues and funding requests on this agenda where this proposal is discussed further

PWT – Australia marketing

Sixteen comments were received on the proposal. The majority were from commercial organisations, or those representing commercial organisations, and they opposed the funding reduction. The submitters noted the Australian market campaign had delivered significant visitor numbers above what other New Zealand cities received and requested that funding not be reduced. A number of the submitters noted that Council funding support for the marketing campaign was matched from other sources so the reduction was more than \$200,000. One submitter argued that funding should actually be increasing considering the positive results achieved to date, while another requested that if funding was reduced it should be re-directed to attracting long-haul flights.

See the report on key issues and funding requests on this agenda where this proposal is discussed further.

Long-haul

A total of 24 comments were received on this proposal. Those in support noted that attracting direct international flights beyond Australia was vital for the city in terms of businesses, tourism and for making Wellington an attractive place for businesses to set up in the city. While a number of those in support argued that many years had been spent on the project and the removal of the annual investment would result in Positively Wellington Tourism no longer able to continue the good progress made in this area, while another was unequivocal

that the Fund should only be accessed in the event a carrier would commit to the route for a certain period and that it should not be a marketing fund.

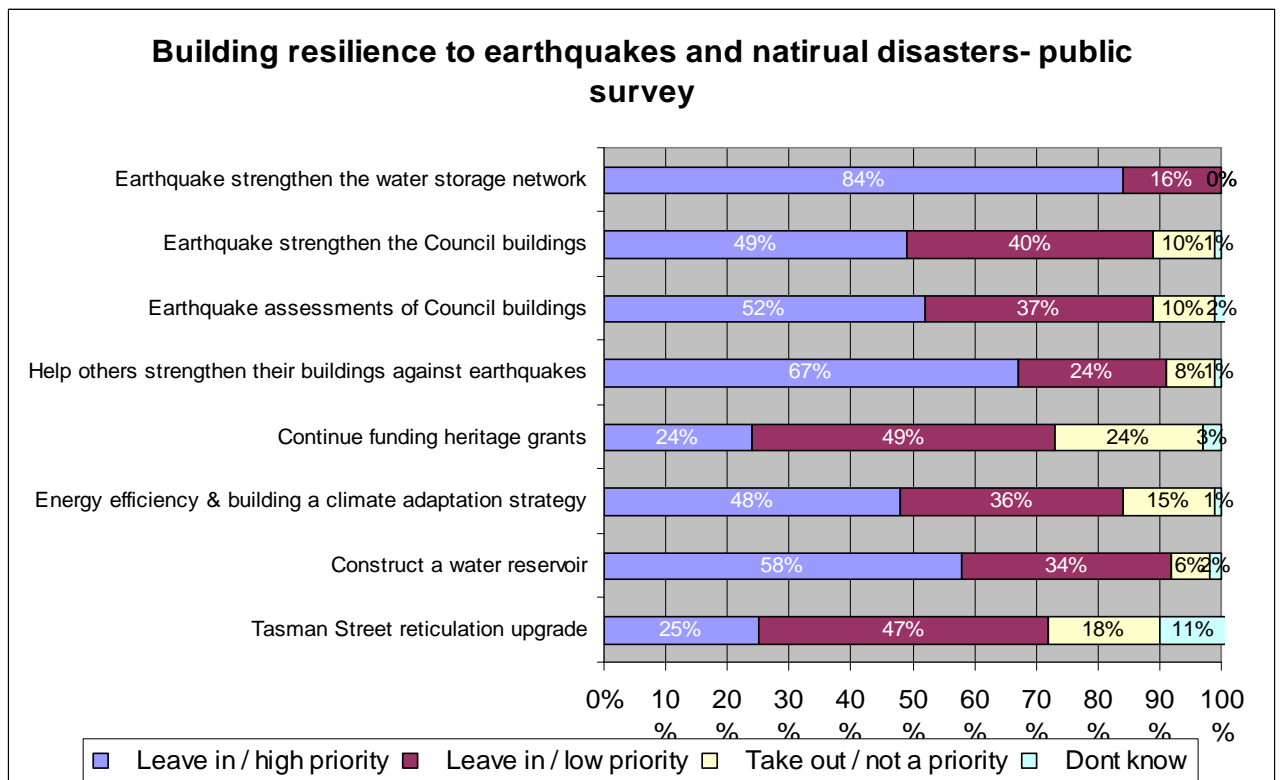
The proposal also elicited a number of comments from submitters on runway length and airport noise. They noted that while it would be beneficial for Wellington to have international connections, this should not be to the detriment of all suburbs already impacted by noise and negative environmental impact on the South Coast.

See the report on key issues and funding requests on this agenda where this proposal is discussed further.

5.4 What’s important 2: Enhancing resilience

The options available to Council to enhance the city’s resilience against natural disasters include, earthquake strengthening our own assets, providing our regulatory role of earthquake assessments efficiently and effectively, enhancing community resilience and preparedness, and helping others strengthen their buildings. The following were Council’s key proposals for enhancing resilience and the community’s feedback on those proposals.

Survey results



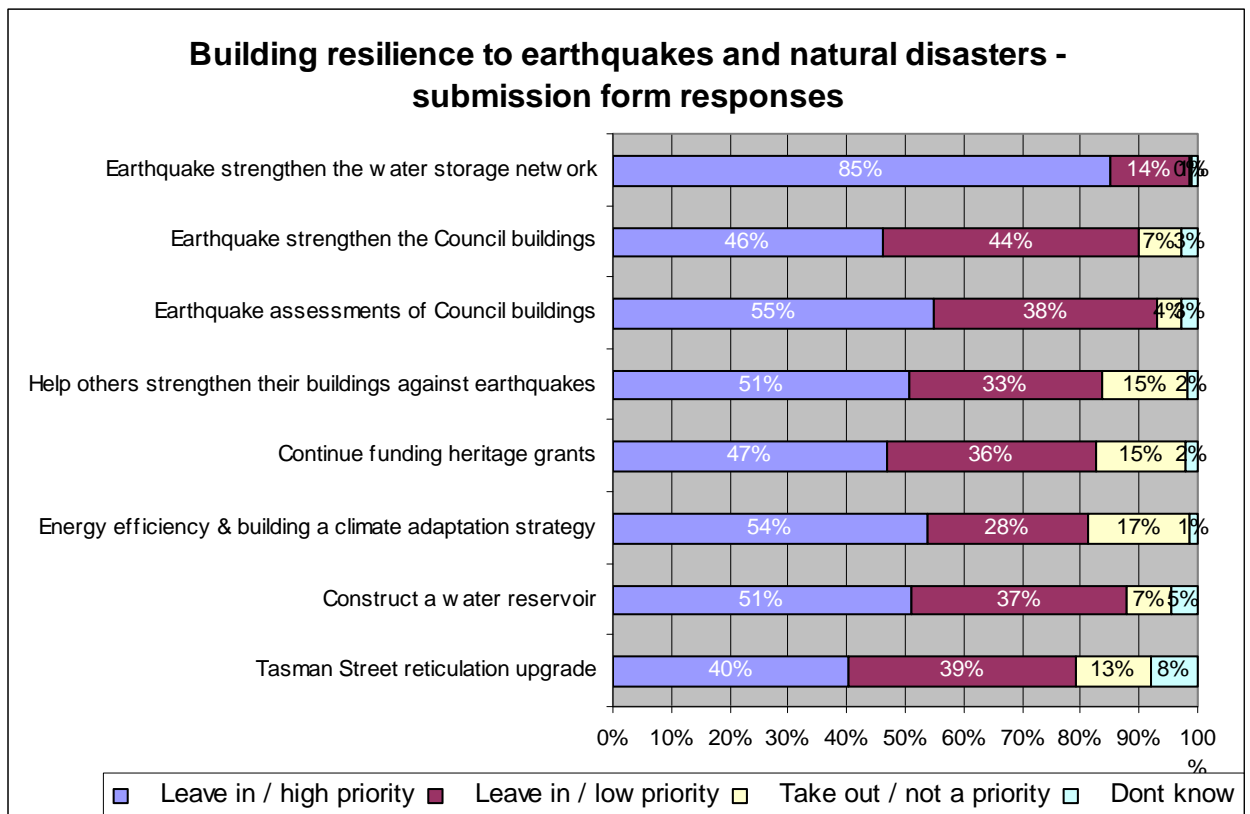
Additional comments from survey respondents on enhancing resilience

Among responses on building resilience the areas most commonly commented on were the overall level of action on earthquake resilience, the proposal to help others earthquake strengthen, resilience work on Council buildings and also heritage buildings. Of those that commented on the level of action on

earthquake resilience measures, slightly more than half expressed a desire for caution given that measures can not prevent destruction and fatality in its entirety, but merely lessen the likelihood of it, with some labelling current resilience measures an ‘over-reaction’ informed by a ‘panic mentality’ following the Christchurch earthquake.

However, almost half saw earthquake resilience as an immediate and high priority. With regards to helping others strengthen, comments were primarily opposed to the Council helping others strengthen, with many stating that this is the responsibility of the property owners. Within responses on Council buildings, the majority were broadly supportive of the strengthening work. The cost allocated to the work was questioned by a few, as was the need for strengthening. Comments on heritage buildings were mixed. Responses ranged from those advocating for the protection of heritage buildings, those arguing for their removal, and those somewhere in the middle asking for a balanced approach where some losses would be acceptable but some heritage buildings must be retained. In addition to the above, increasing education and awareness, and comments on reviewing and improving standards and monitoring for earthquake safety were common themes.

