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Submission with Response

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1	Sharp, Michael Hastings	Governance	Democratic Process	
<p>Concerned the draft says that rates will go up ON AVERAGE by 7.2%. Feels this means that as his rates are already above average he will have to pay more than 7.2%. Believes this is not fair as those with rates below average will pay less than 7.2%. Argues a fair way would be to increase the rates by 7.2% across the board.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Council has tried not to refer to average percentage increases in rates but has found it hard to avoid. Changes in rates are usually expressed as percentage change in total rates collected compared to the previous year. The exception has been the city where, in the absence of a valuation change, most residential properties will have a rates increase around the average. Rates are levied on properties for services to properties and for a range of public goods and services. The laws and Council's revenue and financing policies determine the incidence of rates. It would be more unfair to increase everyone's rates by the average because about 4.5% of that increase is due to the cost of the new waste water treatment plant. Those who do not get this service would be unfairly treated otherwise. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the Annual Plan.</i></p>				
2	Knott, Linette Elaine	Arts & Culture	Art in Public Places	
<p>Believes the Beijing statue should be placed where it will be seen by the most people. This should be just inside the front glass window of the "information bureau" on Grey Street. It should be floodlit by changing colours, protected from vandals by CCTV and anti-graffiti coating, as well as properly insured for all kinds of damage. If it is outside it will be vandalised. Argues that the totem pole has survived there and that the proximity would complement both statues.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: An arts in public places policy is currently being reviewed to include arts and site selection criteria that can be used to assess any proposed artworks or sites. This together with consideration of the site favoured by the public through newspaper and online submissions will determine the final location. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
3	Mackay, Heather Gordon	Arts & Culture	Footrot Flats Sculptures	Support
<p>Support the Footrot Flats sculpture plan.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The policy for art in public places is currently being reviewed alongside the development of the overarching Arts and Culture Strategy due for completion in 2011. It is unlikely that the Footrot Flats sculpture will be completed by then and we will be able to assess against criteria for art and site selection. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
		Arts & Culture	Theatres & Community Halls	
<p>Likes the war memorial upgrade.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The project architect specialises in theatre re-development projects and has developed preliminary drawings at this stage. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
		Land Transport & Parking	Cycle & Walkways	
<p>More cycleways would be good - lots of logging trucks are not good for cyclists.</p>				

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				<p><i>Officers Response: Walking and Cycling Projects are provided in the Ten Year Plan but are subject to obtaining subsidy assistance from the New Zealand Transport Agency. Unfortunately our projects were not successful when the 2009-2012 National Land Transport Programme was announced. However, we will reapply in the next 2012-2015 Regional Land Transport programme and/or when the next call for expressions of interest for walking and cycling model communities. The Gisborne District Council is about to start an education campaign called "Share the Road". This is to encourage motorists to take into consideration vulnerable road users. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>
		Libraries	Libraries	<p>The library should be extended and opened on Sundays. It is a great resource and should be more accessible. Would be great to go to the library on a wintery Sunday.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Most NZ public libraries are open on a Sunday. It is a very good idea to suggest seasonal opening and this could work well in Gisborne. The library is not open on a Sunday at present due to budget restraints, as additional hours of opening require salary x 4-6 (with some overtime) and costs associated with building and equipment. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>
4	Bramwell, Pamela Isobella	Arts & Culture	Theatres & Community Halls	<p>Upgrade of War Memorial Theatre is great but please put more comfortable seats in.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The seats currently installed were an interim measure to replace the failing existing seats while awaiting the major re-development. New seating will be to a good quality theatre standard. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>
		Land Transport & Parking	Cycle & Walkways	<p>Love the idea of cycle and walkways around Motu and city. Very much in favour of Waikanae/Midway extension to make the beach more accessible for people. Would like more of the reserves along Salisbury Road to be opened up for parking and picnicking.</p> <p><i>Officers Response: This was included in the Gisborne District Council's Ten Year Plan but the Waikanae/Midway project is dependant on obtaining funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency. Our applications were unsuccessful when the 2009-2012 National Land Transport programme was announced. However, Council will reapply for funding during the 2012-2015 Regional Land Transport programme and/or the next round of funding for walking and cycling model communities is announced. Council does open some reserves along Salisbury Road to accommodate the holiday parking period. This request can be investigated further but it will have to be deferred until 2012/13 as there are other pressing parking issues in the city i.e. the former St Marys site and Customhouse Street/Wainui Road. Officer Recommendation: That no change be made to the draft annual plan. That the item be referred to the next committee for further consideration.</i></p>
		Arts & Culture	Art in Public Places	<p>Art in public places is great.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The development of the Arts and Culture strategy is well supported. An arts in public places policy is currently being reviewed to include arts and site selection criteria that can be used to assess an proposed artworks or sites including Footrot Flats and Navigational Project. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan. That the item be referred to the next committee meeting for further consideration.</i></p>
		Economic Development	Navigational Traditions	<p>Would love to know more about the Tairawhiti Navigational traditions project.</p>

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			<p><i>Officer Response: The Navigational Traditions Project is described as coordinated light infrastructure and story development at key sites in the region to acknowledge our heritage, generate business opportunities and affirm the appeal of Tairāwhiti as a great place to live and visit. The proposed infrastructure will provide the hooks for private sector businesses to develop additional services that will be sustainable because they enrich the visitor stay and provide a total experience around the creation of a nation with Captains Cooks arrival and first meeting with Maori. The full Pre-feasibility Study report by Tourism Resource Consultants can be accessed on the Gisborne District Council web site http://www.gdc.govt.nz/major-projects/. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>	
5	Redgrave, Lorraine Allison	Rates	Rates	
			<p>While there is a recession on, only URGENT things should be attended to, as rates are rising and there are many people who cannot afford to pay rates now. Cut your suit according to your cloth please. I am all for progress WHEN we can afford it.</p> <p><i>Office Response: The effect upon the lower income groups has been, and is, a major concern of Council. As a result, Council has cut from its immediate programme the bulk of the projects and works which for many years the community has been asking to be done. The major work affecting rates in the City is the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Because this project is required under Council's resource consent, it cannot be deferred. Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>	
		Land Transport & Parking	Cycle & Walkways	
			<p>New walk and cycleways should be held over until things improve as there is a recession on. Does not approve of a track along Waikanae Beach as the present grassed area is sufficient and more natural - most people seem to prefer to walk along the sand there.</p> <p><i>Officers Response: New walkway and cycleway projects were included in the Ten Year Plan after consultation with the wider community. During the resource consent process for this project disability groups expressed their support for a hard surface along this area to accommodate mobility scooters and with those with walking impairments. Officers Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>	
		Arts & Culture	Theatres & Community Halls	
			<p>Very much in favour of updating the War Memorial Theatre before too long.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: There is widespread support for the theatre upgrade and the progress made to date. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>	
		Community Development	Youth	
			<p>Council should go ahead with plans to fine skateboarders in town, or get them doing community work - preferably strenuous!!</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Council engage monthly with Tairāwhiti Youth Voice to obtain their input into relevant issues. The Bylaw regarding skateboards in town is currently being reviewed to include a wider range of penalties - expected completion within six months. Council will continue to liaise with Gisborne Police re Bylaw enforcement. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>	
6	Ensor, Anthony John	Land Transport & Parking	East Coast Roding, Cycling & Walkway Projects	
			<p>Submitter believes Lockwood Road in Anaura Bay should be sealed. The section when you turn right at the camping ground along to the marae is unsealed and causing a dust problem. A lot of traffic uses this road and it should be sealed.</p>	

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<p><i>Officer Response: The road to Anaura Bay has been progressively sealed over the last few years. This road is a popular tourist site and was sealed to the camping ground and progressively to the Department of Conservation camping ground. While sympathetic to the submitters request to seal Lockwood Road, there are other higher priority roads in the District. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
7	Stewart, Malcolm & Raewyn	Civil Defence Emergency Management & Rural Fires	Civil Defence Emergency Management	
<p>Provide a tsunami alarm towards Waima. Present warning is not effective. No one advised submitter in recent tsunami scare.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: There are two Tsunami threats, distant from the west coast of South America where we have at least 11 hours warning. The other is generated by an earthquake just off our coast with an arrival time of about 20-30 minutes. If the submitter lives in the tsunami evacuation zone and there is a credible risk for a tsunami threat originating from South America, they will receive a warning by someone knocking on their door/or a phone call, for the second event then self evacuation on the submitters knowledge of the threat is the only option available. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
8	Thorpe, Margaret Ann	Reserves & Open Spaces	Parks & Reserves	
<p>Why did Waihirere pool close? What happened to the grant the staff obtained to repair the pool? The mayor was going to consult the community. Can the submitter see a copy of his report and his recommendations to Council? What has happened since he reported back? Why in the 10 year plan is there no mention of operating, or conversely decommissioning? What progress has been made for a proposed performance centre at the domain? Recommends that Council finalise the fate of the disused pool at the Waihirere reserve.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The Waihirere Pool closed because operating the pool for a small number of users became uneconomical and environmentally unsustainable. The pool required a large amount of capital to bring it up to standard. The grant obtained contributing to the upgrade was returned to the benefactor when the shortfall of funding could not be found to complete the project. The Mayor consulted the community over the pool closure and alternative proposals. The community was to develop a proposal for Councils consideration. That has not been submitted. The ten year plan assumed that this matter would have been resolved. A decommissioning proposal is to be discussed with the community shortly. Decommissioning may be with the assistance of a Community Max work team at little extra cost to Council. The main cost will be the filling of the pool shell for safety reasons. Officer Recommendation: That the following change(s) be made to the draft Annual Plan - increase the operational budget for Waihirere Domain by \$3,000 to cover the cost of decommissioning the Waihirere Pool.</i></p>				
9	Lawson, Julie Mamae	Reserves & Open Spaces	Parks & Reserves	
<p>Submitter requests a boardwalk along the length of Onepoto Bay to improve disabled access.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: There is no evidence to support the need for a boardwalk in terms of usage or current environmental impact. It is unlikely that this project would be a high priority. Consideration for this project should be part of the township plan currently under development. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
10	Smith, Dale Elvie	Land Transport & Parking	Footpaths & Access Crossings	
<p>Is the proposed Waikanae footbridge a public access bridge, or is it just for the school? What about the safety of the children crossing the railway line and of course the WA165? Interested in knowing how this footbridge is to be policed.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The Waikanae footbridge is planned for 2011. It will be for public use and a safety rail crossing (similar to Reads Quay) will be included. Officer Recommendation: That no change be made to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				

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11	Schollum, Norma Muriel	Land Transport & Parking	Cycle & Walkways	
<p>Does not like the plans to spend money on walk and cycleways when the general footpaths are a disgrace in older residential areas.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The Gisborne District Councils Ten Year Plan has on average \$60k for maintenance and \$150k for footpath replacements each year. Over the last 6 years, many of the old slurry seal footpaths are being replaced in residential areas. It is anticipated that the bulk of these will be replaced within 5 years. There is also an ongoing footpath grinding programme which removes tripping hazards and while the footpaths may look old they are still safe to walk over. The walk and cycleway projects are popular requests with the Ten Year Plan and attract subsidies whereas the footpath projects are solely rate payer funded. Officer Recommendation: That no change be made to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
		Land Transport & Parking	Footpaths & Access Crossings	
<p>Would like improved kerb and channelling on Oswald Street.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: In 2007, kerb and channelling was installed along one side of Oswald Street from Hospital Hill to Patiti Street. This was to resolve historic road side and urban storm water flowing onto private properties during storm events. The work has resolved this, however the remaining open side drains along Oswald Street while not visually pleasing still function very effectively. There is no engineering reason to support this request and unfortunately the status quo will remain. Officer Recommendation: That no change be made to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
		Reserves & Open Spaces	Parks & Reserves	
<p>Told that the trees in Rua Street would be removed, but they have not. She would like them removed.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Tree removal in Rua Street will commence July 2010 in a staged manner. All trees will be removed and some replaced as part of a three year project in consultation with residents. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
12	Roe, Trudi	Rates	Rates	
<p>Urges councillors to refuse to include anything in the plan that is over and above their regulatory responsibilities until spending on the WWTP and other projects already underway, have been taken care of. All non essential matters including Waipaoa flood scheme and any arts and culture programmes should be put on hold in interim.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: All the needed and/or desirable projects are considered every three years when the Ten Year Plan is being consulted on. At that stage, each project is given a score for parameters such as economic benefit, cultural benefit, environmental benefit, social benefit, regulatory requirement, and so on. As part of the process, the highest ranking projects are included in the Plan, and the rest put aside for a future plan. Some projects, like the Waste Water Treatment Plant, which are new projects that have to be undertaken for legislative reasons, are funded from rates or loans and cause an increase in rates for the year that they are scheduled. Other projects are merely renewals of facilities which already exist. These are funded from the depreciation reserve, and we are required to collect depreciation money whether or not we use it (now or later), so a moderate quantity of renewal projects in themselves do not cause rates to rise. Gisborne District utilises "targeted rates" to a significant degree. These are rates which are paid for in the area or within the group to which they apply. The waste water targeted rate will apply to those connected to the waste water system, which is mainly to city ratepayers. The Waipaoa River Flood protection works apply mostly to people on the Poverty Bay Flats, and so they pay the lion's share of the costs. In that way, Council is able to keep rates essentially affordable within any particular ratepayers grouping. The exception for 2010/11 is the waste water Treatment Plant, which is such an expensive undertaking in its own right, and which is required to be completed by a given date, that we do not have the luxury to defer or spread the costs. That single project does put the rates up for City ratepayers, and while they are paying a peak in rates for that project, Council does try to defer any other projects which would add to the city ratepayer's burden. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
13	Basil Rosie			

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Reserves & Open Spaces

Parks & Reserves

Gisborne is not a "friendly motor home city". There are few places to park overnight for a couple of days cheaply. Council has lots of land and it would be nice to have a place with a dump station and water for self contained motor homes close to town. Many visitors would use these facilities and it would bring money into town, and many visitors do not need a campground and all its infrastructure

Officer Response: Commercial facilities already exist for motorhomes in the city. It would not be in the interests of fair competition for Council to provide subsidised motorhome facilities. , , Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.

14 Woolston, Peter John

Rates

Rates

Concerned that rates rise above the rate of inflation. Also as an out of town ratepayer, they are concerned at having to pay rates for services they cannot and do not use, e.g. water, waste water, stormwater, landfill, WWTP etc. They have no dwelling on their land and are not allowed to put one there. Do not see value for money on their rates.

