

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS

RODNEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

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An Extraordinary Meeting of the Rodney District Council will take place on Wednesday, 20 May 2009 commencing at 9.00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Centreway Road, Orewa for the purpose of hearing submissions from District-Wide organisations and the Central Ward to the 2009 - 2019 Long Term Council Community Plan.

for: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Rodger Kerr-Newell

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13 May 2009

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ITEM NO: 1

APOLOGIES

ITEM NO: 2

REPORT



TO Council
ON 20 May 2009
FROM Ellen Barrett – Democracy Services Manager
APPROVED BY Rodger Kerr-Newell – Chief Executive
SIGNATURE

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SUBJECT HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE LONG TERM COUNCIL
COMMUNITY PLAN 2009 – 2019
FILE REF DG/11/3

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

<input type="checkbox"/> Information only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategic decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory process
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community issue	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Delegation	<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative matter			

IMPLICATIONS:

(i)	Is this matter significant in terms of Council's Policy on Significance? No
(ii)	Implications in terms of Vision Rodney? Possibly – depending on particular decisions made.
(iii)	Implications in terms of Long Term Council Community Plan/Annual Plan? Yes – changes may be made to the Long Term Council Community Plan as a result of the hearing of submissions.
(iv)	Implications in terms of other Council Strategic documents or Council Policy? Yes – submissions have been received on various Council policies.

(v)	Is a budget amendment required?
	No
(vi)	Have the views of affected or interested persons been obtained and is any further public consultation required?
	Yes – submissions have been received from members of the public.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Capital cost implications	Not applicable
Is it currently budgeted for?	Not applicable
Funding source of capital costs	Not applicable
Ongoing operational cost implications	Not applicable
Is it currently budgeted for?	Not applicable
Funding & rating impact (whether resulting from capital expenditure or arising directly)	Not applicable

SUMMARY:

The hearing of submissions to the Long Term Council Community Plan 2009 – 2019 from District Wide organisations and the Central Ward have been scheduled for Wednesday, 20 May 2009 commencing at 9.00 a.m. At the time of writing, session schedules were still being finalised with submitters. These schedules, showing submitters and the times at which they will speak, will be distributed at the meetings.

An Index of all Submissions received from the Central Ward, by Number, is attached as **Appendix 1**. The Topic Summary Sheets attached as **Appendix 2** note the issues raised by Central Ward submitters, including topics raised by those who have not asked to speak in support of their submissions, and the submission numbers allocated to those commenting on each topic.

An Index of all Submissions received from District Wide organisations and individuals not resident within the district, by Number, is attached as **Appendix 3**. The Topic Summary Sheets attached as **Appendix 4** note the issues raised by District Wide organisations and individuals not resident within the district, including those who have not asked to speak in support of their submissions, and the submission numbers allocated to those commenting on each topic.

Copies of all submissions made to the Long Term Council Community Plan have been circulated to councillors and are available for public inspection at the Council's Orewa Office and at the Warkworth, Helensville and Huapai Service Centres. Submitters have been advised that they have been allocated a maximum of ten minutes to speak in support of their submissions and to answer questions from councillors.

The purpose of this hearing is simply for submitters to present their cases and answer questions from councillors; it is not intended to debate the merits of the submissions or make decisions at these meetings. Separate Extraordinary Council Meetings are to be held during the week 25 – 29 May to deliberate on all submissions and separate agendas will be distributed for these meetings.

APPENDIX 1

INDEX OF ALL SUBMISSIONS, LISTED BY NUMBER

SubNo	Name
C0001	Betsy Kettle
C0002	Marlene Everson
C0003	Barry Robinson
C0004	Peter and Jillian Airey
C0005	Ian Watson
C0006	Ross Wilton
C0007	Raewyn Judson
C0008	Not Allocated Not Allocated
C0009	The Weranui Road Action Group
C0010	Hilary Bladen
C0011	Coatesville Residents & Ratepayers Association
C0012	David Falloon
C0013	Lisa Clapperton
C0014	Julie Preston
C0015	Nick Rata
C0016	Peter David Rogers
C0017	Keith Britton
C0018	Jeff and Vicki Jowsey

No. Submitters 18

APPENDIX 2

Bridleways

TC0001

a) Future Planning

Submission number and name

C0010 Hilary Bladen

Summary

REQUEST

C0010 suggests that when permission is given for the subdivision of a piece of land in rural Rodney a bridleway should be created. If Council misses these opportunities they will be lost forever. Likewise when roads are sealed the Bridleways Strategy should be placed in front of the planners so they can consider all possibilities.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Coatesville Issues

TC0002

a) Future Planning

Submission number and name

C0011 Coatesville Residents & Ratepayers Association

Summary

REQUEST

C0011 supports the following:

- any intended commercial development in Coatesville being a notifiable activity as long as rigorous community consultation process is undertaken
- the development of commercial buildings which reflect the rural/countryside lifestyle of the area and which are architecturally designed to reflect this style
- Businesses which have a 'social service' orientation connected to the lifestyle of local residents
- further development of the Coatesville reserve

The submitter opposes:

- any development which does not undergo a local community consultation process
- any road, drainage, power reticulation or other infrastructure project/program which does not meet acceptable safety, land use and amenity values
- any intensive housing development
- any new power reticulation routes
- any commercial mall type / trade activity development.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Green Road

TC0003

a) Future Planning

Submission number and name

C0010 Hilary Bladen

C0018 Jeff and Vicki Jowsey

Summary

REQUEST

1. C0010 appreciates that lack of funding is hampering planning for this park, however the

consultation process should continue with interested clubs to establish who will be involved and what facilities should be provided. Also suggests that in the meantime the park could be made available for horse riding with very little structure needing to be in place.

2. C0018 provides a detailed and comprehensive submission on behalf of the North Harbour Cycle Club envisaging the development of road cycling facilities at the Green Road reserve - a cycling circuit with a network of well designed roads with multipurpose use.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Waitoki Structure Plan

TC0004

a) Future Planning

Submission number and name

C0005	Ian Watson
C0013	Lisa Clapperton
C0014	Julie Preston
C0015	Nick Rata

Summary

REQUEST

1. C0005 advises that the Waitoki Village Planning Group has commenced its Structure Plan process and is well past the 'Vision' stage. Ref pg 91 of the LTCCP. Also advises that recognition of this group and its efforts have been poorly supported by Council over the past 6 months.

