

**Christchurch City Council**  
**ATTACHMENTS UNDER SEPARATE COVER**

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**Time:** 9.30am  
**Venue:** Council Chambers, Civic Offices,  
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

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*Secretarial note: The attached is an amended submission for 990 – Papanui-Innes Community Board. This replaces pages 55 – 61 of the Agenda.*



**SUBMISSION TO:** Christchurch City Council

**ON:** Draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028

**BY:** Papanui-Innes Community Board

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Council Key Issues/Topics	Board Submission
<p><b>The big question</b></p> <p>Our overarching proposal is to prioritise some areas over others to enable us to keep our proposed average rates as low as possible, at 5.5 per cent.</p> <p><b>Have we got the balance right?</b></p> <p><b>Looking across all the services, projects and activities that Council delivers, have we prioritised the right things?</b></p> <p><b>Do you have a project or programme that you think should be prioritised?</b></p>	
<p><b>We're making progress</b></p> <p>In 2018/19 ChristchurchNZ will receive \$10.2 million from the Council, to enable it to carry out a range of activities including attracting major events, economic development and promoting the city. To fulfil this role they are seeking additional funding of \$1.4 million. The rates impact of the additional seed fund activities would be 0.31 per cent in 2018/19 on top of the 5.5 per cent average rates increase.</p> <p><b>What do you think of the Council providing additional funding to ChristchurchNZ so that it can bid for major events on behalf of the city, support new events through sponsorship and test the feasibility of new concepts?</b></p>	
<p><b>Our rates proposal</b></p> <p>We propose an average rates increase of 5.5 per cent in 2018/19, with the increase tracking down over subsequent years of the LTP to settle at a level in line with local government inflation.</p> <p>We propose continuing to prioritise our work on horizontal infrastructure (roads, pipes etc) so that the most urgent work is done first, based on the condition of the asset, its</p>	

<p>importance and weighing the benefits gained in doing the work against the consequences of not doing the work.</p> <p><b>What do you think of this plan for an average rates increase of no more than 5.5 per cent, reducing over the next 10 years?</b></p>	
<p><b>Alternative sources of funding</b></p> <p>An issue we think may be important to you is identifying alternative means of funding the Council's activities. At the moment we meet most of our costs from rates, borrowing, and dividends from our trading organisations.</p> <p><b>Do you think we should investigate other ways to raise funding?</b></p> <p><b>A local fuel tax could help us to reduce rates. Would you support us exploring this option to generate more money for transport-related projects?</b></p>	
<p><b>Flood protection</b></p> <p>Since the earthquakes, houses along parts of the Heathcote/Opawaho River have been more susceptible to flooding. We understand the effects of this on residents. To reduce the risk of homes flooding we propose speeding up our programme to dredge the river between the Woolston Cut and Radley Park and through to Hansen Park.</p> <p><b>What do you think of us prioritising this project over other land drainage recovery work, so we can complete it within two rather than three years?</b></p>	
<p><b>Drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and flood protection</b></p> <p>We propose prioritising work to maintain our drinking water, stormwater and flood protection infrastructure over work to maintain our wastewater infrastructure.</p> <p><b>What do you think our approach to managing our drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and flood protection assets, and how we're prioritising the work?</b></p>	<p><b>Styx River</b></p> <p><i>As the Papanui-Innes Community Board has worked closely with the joint Styx River Catchment working party the Board supports these resolutions but notes it will be subject to the Land Drainage staff determining the timing of the works within their project prioritisation.</i></p> <p><i>Refer <b>Attachment A</b> to this submission.</i></p>
<p><b>Transport</b></p> <p>Making our city safer for people to travel in, whether by car, bicycle or on foot, has been a priority for this Council.</p>	<p><b>Westminster Street proposed pedestrian crossing</b></p> <p>Request for this project to be added to the 18/19 financial year.</p>