Officer Response: The issue of inflation rates is a vexing one. People normally think of the measure of inflation as being the Consumer Price Index (CPI). CPI is, in fact, a measure of the price trend of a basket of consumer goods, such as bread, milk and similar foodstuffs, electricity, telephone and a few other things like mortgage interest rates or rental payments thrown in. Local Authorities are more like construction companies, and costs are more aligned to the Construction index than the CPI. If, for instance, road metal goes up by 50%, it is not reasonable to expect a Council to align its costs with the price of bread which might only increase by 1%. Councils are faced with several uncontrollable cost drivers, and are unable to keep their rates increases down at CPI levels. Regarding charges for services, Mr Woolston has fallen into the age old trap of thinking that rates are a payment for services. Rates are not a charge for services, they are a property tax, based largely on the value of the property, which are levied to support the functions which Council is obliged to carry out by relevant legislation. The rates invoice shows how much rate is owing on the property. The rates assessment on the reverse side of the invoice shows how Council uses the money to support all of its mandatory functions when it is received. The Woolston property is not charged water rates, it is charged a Regional Council rate for water resources, which is a contribution to monitoring river levels, underground aquifers, water quality and pollution. The Woolston property is not charged for waste water, it is charged \$14 per year capital rate towards the cost of installing a waste water plant that is believed will clean up the (perceived) pollution of district beaches. There are storm water services in Matawai and Motu rural towns, which properties in the surrounding areas contribute to. The Woolston property contributes \$1.73. Similarly, Pool, Library, Theatres and so on are charges for having facilities that are available for people of the district to use, they are not charges for actual use. The issue of not being allowed to put a building on the property does not appear to be a District Planning issue. If Mr Woolston can provide Council with an identified building platform, which meets access requirements, land stability and size constraints, there does not seem to be any reason why a building would not be a permitted activity. It would, however, require a variation which is a part cancellation of the consent notice. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.

15 Fox, John William

Rates

Rates

Wishes to have a full draft sent in mail and opposes any plan where a rates increase will happen.

Officer Response: Rates increases occur for a variety of reasons that are not always within the ability of Councillors to control. For instance, we are required by legislation to collect rates to fund the "Decline in Service Potential" of Council assets (this is called depreciation in our Annual Plan) and the amount required is determined by the value of the assets in any one year. When asset values go up, so too does depreciation and rates. The rate increase due to discretionary projects has been kept to a bare minimum in this Plan. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.

16 Brown, William Malcolm

Land Transport & Parking

Cycle & Walkways

Concerned at lack of costing given for Motu cycle/walkway.

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		Arts & Culture	Art in Public Places	
		<p>Officer Response: The Motu Cycle trail is part of the national cycleway project and is still in the planning phase. Gisborne District Council was accepted to the second phase where more detail planning is now required. The project involves the Gisborne District Council, Opoitoki District Council and the Department of Conservation. For it to be adopted as a final national cycleway contender, confirmed costs from all three parties have to be defined. As there is still a lot of planning to be undertaken it will not affect the draft Annual Plan. Officer Recommendation: That no change be made to the draft Annual Plan.</p>		
		<p>Concerned at lack of costing for navigational stories project.</p> <p>Officer Response: The design and format of the storyboards has not been finalised so it is difficult to estimate true costs at this stage. For long term planning it has been assumed that costs will be similar to the Central Business District storyboards. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</p>		
17	Williams, Margaret	Environmental Health	Environmental Health	
		<p>People dump rubbish weekly, even daily sometimes, outside their property on Herschell road. This attracts rats which surround their home. They have repeatedly requested free rat poison to no avail. They would like to be supplied free rat poison and would definitely like a camera put up to deter/catch rubbish offenders.</p> <p>Officer Response: Council is aware of this problem and every effort is made to stop dumping of rubbish. Council has supplied a lot of free rat bait to this area. A remote camera is being purchased and will be used in this area. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</p>		
18	Kura and Ned Tibble	Flood Control	Rivers Alignment Control	
		<p>The submitters request Council's favourable consideration for financial assistance for the required works as attached to their granted resource consent to excavate an existing shingle beach and use the excavated material to reinstate the eroding true right hand bank of the Poroporo river. See full submission.</p> <p>Officer Response: This property has been severely eroded by the Mangoaporoporo river. The submitters request Council assistance to fund repair works. This area is not rated for river protection works and therefore Council does not have any reserves in this area to assist at this time. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</p>		
19	Wilson, James	Land Transport & Parking	Cycle & Walkways	
		<p>The walk/cycleway from Reads Quay to Waikanae has been a big success. I see lots of people using it from early till dark. Would like to see it extended to Midway at least as it is a drawcard to visitors. We need to encourage more cycling and to make our roads safer for cycling. Cycleways should extend around roundabouts - as in some European cities. This avoids cyclists swerving into the traffic.</p> <p>Officer Response: In the Ten Year Plan, the Midway/Waikanae cycleway was listed as a major project but was dependant on receiving funding assistance from the New Zealand Transport Agency. Gisborne District Council was not successful when the 2009-2012 National Land Transport programme was announced. However, Council will reapply when the next round of roading funding becomes available in 2012-2015 through the Regional Land Transport programme and/or walking and cycling model communities. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</p>		
		Civil Defence Emergency Management & Rural Fires	Civil Defence Emergency Management	
		<p>Would like a tsunami alert system installed in schools, e.g. Awapuni and Wainui. Other coastal cities, e.g. Napier and Mt Maunganui have done this. We seem to have dropped the ball on this one.</p>		

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<p><i>Officer Response: There are two tsunami threats, distant from the west coast of South America where we have at least 11 hours warning. Schools in the at risk areas will be rung and be given a time to be clear by. The other is generated by an earthquake just off our coast with an arrival time of about 20-30 minutes, so all at risk schools immediately evacuate to safe areas - hence we have no requirements for any other sort of warning system. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
20	Molly Evans	Land Transport & Parking	Cycle & Walkways	
<p>The beachfront walkway to Midway should go ahead. It is much needed by the whole community. Homeowners do not own the land, Council does, therefore they should consider the best use for all the people.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The project was listed in Gisborne District Councils Ten Year Plan, however it is dependant on receiving funding assistance from the New Zealand Transport Agency. Unfortunately our walking and cycling projects were unsuccessful when the National Land Transport 2009-2012 programme was announced but we will apply at the next funding round in 2012-2015 through the Regional Land Transport programme and/or when the next round of expressions of interest are announced for the walking and cycling model communities. In the interim resource consents for the project have been applied for this project. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
		Reserves & Open Spaces	Parks & Reserves	
<p>The vacant beachside sections should be sold off as they are of little use to the general public, except as a walkthrough for a few who could reach the beach a few blocks in either direction. Money could go towards the walkway.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: This is an option that has been considered. However, for the long term future of this highly valued local and tourist destination the current preferred option is to retain these assets for the future. , , Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
21	Tamati and Tilly Reedy	Rates	Rates	
<p>Work envisaged appears great, but at this time of recession, is this really the time to "double" the rates?</p> <p><i>Officer Response: On average, the total rates collected are increasing in most parts of the district by 4.5%. In the City, the increase in rate collected is slightly higher (on average, 7.2%) because the city has to bear the brunt of the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP). We don t have much option on the WWTP - our consent for our old scheme has expired, and we are required by Resource Management Plan processes to put a new Waste water scheme in. Rates have not doubled. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
22	Short, Tania Eruatua	Libraries	Libraries	
<p>Any efforts to support the library extension and grow the capacity of this outstanding public resource is welcomed.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: We acknowledge your support for the proposed library extension scheduled to begin construction in 2013/14. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
		Arts & Culture	Theatres & Community Halls	
<p>Please consult with experts on theatre upgrade. This will ensure that the significant investment is spent wisely.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: A theatre users group has been consulted and representatives of that group will continue to be part of the re-development team. The architect is a specialist in theatre design and has completed similar projects in many towns and cities around New Zealand. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
		Land Transport & Parking	Cycle & Walkways	

Submission with Response

For: Annual Plan 2010/11

ID #	Submitter	Topic	Issue	Sub Issue
23	Purcell, Geoffrey Edward John	Support Services	Finance & Treasury	
<p>Doesn't like the fact that Council starts projects without funding and has concerns over the way Council budgets.</p> <p><i>Officer Response:</i> PROJECTS : Projects are all initiated as part of community needs and aspirations, and fall into two main categories; Operational and Capital. The Local Government Act, as well as Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP) constrains the ways in which these projects may be funded. Options are: 1) Rates Funding - The rates are set at the very beginning of the year, by Resolution of Council. This funding is always available when the project is undertaken; 2) Loan Funding - Council's borrowings are minutely scheduled every year, and interest rate swaps are in place sometimes several years ahead, to ensure the best rates are available. 3) Reserve Accounts - This applies mainly to Capital Renewal projects. Depreciation is collected in accordance with Local Government Act provisions, and used to renew the assets which are being depreciated. The largest group of projects come under this category. 4) Grant Funding - Some projects can be identified as community projects which should not become a burden on the general ratepayer and, after consultation it is deemed fitting, that all or part of the funding should come from fundraising, grants or subsidies. There have been some instances in the last year when projects have been started before grants have been obtained, but we have now put more stringent control process in place to prevent this from happening in future. 5) Capital Development Reserve - funded mainly from asset sales. BUDGETS: Council's Operating Estimates are prepared each year based on the best data available, in October/November of the previous year. Council-wide budgets are then consolidated, and adjustments are made to the original estimates based on affordability or priority considerations. Budgets are prepared partly on zero based criteria, and partly from historical data. The Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) (which council now calls The Ten Year Plan) is a requirement of the Local Government Act 2002, and is required to have detailed estimates for the first three years, followed by indicative figures for the subsequent seven years. It is generally accepted practice that the subsequent years are based on the best economic indices available, and Local Authorities all share in funding the cost of BERL producing these indices for the sector. <i>Officer Recommendation:</i> That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</p>				
24	Hamon, Janis Marion	Arts & Culture	Art in Public Places	
<p>Supports developing an arts and culture strategy. Navigational project is key to promoting the towns identity.</p> <p><i>Officer Response:</i> The development of the Arts and Culture strategy is well supported. This will guide the arts component of the Navigational Project. Expression of regional identity is a key factor. <i>Officer Recommendation:</i> That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</p>				
		Arts & Culture	Footrot Flats Sculptures	Support
<p>The series of Footrot Flats statues is a fantastic plan; unique to Gisborne.</p> <p><i>Officer Response:</i> The policy for art in public places is currently being reviewed alongside the development of the overarching Arts and Culture Strategy due for completion in 2011. It is unlikely that the Footrot Flats sculpture will be completed by then and we will be able to assess against criteria for art and site selection. <i>Officer Recommendation:</i> That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</p>				
		Land Transport & Parking	Cycle & Walkways	
<p>The network of walking and cycleways is key to promoting the towns identity.</p> <p><i>Officer Response:</i> Projects included in the Gisborne District Council's "Ten Year Plan". The construction of cycleways is dependant on subsidy assistance from the New Zealand Transport Agency unfortunately the Council's projects were not successful when the 2009-2012 roading programme was announced. However Council will apply during the next funding programme in 2012-2015 during the regional land transport programme and or when the next expressions of interest for walking and cycling model communities are announced. <i>Officer Recommendation:</i> That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</p>				
		Land Transport & Parking	Public Transport	

Submission with Response

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ID #	Submitter	Topic	Issue	Sub Issue
		Rates	Rates	
		<p>Likes the fact that some projects have been deferred due to economic reasons. Does not like the hike in rates when we are all in such a poor economic situation.</p> <p><i>Officer Responses:</i> In scheduling projects and works, Council always tries to respond to public requests for services and amenities. The reality is that there are always more demands on funding than Council has the resources or funding to undertake, so prioritisation of more urgent/less urgent projects always takes place. Affordability is another criterion, and it is acknowledged that greater emphasis has been placed on affordability in recent years when prioritising projects. <i>Officer Recommendation:</i> That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</p>		
		Arts & Culture	Theatres & Community Halls	
		<p>Likes the fact that some external funding has been used for the War Memorial Theatre upgrade.</p> <p><i>Officer Response:</i> Much of the funding for the War Memorial Theatre upgrade is expected to come from external sources. The project is not yet at a stage where funding applications can be made. <i>Officer Recommendation:</i> That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</p>		
		Arts & Culture	Footrot Flats Sculptures	Oppose
		<p>Not sure about the Footrot Flats sculptures.</p> <p><i>Officer Response:</i> The policy for art in public places is currently being reviewed alongside the development of the overarching Arts and Culture Strategy due for completion in 2011. It is unlikely that the Footrot Flats sculpture will be completed by then and we will be able to assess against criteria for art and site selection. <i>Officer Recommendation:</i> That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</p>		
		Land Transport & Parking	Cycle & Walkways	
		<p>Likes walkways and cycleways, as they are a priority for tourism and visitors.</p> <p><i>Officer Response:</i> Walking and cycling projects are dependant on receiving subsidy from the NZTA, the Gisborne projects were not successful when the 2009-2012 national land transport programme was announced. However Council will reapply during the next round of funding in 2012-2015 regional land transport programme and or next round of walking and cycling model communities funding. <i>Officer Recommendation:</i> That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</p>		
		Inner Harbour Development	Inner Harbour Development Project	
		<p>Likes the development of the harbour and beachfront area, as they are a priority for tourism and visitors.</p> <p><i>Officer Response:</i> Council agrees that this project will bring about high quality change to the amenity of the area resulting in economic spinoffs from attracting more tourists and visitors to the area and the Gisborne Region. <i>Officer Recommendation:</i> That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</p>		
		Land Transport & Parking	Cycle & Walkways	
		<p>Do not give up on external funding for Motu cycleway.</p> <p><i>Officer Response:</i> The Motu Cycle trail is part of the national cycleway project and is still in the planning phase. Gisborne District Council was accepted to the second phase where more detail planning is now required. The project involves the Gisborne District Council, Opotoki District Council and the Department of Conservation. For it to be adopted as a final national cycleway contender, confirmed costs from all three parties have to be defined. As there is still a lot of planning to be undertaken it will not affect the draft Annual Plan. <i>Officer Recommendation:</i> That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</p>		
		Waste Water Treatment Plant	Waste Water Treatment Plant	
		<p>Does not like such an expensive wastewater treatment plant. Why has it taken so long?</p>		