2. C0013 - considers wording in LTCCP needs amendment to "development of the Waitoki Structure Plan." C0014 and C0015 have the same intention.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Climate Change

TC0005

c) Natural and Coastal Environment

Submission number and name

C0001	Betsy Kettle
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Summary

REQUEST

C0001 states that climate change and sea level rise assumptions are conservative and hopes there is flexibility to upgrade and change assumptions more frequently than when the LTCCP is reviewed?

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Environment

TC0006

c) Natural and Coastal Environment

Submission number and name

C0011 Coatesville Residents & Ratepayers Association

Summary

REQUEST

C0011 supports the enhancement of the area's environment through
-preservation of bushland areas through pest & weed control
-development of community based 'stream care' and 'bush care' programs
-development of the DOC/NSCC Albany reserves as a walkway amenity

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Sale of Land

TC0007

e) Property Holdings

Submission number and name

C0005 Ian Watson

C0007 Raewyn Judson

C0013 Lisa Clapperton

Summary

REQUEST

1. C0005 and C0013 oppose the sale of Council land, especially as the public have been denied knowledge of the proposed sites. No reason for confidentiality.

2. C0007 has concerns re the sale of Council assets, land etc. Asks were these assets purchased for a reason? Suggests that any sale of the assets could be used to resolve parking problems.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Pay and Display

TC0008

d) Bylaws

Submission number and name

C0007 Raewyn Judson

Summary

REQUEST

C0007 opposes the installation of parking meters in Orewa and Warkworth, believing it to be a backward step and suggesting that the Council monitor what is available now with time limit parking. The submitter notes that many Orewa residents are on fixed incomes.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Public Transport

TC0009

a) Transport planning

Submission number and name

C0011 Coatesville Residents & Ratepayers Association

C0013 Lisa Clapperton

Summary

REQUEST

1. C0011 supports:

-a Park n Ride facility

-a wider transport plan with linkages to Albany Station, to Westgate and the CBD.

2. C0013 supports proposals to upgrade public transport including rail where possible.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Penlink

TC0010

b) Roading and Streetscape

Submission number and name

C0002 Marlene Everson

C0013 Lisa Clapperton

Summary

REQUEST

C0002 and C0013 oppose Penlink, on the basis that it will only benefit a few people.

C0002 also states that it has already cost millions and will be a white elephant.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Pine Valley Rd/ Kahikatea Flat Rd/ White Hills

TC0011

b) Roading and Streetscape

Submission number and name

C0016 Peter David Rogers

Summary

REQUEST

C0016 considers improvements are needed to the intersection of the three roads. A right turn lane into White Hills Road is urgently needed - vehicles waiting to make that turn are holding up traffic wanting to go straight ahead. More and more of this traffic is passing on the left crossing the end of a driveway serving three residences. Second suggestion would be to make Pine Valley Road the continuous road through the intersection into Kahikatea Flat Road heading West and making the portion of Kahikatea Flat Road heading East towards Dairy Flat the side road with a compulsory stop at that point. Suggests allocating funds from "Area-wide Pavement Treatment General" to these two improvements.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Traffic Control - Coatesville

TC0012

b) Roading and Streetscape

Submission number and name

C0011 Coatesville Residents & Ratepayers Association

Summary

REQUEST

C0011 supports traffic control measures to slow traffic within Coatesville Village area which may include traffic islands. The submitter does not support any development/upgrade of road through village to accommodate high speed or heavy duty traffic.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Weranui Road

TC0013

b) Roading and Streetscape

Submission number and name

C0009 The Weranui Road Action Group

Summary

REQUEST

C0009 requests Council extend the existing seal that currently finishes at 495 Weranui Road to continue north towards Waiwera for 1 kilometre. Refers to extraordinary dust nuisance and unsafe driving conditions. Involves shifting priority from another section of Weranui Road (refer submission for details).

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Stormwater Pipe/Footpath - Kahikatea Flat Rd

TC0014

c) Stormwater

Submission number and name

C0012 David Falloon

Summary

REQUEST

C0012 (submission signed by 8 affected businesses/individuals) requests fixing of an existing stormwater pipe and constructing a footpath on Kahikatea Flat Road between the corner with SH17 to 24 Kahikatea Flat Road. Reasons - flooding of the houses behind the Dairy Flat Food Mart every year - also problem with sewerage caused by flooding. Open drain at 12 Kahikatea Flat Road is dangerous. There needs to be a footpath so people who live on this side of the road can walk safely to the bus stop, shops etc.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Civil Defence

TC0015

e) Fire and Emergencies

Submission number and name

C0001 Betsy Kettle

Summary

REQUEST

C0001 is very disappointed by the non-renewal of the contract for Manager Civil Defence, Chris Laird. Region will be worse for it.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Rates

TC0016

a) Rating Policy Review

Submission number and name

C0002 Marlene Everson

C0003 Barry Robinson

C0004 Peter and Jillian Airey

C0006 Ross Wilton

C0017 Keith Britton

Summary

REQUEST

1. C0006 strongly objects to changing the rating system from land value to capital value. Capital values do not reflect more usage of services and places biased loading in certain areas. People not properties create demand.
2. C0002 opposes both Land Value and Capital Value - favours funding through GST.
3. C0003 requests the Council to continue to base rates on land value and not move to capital value for transport rates. Says his rates will increase as a result of capital value from \$4,001 to \$5,714 per year, yet no water, sewerage or rubbish collection. In three years the Council will have more than doubled his rates.
4. C0004 strongly opposes capital value - a double tax - they pay tax to generate money required to support the investment in capital value and then the Council to tax again on that is totally unacceptable.
5. C0017 advises that the outcome of the switch from land value to capital value for the transport rate would be a 43% increase in rates for his property and suggests the Council is driving people out of their homes by these increases.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Council Revenue

TC0017

a) Rates (Other than Consultation Issues)

Submission number and name

C0002 Marlene Everson

Summary

REQUEST

C0002 considers that local authorities should be funded from GST.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Auckland Governance

TC0018

c) Miscellaneous

Submission number and name

C0004 Peter and Jillian Airey

Summary

REQUEST

C0004 wishes RDC to vote against and strongly resist the proposed Auckland City amalgamation.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

Core Amenities

TC0019

c) Miscellaneous

Submission number and name

C0002 Marlene Everson

Summary

REQUEST

C0002 suggests the Council should stick to basic core amenities for ratepayers and not grandiose schemes.

