
Draft Long Term Plan 2024-34

Council Information Session/Workshop

NOTES

Date: Tuesday 21 May 2024
Time: 11:00am
Venue: Council Chambers, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

Present

Chairperson	Mayor Phil Mauer
Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor Pauline Cotter – partially via audio/visual link
Members	Councillor Kelly Barber
	Councillor Melanie Coker
	Councillor Celeste Donovan – partially via audio/visual link
	Councillor Tyrone Fields – partially via audio/visual link
	Councillor James Gough – partially via audio/visual link
	Councillor Tyla Harrison-Hunt – partially via audio/visual link
	Councillor Victoria Henstock
	Councillor Yani Johanson
	Councillor Aaron Keown – partially via audio/visual link
	Councillor Sam MacDonald
	Councillor Jake McLellan – partially via audio/visual link
	Councillor Andrei Moore – partially via audio/visual link
	Councillor Mark Peters
	Councillor Tim Scandrett – partially via audio/visual link
	Councillor Sara Templeton

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The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

Councillors Fields, Gough, MacDonald and McLellan were apologies for absence.

Secretarial Note: Deputy Mayor Cotter and Councillors Scandrett, Moore, attended the workshop via audio-visual link.

During the workshop on Tuesday 21 May 2024:

- Councillor Henstock joined the workshop at 11:05am during the opening / process update.
- Councillor Henstock left the workshop at 12:08pm and returned at 12:20pm during the thematic analysis of submissions.
- Councillor Barber left the workshop at 12:07pm and returned at 12:18pm during the thematic analysis of submissions.
- Councillor Barber left the workshop at 12:34pm and returned at 12:36pm during the finance update.

2. LTP 2024-34 - Post Submissions/Hearings Workshops

Tuesday 21 May 2024

1.1 Council Officers provided information regarding the following matters:

- Opening / process update – Peter Ryan, Head of Corporate Planning and Performance
- Resident Survey alignment - Peter Ryan, Head of Corporate Planning and Performance and Adelaine Hansson, Performance Analyst
- Thematic analysis of submissions - Aimee Martin, Research Analyst and Ashleigh Hamilton, Research Analyst
- Financial update – Russell Holden, Head of Finance and Bruce Moher, Manager Corporate Reporting

1.2 In support of the workshop the following documents were tabled:

- PowerPoint presentation (refer to Attachment A below).
- Updated Attachment E - Staff Advice (refer to Attachment B below).

Council requests

1.3 The following requests for further advice were raised:

1.3.1 In relation to the Residents' Survey alignment:

- A request for further information on which Level of Service targets are not being met, and whether there are any Levels of Service that should be addressed through the draft Long Term Plan 2024-34 (for example in relation to Governance and decision-making).
- A request for further information on the rationale for lowering the satisfaction target for the communications and engagement Level of Service 4.1.9.

- A request for further information on the rationale for increasing the satisfaction target for the responsiveness to water supply problems Level of Service.


1.3.2 In relation to the thematic analysis of submissions:

- Appendix 1 – For Council Officers to check the headings and figures for the sports field network and sports grounds and facilities sections of the table.
- Page 44 – For Council Officers to correct the double Asterix explanatory note.

1.3.3 In relation to the finance update:

- A request for further information regarding increasing the fees and charges for events held at Hagley Park as a result of the submissions received.

Attachments

A Presentation - Tuesday 21 May 2024 [⇒](#) 

B Updated Attachment E Staff Advice - Tuesday 21 May 2024 [⇒](#) 

The workshop adjourned at 12.46pm to Wednesday 22 May 2024, at the conclusion of the public excluded Council meeting (approximately from 9.15am), Council Chambers, Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch City Council.

The workshop reconvened at 9:30am, Wednesday 22 May 2024, Council Chambers, Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch City Council.

Apologies

There were no apologies for Wednesday 22 May 2024.

