
REPORT 1
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SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION: LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN 2009–19

1. Purpose of Report

A summary of the feedback received during the 2009-19 draft long-term council community plan (LTCCP) consultation is provided.

This report should be read in conjunction with the following:

- Minutes of the Hearings subcommittee
- Residents' Panel report
- Prominent Issues and Funding Requests report.

2. Executive Summary

Formal consultation on the LTCCP ran from 16 April until 18 May 2009. It resulted in 503 written submissions and 138 of these presented in person to a hearings subcommittee.

The submissions covered a wide range of Council activities with the majority focused on key issues - proposed changes and additions to services. A number of new funding bids were also received.¹

This report provides for the formal receipt of the written submissions and presents a summary of those by strategy area. It outlines the consultation exercise that built on the early engagement programme that contributed to the development of the draft LTCCP.

3. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Committee:

1. *Receive the information*
2. *Note that a response will be provided to all submitters regarding the matters they raised in their submissions.*
3. *Note that submissions of an operational nature have been provided to relevant officers, who will consider submitter suggestions and respond to these as part of work programmes where appropriate.*

¹ See 2009-19 draft long-term council community plan: Prominent Issues and Funding Requests report on this agenda.

4. *Receive the submissions that were lodged as part of the special consultative procedure for the 2009-19 draft long-term council community plan (previously distributed).*

4. Background

The Council is required to adopt a LTCCP by 1 July 2009. This follows the adoption of a draft plan that is subject to the special consultative procedure. This was completed between 16 April – 18 May 2009.

There were 503 written submissions received. All written submissions were acknowledged and the submitters advised of their ability to make an oral submission. A subcommittee heard 138 submitters from 25 – 29 May 2009.²

All submissions have been provided to elected members and have also been made available to the public. Each submitter will be advised of the Council's decision on the points made in their submission after the LTCCP has been adopted.

4.1 Consultation

A consultation programme was agreed by the Strategy and Policy Committee on 10 March 2009. The programme was designed to raise awareness and ensure people had the opportunity and were encouraged to make submissions. The programme complemented the comprehensive early engagement programme that was undertaken ahead of the plan being drafted.³

The following tools and techniques were used to sustain the dialogue that had been developed through the early engagement:

4.1.1 Documentation

Eight hundred copies of the full publications and over 1500 copies of the summary were distributed. A complementary guide called '*Your City, Your Say*' was also developed. This was primarily aimed at first time submitters. It outlined some of the key issues and included information such as how rates are set and how to make a submission. These were distributed alongside the summary document.

All documents were widely available. They were provided online, at libraries, swimming pools, service centres, community centres, and made available on request. The summaries were also provided in local cafes. In addition, documents were distributed to approximately 400 individuals, community groups and businesses on the LTCCP mailing list. A freepost submission form was included with the LTCCP summary.

² The minutes of this subcommittee are contained in another report on this agenda.

³ Input from that early engagement was provided to the Councillors at the 10 March Strategy and Policy Committee meeting.

4.1.2 Public meetings

Public meetings were used as a way of raising awareness of the plan and for groups to discuss and ask questions.

The strategy areas were a focus of nine public meetings. These were held as lunch time seminars and in the evening to provide people with choice. The relevant portfolio leader hosted the meetings. Approximately 90 people attended these sessions.

Presentations were made to four Council Fora: the Pacific; Ethnic; Youth; and Sport and Recreation. A roadshow was set up at the Accessibility Forum. Staff and Councillors also attended two meetings at the request of the community to discuss the LTCCP.

As with the early engagement, there was a stream of work targeting Maori including meetings with the Maori reference group, Kura/Kohanga parents and some members of the Te Awe business network to discuss the draft Plan.

4.1.3 Absolutely Positively Wellington feature

A two page spread on the major matters in the draft LTCCP was included in the April issue of the Absolutely Positively Wellington Newspaper. A free post submission form was also included. The paper was provided to every household in Wellington and made available in libraries and service centres.

4.1.4 Print Media

The *'Our Wellington'* page in the DominionPost newspaper was used to highlight the draft LTCCP. Two editorials were written and a series of advertisements were run in the *'Our Wellington'* page and *The Wellingtonian* encouraging people to attend the public meetings.

4.1.5 Online

The draft LTCCP featured on the Council's website during the consultation period. The web content included the formal documents and a summary of the early engagement. Online submissions could be made.