Submission form results



Resilience of the water network (including reservoirs and Tasman Street)

There were 47 comments on improving the resilience of the water network, the Prince of Wales Reservoir and Tasman Street reticulation upgrade. Overall there is a high level of support for earthquake strengthening essential infrastructure, and many noted they were pleased to see the Council taking the issues seriously and having ‘multiple strategies in place to support and protect the city’.

Many noted that earthquake strengthening the water network was essential and submitted that the Prince of Wales Park Reservoir supply the Hospital's emergency needs was the top priority. A small number of submitters did note that a funding contribution for the Prince of Wales Reservoir was required by the Capital and Coast Health, while another went further arguing that no further expenditure should be made towards the reservoir until such time as both Capital and Coast Health and the Wellington Regional Council have provided their share of the funding. The Friends of the Wellington Town Belt submitted that any new reservoir needed to be constructed underground.

A number of submitters also discussed the need for households to have water tanks and requested that Council install large rainwater collections tanks in strategic locations throughout the city for civil defence use. While one submitter argued that Council support should be provided for household tanks, another stated that home based ones didn't need to be subsidised by the Council, and that Council's role be limited to 'information on their safe and effective installation'.

Strengthening the Town Hall, earthquake assessments, and helping others strengthen

There were 83 individual comments on Council's plans to earthquake strengthen its buildings, extend the assessment programme and work with building owners to strengthen their buildings.

There was support for earthquake strengthening the Town Hall with many seeing it as necessary expenditure. Some also noted that the Council had a duty to ensure that their own buildings were safe and met the legislative requirements, and that it would be wrong for the Council to require other building owners to upgrade their building and not upgrade their own. A small number questioned the cost associated with temporarily moving to another location, while others argued that Council should look seriously at permanently leasing another building rather than upgrading the existing building.

Those that did not support the funding questioned the urgency of the work, or did not believe strengthening the building was necessary or would not work.

The Architectural Centre argued in support of earthquake strengthening the Town Hall and asked that consideration be given to bringing the building back to its former glory by re-instating items of the façade and superstructure that were removed following the 1942 earthquake.

The proposal to help others strengthen received mixed comments. There were three key themes:

- that it was not appropriate that rates funding be used to support a programme that facilitates earthquake strengthening privately owned buildings and that they should be responsible for their own resilience
- that incentives for owners needed to be provided to ensure Wellington's heritage buildings don't go the same way as those in Christchurch. Owners need to strengthen heritage buildings and should be supported to do this eg tax rebates, rates relief, fee waivers, grants, low interest loans etc
- that Council should not let risky buildings continue to put lives at risk and that buildings that are not up to earthquake standards be closed. They argued

that Council should be more pragmatic, make it easier to allow for demolition and accept that ‘there are some things we just can’t keep’.

One submitter noted that it was a nationwide problem and that it should be addressed with central government coordination, and that it was not sensible for all councils to solve this problem individually. The submitter also noted that a collective national approach to insurance was also necessary.

Heritage grants

The heritage grants received 26 comments. While some argued that grant was a luxury in these times, the majority of others indicated support for the fund. A small number of submitters went further and stated that the level of funding was inadequate given the demands because of earthquake strengthening requirements.

In terms of how the grants should be allocated, some submitters argued that they should be tightly focussed on ‘where the best gains can be made’, and that the city ‘may have to accept the some buildings cannot be retained’ and that the Council should focus on those with the best heritage/community value.

Others did not want the grants completely restricted to properties listed in the District Plan or with Historic Places Trust, and argued that these ‘exclusive lists’ were only indicative of the many heritage structures in the city.

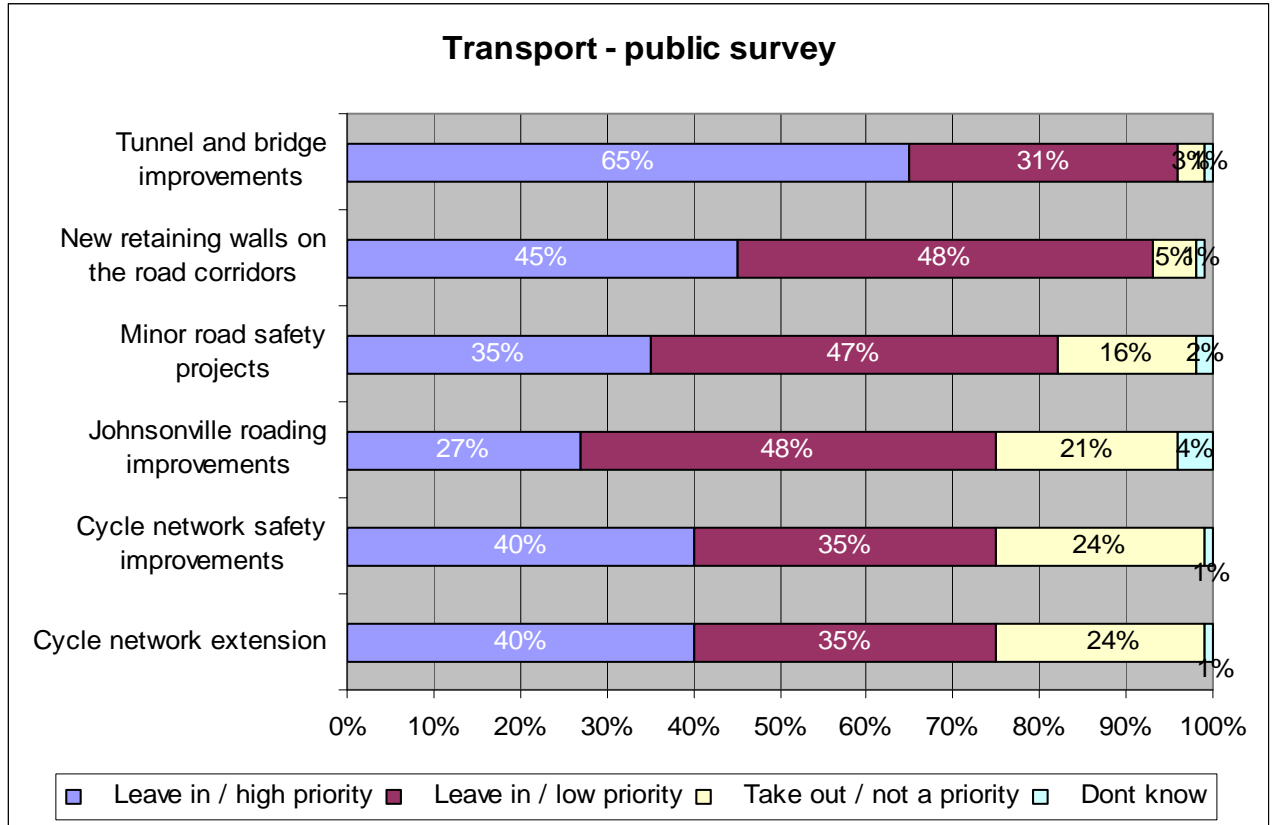
Energy efficiency programme

The energy efficiency programme proposal received 44 comments. Many were supportive of the programme and highlighted the benefits of warmer homes and greater energy efficiency. Some thought the funding was not sufficient and that the programme should have a higher profile. A number of submitters wanted to see council support extended to supporting the installation of photovoltaics and solar heating options and wind generation technologies arguing that these were becoming increasingly economically sensible.

Those that did not support the programme either did not believe in climate change or argued that the work was the role of central government agencies and that the Council should focus on other priorities.

5.5 What's important 3: Transport

Survey results

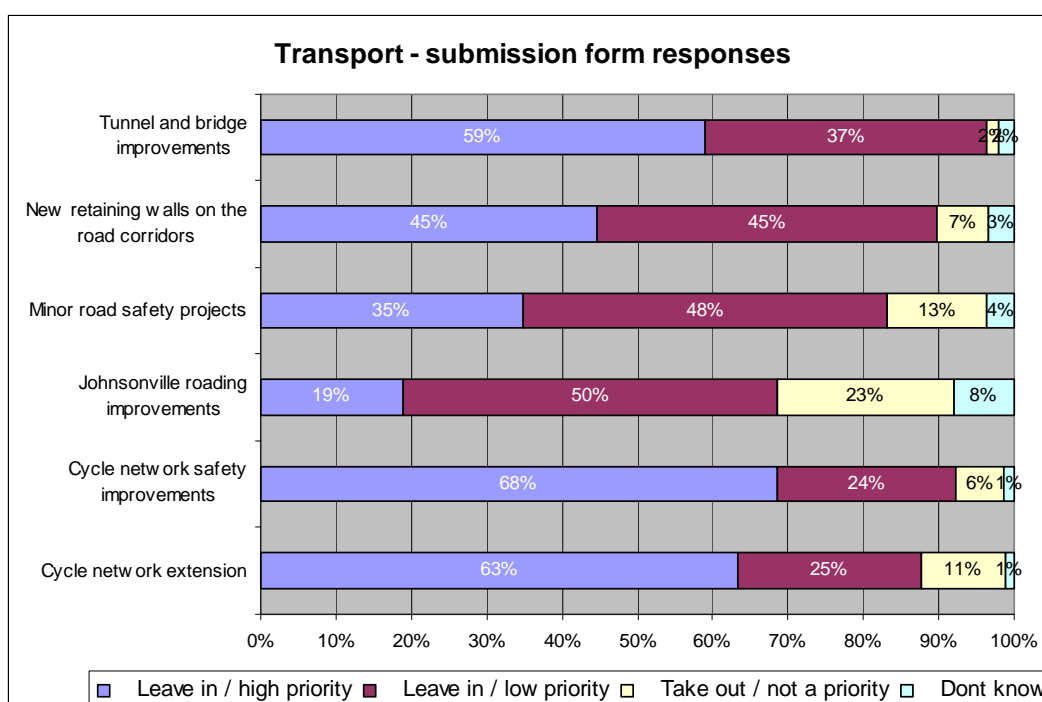


Comments from survey respondents on transport

Comments on the transport section were focused primarily around cycling and public transport. Within comments on cycling positions were mixed; while slightly more were supportive of cycling and advocated for greater commitment to supporting cycling in Wellington, a number were against cycling and initiatives to support cycling, often questioning the viability of cycling given Wellington's geography and road network. Additionally, concerns over cyclist behaviour were also commonly expressed, as was the safety of cyclists, with a number calling for improved safety measures for cyclists.