Submission with Response

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ID #	Submitter	Topic	Issue	Sub Issue
		Economic Development	Tourism	
		<p><i>Officer Response: The reason why the plant took a long time to design and consent is because the original design proved to be unaffordable, council instructed staff to find a cheaper solution which involved finding and purchasing a new site, designing a reduced scope plant, applying for a variation to the discharge consent and applying to have the new site designated., The process is time consuming due to the fact that extensive consultation, investigation and design has to be undertaken to comply with the requirements of the RMA and good engineering design practice., Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
		<p>Need to work on tourism, tourism and more tourism.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Council through its membership of the Tairāwhiti Development Partnership (TDP) is currently working on three areas to provide a lift in tourism for the region and the district. The first of these is the Navigational Traditions Project which is currently in the feasibility stage of concept design for funding. The working group for this initiative is being chaired by His Worship the Mayor, Meng Foon. This is a significant project which will require a \$4 million investment in light infrastructure over the next two to four years. The project will provide the hooks for tourism operators to develop new and innovative business focusing on meeting visitor needs. The TDP is also sourcing funds to assist in the branding refresh of the Gisborne wine industry to enable the more effective promotion of the regions wines and visitor service outlets. Third will be the creation of a brand strategy that will enable business products and events to collaboratively leverage off the region image for their own benefits and to grow the global awareness of the region. On a district level the Council has negotiated a refreshed contract with Tourism Eastland to incorporate a number of additional KPIs or contractual outcomes. In addition, Tourism Eastland has had a review of its processes and will move this forward with a review of its marketing strategy. The later has seen the appointment of a marketing manager to enable this to be progressed. However, it is noted that the Council has not specifically indentified its outcomes for tourism in relation to regional economic development. Officer Recommendation: That the following change be made to the draft Annual Plan - the inclusion of the following sentence on page 47 (What we do) - "Supports the districts regional economic development through funding and promotion in the tourism sector." That Council resolves to review Council's strategic outcomes in the tourism sector for the reason that they have not been clearly defined.</i></p>		
27	Tony Barnby	Land Transport & Parking	Cycle & Walkways	
		<p>Waste of money putting a paved walkway at the back of Salisbury Road. Walkers don't need it, nor do modern mobility scooters. Use the money to extend the walkway past Roebuck Road bridge. If necessary use gravel on Salisbury Road area.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Included as a project in the Ten Year Plan. During the resource consent process a hard surface area received support from disability groups. Roebuck Road option is also part of the Walking and Cycling Strategy. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
		Waste Water Treatment Plant	Waste Water Treatment Plant	
		<p>As wastewater treatment plant was forced on us by tangata whenua, why not request contributions from their wealthy trusts or Treaty of Waitangi contributions. Or, as the benefits of the plant will be enjoyed by future generations, fund it by borrowing and let future generations pay.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Council has applied to the Government and Eastland trust for funding, the outcome of these applications is unknown. The Iwi trust have not been approached as they apply all surplus funds to assisting their members. The plant is being funded by savings contributed by ratepayers over several years via a targeted rate and borrowings with the repayments spread over 25 years which does introduce some intergenerational funding to the scheme. Officer Recommendation: That no change be made to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
		Land Transport & Parking	Footpaths & Access Crossings	
		<p>Council should use a small motorised pavement washing machine early every morning to clean pavements.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Submission noted, it is assumed that the submitter is not satisfied with the existing level of service or methodology and is suggesting an alternative. This is more of an operation query than a draft annual plan process. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		

Submission with Response

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ID #	Submitter	Topic	Issue	Sub Issue
		Reserves & Open Spaces	Parks & Reserves	
		<p>More flowers in hanging baskets in town like those in Wanganui would be a benefit. Turn Bright Street/Gladstone Road junction into a "focus area" with sails as in Rotorua.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Hanging baskets were trialled some years ago with limited success in the city. Since the CBD upgrade it is not considered necessary or complimentary to the street scape. Investigations into a suitable location for a "town square" were undertaken in 2009 and this site was considered. Traffic flows and other issues together with the limited success of the Rotorua development has not identified this as a likely site. The search for a suitable space continues. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
28	Ruifrok, Helayna May	Land Transport & Parking	Cycle & Walkways	
		<p>Likes the plans for upgrading walkways and cycleways. There should be consideration of putting a footpath all the way over Barkers Hill in Whataupoko. The Valley Road side has no footpath and it makes it very dangerous for runners and walkers, as they have to be on the road. This is a major safety issue as its a popular route for runners and children. I would like my young children to be able to walk to school when they are old enough but would not be comfortable allowing that with the present situation. A footpath would also connect the Shelley/Valley Road communities with the rest of Whataupoko, which would be good for health and vitality of the community.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: A good idea. Current footpath philosophy is to replace dangerous footpaths, for instance, the old slurry seals within the city like Palmerston Road and Customhouse Street. This process will take about another 5 years to complete and then Council can investigate valid suggestions like Barkers Hill. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
29	NUMBER NOT USED			
30	Julie Hathaway	Land Transport & Parking	Road Safety	
		<p>Gisborne should be made a more cycle friendly city by improving safety through educating road users, raising the licensing age to 18 and implementing zero alcohol tolerance. The best way to keep cyclists safe is a cycle lane. The Wainui stretch could have green cycles painted on the area beside the road as it exists now (this would not cost much).</p> <p><i>Officer Response: A "Share the Road" education programme is about to start in April to improve car/cycling behaviour especially at roundabouts. Many of the other issues have to be dealt at a national policy level. Difficult to comment on the Wainui section of road as this is a State Highway and not a local authority road, but the New Zealand Transport Agency is investigating these options. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
		Reserves & Open Spaces	Parks & Reserves	
		<p>Cleaning up reserves, planting and seating in Wainui would be great.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: This work is planned as part of the actions identified in the WD Lysnar and Wainui Beach Management Plan. Work will be staged over a number of years to meet budget constraints. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
31	Burrows, Hilary Roberta	Rates	Rates	
		<p>The rates burden in Gisborne is loaded onto those from lower income families who only own a residential home, not those who own rental properties or businesses who can write off rates in their taxes. The rating system is unfair. Council should have made more of an effort to obtain funding for the treatment plant as well as truly understanding the full impact of the recession on low and middle income families.</p>		

Submission with Response

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ID #	Submitter	Topic	Issue	Sub Issue
		Animal Control	Animal Control	
		Governance	Democratic Process	
		Land Transport & Parking	Footpaths & Access Crossings	
32	Gill, Brendon	Community Development	Community Development General	
33	Davie, Ronald Fraser	Reserves & Open Spaces	Parks & Reserves	
		Inner Harbour Development	Inner Harbour Development Project	

Officer Response: Council fully understands the plight of low and middle income families, and did its utmost to keep any rate increase to a minimum. The fundamental problem, though, is that Council does not have access to any economic data concerning the income or wealth of individual ratepayers. By legislation, rates have to be mostly levied on the value of a property, with up to 30% of the total rate collected being a fixed charge per property. Gisborne's rating system is designed to ensure that lower valued properties do pay less than higher valued properties - except for the fixed charges for services like solid waste collection, storm water, etc, which are only charged to the areas where these services are provided. The Council does not have the power to charge different levels of rates based on the GST that certain ratepayers might or might not have to pay. Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.

Streets are littered every week with dog poo. Instant fines signs should be erected and dog owners should be given a leaflet warning them to carry a dog poo bag and scoop when walking their dogs. These could be given to them when they pay their registrations.

Officer Response: The Dog Policy and Education Bulletin (section 8, page 24) covers this offence as does the web site www.gdc.govt.nz. It is very difficult to monitor due to only evidence being dog faeces. Anyone who has witnessed dog faeces being deposited may report the problem to customer services to generate a Request for Service so the areas can be patrolled. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.

Councillors should lead by example and bike and walk to work.

Officer Response: Some councillors and staff do walk and cycle to work. The Council has purchased bicycles so that staff can do service calls in and around town without taking a vehicle out. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.

Gisborne streets/footpaths are littered every week with broken glass from smashed bottles. Instant fine signs should be erected.

Officer Response: Unfortunately signs are unlikely to be an effective tool to curb this type of behaviour. We acknowledge the submission. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.

Positive ageing trust commend GDC for their support of elderly. We would like to speak on planning needs to ensure accessibility so that the elderly remain an integral part of the community in terms of: footpaths, roading, crossings, lighting, safety, housing and transport.

Officer Response: Councils Community Development Unit continue to develop the capacity and ability of the community and voluntary sector. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.

Too much money is spent on recreation and leisure.

Officer Response: In comparison with the national average and with other similar districts, Gisborne is well below its peers in spending on recreation and leisure. Studies have shown many benefits arising from recreation and leisure. This is an essential component of any community and a factor in attracting people to our district. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.

Submission with Response

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ID #	Submitter	Topic	Issue	Sub Issue
				<p>With the inner harbour plan, we should clean up the waterfront rubbish and overgrown footpaths near the city centre, e.g. the bottom of Grey street. Before we spend more money on recreation and leisure we should clean up what we have and police it better.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: It is agreed that beach and alleyway clean ups are important in terms of keeping the environment well kept and looking good. Council has a maintenance budget for this type of activity and the resources are prioritised by the Community Facility and Roading Departments. Further, the inner harbour project has been through a previous Ten Year Plan consultation process. The outcome of this was that the community strongly supported the aims and intentions of the project, Council expressed a willingness to commit in financial terms, and brought it forward from year 7 (2016) to year (2014). Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan. That the following change(s) be made to the draft Annual Plan That the item be referred to the next committee for further consideration.</i></p>
34	Karauria, Michelle	Arts & Culture	Art in Public Places	<p>Would like for debate and discussion on arts in public places to take place in the next two weeks, prior to any artworks agreed upon or erected. Would like to achieve defined processes inclusive of tikanga and recognised quality of the artist. The current arts in public places practice lacks input from the community, specifically Maori. Much of our art reflects a lack of wisdom or aspiration.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The development of the Arts and Culture strategy will address these issues. An arts in public places policy is currently being reviewed to include a arts and site selection criteria that can be used to assess an proposed artworks or sites including Footrot Flats and Navigational Project. Officer Recommendation: That the item be referred to the next committee for further consideration.</i></p>
35	Pardoe, Priscilla Anne	Land Transport & Parking	Road Safety	<p>Requests that parking and signage regarding pedestrians be progressed in the annual plan. A meeting was held in August 2008 with Cr Sheldrake and Council employees whereby a plan was drawn up for Ballance Village. This plan needs to be reviewed and updated. The businesses of Ballance Village would welcome the opportunity to work with council towards making it easier and safer to cross the road, and investigate angle parking into the wide grass verges. Regular sweeping of curbs would be appreciated.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Unfortunately roading planning resources are not available for another 12-18 months. Bridge asset management plans, inner harbour development, GDC Infrastructure Plan, and traffic analysis between Customhouse Street and Wainui Road in conjunction with the New Zealand Transport Agency have a higher priority. There are also several outstanding issues from the Ten Year Plan that also still require resolution and it is unlikely that any progress will be made on this issue until further roading resources become available in 2012/2013. Officer Recommendation: That the submission be referred to the Operations Committee for future deliberation and prioritisation.</i></p>
36	Revington, Ross	Land Transport & Parking	Cycle & Walkways	<p>Supports continuing walkway to Botanical Gardens and constructing cycleway to Wainui.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Walking and cycling projects are dependent on receiving subsidy from the NZTA. The Gisborne projects were not successful when the 2009-2012 national land transport programme was announced. However Council will reapply during the next round of funding in the 2012-2015 regional land transport programme and/or next round of walking and cycling model communities funding. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>
		Environmental Health	Environmental Health	<p>What is the plan to ensure our rivers and beaches are kept clean?</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Regular monitoring of the water quality is undertaken. Also monitoring of resource consents are undertaken to ensure there are no illegal discharges into rivers and the sea. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>

Submission with Response

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ID #	Submitter	Topic	Issue	Sub Issue
		Economic Development	Economic Development General	
		What plan does the council have to work more closely with ECT? <i>Officer Response: The Council continues to work closely with ECT and has presented a number of initiatives/projects to the board for their consideration within their investment objectives guidelines. Foremost of these is the Navigational Traditions project which has received some initial encouraging support from some of the board. Final concept design and Quantity Survey are now required to enable further consideration to be given. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i>		
		Land Transport & Parking	Road Safety	
		Why is it so hard to get speed bumps on Gisborne roads? <i>Officer Response: A copy of the Gisborne District Council Traffic Calming Measures Policy will be sent to the submitter. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i>		
37	Wallace, Katy	Arts & Culture	Art in Public Places	
		Supports the creation and implementation of a plan for integration of artworks into the city. Should use a sound process involving council, artists and community. Would like this process applied to all public artworks including Footrot Flats and Navigations Project. <i>Officer Response: The development of the Arts and Culture strategy will address these issues. An arts in public places policy is currently being reviewed to include an arts and site selection criteria that can be used to assess an proposed artworks or sites including Footrot Flats and Navigational Project. Officer Recommendation: That the item be referred to the next committee for further consideration.</i>		
38	Easton, Lois Margaret	Stormwater	Stormwater	
		Supports proposals to upgrade stormwater in Clifford St - however wants low impact designs to be used. Swales and stormwater retention areas more appropriate than curb and channel and pipe systems. <i>Officer Response: Low Impact Design has been promoted and used more when designing capital and development works over the last couple of years. This is now one of the first considerations when designing or assessing any new projects or developments. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i>		
		Reserves & Open Spaces	Parks & Reserves	
		Would like council to introduce a community street tree planting programme in the less leafy areas of the city as undertaken in Waitakere. The community would submit proposals for trees, the council would provide them, and the trees would be planted by the community with council assistance. <i>Officer Response: This is a worthwhile suggestion and something that is currently being planned. A lot of effort to date has been spent on getting existing trees under control. Any new planting requires investigation and approval to determine suitable spaces for trees to avoid current problems with overhead and underground services. In some instances it may not be possible to plant street trees. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i>		
		Building Services	Building Services	
		Wants council to follow the scheme undertaken by Nelson CC, which provides a simple, low cost approach for the processing of solar hot water system building consents. Solar water is sensible in Gisborne due to amount of sun.		