<p>We are keen to press on with these initiatives, to complete the network of cycleways, improve safety at more intersections and make the central city more accessible for everyone. We also want to restore our road condition to a level that is similar to other New Zealand cities over the next 20 years.</p> <p><b>What do you think our approach to managing our transport projects, and how we're prioritising this work?</b></p> <p>There has been a lot of feedback express community concerns about the dangers presented at a range of intersections (for example, Harewood, Breens and Gardiners Roads) and the state of many streets and footpaths. As a Council we wish to agree on a framework for prioritising intersection improvement and street and footpath renewals, to ensure we meet our residents' needs.</p> <p><b>What do you think we should take into account when prioritising the work that needs to be done?</b></p> <p><b>Do you think the priorities should be informed by the local Community Board?</b></p>	<p><b>School Speed Zones</b> The Board continues to support the city-wide 40kph school zones be maintained at \$500,000 for the 2018/19 financial years to allow the programme to be accelerated and all schools currently on the waiting list to have speed zones installed.</p> <p><b>Downstream effects of CNC</b> Questions on the spread of expenditure as the downstream effects will be felt sooner than 20/21 when the major expenditure is planned.  This will also include the Marshland Road bridge renewal.</p> <p><b>Major Cycleway Routes</b> The Community Board has a number of cycleways in its area and does not support the deferral of the completion of these cycleways. The Board is concerned that slowing the delivery of the programme will cost Council more in the long term.</p> <p><b>Papanui Ward Roads and Footpaths</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Greers/Northcote/Sawyers Arms Roads Intersection.</i> Highest accident rate for pedestrians in the Ward. Also one fatality and a significant number of car accidents. Northcote Road will become busier once the CNC is completed.</li> <li>• <i>Nicholls Street</i> Repairs/upgrade.</li> <li>• <i>Randall Street</i> Repairs/upgrade</li> </ul> <p>The Board supports the remaining one third of Randall St being a prioritised renewal.</p>
<p><b>Facilities</b></p> <p>In this document we list our top priorities. The funding allocated will allow us to improve or complete a wide range of facilities that will benefit Christchurch now and in the future.</p> <p><b>Do we have the priorities rights? Are there other projects you would prioritise, and if so, what would you defer to free up funding?</b></p> <p>In this document we discuss a new funding method for community assets that are not owned by the Council but which benefit the community.</p> <p><b>What do you think of using a targeted rating system to help progress non-Council community projects?</b></p>	<p><b>10 Shirley Road</b> This is a high priority in the Papanui Innes Ward. Funding was initially delayed, then brought forward and has now been dropped from the LTP completely. The Board requests that funding be reinstated as there is an urgent need for a community facility in this area.</p> <p>The funding of \$153,000 originally allocated in the 2020/21 financial year to begin consultation and design work was brought forward to 2018/19 plus subsequent funding – we would like this reinstated.</p> <p><b>St Albans Community Facility</b> The Board requests a further \$350,000 additional funding Reaffirm that original funding is carried forward from current year to next year.</p>

<p><b>Are there projects in your community that could benefit from such an approach?</b></p>	<p><b>Belfast Library and Service Centre</b> The Board notes this project was deferred in the 2015-25 LTP and has now been completely removed from the draft 2018-2028 LTP. The Board requests that this project be reinstated urgently – 2019-20 (where it was placed in the last LTP) at an amount of \$150,000 to progress the project.</p> <p>The Board notes the huge population growth in the north of Christchurch and the need for staff to identify suitable sites for potential community facilities. The Board requests that the Council explore partnership opportunities noting that a new school is planned for Belfast.</p> <p><b>Edgware Community Pool</b> Request that Council consider granting funding of up to \$5million to the Edgware Pool group to enable this asset to be completed.</p> <p><b>Outdoor Youth Recreation Facilities</b> The Board requests that the Council put funds into the Long Term Plan for outdoor youth facilities in the Papanui and Redwood areas (e.g. skate park, basketball court, free wi-fi).</p>
<p><b>Heritage</b></p> <p>We are keen to know your views on the almost depleted Central City Landmark Grant Fund, through which we have helped fund work to restore heritage buildings that are in private ownership.</p> <p><b>Do you think the Council should continue to contribute \$1.9 million per year to Landmark Grant Fund for the next three years?</b></p>	
<p><b>Any other comments</b></p>	
	<p><b>Strengthening Communities Funding</b> Increase to cover inflation. Has not been increased in the last ten years.</p>

## Attachment A

### LTP submission Styx River Catchment Working Party – 10 April 2018

#### Papanui-Innes and Coastal-Burwood Community Boards

The Styx River Catchment Area working party agrees that the following issues should be included in the community board submissions to the LTP.

