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## Christchurch City Council AGENDA

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### Notice of Meeting:

An ordinary meeting of the Christchurch City Council will be held on:

**Date:** Saturday 29 April 2023  
**Time:** 10 am  
**Venue:** Council Chambers, Civic Offices,  
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

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### Membership

Chairperson	Mayor Phil Mauger
Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor Pauline Cotter
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## **1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha**

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

## **2. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga**

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant and to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

### 3. Hearing of Verbal Submissions for Draft Annual Plan 2023-24 - Saturday 29 April 2023

Reference / Te Tohutoro: 23/607354



Report of / Te Pou  
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#### 1. Brief Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Council to receive the attached volume of submissions of those wishing to be heard at the Draft Annual Plan 2023-24 hearing held on Saturday 29 April 2023.
- 1.2 Attachment A contains the hearing schedule.
- 1.3 Attachment B contains a volume of submissions.

#### Attachments Ngā Tāpirihanga

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**Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan 2023/24**  
**Saturday 29 April 2023**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Submitter Number</b>
<b>10:00am (5)</b>	<b>Open Meeting</b>	
10:05am (5)	Mark Darbyshire	548
10:10am (5)	Clair Higginson	625
10:15am (5)	Donna Thomsen	683
10:20am (5)	Robert Peacocke	816
<b>10:25am (5)</b>	<b>Gap</b>	
10:30am (5)	Joseph Fullerton	349
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**Attachment A**

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2023/24

### Submitter Details

Submission Date: 09/04/2023

First name: Mark Last name: Darbyshire

Your role in the organisation and the number  
of people your organisation represents:

Would you like to speak to the Council about your submission? Hearings will be held in late April/ early May 2023 (specific dates are to be confirmed). If yes, please provide a daytime phone number above so we can arrange a speaking time with you.

☒ Yes

☐ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Hearings will be held in late April and early May (specific dates to be confirmed).

### Feedback

#### 1.1 Average rates

The overall increase is insufficient to maintain a quality level of service and investment within the current high-inflation environment.

The proposed rates differentials for business and remote rural properties need to increase slightly to ensure that the average residential rates increase is no higher than the overall average rates increase.

#### 1.2 Revenue, spending and borrowing

I am very concerned that council is seeking to cut back services and leave vacancies unfilled. This will have direct negative impacts on the community, hinder the progress of our earthquake recovery, increase inequality, and stop us from doing our fair share to fight climate change.

#### 1.3 Uniform Annual General Charge

The alternative (B): Setting the UAGC at a lower value of \$50, reducing the overall rates on properties with a lower capital value, but leaving a \$17 million shortfall in the Council's rates take, which would need to be made up by other ratepayers.

#### Comments

This is the more equitable approach, especially during a cost-of-living crisis. It's important to maintain our commitments to both operational and capital spending, but we need to protect those who are least able to pay. This option will reduce the burden on low-income and low-wealth residents (who have benefited the least from extreme capital gains in recent years).

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1.4 Business Differential

Do not support

Comments

The differential for business properties needs to be larger than proposed. It's really important that businesses continue to pay *at least* their current share of rates, and that the business differential moves towards being more consistent with other main cities in Aotearoa. It is unacceptable for the proportion of rates paid by business to decrease.

1.5 City Vacant Differential

Support

Comments

I live in the city centre, but outside of the area covered by the current City Vacant Differential. As such, my neighbourhood suffers from a number of neglected vacant sites. It makes sense to expand the City Vacant Differential to Sydenham, but please make sure it includes the bit in the middle where I live – namely Welles and Dundas and the corresponding sections of Colombo and Manchester Streets.

1.6 Fees and charges

Nice work keeping prices down

I'm impressed that so many consumer-facing prices aren't going up. Well done!

He Puna Taimoana

I am concerned about the proposed increase in the price for a 10-visit pass for He Puna Taimoana for the following reasons:

- A 10-visit pass would be more expensive than paying for 10 off-peak entries individually!
- The 11% increase is disproportionate compared with the increases for other fees at the hot pools.
- Holders of a 10-visit pass attend the pools less often than holders of a monthly pass so are less of a burden on the facilities.

The peak price increases for He Puna Taimoana are bittersweet. It's unfortunate that these are being put up so strongly, but I appreciate that these pools are very popular and typically fully booked.

Tūranga meeting rooms

I oppose introducing a price for the meeting rooms of at least \$15.32 when previously they were free. A price this big could make them inaccessible to many users and should only be considered if the rooms are usually fully booked. Otherwise the rooms should be kept free for community use or only a very modest fee of \$5 should be charged. Bear in mind that these rooms are tiny compared with Spark Place and the Activity Room which are proposed to be rented to the community at about the same price (\$15.50).

Opting in or out of kerbside collection

Owners of Atlas Quarter (36 Welles Street) receive a rates remission of \$272.50 to opt out of wheelie bins (since we pay for our own rubbish collection), yet I see in the fees/charges that people pay \$323.85 to opt *in* to rubbish collection, and this is set to increase by 9.9% to \$356.00. Therefore, I believe that the wheelie bin opt-out rebate should be increased to:

- \$299.48 at a minimum (to match the 9.9% percent increase for opting in)
- preferably \$356.00 (to exactly match the fee for opting in and provide a consistent calculation for both opting in

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and opting out).

#### 1.7 Excess Water Charges

No

##### Comments

It's better to adopt a user-pays model that raises revenue from high water users and encourages people to cut back on water consumption.