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ID #	Submitter	Topic	Issue	Sub Issue
<p><i>Officer Response: The Council funding Policy states that building consents are 100% user pays. Therefore while this is a laudable proposal the Building Section cannot process building consents for any given type of activity without a change in Council Policy. The Nelson initiative went further than just free building consents, it also offered a loan to purchase and install the system that was recovered from a targeted rate. To approve the issue of no cost building consents for the installation of solar water heaters would promote the subsidising of alternative energy work by people who can afford it by the general ratepayer. For such a scheme to be equitable it would require a change in Council funding and rating policies. This should be considered by the Environment and Policy Committee and a recommendation made to the full council. A more in depth proposal would be required which would then need a comprehensive officer(s) response. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan but a report be prepared for the Environment and Policy committee so an informed decision can be made.</i></p>				
39	Kururangi, Kerry Christine	Community Development	Community Development General	
<p>Wishes for council assistance in preparing a township plan for Wharekahika and Potaka, to assist in the planning and implementation of the towns progress and growth. There is support from both communities for a township plan.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Scheduled township plans for the 2009/10 year are currently underway. There has been a township plan developed in Te Araroa, however, this plan does not cover the Hicks Bay area. Given the unique township challenges and issues it is considered appropriate for a plan to be developed for Wharekahika and Potaka in the 2010/11 year. However, any decision to proceed with such a plan would require an increase to the Annual Plan budget. Officer recommendation: That the Council include a Township plan for Wharekahika and Potaka (Hicks Bay) in the 2010/11 year and increase the Annual Plan budget by an additional \$4000.</i></p>				
40	Weiss, Norman Bernard	Community Development	Community Development General	
<p>Supports the submission of the Wainui Okitu Ratepayers Association. Request that the GDC partner with this association and work collaboratively from the early stages of any initiatives that may affect the community environmentally or developmentally. Also request that council work with the community to develop a township plan as has happened in other settlements.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The Councils Urban Development Strategy signals an intention to initiate a project in the Wainui/Okitu area to address the areas special character and other identified issues. It is considered that there is potential to address a range of issues through this project and that a specific township plan for the area is unnecessary. The project is signalled to begin in 2011/12. Staff will seek direction from the community on the form this project should take. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan. It maybe advantageous for Council to consider allocating funding to develop additional Township Plans in the next LTCCP.</i></p>				
41	Lorraine Still	Arts & Culture	Art in Public Places	
<p>Supports the arts and culture policy development that is planned for 2011 and would like to see artists involved in the planning process of all public works. There is huge potential for the east coast to promote its historical significance through art without being overshadowed by narrow colonial references e.g. Captain Cook. Council should look at Waitakere success in integrating local art and history into all parts of the public works planning process.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The development of the Arts and Culture strategy for GDC will aim to address these issues. GDC staff have been in contact with staff from Waitakere City about planning for this. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
		Rates	Rates	
<p>Does not support rates increase for Ngati Konohi residents of Whangara in respect of the irreparable damage done to sacred sites under the Public Works Act. The extraction of "gravel" from the island was primarily for use in roading around the wider Gisborne area. Degradation of the island continues due to the resultant exposure to the elements.</p>				

Submission with Response

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ID #	Submitter	Topic	Issue	Sub Issue
		Environmental Planning	Natural Resources Policy	
		<p>Supports all environmental issues. Supports replanting, but hopes that care is taken to preserve the biodiversity of all ecosystems. Does not support the use of chemical herbicides in any form as they kill important soil organisms and insects. Misuse of herbicides in farming areas should be a major concern for council.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: GDC has a number of plans and policies aimed at managing environmental quality across the District. They cover a wide range of environmental issues across the District, for example, biodiversity, energy and discharges to air. These documents are reviewed regularly (10 years from the date they take effect) to ensure they are up-to-date and responsive to changes. Issues in the District to be reviewed and redefined. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
42	Radomske, Clare Andrew	Planning & Performance	Planning & Performance	
		<p>Suggests that the community outcome of a healthy, prosperous, skilled and educated Tairāwhiti is far beyond the ability of council to deliver on. Suggests that the table on p.27 showing council costs per resident and per day is misleading. Suggests that on p.31 those asset sales are not provided for, as an accounting statement.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Under the Local Government Act (Part 6 Section 91), Local Authorities are required to carry out a process to identify community outcomes at least every six years. Community outcomes are future desired outcomes that a community seeks for themselves, their district or their region. Councils have a role in facilitating community outcomes, but they do not own them. Community outcomes belong to the community. The Council is not required to deliver community outcomes on its own. Rather, a key purpose for the identification of community outcomes is to inform and guide the setting of priorities in relation to the activities of Council and other organisations. The District's community outcomes are set out in Tairāwhiti by Choice, a document which was endorsed by Council and a number of other key signatory agencies in 2009. It is important to note that the role of community outcomes is expected to change following amendments to the Local Government Act which are expected to be enacted this year. The submitters view that the Forecast Cost of Service per Resident for 2010/11 table on p.25 of the draft Annual Plan is misleading is noted and will be taken into account when considering the presentation of financial summaries in future annual plans, annual reports and Ten Year Plans etc. The submitters key concern about asset sales is that Council should be better resourcing it's own ability to make decisions about, and to carry out asset sales. The sale of Council assets is invariably a highly politically contentious issue. On a number of past occasions, after balancing the economic benefits of selling a particular asset against social, cultural and environmental considerations, Council has resolved to retain the asset. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
		Governance	Maori Liaison	
		<p>Objects to the Treaty settlement process that imposes an unelected Maori elite upon the democratic principles and processes of local government.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The Treaty settlement process is a Crown and claimant process. Local Government is involved in settlements, not as negotiator, but rather because of the assets that they own or their community governance and resource stewardship roles. Council, along with the wider Local Government sector has been proactive in pointing out to the Crown the need to ensure that Treaty settlement and co-governance arrangements do not incrementally unwind the role of councils in local democracy, nor the system of natural resource management that is embedded within the Resource Management Act and other statutes. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
		Economic Development	Economic Development General	
		<p>Objects to the councils continued support to the TDP.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Council continues to support the TDP given it provides the governance body still currently required by central government through which central government has directed its economic development strategy initiatives. The new government is reviewing their economic development initiatives and should they not continue to direct the national development initiatives regionally, then a review of the TDP will be required. While the Council is currently fully supportive of the TDP, the level of commitment by the five partners in time, and consequently resources, to the TDP is currently under review. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		

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		Support Services	Finance & Treasury	
		<p>Suggests that the ETS and tax changes will have major impacts on our community, and by not taking these plans into account, the plan is substantially incomplete. Also, suggests that service level targets are often not measured or weak.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The ETS Changes may well have a significant effect on our finances, but at the time of putting together our budgets we had no knowledge of what those effects might be. Any changes which are significant will be included as opening balance adjustments in next year's rates setting. Council's finances are not really affected by GST rates. Our budgets are all set GST exclusive, and whatever level Central Government places on GST is billed in addition to Council's costs. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
		Community Housing	Community Housing	
		<p>Suggests that community housing statements in the plan are entirely misleading as they state that "community housing is financially self supporting".</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The Community housing activity is budgeted to make an accounting deficit of \$143K in the 2010/11 year. Current incremental rent increases are addressing the underlying financial performance, assisted by new tenants going into the units at the 90% market rental rate. The deficits have been met from the Community Housing reserve. The deficit balance in the reserve will be repaid in future years from the small financial surpluses planned for this activity. Due to the timing of payments for capital works and the funding of depreciation charges the activity will not run a cash deficit. For this reason no ratepayer funding will be required. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan</i></p>		
		Enterprise Operations	Strategic Investment Properties	
		<p>Objects to the continued ownership of the farm, given the costs ratepayers suffer. This plan describes 4.3 million in interest. This is four times what we can expect at the best of times from the farm.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The financial performance and strategic role of the Tauwhareparae Farms is regularly reviewed and will continue to be so. Recent reviews have been in favour of retaining the farms. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
		Support Services	Support Services	
		<p>Objects to a \$400k spend up in support services.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: There has, in fact, been no change to the investment we are making, and have been making, on IT technology. The only change has been to the financial treatment of that spend. In 1998, Council sold its entire IT hardware plant to a leasing company, and commenced leasing back the hardware and certain of the software we needed to operate our business. Each year we renewed that hardware at the accepted industry rate, as it became dated or obsolete. A recent opinion concerning the financial treatment of IT has been that IT is, in fact, a capital purchase that needs to be authorised the same way as all other capital purchases. The leasing company should be regarded as a funding mechanism for that capital (i.e. the normal way of funding "Decline in Service Potential" is by rating for depreciation. In this case we are rating for lease payments). We have changed this financial treatment to make our historic spend on IT more transparent. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change in the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
		Rates	Rates	
		<p>Disagrees with the methodology used to determine the UAGC and targeted rates. Also, objects to a 7% increase this year on top of the 10% increase of last year.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The total increase in rates collected in 2009/10 was 3.3%. The total increase in rates collected for 2010/11 is proposed to be 6.1%. On average this is an underlying increase in total rates collected of 4.5% for most of the district, but on average it will be 7.2% increase in rates collected from city residential properties because of the effect of the Waste Water Treatment Plant, which is required for Council to meet its consent requirements. The submitter's right to object to the way our UAGC is determined is respected, but it is not possible to comment on specifics as none are given. It is noted, however, that other submitters think the UAGC should be higher. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
		Governance	Democratic Process	

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43	NUMBER NOT USED			
44	Gisborne Chamber Of Commerce	Rates	Rates	
		Economic Development	Economic Development General	
		Enterprise Operations	Strategic Investment Properties	
		Planning & Performance	Planning & Performance	

Requests a 15 minute period to talk to submission as 10 is not enough.

Officer Response: Agree to request. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan. That the submitters request for a 15 min hearing time is approved.

Over the last ten years the average level of household rates has been more than twice the increase of the consumer price index. This is unsustainable. Immediate effort is required to balance expectations, reduce operational costs and sell assets.

Council does not purchase a basket of consumer goods, and pay consumer rents and mortgages, which is what the CPI is based on. Council is in the construction business, (whether it be for maintenance or new works) and is governed by increases in prices for tar, road metal, water pipes, and a whole plethora of things that make up the construction index. Council's performance should be based on the Construction Index, not the CPI. Council is required by legislation to account for its asset renewal projects in the way that it currently does, and there is very little ability to simply not undertake maintenance works. Recommendation: That there be no change to the Annual Plan

The business community should run economic development, just like the Heart of Gisborne. Targeted rates have been going on for years and we need jobs, not reports.

Officer Response: One of the important functions of local government is to promote the economic well-being of their community, both in the present and the future. However, this needs to tie in with the other goals of promoting social, cultural and environmental well-being. In areas where there is growth, leaving the economy reliant on market and other forces can threaten the environment and quality of life. It is the responsibility of the council to ensure that there is balance, and also that the economic prosperity of the community is planned for and not simply left to chance. However, everyone should also be involved as much as they are able in economic development. In no way does the Council claim exclusivity in the role and will always be looking for those operating in all sectors to initiate, innovate and invest. As Gibbons said "If you don't know where you are going any road will take you there", therefore in the interest of the public good it is important to know as a community where we are and where we should be heading and therefore the reason for reports and the greater the likelihood of ensuring sustainable development and jobs. The business community provided significant advice and support towards the latest Economic Development Strategy Action Plan, with some of the sectors already taking up the challenges detailed therein. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.

Debt levels average \$40M a year over the next 10 years. Sell the farm. No action on asset sales, council too slow.

Officer Response: The financial performance and strategic role of the Tauwhareparae Farms is regularly reviewed. The last review was in favour of retaining the farms. Assets disposal/sales are subject to complicated legislative compliance. It has not been a Council priority to resource this project. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.

Service targets are often not measured. If you can't measure it you can't manage it. Also, most community outcomes are not controlled by council.

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ID #	Submitter	Topic	Issue	Sub Issue
		Governance	Democratic Process	
		<p>Chamber of Commerce wants a seat at the Land Transport Committee table. Consider possible changes to the ECT deed. New layer of governance. As regards TROTAK how is this going to work?</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Membership of Regional Land Transport Committees is described in the Land Transport Act 2003. In addition to councillors and the NZ Transport Agency representative, there are to be six elected community representatives with expertise in access & mobility, safety & personal security, public health, economic development, environmental sustainability and cultural interests. Peter Farley has been elected because of his expertise in economic development. A person from the Chamber of Commerce could be appointed now with observer status. Membership will be reviewed following the local authority elections and the Chambers interest in promoting a member for election noted at that time. This submitter refers to possible changes to the Eastland Community Trust Deed. While it is reasonable to raise the matter, Council's role in relation to the Deed is set out in the Deed and does not need to be covered in the Annual Plan. The reference in the submission to a new layer of governance and to Te Runanga o Turanganui A Kiwa is to the co-governance agreement entered into between Turanga Manu Whiriwhiri and Council as part of the Turanga claims settlement process. The agreement provides for top table discussions on issues of mutual interest - tangata whenua and Council. The agreement does not provide for a role in decision making but does respect the constitutional role of Council in the system of public law in New Zealand, its role in democratic decision making, community representation role and so on. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan. That the request for membership of the Regional Transport Committee by the Chamber of Commerce be considered following the 2010 triennial election.</i></p>		
		Flood Control	Flood Control Schemes - Waipaoa	
		<p>Support the Waipaoa stop bank project.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: This submission is in support of the stopbank project. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
		Governance	Democratic Process	
		<p>The public are excluded in 1 in 4 meetings, mostly involving public money and assets. The Chamber of Commerce requests 20 minutes to speak to council on this submission.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: It is more correct to say that the public are excluded for a part of one meeting out of four. It is rare for the decision to stay in committee once the minutes are presented for confirmation. Council has around 15 reports on each agenda on the average and committees around 10. Let us say 1 Council meeting in 4 goes into committee and deals with 2 items while it's there. That is 1 item in around 30. While the numbers have not been checked, it is fair to conclude that Council uses the provisions in the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act sparingly when compared to most. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the Annual Plan. That the submitters request to a 20min hearing time is approved.</i></p>		
		Land Transport & Parking	Regional Development Roding Programme	
		<p>With regards to land transport cuts, the Wellington contribution goes from \$57M to \$38M over the next 3 years. What are the priorities?</p>		

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		Support Services	Finance & Treasury	
		<p>GST and ETS should be covered in the plan.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: At the time that the budget was constructed, there was insufficient information on the ETS to make sensible predictions on what the effect might be. Council's budgets are all calculated GST exclusive, so GST rate has no effect on the budgets per se. The changes to the taxation system are something that Central Government is managing, and on a per taxpayer basis, these changes are claimed by Government to be revenue neutral. Never-the-less, Council is actively engaged with other Councils in the Local Government sector, and with our software supplier, to enable us to implement policies which will minimise the effect on Gisborne District ratepayers. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
45	Transition Tairāwhiti	Environmental Planning	Natural Resources Policy	
		<p>Transition Tairāwhiti feel that the council needs to acknowledge and take action on the rapidly approaching energy/peak oil crisis. Our community needs to prepare for the reduction of fossil fuels and to make the transition to more sustainable sources of energy. Would like to see a review of the energy management section of the Regional Operative Policy Ch 5.2.4 Reasons for Objectives, Policies and Methods. Rather than waiting for central government action on this issue we feel GDC should facilitate community planning around a more sustainable future for Tairāwhiti immediately. We request that the GDC staff support the establishment of a sustainable energy advisory group, working with Transition Tairāwhiti and other interested stakeholders (residents, businesses, community organisations and central government agencies) over the next 12 months to start identifying opportunities to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels in preparation for a rapid increase in oil prices over the next 10-20 years. We estimate this is likely to take less than one hour per week for one staff member.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Council has a number of resource management plans that cover a wide range of issues including biodiversity, discharges to air and energy issues. These documents are reviewed regularly (10 years from the date they take effect) to ensure they are up-to-date. The Urban Development Strategy in particular includes policies that reflect concern over peak oil. Council is keen to work with stakeholders to ensure that consultation over its policies is meaningful and that there are appropriate opportunities for all members of the public to contribute when the plans come up for review. It is also worth noting that the Council has been proactive in the area of energy efficiency and renewable energy promotion for a number of years. When the oil crisis became a matter of international significance in early 2000 and Peak Oil a major discussion point, the Tairāwhiti Development Partnership (TDP) initiated an energy review. A regional energy assessment was completed in 2005 which addressed a number of issues around both renewable energy alternatives and energy sustainability. This resulted in the development of a regional energy strategy with a district strategy following. The end result being the establishment of the energy group from which a number of initiatives evolved, e.g. the Warmer Homes programme which saw the 1000th retrofit completed in February 2010; the October Energy Fest held in 2006 which saw all the various alternative and renewable energy options being extensively promoted within the community. GDC has also continued to work alongside the local manufacturers of biodiesel within the community and have a number of initiatives that are in the developmental stage. A major assessment of the potential for wind energy within the region was undertaken as a result of the focus on renewable energy. In addition, a significant number of micro hydro plants have been installed within the district. These and many other initiatives to reduce our consumption of traditional energy sources have been actioned and continue to be promoted. The energy group also focused on the promotion of energy audits in the community with a number of the major energy users having had these conducted. The Council has conducted energy audits on all of its operations, with all audit recommendations being actioned. The Economic Development Unit (EDU) have, and will continue to, address regional energy issues. Officers from Natural Resources Policy and other areas of Council such as EDU, will be pleased to work with Transition Tairāwhiti on energy issues as part of Council's normal community consultation activities. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan. That the Economic Development Team Leader attend the next Transition Tairāwhiti meeting to discuss energy issues and report back any matters arising to the Community Development Committee.</i></p>		
46	Charteris, Martin James			