The online engagement programme run during the early engagement process (discussion board, budget simulator and Facebook) was updated to reflect the draft LTCCP. With the emphasis on people making formal submissions the e-engagement tools served as an information platform for the consultation process and feedback loop for those who had participated in the first stage.

4.1.6 Other

Additional promotions and communications included:

- roadshow banners in the central city service centre, Central library, Kilbirnie library and Karori library
- a roadshow at the Johnsonville shopping centre
- radio advertising
- ward clinics during the consultation period

- the Councillors' hotline which continued through until 30 April 2009
- the Residents' Panel which met twice during this phase and reported to Council on 4 June 2009.

5. Summary of consultation

5.1 Total Submissions

The draft LTTCP received 503 submissions. A further 304 letters of support were provided as part of the submission from the Cuba Carnival and Fringe Festival.

The following table details the number of submissions received since 2003.

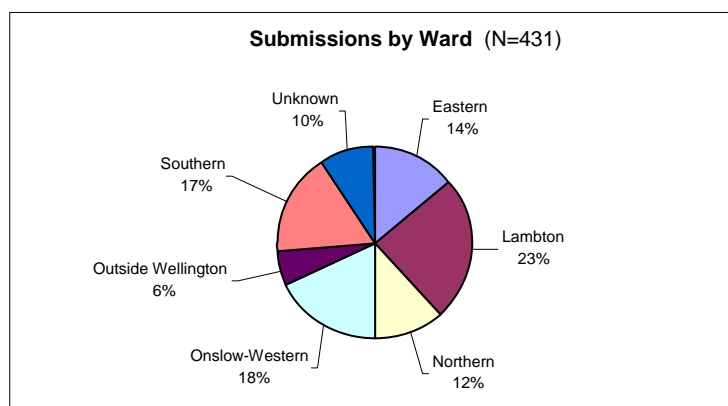
LTCCP 2003	DAP 2004	DAP 2005	LTCCP 2006	DAP 2007	DAP 2008	LTCCP 2009
578	479	817	1,368	987	438	503 ⁴

A further 19 late submissions have been received.

Larger numbers of submissions tend to be in response to specific initiatives in a plan. These often involve organised or form letter campaigns. Few of these were present this year. This may in part be due to the early engagement exercise that highlighted the complexity of the planning process and the need for balance in the current climate.

Other indicators of the reach of the process include:

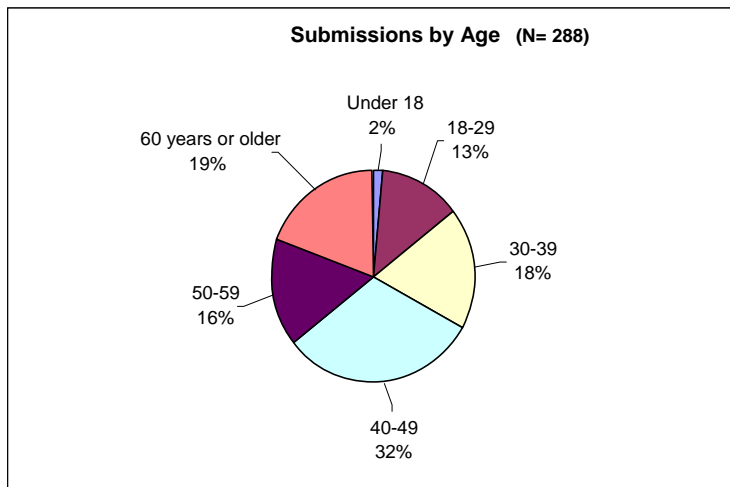
- New audiences: these continue to be reached with 38% of submissions⁵ received from first time submitters.
- The numbers wishing to be heard increased. All submitters who lodged a submission prior to the closing date were given the opportunity to speak at the hearings and 138 took up this opportunity.
- Submissions were received from both genders with 51 percent of submissions from males.
- Submissions were received from all five wards as well as from outside of Wellington. A greater number were received from the Lambton Ward reflecting organisations and business that have central city addresses.



