
About this plan

The Long Term Council Community Plan maps out all the work the Christchurch City Council plans to do over the next 10 years. It explains why the Council will provide these services and projects, how it will achieve its objectives and how they will be funded.

The plan is renewed every three years to take account of changing city issues and projects. Below you'll find details about what is included in this latest version of the draft plan, including items that are likely to be of particular interest to the community, details of what you'll find in the various sections and where you can find a run-down of some of the major projects proposed.

What's inside?

Strategic issues

Everything the council does is a reflection of city trends and issues, so a section has been provided to take a look at some of the major issues the city is facing over the next 10 years, and what the Council is doing in response.

Financial overview

Here you'll find out about the money. Rates increases are set out, along with details on other financial sources and where the money goes. This section also explains our accounting policies and sets out the budget.

Capital programme

Included in the financial overview is a summary of our capital works programme. It starts with a summary of the major capital projects the Council is proposing, then details the other projects the Council will carry out over the next 10 years.

Community Outcomes

Our Community Outcomes are nine goals for Christchurch that paint a picture of what we want for the future of our city. These goals describe the sort of city we want to live in and were set by residents, city groups and agencies.

Groups of activities

The council is split into 12 activity groups. Information is provided for each group outlining what it does, how it affects you and proposing goals and priorities for the next 10 years.

Financial forecasts, general and technical information and policies

Throughout the rest of the document you'll find more detailed information about the financial future of the Council, information on specific Council services and financial and general policy details.

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Changes and proposals

Additional information is provided for a number of specific proposals:

- **Christchurch Agency for Energy** – it is proposed this agency be established to carry out the initiatives outlined in the Council’s Sustainable Energy Strategy. Funding of \$3m over four years will come as revenue from the sale of carbon credits earned through the Burwood Landfill Gas project. This agency will be a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO).
- **Early learning centres** – It is proposed to outsource the operation of the QEII preschool and Pioneer learning centres, and to sell the Tuam Street early learning centre as a going concern.
- **Central city tram extension** – the Council has proposed funding of \$11.5m to extend the city tram route through City Mall south to Barbadoes Street.
- **Infrastructure charitable trust** – in order to benefit from recent tax law changes, it is proposed the Council set up an infrastructure charitable trust to receive donations from subsidiary companies. This will allow the Council to obtain a tax deduction for charitable donations and substantially reduce the requirement to borrow. This trust will be a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO).
- **Edgeware pool site** – it is proposed the site of the former Edgeware Pool be sold for housing, except an area to be kept as a community garden, and the proceeds be used to expand the St Albans Resource Centre. The draft LTCCP proposes additional spending of \$3.7m to make this happen.
- **Christchurch Town Hall for the Performing Arts** – it is proposed the Council transfers ownership of the Town Hall to Vbase (a Council subsidiary for the purpose of managing event facilities) to create organisational efficiencies and cost savings.

More information on these proposals may be found in pages 207–219.

- **Council’s financial strategy** – Council has changed its approach to intergenerational equity and the funding of capital expenditure. Within this LTCCP Council has ensured that:
 - the renewal and replacement of existing assets is funded through rates
 - assets that are new or relate to level of service improvements are funded either from capital subsidies, development contributions, or from debt which is repaid over 30 years. Previously Council funded a portion of these new assets from rates
 - the repayment of debt is funded through rates or corporate revenues.
- **Capital endowment fund** – interest earned on this fund (around \$3m annually) helps pay for economic development and civic and community projects. It has been agreed that \$0.85m be used to bring capital projects forward and it is proposed to include: an annual fund of \$1m for economic development initiatives, an annual fund of \$0.9m for iconic events; and the remaining funds, estimated at \$0.2m, be used to contribute to one-off events. See the financial forecasts section.
- **Policy on determining significance** – changes are proposed to the Council’s policy on determining significance which would remove financial thresholds and adopt the view that in making significant decisions the Council considers “...current and future community wellbeing, the views of those affected, and the Council’s capacity to perform its role.” The policy may be found in Volume 2.
- **Development contributions** – changes have been proposed to the development contributions policy, which requires developers to contribute to the cost of new infrastructure needed as a result of growth. This includes the scheduled removal of the transitional discount regime and other changes. The policy may be found in Volume 2.
- **Rating system changes** – proposals include a change to the way ratepayers are currently paying for connection to Council’s restricted water supply to make the system more equitable. Changes to the rates billing dates are under review but will not occur in year 7. See the revenue and finance policy in Volume 2
- **Changes to fees and charges** – Council fees and charges are forecast to increase from \$107.6m in 2008/09 to \$111.5m in 2009/10. This increase is in line with inflation expectations over the same period and affects nursery plants, cemeteries, passenger cruise ship vessels in Akaroa Harbour, recreation and leisure, parking and trade waste. A full schedule of proposed fees and charges may be found in Volume 2.
- **Canterbury Museum grant** – the Draft LTCCP includes a proposed \$16.7m grant from the Council to Canterbury Museum for its redevelopment. It also includes an increase in the annual operating levies paid by the Council to the museum, to meet increased operational costs associated with the redevelopment. See the group of activities pages for culture and learning services.

Submission form

PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR SUBMISSION

The public consultation period is from Tuesday 10 March 2009 to Thursday 16 April 2009.

It will help us if you clearly:

- state the issue you want the Council to consider;
- state what specific action you think the Council should take, and
- state why that should be done.

- type or use black ink for your submission.

Please note: We are legally required to make all written or electronic submissions available to the public and to Councillors, including the name and address of the submitter. In making submissions available to the public, the submissions will be posted electronically on the Council's website. Information will be available to the public subject to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. If you consider there to be compelling reasons why your contact details and/or submission should be kept confidential, you should contact the Council Support Team, telephone 941 8999.

You may send us your submission:

On the internet:

You may enter your submission using the form provided on the Council's website at www.ccc.govt.nz

By email:

ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz

Please make sure that your full name and address is included with your submission.

By mail:

(no stamp is required) to:

Freepost 178
Draft LTCCP
Christchurch City Council
PO Box 237
Christchurch 8140

No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

Whether you use this form or not, you must provide your full name, address and telephone number. If you are submitting on behalf of an organisation please state this and your role within that organisation.

Submissions must be received (NOT postmarked) at the Tuam Street Civic Offices no later than 5pm on Thursday 16 April 2009. To ensure receipt, hand deliver last-minute submissions to the Civic Offices, 167-173 Tuam Street.

Your submission

If you wish, you can present your submission at a hearing. If that is the case, please tick the appropriate box below. The hearings will be held from 11 May 2009 to 18 May 2009. Five to ten minutes will be allocated for speaking to your submission, including time for questions from the Councillors. The Council will confirm the date and time of your hearing in writing, by email or by telephone call.

I do NOT wish to discuss my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered

OR

I wish to discuss the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Monday 11 May 2009 and Monday 18 May 2009.

Are you completing this submission:

For yourself

On behalf of a group or organisation

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent?

Contact Name

Organisation name (if applicable)

Organisation role (if applicable)

Contact Address

Postcode

Phone No. (day)

Phone No. (evening)

Email (if applicable)

Signature

Date

"**Lone biker**" was taken by Toni Greenhill of Bishopdale and entered in the Christchurch City Council's competition to find a cover image for the Long Term Council Community Plan 2009–19. The image captures a silhouette of a Canterbury mountain-biker on Christchurch's Port Hills – a busy location for cyclists over the summer months.