1. The working party has been meeting since July 2017 to provide community input into decision making about the Styx River catchment particularly in its lower reaches.
2. The working party notes the following LTP strategic priorities and considers that its submission aligns with achieving positive outcomes :
  - Maximising opportunities to develop a vibrant, prosperous and sustainable 21<sup>st</sup> century waterway
  - Climate change leadership
  - Informed and proactive approaches to natural hazard risks
  - Safe and sustainable water supply and improved waterways.
3. At the meeting on the 21 February 2018 the working party resolved – “That the Joint Working Party wish to consider both short term and long-term actions to mitigate flooding in the Styx Communities and that this be implemented with some urgency. The short-term priorities are flooding, earthquake damage, and lateral spread and drainage issues”.
4. In the short-term, the LTP budget should allow for an increase in the operations budget for the Styx catchment area in the lower reaches to \$400,000 annually for the following items:
  - Further dredging of river blockage areas in 2018/21 years where identified as appropriate
  - Lateral spread/earthquake damage – remediation alongside dredging in 2018/21 years
  - Active identification of further flooding issues – staff time to work with community, capitalising on their knowledge of the river to identify strategies for short term action to reduce flooding
  - Allocation of further water level measurement systems where necessary
  - Aquatic weed removal budget remains and continues at minimum of 3 cuts per year 2018/21 years
5. In the long term it is recommended that the LTP budget contain a provision for the staff to investigate and report on a suitable process for a long term Styx River Masterplan and that an implementation strategy be developed over the next two year period with appropriate budgets allocated to the amount of \$600,000, noting that the community be engaged with the proposed Masterplan from the commencement.

Establishment, research costs and compilation of documentation regarding a 100 year plus plan which is open to continual improvement and would be incorporated in cross council work programmes to facilitate the achievement of the strategic priorities: in particular:

- Maximising opportunities to develop a vibrant, prosperous and sustainable 21<sup>st</sup> century waterway
- Climate change leadership
- Informed and proactive approaches to natural hazard risks
- Safe and sustainable water supply and improved waterways

This planning should consider the following matters:

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- Flooding
  - Lateral spread/Earthquake damage
  - Aquatic weed removal
  - Water measurement levels
  - Tidal gates
  - Ponding areas in adjacent properties
  - Issues related to the Waimakariri river mouth lagoon and consequent flooding
  - State of related drains
  - Land development areas – water shed into the Styx River
  - Riparian planting plans
  - River management strategies for the long term including whether or not the river is treated as a drain; natural ponding area; swamp or other use such as a rowing/recreation lake
  - Changes in industrial land use/dewatering and effect on water table and discharges to Kaputone Creek
  - Link to the multi-hazard approach (which picks up climate change, coastal hazards)
  - Brooklands red zone issues
  - Collaboration with the community and agencies
  - Inclusion of Environment Canterbury
  - Collaboration with, and resource input from, Regenerate Christchurch.
6. The working party recommends that the Council complete a cost benefit analysis regarding the dredging of the river between the Marshland River Bridge and the mouth. It is estimated that this dredging would cost \$40 million dollars (source: GHD report). It is the working party's contention that this one off action over a 3 year period is urgently required to address the lack of essential maintenance of the river since 1993. The need is evidenced by:
- Gradual increase in water levels of the river over time
  - River banks closing in and silting up of the floor of the river
  - Continual flooding of properties adjacent to the river
  - Damage to the river banks from the earthquakes
  - Blockages to the rivers flow from tree and root growth and pinch points
  - Blockages caused by low maintenance of the river since 1993
  - Aquatic weed eating is insufficient to lower the water levels adequately
  - Dredging in 2013 noting that limited dredging over a short time has an effect but silt may move and continue to build up. This result of this dredging was a reduction in water levels of 150 m. This cost \$349,500 and removed 2812 m3 of sediment

**Refer LTP Have your say document (page 35)**

7. The working party recommends that the Council should adopt the proposal to increase the LTP funding by \$522 million in the LTP for storm water and flood protection. This should include immediate work on the Styx River to a level proportionate to the size of the Styx catchment to reduce flooding in the lower Styx area.



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8. Because the LTP has a legislative requirement to provide infrastructure for growth and development we believe the conveyancing capacity of the Styx River and its ability to manage the current storm water and any additional storm water due to developments within this catchment area should be a high priority.

**Item 3**

**Attachment B**

