City Housing

2021–31 Long-term Plan Amendment



Purpose

This document outlines the key amendments to the 2021–31 Long-term Plan required as a consequence of Council taking a decision on the establishment of a Community Housing Provider to operate Council's social housing portfolio.

The document should be read as an accompanying document to the 2021–31 Long-term Plan, outlining the sections of the plan that are amended as a consequence of decisions on the future operating model for City Housing.



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Overview

Through City Housing, the council has more than 1,900 social housing units across the city, housing 3,000 tenants on low incomes. The council has provided social housing in Wellington since the 1950s.

City Housing has a long-standing financial sustainability issue that is now critical. City Housing's only source of income is tenant rent which is set at 70% of market rent - it does not receive any rates funding or funding from government subsidies. This limited income and growing cost pressures means City Housing runs an operating deficit (\$10m and growing) and has a shortfall in funding for necessary housing upgrades. The costs of required housing upgrades will be at least \$286m, significantly higher than the \$180m in the Deed of Grant that the council signed with the government in 2007.

Without new sources of funding, City Housing will run down its financial reserves and will not be able to meet its operating costs and meet Deed of Grant commitments beyond 2022/23.

We have taken steps to address City Housing's sustainability over several years, including operational changes to reduce costs and improve efficiency, establishing a programme to reinvest proceeds from targeted divestment into ongoing upgrades, and leasing properties to other providers to increase revenue – but more significant change is now needed.

This amendment seeks to provide a longterm solution to address city housing financial sustainability issues.

This amendment will see the Council establish a registered Community Housing Provider (CHP) set up as a community housing trust. A CHP is a regulated entity that is registered with the Community Housing Regulatory Authority (CHRA) and provides public housing. Establishing a CHP means the social housing service will be independent from council and run by

a separate entity – in this case a Board of Trustees. The council will continue to own the housing assets and the trust would run the housing service.

A CHP will improve tenant wellbeing over time through access to the subsidy scheme (IRRS) for new eligible tenants. It will also resolve the financial sustainability challenges and will enable delivery of new social housing supply in Wellington.

Impact of Granville Flats decommissioning

Since consultation was completed, in May 2022 the Wellington Tenths Trust, which owns the land on which the Granville Flats buildings sit, agreed with Council that it would not renew the land lease when it expires at the end of the 2022/23 year. This will result in the decommissioning and demolition of the Granville buildings and return of the land to the Trust.

We have considered the implications of this decision for the LTP amendment and consider that the impact is not significant on the amendment agreed by the Council on 1 June.

While the budget forecasts to be adopted as part of the amendment do not reflect the decision to not renew the Granville lease, given the impacts of the lease termination are immaterial and have no impact on the 2022/23 year, they will be adjusted through the 2023/24 Annual Plan process.

We will work with residents to complete a thorough needs assessment to understand what residents need and want from their future home, and all tenants will be rehoused in alternative Council homes by December 2023, with the Council covering tenants' moving costs.

Consultation and what you said

Consultation on this amendment was undertaken over April to May 2022 alongside consultation on the Council's 2022/23 Annual Plan.

Consultation included submissions, live webinars and oral hearings with Councillors with a particular focus on engaging with current City Housing tenants. Consultation with tenants included direct contact with all tenants on the proposals, face-to-face drop in sessions, and translations of key documents into a range of languages.

Consultation outlined a number of options to address the service's current and forecast financial sustainability challenges. Ouestions in consultation were:

- Would you prefer the Council fund City Housing through increasing rates and borrowing or by setting up an independent Community Housing Provider?
- If the Council did establish a Community Housing Provider (CHP), which option do you support?
 - Option 1: Asset-owning, fully independent CHP
 - Option 2: Leasehold CHP with broad responsibilities (Preferred Option
 - Option 3: Leasehold CHP with narrow responsibilities
- If the council established a CHP, do you agree with the council's preference for a community trust, rather than a company or limited partnership?

Over the consultation period, there were over 616 submitters responding to the City Housing issue and a quarter of all submissions came from city housing tenants. The majority of the feedback was in favour of establishing a Community

Housing Provider (CHP) (49.7%). Submitters also supported the Council's preferred CHP model (Option 2: Leasehold CHP with board responsibilities) (43.9%)) and agreed that the CHP should be a community trust (78.5%).

In addition, through consultation submitters raised a range of questions, for example about the administration of a CHP, IRRS accessibility for current tenants, rental affordability, and central Government's responsibility of providing social housing. Council officers are able to respond to these questions through feedback to submitters on the outcome of consultation and many of these issues will be considered by the Council in the design of the Community Housing Trust as it is established.

Southern Landfill

At the same time as consulting on the future of City Housing, we also consulted on another potential amendment to our Long-term Plan relating to the future of the Southern Landfill. Given the current landfill is nearing capacity and the existing consent is expiring in June 2026, we needed to consider the future arrangements for disposal of residual waste. We asked the community for feedback on the following question:

The council's preference is for a new landfill on top of the existing landfill (piggyback option), rather than waste to energy incineration or having no residual waste facility in Wellington City. Which option do you prefer? There were over 550 pieces of community feedback on the future of the Southern Landfill during the consultation period. The outcome highlighted the most preferred option was in favour of the piggyback option (50%). Based on this community feedback through consultation, Council agreed to the 'piggyback' option, building a new landfill on top of the existing.

Given the 'piggyback' option does not required changes to Council services or additional funding beyond that already allowed for in the 2021-31 LTP, no amendments to the LTP are required for this decision.

Work will now begin on resource consenting for the extension of the landfill in the upcoming year.
Construction work will commence once all the required resource consents are obtained. The extended landfill is expected to be completed before June 2026, before the current landfill expires.

Independent auditor's report

To the reader

Independent auditor's report on Wellington City Council's amended 2021–31 Long-term Plan.

I am the Auditor-General's appointed auditor for Wellington City Council (the Council).

The Council adopted its 2021–31 Long-term Plan (the plan) on 30 June 2021.

A Long-term Plan must contain a report from the auditor on:

- whether the plan gives effect to the purpose set out in section 93(6) of the Local Government Act 2002; and
- the quality of the information and assumptions underlying the forecast information in the plan.

We issued a qualified opinion on the plan in our report dated 30 June 2021. The basis for the qualification is the Council does not use information about

the condition of its three water assets to inform its investment in its three waters networks. Rather, the renewal of assets has been forecast based on the age of the assets, capped by what the Council considers is affordable. Given the challenges outlined above we consider this approach to be unreasonable. This could result in more asset failures during the 10-year period of the Long-term Plan, reduced levels of service, and greater costs than forecast.

We drew attention to the uncertainty over three waters reforms, uncertainty over the delivery of the capital programme, uncertainty over funding of wastewater treatment plant, and the Council's debt limit is forecast to be exceeded.

The Council has since consulted on a proposed amendment to the plan.
The Council will establish a registered
Community Housing Provider set up as a community housing trust. This means the social housing service will be independent from the Council and run by a Board of Trustees. The Council will continue to own the housing assets and the trust would run the housing service.

Following the consultation process, the Council has decided to amend its plan. The amended plan replaces the previously adopted plan. The amended plan must contain a report from the auditor that either confirms or amends the previous audit report issued when the plan was adopted. My report is below.

I carried out the work for this report using the staff and resources of Audit New Zealand. This work was completed on 30 June 2022.

Report confirming our previous opinion

Our work for this report focused only on the amendment and its effect on the plan. We did not repeat the audit work we did on the plan when it was originally adopted.

As a result of this work, we do not consider it necessary to amend our previous opinion which was included in our report on the plan as originally adopted.

This report sits with and precedes the original opinion in the LTP (in Volume 1: Independent auditor's report pages 204-206)

I confirm that our previous audit opinion on the plan as originally adopted issued on 30 June 2021, is not affected by the amendment to the plan.

