

Waimāero
Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board
Submissions Committee
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

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Te Mahere Rautaki Kaurera Our Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031

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1. Introduction

The Waimāero/Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board ('the Board') appreciates the opportunity to submit on the Council's Te Mahere Rautaki Kaurera Our Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

The Board **does** wish to be heard in support of its submission.

2. Submission

Have we got the game plan right?

Have we got the balance right? Have we prioritised the right things? If not, what changes would you like to see?

In general the Board considers that the Council has the balance right, however, with many of the issues that local residents raise with the Board relating to maintenance, the Board would urge the Council to dedicate additional money to ensure the delivery of day to day maintenance and repairs of all essential services, particularly roading, footpaths, kerbing and the maintenance of local parks. The Board would strongly recommend that the Council assign to each Board an appropriately sized maintenance budget and the delegation to prioritise the maintenance needs in their local communities. This has worked well in other parts of the country and would give the local community greater transparency on how their rates are being spent as well as a greater say in how their local area is maintained.

The Board is supportive of the Council putting a climate change lens on its activities, however considers that its priorities are not specific enough. The Board would prefer to see increased transparency around timing, milestones and budget being put to climate change initiatives.

The Board was pleased to see the new rating tool available in time for the draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 consultation and would like to see this further developed to provide more detail and thereby greater transparency around the Long Term Plan's Capital Programme projects.

Rates

What do you think of this plan for an average residential rates increase of 5 percent for 2021-22 and an overall rates increase of 4 percent over the next 10 years?

The Board is appreciative of the savings made by the Council when developing its draft 10 year budget. It acknowledges the difficulty the Council faces in trying to keep rates at a level manageable for its ratepayers while trying to provide sufficient monies for the many services its residents expect. The Board supports the balance that the Council has achieved but does remind the Council of the need to continue to use rates wisely. The Board would like to see a more transparent approach to the rates spend that clearly measures the outcomes and improvements in operational services achieved as a result of the increased rates. The Board would also ask that there be a commitment that the projected operational savings of \$329 million, and the efficiencies that have been driven by achieving that, are not lost over the coming years.

A continuous run of unprecedented and difficult events has impacted the city and its infrastructure over the last 10 years and it is appreciated that rate rises have been required to cover the associated costs of repairs and reduce the financial impacts. The Board is concerned about the impact of any rates increase on its local residents, particularly those suffering the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and would ask that information regarding obtaining a rates deferral be readily known for those who need it. The Board would also ask that the Council give consideration to providing information to residents on when these additional costs will have been met and their rates will begin to decrease.

Proposed changes to existing rates and new targeted rates

What do you think of these changes to existing rates, and new targeted rates? Have we got it right? If not, what changes would you like to see?

The Board is supportive of targeted rates, but it strongly believes that the projects benefiting from targeted rates have clear and measurable outcomes and preferably benefit the whole city rather than one particular ward.

The Board supports the targeted rate for the Arts Centre, but would strongly urge the Council to explore partnerships with other stakeholders and groups with a vested interest where possible so this does not continue to be a burden on the ratepayer.

The Board agrees in principle to the targeted charge for excess water use in order to highlight the need to conserve water across the city, but remains unconvinced that the proposed method of charging is fair and equitable. The Board is also mindful of the possibility of Central Government making changes regarding the management of local water supplies. There is a concern that this may result in water allocations being reduced thereby increasing the number of households charged for excess water use. This would have a significant financial impact on local residents. The Board also continues to be unsure how excess water charges will be charged to residents living in a multi-dwelling building. The Board is also mindful that Christchurch is well known as being the 'garden city' and, with areas within its boundaries being gateways to the city, asks that the Council ensure that the local parks and community areas are kept watered and well maintained.

Investing in upgrading and protecting our city's water networks

We are proposing to invest 41 per cent (\$2.329 billion) of our capital spend on water infrastructure. Have we got the balance right? If not, what changes would you like to see?

The Board supports the proposed investment in upgrading and protecting our city's water networks, but strongly urge that the mantra of "do it once, do it right" is applied to all work undertaken. Feedback from our residents clearly indicates that seeing work being undertaken and then having to be repeated again within a reasonably short time period, creates a great deal of anger and frustration.

We appreciate the need for significant expenditure on water infrastructure over the next few years, but would expect to see the budget allocated for this work to be reduced over time as the work is undertaken and the required standards are met.

