
2014/15 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN

1. Purpose of report

This report provides for the adoption of the 2014/15 Draft Annual Plan (Draft Plan).

2. Executive summary

The Draft Plan outlines the budget and performance expectations for the year beginning 1 July 2014. The Draft Plan incorporates a rates requirement of \$254 million, which equates to an average 2.5% total rates increase for 2014/15. It contains variations from the 2012-22 Long-term Plan and is open to consultation.

3. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that the 2014/15 Draft Annual Plan statement of proposal reflects year three of the 2012-22 Long-term Plan, and the decisions of the deliberations of the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee meeting on 11-12 December 2013.*
3. *Agree that the implementation of the existing Development Contributions policy be changed to include an invoicing 'trigger', upon application, based on the occupation or sale of a building rather than on obtaining a Code of Compliance Certificate.*
4. *Agree that it is financially prudent to forecast a surplus of \$26.271 million for 2014/15.*
5. *Adopt the 2014/15 Draft Annual Plan statement of proposal (as attached in Appendix One) for public consultation using the special consultative procedure between 11 February and 11 March 2014.*
6. *Delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to make editorial changes and corrections that may arise as part of the publication process, and to make changes resulting from decisions made at this meeting.*

4. Background

The 2014/15 Draft Annual Plan outlines the Council's planned activities for year three of the 2012-22 Long-term Plan. The purpose of the Annual Plan is to:

- “contain the proposed annual budget and funding impact statement for the year to which the annual plan relates; and
- Identify any variation from the financial statements and funding impact statement included in the local authority's Long-term Plan in respect of the year; and
- Support the Long-term Plan in providing integrated decision-making and co-ordination of the resources of the local authority; and
- Contribute to the accountability of the local authority to the community; and
- Extend opportunities for participation by the public in decision-making processes relating to the costs and funding of activities to be undertaken by the local authority.” (*Local Government Act 2002*, section 95(5))

Under the Local Government Act 2002, the Council must consult on its draft annual plan using the special consultative procedure.

5. Discussion

The Draft Plan reflects the decisions of the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee deliberations held on 11-12 December. These decisions have resulted in variances to the 2012-22 Long-term Plan; the variances are highlighted in the statement of proposal for public consultation and feedback, and include a variance to forecasted surplus and change to policy (Development Contributions Policy). Officers have incorporated these decisions into the attached statement of proposal (Appendix 1), and recommend this to Council for adoption and subsequent consultation.

5.1 Overview of the Plan

The Draft Plan incorporates a rates requirement of \$254 million, which equates to an average 2.5% total rates increase for 2014/15. The attached statement of proposal (Appendix 1) outlines how this will be spent. The Draft Plan also describes Council's activities and the services it will deliver in 2014/15, the cost of providing those services, and how the Council intends to measure progress towards delivering its activities and services.

5.2 Formatting and Publication

Following its adoption, the Draft Plan will be published in an accessible and user-friendly format that will be used for public consultation. It is recommended that authority be given to the Chief Executive to undertake minor corrections or changes, and to address any compliance issues that may be identified prior to printing.

6. Conclusion

This report provides for the adoption of the Draft Plan for public consultation. The statement of proposal reflects decisions and the planning requirements of the Local Government Act 2002. The Draft Plan will be produced and notified for public consultation on 11 February 2014, with submissions closing on 11 March 2014.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1) Strategic fit / Strategic outcome

The 2014/15 Draft Annual Plan proposes a programme of work that supports Council's overall vision of Wellington Towards 2040: Smart Capital. Adoption of the plan will contribute to Council meeting the outcomes identified in the 2012 – 22 Long-term Plan.

2) Long-term Plan/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

The 2014/15 Draft Annual Plan updates the 2012-22 Long-term Plan as required by the Local Government Act 2002. Financial implications are highlighted in the Plan.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

Council's Mana Whenua have been, or will be, consulted on the key proposals in this paper.

4) Decision-making

This report, and the attached Draft Annual Plan, reflects decisions made by Council committee.

5) Consultation

a) General consultation

The 2014/15 Draft Annual Plan will be publicly notified and consulted on per statutory requirements (special consultative procedure). In addition, as agreed by the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee on 11 December, the Council will implement a range of activities to support effective engagement with the community and key stakeholders.

b) Consultation with Maori

As agreed by the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee on 11 December, the Council will undertake early engagement on proposals in the Draft Annual Plan with Council's mana whenua partners. Iwi representatives will be provided with opportunities to meet with Council to discuss any of the proposals or other matters. In addition, Council will undertake a pilot 'partnership' approach with urban maori stakeholders to engage in the Draft Annual Plan.

6) Legal implications

Council's lawyers have not been consulted during the development of this report.

7) Consistency with existing policy

This report is consistent with existing Council policies. Any variations or amendments to Council policies are identified within the Plan.