As for our opinion on the plan prior to it being amended, this report does not provide assurance that the forecasts in the amended plan will be achieved, because events do not always occur as expected and variations may be material. Nor does it guarantee complete accuracy of the information in the amended plan.

Basis of this report

We carried out our work in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) 3000 (Revised): Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information. In meeting the requirements of this standard, we took into account particular elements of the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards and the International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3400: The Examination of Prospective Financial Information that were consistent with those requirements.

We did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the amended plan.

Responsibilities of the Council and auditor

The Council is responsible for:

- meeting all legal requirements affecting its procedures, decisions, consultation, disclosures and other actions relating to amending the plan;
- presenting forecast financial information in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand; and
- having systems and processes in place to enable the amended plan to be free from material misstatement.

I am responsible for reporting on whether the amendment to the plan affects my previous audit report on the plan as originally adopted. I do not express an opinion on the merits of the plan's policy content.

Independence and quality control

In carrying out our work, we complied with the Auditor-General's:

- independence and other ethical requirements, which incorporate the independence and ethical requirements of Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised);
- and quality control requirements, which incorporate the quality control requirements of Professional and Ethical Standard 3 (Amended).

In addition to this report on the Council's consultation document and all legally required external audits, we have performed a limited assurance engagement related to the Council's debenture trust deed, performed a review of the revenue and expenditure of the Clifton Terrace car park managed by the

Council on behalf of Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, and provided probity assurance for the Central Library seismic strengthening and refurbishment project, and the main contractor for the Healthy Homes project. These engagements are compatible with those independence requirements. Other than this reporting, and these engagements we have no relationship with or interests in the Council or its subsidiaries and controlled entities.

Karen Young

Karen Young, Audit New Zealand On behalf of the Auditor-General, Wellington, New Zealand

Summary of financials

Council's preferred option for City Housing going forward is establishing a Community Housing Provider (CHP) to operate the social housing service which would see Council retaining the ownership of the Housing assets but have a long term leasing arrangement in place with the CHP. This means Council will need to continue to fund the on-going maintenance of the existing Housing stock. In order to meet its commitment to the Deed of Grant, Council will need to fund at least \$180m from borrowings plus also an additional \$106m is estimated to be required to meet the requirements of the Deed of Grant. An additional \$157m has been provided for major maintenance work to be done over the 10 years as well. These requirements have been included in this amendment and funded from borrowings.

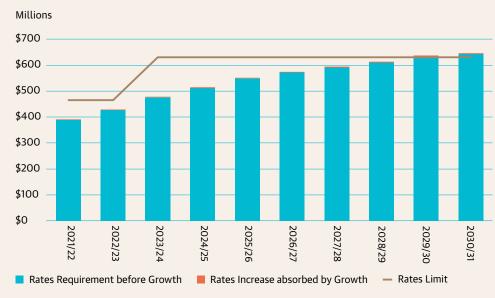
This option is based on a leasehold CHP with broad responsibilities arrangement, which would require Council to provide \$35m capital upfront over 5 years in the form of a Grant to the new entity to enable the CHP to grow future housing stock in line with Council's goals and objectives set for the Trust.

Rates

Based on this preferred option, the forecasted total rates requirement increases from \$428m in 2022/23 through to \$646m in 2030/31. This growth in total rates is due to a number of factors including this proposed City Housing option as well as additional increases in costs in order to provide 400 plus services that Council provides every day. We forecast a rates requirement in relation to the preferred CHP option of \$246m for the 10 years to 2030–31 (an average of roughly \$24.5m per year). For 2023/24, the rates requirement will be \$21m or 4.4% of the total rates.

Taken from Volume 1: Summary of financials pages 24-31

Proposed year on year rates value



The proposed rate increases over the 10 years has been illustrated below and would have an average rates impact on ratepayers of 8.9% for the 2022/23 rating year compared to a forecasted increase of 9.1% net increase in rates as per the

2021–31 Long-term Plan (LTP). This option also forecasts an average rate increase (after growth in the rating based is excluded) of 6.0% over the 10 year period to 2030/31 compared to 5.5% forecasted in the LTP.

Proposed year-on-year rates increase



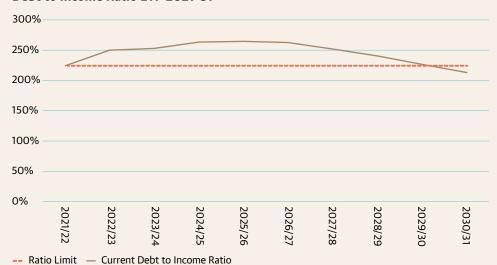
Revenue

Total revenue will decrease over the 10 years forecasted in the LTP due in part to the impact of this Housing proposal as Council will receive a reduced income (calculated as net income from the CHP of market rental less operating costs and a 10% margin). This will see total revenue in 2030/31 reduce from the LTP figure of \$974.1m to \$955.2m, a difference of \$18.9m between this plan and that of the LTP. Similarly total expenditure will decrease by \$31.6m from a LTP figure of \$966.3m to \$934.7m in the Annual Plan. This is due to certain costs of the City Housing activity moving across to the CHP.

Debt

As this preferred option uses debt to fund to maintain the quality of the Housing assets, this will see Council's net borrowings in 2022/23 of \$1,314m increase to \$1,899m in 2026/27 before reducing to \$1,732m in 2030/31. This 2030/31 figure differs from the \$1,539.6m in the LTP by \$193m, \$23m of which relates to the preferred option for the capitalisation of Community Housing Provider. The balance of the difference is as a result of other Council decisions such as the proposed Environmental and Accessibility Performance Fund, debt funding Council's pandemic response and changes to the capital expenditure programme. The graph below illustrates how Council is forecasting its borrowing requirements (including \$270m for additional borrowing capacity to cover insurance underwriting for major events). This shows Council being outside its debt limit for 7 years until 2029/30 when it returns to Council policy limits.

Debt to Income Ratio LTP 2021-31





Statement of Service Provision

5.2 Tautoko Hāpori | Community support

By providing libraries, community centres and social housing we foster diverse and inclusive communities and enable people to connect with information and each other. We provide a wide range of facilities forming part of the city's 'hard' social infrastructure that support community wellbeing. These include libraries, community spaces and social housing.

Activities in this group

- 5.2.1 Libraries
- 5.2.2 Access support (Leisure Card)
- 5.2.3 Community advocacy
- 5.2.4 Grants (social and recreation)
- 5.2.5 Social Housing
- 5.2.6 Community centres and halls

Rationale

This activity grouping primarily contributes to the community outcome: A people friendly, compact, safe and accessible capital city.

- To foster diverse and inclusive communities. Our community facilities are places for groups to come together – strengthening social cohesion, celebrating diversity and making the city a more appealing and welcoming place to live.
- To enable people to connect with information and with each other. Our community facilities are places of discovery and learning that allow people to connect with others and exchange knowledge through events and other activities.
- To support warmer, drier, healthier homes. The quality of Wellington homes is improved.
- To support communities to take climate action Climate actions that can be undertaken by community groups are supported and enabled.

Services we provide

Council currently provides social housing for the purpose of providing rental for low-income Wellingtonians whose housing is not met by the private sector – we currently own over 1,900 units. Council has agreed upon establishing a Community Housing Provider to take over the management of our social housing portfolio. Once this CHP is established then Council's role will shift to the leasing of housing units to the Community Housing provider.

Key projects/programmes

 Social Housing. We will continue to improve the quality of our social housing to bring all Council social housing stock up to the requirements of the Healthy Homes Standards (costing \$16.6m over years 1 to 3). Beyond Healthy Housing we also plan to continue to upgrade our City Housing stock in line with our Deed of Grant with the Government. The expected cost of the housing upgrade programme is \$286m, based on a 2020 QS assessment. Given the escalation in construction sector costs, the costs of the upgrades are now likely to be higher than this.

