

Ā mātou mātāpono whakamahere hukihuki

Our proposed planning principles

We want to know what you think about our five proposed planning principles that will help guide the development of our Long-term Plan.

These five principles support a practical plan and budget that focuses on what matters most and keeps costs down where possible.

They also ensure we make the best use of the rates, fees, funding, and assets Council already has, while finding ways to do more with what we already have.

1. Community voice

Council will use community feedback and local insight to help prioritise Long-term Plan investment decisions, set levels of service, and decide how costs could be shared.

2. Growth pays for growth

As Kāpiti grows, new development should pay for or contribute to the infrastructure and services it needs. Existing ratepayers should not be unfairly asked to cover the cost of growth.

3. User pays where it makes sense

Individuals or groups who use a service should help pay for it, instead of the cost falling on all ratepayers. Where a service mainly benefits certain people or groups, we will recover the cost where appropriate and look at fees and charges before using rates to fund it.

4. Live within our financial limits

Council will manage money carefully, keep debt at sustainable levels, and pay for day-to-day services from day-to-day income wherever possible.

Looking after essential infrastructure, renewals, maintenance, safety, and legal requirements comes before new or optional upgrades.

5. Prioritise the must-dos

Council will focus first on essential services, legal requirements, safety, resilience, and core infrastructure. We will look for opportunities to work with others to increase the quantity and quality of our community outcomes, and the value from our services.

What do you think?

Do you agree with these?



Learn more about our proposed planning principles and priorities and have your say:

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