Secretarial Note: *Deputy Mayor Cotter and Councillor Fields attended the workshop via audio-visual link and Councillors McLellan and Keown attended the workshop partially by audio-visual link.*

During the workshop on Wednesday 22 May 2024:

- Councillor Coker joined the workshop at 9.33am during the opening/process update.
- Deputy Mayor Cotter joined the workshop at 9.34am via audio/visual link during the opening/process update.
- Councillor Scandrett joined the workshop at 9.41am during the Events Ecosystem Funding discussion.
- The workshop adjourned at 10.04am and reconvened at 10.24am. Councillor MacDonald was not present at this time.
- Councillor Harrison-Hunt left the workshop at 10.57am and returned at 10.59am during the Santa Parade discussion.
- Councillor Moore left the workshop at 11.02am and returned at 11.06am during the Biodiversity discussion.
- Councillor MacDonald returned to the workshop at 11.06am during the Biodiversity discussion.
- Councillor Barber left the workshop at 11.50am and returned at 11.55am during the Disposal of Council Properties discussion.
- Councillor Keown left the workshop at 11.50am and returned at 11.57am during the Disposal of Council Properties discussion.
- The workshop adjourned at 12.12pm and reconvened at 1.35pm. The Mayor and Councillor Henstock were not present at this time. Councillor Scandrett assumed the Chair.
- Councillor Henstock returned to the workshop at 1.38pm during the process update.

2 Continued. LTP 2024-34 - Post Submissions/Hearings Workshops

Wednesday 22 May 2024:

- 1.1 Council Officers provided information regarding the following matters:
 - Opening / process update – Peter Ryan, Head of Corporate Planning and Performance
 - Staff advice – Bede Carran, General Manager Finance, Risk and Performance/CFO, Peter Ryan, Head of Corporate Planning and Performance and other relevant Council Officers
 - Next steps - Peter Ryan, Head of Corporate Planning and Performance
- 1.2 In support of the workshop the following documents were tabled:
 - PowerPoint presentation (refer to Attachment A below).

- Draft Mayor's Recommendations for discussion only (refer to Attachment B below).

Secretarial Note: *The final Mayor's Recommendations will be determined at the conclusion of deliberations based on further information requested and ideas suggested during workshops, and drafts for discussion are subject to change. The Mayor's Recommendations and other amendments to the draft LTP are scheduled to be decided on 25 June 2024.*

Council guidance

- 1.3 The workshop considered additional information and staff advice and the draft proposed Mayor's Recommendations on the following topics, and provided guidance to staff ahead of the Audit NZ process and final LTP 2024-34 adoption.

1.3.1 Accelerating Climate Adaptation

Guidance: To bring \$1.8 million of operational funding forward in financial years 2025/26 (year 2 of the LTP) to accelerate the coastal adaptation framework implementation.

1.3.2 Climate Resilience Fund

Guidance: To establish the fund in financial year 2025/26 (year 2 of the LTP). This will have a rates increase of 0.25% in financial year 2025/26, increasing by 0.25% for each year of the LTP, and ending at a 2.25% rates increase in financial year 2033/34. The fund could be as high as \$127 million by financial year 2033/34.

Secretarial Note: *This guidance was confirmed at the workshop on Thursday 30 May 2024.*

1.3.3 Anglican Cathedral

Guidance: To request staff to engage with the Christ Church Cathedral Rebuild Limited (CCCRL) as requested and report back to the Council at regular intervals on the options being explored.

1.3.4 Air Force Museum

Guidance: For the option of providing up to \$5 million of capital expenditure in financial year 2027/28 (year 4 of the LTP) to the Air Force Museum to be consulted on as part of the 2025/26 draft Annual Plan.

1.3.5 Yaldhurst Memorial Hall

Guidance: Proceed with gifting the Yaldhurst Memorial Hall and leasing the land to the Yaldhurst Rural Residents' Association (as proposed in the draft LTP).

1.3.6 Shirley Community Centre

Guidance: To bring forward the capital expenditure of \$75,000 to financial year 2025/26 (year 1 of the LTP); \$800,000 to financial year 2025/26 (year 2 of the LTP) and \$2.83 million to financial year 2027/28 (year 3 of the LTP); and to provide \$40,000 of operational expenditure per annum from financial year 2027/28 (year 4 of the LTP).

1.3.7 Sports Network Plan

Guidance: To provide \$85.6 million of capital expenditure over the life of the LTP (as proposed in the draft LTP).

1.3.8 Temporary South Library

Guidance: To reprioritise the existing South Library operational expenditure to increase the services at Spreydon Library (as proposed in the draft LTP).

1.3.9 Akaroa Wastewater

Guidance: To allocate \$93.5 million over the life of the LTP (as proposed in the draft LTP).

1.3.10 Disposal of Council Properties

Guidance: To proceed with the draft LTP proposal which assumes an estimated \$3 million of capital per annum gained for three years (as proposed in the draft LTP), noting variations expected due to market conditions and timing of sales.