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		Reserves & Open Spaces	Public Conveniences	
		Public toilet needed at the Waerenga o Kuri store.		
		<i>Officer Response: There is no evidence of the need for a public toilet at this location for the general use. The store is expected to provide facilities for its customers. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i>		
47	Creative Tairawhiti	Arts & Culture	Art in Public Places	
		Creative Tairawhiti (CT) wholly support Council's intention to prepare an Arts and Culture strategy to guide your contribution in the arts sector of the district. Council must be a key leader and champion of any strategy to grow the arts. CT encourages a review of existing policy in relation to art in public places (AIPP). Any such strategy would benefit from a collaborative approach from Council, AIPP and CT on behalf of the regions arts community. AIPP Trusts purpose, vision and mission may need to undergo a review to meet the changing demands of a new policy. Well-managed public art should consider the following: It should appeal to the public and be chosen democratically; it should be art; robust leadership; carefully thought out choice of site re: town planning/history/tourism etc; a considered selection process i.e. why this work?; placing art that communicates an authentic message; interpretation (explained meanings) should be accessible; policy development around acquisitions, gifting and de-accessioning of art works. The Footrot Flats and Navigational projects would ideally be subject to the same selection process with regards to best practice as any other future public art project. CT believe that art occurring in the public domain needs to be carefully chosen to support an overriding vision and purpose, rather than being added to our built and natural environs arbitrarily and in an ad hoc manner.		
		<i>Officer Response: Your support for a strategic approach is noted. An arts in public places policy is currently being reviewed to include arts and site selection criteria that can be used to assess any proposed artworks or sites. Creative Tairawhiti is considered to be a key stakeholder and will be involved in this process. Officer Recommendation: That the item be referred to the next Community Development committee for further consideration.</i>		
		Land Transport & Parking	Cycle & Walkways	
		The proposed cycle and walkways, although difficult to pay for without Land Transport Authority funding, is still a worthy project. A walkway/cycleway project, which includes public art, represents an opportunity to instil pride of place and to add to the creation of a successful and confident city with the potential to affect our community on social, cultural, environmental and economic levels.		
		<i>Officer Response: Walking and cycling projects are dependent on receiving subsidy from the NZTA. The Gisborne projects were not successful when the 2009-2012 national land transport programme was announced. However Council will reapply during the next round of funding in the 2012-2015 regional land transport programme and/or next round of walking and cycling model communities funding. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i>		
		Libraries	Libraries	
		The HB Williams Memorial library is one of Gisborne's most celebrated cultural facilities. Creative Tairawhiti supports the extension of the library, as it clearly supports our organisational vision of social good for communities. Recently published statistics show that 30% more people have come into the library in the past year of operation showing that the extension is vitally needed.		
		<i>Officer Response: We acknowledge your support for the proposed library extension scheduled to begin construction in 2013/14. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i>		
		Reserves & Open Spaces	Parks & Reserves	
		Creative Tairawhiti supports the development of a multi-purpose civic space in the city centre. Creative Tairawhiti supports the objective of this project, to improve the vitality and function of the city centre. We agree that it is necessary to incorporate the feasibility, design and construction phases of the library extension with the development of a civic square, wherever possible.		

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		Arts & Culture	Theatres & Community Halls	
		<p>Creative Tairawhiti supports the upgrade of the War Memorial Theatre. We suggest that consultation with local industry supplier Russell Braithwaite could be advantageous. Initial response to the proposed design was that it was focused on theatre and performance, but didn't allow for other purposes such as music. The incorporation of a dedicated space for sound mixing desks was highlighted.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The local sound engineer is part of the user group involved in initial consultation. The project architect is a specialist in theatre re-development. Consultation will continue with the user group at various stages of the re-development to ensure that the theatre achieves its objectives. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
		Economic Development	Economic Development General	
		<p>Night-time Alcohol licences - Creative Tairawhiti ask that consideration be given to the fact that the night-time economy is of crucial importance to the performing arts sector, and the arts sector in general. We support anything that can be done to encourage more people to go out more regularly to these places. This includes anything that will make the experience safer, easier and more fun. Creative Tairawhiti is also most interested in helping GDC and other parties develop a "Night-time Economy Strategy" for the region that would further realise the Arts Sector's potential as an economic and social contributor.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The night time economy has been addressed by the Heart of Gisborne. The Heart of Gisborne is a rate payer and CBD member funded body tasked with promotion and the development of the CBD. Last year the Heart of Gisborne developed a draft Evening Economy Strategy which is currently before the Heart of Gisborne Executive. A number of other initiatives have been developed as a result of ensuring a safer and more appealing night time experience within the CBD like security camera installation, Citywatch Scheme and improved and attractive shop lighting. A copy of the draft strategy can be obtained from the Heart of Gisborne office situated at 44 Childers Road, on which the Heart of Gisborne would welcome feedback and assistance to ensure its effective implementation in due course. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
48	Gisborne Stewart Centre Trust	Community Development	Community Development General	
		<p>The Gisborne Stewart Centre Trust are a charitable trust that seek to assist people with disabilities and their families by improving their quality of life and increasing their independence thereby easing the burden of cost to the community. Request grant assistance from the council for a short time to help with costs around administration. NB See submission in full.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Councils Community Development Unit continues to develop the capacity and capability of the Community and Voluntary Sector. The unit can provide funding advice on how to access philanthropic monies however our capacity to allocate a grant of this kind is limited due to budget constraints. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
49	Worthington, John Lawrence	Land Transport & Parking	Road Safety	
		<p>This submission is made on behalf of concerned residents of Hospital Hill. Hillview Tce and Dianna Ave border on the council reservoir which is a magnet for unruly, noisy and dangerous behaviour by visitors in the early hours of the morning, thus creating safety concerns for residents. Vehicles park in lay-by off Hillview and occupants smash bottles, create nuisance and road safety hazards. Recommendations by residents include: 1. Chain and lock lay-by after 7pm 2. Gated entrance 3. Jim Osler's land development to be fenced by him 4. Police patrols more often 5. Road safety signs 6. Security cameras/security lighting 7. Speed humps 8. Traffic calming devices 9. Trespass signage on reservoir walls.</p>		

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<p><i>Officer Response: Council has addressed road safety issues along Hospital Hill as a result of various requests for services (RFS) to Council over the past two years. Many of these issues could be resolved by the creation of a community watch programme. A couple of suggestions are: 1. Chain and lock lay-by after 7pm - The lay-by was created by the developer and the residents were aware of this when they brought the properties. However Council has started locking access to reserves and parks where we have had similar issues. Suggest that the residents establish a Community Watch programme, if this is not successful in deterring behaviour then maybe Council could revisit this particular item. At this stage it is proposed to leave the lay-by unchained. 2. Gated entrance - Not recommended as public roads are for public use, this will establish a precedent for other streets to ask for gates and then there are issues in regards to access for emergency vehicles. From a legal perspective locked gates are not allowed to be installed on public roads. 3. Jim Osler's land development to be fenced by him - Unsure of comments and relevance to Annual Plan Land Transport and Parking Activity. 4. Police patrols more often - Gisborne District Council is unable to request this, it is recommended that the residents contact the NZ Police with the objective of establishing a "Community Watch" programme. 5. Road safety signs - Council has placed additional road-marking and raised pavement markings on areas of concern, no further signage is warranted. 6. Security cameras / security lighting - Roading is unlikely to recommend this as lighting levels are sufficient for land transport purposes. It is recommended that the residents contact the NZ Police with the objective of establishing a "Community Watch" programme. 7. Speed humps - After a quick review of the Traffic Calming Measures Policy, it is unlikely that this area will reach the approval criteria for speed humps. 8. Traffic calming devices - The street does have a variety of traffic calming measures on Hospital Hill, the roundabout and different surfacing techniques (pavers). Further devices are not warranted. 9. Trespass signage on reservoir walls - This can be arranged and paid for from the 2010/11 water supply Operations and Maintenance budget. Officer Recommendations: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
50	Matthew Randall	Arts & Culture	Art in Public Places	
<p>Wishes to speak at hearing about public art.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Council looks forward to your contribution to the annual plan process and encourages your participation in the process to develop an Arts and Culture Strategy for Council. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
51	Mcculloch, Roderick George	Inner Harbour Development	Inner Harbour Development Project	
<p>Believes the inner harbour design is overly concerned with pedestrians, cyclists and coffee drinkers and not enough with the safe anchorage, servicing and access of boats. Where is the provision of parking space for cars with trailers and service vehicles? If the fishing platform on the dividing wall is designed for fishing into the harbour it is totally impractical and will create hazards to boat owners. Removing the traffic island approach to the harbour, resulting in all traffic coming through the one access will be dangerous with cars and trailers from town lining up in the middle of the road waiting for a right hand turn.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: A key consideration in this project is the protection and enhancement of existing commercial and recreational port related activities. Improving the amenity of the area will not compromise the provision of access and servicing for boat users. Parking and traffic are valid and important matters that will require careful consideration when refining the concept plans further. This process will be undertaken in consultation with the Steering Group established to guide and inform the designs. The Steering Group is made up from Port tenants and user groups of the inner harbour area. External stakeholders like the New Zealand Transport Agency will also be consulted on traffic matters, particularly about the State Highway intersection. A review of the Port Management provisions of the District Plan is currently underway to ensure that the environmental effects from parking and other issues can be managed, mitigated or remedied to an acceptable level. Officer Recommendation: That there will be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
52	Ben Gibson - Eastland Group	Economic Development	Economic Development General	
<p>To bring about growth the council needs to invest in infrastructure. The airport supports the idea of "hubbing" at Matawhero to encourage development. Encouraging the utilisation of the land parcels by industry can only bring further economic and commercial spinoffs for the community.</p>				

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		Environmental Health	Environmental Health	
		<p>The inclusion this year of background noise levels will be beneficial to a number of businesses in the region. While increasing noise levels can be problematic for residents, by establishing base levels new levels can be set to ensure that businesses can continue to operate without having the possibility of noise complaints and abatement notices. Eastland Group, as airport operator, wishes to be involved in the monitoring and setting process. If inappropriate noise levels are set in, for example, the airport approach path, noise complaints could see a restriction of service, which would be a negative outcome.</p> <p><i>Officer Response:</i> Noise performance standards are set in Chapter 11 of the District Plan. These levels were set following an extensive background noise survey of the district to ensure that these levels were appropriate to the zone and the existing background noise environment in that zone. Council undertakes background noise surveys of the district every five years to make certain that creeping increase in the background noise does not occur. The airport is a special case and council recognises it as a strategic asset. Noise provisions in the District Plan are provided to protect the airport. Eastland Group will be involved if there is to be any changes to these provisions. <i>Officer Recommendation:</i> That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</p>		
53	Caddie, Manu Stuart	Land Transport & Parking	Cycle & Walkways	
		<p>Council should be considering public transport and alternative transport possibilities and acting now to ensure they are implemented when required in the future, especially as the price of oil is forecast to increase dramatically. We support the vision of a city linked by green corridors connecting neighbourhoods with heritage/leisure destinations. We support efforts to educate and encourage road users to share the road and think of road safety at all times. We encourage council to keep working with CAG to identify priority activities. We recommend council monitor the number of cycles in school bike racks over a 3 year period and work with CAG to identify barriers to cycling and implement actions to increase the frequency and number of student cycling trips. We draw attention to proposals for cycleways on Gladstone Road bridge and the possibility of a boardwalk along Taruheru river from Lytton Road to the CBD and request staff establish a cost estimate for both projects. We ask council to work with Gisborne Cycling and Walkways Trust to approach ECT and Eastern and Central Community Trust for funding to complete the Wainui cycleway. We suggest a review of the priorities of the Walking and Cycling Strategy and new sources of funding for major projects and suggest this be included in the annual GDC work plan.</p> <p><i>Officer Response:</i> The Gisborne Regional Public Transport Plan was recently adopted by Council which highlights changes to Council run public transport and especially the total mobility and supergold card schemes. A copy of the plan will be sent to the submitters. Council will continue to work with the Cycling Advisory Group to investigate and improve cycling numbers. Initiatives such as monitoring cycling numbers at schools and the identification of barriers can be actioned as an outcome of the group and a recommendation to Council is not required. While not dismissing the options of looking at alternative funding options like ECT and Central Community Trust, approaches to alternative funding needs to be reviewed by Gisborne District Council from a global perspective and not just for roading projects. There may be other Council projects like the Navigation Project, redevelopment of Inner Harbour, Community House project and proposed Theatre upgrades which also may be vying for funding from these providers and have a better chance of success. While there is disappointment that our walking and cycling projects were not included within the 2009-2012 national land transport programme, we will reapply for our projects in the next regional land transport programme funding round for 2012-2015. While not successful in our walking and cycling model communities funding application we will also reapply when expressions of interest are called for again in 2012-2015. The walking and cycling strategy does require a review, roading resources are allocated to several projects over the next 12-16 months including GDC infrastructure review, Waiapu Landfill consent, bridge asset management plan, implementing new bus routes and NZTA accident study along Wainui Road / Customhouse Street. While this could be out sourced it is preferred that internal roading resources be allocated to this project and that a review of the Walking & Cycling Strategy be undertaken in 2012-2013. <i>Officer Recommendation:</i> That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</p>		
54	Sheridan, Todd Raymond	Arts & Culture	Art in Public Places	

Submission with Response

For: Annual Plan 2010/11

ID #	Submitter	Topic	Issue	Sub Issue
		Arts & Culture	Footrot Flats Sculptures	Oppose
		Economic Development	Navigational Traditions	
55	Eastland Wood Council	Environmental Planning	District Policy	
56	Mckenzie, Kay Elaine			

Supports arts and culture strategy. With all planned works (including library extensions and war memorial upgrade) there is no indication of plans to work with local artists. This is an oversight that must be remedied. Gisborne has an ad hoc approach to public art and does not want to be known as the "plonk art city". How do practising artists gain recognition of their works when decisions are made without any artists input? Suggests that town planning and arts and culture planning are integrated into existing capital works budget. This would reduce the cause for the exclusion of creative visual arts planning into public works. Any shortfalls could be met with outside or private funding. Also recommends that council staff who make decisions on art works, take professional training to become artistically literate.