Taken from Volume 1: Statement of service provision pages 78-81

- Over the long term, the level of investment required in our housing, along with the discounted rents that we are able to recover, means that our social housing portfolio is financially unsustainable. In order to address this, we will be establishing a Community Housing Provider (CHP) entity. Once established, the CHP will take over operating our social housing tenancy service. This will enable new tenants to be able to access the Government's Income Related Rent subsidy.
- The Council will be involved in the CHP, including continuing to own the housing stock (leasing it to the CHP for social housing), and will appoint trustees to the trust's governance board, but the council will not be in majority control. The CHP will instead be an independent community housing trust with a dedicated focus on the provision of affordable, quality and sustainable social housing in Wellington.

Operating and capital budgets

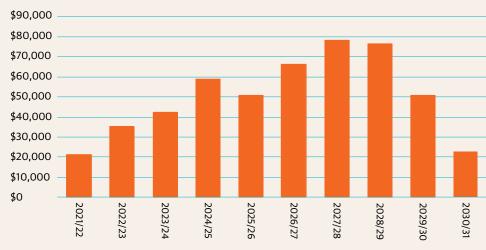
Operating Expenditure



Comment

The increase in Operating expenditure is due to an increase in the Capital Programme and the associated depreciation cost.

Capital Expenditure



Comment

The Central Library budget is held at the organisational level rather than in this activity area and that is why it is not shown in this chart.

What you can expect of us - performance measures

Performance measure	Previous target (2020/21)	Target 2021-31
Customer focus		
Occupancy rate of available housing facilities*	90%	95%
Tenant satisfaction (%) with services and facilities (includes neutral)*	90%	90%

*Note that these social housing performance measures will be removed once a Community Housing Provider is established. Council's role, and performance measures, will shift from the management of social housing to the leasing of properties to the CHP for their use as the social housing provider. Once established, the CHP will have its own dedicated public accountability documents available including outlining the performance measures it will use to report performance in the management of social housing.

Taken from Volume 1: Operating Expenditure by activity page 175

Operating Expenditure by activity (\$000s)

Strategy	Activity group	Activity	Activity description		2021/22 Budget	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Budget	2024/25 Budget	2025/26 Budget	2026/27 Budget	2027/28 Budget	2028/29 Budget	2029/30 Budget	2030/31 Budget	Total
Social and Recreation	5.2	1125	Housing Operations	Income	(27,113)	(27,559)	(13,795)	(15,292)	(16,707)	(18,745)	(20,544)	(22,337)	(24,188)	(26,217)	(212,496)
			and Maintenance	Operating Costs	37,361	40,061	29,623	33,341	42,361	47,160	48,876	51,463	56,086	59,866	446,198
				Total	10,248	12,503	15,828	18,049	25,654	28,416	28,332	29,126	31,898	33,649	233,703
		1126	Housing Upgrade	Operating Costs	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
			Project	Total	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6

Taken from Volume 1: Capital Expenditure by activity page 188

Capital Expenditure by activity (\$000s)

Strategy	Activity group	Activity	Activity description	Project	Project description	2021/22 Budget	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Budget	2024/25 Budget		2026/27 Budget	2027/28 Budget				
Social and Recreation	5.2	2059	Housing upgrades	2009862059	Housing upgrades - Curtains	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
				2010232059	Healthy Homes Standard Programme	5,305	5,488	5,635	2,241	0	0	0	0	0	0	18,669
				Total		5,368	5,488	5,635	2,241	0	0	0	0	0	0	18,732
		2060	Housing renewals	2001182060	Housing renewals - BAU Capex	6,574	9,704	8,943	18,718	14,022	8,505	10,813	7,001	20,841	18,810	123,931
				2009252060	Housing renewals - Balconies - GRA	63	2,729	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,792
				2010242060	Single Capital Programme	2,148	8,527	23,148	32,311	33,054	51,272	64,029	65,822	26,379	0	306,691
				Total		8,785	20,961	32,091	51,028	47,076	59,777	74,842	72,824	47,219	18,810	433,414

Forecast Financial Statements

Taken from Volume 1: Forecast financial statements pages 116-121

Forecast Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense - Wellington City Council (\$000's)

	2021/22 LTP	2022/23 LTP	2023/24 LTP	2024/25 LTP	2025/26 LTP	2026/27 LTP	2027/28 LTP	2028/29 LTP	2029/30 LTP	2030/31 LTP1	2031/32 LTP
Revenue											
Revenue from rates	392,812	429,987	479,829	515,657	553,257	576,109	595,387	614,845	638,647	647,767	682,067
Revenue from development contributions	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Revenue from grants, subsidies and reimbursements	49,667	37,939	41,140	47,453	41,298	41,567	41,108	42,290	42,643	43,706	38,043
Revenue form operating activities	154,615	163,921	163,038	169,805	177,887	186,815	194,793	203,677	212,026	220,510	229,093
Investments	10,503	12,294	21,552	25,041	25,337	25,661	26,017	26,373	26,727	27,079	27,403
Fair value movement on investment property revaluation	10,386	7,046	6,765	7,328	8,174	8,174	8,738	9,019	9,019	9,301	9,583
Vested asset revenue				187,000							
Other revenue	1,100	1,101	1,855	1,487	1,495	1,099	1,100	1,100	1,099	3,364	1,567
Finance revenue	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	9	10	10	10
Total revenue	622,596	655,801	717,692	957,284	810,962	842,939	870,657	900,813	933,671	955,237	991,266
Total revenue Expense	622,596	655,801	717,692	957,284	810,962	842,939	870,657	900,813	933,671	955,237	991,266
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Expense Finance expense	23,323	38,328	44,881	51,382	57,823	62,092	61,395	59,040	59,490	58,503	69,108
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Forecast Statement of Financial Position - Wellington City Council (\$000's)

	2020/21 AP	2021/22 LTP	2022/23 LTP		•						•
Assets											
Current Assets											
Cash and cash equivalents	21,419	23,340	20,846	17,503	14,817	10,593	5,638	8,256	7,030	8,280	6,771
Other financial assets	209,000	112,500	76,000	71,500	40,000	75,000	137,000	62,000	78,000	25,000	50,000
Receivables and recoverables	64,708	68,782	70,018	73,287	77,023	80,616	83,815	87,315	90,770	93,865	97,701
Inventories	1,549	787	787	787	787	787	787	787	787	787	787
Other financial asset	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prepayments	14,379	18,580	18,900	19,408	19,898	20,051	19,627	19,843	20,280	20,865	21,513
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Current Assets	311,055	223,989	186,551	182,485	152,525	187,047	246,867	178,201	196,867	148,797	176,772
Non current Assets											
Derivatives - non-current assets	-	7,821	7,821	7,821	7,821	7,821	7,821	7,821	7,821	7,821	7,821
Other financial assets	16,131	19,581	19,581	19,581	19,581	19,581	19,581	19,581	19,581	19,581	19,581
Intangible Assets	84,353	41,617	39,350	31,799	24,650	23,424	20,824	18,595	16,701	14,662	16,345
Investment Properties	274,309	296,513	303,278	310,606	318,780	326,954	335,692	344,711	353,730	363,031	372,614
Property, plant and equipment	8,182,726	8,805,728	9,180,156	10,121,475	10,254,002	10,537,940	11,172,632	11,153,792	11,392,114	12,058,845	12,015,015
Investment in subsidiaries	5,998	5,998	5,998	5,998	5,998	5,998	5,998	5,998	5,998	5,998	5,998
Investment in associates	19,033	19,474	19,474	19,474	19,474	19,474	19,474	19,474	19,474	19,474	19,474
Total Non current Assets	8,582,550	9,196,732	9,575,658	10,516,754	10,650,306	10,941,192	11,582,022	11,569,972	11,815,419	12,489,412	12,456,848
Total Assets	8,893,605	9,420,721	9,762,209	10,699,239	10,802,831	11,128,239	11,828,889	11,748,173	12,012,286	12,638,209	12,633,620