#### 1.8 Capital Endowment Fund

Option 2: Using \$500,000 from the CEF for one year only to fund grants, and reduce the overall average rates increase by 0.08%.

##### Comments

While option 2 is better than option 1, income from the Capital Endowment Fund should not be going towards General Rates at all! Any increased income should go towards additional community projects that are consistent with the current Capital Endowment Fund Policy.

#### 1.9 Capital Programme

##### A climate-friendly city

I oppose pushing out or cancelling any spending related to the climate crisis, public transport, cycling, or pedestrianisation. In particular, the city centre must be friendly to pedestrians and cyclists, and highly accessible via public transport.

I support greater investment in bus lanes, bus stops, cycleways, and footpaths, and increasing the safety of people using these.

##### Gloucester Street

The "Streets for People – Gloucester Street Shared Space" project must proceed as originally planned, including funding from central government, with no delay. I have often been to the Isaac Theatre Royal, both as an audience member and a performer, and crossing the road after a show is a nightmare because of all the traffic. It absolutely needs to be streamlined and made pedestrian-friendly, with one-way traffic and a low speed limit. The area between Tūranga, Te Pae, and the Performing Arts Precinct should feel like a world-class space, not a leftover street from before the earthquakes.

##### Welles Street

Since the quakes, Welles Street has become home to hundreds of inner-city residents and a range of retail and hospitality businesses, yet has undergone very little improvement. The street isn't pedestrian-friendly, floods in wet weather, has too high a speed limit, and doesn't feel like an inner-city destination.

Council should seriously consider ways to make the street more pedestrian-friendly and visually appealing, for example:

- lowering the speed limit to 30 (as I fed back in another recent round of consultation)
- one-way traffic in the opposite direction to St Asaph Street
- addressing flooding/puddle issues
- paving if thought appropriate
- greenery
- other measures to slow down cars if thought appropriate.

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Other nearby streets also need to be more pedestrian-friendly.

Lanes are great as shortcuts into the city and should be preserved. Currently the lane to the east of the bus exchange is unnecessarily closed due to a building site.

#### Inner-city waste

I'm confused by the listed project 50264 "Kerbside Service Enhancement: Investigation, design and construction of waste collection and disposal infrastructure solutions to serve the higher density population in the inner city. This may include underground containment systems or similar, due to the impracticality of large volumes of wheelie bins and/or bags in these locations."

I would like to receive more information about this in advance of my oral submission so I can think through the implications for inner-city residents. We are very pleased with the rebate we know receive (to reflect that we have our own rubbish collection arrangements). I would hate for any money to be invested in unnecessary measures. If underground containment systems are being considered, then it needs to be clear from the get-go where these would be, who they would be for, and why.

As an inner-city resident without a car, my biggest frustration is disposing of e-waste and larger items. It's not practical for me to take these to one of the EcoDrops on the fringes of Christchurch. It would be great if there was a central location for disposing of waste in an eco-friendly and reusable way.

#### South Library and Service Centre

South Library must be fully funded for a fit-for-purpose replacement. There must be no reduction in scope. The budget must be increased in line with any shortfall in the rebuild cost.

#### Performing arts venues

For many years, Christchurch has struggled with a lack of venues to support an equitable, accessible, and diverse performing arts scene. Council should ensure existing venues are appropriately funded (Little Andromeda springs to mind) and consider whether any additional venues are required. I support the creation of a temporary outdoor space in the Performing Arts Precinct, as a variety of residents (myself included) submitted on last year.

#### 1.11 Further comments

While this submission is made in a personal capacity, please note that I am the body corporate chair of Atlas Quarter (36 Welles Street).

#### Attached Documents

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Attachment B

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2023/24

### Submitter Details

Submission Date: 10/04/2023

First name: Clair Last name: Higginson

Your role in the organisation and the number  
of people your organisation represents:

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☒ Yes

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### Feedback

1.9 Capital Programme

WELLES ST Central City

Welles St is now home to several hundred apartment dwellers, retail outlets, hospitality and carparking. It is pedestrian intense although very pedestrian unfriendly and visually alienating. The street is busy by day then again, with a different customer base, at night. The street is a great example of busy inner city living although it has the feel of unwanted wasteland. Council might improve the street by: reducing the speed limit to 30K, making the street one way, upgrading pedestrian access with improved surfaces and kerbing, reducing the flood hazards, improving the carparks (removing dust bowls), including recycle and rubbish bins, adding some seating and greenery.

Inner city dwellers do enjoy the walkability of the city and welcome any and all endeavours to develop and enhance the laneways around the city

### Attached Documents

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2023/24

### Submitter Details

Submission Date: 10/04/2023

First name: Donna Last name: Thomsen

Your role in the organisation and the number  
of people your organisation represents:

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### Feedback

1.1 Average rates  
No comment

1.2 Revenue, spending and borrowing

Funding and subsidies for inner city cycleways from central government should be wisely spent. Delaying the Wheels to Wings cycleway is very wise, considering it is very controversial, overly engineered and expensive.

The Wheels to Wings cycleway in its present design is extremely dangerous, someone will be seriously injured on this cycleway if it goes forward in its present design.

Many residents will argue that any government funding towards a central city cycleway is money well worth spent at this present time of inflationary pressure, especially when most residents would prefer to see the better maintenance of footpaths, roads and reserves which are more in use by the rate payers.

We need to see more of our money going towards upgrading facilities, like water, sewerage, waste, storm water, roads and footpaths.

We need to see more assistance from other councils to subsidise the use of CHCH utilities, roads, services, recreational facilities.

