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Draft LTP submissions make two things clear for Council

On Tuesday 14 May, elected members considered all 80 submissions received on the district's draft Long Term Plan 2024-34.

District Mayor Neil Volzke says, "Conversations with our community during the consultation period and the submissions we received made two things very clear. That a rate increase more than 15% is pretty hard to swallow, and that our community values the services we provide and does not want to see them reduced."

"These two key messages aligned well with the realistic and back to basics approach that guided our decision making through the development of this Long Term Plan," says Mayor Volzke.

Across the key issues presented in the Consultation Document, submissions overall showed support for earthquake strengthening the TET Multisport Stadium and War Memorial Centre, and leaving the Glockenspiel alone until further down the track. Retaining the existing level of service for road maintenance and increasing water infrastructure resilience by replacing the raw water delivery line to the water treatment plant also had community support.

The TSB Pool Complex had a more divisive response from submitters, with just over half keen to see it demolished, and the rest wanting either nothing done to it, or for a detailed seismic assessment carried out and expressions of interest invited from the community to repurpose it. After debating the options, elected members settled on the original proposal to demolish in 2024/25 and return the area to grass. Any future development would include community consultation.

Other key areas of interest from submitters included the Brecon Road Bridges project, the Forestry Differential Rooding Targeted Rate, the state of our roads both local and the state highways managed by Waka Kotahi, cleaning up Broadway with a particular emphasis on shop frontages, Wai o Rua – Stratford Aquatic Centre services, and the importance of keeping rates down.

So, what were some of the key outcomes of the deliberations?

- Average rates increase for Year 1 slightly decreased from what was proposed to 15.48%.
- Strengthening of the TET Multisport Stadium to no longer be considered earthquake prone or an earthquake risk and enable it to be used as a civil defence centre will begin in Year 3, 2026/27.
- Strengthening of the War Memorial Centre to the minimum level required to no longer be considered earthquake prone and an earthquake risk will begin in Year 5, 2028/29.
- Any strengthening work on the Glockenspiel remains in the plan for year 10, 2033/34.
- Demolition of the old TSB Pool Complex facility will go ahead in Year 1, 2024/25.
- Council's road maintenance budget will match what's required to retain the existing level of service.
- Replacement of the old raw water delivery line to the Stratford water treatment plant will begin in Year 1, 2024/25 and take 2 years to be completed.
- Proposed changes to the Forestry Differential Rooding Targeted Rate will go ahead as planned.
- The Brecon Road Bridge project was brought forward from Year 4 to Year 2 on the condition that Waka Kotahi approve co-funding. There is no impact on rates in Year 1 or 2 of the plan with this amendment.
- A change in funding for three waters projects was made by reallocating external Better Off Funding to these projects. These were originally set at being loan funded.
- The Town Centre Upgrade is now set at loan funding and reduced to \$300,000 in Year 1 from \$500,000.



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Changes to the Fees and Charges schedule were made, including:

- Amending the Wai o Rua Swim School fee to include entry at \$145 per term and the full pool complex hire fee to include use of the multipurpose room.
- Decrease in cost for the commercial strip hire fee at the Aerodrome.
- Amendment to Licence to Occupy charge under Rooding, moving from a land value based charge to a fixed fee.

Visit Stratford.govt.nz/LTP for a full list of the outcomes.

What happens next?

- Submitters will receive a written response from Council in the next few weeks. Thank you to everyone who made a submission!
- The draft Long Term Plan now goes to Auditors for their review. It will then come back to Council for final consideration and adoption in early July 2024.

Public Notices

Meeting Schedule - May 2024

- **Workshop:** Tuesday 28 May at 1pm
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 28 May at 3pm

Unless otherwise stated, meetings and workshops will be held in the Council Chambers on Miranda Street.

Changes to meeting times will be published in the meeting schedule at Stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices

S Hanne | Chief Executive

Urban and rural kerb and channel spraying

Stratford District Council will carry out weed spraying along the following roads, including footpaths, and kerb and channel sections:

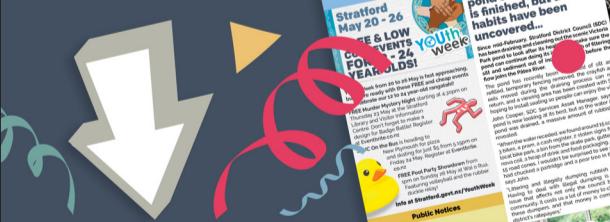
- **Urban roads** from Wednesday 27 May 2024. This should take 10 days to complete, weather permitting.
- **All rural roads** from Tuesday 4 June 2024. This should take 6 weeks to complete, weather permitting.

Areas that are defined as a "No Spray Zone" by the property owner will not be sprayed.

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V Araba | Director - Assets

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