	2020/21 AP	2021/22 LTP	2022/23 LTP	2023/24 LTP	2024/25 LTP	2025/26 LTP	•	2027/28 LTP	2028/29 LTP	2029/30 LTP	
Liabilities											
Current Liabilities											
Derivative financial liabilities	709	1,798	1,798	1,798	1,798	1,798	1,798	1,798	1,798	1,798	1,798
Trade and other payables	64,761	70,208	67,343	69,672	66,108	61,641	57,445	58,193	58,510	57,742	61,095
Deferred revenue	16,092	19,330	19,226	20,024	20,977	22,030	22,971	24,018	25,003	26,003	27,015
Borrowings	209,000	111,816	75,316	70,816	39,316	74,316	136,316	61,316	77,316	24,316	49,316
Provisions for other liabilities	4,058	5,551	6,087	6,944	7,815	8,704	9,689	10,724	11,386	12,302	13,289
Employee benefit liabilities and provisions	12,262	12,199	12,017	12,206	12,479	12,755	13,009	13,284	13,570	13,839	14,126
Total current Liabilities	306,882	220,902	181,787	181,460	148,493	181,244	241,228	169,333	187,583	136,000	166,639
Non current Liabilities											
Derivative financial liabilities	106,331	53,045	53,045	53,045	53,045	53,045	53,045	53,045	53,045	53,045	53,045
Borrowings	1,070,401	1,315,431	1,518,631	1,715,684	1,845,453	1,900,557	1,885,400	1,857,553	1,809,244	1,733,658	1,687,720
Provisions for other liabilities	34,995	44,727	43,406	42,152	40,972	39,870	38,773	37,656	36,917	36,329	35,850
Employee benefit liabilities and provisions	1,174	1,159	1,357	1,379	1,410	1,441	1,469	1,500	1,533	1,563	1,596
Total Non current Liabilities	1,212,901	1,414,362	1,616,439	1,812,260	1,940,880	1,994,913	1,978,687	1,949,754	1,900,739	1,824,595	1,778,211
Total Liabilities	1,519,783	1,635,264	1,798,226	1,993,720	2,089,373	2,176,157	2,219,915	2,119,087	2,088,322	1,960,595	1,944,850
Net Assets	7,373,822	7,785,457	7,963,983	8,705,519	8,713,458	8,952,082	9,608,974	9,629,086	9,923,964	10,677,614	10,688,770

	2020/21 AP	2021/22 LTP	2022/23 LTP	2023/24 LTP	2024/25 LTP	2025/26 LTP	2026/27 LTP	2027/28 LTP	2028/29 LTP	2029/30 LTP	2030/31 LTP
Equity											
Accumulated funds and retained earnings	5,044,157	5,063,310	5,068,726	5,267,519	5,275,442	5,282,585	5,298,879	5,318,986	5,337,948	5,358,437	5,369,594
Revaluation reserves	2,415,427	2,744,142	2,917,237	3,459,963	3,459,963	3,691,441	4,332,024	4,332,024	4,607,936	5,341,094	5,341,094
Hedging Reserve	(107,041)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)
Fair value through other comprehensive income reserve	5,085	6,029	6,029	6,029	6,029	6,029	6,029	6,029	6,029	6,029	6,029
Restricted funds	16,194	18,998	19,013	19,030	19,046	19,049	19,064	19,069	19,073	19,076	19,075
Total Equity	7,373,822	7,785,457	7,963,983	8,705,519	8,713,458	8,952,082	9,608,974	9,629,086	9,923,964	10,677,614	10,688,770

Forecast Statement of Changes in Equity - Wellington City Council (\$000's)

	2021/22 LTP	2022/23 LTP	2023/24 LTP	2024/25 LTP	2025/26 LTP	2026/27 LTP	2027/28 LTP	2028/29 LTP	2029/30 LTP	2030/31 LTP	
Equity - opening balances											
Accumulated funds and retained earnings	5,028,502	5,081,105	5,065,416	5,070,832	5,269,625	5,277,548	5,284,691	5,300,985	5,321,092	5,340,054	5,360,543
Revaluation reserves	2,415,427	2,744,142	2,744,142	2,917,237	3,459,963	3,459,963	3,691,441	4,332,024	4,332,024	4,607,936	5,341,094
Hedging reserve	(107,041)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)
Fair value through other comprehensive revenue and expense reserve	5,085	6,029	6,029	6,029	6,029	6,029	6,029	6,029	6,029	6,029	6,029
Restricted funds	16,182	18,985	18,998	19,013	19,030	19,046	19,049	19,064	19,069	19,073	19,076
Total Equity - opening balances	7,358,155	7,803,239	7,787,563	7,966,089	8,707,625	8,715,564	8,954,188	9,611,080	9,631,192	9,926,070	10,679,720
Changes in Equity Retained earnings											
Net surplus for the year	15,667	(15,676)	5,431	198,810	7,939	7,146	16,309	20,112	18,966	20,492	11,156
Transfer to restricted funds	(3,358)	(3,438)	(3,529)	(3,620)	(3,705)	(3,801)	(3,899)	(3,995)	(4,085)	(4,176)	
Transfer from restricted funds	3,346	3,425	3,514	3,603	3,689	3,798	3,884	3,990	4,081	4,173	4,264
Transfer from revaluation reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to revaluation reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation reserves											
Fair value movement - property, plant and equipment - net	-	-	173,095	542,726	-	231,478	640,583	-	275,912	733,158	-
Transfer to retained earnings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hedging reserve											
Movement in hedging reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

	2021/22 LTP	2022/23 LTP	2023/24 LTP	2024/25 LTP	2025/26 LTP	2026/27 LTP	2027/28 LTP	2028/29 LTP	2029/30 LTP	2030/31 LTP	2031/32 LTP
Fair value through other comprehensive revenue a	nd expense re	serve									
Movement in fair value	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Funds											
Transfer from retained earnings	3,358	3,438	3,529	3,620	3,705	3,801	3,899	3,995	4,085	4,176	4,263
Transfer to retained earnings	(3,346)	(3,425)	(3,514)	(3,603)	(3,689)	(3,798)	(3,884)	(3,990)	(4,081)	(4,173)	(4,264)
Total comprehensive revenue and expense	15,667	(15,676)	178,526	741,536	7,939	238,624	656,892	20,112	294,878	753,650	11,156
Net Equity - closing balances											
Accumulated funds and retained earnings	5,044,157	5,063,310	5,068,726	5,267,519	5,275,442	5,282,585	5,298,879	5,318,986	5,337,948	5,358,437	5,369,594
Revaluation reserves	2,415,427	2,744,142	2,917,237	3,459,963	3,459,963	3,691,441	4,332,024	4,332,024	4,607,936	5,341,094	5,341,094
Hedging reserve	(107,041)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)	(47,022)
Fair value through other comprehensive revenue and expense reserve	5,085	6,029	6,029	6,029	6,029	6,029	6,029	6,029	6,029	6,029	6,029
Restricted funds	16,194	18,998	19,013	19,030	19,046	19,049	19,064	19,069	19,073	19,076	19,075
Total Equity - closing balances	7,373,822	7,785,457	7,963,983	8,705,519	8,713,458	8,952,082	9,608,974	9,629,086	9,923,964	10,677,614	10,688,770