STAFF COMMENTS

There have been many debates over what are deemed to be "core amenities", and the Council believes that it currently has the right balance of providing basic infrastructure based amenities such as roading and wastewater, with other amenities such as halls, parks and libraries that, to some extent, define a community.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

That the request be agreed to in so far as the Council believes that it is currently providing core amenities.

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

The Council believes it is currently providing the right mix of services for a district of this size and within this location.

Economic Situation

TC0020

c) Miscellaneous

Submission number and name

C0001 Betsy Kettle

Summary

REQUEST

C0001 suggests that in view of the economic situation:

- Council considers partnership with National Government, EQQ Earthquake Commission, private developers and MSD to relocate low lying houses along the Orewa River to the Silverdale Nth structure plan area, creating jobs etc while removing liability to flooding;
- Nationalising Redvale Landfill.

The submitter also asks what is the role of Council in providing residents with hope given the issues of unemployment, peak oil and climate change.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

APPENDIX 3

INDEX OF ALL SUBMISSIONS, LISTED BY NUMBER

SubNo	Name
D0001	Jan Francis
D0002	Sustainable Future Institute
D0003	Rodney Toxins Actions Group
D0004	Tegan Kerrigan
D0005	Kirsten Reid
D0006	Accident Compensation Corporation
D0007	The Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand
D0008	Jill Rodgers
D0009	Breast Cancer Network (NZ) Inc
D0010	Vector Limited
D0011	Ministry of Social Development
D0012	Auckland Regional Public Health Service
D0013	Genesis Energy
D0014	Harbour Sport
D0015	Federated Farmers
D0016	Rodney Rates Action Group
D0017	Progressive Enterprises Limited
D0018	New Zealand Refining Co Ltd
D0019	Department of Conservation
D0020	NZ Transport Agency
D0021	Rodney Economic Development Trust
D0024	Telecommunications Carriers' Forum
D0025	Ngati Whatua Nga Rima o Kaipara
D0026	GE Free Northland
D0027	NZ Horse Recreation Group
D0028	Hancock Forest Management (NZ) Ltd
D0029	Not allocated Not allocated
D0030	WaterSafe Auckland Inc (Wai)
D0032	Rodney Disability Advisory Group

No. Submitters 29

APPENDIX 4

District and Environmental Planning

TD0001

a) Future Planning

Submission number and name

D0020 NZ Transport Agency
D0028 Hancock Forest Management (NZ) Ltd

Summary

REQUEST

D0020 - NZTA would like to see the contribution to outcomes column (page 85 of LTCCP) strengthened by including direct reference to structure planning, strategies, policies and plans being prepared and reviewed as necessary to support integrated planning.

With regards to work over the next 3 years (page 100 of LTCCP), NZTA still has to form a position on some issues of the proposed work, specifically (detail is provided in the submission) the Wellsford and Silverdale West Structure Plans.

D0028 - Hancock Forest Management (HFM) manages 12,583 ha of land in the district. It states that, for Council to achieve a sustainable district, it must effectively address the increasing pressure on rural productive land and recognise the importance of the productive use of the district's natural resources. HFM seeks from the Council to recognise the role that rural land owners and/or their respective organisations will play in the development of the district and actively involve them in the strategic planning. HFM would welcome a closer relationship with the Council.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Sustainable Future

TD0002

a) Future Planning

Submission number and name

D0002 Sustainable Future Institute
D0015 Federated Farmers

Summary

REQUEST

D0002 - The Sustainable Futures Institute notes that the LGA highlights the need for local authorities to play a broad role in promoting the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of communities, and specifically to take a sustainable development approach in their choices and activities. The Institute poses 5 critical questions for Councillors to consider when preparing and approving its LTCCP:

1. What does sustainability mean?
2. What might sustainability look like?
3. What do successful, sustainable LTCCP's contain?
4. What are the obstacles to success?
5. What are the "hot issues" for your region?

Each question is subsequently discussed, as related to the LTCCP. In essence, the following is proposed for each question:

1. That the LTCCP must adopt the "strong sustainability" approach (as opposed to weak sustainability).
2. That the LTCCP can be used to create a common understanding of sustainability between those involved in the community outcomes process, and for sharing a common language of sustainability.
3. A successful LTCCP will be a plan that meets the current and future needs of its citizens.

4. Obstacles are:

- a) A pre-determined mindset
 - b) A negative attitude
 - c) Lack of relevant and timely information
 - d) A lack of long-term thinking
 - e) Disparities within and between communities
 - f) Disparities between the public and private sector
 - g) Lack of cash and credit
5. Hotspots to consider are:
- a) Dairying
 - b) Genetic modification
 - c) Land-use, water, energy and food
 - d) Broadband
 - e) Leaky homes
 - f) Population - aging, regional disparity, immigration

In conclusion the Institute requests Council to deliver an LTCCP in which "Councillors have explored what is possible, decided what is acceptable, and develop a clever plan that contains a shared vision with measurable goals".

D0015 - Federated Farmers recommend that Council take care not to overstate the importance of preparing for the effects of climate change.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

Field Trails, GMO's and GE

TD0003

c) Natural and Coastal Environment

Submission number and name

D0015	Federated Farmers
D0026	GE Free Northland

Summary

REQUEST

D0015 - Federated Farmers considers that there is no justification for Council's advocacy and participation, on behalf of the community, regarding the potential for outdoor field trailing of release of GMO's in the district. It therefore recommends that Council's advocacy and participation role not include representing Rodney community interests associated with the potential for outdoor field trailing or release of genetically modified organisms.

