

QLDC Council
18 March 2021

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take : 1

Department: Corporate Services

Title | Taitara Ten Year Plan Consultation Document

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT | TE TAKE MŌ TE PŪRONGO

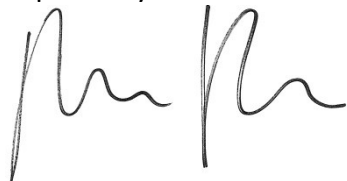
The purpose of this report is to adopt the Council's 2021-2031 Ten Year Plan Consultation Document and supporting documents for public consultation.

RECOMMENDATION | NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA

That Council:

1. **Note** the contents of the report;
2. **Adopt** the Ten Year Plan (Long Term Plan) supporting documents (Volumes 1 and 2);
3. **Adopt** the Draft Ten Year Plan (Long Term Plan) Consultation Document for consultation;
4. **Approve** the Council entering into consultation on the proposed amendments to the Policy on Development Contributions in accordance with Part 6, section 106 (6) of the Local Government Act 2002; and
5. **Adopt** the Draft Significance and Engagement Policy 2021 to undertake consultation through the Draft Ten Year Plan Special Consultation Process.

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CONTEXT | HOROPAKI

- 1 The Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) requires the Council to use a Consultation Document to consult with the community on the Council's Ten Year Plan (Long Term Plan). The document must identify and consult on the Council's prioritised 'big' issues of which there are four, namely:
 - Delivering safe and reliable 3 water services.
 - Meeting the transport needs of our communities
 - New targeted rate on Queenstown Town Centre properties
 - Increasing user fees and charges.
- 2 The Council is also specifically seeking comment on responding to Climate Change and the draft Policy on Development Contribution. Note that any aspect of the draft Ten Year Plan can be subject to a submission to the Ten Year Plan hearing panel.

ANALYSIS AND ADVICE | TATĀRITANGA ME NGĀ TOHUTOHU

- 3 The documents informing the Consultation Document include but are not limited to the following:
 - Significance and Engagement Policy
 - Financial Strategy
 - 30 Year Infrastructure Strategy
 - Revenue and Financing Policy
 - Council Activity Statements
 - Forecasting Assumptions
 - Risk Mitigation Strategy
 - Funding Impact Statement
 - Financial Contributions Policy
 - Council's Community Outcomes
 - Rates Remission Policy
- 4 The LGA 2002 is not prescriptive on the timing with regards the review of the Council's Significance and Engagement policy (Section 76AA) however given any review is subject to the Special Consultation Procedure the Council includes the review of the policy through the Ten Year Plan consultation process. The policy was last consulted on through the 2018 Ten Year Plan Special Consultation Process.
- 5 The supporting documents must be adopted prior to the adoption of the Consultation Document in accordance with Part 6, Section 93G of LGA. They are subject to amendment through the submission process and will constitute the final 2021-2031 Ten Year Plan to be recommended to be adopted in 30 June 2021.
- 6 The Consultation Document outlines a very challenging Ten Year Plan, particularly given the confronting current environment and financial challenges being experienced by some members of the community.

- 7 The proposed capital investment programme for 2021-2031 is forecast at \$1.67 billion. Council is in the difficult position of needing to show leadership around stimulating the economy and working with a compromised budget due to COVID-19. There is also the need to continue investing in programmes already committed to, such as the Housing Infrastructure Fund projects, the Crown Infrastructure Partners' "Shovel-Ready" projects and the \$90M New Zealand Upgrade Programme Package for Queenstown, as well as delivering the regulatory requirements of the Three Waters Reform. The journey has been robust leading to a conservative (comparatively) rates increase (average of 4.3% over the ten-year period). The proposed increase in fees and charges and the introduction of a proposed targeted Queenstown CBD rate are seeking to strike a balance between those that benefit most and the wider community. The options in relation to these two proposals are outlined in the Consultation Document and Council encourages submissions on these and other matters.