Officer Response: The development of the Arts and Culture strategy will aim to address these issues. An arts in public places policy is currently being reviewed to include an arts and site selection criteria that can be used to assess any proposed artworks or sites including Footrot Flats and Navigational Project. Policy should also consider how Council will incorporate art into other areas of Council activity and how it will engage with the arts sector to achieve this. Council will seek input from key stakeholders, including artists, for this policy. Officer Recommendation: That the item be referred to the next Community Development committee for further consideration.

Footrot Flats project is farcical. Gisborne is unique for "first to see the sun" and its cultural balance. This is more worthy of promotion than "dog". What about Paoas Kuri?

Officer Response: GDC is in the process of writing an Arts and Culture Strategy that will seek input from the creative sector to develop themes and ideas for future consideration of art works in public places. These ideas may influence current projects such as the Navigation Project or future initiatives between GDC and Iwi and/or the community. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.

This is a wonderful opportunity to promote Gisborne's cultural duality of sea-faring captains. What is the makeup of the steering committee, and who will design this project? How do artists contribute towards the project and/or has any thought been given to this question?

Officer Response: The make up of the Steering Committee is by organisational group and these are as follows: Museum; GDC; WDC; Eastland Infrastructure; Eastland Port; ECT; Kahungunu ki te Wairoa; TROTAK; TRONP; Ngati Oneone; Historic Places Trust; DoC; Tourism Eastland; RTOs MRTO; plus Historians as required. The project involves a number of light infrastructure works, these, and associated signage, will undergo final design once each has passed through the feasibility stage of the project. This stage will look at generally engineering and QS with decisions then to be made on infrastructure feasibility and funding. Once funding has been confirmed, design options will then be considered. The final option around how the final designs will be developed has yet to be decided by the Steering Group. It has however been indicated by the group that local artist should be involved. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.

Request a change to clause 19.14.11 (Traffic) of the district plan. This clause prohibits heavy vehicle movement outside the hours 0600 to 2100, which places severe limitations on the operations of various businesses in the Matawhero/ McDonalds rd area. Some of these limitations are: 1. Hikurangi farms will be operating 24 hours and they will not be able to maintain steady supply of logs. 2. Juken NZ operates their Matawhero mill, and their operations are restricted. The area is now an industrial park and it is now inappropriate that transport to and from such major industries be restricted to less than 24 hours a day. 3. GDC needs to recognise that spreading the flow of trucking over 24 hours will significantly reduce the heavy traffic concentrations during the day. 4. The Eastern Port storage yard at Matawhero should be able to operate freely otherwise there will be expensive logistic and planning issues during ship loading. 5. The Matawhero area is designated Rural Industrial so to have restrictions is a disincentive to investment in new industrial capacity. The wood industry would be happy to install rigorous discipline around "quiet driving rules" so as to minimise the impact of night time heavy transport.

Officer Response: The submitter's concerns are acknowledged. This matter will be referred to the Environment and Policy Committee to decide whether to initiate a review of the provisions. No changes are needed to the Annual Plan. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan. That the item be referred to the Environment and Policy Committee for further consideration.

Submission with Response

For: Annual Plan 2010/11

ID #	Submitter	Topic	Issue	Sub Issue
		Flood Control	Land Drainage	
		<p>Please proceed with the agreed replacement/upgrade of the culvert at Mangatuna Road, Tolaga Bay as per meeting held on 15 February. The submission contains a petition with 66 signatures in support of an upgrade to a much larger culvert appropriate to manage the stormwater approximately 28 metres from the state highway. The community who use the Hinemauro Marae are concerned with the stormwater flooding the access to the state highway during heavy rain. It is continually overflowing the culvert with stormwater. Photos of the flooding from 2005 are also included.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Investigations on site and along the drain in the State Highway reserve that services the stormwater from the hills showed that the existing culvert crossings actually have two 750mm diameter pipes to take the volume of water flowing from the hills. At the culvert in question there is at present only one 900mm diameter culvert, thus causing the flooding. Adding a second 900mm diameter culvert next to the existing would at least improve the service level but would not reduce the need for evacuation in major flood events. The cost estimated is \$20,000. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan but, that the culvert capacity be upgraded within the existing budget.</i></p>		
57	Naina-o-Te Waipounamu Atareta Hinemoa Dargie	Community Development	Youth	
		<p>Disappointed GDC's draft plan does not address the needs of teenagers in Gisborne. We should be encouraging young people to make the right decisions and keep them off the streets. Proposes a youth centre, a safe nest for the future generation. It would be a place where young people could hang out in a safe drug and alcohol free environment, fully equipped with the needs of teenagers, e.g. TV, couches, internet access, where they can feel safe and enjoy the company of others.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Council has appointed Tairawhiti Youth Voice as the Gisborne District Youth Council and meets with them monthly to obtain input into issues of relevance. Council would support in principle the development of a youth centre by an independent community entity. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
58	Eastland Port Limited	Environmental Planning	District Policy	
		<p>In order for the Matawhero Rural B Industrial Zone to operate as a true industrial zone, the prohibition of heavy vehicles moving in this zone from 9pm to 6am must be removed from the district as a matter of urgency. A council initiated plan change is the most cost effective and timely way of achieving this.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The submitter's concerns are acknowledged. This matter will be referred to the Environment and Policy Committee to decide whether to initiate a review of the provisions. No changes are needed to the Annual Plan. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan. That the item be referred to the next Environment and Policy committee for further consideration.</i></p>		
		Flood Control	Land Drainage	
		<p>The Matawhero industrial zone drains through land owned by Awapuni Moana Charitable Trust. This land is prone to flooding and any consent for development in the area will require a discharge consent. The trust have indicated they will oppose any new consent for development until existing drainage issues are remedied. Estimates put the cost of improving stormwater at \$265k which is relatively insignificant when compared to what council has already invested in terms of land and infrastructure. This small investment would remove an important obstacle to the development of the zone.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: A report is to be prepared to Council recommending that stormwater and drainage infrastructure be established in the Aerodrome Road area to support development in the area and that it be funded through development contributions. Council has already agreed in principle for water, wastewater and roading infrastructure to be considered in amendments to the Ten Year Plan in 2011/2012. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan. That a report be prepared for the Operations Committee seeking development contributions to fund the establishment of stormwater and drainage infrastructure in the Aerodrome Road area to support development.</i></p>		

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ID #	Submitter	Topic	Issue	Sub Issue
59	Wainui/Okitu Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc	Governance	Democratic Process	
<p>Requests that Council establish a working relationship with the association as a major stakeholder and an avenue for communicating effectively with residents of the Wainui/Okitu about any affairs affecting the residents or their environment. This would mean that Council informs the association at the earliest possibility of any draft planning ideas that may affect the community. This could be done by mailing or emailing information to the association. Also requests that Council work proactively with the association to develop a vision and long term plan for the area similar to the existing township plans. Recommends that Council seek redress from the company hired to distribute the plan summaries as residents from Lloyd George Road, Murphy Road, Wairere Road, Lysnar Street, Douglas Street, Sirrah Street and Moana Road did not receive the summary and consequently, were not aware of the Annual Plan meeting.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The submission details the history of Wainui/Okitu Residents and Ratepayers Association. The Chief Executive has already alerted staff to the formation of the association and their interests in the affairs of Council, especially those relating to their objects. The association has a special interest in planning and environmental matters. The Annual Plan summary was not delivered to many Wainui/Okitu addresses. This matter will be taken up with Reach Media and redress sought. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan. Requests the Chief Executive to ensure that the Wainui/Okitu Residents and Ratepayers Association is treated as a key stakeholder in the delivery of Council services, including planning and regulatory services to those communities, and that the Urban Development Strategy project to address the areas special character is undertaken. That the Council note the issue of non delivery has been taken up with Reach Media and compensation sought.</i></p>				
60	Kapai Kaiti	Community Development	Community Development General	
<p>We support the content of the Draft Annual Plan in particular the commitment to continue to improve community consultation processes and communication. We would like to see Council strategic leadership and facilitation to help address, with the involvement of a wide range of sectors, organisations and groups, the most pressing social issues in our region. Given the recent demise of the Tairāwhiti Development Partnership, and with it the Social Development Forum of that entity, we would like Council to provide staff support for a regional entity focused on social development that reports to Council on a range of issues that Council, as local leaders, should be informed about.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Council acknowledges its roll as a community leader, however does not currently have sufficient resource base to drive such a collaborative forum. Council is working with Ministry of Social Development (MSD) to investigate models of good practice in this area to identify a way forward in which Council could support a shared delivery model. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
		Economic Development	Economic Development General	

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We do not agree with some of content in the Tairāwhiti Development Partnership sponsored Regional Economic Development Strategy. Further, we have concerns about how the subsequent Action Plan, that the Draft Annual Plan makes reference to Council supporting, has been developed and agreed upon. We are particularly interested in how this significant piece of public policy could be finalised without a proper process for the general public to have a say and take any ownership of the goals and actions the region is being committed to focusing on. In addition to organisations like trade unions and environmental and social development organisations, we would have thought that ordinary citizens should also have the opportunity to have this kind of plan translated into a language and format they can relate to. From our particular perspective, we would like to see action being put into: the Action Plan recognising and providing resources to develop the economy through upcoming community renewal projects; articulating the perceived relationship between social, cultural and economic development; investigating the benefits of establishing local micro-enterprise and community financial institutions; further clarifying the relationship that Eastland Community Trust is expected to have with the Action Plan and Development Strategy; establishing some infrastructure to support employee and worker ownership opportunities, particularly in situations where a manufacturing business is threatened with closure or where owners want to provide employees with more of a stake in the business; exploring opportunities for a local currency and/or exchange system to encourage more local economic activity that benefits local business owners; confirming how the stakeholders listed in the Action Plan are to agree on what the economic, social and environmental needs of its community are, given that meeting these needs form the Development Strategies Vision and Action Plans Implementation Framework. We do not think the Strategy or the Action Plan place enough weight on attracting high value, and knowledge-based business to the region. These new businesses are needed to revitalise the local economy. Appendix C, which lists potential Funding Sources for the plan, is optimistic and inaccurate. First, while COGS might have \$11M nationally, they rarely give out more than \$3,000 and do not fund business initiatives. Second, the DIA Community Development is not going to support the kind of actions listed, and it is unlikely the Tindall Foundation would either. The Research & Development component of the Action Plan is limited to the establishment of a research forum. We support this, but believe that a number of other priorities should be included under the current work stream. These include: working towards establishing an R&D awards scheme; investigating a mechanism to match potential investors together with local entrepreneurs who have good business ideas and R&D inputs; investigation of a business incubator for local start-up companies; investigating conducting a survey on priority infrastructure to assist R&D in the region; establishing a business mentoring scheme to link people establishing new businesses with people who can give them advice (especially with people who have experience in developing businesses); attract entrepreneurs to the region through funding advertisements and meetings that describe the regions benefits; learning from other districts who were similar to Gisborne's current economy and have revitalised their local economies; work with Maori/iwi businesses to identify how they can grow their asset bases in a way that contributes to the cultural, social and economic revitalisation of their communities; building regional partnerships between Crown Research Institutes, universities and other research and development institutions, and local businesses. This should enable training to help meet employers needs, and for research to benefit local businesses.

Officer Response: The Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) and its subsequent Action Plan are not Council initiated documents. These documents were undertaken by consultants contracted to the Tairāwhiti Development Partnership. The Council is one of the five partners in the partnership. The Council has the appropriate mandate to work with the TDP and report back to Council on aspects that may impact on the District and/or the operations of Council. REDS focuses on economic development within the region of Tairāwhiti and the development of the regions competitive advantage and in particular, how it will (a) support enterprise and innovation; and (b) improve the quality of the regional business environment to support the development, attraction and retention of globally competitive firms. Consequently, the strategies have a regional business focus, therefore the consultation was with the business community and not the community at large. The entrepreneurship and commercialisation action plan from the REDS report identified initiatives that provide entrepreneurs opportunities to build viable enterprises within the region. These include innovation and research support, training programmes, mentoring services and other enterprise support services. A paper outlining the Council commitments with respect to the REDS Action Plan was presented in a paper to the Community Development Committee meeting in April 2010. In this paper it was shown that the Council were only required to lead on one aspect and this was on the industrial wastewater separation action. The Council was already working in this area prior to the Action Plan being released. In addition Council staff examined the Plan and identified those actions where the Council can be involved. These areas have been selected through consideration of Council's contractual relationships, the cross-sector multi-disciplinary focus and areas that are not necessarily the sole responsibility of private enterprise. In considering the Action areas identified for Council and the appropriateness of them, the following were taken into account: Council's contractual relationship responsibilities; the cross-sector multi-disciplinary focus of the action areas; whether or not the action areas are the responsibility of private enterprise. In summary, the Actions identified seem to be appropriate to support. The actions that will be addressed under the REDS Action Plan programme incorporate a broad range of business initiatives, a number of which are part of the Districts Economic Development Strategy. As such, the District Strategy can be amended to focus on those areas which will not be addressed on a regional basis. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.