D0026 - GE Free Northland (GEFN) is concerned that RDC's adopted precautionary GE policy (LTCCP 2006-16) does not feature in the LTCCP 2009-19. GEFN urges the Council that this is a serious omission and that RDC's official policy (and associated wording as per the 06 LTCCP) will be inserted into the LTCCP. GEFN states that Council's position on GMO's should be unchanged and should not be changed without a formal process.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Harbour Management

TD0004

c) Natural and Coastal Environment

Submission number and name

D0015	Federated Farmers
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Summary

REQUEST

D0015 - Federated Farmers recommend that Council ensure stakeholders are kept up to date and where appropriate given the opportunity to participate in groups concerned with the management of the Hauraki Gulf Forum and the Mahurangi and Kaipara Harbours.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Natural and Coastal Environment

TD0005

c) Natural and Coastal Environment

Submission number and name

D0019 Department of Conservation

Summary

REQUEST

D0019 - The Department of Conservation (DOC) finds there to be a lack of identification of the issues that the district expects to face in terms of threats to the natural and coastal environment over the next 10 years. Key issues relating to protection and enhancement of the natural and historic environment need to be identified in the natural and coastal environment section of the LTCCP.

DOC would also like to see the continued participation in and support of the joint agency Off Road Vehicles on Beaches Campaign specifically added in the natural and coastal environment section of the LTCCP.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Food Safety

TD0006

d) Bylaws

Submission number and name

D0012 Auckland Regional Public Health Service

Summary

REQUEST

D0012 - The Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) recommends that Council encourages food operators to enter the Voluntary Implementation Programme promoted by the NZFSA. It further recommends that Council should work closely with ARPHS on notified/reported outbreaks of food-borne illness.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Transportation Services

TD0007

a) Transport planning

Submission number and name

D0020 NZ Transport Agency

Summary
REQUEST

D0020 - NZTA would like to see specific mention in the introductory part of this section (page 125 of the LTCCP) that a number of significant improvements to the transport network are required to enable the release of more land for development - e.g. much of the development of Silverdale North is reliant on the delivery of Penlink and staged improvements.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Electricity Regulations 2003 Costs

TD0008

b) Roading and Streetscape

Submission number and name
D0010 Vector Limited

Summary
REQUEST

D0010 - Vector reminds Council of the potential cost implications of the Electricity Regulations 2003 - which requires property owners to maintain a safe distance between trees and electricity lines. Vector encourages Council to review its operating expenditure forecasts to ensure any obligations under these regulations are addressed.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Roading and Streetscape Activity

TD0009

b) Roading and Streetscape

Submission number and name
D0020 NZ Transport Agency
D0027 NZ Horse Recreation Group

Summary
REQUEST

D0020 - NZTA considers that programmes to optimise the existing network should be identified and included in the LTCCP. Further, a better balance of development of arterial routes to support growth impacts on the highways needs to be reflected in the LTCCP.

NZTA also specifically comments (see submission) on the Penlink projects (future funding / lack of park and ride facilities) and Silverdale Gateway Park and Ride Facility project (no funding allocated / no reflection of recent discussions).

Projects not included - NZTA wishes to specifically discuss the inclusion of Wech Drive upgrade (Warkworth) and the two Hauiti link road projects in the LTCCP, as well as pedestrian and cycle way projects at Warkworth where they link to new facilities being provided. NZTA would also like to discuss other walking and cycling projects being undertaken by NZTA (Parakai-Helensville; Wellsford-Te Hana) and opportunities for local connecting routes.

NZTA also notes that the Fall Bridge project is absent and wishes to understand the reason for this, as well as where work on the SH1 to Matakana Link Road is represented.

D0027 - The NZ Horse Recreation Group (NZHRG) submits that the proposed Oaia Road to

Muriwai walkway / cycleway should include planning to be a true shared-use path to allow horse riders access to their local resources.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Spraying of Toxic Chemicals

TD0010

b) Rooding and Streetscape

Submission number and name

D0003 Rodney Toxins Actions Group
D0008 Jill Rodgers
D0009 Breast Cancer Network (NZ) Inc

Summary

REQUEST

D0003 - Rodney Toxins Action Group requests that the existing glyphosphate and other toxic chemicals currently sprayed on roadsides and other areas frequented by the public be replaced with the environmentally friendly, safe and financially cost effective Waipuna Hot Foam system.

D0008 - The submitter states that the Council should look at health issues and long-term environmental effects, and requests that the Council stops spraying toxic chemicals and that it changes to an environmentally acceptable alternative.

D0009 - The Breast Cancer Network NZ states that the causes of breast cancer are believed to include toxic and hormone-disrupting chemicals. The submitter urges RDC to stop spraying toxic chemicals in the area, and not to revert to toxic pesticides for street weed control and instead use hot (organic) foam.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Sustainability and Transportation

TD0011

b) Rooding and Streetscape

Submission number and name

D0012 Auckland Regional Public Health Service

Summary

REQUEST

D0012 - The Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) notes that Council's statements/strategies are not mirrored by the budget. For instance:

1. Council states that it will promote a multi-modal transportation approach, yet funding does not reflect this. Numerous walkways and most of the cycleways were left out (\$26.5m). In contrast investment in local roads is around 17 times greater.
2. Renewal of the vehicle fleet (\$9.5m) contrasts with the investment in walkways (\$3.3m). Also, \$4.8m investment in walkways under public open space is excluded from the plan.

ARPHS urges Council to reprioritise projects on active modes of transport to meet its statements on sustainability, climate change etc.

ARPHS further recommends that Council uses a framework to make decisions about which transport projects to include in the LTCCP based on:

- a) density - people, jobs or dwellings per unit area
- b) diversity - land use mix
- c) design - street network characteristics
- d) destination accessibility - number of jobs/attractions reachable within a given time
- e) distance to transit - public transport accessibility.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Transport Planning Activity

TD0012

b) Rooding and Streetscape

Submission number and name

D0012	Auckland Regional Public Health Service
D0015	Federated Farmers
D0020	NZ Transport Agency
D0027	NZ Horse Recreation Group

Summary

REQUEST

D0012 - The Auckland Regional Public Health Service recommends that:

1. Early childcare centres not be located either within 60m of district or regional arterial routes, within 150m of motorways, within enclosed parking facilities, within 300m of industrial zones, or within 100m of petrol stations. This needs to be incorporated into local authority plans.
2. In association with Safekids NZ, that transport safety objectives and expertise are an integral part of planning and consent processes in considering the location of new educational facilities.
3. The continued development of routes that separate cyclists and motorised transport wherever possible.