Other changes - no comment

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1.3 Uniform Annual General Charge

Our proposal (A): Our current proposed UAGC of \$153 in 2023/24. This is in line with the current proportion of your rates bill that forms the UAGC, and is in line with the overall rates increase.

Comments

1.4 Business Differential

Support

Comments

1.5 City Vacant Differential

Support

Comments

1.6 Fees and charges

no comment

1.7 Excess Water Charges

Yes

Comments

increase to 900 litres/day, but If there will be no abandonment of this fee, I am fully against the charging of water rates for residential properties as the fee is discriminant and charged only to rate payers, and business owners. NOT all rate payers are equal and some not even charged. Christchurch residents and ratepayers pay enough for the services of utilities and maintenance which provide water to all houses, this should be a right and included in the rates.

1.8 Capital Endowment Fund

Option 1: Using \$1 million from the CEF for one year only to fund grants, and reduce the overall average rates increase by 0.16%.

Comments

1.9 Capital Programme

Cycleways and in particular the Wheels to Wings cycleway should not be funded, by rate payers, for mainly weekend folly, and especially not to boost the funding by government subsidies and capital involvement in this current inflationary environment. The cycleways are overly engineered, dangerous in many converted inner city cycleways and extremely over budgeted and expensive. The council planning departments would be better to put their heads together and efforts into putting in place future proofing further developing subdivisions for strategic cycleway options within the planning resource consent stages, and not redesigning already formed road routes. Criteria for cycleways should be part and parcel of any future developments in any community going forward, paid for by the developers - and not copy pasting a dangerous cycle design route ad hoc into existing thoroughfares that service many businesses and residents.

We should be using capital subsidies to enhance projects that enhance the enrichment of our reserves, and parks. The council should be purchasing more land to enrich our facilities and parks, not selling the land in these environments which in turn encourages more residents out to gain fitness, wellness and the great outdoors. We should be discouraging more development of land for housing on fertile or rich environments that are finally seeing the return of fauna and flora, like the Kereru, Tui, Rifleman, and Kea, with more pest control, less domestic animals and native regeneration. We are seeing the effects of climate change with more extreme weather patterns, flooding and erosion and added stress on council and community utilities, like storm water drains and sewerage, water in the communities like the port hills and the Heathcote River. The council

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should be restricting or notifying public of any Housing developments in certain areas that should be protected, enhanced or reserved for public use.

#### 1.10 Properties

The council should be purchasing more land to enrich our facilities and parks, not selling the land in these environments which in turn encourages more residents out to gain fitness, wellness and the great outdoors.

ie: This land should not be sold.

73b Bowenvale Avenue RRZ Vacant Section Lot 1 DP 340607 166930 1,054m<sup>2</sup>

93a Bowenvale Avenue RRZ Vacant Section Lot 1 DP429441 515224 759m<sup>2</sup>

We should be discouraging more development of land for housing on fertile or rich environments that are finally seeing the return of fauna and flora, like the Kereru, Tui, Rifleman, and Kea, with more pest control, less domestic animals and native regeneration. We are seeing the effects of climate change with more extreme weather patterns, flooding and erosion and added stress on council and community utilities, like storm water drains and sewerage, water in the communities like the port hills and the Heathcote River. The council should be restricting or notifying public of any Housing developments in certain areas that should be protected, enhanced or reserved for public use.

#### Attached Documents

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2023/24

### Submitter Details

Submission Date: 10/04/2023

First name: Robert Last name: Peacocke

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of people your organisation represents:

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### Feedback

#### 1.1 Average rates

Some media articles say council staff are leaving in high numbers, and that almost two thirds of council staff don't think their remuneration is meeting the market - see this article for one example: [www.newsroom.co.nz/underpaid-council-staff-leave-in-droves](http://www.newsroom.co.nz/underpaid-council-staff-leave-in-droves).

Looking after staff is important for any organisation - staff are a core part of any services an organisation delivers. Experienced staff leaving could have a negative impact on the delivery of services the council is responsible for, which could affect a number of residents of the city.

A small increase to the proposed rates increase - but to a level still below the CPI inflation of roughly 7% - would be justified to help ensure effective and experienced staff are retained at the council. The article linked above said staff received pay increases of roughly 3% which is quite a bit lower than CPI inflation of roughly 7%.

#### 1.2 Revenue, spending and borrowing

The following statement from the Consultation Document is concerning: "Some one-off actions we're taking to reduce rates next year include reviewing our unfilled vacancies list and removing some



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roles permanently, while deferring recruitment on others for 2023/24."

As an owner of a Christchurch property that is serviced by the council, I would've expected removing or discontinuing job positions from the organisation - whether a role is currently filled or not - should be done based on whether a role should exist for business reasons, and not whether someone is currently in the role.

Media articles about the 2022 Residents' Survey also said satisfaction with the council is at a 15 year low which is concerning, and removing positions that had previously been filled may not help with improving these results. See this article for more information:  
[www.stuff.co.nz/national/128858601/satisfaction-with-christchurch-council-plummets-to-15year-low](http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/128858601/satisfaction-with-christchurch-council-plummets-to-15year-low).

Deferring filling of positions also sounds like a hiring freeze, which may also impact the delivery of services and the results of future Residents' Surveys.

#### 1.3 Uniform Annual General Charge

The alternative (B): Setting the UAGC at a lower value of \$50, reducing the overall rates on properties with a lower capital value, but leaving a \$17 million shortfall in the Council's rates take, which would need to be made up by other ratepayers.

##### Comments

I support Option B, based on the understanding this change will mean more expensive residential properties pay a slightly higher share of the rates than they have previously.