Forecast Statement of Cash Flows - Wellington City Council (\$000's

	2021/22 LTP	2022/23 LTP	2023/24 LTP	2024/25 LTP	2025/26 LTP	2026/27 LTP	2027/28 LTP	2028/29 LTP	2029/30 LTP	2030/31 LTP	2031/32 LTP
Cash flows from operating activities											
Receipts from rates - Council Note: This includes metered water	391,452	430,943	478,430	514,651	552,202	575,468	594,846	614,299	637,979	647,511	681,104
Receipts from rates - Greater Wellington Regional Council	82,205	90,498	100,470	108,077	115,962	120,848	124,917	129,002	133,976	135,977	143,032
Receipts from activities and other income	154,314	166,905	165,741	170,901	198,731	207,401	215,540	224,235	232,714	241,075	249,784
Receipts from grants and subsidies - operating	8,616	9,425	9,701	9,921	10,144	10,387	10,676	10,970	11,256	11,548	11,836
Receipts from grants and subsidies - capital	44,551	32,014	35,695	41,419	35,048	34,679	33,932	34,819	34,887	37,923	30,174
Receipts from investment property lease rentals	10,376	10,394	10,652	10,941	11,237	11,561	11,917	12,273	12,627	12,979	13,303
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(380,985)	(429,670)	(430,554)	(438,705)	(474,534)	(480,886)	(480,729)	(487,868)	(499,512)	(513,259)	(524,084)
Rates paid to Greater Wellington Regional Council	(82,205)	(90,498)	(100,470)	(108,077)	(115,962)	(120,848)	(124,917)	(129,002)	(133,976)	(135,977)	(143,032)
Grants paid	(49,052)	(48,753)	(57,790)	(57,069)	(59,631)	(60,469)	(56,379)	(51,199)	(51,035)	(51,888)	(52,759)
Net GST (paid)/received	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash flows from operating activities	179,272	171,258	211,875	252,059	273,197	298,141	329,803	357,529	378,916	385,889	409,358
Cash flows from investing activities											
Dividends received	127	1,900	10,900	14,100	14,100	14,100	14,100	14,100	14,100	14,100	14,100
Interest received	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	9	10	10	10
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investment properties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	2,000	15,400	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Proceeds from sale of intangibles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

	2021/22 LTP	2022/23 LTP	2023/24 LTP	2024/25 LTP	2025/26 LTP	2026/27 LTP	2027/28 LTP	2028/29 LTP	2029/30 LTP	2030/31 LTP	2031/32 LTP
Increase / (decrease) in investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investment properties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of intangibles	(4,252)	(5,038)	(3,947)	(3,282)	(1,167)	(799)	(2,404)	(2,606)	(1,283)	(871)	(1,604)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(331,760)	(384,104)	(381,654)	(413,904)	(362,776)	(310,692)	(271,916)	(281,527)	(287,170)	(265,789)	(310,327)
Net cash flows from investing activities	(333,872)	(371,829)	(372,688)	(401,073)	(347,829)	(295,377)	(258,206)	(268,024)	(272,343)	(250,550)	(295,821)
Cash flows from financing activities											
New borrowings	325,565	460,235	315,016	272,369	200,585	94,420	59,159	108,469	13,007	1,730	(21,622)
Repayment of borrowings	(132,000)	(209,000)	(111,816)	(75,316)	(70,816)	(39,316)	(74,316)	(136,316)	(61,316)	(77,316)	(24,316)
Interest paid on borrowings	(23,323)	(38,328)	(44,881)	(51,382)	(57,823)	(62,092)	(61,395)	(59,040)	(59,490)	(58,503)	(69,108)
Net cash flows from investing activities	170,242	212,907	158,319	145,671	71,946	(6,988)	(76,552)	(86,887)	(107,799)	(134,089)	(115,046)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	15,642	12,336	(2,494)	(3,343)	(2,686)	(4,224)	(4,955)	2,618	(1,226)	1,250	(1,509)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	5,777	11,004	23,340	20,846	17,503	14,817	10,593	5,638	8,256	7,030	8,280
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	21,419	23,340	20,846	17,503	14,817	10,593	5,638	8,256	7,030	8,280	6,771

Forecast Statement of Changes in Restricted / Reserve Funds - Wellington City Council (\$000's)

	Opening balance 2022/23	Deposits	Expenditure	Closing balance 2031/32	
Special reserves and funds					
Reserve purchase and development fund	782	-	-	782	
City growth fund	4,741	21,523	(21,523)	4,741	
Insurance reserve	12,979	16,823	(16,823)	12,979	Allows the Council to meet the uninsured portion of insurance claims
Total special reserves and funds	18,502	38,346	(38,346)	18,502	
Trusts and bequests					
A Graham Trust	4	2	-	6	For the upkeep of a specific area of Karori Cemetery
A W Newton Bequest	361	141	(75)	427	For the benefit of art (Fine Arts Wellington), education (technical and other night schools) and athletics (rowing)
E A McMillan Estate	6	-	-	6	For the benefit of the public library
E Pengelly Bequest	19	5	-	24	For the purchase of children's books
F L Irvine Smith Memorial	9	2	-	11	For the purchase of books for the Khandallah Library
Greek NZ Memorial Association	5	2	-	7	For the maintenance and upgrade of the memorial
Kidsarus 2 Donation	5	2	-	7	For the purchase of children's books
Kirkaldie and Stains Donation	17	-	-	17	For the beautification of the BNZ site
QEII Memorial Book Fund	24	8	-	32	For the purchase of books on the Commonwealth
Schola Cantorum Trust	9	3	-	12	For the purchase of musical scores
Terawhiti Grant	10	-	-	10	To be used on library book purchases
Wellington Beautifying Society Bequest	14	-	-	14	To be used on library book purchases
Total trusts and bequests	483	165	(75)	573	
Total restricted funds	18,985	38,511	(38,421)	19,075	

Funding Impact Statements

Taken from Volume 1: Funding impact statements pages 123 and 135

Funding impact statement for whole of council (\$000's)

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	2021/22 AP	2022/23 LTP	2023/24 LTP	2024/25 LTP	2025/26 LTP	2026/27 LTP	2027/28 LTP	2028/29 LTP	2029/30 LTP	2030/31 LTP
Sources of operating funding										
General rates, uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	227,390	254,268	291,055	316,387	345,921	364,668	380,387	394,185	410,460	415,933
Targeted rates (other than a targeted rate for water supply)	165,415	175,720	188,780	199,268	207,334	211,439	215,003	220,661	228,187	231,836
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	8,616	9,425	9,701	9,921	10,144	10,387	10,676	10,970	11,256	11,548
Fees and charges	155,430	163,541	162,669	169,470	177,556	186,518	194,532	203,431	211,808	220,311
Interest and dividends from investments	140	1,913	10,913	14,113	14,114	14,114	14,114	14,109	14,110	14,110
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees, and other receipts	10,662	11,874	12,122	12,375	12,668	12,958	13,278	13,619	13,944	14,278
Total operating funding (A)	567,653	616,740	675,239	721,534	767,738	800,084	827,991	856,976	889,766	908,016
Applications of operating funding										
Payments to staff and suppliers	387,684	431,251	427,941	441,474	451,391	456,506	456,045	468,767	480,200	493,007
Finance costs	23,323	38,328	44,881	51,382	57,823	62,092	61,395	59,040	59,490	58,503
Other operating funding applications	49,187	48,893	57,858	57,139	59,704	60,545	56,457	51,279	51,118	51,973
Total applications of operating funding (B)	460,194	518,472	530,680	549,996	568,918	579,142	573,898	579,087	590,808	603,483
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A-B)	107,459	98,268	144,559	171,538	198,820	220,941	254,093	277,889	298,958	304,533