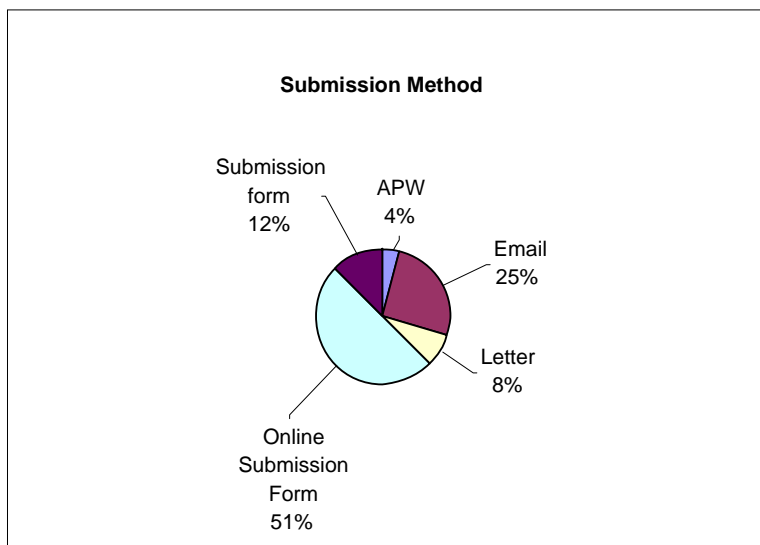
⁴ In addition 304 letters of support were provided with one submission.

⁵ Note: this is drawn from the total number of submissions. Only 268 submitters completed the statistical form. Based on that sample 68% were first time submitters.

- Submissions were received from a wide range of age groups (noting that under 18 are underrepresented compared to their proportion of the population).



Online submissions continue to grow as the most preferred way of making submissions. Over 75% of submissions were received via the online submission form at the Council’s website and through emails. The proportion of online submissions has nearly doubled from last year.

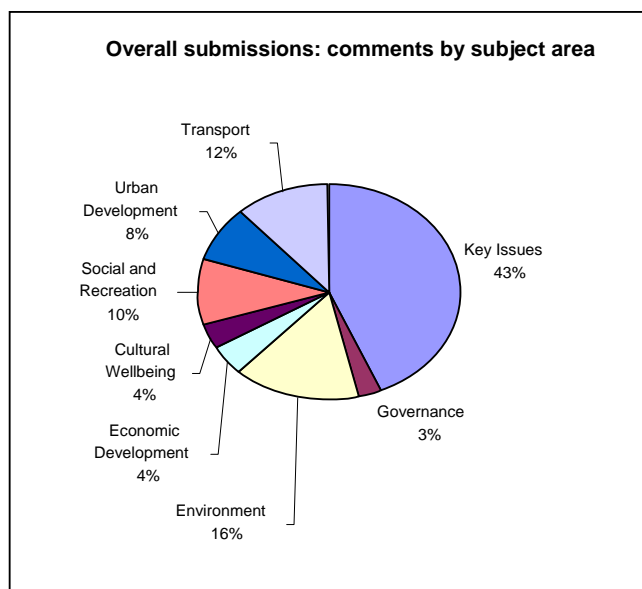


5.2 Summary of submission comments

Officers have reviewed the 503 submissions. Many cover more than one topic with over 1600 separate comments received across the range of Council activities.

The largest area of comment was the key issues (new proposal and proposed changes to service levels). This is consistent with the consultation plan that sought to highlight these.

The following table shows the areas of comment.



5.2.1 Summary of comments on key issues

The draft LTCCP contained a number of new budget proposals (both additions and reductions) that were aimed at delivering an affordable plan with a focus on maintaining the city's momentum towards a vibrant internationally competitive city. These were driven out of a set of principles and priorities and followed feedback through the early engagement programme.

These were an important focus of the consultation. The following is a brief summary of the themes that emerged through the submissions on these topics.

Wellington Museum Trust funding

Strong support on the proposed funding increase was received from the dozen submitters that commented on the museum. The facilities were seen as important features of the city's cultural capital status. One submitter was opposed to the Gallery extension at this time and another commented on the need for an upgrade to Capital E.

Te Papa additional funding

A dozen submissions were received on the proposed funding increase. The majority were opposed to funding. Opposition reflected the national status of the museum (i.e. funding should be central government's responsibility), the fact that it was unlikely to relocate, and that additional funding was unlikely to advance the cultural capital status.

Broadband

A dozen submissions were received on broadband. Views ranged from outright opposition (to any Council involvement) to support based on an argument that broadband would reduce the need for travel. Other comments included an enhanced facilitation role for the Council – securing competitive rates for companies with high bandwidth needs.

Healthy homes funding

The proposal aims to promote the availability of a government programme to subsidise housing insulation for older homes. Views were split on the handful of submissions that were received. The promotional funds were considered limited and unlikely to have an impact. Other comments queried whether this was the role of Council. A detailed proposal was received from the Environmental Efficiency and Conservation Authority. This discussed mechanisms such as targeted rates schemes to support the programme. A business case in response to this is contained in a separate report on this agenda.

Rugby World Cup funding

The handful of submissions on this proposal noted the importance of planning and providing a broad experience to encourage return visitation. One submitter opposed the Council's involvement.

Synthetic turfs additional funding

Around 40 submissions were received on this proposal. The vast majority were in favour though requested that the fields be constructed earlier (and that there be more). Poor weather/cancellations, improved skill levels, growth in player numbers for football, and the opportunity for growth in rugby numbers (with heightened interest around the world cup) were cited in support of the rollout of synthetic surfaces. Those who commented on charges noted that an increased user portion was appropriate.

Other considerations raised in submissions included: that funding synthetic surfaces not be at the expense of grass turf; that the surfaces chosen provide for hockey as well as other sports; and that alternative drainage solutions be considered on grass surfaces before committing to change.

Arts Hub funding

The proposal aims to create an arts hub space at the Toi Poneke – funding of \$50k is budgeted for the fit out. A dozen submissions were received, all in favour but one that states it is unnecessary. The Disability Reference Group also noted the need to improve access at the facility.

Khandallah Hall upgrade

Twenty submissions were received on the proposal to upgrade the hall and provide space for the Cornerstone community centre. Reasons for support included that restoration would provide a community asset and focal point for local events. Opponents queried the urgency, cost and the consistency of the Council's approach to community facilities. One submitter suggested that the hall's conversion to a cinema would be of more value to the community.

Public art savings

The short term 'moratorium' was seen as a sensible approach in the current economic climate. One submitter noted that public art was a very visible example of the Council's support of the arts and feared that a reduction may impact on the city's status. A handful of comments were received on the proposal.

Parks and gardens savings

Over 30 submissions were received on the proposal. The vast majority were in opposition to the proposed reductions. The impact on tourist perceptions of the

city and loss of recreational benefits were cited as reasons to maintaining services in this area. The development of tracks by volunteers was also noted, with submitters asking that any 'cuts' not limit their work. The use of tracks for commuting purposes was also seen as a priority and should not be cut.

Some submitters offered conditional support – noting it was an understandable approach but one that needed to be monitored so that it didn't end up costing more in the long run.

Indoor Community Sports Centre

109 submissions were received on the Indoor Community Sports Centre. More than two thirds were supportive of the project. The remaining can be categorised as stating it was the wrong location, had traffic issues, the cost and that other priorities should be focussed on.

Grants funding

Seven submissions were received in opposition to the proposal to reduce heritage grants (in light of the remission offered on consents). Heritage was seen as important to the city's character. Incentives to support this and to 'compensate' property owners in heritage areas were recommended.

Four submissions were received in opposition to the reduction in the sports development fund. All were supportive of the fund and its continuation. One submitter noted the slow uptake would likely change with increased awareness.

The economic grants pool received a couple of comments seeking to retain the current level of funding.

Community ICT savings

The item received over 70 comments. All but three were opposed to the reduction in funding. WCN was the main topic – it was seen as an important community notice board. It was convenient for groups and their members and was a portal for visitors to Wellington. It offered a 'complete' hosting service free at the point of use. Some groups noted that, though reluctant, they would probably pay a modest subscription fee.

Reducing barriers to ICT were also raised. Steps that enhanced individual uptake were encouraged and the Council was urged to consider whether group/common points of access (e.g. libraries) favoured this.

Library service savings

Over 20 submissions were received on the library changes. A number of these supported the changes as sensible – not compromising the excellent service. Others congratulated the council for its earlier decision to retain current hours, while some unaware of the change expressed concern at any proposal to change operating hours.

Move to Wellington website savings

A couple of submitters commented. One was supportive another sceptical about the need for the website at all.

Pools sessionalisation and reduced hours

Around 40 submissions were received on the pools. 'Sessionalisation' was touched on in about half of those. Comments covered the need for increased provision; encouragement to work in partnership to provide additional pools; concern over the cost of entry and the desire to access pools for public lane swimming at certain times.

5.2.2 Summary by strategy area

The following section provides a summation of the themes that emerged from the submissions for each strategy area. It excludes the key issues discussed above.

Governance strategy

Around three percent of the submission commented on activities in the Governance strategy. These covered the Council's relationship with maori, the long-term plan publication and the wider decision-making and engagement processes.

A desire to have an ongoing dialogue between urban maori and the Council was a theme that developed throughout the consultation process. Those that raised this recognised the importance of mana whenua and did not seek to reduce the existing relationships. The creation of a regular forum to discuss and gain a mutual understanding of the Council and the wider maori community was raised. As was the desire to have an increased presence and dedicated events to celebrate maori in the city.

A regular forum for liaison with business and commercial ratepayers was also encouraged.

A number of comments were received on the long-term plan documents. These included criticism about the overuse of 'glitzy' words and the lack of comparisons to past year's financial figures and the lack of detailed information in some areas. There was also praise for the publication with mentions that it was clearly written and easy to navigate and one submitter commending the lack of 'hyperbole'.

The need to involve the community in decision-making and acknowledgment of the early engagement exercise were noted. A concern that the Council does not listen was also expressed in some submissions.

Making greater use of the web as a way of improving 'information infrastructure' was also raised. Comments included increased funding of the web centre and the suggestion that Council meetings be broadcast live via webcam.

Environmental strategy

Submissions on the activities within environmental strategy: sought sustained support for the 'green spaces'; presented mixed views on water metering and conservation; and prompted a number of submissions on energy efficiency and waste management.

Green spaces and community initiatives

Open space initiatives received over a hundred submissions. These covered praise for the tracks network and encouragement to continue to invest in this area and to ensure that any 'reductions' not impact on the use of the tracks.

Extensions or upgrades to a number of specific tracks were suggested including Tawa Porirua stream, Wadestown access to Trelissick Park, and a dedicated all weather commuter track from Hataitai to the city.

The Council was also encouraged to continue its focus on native and eco sourced plantings and ensure sufficient funds were in place to sustain the town belt. This extended to implementation of the biodiversity action plan that aims to manage pest plants and animals.

A number of submitters argued that Otari Wilton's bush should have a higher profile in the plan particularly the fact that a landscape plan will be completed. The benefit of lifting the garden's profile to visitors through a cohesive approach to environmental visitor attractions was also noted. This was also raised in submissions that commented on the Karori Sanctuary.

Improved access to Te Raekaihau point and the whole south coast was supported with the general condition that any access improvement be sensitive to the surrounding environment.

Community environmental initiatives such as Enviroschools and stream protection were supported. These were seen to raise awareness of macro environmental issues and build capacity in the community to respond to local issues. Dedicated funding for stream protection to support the work of volunteers was requested (the funds are part of the grants pool). Ensuring there were adequate regulatory procedures to protect streams was also noted.

Water and wastewater

Water conservation and metering in particular prompted over 30 submissions. Views on this topic were mixed. Some welcomed steps that would defer the need for investment in infrastructure. Others noted that water metering could impact disproportionately on low income households. Subsidies or other support for the introduction of grey water systems was also encouraged.

Over 20 submissions were received on the stormwater and sewage collection and disposal activities. Overall these submissions seek an assurance that sufficient funds have been set aside to retain the current level of service and reduce infiltration between the systems. There was also a desire for any outfalls into the marine reserve to be stopped.

Climate change and waste minimisation

The impact of climate change and in particular sea level rise was a concern raised in a number of submissions. The need to acknowledge and plan for these eventualities was recommended. An active role in encouraging energy conservation was also raised by some submitters.

Waste minimisation received 30 comments. These covered a wide range of operational issues: the retention of existing services; the return of back door collections; the introduction of wheelie bins and of different sized bags to reduce

the frequency of collection; and increased education around what can and can't be recycled and on more active use of garden waste.

An e-petition with 9,955 signatories was also received during the consultation process. This argued for the retention of the existing recycling bins⁶.

Economic Development strategy

Activities in the economic development strategy attracted around four percent of the submissions overall. Comments focussed primarily on tourism promotions and attractions. Skills and career matching was also discussed in a small number of submissions.

Tourism and attractions

There was general support for the Council's work to position Wellington as a tourist destination. There was however opposition to increased funding of the Karori sanctuary at this time (note that this is budgeted under the environment strategy). Support of promotion through the downtown levy and of events were supported, though one submitter questioned if the costs shouldn't be shared by other ratepayers.

Positively Wellington Tourism presented a new bid focusing on the Australian market. The bid was supported by the NZ Hotel Council. A new bid was also outlined by the Marine Education Trust seeking Council's support for a feasibility study aimed at establishing a new centre on the south coast.⁷

Creative workforce

Submissions in this area discussed the Council's role in attracting a skilled workforce and matching new migrants' skills to jobs. One submission noted the importance of establishing a strategy to ensure employment for maori through these economic times (noting the social costs).

Other comments included endorsement for activities that supported a variety of industries with one recommending the establishment of an agency to target foreign (and other NZ) potential office tenants. The need for an acknowledgement of the film production industry in the plan was requested.

Cultural well-being strategy

Around four percent of submissions commented on the Cultural well-being strategy. Many of these reflected the overall aim of the strategy to sustain Wellington's cultural capital status.

There was support for the extended funding for the museums and galleries and for the Arts Hub initiative at Toi Poneke. The range of cultural and arts festivals was seen as a positive aspect of the city and increased funding was sought for community festivals.

⁶ Prior to the formal consultation process commencing, a number of emails were received urging the Council to maintain the status quo for recycling. These were responded to and the consultation process was conveyed to them.

⁷ Note these are discussed in a separate report on this agenda.

Improved coordination of the arts sector was noted. A proposal of a joint trust between the Cuba Carnival and the Fringe Festival was an example of how the arts community could work more collaboratively to reduce costs and share skills. This bid received over 300 letters of endorsement.

Other arts organisations also sought additional support from the Council. These included the Royal New Zealand Ballet and Downstage Theatre. A common theme was a shrinking sponsorship market and the benefits these organisations brought to the city.

Other organisations such as DANZ sought more innovative programming and use of venues in the city. The Chamber of Music noted the absence of a 1000 seat music hall in Wellington.

The archives also received a handful of submissions. Comments included support of the steps to increase information online and of the need to be more discerning in what is collected given the cost of storage. More promotion of the archives location was also suggested.

Urban development strategy

A wide range of comments were received on the urban development strategy.

Urban planning

Comments on urban planning included:

- Discussions of high density buildings and their negative impact on the city's character and risk that such an approach will lead to 'slum' areas in time. Others noted benefits such as the links between intensification and a reduction in the need to travel.
- The need for more open and green spaces in the inner city, though there were equivalent numbers of submissions arguing against inner city park upgrades based on affordability.
- The need to focus on the appearance of suburbs – including shopping centres – as much as the CBD.
- Greater recognition of waahi tapu.
- Queries about the status of the capital precinct project and sites for developing an inner-city campervan facility.
- Support for heritage in general and the need to upkeep heritage buildings including greater encouragement for the adaptive reuse of heritage buildings to ensure that their retention remains economic to their owners.

Consenting and licensing

Comments were received in support of a regional wide building consents service as long as jobs are not lost and building codes standards / inspections are maintained. Steps that lead to a reduction in 'red tape' were also mentioned as

was support for reduced consenting fees for sustainable building features should offset by reduced consent fees.

Enhanced monitoring and enforcement of consent conditions was noted. As was the need for more notification and consultation needs to happen for resource consents of land developments. There needs to be more measures in place to make sure suburbs don't lose character with new developments and that sustainability should be one of the core issues with resource consents.

One submission recommended the use of the Maori Resource Management Hearings Commissioners could be used to inform Maori of developments and help with the decision making process within Council.

Social strategy

The social and recreation area received around 10 percent of all submissions. These were spread over a wide range of activities.

Libraries network

A number of comments were received on the library service. Views ranged from those wanting more investment, to a request for free online reservations for those not located close to a library. Comments on extending the loan period for DVD box sets, and free access to DVDs, audio books and films with audio descriptions for people with disabilities were also made.

Recreation services

Support for recreation partnerships was expressed by some submitters with comments in favour of the sports forum and Council's support for the Basin Reserve. The Leisure Card scheme also received considerable support from submitters, with a number advocating for the scheme to be extended to include senior citizens and gold card holders. Support was also shown for Council's Summer City programme and the Feeling Great website.

The main theme for swimming pools was that current facilities do not cover demand and that this is progressively getting worse. There was support for greater investment for aquatic facilities from a number of submitters as well as an offer to enter into a partnership with Strathmore School.

Beyond the synthetic surfaces (discussed above) most of the comments on sportsfields related to operational type matters and requests for improvements and repairs to some facilities. This included grass pitches, Newtown track, clubrooms and parking at facilities.

New playgrounds were requested in Berhampore, Mt Cook and skating features added to Shorland Park. It was requested that the Council take over the BMX track in Tawa. It was also asked that playgrounds don't get closed without consultation with neighbouring parents.

There were two comments around Marinas: they were both in favour of retaining the Evans Bay Patent Slip Jetty.

Health, safety and housing

There is a general feeling that more public toilets are required around the city – a specific request was made for one at the eastern end of Lyall Bay for board riders. The cleanliness of toilets was raised in some submissions.

The flying graffiti squad is largely seen to be beneficial and people would like to see funding continue for this. There was also support for more alcohol controls and funding for safety campaigns/education for Wellington residents. Comments on alcohol bans, gambling, noise control and dog control were also received.

It has been recommended that the Council combine their civil defence office with the Greater Wellington Regional Council and focus on a regional approach to emergency management and resilience. A senior citizens group advocated for a system that identifies where the elderly and people with disabilities are housed so they are able to receive help if a natural disaster occurred. Another submitter commented that the objectives of emergency management were not currently being achieved with the current model and advocated for a community based model.

There was strong support for the housing upgrade programme from submitters. Comments related to incorporating sustainable building principles into the upgrades, to operational comments relating to room sizes and layout and the need for ongoing consultation.

Submissions in support of the Wet Hostel, a request for better ethnic support and that an advisory group for the elderly be created to review the older persons policy, along with better funding of community centres were also received.

Transport strategy

The transport area received around 12 percent of submissions. Public transport, cycling, the overall network, safety and parking were the most prominent themes to emerge from this area.

Public transport and modes of travel

A number of submitters commented on Manners Mall being opened up to buses. There was considerable opposition to this proposal based on loss pedestrian space, impact on local retailers, and safety concerns around the mix of buses and pedestrians. Support for the proposal and the need to improve public transport through the city were also expressed.

Operational matters relating to the frequency and reliability of buses were raised. Light rail also came up as a transport option for Wellington in the future.

More than 20 submissions were received on cycling and the need – as a growing mode of transport – for the Council to upgrade and extend its network of cycling lanes through the city and focus on making cycling safe in the city. Comments on walking were focused on making walking more accessible by improving the standard of footpaths and extending them to more areas of the city.

Transport network and safety

Comments on the network included: opposition to the flyover at the Basin Reserve; more work needs to be done to improve linkages to the port and beautify the area for cruise ships; introduction of reduced speed zones around schools; that the volume of cars needs to be reduced to improve the network; and that traffic calming measures should continue in the suburbs to improve safety.

Parking

There was opposition to people parking on footpaths and blocking access to pedestrians, and requests for greater monitoring of parking in suburban areas. There was support for free weekend parking and the suggestion that a parking ticket, once bought, should be able to be used anywhere in Wellington until it expires. A review of parking for Mt Cook and Victoria University were recommended and one submitter advocated a limit be placed on where parking buildings could be built.

Policies and other matters

Other submission focussed on:

- The projected rate increases. Views were varied. Some stated Council's service provided value for money, others sought concessions for those on fixed / low incomes. Containing increase to the rate of inflation was a common theme.
- Fees and charges. The vast majority of the 60+ submissions were opposed to changes. The encroachment fee received the most focus.
- The rates differential and remissions for buildings under construction. These were considered by the Funding and Activity Review Working Party
- Development contributions policy. These were considered by the subcommittee.

6. Conclusion

The consultation process, including meetings, hearings, and submissions ensured that individuals and groups had the opportunity to participate effectively in the draft LTCCP process. Formal receipt of the submissions is provided for here.

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Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

The report contributes to the governance strategy.

2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

The report has no financial impacts.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

Mana whenua were consulted as part of the long-term plan process.

4) Decision-Making

This process provides feedback on a special consultative procedure. .

5) Consultation

a) General Consultation

This report provides feedback on a broad consultation process..

b) Consultation with Maori

Mana whenua were consulted as part of the long-term plan process.

6) Legal Implications

The report provides for the formal receipt of submissions that were made as part of the special consultative procedure.

7) Consistency with existing policy

This report is consistent with the Council's engagement polic.y