Reserves & Open Spaces

Parks & Reserves

Submission with Response

For: Annual Plan 2010/11

ID #	Submitter	Topic	Issue	Sub Issue
61	NUMBER NOT USED			
62	NUMBER NOT USED			
63	Federated Farmers	Rates	Rates	
<p>Recommends that Council includes a wider range of benchmark rates in the summary information provided to ratepayers. Recommends that Council continues its wide use of differentials, targeted rates and alternative funding sources. Recommends that Council continue to use targeted rates for services where there is a high level of direct identifiable benefit. Recommends that Council continue to increase the use of the UAGC until it reaches its maximum cap. In terms of roads, Federated Farmers supports the use of targeted rates which go a long way toward alleviating inequity in the rating system and ensure that the cost of Council activities is transparent to the ratepayer. Federated Farmers appreciate the consideration given to pastoral farming in the policy outlined on page 96 of the Funding Impact Statement.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The number of benchmark rates examples published in the draft Annual Plan is always a matter of contention between the additional print space they take up versus the added benefit that would be obtained. When we were considering changing part of our rates to capital value based, we did go to the public with several dozen examples. Currently we are publishing what we can fit on one chart. These are the same properties every year, and provide a reasonably wide view of the diverse properties we have to administer in this district. Perhaps a solution might be to publish an optional "rates supplement" of an additional dozen or so rating examples to those who request the additional information. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the 2010/11 draft Annual Plan. That in future years a "Rates Supplement" to the Annual Plan be made available to those who request additional rating examples.</i></p>				
<p>Economic Development Tourism</p> <p>Federated Farmers recognises and appreciates the change to the funding stream relating to tourism and economic development with its targeted focus and reduced reliance on the UAGC.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The Council notes Federated Farmers acceptance of the change to the funding of tourism and economic development and the reduced reliance on the UAGC. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
<p>Support Services Finance & Treasury</p> <p>Federated Farmers generally supports the principle of development contributions, as a good policy promotes intergenerational equity and ensures appropriate costs of infrastructure are paid by the exacerbator. Federated Farmers appreciates the price break given to working dogs. Federated Farmers wants meaningful progress in the funding of local government and it is keen to work with local government in putting the case for reform. The Federation has proposed the following changes to reform local government funding to substantially reduce the reliance on property value rates: 1. Councils to make greater use of user charges for private goods. 2. Councils to make greater use of Uniform Annual General Charges (UAGC), and Government to abolish the 30% cap and consider whether councils should be able to charge a residents tax. 3. Councils to make greater use of targeted rates, and Government to provide more guidance on their use. 4. Government to increase the financial assistance rate for the funding of local roads. 5. Government to abolish rating exemptions on Crown land. 6. Government to provide greater guidance on appropriate roles and responsibilities for local government and provide funding to councils where it is imposing new or additional roles and responsibilities. 7. Government to provide a general revenue share (e.g., 1% of GST) and councils to reduce their general rates accordingly. 8. Government to streamline requirements for planning and decision-making. 9. Councils to report information consistently for performance benchmarking. 10. Councils to provide ratepayers with itemised rates assessments where the cost of every significant activity is detailed on the rates bill. Congratulations to those councils that already do this. 11. Government to establish a rates review office. These eleven ideas would in our view improve local government by providing it with more sustainable income sources from a broader base. These reforms would increase the visibility of the cost of local government widening the interest in what councils do and thereby enhancing local governance. Federated Farmers recommends that the Council advocates to central government for meaningful reform of local government funding.</p>				

Submission with Response

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ID #	Submitter	Topic	Issue	Sub Issue
<p><i>Officer Response: Council appreciates the very positive and constructive comments made by Federated Farmers. 1) GDC's rating principles do promote the use of user charges wherever they can be identified, except in two main areas. These are the swimming pool and the library. If Council were to charge the real cost of providing these services to those activities, the price would be so high that only the wealthy would be able to afford them. Because Council has social responsibilities as well as its economic ones, such a solution is unacceptable. 2) GDC does make maximum use of the UAGC. However, in increasing the UAGC beyond the 30% cap there is a risk of introducing distortions in the socio-economic make up of the district. Already, fixed charges through UAGCs and targeted rates make up 75% of the average city residential rates and goes against the historic intention of property taxes being a surrogate for a wealth tax. 3) GDC does make extensive use of targeted rates. In fact, even the components of the general rates are really targeted rates that apply to all. 4) We agree that additional financial assistance for roads would be helpful. 5) The abolition of rate exemptions for Crown Land are a severe distortion in our rating system, as are the exemptions for Maori land. If Government would contribute even a modest amount of the rates lost through these two factors, Gisborne district rates could be reduced dramatically. 6) Agreed, Government should provide funding for Government imposed costs. 7) A contribution from GST towards Council costs is only one mechanism that Government could use to fund topics 5) and 6). 8) Government is looking at streamlining decision making. 9) Attempts among Councils to benchmark consistently has met with difficulty, due to the vastly different ways Councils go about their activities. 10) GDC does provide an itemised account. 11) It is difficult to see what would be the mandate of a rates review office. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan. That Council supports Federated farmers in their representations to Government.</i></p>				
64	Abramowitz, Steven David	Rates	Rates	

The three businesses on the port side of the Customhouse Street roundabout, namely the Senator Motel, USSCo and Cafe Ruba, wish to be exempt from paying Heart of Gisborne (HoG) rates as they feel they get no benefit whatsoever from their additional rates payment. They have brought this matter to HoG and the Council previously but nothing has been done to address their joint complaint. They contend that despite complaining to HoG they have never had any effort made by HoG to include their part of town in any activities, nor is their area considered in HoG newsletters. They contend that the focus of HoG is on Gladstone Road and therefore if they are not considered as a part of the CBD they should not pay added rates. Any business promotions that may be of benefit to them, such as "shop and win", they are required to pay over and above their rates, so where is the benefit of being a member? When the three businesses asked HoG what percentage business increase has occurred due to HoG promotions they have not been given adequate responses. They contend that the CBD patrol has only been to their area once, and that most of their problems occur in the evening when the patrol is not operating. They do not have faith in HoG and have no desire to be part of the organisation. They wish to be removed from HoG and no longer be liable for any of their fees. After having taken legal advice they believe they have a strong case for a refund. Accordingly they have enclosed an invoice for the sum of \$3216.40, the amount they have paid HoG in fees. (See submission in full.) They also maintain that HoG has not delivered on some of its promises to do work that may be of benefit to their area, e.g. ensuring council undertakes to adequately signpost the walkable connections between the Inner Harbour and the CBD, ensure the improved pedestrian flow around their part of the CBD opening it up to customers and delivering equitable levels of service to all their members.

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ID #	Submitter	Topic	Issue	Sub Issue
65	Thorpe, Margaret Ann	Rates	Rates	
		Land Transport & Parking	Public Transport	

Officer Response: This is a serious problem and Council has had discussions with Heart of Gisborne about possible solutions, which Heart of Gisborne are addressing at the moment. On another level, it is not much different from the dozens of people every year who say "I don't use the Library, so you can take the Library amount off my Rates Invoice". The answer to the latter argument is that Rates are a tax - everyone contributes, and it is only by everyone contributing that the activity becomes "affordable". Secondly, the service is available to everyone (or in this case, everyone in the targeted rating area) so they have a certain obligation to actively participate and make it work for them. The two things that must be present to make a rate legal are 1) The correct process in making the rate must have been followed, and 2) the rate must be reasonable. There is a lot of case law concerning reasonableness, and in lay language it basically comes down to the notion that a decision would be unreasonable if a group of reasonable people would not have made such a decision. A recent rating example of an unreasonable decision occurred when a Council changed to capital value rating, and a very high capital value power station in the district ended up being billed a very large proportion of the total district rate. This decision was deemed to be unreasonable, because the amount being rated from the power station did not bear any normal relationship to the services being enjoyed by the power station. The same argument, but to a lesser degree, can be applied to the Library non-user, and the Heart of Gisborne rate. What would a group of "reasonable people" expect? Heart of Gisborne has been asked to come up with a proposal to address this problem. Their fundamental objective is to promote the Central Business District to stimulate vibrancy and activity in the area. Possible solutions are 1) To introduce a two tiered levy, a higher one for the main street - which because of the retail nature of its businesses, does potentially derive a greater benefit from Heart of Gisborne promotions - and the other, is a lower levy to the surrounding areas of the CBD. 2) To direct at least some of its activities into promoting the surrounding CBD businesses. This would include other businesses, such as legal offices, accounting offices, real estate firms and the like, which do not benefit in the same immediate way that retail businesses do. (The sobering question is that if there is no benefit to such businesses in CBD promotions, why is it that they locate themselves in the CBD in the first place?) The Heart of Gisborne rate was properly made. It was consulted with the "interested parties" in the CBD at its early inception stage, it was then consulted with the general public as part of the Annual Plan process, it was included in Council's Revenue and Finance Policy which is published in the LTCCP, and it was properly included in the Rate Setting Resolution. Heart of Gisborne has been told that any proposed changes to the rate have to be made in conjunction with a Policy change at the time of the next LTCCP - which will be drafted next year. The organisation and Council are working on that timetable towards a revision of the rate. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan. That in preparing the draft 2012/22 Ten Year Plan next year, a complete revision of the Heart of Gisborne rate, and associated policies, be included. That the rate contribution of the three businesses not be refunded, as it has not been shown that the intention of the rate (in promoting the CBD) has not been achieved.

Concerned that Councils rating policy of "good for the whole district", whereby certain areas subsidise others in terms of their rates, is not being clearly communicated to the public. Contends that this practice began with roading and has been extended into other activities. The topic of subsidy needs to be opened up and made more understandable. It is time the public had the "good of the district" practice explained. Recommends that the next issue of Town and Country explain these practices to the ratepayers, so that in this election year they can decide if this is a fair policy (see full submission).

Officer Response: The example of the Roading Rate is a good rate to consider. The Roading Network is available to all - even to people who cycle or walk - whether they live in this district, or are just visitors. If we tried to rate people for the cost of the bit of road in their particular area, we would end up with the ridiculous situation that urban properties would pay a minuscule amount for their roading rate (because there is only a small amount of road outside each residential house), and rural roads would fall into disrepair because no single land owner could afford the maintenance on farm frontage areas or access roads. It is only when roads are considered as a network that a sensible contributions policy emerges. One of the drivers of Local Authority Amalgamation in 1989 was to make services affordable by spreading the cost over a wide area. The cost of, say, a water reticulation scheme is virtually unaffordable to small communities, but by spreading this cost over a large number of ratepayers, Council has the ability to provide the service in one particular area one year, then a couple of years later to another area, and so on at an affordable rate until all areas that require the service are served. That is why we have one district now rather than the four or five counties, plus pest destruction boards and harbour boards that we had prior to 1989. Ms Thorpe is right in one respect, though. Gisborne District Council does cross subsidise on an activity by activity basis, and we have no specific policies which support this - only wide-spread traditional practices. We cannot use Town and Country matters to explain policies which don't exist. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan. That Council work to establish viable policies which legitimise the traditional practices of cross-subsidisation which were predicated by the 1989 amalgamation.

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		Land Transport & Parking	Cycle & Walkways	
		<p>Cannot agree that the GDC "expects" that the Gisborne-Napier train line is strategically important to the future development of the region, in the light of a Gisborne Herald article which quotes a member of the Regional Land Transport Committee as saying that it is NOT strategically important to the region's future development. Council should not be looking backward, instead they should be spending their resources on finding new and innovative ways of using this asset. For example the rail line could be used for cycling (see full submission).</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Council has just completed its Regional Public Transport Plan which will prioritise the direction of Council administered services like public transport, supergold card and total mobility. A copy of the plan will be sent to the submitter. A report from the Mayor was tabled at the last Regional Transport Committee in regards to the Gisborne to Napier Rail Line. It was recommended by the Committee that any regional decision about the future of rail link should wait until the outcomes of the New Zealand Rail network are announced by the Government in June/July 2010. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
		<p>Unless government funding is fully available, the walking and cycleways should only be continued if there is a safety issue, until city ratepayers have paid for the wastewater improvements. The Waikanae to Stanley Road beachfront walkway should remain as a grass walkway only. If government subsidy becomes available Wainui cycleway could be looked at. Supports the cycleway alternative for school students put forward by Gillian Ward to the Gisborne Herald, which advocates for an extension of the cycleway with an underpass below the Rutene Road end of the Ormond-Rutene Road Bridge and then continue to the Gladstone Road bridge underpass (see submission in full).</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The walking and cycling projects are only viable if they obtain funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency whether they are the Waikanae to Stanley Road, Wainui (which is a state highway project) and/or Ormond-Rutene Road bridge. While Council was not successful when the 2009-2012 National Land Transport programme was announced, we will reapply during the 2012-2015 Regional Land Transport programme and/or when the next round of walking and cycling model communities is announced. The Waikanae to Stanley Road walkway resource consent is before the Environment Court and it is not appropriate to address these issues until the outcomes are known. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
		Inner Harbour Development	Inner Harbour Development Project	
		<p>Supports the Inner harbour upgrade. Believes the provision should be made to have at least one third more car parks than there are presently. No new businesses should begin without more parking. Beautification should not take precedence over the fact that it is a working harbour, i.e. grass/gardens should not be put in places that are currently being used for harbour purposes. Many of the palm trees should be removed for further parking. New palms can be planted at more advantageous places. The road should have a speed restriction, and angle parking as the road width now is not needed for through traffic. Time limits for parking will enable a turn over in places and discourage all day parking. Recommend that the inner harbour upgrade proceed with planning options being presented to the public at consultation meetings. Full funding details should be available.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: A key consideration in this project is the protection and enhancement of existing commercial and recreational port related activities. Improving the amenity of the area will not compromise the provision of access and servicing for boat users. Parking, traffic and landscaping are valid and important matters that will require careful consideration when refining the concept plans further. This process will be undertaken in consultation with the Steering Group established to guide and inform the designs. The Steering Group is made up from Port tenants and user groups of the inner harbour area. A review of the Port Management provisions of the District Plan is currently underway to ensure that the environmental effects from parking and other issues can be managed, mitigated or remedied to an acceptable level. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
		Reserves & Open Spaces	Parks & Reserves	
		<p>Can the district afford "more green space per capita than any other place" as the mayor has stated when it has such huge bills for wastewater, roads, drainage and rubbish? Recommends council undertake an audit of its green spaces and the rising cost to maintain and improve them. Improvement should be done from sales of surplus reserves.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The park provision of hectares per 1,000 population for the Gisborne District is 5.12 compared with the national average of 22. GDC has currently the lowest provision per population of Councils surveyed as part of the Yardstick benchmarking group. Reserves have a high level of legislative protection so that selling a reserve is not a simple matter. Progress on the sale of surplus property is related to the resources allocated to this project. It is not currently a high priority. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		