	2021/22 AP	2022/23 LTP	2023/24 LTP	2024/25 LTP	2025/26 LTP	2026/27 LTP	2027/28 LTP	2028/29 LTP	2029/30 LTP	2030/31 LTP
Sources of capital funding										
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	41,051	28,514	32,195	37,919	31,548	31,179	30,432	31,319	31,387	34,423
Development and financial contributions	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Increase (decrease) in debt	188,802	268,881	199,008	192,850	125,110	49,982	(20,797)	(34,094)	(55,225)	(82,791)
Gross proceeds from sales of assets	2,000	15,400	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Lump sum contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total sources of capital funding (C)	235,353	316,295	236,703	236,268	162,159	86,661	15,135	2,725	(18,338)	(42,868)
Applications of capital funding Capital expenditure										
- to meet additional demand	42,822	50,956	44,766	71,452	60,761	65,742	25,186	28,079	50,548	56,448
- to improve level of service	173,973	197,329	179,881	165,354	137,013	65,976	52,081	54,140	52,531	59,525
- to replace existing assets	126,228	166,198	156,525	170,921	163,124	175,807	191,881	198,316	177,462	145,607
Increase (decrease) in reserves	(212)	81	89	80	81	77	79	79	79	85
Increase (decrease) in investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total applications of capital funding (D)	342,812	414,563	381,262	407,806	360,979	307,602	269,228	280,614	280,620	261,665
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding (C-D)	(107,459)	(98,268)	(144,559)	(171,538)	(198,820)	(220,941)	(254,093)	(277,889)	(298,958)	(304,533)
Funding balance ((A-B) + (C-D))	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenses for this activity grouping include the following depreciation/amortisation charge	146,736	153,004	181,581	208,481	234,110	256,660	280,465	301,630	323,914	331,278
Internal charges and overheads recovered	37,952	38,694	39,570	39,133	39,724	40,677	41,243	41,920	42,902	43,951
Internal charges and overheads applied	29,307	29,096	29,594	30,305	31,009	31,652	32,276	33,104	33,771	34,435
Total of internal charges	8,645	9,598	9,975	8,828	8,715	9,025	8,967	8,816	9,131	9,516

Funding impact statement (\$000s) Community participation and support (5.2)

	2021/22 AP	2022/23 LTP	2023/24 LTP	2024/25 LTP	2025/26 LTP	2026/27 LTP	2027/28 LTP	2028/29 LTP	2029/31 LTP	2030/31 LTP
Sources of operating funding										
General rates, uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	33,651	34,804	36,182	35,087	35,815	36,009	39,616	41,424	42,125	42,063
Targeted rates (other than a targeted rate for water supply)	6,969	6,806	7,608	7,635	7,956	8,070	7,584	7,659	7,816	7,905
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees and charges	27,836	28,325	14,578	16,379	17,925	19,966	21,775	23,584	25,456	27,451
Internal charges and overheads recovered	870	924	186	197	162	302	153	155	158	161
Interest and dividends from investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees, and other receipts	407	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total operating funding (A)	69,734	70,860	58,553	59,297	61,859	64,347	69,127	72,822	75,555	77,580
Applications of operating funding										
Payments to staff and suppliers	36,054	38,445	25,663	22,012	22,585	23,140	23,158	23,733	24,337	24,954
Finance costs	(612)	315	276	2,246	4,051	6,157	8,402	10,303	11,336	11,334
Internal charges and overheads applied	16,008	16,022	13,399	14,971	15,205	14,713	14,405	14,281	14,285	14,171
Other operating funding applications	4,720	4,785	8,252	7,819	11,889	11,959	8,032	5,106	5,181	5,258
Total applications of operating funding (B)	56,170	59,567	47,590	47,048	53,730	55,969	53,996	53,422	55,139	55,718
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A-B)	13,563	11,292	10,964	12,249	8,128	8,377	15,131	19,399	20,417	21,862

	2021/22 AP	2022/23 LTP	2023/24 LTP	2024/25 LTP	2025/26 LTP	2026/27 LTP	2027/28 LTP	2028/29 LTP	2029/31 LTP	2030/31 LTP
Sources of capital funding										
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Development and financial contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in debt	7,183	24,010	31,365	46,435	42,671	57,952	63,092	56,873	30,351	597
Gross proceeds from sales of assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lump sum contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total sources of capital funding (C)	7,483	24,010	31,365	46,435	42,671	57,952	63,092	56,873	30,351	597
Applications of capital funding										
Capital expenditure										
- to meet additional demand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- to improve level of service	3,378	5,479	210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- to replace existing assets	17,668	29,823	42,119	58,684	50,799	66,329	78,223	76,273	50,767	22,459
Increase (decrease) in reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total applications of capital funding (D)	21,046	35,303	42,329	58,684	50,799	66,329	78,223	76,273	50,767	22,459
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding (C-D)	(13,563)	(11,292)	(10,964)	(12,249)	(8,128)	(8,377)	(15,131)	(19,399)	(20,417)	(21,862)
Funding balance ((A-B) + (C-D))	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenses for this activity grouping include the following depreciation/amortisation charge	20,509	23,484	26,471	29,967	33,441	36,502	43,210	48,272	52,061	55,451

Disclosure statements for the period commencing 1 July 2021

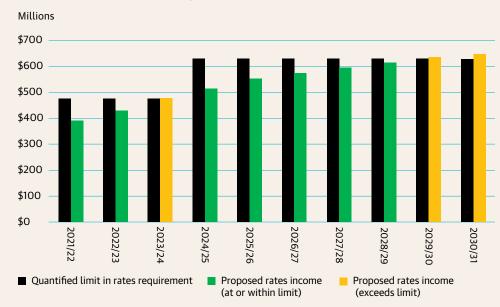
Taken from Volume 1: Disclosure statement for the period commencing 1 July 2021 pages 152 to 155.

Rates (income) affordability

The following graph compares the council's actual rates increases with a quantified dollar limit on rates increases included in the financial strategy included in the council's Long-term Plan. The quantified limit for the first three years of the Long-term Plan is \$465,000,000 and is \$630,000,000 for the years 4-10 of the Long-term Plan.

The proposed rates income is forecast to be above the quantified limits in years 2023/24, 2029/30 and 2030/31. This is a result of updated forecasts made through the 2022/23 Annual Plan and in particular increases to the costs of borrowing beyond the assumptions in the 2021-31 Long-term Plan. The increase in rates income do not relate to the establishment a Community Housing Trust. Council will re-examine rates and debt benchmarks as a part of the next Long-term Plan in 2024.

Rates (increases) affordability \$m





Rates (increases) affordability

The following graph compares the council's planned rates increases with a quantified limit on rates increases included in the financial strategy in the council Long-term Plan. The quantified limit for the annual rates increase is the difference between the rates limit for the year and the previous year's rates income expressed as a percentage. Growth in the rating base reduces the impact of the overall rates increase on existing ratepayers. We have assumed an average growth in the ratepayer base of 0.6 percent per year over the 10 years of the plan. After accounting for growth, the annual rates increase limit is the equivalent of

an average rates increase of 10.5 percent over the first 3 years of this plan and an average of 5.5 percent over 10 years.

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Debt affordability benchmark

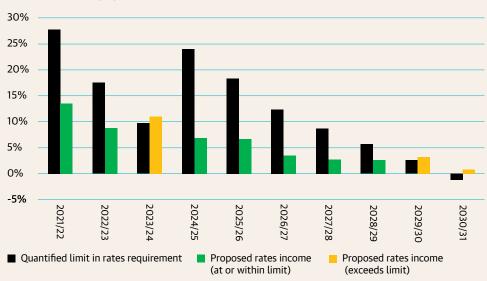
Net borrowing as a percentage of income

The following graph compares the council's proposed borrowing with a quantified limit on borrowing stated in the financial strategy included in the council's Long-term Plan. The quantified limit is net borrowings, comprised of borrowings less cash and cash equivalents, being less than or equal to 225% of income. For this measure income is defined as total revenue less vested assets and development contribution income.