D0015 - Federated Farmers is concerned that there is no provision for seal extensions in the LTCCP. This is considered an unacceptable situation, and ARTA should provide Rodney with a programme to seal all arterial and connector roads within the next 10 years. It is recommended that Council adjusts the LTCCP accordingly.

D0020 - NZTA supports the educational and advocacy initiatives RDC will undertake but seeks that clearer linkages to projects within the LTCCP supporting these are made.

NZTA sees opportunities between RDC and State Highway projects for increased pedestrian and cycleway facilities. NZTA considers that a more balanced approach to the programme of works is needed so that RDC is able to act on the work carried out in the "Transport Planning" activity, and to meet the goal of safe pedestrian and cycle travel in the "Rooding and Streetscape" activity.

Puhoi to Wellsford is likely to be a "route of national significance" that will be developed over the next 10 year period. NZTA would like to better understand what Rodney's contribution is likely to be.

D0027 - The NZ Horse Recreation Group (NZHRG) states that road safety should include planning for and recognition of the significant impact that road behaviour and safety have on the high number of equestrians in the district. Horse riders need to be supported with road safety campaigns that recognise their right to use the road and the appropriate behaviour around horses.

STAFF COMMENTS

Drinking Water

TD0013

a) Water Supply

Submission number and name

D0012 Auckland Regional Public Health Service

Summary

REQUEST

D0012 - The Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) recommends that all drinking water suppliers develop Public Health Risk Management Plans and must take all practicable steps to legally comply with the NZ Drinking Water Standards

The submitter further recommends that Council introduces fluoridation into non-fluoridated areas, where technically feasible. ARPHS can present their perspective on fluoridation of the Wellsford, Warkworth, Snells/Algies, Helensville and Muriwai water supplies.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Wellsford Stock Effluent Facility

TD0014

b) Wastewater

Submission number and name

D0020 NZ Transport Agency

Summary

REQUEST

D0020 - NZTA appreciates the successful collaborative relationship on this facility. The LTCCP does not include a specific item in the wastewater programmes for operation and maintenance of the facility once commissioned, and NZTA seeks clarification of this.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Sport, Recreation and Leisure

TD0015

a) Public Open Space

Submission number and name

D0014 Harbour Sport

D0027 NZ Horse Recreation Group

D0028 Hancock Forest Management (NZ) Ltd

Summary

REQUEST

D0014 - Harbour Sport submits that the LTCCP is an opportunity for the Council to clearly articulate to communities, and to the regional governance, that sport, active recreation and leisure is of value and should be retained and developed. It is concerned that significant projects have been excluded, especially given that the LTCCP will be a cornerstone of the priorities of the new regional governance, as related to Rodney. If key projects are left out, they may be ruled out completely once a Super City is formed. Harbour Sport therefore recommends:

1. Metro Park - that Council reconsiders the exclusion of the development of Metro Park. All

stages of the project needs to be included.

2. Leisure Centre - further pool facilities are key.

3. Warkworth Show Grounds - facilities have been promised for at least the past 8 years, yet have seen no action. The LTCCP needs to commit to this project through until at least stage 6-7, and then review the next stages to determine what is critical.

4. Warkworth Skate Board Park - reconsider inclusion of this project which is small but will bring positive outcomes.

5. Green Road Sport Park - this land must be safeguarded for the future, even if not in the LTCCP. It should not be considered for sale.

6. Helensville, Rautawhiri Park - sports pavilion has been in Council plans since 1998. It needs to be implemented.

7. Cycleways - plans for cycleways need to continue to be implemented.

(This submission must be dealt with in conjunction with other relevant parts of the organisation)

D0027 - the NZ Horse Recreation Group (NZHRG) would like to see Green Road Reserve opened up for public use for horse (and other) recreation on an "as is" basis, with basic maintenance such as mowing paths across fields for walkers / dog exercisers and a gravel pad for parking installed. This is a minimal expense that would allow ratepayers to use this Council owned asset, while waiting for resources to be put in place for formal development.

NZHRG submits that bridle paths should be included in planning for walkways or other paths, and budget allocated to redress the imbalance between footpath/cycleways and bridle paths/shared-use recreation paths. NZHRG would also like to see all proposals for paths include consideration for bridle paths (shared access) and would like to see the inclusion of horse riding access in all paths.

NZHRG sees Rodney as being in a prime position to create a network of shared access recreation trails across the district - the submission provides ideas on how this could be done.

NZHRG states that Council should recognise the carbon footprint of using concrete and should consider other materials for all footpaths and cycleways.

NZHRG would also like to see Penlink include planning for recreation across Weiti station on the 'verge' of the link land.

D0028 - Hancock Forest Management (HFM) seeks from the Council to continue to recognise Woodhill Forest as a major recreational facility within the region and work with HFM to ensure it is resources.

STAFF COMMENTS

Te Araroa Trail

TD0016

a) Public Open Space

Submission number and name

D0019 Department of Conservation

Summary

REQUEST

D0019 - the Department of Conservation (DOC) sees opportunities for land rationalisation, collaboration and promotion of the district, particularly in light of the upcoming Rugby World Cup 2011. Various ideas are put forward. Specifically relating to the LTCCP, DOC seeks that the Te Araroa trail be added to the activities Council will participate in and support in the public open space section of the LTCCP. (This submission must be dealt with in conjunction with Economic Development)

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Sustainable Water Use

TD0017

c) Stormwater

Submission number and name

D0007 The Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand

Summary

REQUEST

D0007 - The submitter notes that our environmental, social and economic health relies on the prudent and sustainable use of water, and submits that water resources need to be managed in a way that recognised a number of values (included in submission). It is proposed that these values should be incorporated as objectives in a Freshwater Resource Strategy.