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		Reserves & Open Spaces	Parks & Reserves	
		<p>Stop wasting staff time and ratepayers money on the notable tree list. Don't spend ratepayers money on trees unless they have real historic value, e.g. oaks at Kaiti park.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: It is difficult to identify and protect trees of note unless a register is compiled e.g. oaks on Titirangi Reserve. A large group of mainly volunteers is working on the preparation of a list to be assessed against national standards. Much of the work to date is at no cost to the Ratepayer., The protection of notable trees on Council property is already part of operational costs. A notable tree register will focus spending on significant trees rather than all trees. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
		Environmental Planning	District Policy	
		<p>Request council give attention to the rapid growth at the shopping hubs of both Ballance street and Harris street shops. Provision of parking has not kept pace with the growth and there are irregularities in some planning issues. The railway lane needs urgent attention and parking should be controlled so cars can pass. Recommend that the principal urban planner investigate the problems at Harris and Ballance Street shopping areas, considering the widening of railway lane and any associated drainage and parking issues. The funding should be included in the ten year plan to make the changes needed.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Development of the Gisborne Urban Development strategy provided an opportunity to identify priorities with the community on urban development in the city. Elgin and Kaiti were identified as priorities for concentrating resources through the identified revitalisation projects; not Harris Street and Ballance Street. It is acknowledged that there are issues at Ballance Street and Harris Street associated with infill development and expansion of the commercial area. However a comprehensive investigation of issues around Ballance Street and Harris Street commercial hubs, as suggested by the submitter, with the expectation of infrastructure works such as road widening, drainage and parking reconfiguration would require significant time and financial investment. This is not considered a priority at this time. However Council has, and will continue to, address minor issues as they arise e.g. it has in recent years changed signage for intersection improvement, repaired footpaths and potholes, etc. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
		Support Services	Finance & Treasury	
		<p>Total support for council policy of development contribution policy. Infill housing development means augmentation and replacement of existing facilities and so new developments should pay for these costs. Plus, they are tapping into infrastructure such as water, roads and sewerage that has been provided by ratepayers previously. They should not expect to piggyback for nothing. This years \$9.5m on growth related expenditure in 2009-19 should not fall on normal ratepayers.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Ms Thorpe's philosophies align with Council's. Infill housing, workshops (with facilities) built at the back of a residential section, Granny Flats, extensions to industrial facilities, and so on are all charged development contributions, according to the set of rules which Council is operating as part of its Development Contributions Policy. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan</i></p>		
		Reserves & Open Spaces	Parks & Reserves	
		<p>Within a mile along Waikanae beach there are 3 paved free council car parks fronting the beach. Council should revisit the 6 reserves. They are used in peak period but at least 2 could be released for house and sections and could be earning rating income all year round.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The city beachfront from Waikanae Beach is a significant asset and tourist attraction for Gisborne. While the sections may not be fully utilised at present the long term benefit of retention of these open spaces is considered to outweigh any short term benefits from their sale. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
		Enterprise Operations	Strategic Investment Properties	
		<p>Recommends that council reject the \$800k dividend proposal for Tauwhareparae farms as adequate. Surely the time is right for these farms to benefit the whole region. Maybe a public referendum on the topic would be timely.</p>		

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<p><i>Officer Response: The financial performance of Gisborne Holding Ltd is reviewed regularly. The most recent review favoured the retention of its Tauwhareparae Farms subsidiary. The directors in their draft annual Statement of Intent (SOI) have proposed a revised dividend payment better aligned to the farming operations underlying cash flow. The proposal will see an interim dividend of \$500K paid in February each year with a final dividend paid in October and based on the full years financial result. This proposal has been accepted by Council. The effect in the 2010/11 financial year will be the receipt of \$500K in dividends as opposed to the \$800K included in the draft estimates. This is a timing difference as the balance of the dividend will fall into the next financial year. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
66	Te Puawaitanga O Ruatoria/Ruatoria Trust	Reserves & Open Spaces	Parks & Reserves	
<p>Submitter highlights the following priority actions in the Ruatoria Township Development Plan: 1. Establishment of a public native garden on Waiomatatini Road. To include a picnic table shaped like a waka. 2. Removal of existing trees from the main road and replace with well spaced native trees. 3. Installation of hitching posts at both ends of town. 4. Erecting of poupou with carved name and welcome sign. 5. Community recreation centre. 6. Renaming the Ruatoria Reserve. 7. Complete paving of the footpaths in the main street. 8. Replace and reset lifting cobblestones. 9. Stock Route completion. 10. Waiapu River. 11. Planting of native trees alongside riverbank and on Manutahi Hill to help slow erosion. 12. Compulsory stop sign at Barry Avenue and Te Huinga Avenue. 13. Speed hump opposite TRONP and before the Kai Kart at entrance into the main street.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: 1. This work is underway and will continue as budgets permit. 2. These street trees have been damaged in the past and require community ownership and protection to succeed. 3. Hitching posts will be installed before July 2010. 4. A carved poupou will be installed on Waiomatatini Road before July 2010. Welcome signs yet to be finalised. 5. Council supports a new community recreation centre and has indicated that they would make land available if the project receives external grant funding. 6. The process to rename the Ruatoria Reserve will require formal consultation and approval. 9. The stock route is due to be completed this year. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan. That the item regarding the renaming of the Ruatoria Reserve be referred to the next Operations committee for further consideration.</i></p>				
67	Whakapapa, Diana	Flood Control	Flood Control Schemes - Waipaoa	
<p>Suggests that council consult with the Flow Form expert, Iain Trousdell who spoke in Gisborne last month at 2 public meetings. He is an expert in technology that can be used to remedy the unhealthy situations of bodies of water such as lakes and rivers. We have used Flow Form technology and have seen how it can improve the quality of water. Iain has commented on the Waipaoa River and stated that it is unhealthy and that Flow Form could be used to ensure the river has a more natural flow again and will not overflow the banks during rainy seasons. The unhealthy nature of the river is what is causing the overflowing, but this can be remedied by using Flow Form for less than the plan to build up the banks. Iain Trousdell's contact information is: PO Box 25, Napier 4140. Mobile: 275 548 208. Email: iain.trousdell@flowform.net (or see websites - www.flowform.net; www.healing-water.org; www.divinewaterfilm.net; www.designforlife.co.nz)</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The technology proposed is not a practical solution for the management of significant flood events in the Waipaoa river. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>				
68	Gisborne District Council Disability Advisory Group	Land Transport & Parking	Road Safety	
<p>Recommend that Council find a means of improving pedestrian safety on our main thoroughfares, e.g. Childers, Gladstone and Palmerston Roads. Recommend that Council highlight difficulties faced by impaired pedestrians at established crossings and roundabouts. Also recommends that Council find suitable solutions by consultation with the impaired community at the Disability Advisory Group.</p>				

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ID #	Submitter	Topic	Issue	Sub Issue
		Community Housing	Community Housing	
		Community Development	Community Development General	
69	Water Safety New Zealand	Community Development	Youth	
70	Historic Places Trust	Environmental Planning	District Policy	

Officer Response: The submitters suggestions are acknowledged. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan. That a member of the roading team attend Disability Advisory Group meetings every 6 months. Topics to include the roads and issues suggested above and attendance will benefit both parties. A model similar to the Walking and Cycling Advisory Group could be used.

Recommend that council develop a standard of accessibility for council housing.

Officer Response: Accessibility to community units has been audited and will be graded against industry standards. This will establish a benchmark and determine future levels of service. The community housing units do not appear to have been designed for access by elderly residents. GDC is currently preparing plans for two of the larger blocks of units to improve access. Planned improvements will commence this year as part of budgeted capital improvements. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.

Recommend that council identify and take up opportunities to advocate for equity and access for people who utilise mobility devices. Recommend that before action is taken, council utilises consultation in planning and design for all access ways to achieve our vision.

Officer Response: Council works alongside the Gisborne Disability Advisory Group via regular monthly meetings to obtain their input into issues and areas of concern. Council is currently reviewing its Disability Strategy with this organisation and the wider disability sector - completion date June 2010. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.

Seeks the support of GDC as a key stakeholder in the "Swim for Life" initiative. This initiative has two major components: 1. The regional coordination of swim and survive in schools, via partnerships with Regional Sports Trusts and other agencies in the Gisborne Region that promote the delivery of learn to swim and survive programmes, such as Gisborne District Council. 2. A communications campaign that increases awareness of the importance of learning to swim and survive for primary school aged children. By supporting and adopting the Swim For Life initiative in the Gisborne Region the Gisborne District Council will be seen to provide the community with important life skills that will enable families to enjoy the water safely. This strategy will result in a commensurate reduction in the number of drownings in the Gisborne District. We are seeking financial and/or in kind support for the Swim for Life initiative in the Gisborne District that allows the programme to take full effect.

Officer Response: This initiative has been rolled out in various parts of the country. Locally, it has strong support from stakeholders in the community. Council's involvement in Water Safety has primarily been through its community facility, Rockforte Olympic Pool. This programme proposes to work with children that can not swim to have access to swimming lessons in order to reduce the number of drownings in the region. Apart from the investment in the Olympic Pool, Council has not been actively involved in collaborative water safety programmes of this type. However, current budget constraints limit Council's financial investment significantly. Council could support the programme through in-kind support through the provision of staff time and access to the Rockforte Olympic Pool for the delivery of its programme. Officer recommendation: That the Council provides either in-kind support to the Water Safety New Zealand's Swim for Life initiative, and that the type and level of support to be provided be considered at the June Operations Committee, or, financial support of \$2500 to Water Safety New Zealand's Swim for Life initiative in the 2010/11 year. That the 2010/11 draft Annual Plan be amended to reflect the options chosen.

Supports Council's intention to give priority to the resolution of outstanding planning matters, in particular the Cone of Vision. Requests that Council seek a resolution that respects the heritage values of the Cook Landing Site and provides for the view shaft of the Cone of Vision. Requests that council make provision for a joint training initiative between NZHPT staff and council planning staff in regard to heritage matters. NZHPT has received a request from GDC staff for this action.

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		Flood Control	Coastal Erosion Protection	
		<p>Officer Response: We acknowledge that NZHPT seeks a resolution to the Cone of Vision that respects the heritage values of the site and provides for a view shaft from the cone of vision. Staff plan to carry out an evaluation of options relating to protection and promotion of the heritage values associated with Cook's landing. A view shaft will be evaluated as one option. It is considered that a training session for consent staff with NZHPT has merit. This could be completed for little cost and within existing budgets. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</p> <p>Recommends that council make provision in the LTCCP for flood inundation protection works for the Waima area, so as to protect the historic heritage of the area.</p> <p>Officer Response: The idea of planning erosion control measures where needed is supported. The funding of the protection works would be by way of 100% targeted rates from those benefitting. The cost of the works would be very high as it is unlikely that it would be affordable by those benefitting. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</p>		
		Support Services	Finance & Treasury	
		<p>Requests that council provide funding in its Annual Plans and LTCCP to assist with earthquake strengthening and to provide other incentives including waiving resource consent fees on heritage buildings, rates relief and other measures to help ensure the long term survivability of New Zealand's finite heritage stock. Would support Councils adoption of this form of non-regulatory support for owners of heritage properties. Some of these measures are provided for in GDC's regional and district planning document.</p> <p>Officer Response: The Historic Places Trust is clearly looking to maintain the rich heritage of our district. The solution suggested though, gives rise to philosophical problems. The issue is that there is a cost to building and resource consents, there is a very big cost to building strengthening and there is a cost to other forms of non-regulatory support. Under Council policies, those activity units are expected to cover their costs through charging appropriate fees, and if these fees are given away to good causes, then one or two effects result: being: a) Building and resource consents to other users have to go up to make up the shortfall; or b) The difference is collected through rates. Since the benefit could be argued to be across the whole of our population, then this rate should be across the whole population, presumably including the lower socio-economic sector. The beneficiary is clearly the owner of the building, who gets a strengthened building at the cost of the general ratepayer. While it is agreed that the above argument is somewhat simplistic, it does give a bit of an insight into the complexity of providing subsidised services to noble causes. Perhaps the answer is that the taxpayer, through a Government funded scheme, should purchase all those buildings, which the owner is unable to strengthen at his/her own cost, and strengthen and preserve them at taxpayers expense. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan. That the 2012/22 Ten Year Plan incorporates consultation on a possible policy for funding the preservation and strengthening of our heritage artifices.</p>		
		Environmental Planning	Development Control Planning	
		<p>Supports the levels of service performance measure relating to: 1. The availability of a duty planner to respond to planning enquiries. 2. Percentage of reported non-compliance with Plan rules rectified or subject to enforcement action within 3 months. 3. Percentage of consents monitored within 1 month of monitoring date. In regard to the non-compliance of plan rules and enforcement action, the NZHPT requests that council develop a strong stand point on rules relating to historic heritage.</p> <p>Officer Response: The Trust's support for levels of service performance measures is noted. With regards to compliance/enforcement action, Council staff are following up on non-compliance with plan rules, including matters of historic heritage. Staff resourcing issues have affected enforcement activities, but these issues are being addressed. Council takes a measured approach to enforcement and will at times promote pragmatic actions. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</p>		
71	Skuse, Rochelle	Land Transport & Parking	Cycle & Walkways	
		<p>Likes money being spent on walkways especially along town beach. This promote healthy exercise cycling and walking along one of our main attractions.</p> <p>Officer Response: Walking and cycling projects are dependant on receiving subsidy from the NZTA, the Gisborne projects were not successful when the 2009-2012 national land transport programme was announced. However Council will reapply during the next round of funding in 2012-2015 regional land transport programme and or next round of walking and cycling model communities funding. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</p>		

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		Land Transport & Parking	Footpaths & Access Crossings	
		<p>Does not like curbside spraying. Waste of wages and puts awful pollutants into rivers and waterways. We have planted natives in our ditches and they still get sprayed. This is ridiculous. The spray leaves big patches of dead grass, such an ugly look. Many other councils do not spray, you should follow Waitakere's lead. It is a waste of time and money.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Spraying is an emotive issue, spray used for kerbside spraying contract is "Roundup" which is an approved spray for this type of work. Land owners have the opportunity to have no spraying of their kerbside by their property. Ditches are primarily used for drainage and stormwater purposes and obstructions like trees, shrubs are unfortunately going to be sprayed. Waitakere does have a no spray policy but has to use more expensive options to treat vegetation control. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
		Rates	Rates	
		<p>Does not like rates rises. Ridiculously high.</p> <p><i>Officer Responses: Each year Council is prey to increases in costs, over which it has little or no control. In addition, the community requests of council new or improved facilities and infrastructure. This year, in trying to control rate increases, we have cut the new rate-payer funded projects down to an absolute minimum - the ones we are carrying on with are largely funded by others. There is one exception - we must comply with our resource consent and build a new Waste Water Treatment Plant. That results in a fairly large increase for those who will be connected to it - mostly Gisborne City ratepayers. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
72	Green, Ben	Land Transport & Parking	East Coast Roding, Cycling & Walkway Projects	
		<p>Wishes for the sealing of Wheeler Street to occur as soon as possible.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Wheeler Street is about 600 mtrs long and services three properties, the cost to seal this would be about \$60-\$75,000. The traffic volumes are not sufficient enough to receive subsidised funding and unfortunately this road is unlikely to be sealed. Council does seal roads in the District using a non subsidised system (\$160,000) where there is a public good factor. For the submitters information, Cemetery Road was the last road to be sealed in Te Puia (2 years ago). Where sealing improved access to the local cemetery and enhanced access on and off State Highway 35. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
73	Tangohau, Maui Te Kotuku	Land Transport & Parking	East Coast Roding, Cycling & Walkway Projects	
		<p>This submission is on behalf of the residents of Rangiuia Road in Tolaga Bay, and contains a petition with 11 homeowners signatures. They request the sealing of Rangiuia Road. There has been an increase in houses on the road from two to eight over the past 5 years. This has brought an increase of dust (especially during dry weather) which is regularly deposited on the houses, due to the increased traffic.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The road was programmed for sealing during this financial year using the non subsidised category. The work will be completed before 30 June. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>		
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