

Tauranga City Council

Draft Annual Plan 2020/21

Submissions 601 to 618

Hearings: 2 July - 7 July 2020

Attachment 8

Tauranga City Council – Revised Draft Annual Plan 2020/21 Submission

Submitter Number: 601

Full Name: Tanya Horo

Organisation: Incubator

Suburb: Otumoetai

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Time Preference:

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Response:

Further Comment:

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Revenue and Finance Policy

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2020/21 Development Contributions Policy

Further Comment:

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Further Comment: See Attachment

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IP:

Submitters name	Tanya Horo
E-mail address	
Phone Number	
Address	
Would you like to speak on behalf of your submission?	Yes
If you wish to speak on behalf, please select.	N/A
The purpose of this submission is to:	Support the growth of the Incubator. To champion the Village as a national destination for the arts. I champion the importance of arts and culture as a major contributor to a healthy, vibrant and resilient city.
Art & Culture plays an integral part of a community because..	The arts brings communities together. There is also an increasing realisation that arts and education are part of each other. We all learn differently some through black and white and others Color. Arts helps us grows as unique human beings, allowing us to feel proud of our differences and supporting those differences in others.
The risks of undervaluing the power of arts and supporting the enablers of arts is..	Undervaluing the differences in humanity.

My thoughts on the crucial role of arts & culture sector to play an essential role in recovery of our city	Arts is not one 'box' it's many. It encompasses a whole array of groups. Dancing, acting, film making, artists, we can even open that up to lawyers, scientists. Almost everyone needs to be able to think outside the box, a lawyer needs to 'hold' a room, a scientist needs to think creatively to pursue different results within a mind field of theories... the arts is not one particular sub group of people, it's all of us. I struggle when the arts is pertained to one 'type' of person, this stereotype is no longer justified. The Arts is not about hippies or people who don't value the rules of socitey. It's more dispersed, it's in each of us and should be celebrated in all the different ways it is expressed.
I'm submitting in support of the Incubator Creative Hub submission .	Yes
The strategy this submission aligns to is :	Toi Moana - Arts & Culture strategy

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Tauranga City Council – Revised Draft Annual Plan 2020/21 Submission

Submitter Number: 602

Full Name: Michelle Arnold

Organisation: Incubator

Suburb: Te Puke

Wish to speak to submission: No

Time Preference:

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E-mail address	
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If you wish to speak on behalf, please select.	N/A
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Art & Culture plays an integral part of a community because..	It creates atmosphere and awe, the arts has a positive binding and uplifting effect on communities, draws interest for those on travels therefor contributes to tourism, and is necessary to reflect our heritage and culture.
The risks of undervaluing the power of arts and supporting the enablers of arts is..	The concrete jungle effect. No inspiration.

My thoughts on the crucial role of arts & culture sector to play an essential role in recovery of our city	N/A
I'm submitting in support of the Incubator Creative Hub submission .	Yes
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Tauranga City Council – Revised Draft Annual Plan 2020/21 Submission

Submitter Number: 603

Full Name: Lauren Simons

Organisation: Incubator

Suburb: Bethlehem

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Time Preference: Evening

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E-mail address	
Phone Number	
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Art & Culture plays an integral part of a community because..	In a way, art saved me. Now I have a very small business and many many projects that I enjoy and keep me on my feet.
The risks of undervaluing the power of arts and supporting the enablers of arts is..	Imagine there is no music in the world. No drawing, no painting, no photography, no sculptures. They all help people in different ways, I believe we need more.

My thoughts on the crucial role of arts & culture sector to play an essential role in recovery of our city	Artists are able to express themselves, help express others and ideas. I believe we could brighten the city up, draw people in and be a city of creativity and opportunity.
I'm submitting in support of the Incubator Creative Hub submission .	Yes
The strategy this submission aligns to is :	Toi Moana - Arts & Culture strategy

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Tauranga City Council – Revised Draft Annual Plan 2020/21 Submission

Submitter Number: 604

Full Name: Fee O'Shea

Organisation: Incubator

Suburb: Papamoa

Wish to speak to submission: No

Time Preference:

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Response:

Further Comment:

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Submitters name	Fee O'Shea
E-mail address	
Phone Number	
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Would you like to speak on behalf of your submission?	No
If you wish to speak on behalf, please select.	N/A
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Art & Culture plays an integral part of a community because..	As a senior citizen having access to the arts and cultural events gives me an avenue to keep my creativity and aliveness of spirit intact.
The risks of undervaluing the power of arts and supporting the enablers of arts is..	We would lose a vibrancy within the community.