1.3.11 City Vacant Land Differential

Guidance: To extend the vacant land differential rate to areas zoned Commercial Core in Linwood Village, New Brighton and Sydenham, and to areas zoned Commercial Banks Peninsula in Lyttelton.

1.3.12 Rating Visitor Accommodation In Residential as Business

Guidance: A change to our rating policy, to clarify that residential properties may be charged at the business differential if residential units are used for unhosted short-term accommodation for more than 60 nights per year, have a resource consent for such activity, or are predominately used for such activity (as proposed in the draft LTP).

1.3.13 Rate Remission for Charities

Guidance: To proceed with the option to simplify the wording of Policies 1 and 2 to provide more flexibility for granting remissions to charities (as proposed in the draft LTP).

1.4 The following topics were discussed further at the subsequent reconvened workshops:

1.4.1 Events Ecosystem Funding

The following further information was requested:

- A request for advice on any available mechanisms for agreeing with other Territorial Authorities that they contribute towards event bid funding.
- A request for advice on what the ecosystem events proposal does and doesn't cover and what the proposal will fund in relation to community events vs major events, including what defines a major event.
- A request for advice on the status of the Lantern Festival funding.
- Clarification regarding the quantum proposed in the Mayor's Recommendation.

1.4.2 Arts Centre

Guidance: The Chief Executive to initiate a discussion with the Arts Centre regarding a realistic and sustainable model to be discussed further with the Mayor and Councillors.

1.4.3 Orana Park

The following further information was requested:

- A request for information about the quantum of funding for the life of the Long Term Plan.

1.4.4 Santa Parade

1.4.5 Innovation and Sustainability Fund

The following further information was requested:

- A request for further information on the option discussed for creating a new fund for conservation related projects.

1.4.6 Heritage Grant

The following further information was requested:

- A request for an update on the staff advice, including information about criteria to be eligible for funding.

1.4.7 Parking Charges in Hagley Park

The following further information was requested:

- A request for advice on an option to have the first hour free and charge after that on weekdays and keep weekends free.
- A request for advice on an option to have the first two hours for the cost of one hour.

1.4.8 Rating for Renewals

The following further information was requested:

- A request for advice on an option (and associated rates impact) to increase rating for renewals at a lower level than the last LTP proposed, but higher than the current draft (e.g. halfway between with a 0.9% impact in the first year).

1.4.9 Incorporate Heritage Rate into the General Rate

The following further information was requested:

- A request for advice on whether the Heritage Rate is in relation to all three targeted rates for, Heritage; the Arts Centre and the Cathedral.
- A request for advice on what the Heritage Rate gets applied to/used for.
- A request for advice on whether the Heritage Rate use could be more easily changed in future, if the rate was incorporated into general rate.

1.4.10 Incorporate the Active Travel Rate into the Uniform Annual General Charge

The following further information was requested:

- A request for advice on what the Active Travel Rate gets applied to/used for.
- A request for advice on whether the Active Travel Rate use could be more easily changed in future, if the rate was incorporated into general rate.



1.4.11 Biodiversity Fund

The workshop discussed the option of including an additional \$200,000 of operational funding in each financial year of 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28, to be discussed further.

Council requests

- 1.5 The following requests for advice were requested:
- 1.5.1 In relation to the Youth Hub - A request for staff to report back on the Youth Hub and Capital Endowment Fund.
 - 1.5.2 In relation to Biodiversity funding- It was noted that some submitters commented that more operational work is required to be proactive managing biodiversity – a request for advice regarding this.
 - 1.5.3 In relation to the Akaroa Wastewater Scheme:
 - A request for advice on design aspects for accessing water storage for fire protection.
 - A request for the Akaroa Wastewater Scheme Hearings Panel report to be circulated to Councillors.
 - 1.5.4 In relation to City Vacant Land Differential – A request for legal/staff advice on extending this to other areas (e.g. Sydenham/New Brighton) including whether we would need to reconsult (which was discussed at the workshop on Friday 24 May).

Attachments

- A Presentation - Wednesday 22 May 2024 [⇒](#) 
- B Draft Mayor's Recommendations for discussion only - Wednesday 22 May 2024 [⇒](#) 

The workshop adjourned at 1.45pm to 10am, Thursday 23 May 2024, to be held in public excluded in the Council Chambers, Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch City Council.

