

Investing in core assets

You told us you wanted us to prioritise investment in our core infrastructure such as roads and pipes. We have increased our budget for seal extensions on rural roads and will continue our strong investment in transport, water, wastewater and parks and recreation, along with a focus on stormwater management. This is increasingly important for our District as infrastructure ages and our climate changes. This plan puts an extra \$34.1 million into stormwater renewals.

Partnering with community

There was strong support for increasing funding for community-led projects across the District, building on the success of projects already underway in Parua Bay, Otangarei, Hikurangi and Kamo. This Plan increases the funding of community-led projects across our District from \$1.5 million in the last LTP, to \$4.5 million in this LTP.

Funding for community property maintenance has increased and we have allocated \$6.5 million (over the 10 years) to a new facilities partnership fund. This will be allocated through a contestable process.

Preparing for the future

You also told us you wanted us to prepare for the future as we continue to see an increase in our population and more demand on our infrastructure and services. In the last three years, our District's population has grown by 5,500 to almost 90,000 and continues to grow.

New civic centre

We asked you what location you prefer for a new civic centre which will help deliver a more effective and efficient service for our growing District. Support was split across the three possible sites of Forum North, the RSA site and the city centre. Council is now calling for private sector expressions of interest for a new civic centre, either in the central city or at a combined RSA/Forum North site.



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Our 10-year Plan

Whangārei District Council's Long Term Plan (LTP) 2018-28, has been adopted. This means that work can go ahead on a number of key projects.

Whangārei is thriving and growing and we need to keep building and investing in our services to meet the needs of our expanding and diverse population.

To achieve that, this LTP has a strong focus on investing in core services, managing finances prudently and partnering with the community to make our District an even better place to live.

Thank you to everyone in the community who submitted their views and helped us develop this LTP. Through our early LTP engagement last year, we received over 1,400 items of feedback from the community. During the formal LTP consultation this year we received a further 687 submissions.

Councillors considered all the submissions and made several changes to the Plan before it was approved on 28 June 2018.

To view the full LTP and all the projects and services we will fund over the next 10 years, please see our website: www.wdc.govt.nz/LTP

Your rates

To make sure we have enough income to maintain current levels of service and invest in core infrastructure, Council has committed to an overall 2% rate increase, plus the increase in the Local Government Cost Index (which is 1.7% this year) every year for the next 10 years. This adds up to a 3.7% rates increase for Whangārei's average residential property in 2018-2019.

Summary of major investments over the 10 years of the Plan

Core assets

- New Whau Valley water treatment plant \$26.1 million (Years one to three)
- Sealed road resurfacing \$50.1 million (Years one to 10)
- Sealed road rehabilitation \$47.7 million (Years one to 10)
- Unsealed road metaling \$18.2 million (Years one to 10)
- Stormwater renewals \$34.1 million (Years one to 10)
- Water reticulation work \$30.8 million (Years one to 10)
- Sportsfield renewals \$10.9 million (Years one to 10)
- Neighbourhood parks and gardens renewals \$10.1 million (Years one to 10)

Community assets

- Town Basin development \$5.0 million (Year two)
- New theatre (seed funding) \$10.5 million (Years three and four)
- Pohe Island development \$6.1 million (Years one to four)
- Walking and cycling infrastructure (including footpaths) \$24.7 million (Years one to 10)
- Tracks and walkways \$4.8 million (Years one to 10)

Providing for the future

- Civic centre \$30.7 million (Years one to three)
- New airport evaluation \$5.6 million (Years one to four)
- District-wide wastewater treatment plants \$5.7 million (Years one to 10)

Rates

Please note: Your overall rates account includes charges for both your District Council and Regional Council rates.

Due dates for rates instalments

Instalment one: **20 August 2018**
Instalment two: **20 November 2018**
Instalment three: **20 February 2019**
Instalment four: **20 May 2019**

How to Pay

Direct Debit

Take the hassle out of paying your rates with a direct debit payment from your bank account on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly payment plan. Direct debit payments are calculated to ensure your rates are paid in full by 20 May 2019.

Automatic Payment

Please note if you choose to pay by automatic payment you will need to check that the payments are enough to clear your balance by the due date or penalties may be added. Please contact us if you need help with this.

Internet Banking or Bill Payment

Our bank account number is: **12 - 3115 - 0040516 - 02**

Remember you will need a separate bill payment for each account you pay. Council is already set up as a bill payee with all major banks so all you need to do is select 'Rates' as your payment type then enter your Property ID and account holder name.

By Mail

Use the Freepost envelope provided and be sure to post it in plenty of time to reach us by the due date to avoid late penalties.

In Person

Pay by Eftpos, credit or debit card, cheque or cash at either of our two service centres, see our hours and locations on the back of this brochure.

Rates help

If you think you might have problems paying your rates or meeting the payment deadlines, call us on 430 4200.

Rates Rebates

Ratepayers who own the home they are living in on 1 July and have a low income may be eligible for a government rates rebate on their rates bill. Call us on 09 430 4200 or go to www.wdc.govt.nz to find out if you qualify.