It is further proposed that the Council should develop a Water Management Plan - which lists water bodies that don't meet stated objectives, and strategies for improvement.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Use of Stormwater Rate

TD0018

c) Stormwater

Submission number and name

D0015 Federated Farmers

Summary

REQUEST

D0015 - Federated Farmers considers that there is absolutely no justification for Council asking the community as a whole to pay for works that will benefit only a few - FF's past position and further detail is provided in the submission. Federated Farmers recommend that Council ensures the stormwater rate raised in the rural areas of the district be used only where it benefits rural properties, and continue with that stormwater rate only if and where benefit to rural properties can be identified.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Broadband Infrastructure Development

TD0019

a) Economic Advocacy and Facilitation

Submission number and name

D0010 Vector Limited

Summary

REQUEST

D0010 - Vector notes that the LTCCP does not address possible roles that Council may play in the extension of broadband infrastructure throughout the city. It believes RDC has a continuing significant role to play in ensuring the development of any super high-speed broadband network to service the district - which it believes will become a critical enabler for future growth.

If Council supports this concept, Vector suggests Council's LTCCP should reflect and resource and investment necessary to achieve this outcome.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

Economic Development

TD0020

a) Economic Advocacy and Facilitation

Submission number and name

D0015 Federated Farmers

Summary

REQUEST

D0015 - Federated Farmers is concerned at the level of resources being put into economic development. With respect to tourism, FF considers that most, if not almost all, benefits accrue to the urban section of the community. It recommends that no part of the funding of the economic development activity be by way of the general rate.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Engagement of Young People

TD0021

a) Community Policy, Planning and Action

Submission number and name

D0001 Jan Francis

Summary

REQUEST

D0001 - The Mayors Taskforce for Jobs requests that their goal of "that all young people under the age of 25 be engaged in appropriate education, training, work or other options, which will lead to long term economic independence and well being" be included in the LTCCP. This will support the Taskforce and the Council to devote the necessary resources to provide for those that are struggling - it is the Mayor's leadership that makes the difference. It will also support the key message of "local solutions to local problems by local people".

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Rodney Youth Festival

TD0022

a) Community Policy, Planning and Action

Submission number and name

D0004 Tegan Kerrigan

D0005 Kirsten Reid

Summary

REQUEST

D0004 - The submitter supports the interaction between youth (it is assumed that the

submitter is referring to the proposed Rodney Youth Festival).

D0005 - The submitter supports a Rodney Youth Festival and proposes that the Council facilitates an annual inter-school working group to organise the Youth Festival. Details of what the festival could entail are provided.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Social Well-being

TD0023

a) Community Policy, Planning and Action

Submission number and name

D0011	Ministry of Social Development
D0012	Auckland Regional Public Health Service
D0030	WaterSafe Auckland Inc (Wai)

Summary

REQUEST

D0011 - The Ministry of Social Development supports Council's approach to the well-being of communities in the district. In particular it supports:

1. Council's sustainability approach, specifically acknowledging people's economic, social and cultural needs, and that Council sees partnering as part of sustainability.
2. Council's support for the Social Wellbeing Advisory Group.
3. The intent of the new community outcomes (Vision Rodney), particularly growing a resilient economy, and the emphasis on a safe, healthy and connected community.
4. The intent behind Planning Rodney.
5. The work Council has done through partnering relationships and MoU.
6. Council's planning and advocacy for transport services in the district.
7. The development and maintenance of community infrastructure e.g. libraries, open space etc.
8. Council's focus on developing Rodney's economic potential to achieve a robust economy.
9. Council's work in the area of community policy, planning and action, and in particular the development of an Affordable Housing Policy.

D0012 - The Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) :

1. Applauds the Council for its strategy to reduce harm from hazardous alcohol consumption and suggests this strategy be reviewed periodically.
2. Encourages Council to develop a comprehensive tobacco control strategy, with the ultimate goal to reduce smoking levels. It also recommends that Council undertakes further tobacco control initiatives, which extend beyond smoke-free policies for outdoor areas (examples are given).
3. Applauds Council's aim of adopting an Affordable Housing Policy and that a programme be based around a number of points (provided).
4. Recommends that Council owned or controlled facilities provide "violence free environments" similar to that of "smoke free environments".
5. Recommends continuing the implementation of the "Te Rito Rodney Family Violence Prevention Project" and suggests this strategy being reviewed periodically.
6. Recommends Council owned community houses are designated "community safe havens" supporting violence free environments.
7. Recommends that domestic violence education and training be provided free to all staff that work at and manage community houses.

D0030 - Watersafe Auckland Incorporated (WAI) submits that RDC continue to support 'water safety' education and 'learn to swim' as a key contributor to the enhancement of well-being and safe enjoyment of the aquatic environment, achieved through the district-wide funding grant of \$9,000 (Regional Amenities grant).

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

Rodney Disability Advisory Group

TD0024

b) Community Grants and Levies

Submission number and name

D0032 Rodney Disability Advisory Group

Summary

REQUEST

Submitter D0032 requests funding of \$5,000 to allow the Advisory Group to carry out some professional auditing of the environment and access for disabled people who live in , work or visit Orewa and Warkworth. The funds would be used to train some members on the requirements of the disability sections of the building code so that in future the Group can rely on those people instead of paying others to do this work.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Injury Prevention

TD0025

c) Safety

Submission number and name

D0006 Accident Compensation Corporation

Summary

REQUEST

D0006 - The ACC congratulates the Council on a high-quality plan and consultation process, and appreciates being involved in the planning process through the MOU.

ACC notes that the LTCCP focuses mainly on road safety and crime prevention, but that there is no mention or acknowledgement of an injury prevention programme. Injury and crime prevention have complementary roles within the community if this link is addressed, and it would be beneficial for RDC to indentify this link.

ACC specifically encourages the Council to investigate the opportunity for application to the "World Health Organisation Safe City Accreditation" during the LTCCP timeframe.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Rating Policy Review

TD0026

a) Rating Policy Review

Submission number and name

D0010 Vector Limited

D0013 Genesis Energy

D0015 Federated Farmers

D0016 Rodney Rates Action Group

D0018 New Zealand Refining Co Ltd

D0021 Rodney Economic Development Trust
D0024 Telecommunications Carriers' Forum

Summary
REQUEST

D0010 - Vector supports land value based rating and has concerns on the implications for utilities of capital value rating systems.