2 Continued. LTP 2024-34 - Post Submissions/Hearings Workshops

Thursday 23 May 2024

This workshop session was not open to the public under the following sections of the LGOIMA:

- 7(2)(b)(ii) – to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

In the Council's view the reasons holding a publicly excluded workshop are not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring their release.

The workshop adjourned at 12.06pm to 10am, Friday 24 May 2024, Council Chambers, Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch City Council.

The workshop reconvened at 10.03am, Friday 24 May 2024, Council Chambers, Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch City Council.

Apologies

The Mayor and Councillors Gough, Henstock, Fields and McLellan were apologies for potential partial absence for Friday 24 May 2024.

Secretarial Notes:

Councillor Fields and Keown attended the workshop via audio-visual link.

Councillor Harrison-Hunt attended the workshop partially via audio-visual link.

Councillor MacDonald was not present for the workshop.

During the workshop on Friday 24 May 2024:

- Councillor Gough joined the workshop at 10.06am during the opening/process update.
- Councillor Donovan joined the workshop at 10.07am during the financial update.
- Councillor Harrison-Hunt returned to the workshop in person, at 10.09am during the finance update.
- Councillor Coker joined the workshop at 10.09am during the finance update.
- Councillor McLellan left the workshop at 10.21am and returned at 10.23am during the financial update.
- Councillor Barber left the workshop at 10.45am and returned at 10.48am during the parking charges in Hagley Park discussion.
- Councillor Gough left the workshop at 10.45am during the parking charges in Hagley Park discussion and did not return.
- The workshop adjourned at 11.25am and reconvened at 11.33am. Councillors Donovan, Moore, Barber and Henstock were not present at this time.
- Councillors Barber and Moore returned to the workshop at 11.34am during the incorporate Active Travel Rate into Uniform Annual General Charge discussion.
- Councillor Henstock returned to the workshop at 11.34am during the incorporate Active Travel Rate into Uniform Annual General Charge discussion.
- Councillor Donovan returned to the workshop at 11.34am during the subvention credits discussion.
- Councillor McLellan left the workshop at 11.47am and returned at 11.50am during the subvention credits discussion.

2 Continued. LTP 2024-34 - Post Submissions/Hearings Workshops

Friday 24 May 2024

- 1.1 Council Officers provided information regarding the following matters:
 - Opening / process update – Bede Carran, General Manager Finance, Risk and Performance/CFO.
 - Staff advice continued – Bede Carran, General Manager Finance, Risk and Performance/CFO and Russell Holden, Head of Finance.

- Next steps– Bede Carran, General Manager Finance, Risk and Performance/CFO
- 1.2 In support of the Workshop the following documents were tabled:
- PowerPoint presentation (refer to Attachment A below).

Council guidance

- 1.3 The workshop considered the additional information and staff advice requested on the following topics and provided guidance to staff ahead of the Audit NZ process and final LTP 2024-34 adoption.

1.3.1 Climate Resilience Fund

Guidance: To establish the fund in financial year 2025/26 (year 2 of the LTP). This will have a rates increase of 0.25% in financial year 2025/26, increasing by 0.25% for each year of the LTP, and ending at a 2.25% rates increase in financial year 2033/34. The fund could be as high as \$127 million by financial year 2033/34.

The fund purpose, criteria and governance is proposed to be developed in time for the 2025/26 Annual Plan.

1.3.2 Rating for renewals

Guidance: Defer financial year 2024/25 and financial year 2025/26 (years 1 and 2 of the LTP) increases of rating for renewals and meeting 100% of renewals goals by 2032.

Noting request for an alternative option that may be raised as an amendment:

Increase rating for renewals (and associated rates impact) at higher than the current draft LTP (e.g. halfway between with a 0.9% impact in the first year, 0.67 in year 2 and 0.3% in year 3 of the LTP).

1.3.3 City vacant differential rating

Guidance on this proposal was provided at the workshop on Tuesday 21 May 2024. Council Officers confirmed that the Council would need to reconsult on any additional areas to be included in the scheme.

1.3.4 Heritage Grant

The workshop did not provide guidance on this proposal.

- 1.4 The following topics were discussed further at the subsequent reconvened workshops:

1.4.1 Events Ecosystem Funding

1.4.2 Parking charges in Hagley Park

1.4.3 Incorporate Heritage Rate into the General Rate

The following further information was requested:

- A request for the impact of the proposal on rates.
- A request for information on what was originally consulted on when the Heritage Rate was created.
- A request for confirmation on whether the original resolution stated that the rate could only be used on the 4 properties stated, or whether it was wider and could allow the funds to be applied to other projects without reconsulting.