Investing in our transport infrastructure

We are proposing to invest 25 per cent (\$1.445 billion) of our proposed capital spend on transport infrastructure improvements. Have we got the balance right? If not, what changes would you like to see?

The Board is generally supportive of the proposed investment on transport infrastructure improvements but asks that the Council continue to work with Environment Canterbury as a partner in terms of providing a robust public transportation system that will entice residents away from motorised vehicles.

The Board supports the promotion of active transport including the development of new cycleways but has concerns about the associated costs with some cycleways and the impact they have on the residents living along them. The Board would prefer to see a more cost-effective, less engineered, cycle network developed that adds to the amenity and style of the local community rather than be at odds to it. The Northern Parallel, the Uni-cycle and the Linwood cycleway are good examples of cycleways that fit well in residential environments.

Rubbish, recycling and organics

We're proposing to spend \$25 million on organics infrastructure (which includes upgrades to the organics processing plant), \$18.5 million on transfer station infrastructure and \$18.4 million on recycling infrastructure. Have we got the balance right? If not, what changes would you like to see?

The Board fully supports the proposed spend on rubbish, recycling and organics, but recommends that the Council continue look at other alternatives that eliminate the need to create rubbish, e.g. promote behaviour changes and foster zero waste living. The Board also recommends that the Council investigate 'waste to energy' initiatives.

Our facilities

What do you think of our proposed investment in Council-owned facilities across Christchurch and Banks Peninsula, and in our changes to levels of service? Have we got the balance right? If not, what changes would you like to see?

Feedback from the Board's Long Term Plan drop-in sessions with the local community showed that the proposed reduction in library hours was not supported. The Board recommends that one late night per week or two per month be explored as a possible compromise.

The Board is disappointed that the Art Gallery services are to be reduced and recommends that this be revisited once tourist numbers to the city have risen again.

Our heritage, foreshore and parks

We're proposing to invest 11 per cent of our capital spend on our heritage, foreshore and parks. Have we got the balance right? If not, what changes would you like to see?

The Board considers that the balance is right.

Funding for the Arts Centre Te Matatiki Toi Ora

Do you support the Council funding \$5.5 million for the Arts Centre? This proposal is currently accounted for in our proposed rates increase. If a decision is made not to proceed, rates would drop by 0.04 per cent.

Yes. The Board has no further comment to make.

Funding for base isolation of the Robert McDougall Art Gallery

Do you support the Council funding base isolation of the Robert McDougall at a cost of \$11.8 million? This proposal is not currently accounted for in our proposed rates increase. If a decision is made to fund base isolation, rates would increase by 0.07 per cent.

No. The Board has no further comment to make.

Potential disposal of surplus Council-owned properties

Help us decide their future – what do you think of this proposal to dispose of surplus properties?

Yes. The Board supports the Council divesting itself of unwanted/unused properties and further recommends that the Council also consider selling surplus land e.g. inner city commercial laneways/access-ways that are used solely by the associated business for service vehicle movements.

3. General Comments:

Community Board Plan 2020-22 Priorities:

Reinstating the Ilam Stream and fixing the water flow issues

The Ilam Stream flows from Russley Road along the edge of Avonhead Park then on through Crosbie Park from where it winds through the lower part of Avonhead suburb to join up the Avon River at the Ilam Gardens.

The flow of the Ilam Stream has suffered from a drop in the water table caused by drainage of wetlands combined with the development of impermeable surfaces such as roads and houses. If the Ilam Stream is to live up to the aspirations of the Otakaro-Avon River Stormwater Management Plan then ways need to be found to achieve much more stability and regularity in its flow.

The Board has worked with Council staff and the local community to look at ways to address the issue. Staff have provided a response back to the Board indicating that the only viable option would be the installation of a new bore at Crosbie Park. The estimated cost of this is \$130,000. There is currently no budget allocated for this project and the Board are requesting that Council include this project in the Long Term Plan.

Upgrade of the toilets, changing room facilities and sports storage at Nunweek Park

Nunweek Park is a highly utilised facility for both junior and senior players across three different sporting codes (cricket, rugby and touch rugby).

The toilets and sports storage facility at Nunweek Park was constructed in the late 1980s. As the building would benefit from strengthening work, the board is keen to investigate whether the building is still fit for purpose and the feasibility of building new changing room facilities.

The Board would like to request that funding for this project be included in the Long Term Plan.

Construction of a shared footpath on Gardiners Road from Wilkinsons Road to Sawyers Arms Road

This area of the city is experiencing growth through the development of housing subdivisions. There is no footpath or safe cycling space from Wilkinsons Road to Sawyers Arms Road. A shared path would greatly improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, particularly children who bike to school. Staff have indicated this is likely to cost approximately \$500,000 and there is currently no budget allocated to the project. The Board would like to request that funding for this project be included in the Long Term Plan.

Replacement or upgrade of the public toilets at Bishopdale Mall

The local community have been requesting an upgrade or replacement of these toilets for many years. The current toilets are unpleasant and people say they feel unsafe when using them. The Board's preference would be for new stand-alone toilets to be built on the land where the old Plunket rooms were recently demolished.

There is currently no budget allocated to this project. The Board would like to request that funding for this project be included in the Long Term Plan.

Development of adjacent Council land at Tulett Park into additional playing fields for the Club

Tulett Park is home to the Nomads Football Club which has over 1,000 members. The Board would like to request that staff investigate the opportunity to extend the playing area of the park by developing the council-owned land (off Walter Case Drive) into additional sports fields and allocate the required budget for this project in the Long Term Plan.

Other Community Projects:

Retention of the pedestrian/cycle path through Ministry of Education land in Ilam Road

The Ministry of Education is undertaking a large development project to merge three schools (Burnside Primary, Cobham Intermediate, and Allenvale School) into a new shared campus on Ilam Road. There has been a pedestrian and cycle path going through the Cobham Intermediate School grounds, which links Sunningvale Lane to Ilam Road. The MOE have not included the retention of this path in their new design and the path has now been closed. The Board has received feedback from residents expressing concern over this decision as this path was very well utilised by walkers and cyclists.

The Board has had discussions with the local Member of Parliament and together we are keen to work with the Ministry of Education to try and retain the path. This may result in Council needing to contribute financially towards this project and the Board would like to see a budget for this included in the Long Term Plan.

Belfast Netball Club

The Board would like to express their support for the Belfast Netball Club's submission to the Council's Long Term Plan, requesting the funding for the repairs and resealing of the netball courts at Sheldon Park be brought forward. The funding for the project is currently sitting in the 2027 year and as this issue is creating a significant health and safety issue for the users of the court, the Board would like to see this project happen immediately.

Right-turning arrows at Maidstone Road/Waimairi Road intersection

The Board has received requests from users of this intersection who believe it would help address safety issues caused by delays and traffic-banking up. There is currently no budget to undertake this project and the Board would like Council to consider including it in their Long Term Plan.

Right-turning arrows at Northwood Boulevard and Main North Road

The Board has received feedback from users of this intersection that right-turn arrows from Northwood Boulevard into Main North Road are required immediately. There has been an increase in traffic from the shopping areas around this intersection, which is likely due to the development of subdivisions in the area. Feedback received also indicates that the traffic volumes at the intersection appear to have increased following the opening of the new northern motorway. There is currently no budget to undertake this project and the Board would like Council to consider including it in their Long Term Plan.

Right-turning arrows at Wairakei Road/Grahams Road intersection

In June 2020, the Board approved safety improvements at this intersection which included changes in lane layout and road markings. At the time, staff did not recommend the installation of a right-turn arrow but agreed to review the operation of the intersection in six months' time as to whether right-turn arrows or any other safety enhancements would further improve the safety and efficiency and report back to the Community Board in time for the Long Term Plan submission

process. The Board has yet to hear back regarding this review but would like to request that funding be made available if the review indicates the need for the right-turn arrows.



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Draft Otautahi Christchurch Climate Change Strategy

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The Board **does** wish to be heard in support of its submission.

2. Submission

General

The Board fully supports the Council in its urgency to reduce the effects of climate change in our city and acknowledges that, as a district, we need to reduce our carbon emissions, prepare for future changes and be flexible to respond to the social, environmental and economic effects of our changing climate.

The Board is supportive of the approach proposed in the draft strategy with four Goals supported by 10 Climate Action Programmes that show what is required to achieve these goals. The Board does however, consider it imperative that the goals align to all 17 United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, specifically Goal 13 - Climate Action.