Utilities themselves are suppliers of services. Their services and assets have high capital value but place minimal demand on, and receive minor benefit from Council services. Under a land based system, Vector pays rates that reflect this situation. A capital value system will result in a poor alignment of rates with demand for, or benefit received from Council services. Vector opposes capital value rating systems on the grounds:

- a) It has the potential to inhibit commercial growth - increased rates for highly capitalised businesses
- b) May discourage higher quality / capital intensive design - which results in reduced public amenity
- c) May not align funding with benefit, and may not be fair and equitable
- d) May have inflationary effects - costs passed on to consumer.

Vector's rates are passed on to the consumer and therefore any increase in rates is effectively a further increase charge on Vector customers.

Vector refers to section 101(3) of the LGA (matters to consider when adopting a rating policy) and would prefer any payments to Council to be based on an understanding of what costs it is causing, or what benefits it derives.

Vector notes that Council has indicated a desire to move totally to a capital value system, but that the LTCCP proposes only moving the targeted roading rate to capital value at this time.. It argues that Council suggests there is a direct correlation between capital value and the generation of traffic and increased demand. It believes this premise to be flawed.

Vector believes the differential factor (2.0) that will be applied to utilities for roading rates is inappropriate and suggests that a factor of 12.0 should be applied.

Vector states that, under the proposed system, it faces a 495% increase in rates. Vector's ability to adjust pricing, such as to recover increased rates, is controlled by the Commerce Commission and limited to a specific date each year. Should Council change its rating methodology, Vector would therefore require flexibility from Council as to implementation timing. Accordingly it seeks inclusion of a specific policy within any draft Annual Plan/ LTCCP review to enable this.

In conclusion, Vector suggests that it would be appropriate for Council to withdraw its proposal given Auckland Governance - which includes a unified rating system.

D0013 - Genesis Energy is unable to ascertain which rating category applies to the "Special Zone" for the Rodney Power Station (in the District Plan). None of the identified categories appear to appropriately apply to this zone.

Genesis asks for clarification re what rating category land in the special zone would fall under. If no clear category can be indentified, Council is asked to consider creating a special rating category.

Also, in general the differentials applied to non-residential activities appear too high and may result in unfairness. Genesis asks that these differentials be reconsidered.

D0015 - Federated Framers is of the view that, to the greatest extent possible, ratepayers should pay rates based on the service they receive. The proposed rating differential factor of 1.75 for farms for the transport activity is of concern in this respect. Nevertheless, the proposed capital value based rating for roading/transport is supported. It is therefore recommended that Council, to the greatest extent possible, base its rate to ratepayers on the service they receive. Also, that Council levy the roading rate by way of a capital value based rating method.

In addition, Federated Farmers responds to a number of detail matters as requested in this

consultation issue (see submission).

D0016 - Rodney Rates Action Group submits a detailed analysis of numerous aspects of the proposed Rating Policy Review. Eleven specific decisions are sought (see submission) relating to financial projections, references to the Revenue and Financing Policy, C&I share of rate take, funding and benefits, references to the Remission Policy, differentials etc.

D0018 - Minter Ellison Rudd Watts (on behalf of the New Zealand Refining Company Limited [NZRC]) in essence submits that:

1. Decisions regarding the Rating Policy Review have not been made in accordance with the applicable law.
2. The consequence is that NZRC faces a total rating liability of \$34,340.65 which is 27.8% above its 2008/09 rating liability.
3. Council comply with the relevant provisions of the LGA 2002 and LG (Rating) Act 2002 in making the decisions.
4. Council remake the decisions
5. In the alternative, NZRC seeks the following decisions:
 - a) Council retains the land value based system for passive utilities.
 - b) adopt a definition of utilities recognising that passive utilities cause a reduced cost to Council in comparison to other classes of ratepayer.
 - c) adopt a differential on passive utilities that recognises that such utilities cause a reduced cost to Council in comparison to other classes of ratepayer.
 - d) amend the "Large Rate Increase" Remission Policy to state that the threshold be 5% or \$1,500 (whichever is the lesser).

The submission contains detail that expands on all of the points above.

D0021 - Rodney Economic Development Trust (REDT) has concerns with certain aspects of the policy, notably in regard to the commercial and industrial rate, and addresses 8 specific aspects of the proposed policy, ranging from impacts on ratepayer groups, distinguishing between business types, references to the Remission Policy related wastewater charges, distribution of rate changes, movement to a 'full' capital value rating base etc. (see submission).

D0024 - The Telecommunications Carriers' Forum (TCF) states that the change from a land value to capital value rating system will result in a significant increase to the rates for some of its members, that will be passed on to their consumers and result in less infrastructure deployed. This undermines the effort the industry, central government and many local governments are making to roll-out advanced broadband services. TCF therefore oppose the change of this nature.

STAFF COMMENTS

Development Contributions Policy

TD0027

d) Development Contributions

Submission number and name

D0013	Genesis Energy
D0015	Federated Farmers
D0017	Progressive Enterprises Limited
D0020	NZ Transport Agency
D0021	Rodney Economic Development Trust
D0025	Ngati Whatua Nga Rima o Kaipara

Summary

REQUEST

D0013 - The District Plan contains a "special zone" for development of the Genesis Power Station at Helensville. This zone includes specific rules (Section 22) to assess financial contributions for the power station development. Genesis requests:

1. That Council ensures that the implementation of the proposed DCP will not result in duplication of requirements under the Financial Contributions provision, and that it be

made clear to developers which provision applies.

2. That the policy be clear on and implemented in a way that, where a development does not impose any additional demand for any Council service, no contribution would be required or payable.

3. Supports the provision which allows applicants to apply in writing for a review of the contributions levied for a project.

4. Supports the provision which provides for private development agreements.

D0015 - Federated Farmers welcomes Council's recognition that costs associated with growth is an issue that needs to be addressed. It is recommended that Council makes full use of the legislation that is available to fund the growth in the district by way of a new DCP.