1.4.4 Incorporate Active Travel Rate into the Uniform General Charge Rate

The following further information was requested:

- A request for further information on what was originally consulted on as the use of this targeted rate and clarification on how that affects possible uses of the funds.

1.4.5 Use of subvention credits

1.4.6 Water loss management and water pipe condition

Council requests

1.5 In addition, the following additional requests for further advice was requested:

1.5.1 In relation to the Events Ecosystem Funding:

- A request for information on the historic quantum of the funds/budgets that are not currently in the LTP (e.g. Arts and Culture Fund).
- A request for information on the strategy for the City Identity Fund, and what criteria is used to identify Identity events.

1.5.2 In relation to the Climate Resilience Fund:

- A request for consideration to be given to the name of the fund, and possibly changing from the word 'Resilience' to 'Adaptation', when developing the Terms of Reference.
- A request for information on whether there is an implementation plan for the Greater Christchurch Resilience Strategy and what is the method for reporting on that to the Council.

Attachments

A Presentation - Friday 24 May 2024 

The workshop adjourned at 12.09pm to 9.30am, Tuesday 28 May 2024, Council Chambers, Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch City Council.

The workshop reconvened at 9.30am, Tuesday 28 May 2024, Council Chambers, Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch City Council.

Apologies

The Mayor and Councillor Fields was an apology for partial absence for Tuesday 28 May 2024.

Secretarial Note: *Councillors Fields and Harrison-Hunt attended the workshop partially via audio-visual link.*

During the workshop on Tuesday 28 May 2024:

- Deputy Mayor Cotter assumed the Chair at the start of the workshop.
- The Mayor joined the workshop at 9.36am, during the update discussion and resumed the Chair.
- Councillor Fields joined the workshop at 9.49am via audio/visual link during the finance update.
- Councillor Templeton joined the workshop at 9.50am during the finance update.
- Councillor MacDonald left the workshop at 10.25am and returned at 10.44am during the Arts Centre discussion.
- Councillor Coker left the workshop at 10.43am and returned at 10.44am during the Santa Parade discussion.
- Deputy Mayor Cotter left the workshop at 10.48am and returned at 10.49am during the Santa Parade discussion.
- Councillor Moore left the workshop at 10.52am and returned at 10.54am during the Natural Environment staff resource discussion.
- Councillor Harrison-Hunt left the workshop at 10.54am and returned at 10.56am during the Natural Environment staff resource discussion.
- The workshop adjourned at 11.20am and reconvened at 11.41am. Councillors Fields and Gough were not present at this time.
- Councillor Coker left the workshop at 12.04pm during the Events Ecosystem Funding discussion and returned after the adjournment.
- The workshop adjourned at 12.10pm and reconvened at 1.19pm. Councillor Gough was not present at this time.
- Councillor Gough returned to the workshop at 1.20pm during the Heritage Rate discussion.
- Councillor MacDonald left the workshop at 1.49pm and returned at 1.53pm during the Communications and Engagement discussion.
- Councillor Gough left the workshop at 1.57pm and returned at 2pm during the Communications and Engagement discussion.
- Councillor Coker left the workshop at 2.11pm and returned at 2.15pm during the Communications and Engagement discussion.
- Councillor MacDonald left the workshop at 2.14pm during the Communications and Engagement discussion and returned at 2.23pm during the Water Loss Management discussion.
- Councillor Henstock left the workshop at 2.17pm during the Communications and Engagement discussion and returned at 2.18pm during the Water Loss Management discussion.
- Councillor Donovan left the workshop at 2.18pm and returned at 2.24pm during the Water Loss Management discussion.
- Councillor Johanson left the workshop at 2.28pm and returned at 2.38pm during the Water Loss Management discussion.
- Councillor Gough left the workshop at 2.34pm and returned at 2.42pm during the Water Loss Management discussion.
- Councillor Gough left the workshop at 2.34pm and returned at 2.42pm during the Water Loss Management discussion.