Comments on public transport largely called for a greater focus on public transport or improvements to the bus and rail system, through increased frequency, better infrastructure and technology, and greater affordability. A number of comments were made on the importance of transport planning more generally, particularly in the event of an earthquake, and also for multimodal and sustainable transport options to be promoted. On a similar note, a number of requests were made for light or mono rail, as well a link to the airport. Requests for improvements to the road network and road safety represented a further significant theme. Comments on parking, calling for both an increase and reduction in parking spaces, and also an increase and reduction in parking charges, were also common.

Submission form results



Most of the 103 general comments from submitters expressed support for transport options that are an alternative to the use of private cars. There was very strong support for cycling initiatives as can be seen in the responses to questions in the submission form. The survey results do not show as strong support for these initiatives.

Some submitters noted the lack of initiatives for public transport and the deferral of bus priority planning measures (bus lanes). Several urged Council to subsidise public transport more to encourage its use.

Several submitters highlighted the city to airport route as a priority with some mentioning support for a light rail system. A number said that Council needs to be advocating more strongly on transport proposals that NZTA and GWRC are planning to ensure that the future of the city is what its residents consistently say they want.

The operator of the East By West Ferries identified that there was no mention of waterborne public transport in the plan and requested Council invest in some initiatives to enable greater provision of such services.

Tunnels and bridges:

There was a high degree of support for these initiatives in survey results and the analysis of submissions received. The NZ Heavy Haulage Association asked that the Aotea Quay Rail over-bridge be replaced or strengthened to improve its capacity to accommodate heavy vehicles. Council officers' response to this request is included in the key issues report on the draft plan.

New walls on the road corridor

This planned expenditure generally received a good level of support in the submissions and the survey. Some submitters said that private landowners adjacent to the retained land should contribute to the costs.

Minor safety projects

There was general support for this spending. However, some submitters with a high degree of knowledge in this area, including the New Zealand Transport Agency and Bullen Consultancy, expressed concern that the programme may not be sufficient and that a lack of spending may exacerbate the 'already worrying crash history'.

Cycle safety and cycle network extensions

There was a high degree of support for both these projects in the submissions received. People commented on the benefits of cycling, not just for the cyclist but for the wider community through:

- health benefits
- reduced absenteeism
- reduced carbon emissions
- quieter and more people-friendly environment
- reducing the cost of roading infrastructure
- reducing pressure on parking
- reducing the severity of accidents
- reducing physical and mental health care costs.

Key organisations expressing their support for cycling initiatives include; Regional Public Health, Sport Wellington, The Architectural Centre, Cycle Aware Wellington, the Sustainability Trust, Positively Wellington Tourism, the Mt Victoria Residents' Association, Tawa Community Board and the Glenside Progressive Association.

Some submitters expressed concern about safety on 'shared routes' with those submitters advocating for better separation between cyclists and other users. A number of submissions asked Council to maintain its funding for the Makara Peak cycle initiative. A number of submitters noted that they had read and supported the Great Harbour Way, Te Aranui o Pōneke Trust's submission. The specific requests in this latter submission are addressed in the key issues paper on the draft plan.

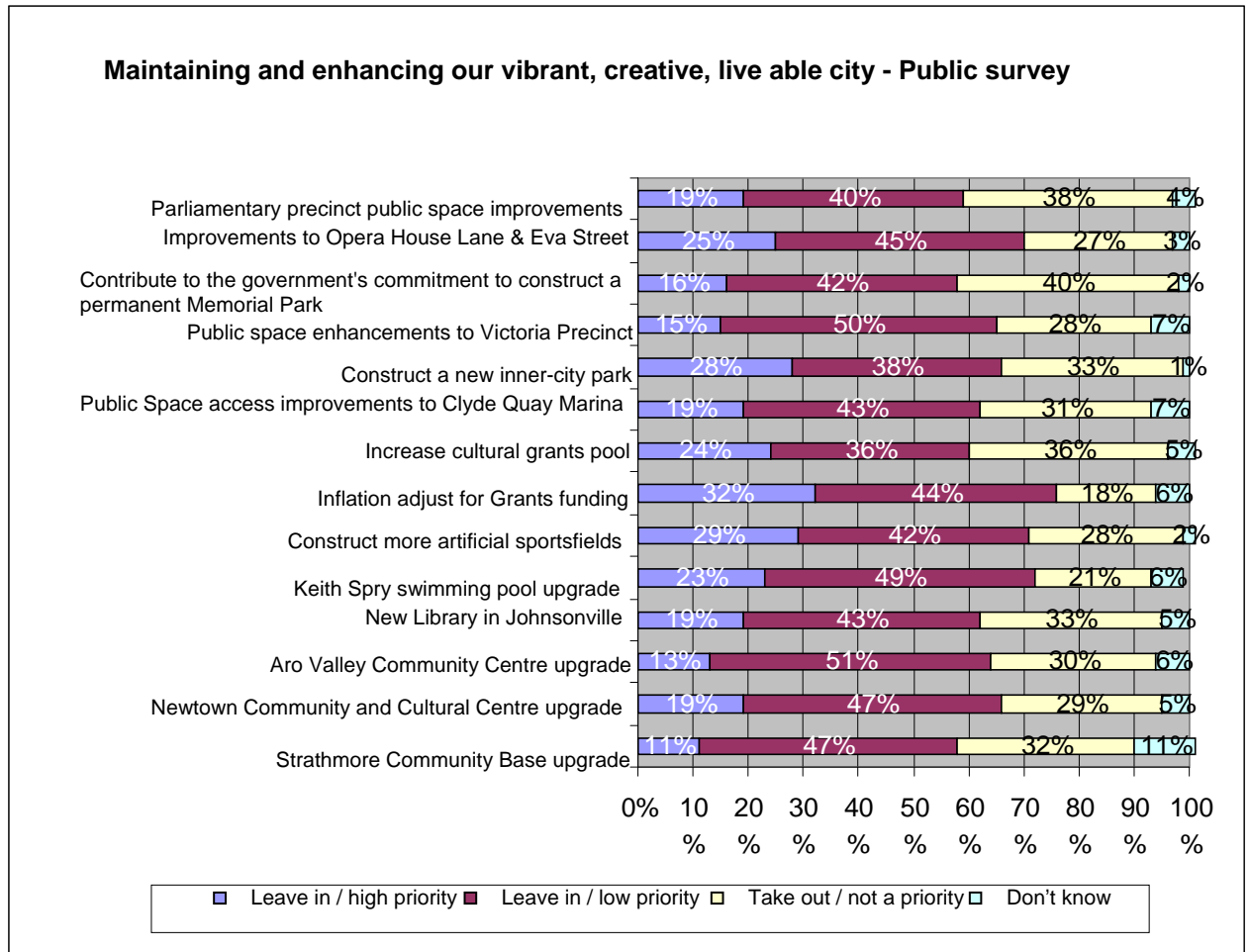
Johnsonville Roding improvements

Comments from submitters living in the northern suburbs strongly supported this investment whereas across the city it received less support. Of the former, many said that the improvements were urgent enough not to have to wait for the mall development to begin. This project is addressed in the key issues report on the draft plan.

5.6 What's important 4: Maintaining Wellington as an inclusive place where talent wants to live

Wellington has a very high quality of life that we want to see maintained and enhanced. The options to achieve this directly relate to our investment in things that make the city an enjoyable place to live, work and visit. The following were Council's key proposals for maintaining Wellington as an inclusive place where talent wants to live and the community's feedback on those proposals.