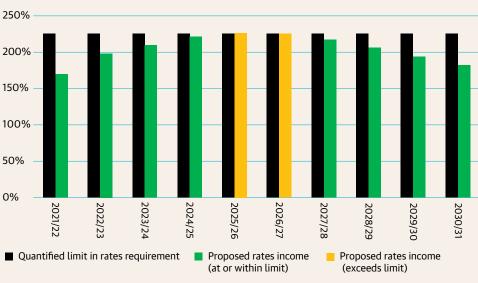
The council meets the debt affordability benchmark if its planned borrowing is within each quantified limit on borrowings.

The proposed debt to income ratio is forecast to be above the quantified limits in years 2025/26 and 2026/27. This is a result of a combination of additional borrowing forecasts and the impacts of decreased council revenue (social housing rents) related to the establishment of a Community Housing Trust. Council will re-examine rates and debt benchmarks as a part of the next Long-term Plan in 2024.

Rates increase (%)



Net borrowings/income (%)



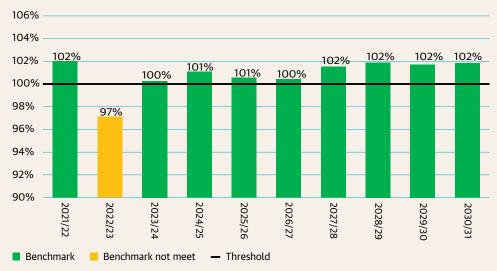
Balanced budget benchmark

The following graph displays the council's revenue (excluding development contributions, financial contributions, vested assets, gains on derivative financial instruments, and revaluations of property, plant, or equipment) as a proportion of operating expenses (excluding losses on derivative financial instruments and revaluations of property, plant, or equipment).

The council meets this benchmark if its planned revenue equals or is greater than its planned operating expenses. In 2022/23 the planned revenue falls below the planned operating expenditure (97%).

There are no material changes to the measure as a result of the establishment of a Community Housing Trust.

Revenue/operating expenditure (%)









Essential services benchmark

The following graph displays the council's planned capital expenditure on network services as a proportion of expected depreciation on network services.

Essential services comprise expenditure on the three waters and transport.

The council meets the essential services benchmark if its planned capital expenditure on network services equals or is greater than expected depreciation on network services. In years 7 to 10 of the plan the level of capital expenditure on

network services falls below depreciation. This is driven by capital expenditure to improve levels of service occurring in the later years; the depreciation impact from this capital expenditure lags behind the renewal/replacement investment. The depreciation is only for the existing assets in commission and is not related to the capital expenditure of assets yet to be commissioned.

There are no material changes to the measure as a result of the establishment of a Community Housing Trust.

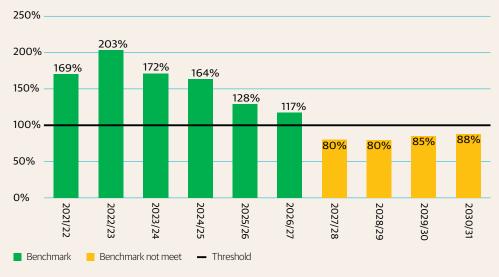
Debt servicing benchmark

The following graph displays the council's planned borrowing costs as a proportion of planned revenue (excluding development contributions, financial contributions, vested assets, gains on derivative financial instruments, and revaluations of property, plant, or equipment).

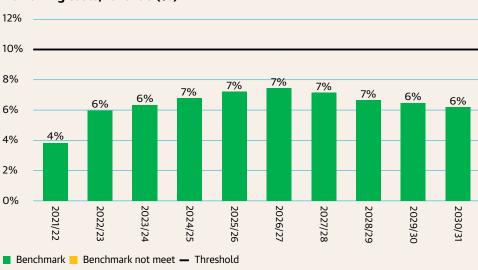
Because Statistics New Zealand projects the council's population will grow more slowly than the national population growth rate, it meets the debt servicing benchmark if its borrowing costs equal or are less than 10% of its revenue.

There are no material changes to the measure as a result of the establishment of a Community Housing Trust.

Capital expenditure/depreciation (%)



Borrowing costs/revenue (%)



Financial and Infrastructure Strategy

Financial trends and implications

This amendment will remove the requirement for the struck through text shown to the right given the amendment will resolve future uncertainty of a preferred operating model for city housing

The below graph shows the projection of the Councils net debt level against the limit of debt to income ratio of 225%. Text to be removed shown below:

225% Debt Limints LTP 2021-31



This shows the proposed capital expenditure program is causing the Council to exceed the debt limit up until 2027/28. This programme includes \$445m of capital expenditure on the social housing portfolio, despite this not being the preferred option. This full capital funding has been included for completeness as a default position until further certainty can be gained on a preferred operating model that will attempt to meet the ongoing financial sustainability of this service..

Taken from Volume 2: Financial and Infrastructure Strategy page 25

Challenges

Housing and Urban Development - Growing & Changing

Response - Providing social housing

The Council is already one of the city's, and country's, largest providers of social rental housing, with more than 1,900 homes across the city. WCC provides social housing to people on low-incomes and the city's most vulnerable people.

Currently, City Housing faces both a funding challenge, with an average \$26m annual operating deficit over the first 10 years, and a financing challenge, as it is unable to meet the estimated cost to complete the Housing Upgrade Programme (HUP). The rents are also becoming increasingly unaffordable for tenants. Rents are currently set at 70% of market rent (a 30% discount on rental rates necessary to make tenancies more affordable), and market rental prices are increasing in Wellington (71% increase in market rents since the Deed was signed). There is not a single, simple solution to our financing and funding challenges -

a number of changes are needed. WCC is seeking to achieve several objectives through the proposed changes:

- Commit to partnering with Central Government, mana whenua and other partners to increase social housing provision in Wellington
- Providing security of tenure and affordable rents for our tenants
- Improve our financial position for the remainder of the Deed period and manage housing cost pressures alongside other Council funding issues
- Complete the full upgrade programme, including meeting new regulatory requirements that were not in effect when the Deed was signed
- Creating new revenue sources to reduce reliance on rental income from tenants.

The Council plans to establish a Community Housing Provider (CHP) to take over the management of its social housing units. Following a transition period, this will resolve the financial challenges facing the Council and stabilise housing portfolio as a CHP will be able to access the Government's Income-Related Rent Subsidy for new tenants. Given they can access other government subsidies for housing development, a CHP will also be well set up to add to social housing supply in Wellington.

The Council has also set the Te Mahana strategy to end homelessness in Wellington. It weaves international best practice with culturally specific steps for ending homelessness, to establish short and medium-term priorities for action.

Taken from Volume 2: Financial and Infrastructure Strategy page 29



Community Infrastructure

Social Housing upgrades

The Council has more than 1,900 social housing units across the city. In 2007, we signed a Deed of Grant with Central Government. It commits us to remaining a provider of social housing until at least 2037 and to upgrading our housing portfolio to modern standards.

We have completed phase 1 of the upgrades, for which we received a \$220m grant from Central Government. Phase 2 is due to begin in 2022 and be completed by 2028. By 2024, we also need to complete further upgrades to meet the new Healthy Homes standards set out in legislation.

We plan to undertake this full upgrade programme, however as outlined earlier in this Strategy, there are fundamental financial sustainability issues and City Housing operational revenue is currently unable to sustainably fund this level of investment and operate a sustainable social housing service.

In order to address this, we will be establishing a Community Housing Provider (CHP) entity. Once established, the CHP will take over operating our social housing. This will enable new tenants to be able to access the Government's Income Related Rent subsidy.

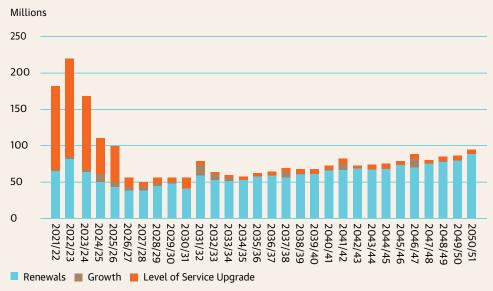
The Council will be involved in the CHP, including continuing to own the housing stock (leasing it to the CHP for social housing) and contributing to the CHP's governance by appointing some of the trustees to the governance board, but the Council will not be in majority control. The CHP will instead be an independent trust with a dedicated focus on the provision of affordable, quality and sustainable social housing in Wellington.