- Councillor Moore left the workshop at 2.50pm and returned at 2.53pm during the Water Loss Management discussion.
- The workshop adjourned at 3.15pm and reconvened at 3.23pm. Councillors Henstock, Gough and Keown were not present at this time.
- Councillor Harrison-Hunt left the workshop at the adjournment and did not return.
- Councillor Henstock returned to the workshop at 3.25pm during the Transport Government Policy Statement discussion.
- Councillor Keown returned to the workshop at 3.26pm during the Transport Government Policy Statement discussion.
- Councillor Coker left the workshop at 3.38pm during the Transport Government Policy Statement discussion and did not return.
- Councillor Scandrett left the workshop at 3.41pm during the Transport Government Policy Statement discussion and did not return.
- Councillor Johanson left the workshop at 3.45pm during the Transport Government Policy Statement discussion and did not return.
- Councillor Templeton left the workshop at 4.03pm during the Transport Government Policy Statement discussion and did not return.
- Councillor Gough left the workshop at 4.12pm and returned at 4.17pm during the Transport Government Policy Statement discussion.

2 Continued. LTP 2024-34 - Post Submissions/Hearings Workshops

Tuesday 28 May 2024

- 1.1 Council Officers provided information regarding the following matters:
 - Opening / process update – Bede Carran, General Manager Finance, Risk and Performance/CFO.
 - Summary of guidance to date – Bede Carran, General Manager Finance, Risk and Performance/CFO.
 - Financial update - Bede Carran, General Manager Finance, Risk and Performance/CFO and Russell Holden, Head of Finance.
 - Staff advice continued – Bede Carran, General Manager Finance, Risk and Performance/CFO and Russell Holden, Head of Finance.
 - Water Loss Management and Water Pipe Condition – Gavin Hutchinson, Acting Head of Three Waters and Michelle McDonald, Team Leader, Asset Planning Water and Wastewater
 - Next steps– Bede Carran, General Manager Finance, Risk and Performance/CFO.
- 1.2 In support of the workshop the following documents were tabled:
 - PowerPoint presentation (refer to Attachment A below).

Council guidance

- 1.3 The workshop considered the additional information and staff advice requested on the following topics and provided guidance to staff ahead of the Audit NZ process and final LTP 2024-34 adoption:

1.3.1 Biodiversity Fund and Environmental Partnership Fund

Guidance:

To increase the Biodiversity Fund by \$100,000 in years 1 to 3 of the LTP.
To provide a total of \$700,000 of funding in financial year 2025/2026 and 2026/2027, which includes \$250,000 in both years from the Better Off Funding.
To provide \$1 million per annum from financial year 2027.

The following further information was requested:

- A request for advice to confirm that both funds can be funded from the Capital Endowment Fund.

1.3.2 Incorporate Heritage Rate into General Rate

Guidance: For the Heritage Rate to be incorporated into the General Rate.

1.3.3 Incorporate Active Travel Rate into Uniform Annual General Charge

Guidance: For the Active Travel Rate to be incorporated into the Uniform Annual General Charge as part of the Mayor's Recommendations.

1.3.4 Transport Programme/ Government Policy Statement

Guidance: Confirmation that Council Officers will proceed with the programme as presented, subject to final NZTA advice regarding funding, noting a report will be presented to Council for a decision regarding the Wheels to Wings Major Cycleway Route project.

1.3.5 Communications and Engagement proposed Level Of Service Target

Guidance: For the level of service target to be changed to 28% as part of the Mayor's Recommendations.

1.3.6 Natural Environment Staff Resource

Guidance: To provide \$35,000 to establish a position co-ordinating the natural environment actions across the organisation.

Secretarial Note: *This was confirmed at the workshop on Thursday 30 May 2024.*

1.4 The following topics were discussed further at the subsequent reconvened workshops:

1.4.1 Orana Park

1.4.2 Arts Centre

The following further information was requested:

- A request for an option of revised staff advice with core funding from rates with ability to top up from discretionary funding.
- A request further advice or wording as to how this might be dealt with outside of the LTP process.
- A request for further advice on what funding sits within the LTP process, what doesn't and if there is any scope for further discretion from the funds.
- Further advice on the impacts/rationale of using the rates remission.
- A request for clarification if the intention is to fund after financial year 2028 from Capital Endowment Fund or rates?

1.4.3 Santa Parade

The following further information was requested:

- A request for advice on this being a line item in the LTP.
- A request for the previous advice from the review of the Strengthening Communities Fund that recommended non line-item funding.
- A request for advice on how oversubscribed is the Strengthening Communities Fund is at the moment.
- A request for advice on how many organisations apply for Council funding because other organisations are no longer fund them, and how much do these new/additional requests amount to.
- A request for advice on the ability to fund additional money from the Capital Endowment Fund, if the Arts Centre funding is a mix of rates funding and a reduced amount from the Capital Endowment Fund.
- A request for advice on whether a one-off capital grant to get the building fit for purpose can be provided.