#### 1.4 Business Differential

##### Support

##### Comments

I support this to retain the proportion of total rates paid by business properties.

#### 1.5 City Vacant Differential

##### Support

##### Comments

I think expanding this into other areas of the city could be looked into.

#### 1.6 Fees and charges

I'm unsure if the current fee (about \$40?) for a late payment of rates will be impacted by the following clause from pag 135 of the Annual Plan:

"Debt Collection Where any fee or charge (or other amount payable) has not been paid by the due date, the Council may commence debt recovery action. The Council reserves the right to charge interest, payable from the date the debt became due, calculated in accordance with (or on a basis that ensures it does not exceed interest calculated in accordance with) Schedule 2 of the Interest on Money Claims Act 2016. The Council also reserves its right to recover the costs incurred in pursuing recovery of the debt on a solicitor / client basis. Debt recovery action commences when the Council sends the debt to a debt collector or a lawyer to be recovered, whether or not any court proceedings are issued."



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I believe debt collection agencies / services should be a last resort as they incur unnecessary costs on residents. If people are not able to pay there are likely reasons such as losing a job or having a bereavement close to them, and adding debt collectors into the mix should only be done when all other avenues (including considering a lien on the property) have been considered.

#### 1.7 Excess Water Charges

No

##### Comments

Increasing the water allowance is against staff advice, and the current 700L/day allowance has already been publically consulted on twice ([www.stuff.co.nz/the-press/news/131352709/thousands-receive-their-first-excess-water-bill-as-council-considers-upping-the-limit](http://www.stuff.co.nz/the-press/news/131352709/thousands-receive-their-first-excess-water-bill-as-council-considers-upping-the-limit)). Consulting on the charges a 3rd time is an inefficient use of community, resident and council resources, as most people would have given their feedback in one of the previous 2 rounds of consultation.

Water use in the city has decreased by about 10% according to this article - [www.nz.co.nz/news/national/485029/christchurch-water-use-decreases-by-10-percent-after-excess-charges-introduced](http://www.nz.co.nz/news/national/485029/christchurch-water-use-decreases-by-10-percent-after-excess-charges-introduced) - which shows the excess water use charge is working as intended.

#### 1.8 Capital Endowment Fund

Option 2: Using \$500,000 from the CEF for one year only to fund grants, and reduce the overall average rates increase by 0.08%.

##### Comments

#### 1.9 Capital Programme

The consultation document says availability of people to do work is affecting the capital programme and contributing to reducing it's overall scope, but doesn't specify if this is availability of staff or contractors. If staff shortages are one of the reasons, working on staff retention and remuneration could help - see this link for more info: [www.newsroom.co.nz/christchurch-council-execs-flayed-by-staff](http://www.newsroom.co.nz/christchurch-council-execs-flayed-by-staff).

#### 1.10 Properties

Selling council assets should only be considered as a last possible resort if the council is facing a significant shortfall of funding. We are building a state-of-the-art stadium and so this doesn't appear to be an issue right now - selling these properties shouldn't be considered this year.

#### 1.11 Further comments

As a resident of Christchurch for over 13 years (and someone who used to visit family here almost every year when I was growing up), it is concerning to see high numbers of council staff leaving, and worsening outcomes on both council staff and resident surveys. The Stuff article about the residents' survey says we used to be a higher performing council that served residents well, so it is disappointing to see things may have changed - particularly after coming through the earthquakes so strong together.

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To help ensure residents of the city are served well in all of the services the council provides, effective and dedicated staff are an important part of the puzzle - especially for an organisation of this size.

Attached Documents

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Attachment B

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2023/24

### Submitter Details

Submission Date: 07/04/2023

First name: Joseph Last name: Fullerton

Your role in the organisation and the number  
of people your organisation represents:

Would you like to speak to the Council about your submission? Hearings will be held in late April/ early May 2023 (specific dates are to be confirmed). If yes, please provide a daytime phone number above so we can arrange a speaking time with you.

☒ Yes

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### Feedback

#### 1.1 Average rates

Even a rates increase of 5.68% seems low considering current economic conditions. Given that it is smaller than inflation, this rates rise is effectively a gift to ratepayers. I support the 5.68% average rates increase, and would support rates increases up to 7%.

#### 1.2 Revenue, spending and borrowing

Yes.

I'm deeply disappointed by the decisions to defer the Major Cycleway Programme, the Water Supply Programme, and the Wastewater Programme. These should be priorities for spending in the current plan and should have been done a long time ago.

On this same note, any decision to defer or cancel any cycleway infrastructure is highly concerning. Any deferment or cancellation of cycleway building programs is effectively an increase in the risk of injury or death to cyclists, with an asymmetrical gain for, effectively, people who take advantage of on-street parking. The risk to life and body seems far more pressing, and because of the current climate crisis (the disastrous effects of which Christchurch is not immune to) it is more important than ever before to promote cycling and other ways to reduce reliance on private cars for transport. As such, I oppose any measure to delay or cancel any cycleway spending, including in particular 26602-26608. To see most of the cycleway programs so distant in 2026 is worrying for cyclists concerned about their safety and for anybody concerned about the environmental impacts of Christchurch's current transport system.

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1.3 Uniform Annual General Charge

The alternative (B): Setting the UAGC at a lower value of \$50, reducing the overall rates on properties with a lower capital value, but leaving a \$17 million shortfall in the Council's rates take, which would need to be made up by other ratepayers.

Comments

A proportional burden on ratepayers is more important. Those with properties of lower value are more likely to be adversely impacted by a larger uniform charge, and, as such, it seems unconscionable to me that A is carried through instead of B.

1.4 Business Differential

Support

Comments

No comment

1.5 City Vacant Differential

Support

Comments

No comment

1.7 Excess Water Charges

No

Comments

700L is more than sufficient for the average household. People who use more should be fairly charged for it, and not spread their costs to others in the form of the rates burden, especially in current economic conditions. Careful stewardship of natural resources, including water, should be a high priority for any authority.

1.8 Capital Endowment Fund

Option 1: Using \$1 million from the CEF for one year only to fund grants, and reduce the overall average rates increase by 0.16%.

Comments

The value of grants from the fund to the community is important.

1.10 Properties

I oppose the sale of Glencullen Drive on the basis that this purpose reserve should be preserved for public use. I also oppose the sale of 1640 Christchurch Akaroa Road.

1.11 Further comments

It's unfortunate that climate change isn't as high a priority as it should be, with so little expense on bus routes and stops and with cycleway investment deferred or cancelled altogether. The council should be aware that the climate crisis is having real and tangible effects in New Zealand right now, and Christchurch will not be immune to extreme weather events and climate disruption.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 9 April 2023 8:27 pm  
**To:** CCC Plan  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Bangor Street pumphouse  
**Attachments:** 20 October 2020.jpg; 28 July 2022.jpg; Graffiti and roof repairs needed on 7 April 2023.jpg; Roof repairs needed 7 April 2023.jpg

Christchurch City Council 2023 Budget

Budget request: ALPA are requesting that:-

1. responsibility for pumphouse no.3 at Bangor Street, pumphouse no. 1 at 544 Tuam Street and pumphouse no.4 on River Road (by Templar Street) be transferred from "Water" to "Parks" (or maybe "Heritage"?).
2. money be earmarked and allocated for any needed repairs to maintain these pumphouses.

Background: The condition of the Bangor Street pumphouse is a concern because the roof needs repairing. We were made aware that at least two local residents have contacted the CCC regarding this issue on a number of occasions in the past years, with photos to draw attention to this concern.

Minimal repairs in October 2020 were obviously inadequate as the roof problem reoccurred. All that seems to have happened in the past is that the bit of the butanol roofing has just been flattened but not secured, with the problem reoccurring some time later.

The April 2023 photo shows a different part of the roof has lifted. Historically any "repairs" haven't been a long term fix and doesn't inspire confidence that this problem won't reoccur within a short time again. Presence of vegetation growing in the guttering also indicates a lack of preventative maintenance.

One of the interpretation panels on the river pathway focuses on the pumphouse, highlighting an aspect of Christchurch's heritage.

It is unfortunate that no money for upkeep has been provided for in departmental budgets. Actioning the two aspects of our request would solve this.

Heritage notes: The Bangor Street pumphouse was designed by architectural firm Collins and Harman and built in 1907 as part of an extension to the city's sewage system, which meant an end to the city's night soil collections. Listed as a Group 3 Heritage Building in the City Plan the pumphouse was damaged in the 2010 and 2011 Canterbury earthquakes and is not operational.

Attached photos are:-  
Photo 1 - 20 October 2020  
Photo 2 - 28 July 2022  
Photos 3 and 4: taken on 7 April 2023

*Organisation's Name: Avon Loop Planning Association (ALPA)*

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*We would like to speak to the Council about our submission. We understand that hearings will be held in late April/early May, with the specific dates to be confirmed.*

*Person speaking on ALPA's behalf is Garry Holden, who is the Chairperson of ALPA.*

Submission sent on behalf of ALPA by:-

Cilla Clements  
ALPA Secretary



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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2023/24

### Submitter Details

Submission Date: 10/04/2023

First name: Finn Last name: Jackson

Your role in the organisation and the number  
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### Feedback

#### 1.1 Average rates

Support. It's a big achievement keeping it below the rate of inflation, and there's some wriggle room to go up if extra revenue is needed to fund projects arising from public submissions.

#### 1.3 Uniform Annual General Charge

The alternative (B): Setting the UAGC at a lower value of \$50, reducing the overall rates on properties with a lower capital value, but leaving a \$17 million shortfall in the Council's rates take, which would need to be made up by other ratepayers.

Comments

Support reducing the UAGC. Honestly I'd prefer for this to go further and abolish the UAGC altogether. Poorer households shouldn't subsidise those on higher incomes.

#### 1.4 Business Differential

Support

Comments

#### 1.5 City Vacant Differential

Support

Comments

Strongly support, though I'd prefer to see this go further and apply to all commercially zoned areas across the city, including the Beckenham shops.

#### 1.7 Excess Water Charges

No

Comments



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1.8 Capital Endowment Fund

Option 2: Using \$500,000 from the CEF for one year only to fund grants, and reduce the overall average rates increase by 0.08%.

Comments

1.9 Capital Programme

I don't support the proposed delays to the Avon-Otakaro or Wheels to Wings cycleways. It's pretty disappointing to see a sustained campaign against particularly the Wheels to Wings, especially during a time when we need to reduce emissions quickly.

1.10 Properties

For properties located in the Port Hills (particularly around Bowenvale Ave), I'd like to see an investigation into their potential use for fire protection through construction of firebreaks, or the planting of green firebreaks of native trees and plants, which can be fire-resistant.

For 62 Wordsworth St, I'd like to see the public toilets on the site reopened.

1.11 Further comments

1. I'd like to see the budget increased for the South Library rebuild. It's a well used and well loved facility, and stealth cuts to its rebuild would have a significant negative effect on the suitability of the facility for South Christchurch.

2. Second, I'd like to see more of a focus on transparency and democracy in this plan.

2.1. This should include allocating funding to allow for the minuting and livestreaming of Council/committee briefings and workshops on the Long Term Plan. This would be consistent with the instructions given by the Ombudsman in the 2019 report on LGOIMA compliance and practice at CCC, which specifically singled out the use of closed-door briefings and workshops as an issue.

2.2. I'd also like to see funding allocated towards a report investigating how to incorporate participatory budgeting into the next LTP. This is a practice used by cities across the world to give the public a direct say in how their money is spent, and has been shown to disproportionately involve people who don't normally engage with local government - young people, ethnic minorities, renters, and low-income people. It'd be a pretty good way to increase engagement and give people a genuine sense of control over their city - and to allocate sparse resources efficiently.

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## Christchurch East Labour Electorate Committee

### Submission to Christchurch City Council on Draft Annual Plan 2023/24

#### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Christchurch East Labour Electorate Committee places a high value on local government, on the way in which it achieves so much for the common good, providing a wide range of services, both essential and discretionary, which enable people to live safe, healthy, pleasant and productive lives. At all our meetings we have reports from those who represent our area on the City Council, Regional Council, or Community Boards.
- 1.2 Although the Council deservedly attracts criticism for some of its decisions, we consider that the generally negative view of the Council held by many citizens is unjustified. The Council is partly responsible for this because of its over-reliance on its website for communication with its citizens. The website is wonderfully informative, but it is a passive form of communication and dominated by consultation and regulatory processes. Direct communication with citizens via the letter box may be considered old-fashioned, but it evidently works for major hardware chains.

#### 2.0 Proposed average rate increase of 5.68% across all ratepayers?

- 2.1 The fairness and impact of a rate increase is better judged in dollar terms than in percentages. The helpful tables on pages 16-17 of the Consultation Document show the average increase for a residential ratepayer is about \$3.50 a week, for an average business ratepayer about \$18 a week, and for an average farmer about 60 cents a week. It is hard to argue that these sums would have a significant impact on the budget of household, business or farm. We judge the increase to be fair in the light of the Council's need to maintain services and relatively modest given the inflation rate of over 7%.

#### 3.0 Options for the Uniform Annual General Charge

- 3.1 We commend the Council for having the lowest UAGC of any of the councils listed on page 18 of the Consultation Document. Capital value rating, which the Council uses for its primary funding, is a fundamentally fair system. Uniform charges result in higher total rates for the owners of low-value properties, have minimal impact on medium-value properties, and benefit the owners of high-value properties. The table on page 19 provides clear justification in principle for reducing the UAGC. In addition, a reduction will mitigate the impact of the disproportionate increase in the valuation of lower value properties.
- 3.2 **Submission: That the Council adopt the alternative option of reducing the UAGC to \$50.**

#### 4.0 Change to Business Differential

- 4.1 It makes good sense to increase the Business Differential to maintain the sector's contribution to the services provided by the Council. However, if this is accepted as a principle, it would mean that, if values of business sector properties increased disproportionately in a future revaluation, it would be necessary to reduce the differential.
- 4.2 **Submission: That the business differential be increased as proposed.**

#### 5.0 Extension of City Vacant Differential to suburban shopping centres

- 5.1 In the New Brighton shopping area there are many plots of land which have been left vacant since buildings were demolished after the 2011 earthquakes. In some cases, the vacant sites are very untidy. There are also buildings which have not been occupied for several years. Both the vacant sites and the vacant buildings detract from the area and make life more difficult for surviving businesses.
- 5.2 **Submission: That the extension of City Vacant Differential Rating be extended to suburban centres as proposed.**

#### 6.0 Water supply issues – charges, maintenance and capital expenditure

- 6.1 We are asked only one question about water – whether the residential daily water allowance should be increased from 700 litres to 900 litres at a cost of 0.10% of the rates, which we calculate to be \$684,000. Both the question and relating it to cost seem inconsequential when considered in the context of water supply issues.
- 6.2 The charge is stated to be a conservation measure designed to reduce peak consumption, saving long-term capital expenditure. Is that no longer a priority? Or it is considered that a limit of 900 litres will have the same deterrent effect as a limit of 700? Does the anticipated loss of revenue from the charge affect the economics of administering it?
- 6.3 It seems to us that the question of 700 litres versus 900 litres trivialises the matter of conservation. It has been reported that 23% of water pumped is lost through leaks in the system. Much of this will be lost at times of peak consumption, about which the Council is concerned.
- 6.4 Some of the water losses will be reduced by the Council's regular programme of water main renewals, and City Care responds promptly to water leaks reported by the public. However, it is our understanding that a large proportion of the leaks are not identified, and that detecting the precise location of the leaks is not easy and may require special equipment. It will also cost money – rates money – but, if the Council talks conservation to residential consumers whilst allowing leaks of 23% in its own system, it invites charges of hypocrisy. In addition to reducing long-term capital costs, leak detection will bring operational savings. A reduction in leaks from 23% to 15% of water pumped (a reasonable target over several years) would save 8% of pumping costs.
- 6.5 It is proposed to defer \$20m of capital spending on the water supply because of doubts on deliverability (page 21). The annual savings on deferral of \$20m of capital expenditure would be at least \$1.6m. This could be a useful sum to commence a leak detection and remediation programme.
- 6.6 **Submission:**
- (i) **That the question of the residential water allowance be treated as a conservation issue, not as a matter of a rates saving or a rates cost.**
  - (ii) **That, to maintain its credibility as the manager of the water supply system, the Council introduce a leak detection and remediation programme as a matter of urgency.**
  - (iii) **That initial funding for the programme be from the annual savings on the deferral of \$20m of capital expenditure on the water supply (page 21).**

#### 7.0 Capital expenditure changes

- 7.1 We do not object to deferral of capital expenditure when it is clear that projects cannot be delivered within the timeframe envisaged.
- 7.2 We understand the reasons for the deferral of the Pages Road Bridge and note that the Council considers the work, as we do, a high priority.

- 7.3 By contrast, we are gravely concerned that the Bromley organics processing plant is about 5 years away from completion. The strength of the odour varies according to place and time and wind, but it can be extremely unpleasant, and the problem has persisted too long already. We cannot accept that it will be another three years before construction commences. A 'procurement plan' sounds ominous. Who is responsible?
- 7.4 **Submission: That the Council treat the construction of the new organics plant as a matter of urgency.**

#### 8.0 Expenditure of \$2m to attract events to Christchurch

- 8.1 This sum of money is an addition to the generous funding already provided to Christchurch NZ. The qualities of our city and its facilities should be sufficient to attract events from outside Christchurch. We are highly suspicious of the cost-benefit studies which are used to justify expenditure on events and attraction of events. In particular, we are opposed to incentive payments to event owners, such as the NZ Rugby Union.
- 8.2 In a world where we are now conscious of the need to reduce travel, we must think of local facilities as being primarily for local people. The justification of our new facilities must be maximum use by local people. Visitors are welcome, but we should not be providing artificial incentives to travel.
- 8.3 **Submission: That the \$2.05m proposed to attract major events to Christchurch be deleted from the Draft Annual Plan.** (See Section 11 below for proposal for reallocation.)

#### 9.0 Roving footpath maintenance crews

- 9.1 We are not convinced that this is necessary or desirable. We assume that contractors with maintenance contracts for an area already respond to complaints from the public, and the Council has city-wide maintenance and renewal programmes. We are not convinced that this is an efficient use of resources. We consider that the \$2m proposed would be better spent as part of the regular maintenance programme, for which the Waka Kotahi subsidy would also be available.
- 9.2 **Submission: That the \$2m proposed for a roving crew be reallocated to the regular footpath maintenance programme.**

#### 10.0 Christchurch City Holdings

- 10.1 We are concerned that a company which is 100% owned by the City Council on behalf of the people of Christchurch appears to be drifting away from its original character and purpose. Both City Holdings and some of its subsidiaries show signs of behaving like ordinary corporates instead of community-owned companies.
- 10.2 Christchurch City Holdings is, as its name makes clear, a company which holds a number of companies on behalf of the Council, but it does not have operational management responsibilities. For the first decade of its life, it had no Chief Executive; the Council's Director of Finance acted as Company Secretary, and he was assisted in his role by an accountant and an executive assistant, located in offices adjacent to his. CCHL now has separate offices and staff, and a CEO paid a salary approaching that of the Council's CEO.
- 10.3 There have been changes in the composition of the Board also. For about a decade it comprised six Councillors, one of whom was Chair, and two independent directors, of whom one was an experienced corporate lawyer and the other was an experienced corporate accountant. We understand that the ratio of Councillor and independent directors has now been reversed.



- 10.4 The effect of the changes appears to have led to a view of CCHL simply as an investment company, rather than as a holder of strategic assets with a brief that reflects the Council's priorities, as set out in the Annual Statements of Intent.
- 10.5 We are disturbed by reports that the Council has sought advice about options for a partial sell-down of assets. (A euphemism for 'sell-down' was used in the reports.) CCHL has been a great support to the Council in the difficult years since the earthquakes because past Councils kept the assets intact. Selling income-earning assets is never a solution to long-term financial challenges. In assessing performance, capital gain must be considered alongside annual returns.
- 10.6 We were also disturbed by the news that City Care, whose prime responsibility is to be competitive in the local market, sold its bitumen plant, which kept bitumen prices down in Christchurch, in order to buy a business in Auckland. Where is City Care in dealing with the 23% loss of water pumped? It has a contract to manage the water supply network. Is it a passive contractor, mending not one more leak than it is paid to mend?
- 10.7 Submission:
- (i) That the Council take a more active stance in managing its relationship with City Holdings and its subsidiaries.
  - (ii) That the Council increase the number of Councillor appointees to the Board.
  - (iii) That the Council ensure that Annual Statements of Intent reflect the strategic priorities of the Council for the city and its communities.
  - (iv) That the Council affirm it has no intention of selling down assets held by City Holdings.

**11.0 The big issues the Annual Plan fails to address - longer term financial viability and housing**

- 11.1 We acknowledge the many hours of work which the CEO, her staff and elected members have put into the process of bring down the projected rates increase by about 8%. We acknowledge also the sincerity of the concern over the impact of increases in the cost of living. However, we think that there are risks in such single-minded concentration on reducing rates:
- (i) Raiding the Capital Endowment Fund for \$1m to pay for grants normally funded by rates creates a problem for next year. As the CEO remarks, one-off savings of this sort do not leave many rabbits to be pulled out of the hat in future years.
  - (ii) There are big increases in operating costs looming – the costs of running the big new facilities and the cost of servicing the capital in an environment of higher interest rates. Holding the rates increase artificially at 5.68% this year may force the Council into a double-digit increase next year or the year after.
  - (iii) Having held down the rates increase by a mighty effort, the Council may feel it has done what is needed to alleviate the impact of increases in the cost of living. It is true that ratepayers with big mortgages or low incomes will be given modest relief, as will tenants whose landlords will not pass on the increase. However, none of this will deal with the biggest contributor to what is called the cost of living crisis, namely the cost of housing. The cost of housing is a root cause of the gap between the haves and the have-nots; it is a root cause of poverty and child poverty in particular, yet the Council adopts the role of bystander in the mistaken belief that the Otautahi Trust has the resources it needs to deal with the situation. Councillors appear to be unaware that the scarcity of social housing means that only very high needs people gain access to it and the concentration of people with high needs does not create balanced communities.



- (iv) It is ironic that almost the only mention of housing is a proposal to sell some housing which the Council is reluctant to restore or redevelop. It is ironic that, in a budget where money is tight, the Council has set aside three tranches of \$2m for nice-to-haves: \$2m for a roving footpath repair crew, \$2m for attracting events to Christchurch, and \$2m for advancing the restoration of the Provincial Council Stone Chamber.

**11.2 Submission:**

- (i) That the Council acknowledge that one-off savings do not solve long-term funding problems.
- (ii) That the Council acknowledge housing as a prime human need and its duty to be actively involved in meeting the need.
- (iii) That the Council restore the housing or redevelop housing on the land it is proposing to sell.
- (iv) That the Council set aside a minimum of \$2m (rates-funded) in the Annual Plan for 2023-24, and in subsequent years, to fund new housing units. (We suggest a reallocation of the \$2m set aside for events attraction.)

**12.0 Conclusion**

We would appreciate the opportunity to speak to our submission.

David Close  
On behalf of the Policy Sub-committee  
Christchurch East Labour Electorate Committee

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2023/24

### Submitter Details

Submission Date: 10/04/2023

First name: John Last name: Wooles

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### Feedback

#### 1.9 Capital Programme

As a long term Phillipstown resident I would like you prioritise improving the safety and amenity of Ferry Rd between Aldwins Road and Wilsons Road. Following on from a walkabout with the local community board last year, I am keen to see progress. This included making safe places to cross and getting the basic maintenance done so that it is brought up to a reasonable standard.

1.11 Further comments  
please refer previous comments

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2023/24

### Submitter Details

First name: Chris Last name: O'Brien

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Daytime Phone: 

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Gender: 

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### Feedback

1.1

What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of **5.68%** across all ratepayers (which is **higher** than the 5.42% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2021–31) and an average residential rates increase of **5.79%**?

Dear CCC/ Ann Tomlinson,

I am adamantly opposed to the Wheels to Wings cycleway in all its forms and want it scrapped.

At the time of the initial consultation you may remember that a petition was arranged by myself, my wife  and our neighbour  collected signatures from 425 households along Harewood Rd, Leacroft St, Murmont and surrounding streets. All of the people who signed were

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totally opposed to this cycleway. We only struck one person who was for it and two others who were ambivalent about it. That speaks volumes. I am quite aware that your scheme draws support from cycle lobby groups around this country. Most will never ride on this cycleway.

Yet at the meeting at the church on the corner of Sails St where we met with you, you stated that the Council did not take any notice of petitions only submissions.'

I want to make it quite clear that in advancing this cycleway you are going against virtually every resident in the local area.

We see your plan as simply a way of advancing the Green agenda to get rid of cars.

I would like to address this issue in person

I would also like to see the traffic lights at the corner of Harewood/Gardeners/Breens Rd go ahead as soon as possible, and not as some adjunct to this unwarranted cycleway scheme.

I would like to be heard in person concerning my submission.

Sincerely,

Chris O'Brien

1.2

Do you have any comments about our proposed changes to revenue, spending and borrowing?

Instead of wasting over \$20 million on the harebrained cycleway, I believe the money should be spent on fixing our roading, sewage and other important infrastructure. The government would be better spending the \$10 million subsidy for this fiasco on helping the poor blighters up in the Hawkes Bay.

1.3

We want your feedback on our proposed alternatives for how we set the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) – what do you prefer?

The alternative (B): Setting the UAGC at a lower value of \$50, reducing the overall rates on properties with a lower capital value, but leaving a \$17 million shortfall in the Council's rates take, which would need to be made up by other ratepayers.  
Comments

At the moment residential properties have an allowance of 700 litres of water a day before we start charging for their excess water supply. We're proposing increasing this average daily allowance to 900 litres from 1 July 2023. This proposal is already included in our proposed 5.68% rates increase, and accounts for 0.10% of it in 2023/24. If the proposal doesn't go ahead and the limit stays at 700, the overall rates increase would decrease.

1.7

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Do you support increasing the allowance to 900 litres of water a day for residential properties?

Yes

Comments

Around one cubic metre per day for residential properties seems fair to me hence I support the 900 litres per day charge

1.9

Do you have any comments about our capital programme (for example, our roads and footpaths, our water, wastewater, surface water and waterways, our facilities and our parks)?

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Make it higher and give us more wetlands in preparation for climate change

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Comments

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Support

Comments

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Comments

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Comments

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prioritize climate change mitigation. Where is the wheels to wings MCR? It has been consulted on so much, hurry up and get it done. Same for the Avon commuter route to the east, do you want us cyclists to die on unsafe roads?! Fix pages rd bridge while you're at it. Most importantly DO NOT defer the waitaki St. Stormwater project! Do you want flooding issues to get worse?! We need resilient Stormwater infrastructure yesterday.

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