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## Our 2024-34 Long Term Plan Feedback Form

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### YOUR DETAILS

*(It is optional to provide your details but it is helpful so we can be in touch with our decisions or to organise a speaking time)*

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Would you like to speak at a hearing about your feedback? Please make sure you tell us your phone number/email so we can contact you to arrange. If you do not indicate, we will assume you do not wish to speak.

YES  NO

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Please select the option that best describes you:

- I live in the Thames-Coromandel District
- I live in the Thames-Coromandel District in a property I own
- I own a property in Thames-Coromandel District but I live elsewhere in Aotearoa New Zealand
- I own a property in Thames-Coromandel District but I live internationally
- I am a visitor to Thames-Coromandel District
- I am submitting on behalf of an organisation/company which is based in the Thames-Coromandel District
- I am submitting on behalf of an organisation/company which is not based in the Thames-Coromandel District
- None of these options describes me

Please indicate which Community Board area you spend the most time in, if applicable:

- Coromandel-Colville
- Mercury Bay
- Tairua-Pauanui
- Thames
- Whangamata

## YOUR FEEDBACK

Please refer to our consultation document for more information on each issue and/or the supporting information on our website [tcdc.govt.nz/LTP-2024-2034](https://tcdc.govt.nz/LTP-2024-2034)

### Decision 1: Managing rates spikes - see page 19 in the Consultation Document

Which option do you support?

- Option 1: Pay for the rates increases right away
- Option 2: Spread the rates increases over two years (this is our Council's preferred option)
- Option 3: Spread the rates increases over three years
- Other/don't know. Please add comments below. Please attach additional comments if you need more space.

- We query the rates increases shown in the graph "Smoothing the Rates" for periods after FY27/28 and whether projects in the LTP can actually be funded by increases of only 2-3%. There needs to be more explanation than provided in pg 18 Para 2 of your Consultation Document.
- An explanation is required why the Mercury Bay rates average increase is 16.3% FY24/25 for Median CV 2023 Residential \$1.03m versus Tairua-Panama of only 10.9% for a similar median CV 2023 residential \$1.07m.

### Decision 2: Investing more in future planning - see page 22 in the Consultation Document

Which option do you support?

- Option 1: Invest more in proactive planning for growth effectively (this is our Council's preferred option)
- Option 2: Keep the status quo and don't invest more
- Option 3: Invest in planning for growth but at a slower rate
- Other/don't know. Please add comments below. Please attach additional comments if you need more space.

It is unclear in the LTP documentation provided how the Option 1 \$6.8m over 10 years compares to existing Planning Operational expenditure and how it is spread over 10yrs.

Please clarify in the LTP how this amount is to be expended - by additional in-house staff or external consultants and how the expenditure has been derived.



**Decision 3: Investing in Connected Communities - see page 25 in the Consultation Document**

Which option do you support?

- Option 1: Cease our enhanced role in community development once the Government funding runs out.
- Option 2: Carry on the work we started through the cyclone recovery programme but fund it ourselves through rates from year 2 - July 2025 onwards. (This is our Council's preferred option)
- Option 3: Invest even more in community development.
- Other/don't know. Please add comments below. *Please attach additional comments if you need more space.*

- The LTP does not identify how some \$400,000 p.a is to be distributed. We have now clarity on Community Board grants funding and ask that the LTP final version demonstrates how these monies will be equitably distributed including the criteria and specify each Community Board funds allocation by FY.
- The focus should shift from recovery grants and support of businesses to Community organisations and respond to call for submissions for example

**Decision 4: Increasing user fees - see page 28 in the Consultation Document**

Which option do you support?

- Option 1: Increase our revenue from fees and charges by 3% overall (this is our Council's preferred option)
- Option 2: Don't increase our fees and charges
- Other/don't know. Please add comments below. *Please attach additional comments if you need more space.*

- In addition to increased charges detailed, TCDC in our view should be requesting Developer Contributions for Infrastructure associated with subdivisions and these spent in the local area. These contributions should fully cover aspects such as footpath connectivity to the existing street network (e.g. Wharekahu subdivision) back toward Brophy's Beach on SH25) where for example not doing so results in significant road safety issues that inevitably require TCDC funding.
- Similar examples exist at Matarangi beaches subdivision in Wastewater, water supply infrastructure.

**Decision 5: The future of the Thames Council building - see page 31 in the Consultation Document**

Which option do you support?

- Option 1: Refurbish and upgrade the existing main Council building (this is our Council's preferred option)
- Option 2: Construct a new building on the current site
- Option 3: Construct a new building on a new (Council-owned) site in central Thames
- Option 4: Construct a new building on a new (Council-owned) site with opportunities for additional community and urban facilities
- Other/don't know. Please add comments below. Please attach additional comments if you need more space.

• Option 1 preferred due to lower capital cost but risks in the Feasibility study and Business Case must be made available for all options in order to make a fully informed choice by ratepayers.

• Refer to Item 3 of the Capital Expenditure Items attachment for a request for further clarification of Option 3

**Other feedback:**

Please give us any other feedback you have on the content of our Consultation Document or any of the supporting documents, including the proposed changes to our draft Development Contributions Policy and draft Revenue & Financing Policy. We're also seeking feedback to the proposed changes to our draft Remissions and Postponement of Rates on Māori Freehold Land Policy. Please attach additional comments if you need more space. Please tick the appropriate box to indicate the document(s) you are giving feedback on.

- Significant Forecasting Assumptions
- Infrastructure Strategy
- Development Contributions Policy
- Remissions and Postponement of Rates on Māori Freehold Land Policy
- Groups of Activities and Performance Framework
- Revenue and Financing Policy
- Capital Expenditure Lists
- Financial Strategy

Refer attachment on ✓ items annotated above

Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback. We will be in touch with our decisions or to organise a speaking time. If you would like to contact us, details can be found at [tdcc.govt.nz/Contact-Us/Visit-Our-Offices](http://tdcc.govt.nz/Contact-Us/Visit-Our-Offices)

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