1.4.4 Events Ecosystem Funding

The following further information was requested:

- A request for advice on what the level of funding/difference was provided in financial years 2022/23 and 2023/24.
- A request for advice on what existing budget Christchurch NZ has for bid funding, if any.
- A request for advice on what the portion of funding Christchurch NZ uses for events.
- A request for clarification on what the proposed split in the three years is and what types of events it will fund.

1.4.5 Subvention credits

Council requests

1.5 The following questions were raised by Councillors for further advice:

1.5.1 In relation to Orana Park:

- A request for the full list of what is proposed to be allocated from the Capital Endowment Fund to be made available to Councillors.
- A request for advice on Christchurch NZ's capacity to support business mentoring rather than using consultants.

1.5.2 In relation to the Arts Centre:

- A request for this to be raised with Central Government and rata for discussion on a joint funding approach.
- A request for this to be raised with Central Government about the discussion for them to cover the insurance.
- A request for a resolution to be included that the funding is reviewed every three years.

- A request for a resolution to be included for the review to occur in the first year.

1.5.3 In relation to the Biodiversity / Environmental Partnership Fund:

- A request for an update on the Community Waterways Partnership.

1.5.4 In relation to the Events Ecosystem Funding:

- A request for advice on what structures other Council's around the country use for events.
- A request for advice on what Venue Ōtautahi's targets are for reaching a self-sustainable model.

1.5.5 In relation to incorporating the Heritage Rate into the General Rate

- A request for the staff advice Elected Members received on instigating the targeted rate.
- A request for advice on whether the Council can meet with MPs to discuss a heritage levy similar to the museum, particularly for the provincial building and possibly the Arts Centre and other buildings that benefit the region not just the City.
- A request for advice on how to progress a Greater Christchurch Rate for buildings of regional significance.

1.5.6 In relation to incorporating the Active Travel Rate into the Uniform General Annual Charge

- A request for an update on the Head to Head walkway project which was supposed to be funded from the targeted rate.

1.5.7 In relation to the Communications and Engagement proposed Level Of Service Target

- A request for staff to consider the Wellington Council wording in time for the final LTP.

1.5.8 In relation to the Transport (Government Policy Statement):


- A request for advice on any other projects that have significant budget changes that Elected Members should be aware of before the final LTP adoption.
- A request for advice on the ability to pause the Wheels to Wings project and spend the money on the installation of traffic lights associated with the project, and spend the remaining on Pages Road bridge.
- A request for a Memo to provide an update on the Wigram Hayton Intersection project including how we communicate any changes to timeframes to the public.
- A request for a Memo to provide an update whether there would be a delay to the Ferry Road project consultation.

1.5.9 In relation to the Wheels to Wings Major Cycleway Route project:

- Clarification regarding the advice around not needing to reconsult and whether this was applied to the change in budget to being 100% Council funded and/or if the cost has doubled.

- A request for advice on the construction/disruption period of completing the water pipe renewal separately from the cycleway.
- A request for advice on whether the water pipe renewal needs to occur regardless of whether the cycleway proceeds.
- A request for advice on for clarification on what happens with the traffic lights if we do not go forward with the cycleway.

Attachments

A Presentation - Tuesday 28 May [⇒](#) 

The workshop adjourned at 4.22pm to 9am, Thursday 30 May 2024 in the Council Chambers, Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch City Council.

The workshop reconvened at 9.03am, Thursday 30 May 2024, Council Chambers, Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch City Council.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Henstock and Harrison-Hunt for lateness.

Secretarial Note: *Councillors MacDonald, McLellan, Gough and Donovan attended the workshop via audio-visual link.*

During the workshop on Thursday 30 May 2024:

- Councillor Keown joined the workshop at 9.05am during the summary of guidance section.
- Councillor Henstock joined the workshop at 9.08am during the summary of guidance section.
- Councillor Donovan joined the workshop via audio/visual link at 9.20am during the Capital Endowment Fund discussion.
- Councillor Gough joined the workshop at 9.20am during the Capital Endowment Fund discussion.
- Councillor Harrison-Hunt joined the workshop at 9.54am during the Arts Centre discussion.
- The workshop adjourned at 10am and reconvened at 10.19am. Councillors Johanson, Henstock, McLellan, Gough and Donovan were not present at this time.
- Councillor Johanson and Henstock returned to the workshop at 10.21am.
- Councillors Gough, McLellan and Donovan returned to the workshop via audio/visual link at 10.22am.
- The workshop adjourned at 10.30am and reconvened at 10.32am.