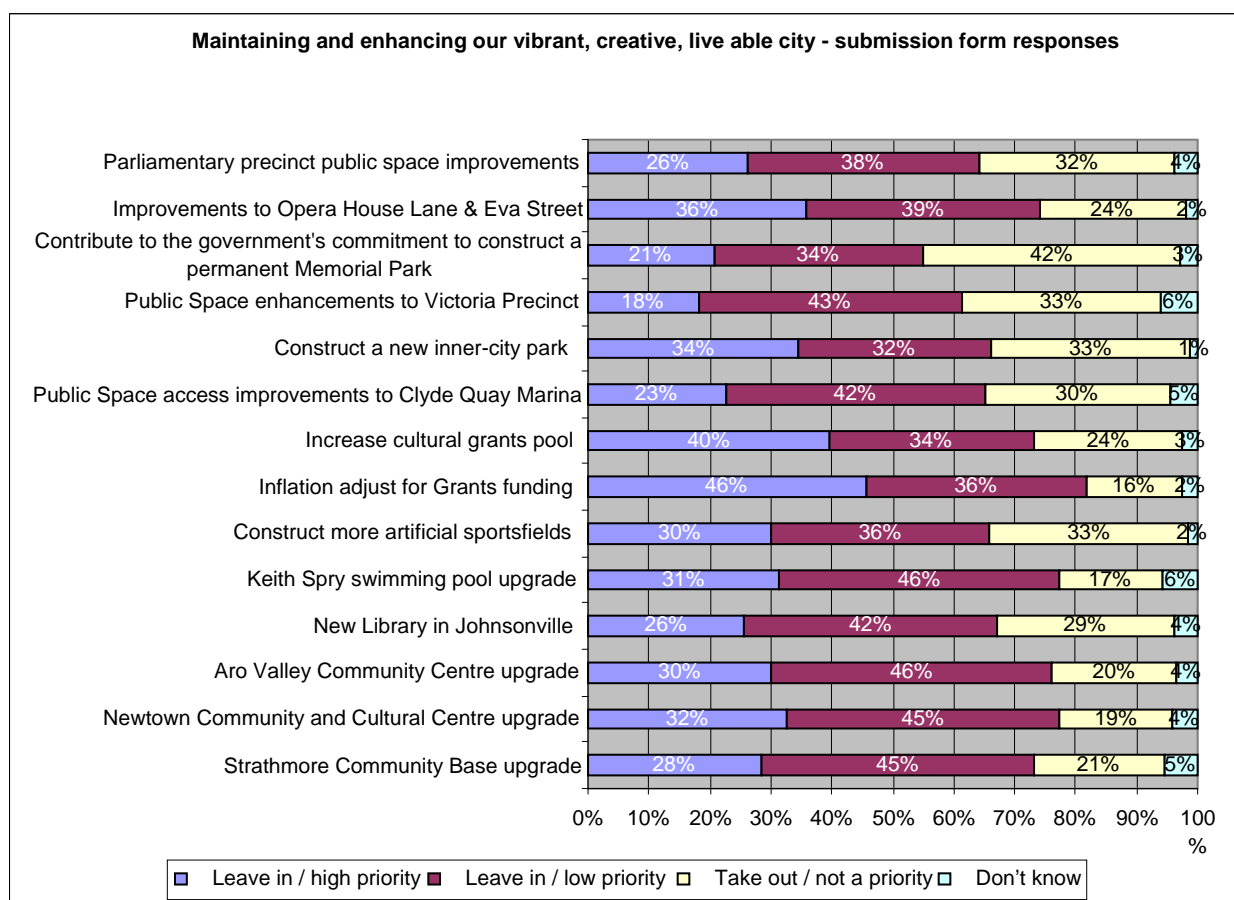
Survey results



Comments from survey respondents on maintaining Wellington as an inclusive place where talent wants to live

Comments on Maintaining Wellington were highly varied. Where common themes emerged, these consisted of statements of support for Wellington City, areas for improvement to Wellington's inclusiveness, removal of the inner city park proposal, the need to manage expenditure through limiting new expenditure and extending time frames. Support for maintaining funding for Te Papa was commented on by a few, as was the need to maintain or improve infrastructure in the city.

Submission form results



Central city framework and parks

A total of 95 comments were received on the Central City Framework proposals. Many were supportive of the work, while others did not believe some of the work was a high priority.

Feedback on the Parliamentary Precinct noted that the work is long overdue and that 'we need to make the most of the fact that we are the capital city', and attract more tourists to visit that area. Some also thought the funding was not sufficient considering the importance of National Library opening and the city's 150 year commemoration of being the capital.

The Laneways proposal received support from many submitters. They noted that the area was in need of an 'urgent upgrade' and that it currently has a negative impact on the image of entertainment venues in the nearby vicinity. Others thought the work could be restricted to making it lighter and cleaner given the financial constraints

The Memorial Park proposal received mixed support. While there were plenty in support of the proposal there were others who argued that the small ceremonial park directly in front of the Cenotaph was sufficient to serve a once a year function, and that any improvements should be paid for by central government. Others favoured a more appropriate and respectful solution for the Memorial Park including Option X with a tunnel running beneath an expanding Memorial Park.

The Victoria Precinct proposal received few comments with some considering it an excellent idea that would enhance the Cuba Street area while another did not consider a funding priority at this time.

The new Inner City Park received support from some submitters who argued that Wellington lacked green spaces in the inner city for the public to 'relax and de-stress'. A number of submitters in support requested plenty of trees, grass and seating in any final design and less concrete than with other parks. A small number of submitters did not view a new inner city park as a priority in the current economic climate and one or two others withheld their view because a final site had yet not been identified.

Clyde Quay Marina

This proposal received a significant number of comments – 180 in total – with the majority in the form of a rote email/letter in support of the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club who are requesting:

- that funding be allocated in the final long-term plan for the project
- that Council use the current proposed funding contribution of \$208,000 for minor public space access improvements towards feasibility and design work for the Club's complete Clyde Quay Boat Harbour Restoration Project
- that the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club work with the Council's Financial Sustainability Working Party to secure grant funding as a means of reducing Council's contribution.

There was also opposition to the boat harbour restoration project from a small number of tenants who questioned the benefits and the costs associated with the proposal.

Community Centres and halls

A total of 38 comments were received on the funding proposals for Aro Valley community Centre, Newtown Community and Cultural Centre, Strathmore Community Base and Kilbirnie Community Centre. Most submitters who commented on this section of the draft plan supported the investment noting that these centres play an important role in the health of the people of the suburbs. A small number talked about the quality of the facilities and that they needed to be of a high standard, while others took the opposite view and argued that the Council carefully look at the costs of these and aim for modest upgrades.

One submitter noted that Wellington was compact and had great public transport and therefore consideration should be given to 'selling off some of the smaller community centres and investing in those that need less maintenance and are closer to shops, libraries and other community amenities'.

Johnsonville library

A total of 37 submitter comments were made on the Johnsonville Library proposal. There were mixed views with those in support noting that the suburb has a growing population and that the current facility would not be able to meet future demand. Those that opposed the proposal argued that the cost was excessive for a facility that had declining appeal considering the growing use of the internet for accessing information. They argued that provision of internet access, quiet space for study, and possible space for community activities could

be achieved for less than \$18 million. Another submitter favoured Council leasing space in the Johnsonville Mall development for the provision of library services.

Keith Spry pool and artificial surfaces

21 comments were received on the Keith Spry Pool proposal and the majority were in support of the proposed improvements. Many commented on the supporting facilities – such as the changing rooms being dirty and out of date, and there not being a disabled access into the dive pool which is used for aqua-fit classes. Many also commented that the current facility did not meet the needs of a growing population and that it needed to be upgraded as a matter of high priority.

There was a high number of comments on the proposed artificial turf programme with 45 submitters commenting. The majority were in support and many supporting comments were made in support of the proposed Alex Moore artificial turf proposal. Some noted that recent artificial developments had concentrated in the Southern half of the city and artificial development in the North was urgently needed.

A number of submitters did not rate this as a high priority and argued that sufficient investment in sportsfields had been made in recent years and that the programme could be deferred for a few years. A small number of submitters also commented on the fees charged for the fields and that they were too high.

NZ International Arts festival and grants increase funding

A total of 13 comments were received on NZ International Arts Festival proposal with general support for the funding level of \$950,000. Submitters noted the benefit of the festival and that it attracted talent to visit and stay here.

A number of submitters from the commercial (Downtown Levy) paying sector argued that the timing of the Festival in March restricted the value of the festival to Wellington's economy. They noted that the tourism sector is just as busy in non-festival years and that anecdotal evidence suggested that the festival added little to retail turnover. They requested that funding be tied to moving the festival to the Autumn-April-June quarter, where the increased visitation generated would 'have an additive rather than a replacement effect'.

They also argued that if the scheduling did not change then consideration should be given to funding the event from general rates rather than the Downtown Levy.

There were 24 comments on increasing the cultural grants and inflation adjusting three year contract grant funding. Overall there was support for both proposals with some submitters noting that Wellington was the Arts Capital of New Zealand and needed to support its creative sector –particularly in a time when funding was tight from sponsorship.

5.7 Balancing our budget

It is noted that no specific initiatives to balance the budgets were included in submission form or survey due to a need to keep both to a manageable size. It

was however referenced in the submission form and survey and a space was allocated for submitters/survey respondents to share their opinions.

The exception to this was a question on Te Papa funding which was only included in the on-line survey. The comments below are unsolicited and therefore probably reflect strongly held views.

Comments from survey respondents on balancing the budget

The most common themes that emerged among responses on balancing the budget were the need to reduce or limit Council expenditure, reduce or limit Council staff and councillor salaries, and also comments indicating a preference for community wellbeing and needs be placed ahead of balancing the budget. Following this, common themes were statements related to improving staff performance, reducing the number of staff or councillors, the importance of maintenance and renewals, and the need to reduce debt. A smaller number also commented on the need for better or more research and evidence behind proposals, a preference for reduced or limits on rates, a focus on core services and infrastructure, statements on the value of libraries, and improvements in consultation and engagement.

Comments received through the submission form

In the 193 general comments received on this section of the draft plan, a number acknowledged Council's focus on this area and expressed their general support for the proposals. A number acknowledged Council's efforts to balance the need to make savings while also investing in the future of the city. Some expressed a desire to keep rate rises as low as possible by keeping spending to a minimum. On the other side, some submitters did not want to see Council's desire to balance its budgets to result in a lack of investment in those things that make Wellington a great place to live. Several submitters did not support the idea of Council reducing its investment in suburban centres.