The Board does however, consider that constant transparency and measurement is required, for example a live barometer that shows how the Council is tracking with these four core climate change goals, if we are to inspire and engage the community.

Goals:

The Board fully supports the four proposed goals in the draft strategy.

In terms of Goal 3: We have a just transition to an innovative low-emission economy - the Board acknowledges the need for lifelong learning and re-skilling required to achieve this and recommends that there be compulsory school education around climate change coupled with well-being and climate grief training. This could be achieved by working closely with those existing businesses and organisations who provide education, procurement and learning in this space rather than spending money to create new programmes.

Programme 1: Building the foundation – partnerships and resourcing

The Board fully supports the Council establishing a leadership group with key stakeholder representatives but is unsure who will be involved in setting up the leadership group. It also

considers it critical that the group include representatives from all sectors of society e.g. youth, mana whenua, Age Concern.

Programme 6: Economic Transformation and Innovation

The Board acknowledges the importance of working with ChristchurchNZ and the Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce to deliver a series of events and activities to highlight and drive climate innovation in Christchurch but it would also encourage the Council to work with other businesses and social enterprises that are already rolling out programmes and events around climate and sustainability education and activation.

Programme 7: Low-emission transport incentive

The Board fully supports the promotion of using low-emission transport but is concerned that the Council will rely heavily on its major cycle routes to deliver this. Cheaper, less engineered cycle lanes could be installed in more places to encourage active, low-emission transportation methods and the installation of a regular, efficient, low emission and low cost public transport system must be high on the priorities.

Bike incentives, similar to the one previously established by the Board for Jellie Park users could be rolled out for users of all Council facilities.

Programme 9: Towards zero waste

The Board fully supports the Council working towards a zero waste city.

In its submission on the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan the Board was of the opinion that more could be done to change the behaviour of the city's residents and businesses and considered that the Council should engage and inspire behaviour change to living a zero waste life and to celebrate and promote businesses and organisations who are providing alternatives to encourage a zero waste life style. Education of the city's young children and youth in 'green' practices, particularly in regard to recycling and composting is imperative when working towards zero waste environment. The Board also continues to advocate for the development of a database listing all businesses/groups that can make use of unrecyclable or non-compostable items, for example bottle tops and twist ties and that the database be readily available to residents.

In working towards a zero waste and circular economy the Board encourages the Council to embrace new technologies and practices with an aim to be the 'Eco City' of New Zealand by 2040 with actions and goals to be achieved within that timeline.

Programme 10: Sustainable food system

The Board fully supports the Council's aim of planting 500 fruit trees in schools and community locations but is also aware of some of the issues this may create, including insects/rodents who are attracted by fallen fruit.

The Board would like to see the introduction of organic rubbish collection in the CDB.

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2. Submission

Overall, do you think you and/or your community of interest will be fairly represented by the proposed number of councillors, wards and community boards?

Yes.

Overall, do you think the proposed boundaries will reflect your community and/or communities of interest?

No.

The Board would like to highlight two areas of concern regarding the proposed boundary changes.

1. **Harewood Ward** - The Board does not agree with the proposal to include the area within the boundaries of Yaldhurst Road, Pound Road, Buchanans Road, Carmen Road and Steadman Road. This area currently sits within the Hornby Ward and includes the residential suburb of Broomfield, which has a long standing history with the Hei Hei and Hornby areas. In terms of 'communities of interest', this area has no affinity with the Harewood Ward but has close links and relationships with groups and activities operating in the Hornby Ward.
2. **University of Canterbury** - Again, in terms of 'communities of interest', we note that moving the Waimairi Ward boundary from Avonhead Road to Waimairi Road, results in the University of Canterbury campus being split between two Community Board areas (with the largest portion of the university sitting in the Riccarton Ward and the Dovedale Campus in the Waimairi Ward).

Do you have any other comments about the initial proposal?

The Board would like to highlight that the proposed boundary changes will result in the Waimāero/Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Board area having the highest population numbers for a community board and the largest geographical area of any of the city-based board areas. We would like to ensure the resourcing to our Board e.g. allocation of community funding and staffing levels, would reflect this.

The Board would like to acknowledge the work undertaken by staff to develop the proposal. We appreciate the time and level of detail involved in bringing all the necessary information together.



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