2 Continued. LTP 2024-34 - Post Submissions/Hearings Workshop

Thursday 30 May 2024

1.1 Council Officers provided information regarding the following matters:

- Opening / purpose – Bede Carran, General Manager Finance, Risk and Performance/CFO.
- Summary of guidance to date – Bede Carran, General Manager Finance, Risk and Performance/CFO.
- Financial update - Bede Carran, General Manager Finance, Risk and Performance/CFO and Russell Holden, Head of Finance.
- Staff advice continued – Bede Carran, General Manager Finance, Risk and Performance/CFO and Russell Holden, Head of Finance.
- Next steps– Bede Carran, General Manager Finance, Risk and Performance/CFO.

1.2 The subvention and dividend payments and saving initiatives sections of the workshop were not open to the public under the following sections of the LGOIMA:

- 7(2)(b)(ii) – to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

In the Council's view the reasons holding a publicly excluded workshop are not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring their release.

- 1.3 In support of the workshop the following documents were tabled:
- PowerPoint presentation (refer to Attachment A below).
 - PowerPoint presentation for Events Information (refer to Attachment B below).

Council guidance

- 1.4 The workshop considered the additional information and staff advice requested on the following topics and provided guidance to staff ahead of the Audit NZ process and final LTP 2024-34 adoption:

1.4.1 Summary of guidance to date

Guidance: The workshop agreed with the summary of guidance to date as referred to in the PowerPoint presentation which included the following outstanding matters:

1.4.2 Events Ecosystem Funding

Guidance: To provide \$1.2 million in financial year 2025/2026, \$2.1 million in financial year 2026/2027, \$2.7 million in financial year 2027/2028 and \$0.4 million in financial year 2028/2029 to bring forward the start of the Ecosystem funding in the LTP.

1.4.3 Orana Park

Guidance: For financial years 2025 – 2027 to continue with \$240,000 from the Strengthening Communities Fund for operations, and include \$260,000 from the Capital Endowment Fund for maintenance, making a total of \$500,000 per annum from the Capital Endowment Fund. In addition, to provide an additional \$50,000 from the Capital Endowment Fund to undertake a business review.

1.4.4 Santa Parade

Guidance: To provide \$125,000 per annum for three years from the Capital Endowment Fund, which will be reviewed after three years.

1.4.5 Yaldhurst Memorial Hall

Guidance: Council Officers confirmed that the land will be leased not gifted to the Yaldhurst Rural Residents' Association.

1.4.6 Hagley Park parking

Guidance: Revenue reduction to allow for free weekend parking.

1.4.7 Capital Endowment Fund

Guidance: For the Innovation, Economic Development and Environment / Civic and Community split to be 60% / 40%.

1.4.8 Arts Centre

Council Officers confirmed the following would be included in the final Long Term Plan for Council to consider for the final adoption meeting:

Provide funding of \$820,000 for ten years in the LTP, in addition to the existing \$110,000 for financial year 2024/2025 and financial year 2025/2026 which will be reviewed after three years.

Council Officers confirmed a recommendation requiring a review can be included in the resolution, including a request to work collaboratively with the Arts Centre management on development of an agreed sustainable management model.

Council requests

1.5 The following questions were raised by Councillors for further advice:

1.5.1 In relation to the Temporary South Library:

- A request for further information and details of what the reprioritisation will look like.


1.5.2 In relation to the Wheels to Wings Major Cycleway Route


- A request for information on whether the Wheels to Wings funding could be used on other cycleways or connections if the Council decides to defer the project.

1.5.3 In relation to the Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - A request for further information on the following:

- A request for confirmation that the Residents' Association is aware they are leasing the land, not owning it.
- A request for confirmation if this is the same model as the old Halswell Library as this does stop them applying for funding.
- A request for a reassessment of the significance of the land, current advice is that a change from lease to gift will require an Special Consultative Procedure process.

Attachments

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B Events Information Presentation Slide - Thursday 30 May 2024 [⇒](#) 

The workshop concluded at 11.42am.