Submitters expressed particular support for our Council to work more with other councils in the provision of services. They also supported the notion of 'working smarter' particularly in regards to simplifying Council processes.

A number of submitters mentioned the need for Council to reduce its internal costs. In particular they expressed a desire to see the number of staff and councillors, as well as the salaries they are paid, reduced.

Several submitters commented on the use of Council Controlled Organisations and contracting out. Most of these submitters were against these modes of delivery because they believe that they cost more, reduce the quality of services and Council's control over them.

Some submitters suggested that Council needs to revisit its old priorities and areas of spending to see where reductions could be made. Some also thought Council should not be spending money in areas they felt were central government's responsibilities including social housing.

Deferred projects

Projects that were not included for funding in the ten years of the long-term plan received a significant number of submissions. Submissions on the deep water pool (1121), the Chest Hospital and Miramar Town Centre upgrade made up the majority of submissions. These are summarised and discussed in the key issues paper for this draft plan.

More efficient waste management

There was a mix of views expressed in the 20 comments received on this proposal with some supporting the idea of managing our waste operations with Porirua City Council while others opposed it. Those opposed were concerned about the loss of control and a reduction in the quality of this service.

Review of refuse bins

This proposal was generally not supported by the 15 submitters that commented on it. Concern was expressed about the potential reduction in refuse bins and the use of wheelie bins, which people thought would be an 'eyesore'.

Review of waste collection services

The majority of the 26 submitters commenting on this proposal did not support the Council ceasing to provide waste collection services. Some submitters believe that private suppliers are driven by a profit motive and therefore will not encourage waste minimisation. Submitters also said that the costs of this service should not increase as it may encourage more illegal disposal of waste.

Regional water services

There was general support for this proposal expressed in the 13 comments received, as long as Council's ownership and quality of services is not jeopardised.

Review of Toi Poneke

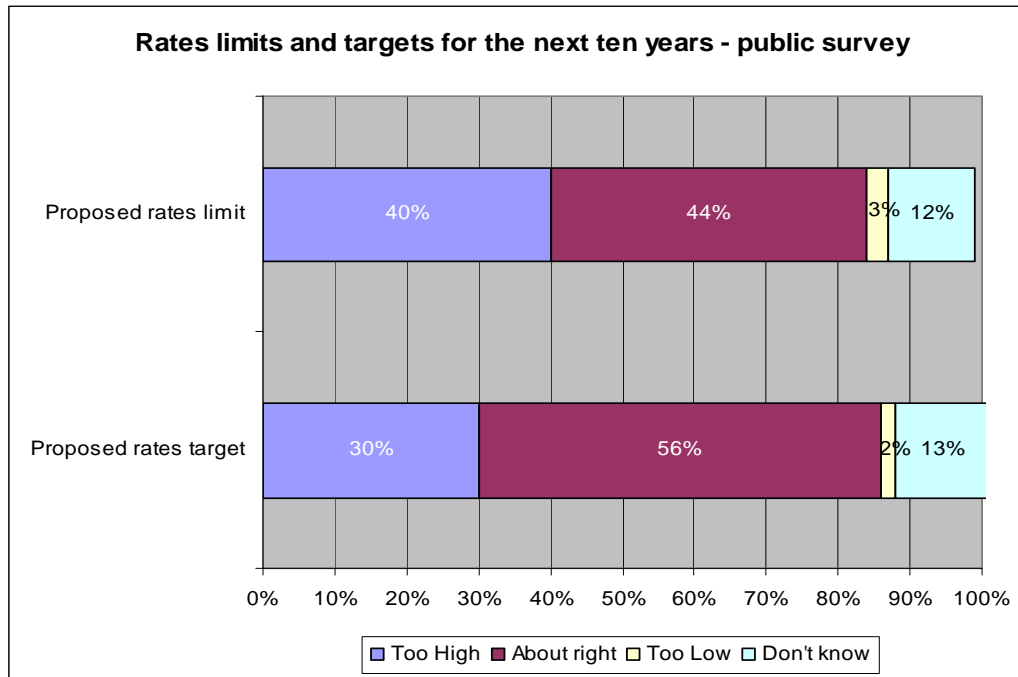
Most of the 8 submitters commenting on this proposal, including the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust and Creative New Zealand commented on how valued the centre was to the arts sector in Wellington. Submitters did not comment on the review itself.

ECO city proposal

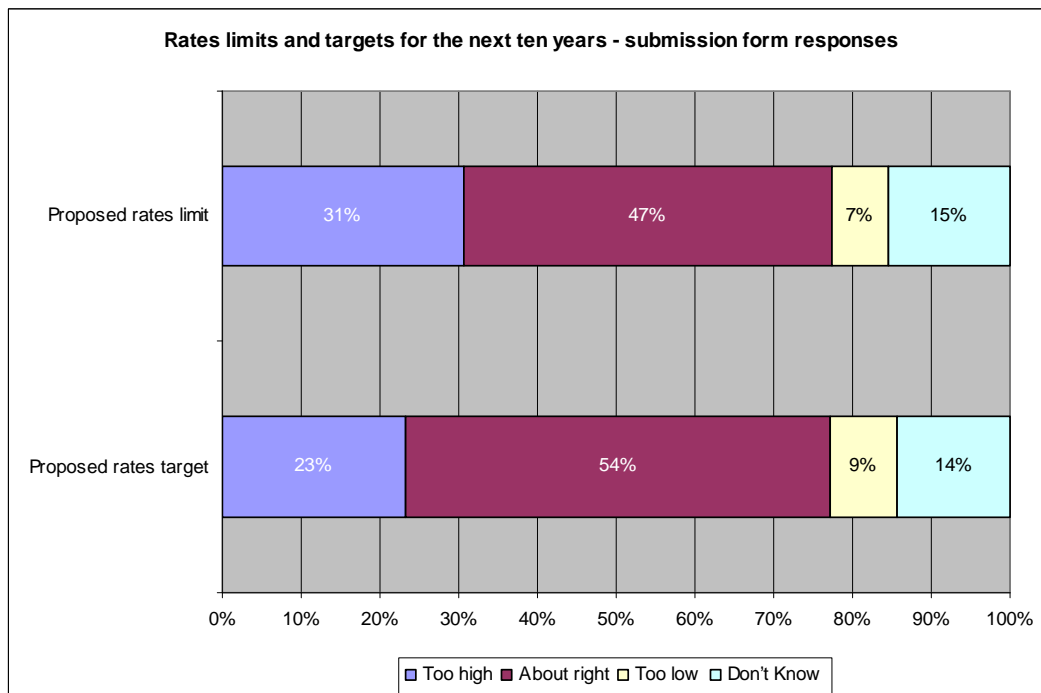
This was highlighted in the draft long-term plan but was consulted on separately and concurrently. For community feedback, please see the ECO-City report on this agenda.

Review of asset renewals

Survey results



Submission form results



A mix of views was expressed in the 52 comments received on this proposal. Those against deferring renewals said that it may save money in the short term, but would result in higher expenditure on maintenance and other costs in the long run. Some submitters expressed support on condition that only those deferrals that resulted in low or moderate risk were undertaken. Others agreed that renewals of the water, sewer and stormwater networks should not be subject to deferrals.

Chest Hospital

A majority of the 118 comments received on this proposal wanted Council to take steps to enable the SPCA to occupy these premises. This proposal is addressed in the key issues report on the draft plan. See the key issues and funding request report for further discussion of this issue.

Projects within existing budgets

16 comments were received on these proposals as outlined on page 25 in the summary and page 21 in the full draft plan. Several people expressed support for the camping ground at Evans Bay, the use of volunteers and for Council to act in the area of affordable housing.

Our Wellington page saving

The majority of the 18 commenting on this proposal supported the reduction. 5 submitters felt the page could be stopped altogether.

Public art fund saving

There were a mix of views expressed in the 10 comments received on this proposal with some submitters against any cuts and others recommending the fund is removed altogether.

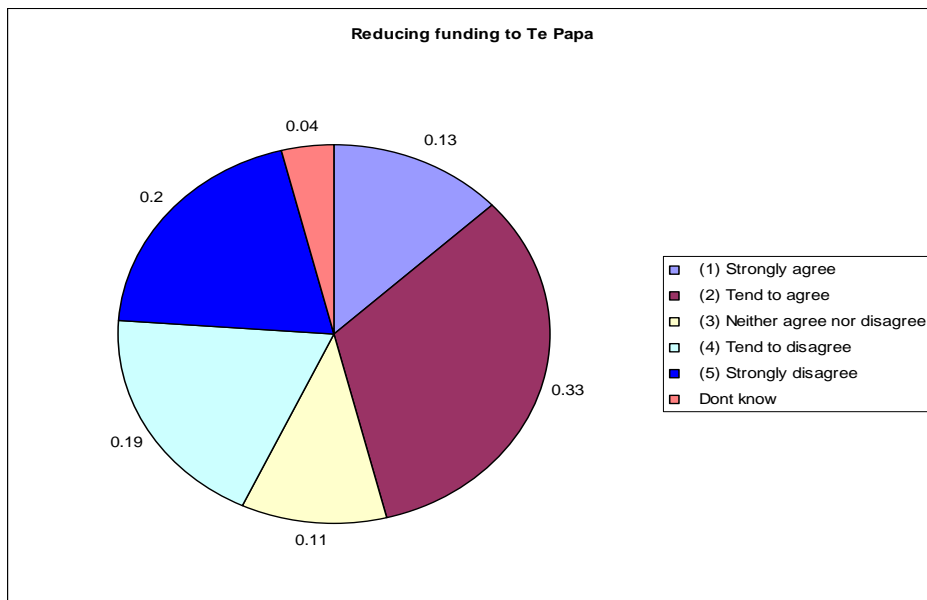
Gateway sculpture saving

Only 4 comments were received on this proposal with 2 asking that the Council does not altogether abandon the concept of a gateway project.

Te Papa saving

154 comments were received on this proposal. The majority of submission comments opposed a reduction in funding for Te Papa. The funding reduction was a subject of the survey where there was slightly more support for a reduction than not. For further discussing of this item, please see the key issues and funding requests paper on this agenda.

Survey results



Reducing hours at swimming pools

A mix of views were expressed in the 13 comments received on this proposal with some submitters supporting it, including Sport Wellington, and others disagreeing including Wellington Youth Council and Regional Public Health.

Grants reductions

3 submitters supported aspects of these proposed reductions. However, most of the other 18 comments received did not want to see one or other of the grant pools reduced or ceased with 13 opposing the reduction in the Environmental Grants pool.

City safety programme reduction

11 submitters commented on this proposal with most seemingly open to a review taking place but expressing a desire for the service to continue in some form. This programme is discussed further in the key issues paper on the draft plan.

5.8 Other feedback

Financial Strategy and policies

A total of 87 comments were made in relation to the Financial Strategy, the policies contained in the draft, the differential, borrowings and rates targets and limits. These are summarised and discussed in the key issues paper for this draft plan.

Fees and charges

135 comments were received on fees and charges and the majority related to encroachment fees. The remainder related to fee increases for sports fields. Feedback on encroachment fees are summarised and discussed in the key issues paper for this draft plan.

Plimmer Bequest fund

A total of 26 comments were received on this proposal. Supportive comments were made on all four projects: Grasslees Reserve, Watts Peninsula, Alex Moore Park Community Walkway, and the Children's Garden in the Botanic Garden. A small number of submitters did not support funding the Children's Garden arguing that there were 'cheaper ways to give children access to gardening', another thought it would better meet its stated outcomes if located on the waterfront and two others thought the funding could be spent elsewhere – Zealandia was mentioned by one of them.

Belmont Reserve

A total of five submitter comments were received on this proposal including one from the Greater Wellington Regional Council. All were supportive of the proposal to enter into a management agreement for Belmont Reserve

Strategic areas

The vast majority of feedback focused on the proposals contained in the draft plan, or on specific projects that had been deferred. Feedback on each of the seven strategic areas varied significantly. A high level synopsis is included below. Where specific operational requests were made, these will be forwarded to relevant officers to review and action as appropriate.

Governance

A total of 78 comments were made in this area. Views and topics varied and included: the idea of introducing a Maori name 'Matai Moana' for Mt Crawford; support for the accessibility of the Council's website; support for the additional meetings organised by various councillors in their respective wards, and the performance of Council Controlled Organisations.

Environment

A total of 153 submission comments were made in the environment area. Comments ranged from climate change, support for Otari-Wilton Bush and Botanic Garden infrastructure improvements, the stormwater network and the quality of the city's coastal waters, and opposition to the fluoride that is added to the city's water supply. Otari Wilton Bush and fluoride are discussed further in the key issues and funding requests paper on this agenda.

Economic Development

A total of 41 submitter comments were received. Comments were made in support of quality infrastructure to support business and tourism, in support of a range of festivals and events, and the need for Council's to work more strategically together and with key partners.

Cultural wellbeing

A total of 35 comments were received on this strategic area. Comments were made in support of the Newtown Festival, and the Cuba Street Carnival, and the importance of maintaining Wellington's Cultural Capital status.

Social and recreation

1543 submission comments were made in the Social and Recreation area - 1121 of these on the deep water pool and a further 135 on Vogelhorn Hall. Both these issues are discussed further in the key issues and funding request paper on this agenda. The remaining comments related to a wide range of issues including: community housing, the desire to see the city smokefree, liquor licensing; a desire by a small group of submitters for works on the Hataitai velodrome, support for the artificial surfaces programme, and the Makara Peak mountain Bike Park. The deep water pool and Vogelhorn hall are discussed further in the key issues and funding request paper on this agenda.

Urban development

A total of 151 submitter comments were received on this strategic area – the majority of them in support of including the Miramar Town Centre proposal in the budget. Other submitters commented on the need to protect Erskine College, on urban density and population growth in the northern suburbs, on Wellington Waterfront Ltd - including a desire by some submitters that the work should be brought 'back-in-house', and earthquake resilience.

Transport

A total of 167 submitter comments were made in the transport strategic area. Comments varied and included: carparking proposed changes where there was mixed views – from those in support to the hospitality sector who were largely opposed on the basis that it would impact negatively on the industry. Others commented on taxis taking up space and the mercenary attitude of the parking wardens. Road safety, more resources for public transport, and higher levels of support for cyclists were also common themes.

6. Conclusion

This report highlights the key themes of comments and the results of feedback on the submissions form. This provides the context for elected members to consider final decisions on priorities for the duration of the 2012-22 long-term plan.

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Related news stories

A total of 29 stories ran in the media on the Long-Term Plan. These included overview stories and editorials on the Long Term Plan, and stories on specific topics such as Te Papa, funding for Chest Hospital and northern suburbs projects.

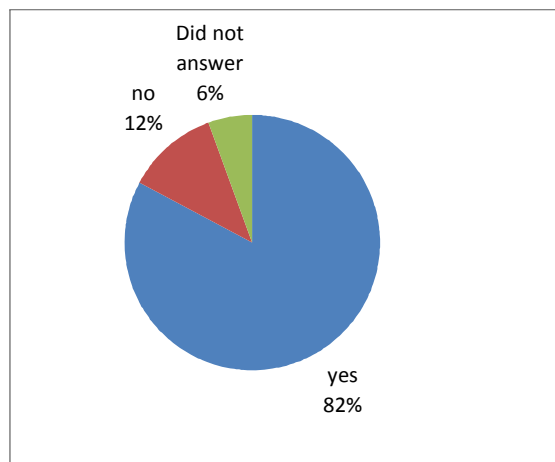
- 18 April (Dominion Post) – Te Papa talking about the effect of reduced funding
- 18 April (Citylife Cook Strait News) – short piece about Long-Term Plan consultation opening
- 18 April (TVNZ 7) – Te Papa funding reduction
- 18 April (One News) – Te Papa may consider charging admission if funding reduced
- 18 April (Radio 531p) – Te Papa funding reduction
- 18 April (Newstalk ZB) – interview with Te Papa Chief Executive about funding reduction
- 19 April (The Wellingtonian) – editorial encouraging people to make a Long-Term Plan submission
- 23 April (Northern Courier) – story covering both Wellington and Porirua's Long-Term Plan consultation
- 25 April (Capital Times) – story on a range of Long-Term Plan proposals
- 25 April (Citylife Cook Strait News) – Councillor Simon Marsh's clinics
- 26 April (Dominion Post) – SPCA launches campaign to get Council funding support for Chest Hospital upgrade
- 26 April (Capital Times) – column by the Mayor about Te Papa funding
- 1 May (Radio New Zealand) – interview with the Mayor on Te Papa funding
- 2 May (Citylife Northern suburbs) – overview of northern projects in the Long-Term Plan
- 6 May (Radio New Zealand) – Mayor commenting on alternative venues for the Town Hall
- 9 May (Citylife Northern suburbs) – coverage of a community meeting at Johnsonville where Long-Term Plan projects were discussed
- 9 May (Citylife Cook Strait Times) – Plimmer Bequest fund
- 9 May (Dominion Post) – SPCA delighted with support for Chest Hospital campaign
- 9 May (Newstalk ZB) – an update on Long-Term Plan submission numbers
- 10 May (The Wellingtonian) – interview with Councillor Marsh on his clinics
- 15 May (Dominion Post) – reminder that Long-Term Plan consultation closes soon
- 15 May (3 News) – Te Papa funding
- 15 May (Close Up) - SPCA improves its finances and hopes to move into a new home
- 15 May (TVNZ 7) – SPCA rally to gather support for Chest Hospital move
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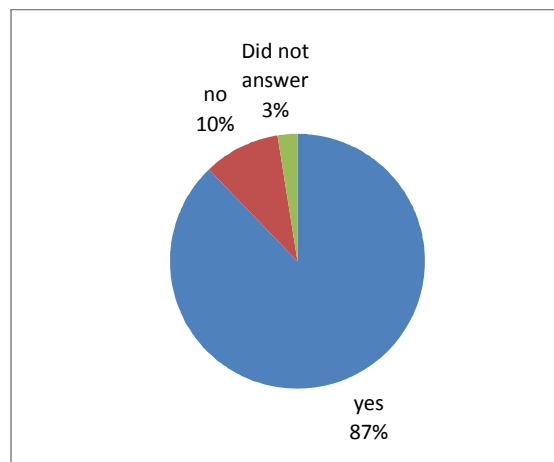
- 16 May (Capital Times) – a reminder that Long-Term Plan consultation closes soon
- 16 May (Citylife Cook Strait Times) – petition for Miramar upgrade
- 16 May (Capital Times) – SPCA encourages people to make submissions in support of Chest Hospital upgrade
- 16 May (Firstline, TV3) – Te Papa considering charging for admissions if Council funding is reduced

Appendix 2: results from Southern ward submission form

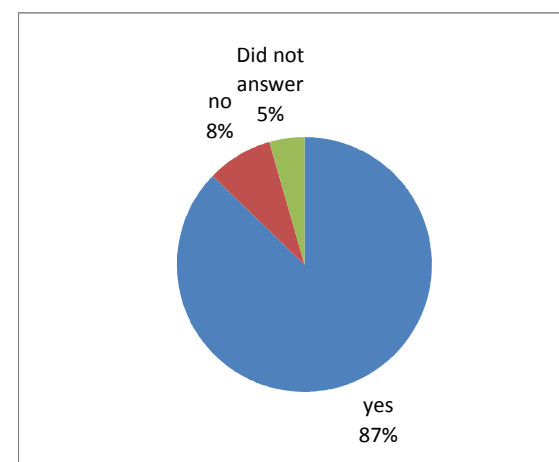
Q1 - I/We oppose the botanic Gardens, Otari-Wilton's Bush and the Happy Valley tip being transferred to CCOs



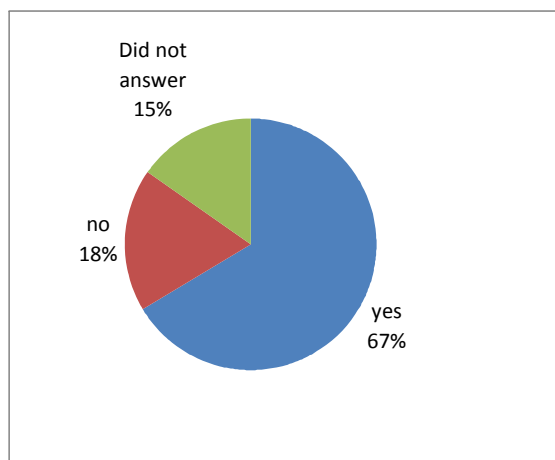
Q2 --I/We oppose the yellow rubbish bag collection service and the council's works unit, CitiOps being outsourced or privatised.



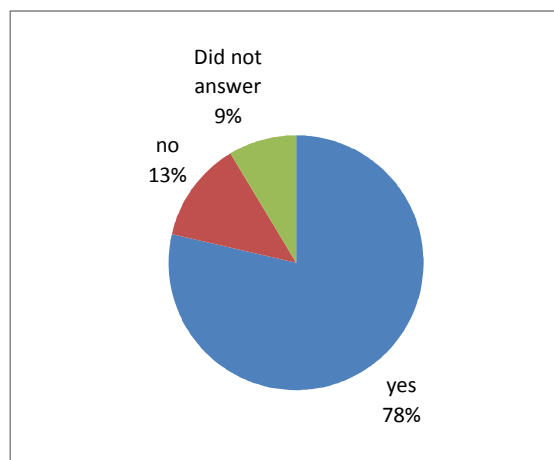
Q3 - I/We support a referendum being held on whether to privatise council's strategic assets in the future



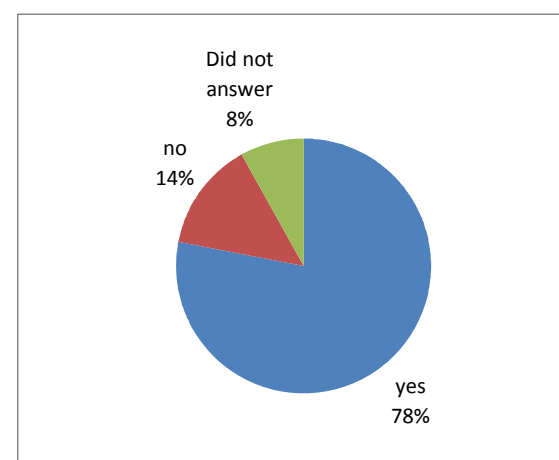
Q4- I/we oppose the encroachment policy and the implementation of rental fee rate increase



Q5 - I/we support the development of a new community and cultural centre in Newtown (from 2016/17)

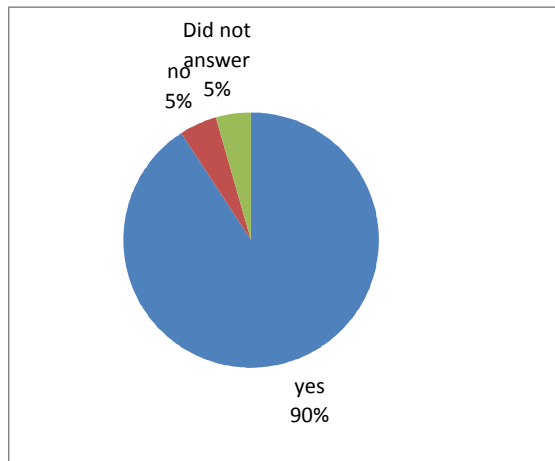


Q6 - I/we support the increase in council's grants funding to community groups

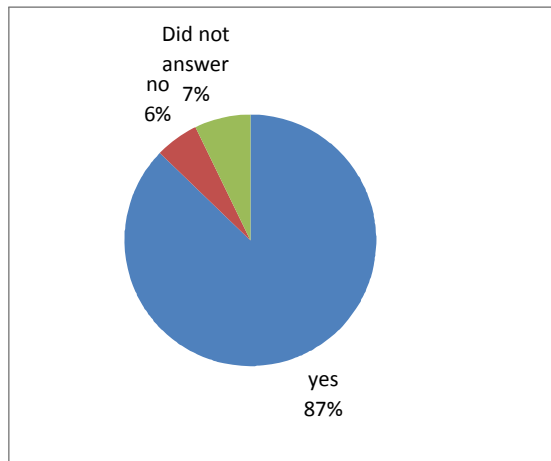


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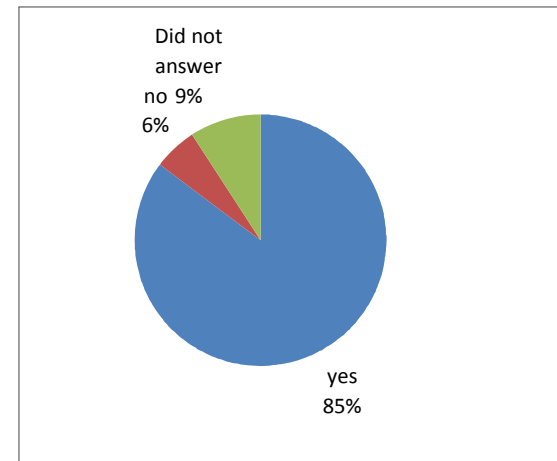
Q7 - I/we support having a say on whether Wellington City Council should amalgamate with other council's in the region and how the city should be governed in the future



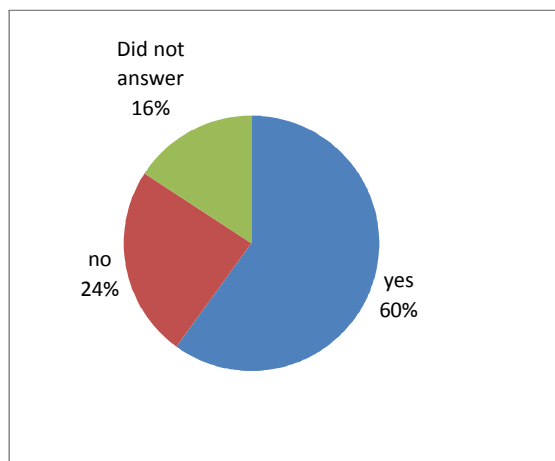
Q8 --I/we support any change any change such as amalgamation having received support through a referendum



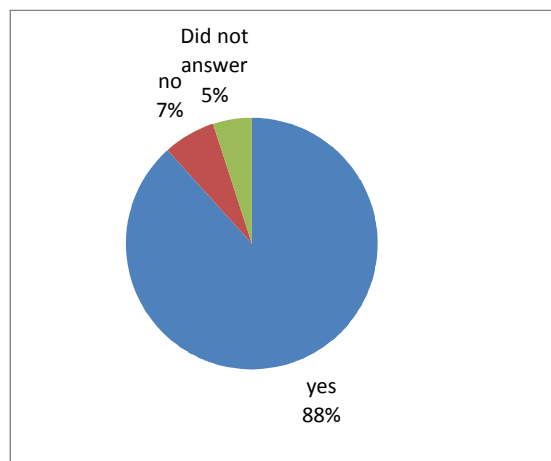
Q9 - I/we support strengthening community events (Island Bay and Newtown Festivals) and keeping regulatory fees minimal



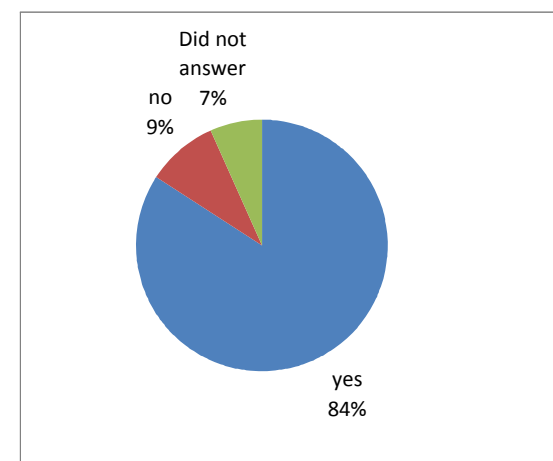
Q10- I/we support the development of a new seafood festival



Q11 --I/we support our city's parking wardens being brought back in-house and run by the council

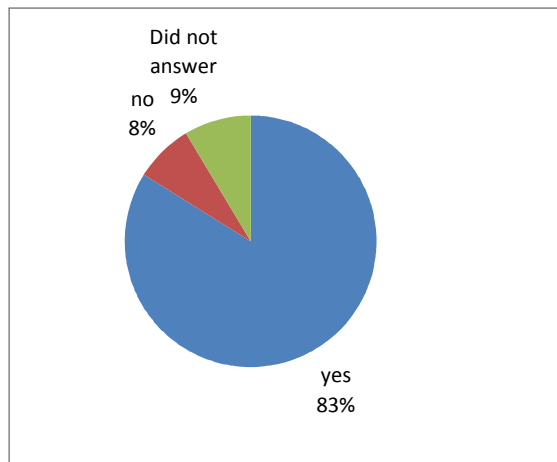


Q12 - I/we oppose the closure or sale of community assets such as Vogelmorn Hall and the Municipal Golf Course

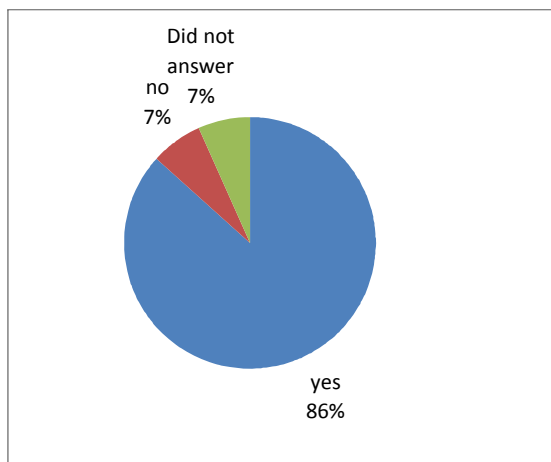


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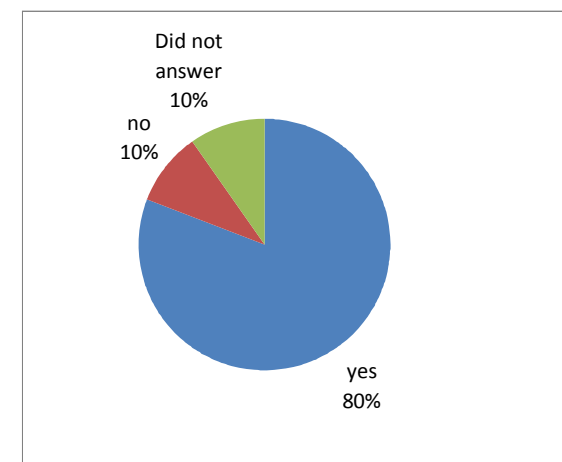
Q13- I/we support the creation of a one-stop shop within the council to help small bussineses



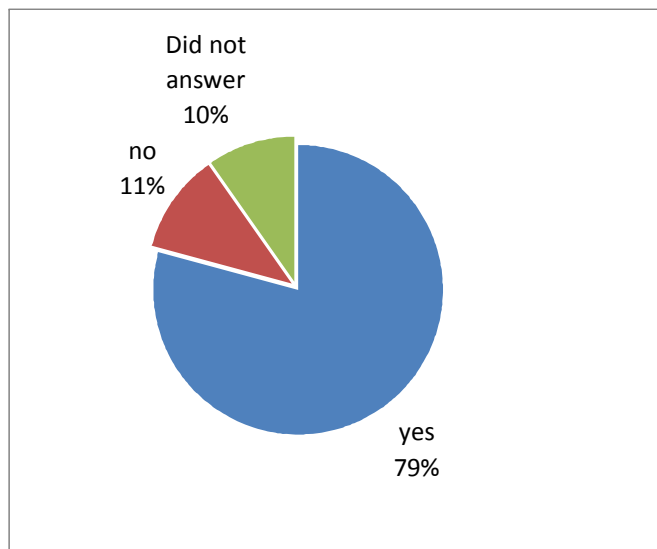
Q14 --I/we support the creation and development of youth suicide prevention initiatives



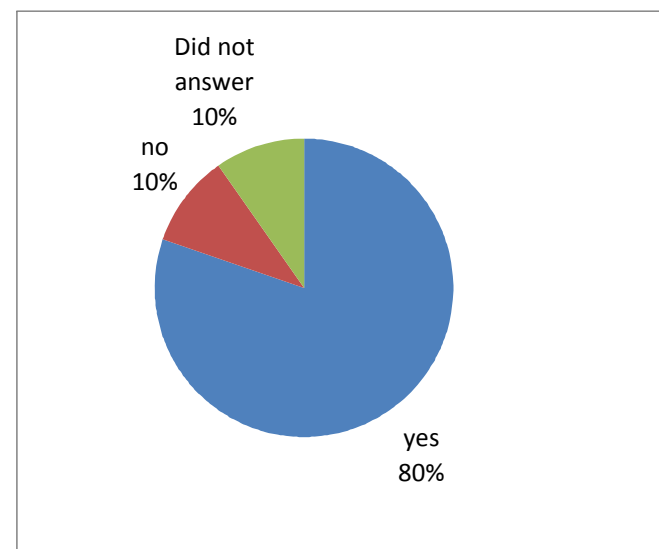
Q15- I/we support more resources to eradicate graffiti and tagging in Wellington South



Q16- I/we support a review of parking and transport projects in Newtown



Q17 --I/we support the development of a volunteering strategy



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Results of public survey and submission form

Public Survey

Ranked by 'Leave in/High Priority'

	Leave in / high priority	Leave in / low priority	Take out / not a priority	Don't know
Earthquake strengthen the water storage network	84%	16%	0%	0%
Help others strengthen their buildings against earthquakes	67%	24%	8%	1%
Tunnel and bridge improvements	65%	31%	3%	1%
Construct a water reservoir	58%	34%	6%	2%
Host The Hobbit world premiere	54%	33%	12%	1%
Earthquake assessments of Council buildings	52%	37%	10%	2%
Earthquake strengthen the Council buildings	49%	40%	10%	1%
Energy efficiency & building a climate adaptation strategy	48%	36%	15%	1%
New retaining walls on the road corridors	45%	48%	5%	1%
Create Destination Wellington	44%	40%	12%	4%
Cycle network safety improvements	40%	35%	24%	1%
Cycle network extension	40%	35%	24%	1%
Minor road safety projects	35%	47%	16%	2%
Inflation adjust for Grants funding	32%	44%	18%	6%
Construct more artificial sportsfields	29%	42%	28%	2%
Construct a new inner-city park	28%	38%	33%	1%
Johnsonville roading improvements	27%	48%	21%	4%
Tasman Street reticulation upgrade	25%	47%	18%	11%
Improvements to Opera House Lane & Eva Street	25%	45%	27%	3%
Continue funding heritage grants	24%	49%	24%	3%
Increase cultural grants pool	24%	36%	36%	5%
Provide a temporary venue for the town hall	23%	46%	29%	2%
Keith Spry swimming pool upgrade	23%	49%	21%	6%
Bid to host 2015 FIFA under 20s games	21%	43%	33%	2%
Parliamentary precinct public space improvements	19%	40%	38%	4%
Public Space access improvements to Clyde Quay Marina	19%	43%	31%	7%
New Library in Johnsonville	19%	43%	33%	5%
Newtown Community and Cultural Centre upgrade	19%	47%	29%	5%
Contribute to the government's commitment to construct a permanent Memorial Park	16%	42%	40%	2%
Public Space enhancements to Victoria Precinct	15%	50%	28%	7%
Aro Valley Community Centre upgrade	13%	51%	30%	6%
Strathmore Community Base upgrade	11%	47%	32%	11%

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Submission form

Ranked by 'Leave in/High Priority'

	Leave in plan (high)	Leave in plan (low)	Take out of plan	Don't know
Earthquake strengthen the water storage network	85%	13%	1%	1%
Cycle network safety improvements	69%	23%	7%	2%
Cycle network extension	64%	24%	12%	1%
Tunnel and bridge improvements	58%	38%	2%	3%
Earthquake assessments of Council buildings	55%	37%	5%	3%
Energy efficiency & building a climate adaptation strategy	55%	27%	17%	2%
Construct a water reservoir	51%	37%	7%	5%
Help others strengthen their buildings against earthquakes	50%	33%	15%	2%
Continue funding heritage grants	48%	35%	15%	2%
Host The Hobbit world premiere	48%	34%	17%	2%
Earthquake strengthen the Council buildings	47%	42%	7%	3%
Inflation adjust for Grants funding	47%	35%	16%	2%
New retaining walls on the road corridors	44%	45%	7%	4%
Increase cultural grants pool	41%	33%	24%	3%
Tasman Street reticulation upgrade	40%	39%	12%	8%
Create Destination Wellington	39%	39%	16%	6%
Improvements to Opera House Lane & Eva Street	36%	37%	25%	2%
Construct a new inner-city park	35%	32%	32%	2%
Minor road safety projects	35%	49%	13%	4%
Provide a temporary venue for the town hall	34%	36%	26%	4%
Newtown Community and Cultural Centre upgrade	33%	44%	18%	4%
Keith Spry swimming pool upgrade	32%	45%	17%	6%
Construct more artificial sportsfields	30%	36%	32%	2%
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