D0017 - Russell McVeagh (on behalf of Progressive Enterprises) is concerned to ensure that the proposed DCP provides for:

1. Fair contributions - that costs are fairly allocated between the existing community and the growth community, and that new developments only pay for the infrastructure that they generate demand for.

2. Appropriate procedures - that the DCP has the appropriate procedures for assessments and payment of contributions, including reviews and private developer agreements.

Both these concerns are elaborated on in detail in the submission and various matters of clarification / changes are proposed.

D0020 - NZTA states that, insofar it is legally possible, it would assist NZTA if the policy for works under Section 2.3.5 be amended to allow RDC to take contributions on behalf of third parties such as NZTA where necessary works are not included in the LTCCP's capital works programme.

D0021 - The Rodney Economic Development Trust (REDT) has some concerns with the proposed Development Contributions Policy. The nature and detail of these concerns will be presented when the Trust speaks to its submission.

D0025 - Ngati Whatua Nga Rima of Kaipara confirms its support for the proposed development contributions policy and Council's intention to adopt the finalised policy as part of the LTCCP 2009 - 2019.

STAFF COMMENTS

Rates Increase

TD0028

a) Rates (Other than Consultation Issues)

Submission number and name

D0015 Federated Farmers

Summary

REQUEST

D0015 - Federated Farmers states that Council should make every effort to keep its rate increase within the level of inflation, which is running negative (-0.2% over the 6 months to 31 March 09). It is recommended that Council review its budget, with a view to moving towards a rate increase that is more in line with the forecast rate of inflation.

Also, it is recommended that Council provides fully itemised rate demands.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

c) Miscellaneous

Submission number and name

D0015 Federated Farmers
D0025 Ngati Whatua Nga Rima o Kaipara

Summary

REQUEST

D0015 - Federated Farmers recommend that, in relation to the reorganisation of Auckland Governance, Council focus its efforts on achieving what is best for the residents of the district, rather than on attempting to ensure that the district itself remains intact following any reorganisation of the governance arrangements in the Auckland region that might take place.

Federated Farmers further recommends that Council ensures that its assets are in a form that would lessen the risk that they would be moved out of the immediate Rodney area, should Rodney become part of the "new Auckland". (United Network fund and Araparera Forestry rate are specifically mentioned)

D0025 - Ngati Whatua Nga Rima o Kaipara (NWNRoK) submits that joint strategic and 'framing' work with the Senior Strategic Advisor - Partnering should occur to ensure that the Manawhenua iwi, hapu, marae status, inherited ancestral kaitiaki responsibilities and manaki obligations are not marginalised by the envisaged wider population per capita of the south Kaipara / Rodney District areas. (this must be read in the context of the submission)

NWNRoK further submits that the above identified work with NWNRoK is formalised in order that its intentions are known to the Transition Committee of the Government's proposed Super City Auckland Council. South Kaipara / Rodney District reiterates its concern that decisions made in isolation and/or exclusion will marginalise NWNRoK where ancestral marae, urupa, lands and waters are situated. This will also affect the wider district as Rodney District. (this must be read in the context of the submission)

NWNRoK also submits that equity funding resources is made attributable to the Trust as a means to ensure much of the before-mentioned engagement with NWNRoK Trust is maintained and developed to the benefit of the community partnering and social well-being indicators. (this must be read in the context of the submission)

NWNRoK submits that similarly (as above) the same will be required to assist the Council and/or Local Community Boards in terms of ensuring the implementation of its central government devolved Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations as the local government agent. (this must be read in the context of the submission)

NWNRoK submits that clear engagement mechanisms in which CCO's acknowledge the Trust in proper context for key infrastructure service provisions within Rodney e.g. Watercare water supply source rural areas and conveyance therein and wastewater provisions. (must be read in the context of the submission)

NWNRoK also submits that similarly, the same will be required for the roading infrastructure within Rodney areas should all roading management be centralised in the new proposed Auckland Council. (must be read in the context of the submission)

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Financial Divisions

TD0030

c) Miscellaneous

Submission number and name

D0015 Federated Farmers

Summary

REQUEST

D0015 - Federated Farmers is of the opinion that two financial divisions can be dispensed with, provided an equitable differential rating system is established.

STAFF COMMENTS

It is noted that at a principle level Federated Farmers appears to support the removal of the two financial divisions. The proviso around having an equitable differential rating system will always be up for debate, as there will be different impressions as to what is equitable. The Council believes that the proposed changes to the Rating Policy meets this requirement as it is water and wastewater utility charges that cause the greatest variation and it is proposed that these will continue to be separately rated through targeted rates.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

That the request be agreed to as it is generally in support of the Council's proposal.

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

The submission is in support of the proposed change to remove financial divisions.

Reform of Local Government Funding

TD0031

c) Miscellaneous

Submission number and name

D0015 Federated Farmers

Summary

REQUEST

D0015 - Federated Farmers recommends that Council advocates to central government for meaningful reform to local government funding. The submission details the concerns FF has, what it wants all councils to do and what it wants central government to do.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION

Role of Council

TD0032

c) Miscellaneous

Submission number and name

D0015 Federated Farmers

Summary

REQUEST

D0015 - Federated Framers is concerned about the functions and activities Council intends to undertake e.g. intensively developed recreational facilities, tourism and matters concerning education and health. It recommends that Council takes care to ensure its role does not extend beyond advocating for and facilitating the sorts of functions and activities that are outside its core business and that territorial local government is established to

provide.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

Vision Rodney

TD0033

c) Miscellaneous

Submission number and name

D0015	Federated Farmers
D0020	NZ Transport Agency

Summary

REQUEST

D0015 - Federated Farmers is concerned that they were not involved in the review of Vision Rodney for a number of reasons. It is recommended that Council reduce its reliance on Vision Rodney as a document that maps the future of the district and that describes the outcomes that the communities in Rodney value and desire.

D0020 - The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) indicates that community outcome 4 "Connected" is not linked to the District Planning and Future Planning activities of Council (page 64 of LTCCP) and suggests that this fundamental link be shown.

STAFF COMMENTS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION

REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISION