

Description of Services Provided

Elected members carry out their role as representatives of the people of Christchurch. This role involves leadership, consultation, and promotion of Christchurch's interests nationally and internationally. It is also necessary for Elected Members to have an overview of the services the Council provides, and encourage other organisations and people to act in the best interests of Christchurch. In addition, Elected Members are trustees on behalf of the people of Christchurch for the considerable assets (physical and financial) managed by the Council. They are also responsible for setting the rating levels.

This group of activities also includes providing information and support to elected members to assist sound decision-making.

Rationale for Providing these Services

These activities are carried out to provide democratic governance for Christchurch now and in the future. They particularly enable decision-making by and on behalf of the people of Christchurch, and provide a democratic institution for promoting the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the City and its people.

Contribution to Outcomes

Outcome	How Democracy and Governance Contributes to this Outcome
A Learning City	Residents become familiar with ways they can help make their city a better place, such as through participation in civic activities.
A Prosperous City	Effective democratic leadership is increasingly recognised as essential for the City's prosperity, in every meaning of the word.
A Well Governed City	Elected members receive the information and advice they need to manage the assets in their care.
A Well Governed City	The people of Christchurch receive background information on the City and details of Council plans and intentions. Opportunities are provided to participate in decision-making processes.

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Cost of Proposed Services

		2005/06 Plan	2005/06 LTCCP
	Note	\$000's	\$000's
Expenditure (After Internal Recoveries)		9,552	11,071
Revenue		-	-
Net Cost of Service	1	9,552	11,071

Consisting of the following Activities

Elected Member Representation		3,571	3,328
Elected Members Projects		660	2,622
Media Relations and External Communications		528	508
Supporting Elected Member Decision Making		4,793	4,614
Net Cost of Service	1	9,552	11,071

Capital Expenditure

Renewals and Replacements		-	-
Improved Service Levels		-	-
Increased Demand		-	-
Total Capital Expenditure	2	-	-

Notes

- The revenue figure included in the Cost of Proposed Services Statement is from private goods or those services that directly yield benefits to customers.
The Net Cost of Service is the general benefit or public good element which is funded by rates.
Public goods are funded by rates on a straight capital value as the benefit applies to the community as a whole.
For further details see the Funding Impact Statement.
- Capital Expenditure is corporately funded from asset sales, rates (depreciation and surplus), capital revenues, special funds, loans and where applicable development contributions.
For further details of the capital expenditure see Capital Programme Section.

For Performance Measures please refer to pages 61 – 63 of Volume 2 of the 2004/14 Long Term Council Community Plan.

Explanation of Operational Variations from the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP)

The changes between the plan and LTCCP can be attributed to three main items:

- The LTCCP included Community Board project funding as a total, these funds have now been allocated to the appropriate activities.
- An amount of \$150,000 has been included for potential costs associated with the Banks Peninsula reorganisation.
- There has been additional Elected Member remuneration determined by the Remuneration Authority.

Explanation of Capital Expenditure Variations from the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP)

There is no change.