Proposed amendments to the 2021-2022 Policy on Development Contributions.

- 8 The Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) allows Council to amend the Policy on Development Contributions at any time in accordance with section 102 (4) (b) of LGA.
- 9 As in previous years, Council intends to update the Policy in parallel with the Ten Term Plan consultation. The Ten Year Plan supporting documents include the proposed amendments to the Policy on Development Contributions.
- 10 The main reason for the amendment is to update contribution levels as a result of the incorporation of the latest actual expenditure and the revised capital programme proposed by the Ten Year Plan 2021/31.
- 11 As well as the annual update of contribution levels, the additional proposed amendments are intended to simplify and clarify certain areas of the policy. Many of the proposed changes involve the introduction of clearer definitions and simpler assessment methodologies as well as extension of contributing areas to include new development areas. The proposed amendments include:
- a) Updated format of the Development Contributions Policy with the inclusion of a Table of Contents and a Glossary of Terms
 - b) Change of contribution name from 'Community Facilities' to 'Community Infrastructure'
 - c) Amend the average residential dwelling size to 180m²
 - d) Reclassification and expansion of Industrial and Commercial land use categories and removal of land use categories: Country Dwelling; Country Dwelling Flat; CBD Commercial; CBD Accommodation; Home Occupation; Primary Industry
 - e) Change of method of assessing development contributions for visitor accommodation
 - f) Updated and simplified the Policy differentials and inclusion of the basis of the differentials in the policy
 - g) Inclusion of parameters by which to guide Special Assessments
 - h) Change to the reserve land calculation methodology
 - i) Updated average land values for Wānaka and Wakatipu Areas

- j) Updated capital costs for both recent actual capital expenditure and the forecast capital expenditure in 2021/31 Ten Year Plan
- k) Updated Contributing Area Maps.

CONSULTATION PROCESS | HĀTEPE MATAPAKI:

> SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT | TE WHAKAMAHI I KĀ WHAKAARO HIRAKA

- 12 This matter is of high significance, as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy and is therefore subject to a Special Consultative Procedure.
- 13 Following its adoption, the 2021-2031 Ten Year Plan Consultation Document AND Significance and Engagement Policy will be published online, available from Libraries and Council offices and circulated as per Scuttlebutt (Council newsletter) distribution, in accordance with the Special Consultative Procedure (as prescribed under Part 6, Section 93 and in accordance with Part 6, Section 83). The following is an outline of consultation key dates:

18 March 2021	2021-2031 Ten Year Plan Consultation Document adopted
19 March 2021	Public Submissions open
19 April 2021	Public Submissions close
10-11 May 2021	Hearing of Submissions - Queenstown and Wānaka respectively.
30 June 2021	2021-2031 Ten Year Plan recommended for adoption.

RISK AND MITIGATIONS | NGĀ RARU TŪPONO ME NGĀ WHAKAMAURUTANGA

- 14 This matter relates to the Strategic/Political/Reputation. It is associated with RISK00040 . This risk has been assessed as having a moderate inherent risk rating.
- 15 The approval of the resolutions will support the Council by allowing implementation of additional controls for this risk.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS | NGĀ RITENGA Ā-PŪTEA

- 19 There are no financial implications in relation to adopting the supporting documents and Consultation Document.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 PURPOSE PROVISIONS | TE WHAKATURETURE 2002 O TE KĀWANATAKA Ā-KĀIKA

- 20 The recommended option is to approve the resolutions on the basis that the provision of supporting documents and a Consultation Document is a statutory requirement. Councillors can chose not to support the resolutions however the recommendation:
 - Will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households;
 - Can be implemented through proposed Ten Year Plan budgets;
 - Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and

- Is not proposed in its current form to alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

ATTACHMENTS | NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA

A	Ten Year Plan supporting documents Volume 1 and 2
B	Draft Consultation Document
C	Statement of Proposal: Proposed Amendments to the Policy on Development Contributions 2021-2022
D	Amended Significance and Engagement Policy 2021