To operate, the CHP needs to be registered with the Community Housing Regulatory Authority (CHRA). This means the CHP is a regulated entity. The CHP would be required to comply with a strong regulatory framework to ensure it is well-run and that it delivered the outcomes expected by tenants, the community, and the council. CHRA requires CHPs to meet performance criteria which cover governance, management, tenancy management, financial viability, and property and asset management.

As well as regulatory requirements, the CHP would be monitored through its governing documents, particularly the trust deed and the leasehold agreement between the council and the CHP.

Taken from Volume 2: Financial and Infrastructure Strategy pages 68-69

Community Infrastructure LTP 2021-51



*The above graph is inflated.

Community Outcomes Operating Expenditure LTP 2021-51



^{*}The above graph is inflated.

Revenue and Financing Policy

Taken from Volume 2: Revenue and Financing Policy page 136

Activity 5.2.5: Housing

The Council owns over 1900 housing units, which we rent to low income people whose housing needs are not met by the private sector. We allocate these homes according to need. Tenants are charged 70 percent of the estimated market rent for their property.

Community outcome

This activity contributes towards the following outcome:

 A people friendly, compact, safe and accessible capital city - they provide an opportunity for a home and a better quality of life for those less well-off without unreasonable hardship.

The main beneficiaries of this activity are the tenants, who receive accommodation at below market rent. Their benefits are private and exclusive. While the Council's rental housing units are aimed at meeting needs that the market does not or cannot meet, to some extent these housing units are in competition with properties provided by private landlords

However, there are some benefits to the community as a whole. By providing homes for people who otherwise may be unable to afford them, the Council also contributes to community cohesion and may have benefits for public health and safety.

As the main beneficiaries, it is appropriate for tenants to pay all of the costs involved in providing community housing. The Council's current policy is to provide homes at 70 percent of market rent as the starting rental rate. Further subsidies and discounts are applied on top of that. The City Housing activity is ring-fenced with user charges through rent income funding 100% of operating expenses. The opportunity cost of not obtaining market rentals is not included in this funding analysis.

Who benefits?

Individuals/Users	90%
Whole community	10%
Who should pay?	
Individuals/Users	100%
Our funding targets:operating expenses User charges	100%
Other revenue	0%
Targeted rate	0%
General rate	0%
Total	100%

Note – following the establishment of a Community Housing Provider this activity will shift from the provision of housing units directly to tenants to the leasing of these units to the Community Housing Provider.

The policy will be updated with the 2024 Long-term Plan following establishment of the CHP and transfer of management of social housing.

Significant forecasting assumptions

Taken from Volume 2: Significant forecasting assumptions page 4

Social housing

Assumption	That the Community Housing Trust will be granted the necessary funding contracts by the Government in order to be able to access IRRS.
Data	Experiences of other local authorities in the establishment of their community housing trusts and discussions with the government.
Level of certainty	Moderate Funding secured for first two years through Budget 22 and moderate level of certainty over the longer-term. As well as providing funding for two years, the government has committed to continuing to work with the Council on funding arrangements beyond two years. This two years of funding is for IRRS on a turnover basis for the existing housing stock. Funding is also available, on a permanent basis, for any new supply the CHP builds.

Key risks

Risk

If the CHP does not secure the necessary funding contract.

Effect of risk

- Financial performance of the CHP could suffer, and the CHP would take longer to reach sustainable level.
- If the CHP did not secure any funding contract, the CHP would be in the same financial situation as the Council currently. This would mean the council would need to re-examine financial support through council rates and debt. If the CHP received a funding contract on lesser terms that what have been assumed, the council would need to provide some level of rates support to the CHP for a longer time period.

Mitigation

The council continues to work actively with central government to resolve City Housing's financial sustainability.

In Budget 22, the government provided initial funding to support the CHP's establishment and first two years and committed to continue working with the Council on funding arrangements beyond two years.

The funding arrangements agreed to in Budget are similar to those facing other CHPs, including those put in place in the establishment of OCHT in Christchurch. All CHPs work with government on an ongoing basis to secure their ongoing funding needs.

The government was comfortable with the council considering the options in the consultation. The council is sharing information with the government on the nature of the financial support that the CHP requires to be sustainable and about the ongoing work in designing the CHP to ensure it will deliver outcomes for both Council and government.

Social housing

Assumption	That the level of tenant turnover will continue at historical rates resulting in projected increased revenue for the CHP over time from IRRS, and in turn the projected level of improving financial performance. Forecasting assumes the CHP would reach a sustainable position within ten years.					
Data	Experiences of other local authorities in the establishment of their community housing trusts and historical City Housing tenant turnover data.					
Level of certainty	Moderate					
Key risks	Risk					
	That tenant turnover does not match forecast turnover.					
	Effect of risk					
	Financial performance of the CHP could suffer and take longer to reach sustainable level than the ten years assumed in the forecasts.					
	Mitigation					
	If the rate at which the CHP received the IRRS was lower than assumed in the forecast assumptions, the council would need to re-examine financial support through rates and debt funding.					

Social housing

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Assumption	That any necessary changes to the City Housing Deed of Grant with the Government will be made to establish Community Housing Provider as planned.
Data	Conversations with central government.
Level of certainty	High
Key risks	Risk
	That any necessary changes are not made to the Deed of Grant.
	Effect of risk
	The effect of the risk depends on the specific aspect of the Deed that may not be amended. But generally, the effect would be a lack of certainty for the government, council and CHP about roles and responsibilities, and/or some reduced flexibility in the CHP's ability to operate in accordance with its other governing documents (e.g., its Trust Deed).
	Mitigation
	The council continues to work actively with central government to resolve City Housing's financial sustainability. Both the council and government have strong shared interests and are looking for constructive and pragmatic solutions.
	The government is comfortable with the council considering the options in the consultation and understands the council's requirements to consult under the LGA. As part of these conversations, the council and government are considering any implications or necessary changes to the Deed of Grant and working on making necessary changes.

Social housing		Social housing			
Assumption	That the CHP would have its registration approved by the Community Housing Regulatory Authority so that it can operate.	Assumption	That the CHP will be able to generate new housing supply through access to government subsidies and upfront capitalisation by the council.		
Data	Conversations with central government and preliminary discussions with the Community Housing Regulatory Authority.	Data	Conversations with central government and experiences from other local authorities who have established their own CHPs.		
Level of certainty	High	Level of certainty	Moderate		
Key risks	Risk	Key risks	Risk		
	That the CHP does not achieve registration by the Community Housing Regulatory Authority.		That the CHP is not able to access necessary subsidies for new housing supply and/or that the capitalisation funding from the council is not suffice.		
	Effect of risk		to deliver new supply.		
	The CHP would not be able to operate until it was registered. The council		Effect of risk		
	would need to continue to operate the social housing service and meet its costs through rates and borrowing until the CHP was registered.		The full benefits of a CHP option would not be realised. The CHP would still result in improved rental affordability for tenants and improved financial		
	Mitigation		sustainability but not new social housing supply.		
	The council has begun the process to assess the requirements for		Mitigation		
	registration and work needed to submit an application and will have early conversations with the Community Housing Regulatory Authority to understand the registration process. Understanding the process well and beginning preparatory work early will help ensure a successful application.		The council has considered the approaches of other local authorities (particularly Christchurch) in determining how much upfront capital would be necessary to enable the CHP to deliver new housing supply quickly. These lessons have been built into the council's preferred CHP option. The council is also talking to central government to understand what subsidies may be available to the CHP, and their eligibility criteria to inform the process of CHP design and establishment.		

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