My thoughts on the crucial role of arts & culture sector to play an essential role in recovery of our city	As I've just said - the arts and culture bring a vibrancy to a city which in turn helps to uplift the community spirit.
I'm submitting in support of the Incubator Creative Hub submission .	Yes
The strategy this submission aligns to is :	Toi Moana - Arts & Culture strategy

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Tauranga City Council – Revised Draft Annual Plan 2020/21 Submission

Submitter Number: 605

Full Name: Binnie Brown

Organisation: Incubator

Suburb: Avenues

Wish to speak to submission: No

Time Preference:

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IP:

Submitters name	Binnie Brown
E-mail address	
Phone Number	
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Would you like to speak on behalf of your submission?	No
If you wish to speak on behalf, please select.	N/A
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Art & Culture plays an integral part of a community because..	The Incubator has done, and is doing, an OUTSTANDING job in Tauranga & Western Bay of Plenty's Creative Sector. This sector needs to be fully supported to enable it to grow into a more vibrant and coordinated sector that shows it can financially support the creatives throughout our subregion and beyond. The Historic Village where the INCUBATOR is based needs to be turned into the Creative / Arts Hub of our subregion.
The risks of undervaluing the power of arts and	We must never underestimate at any time the huge value that the Creative sector brings to the overall wellbeing and mental health of our citizens.

supporting the enablers of arts is..	
My thoughts on the crucial role of arts & culture sector to play an essential role in recovery of our city	We must never underestimate at any time the huge value that the crucial role that the Creative Sector will bring to Covid-19 recovery. It has been known since time began that Art, music and creativity is the life blood of a healthy vibrant community and the vital role it plays in healing when the 'chips' are down.
I'm submitting in support of the Incubator Creative Hub submission .	Yes
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Tauranga City Council – Revised Draft Annual Plan 2020/21 Submission

Submitter Number: 606

Full Name: Alexandra Mostyn

Organisation: Incubator

Suburb: Papamoa Beach

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Time Preference: Evening

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IP:

Submitters name	Alexandra Mostyn
E-mail address	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
Would you like to speak on behalf of your submission?	Yes
If you wish to speak on behalf, please select.	Evening
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Art & Culture plays an integral part of a community because..	It is proven that the Arts bring us together, whether it be music, dance, theatre, comedy, art classes to develop and learn new skills, they all are a platform for us as humans to connect and feel better about ourselves and our community. They play a key part in helping those with mental illness and i have seen others develop a stronger sense of self and confidence learning a new skill in the arts. As children we learn to paint, sing, dance and play characters and its only as adults we are told to seek a "proper" job and let go of our need to express ourselves through the arts. The Arts are the purest part of our identity and when we wish to relax we usually do this

	with creative play. A community with no arts is like a flowerless garden in spring. Our every growing community with so many talented artists relies on a venue to teach, learn or perform such skills and share our gifts with our community.
The risks of undervaluing the power of arts and supporting the enablers of arts is..	The risk of not acknowledging the power that Art plays in the community is increasing in a feeling of dissatisfaction of life here in Tauranga, meal illness patients being unsupported with a lack of arts to help them develop a stronger sense of self and confidence and connect to the community, elderly people retired lonely or bored no longer having a venue to attend classes and connect with others and those wishing to up skill their existing talents but not having a venue to do so. Overall this would lead to a stronger sense of there is nothing in the way of the Arts for people of Tauranga, no platform for artists and no platform for students. It would mean places like Auckland and Wellington would be the only places to offer the Arts and classes and once again Tauranga which is growing day by day , would be overlooked and its community's needs dismissed.
My thoughts on the crucial role of arts & culture sector to play an essential role in recovery of our city	I grew up in London, i would see street performers, live bands, comedians, jewellery makers, theatre performers, handmade crafts and so much more. I have taught 3 successful Silversmith workshops here, all other classes are based in Auckland and Wellington. There is no other outlet for want to be jewellery makers, great for me some might say but I see the crucial role i play in sharing my skills and the vital role the Historic Village plays in connecting community, encouraging diversity, and a platform for all of us to come together and connect over something enjoyable. We cannot afford to lose such a vital part of our community in such a developing city as ours.
I'm submitting in support of the Incubator Creative Hub submission .	Yes
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Tauranga City Council – Revised Draft Annual Plan 2020/21 Submission

Submitter Number: 607

Full Name: Liesel Carnie

Organisation: Incubator

Suburb: Tauranga

Wish to speak to submission: No

Time Preference:

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Phone Number	
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If you wish to speak on behalf, please select.	N/A
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Art & Culture plays an integral part of a community because..	Art helps society to understand complex issues and for us to face these. It allows every sector of the society to express themselves in a way which can speak to everyone. A city without arts and culture is a sad and dark city.
The risks of undervaluing the power of arts and supporting the enablers of arts is..	Our city wouldn't be vibrant, inviting and one where people would want to live or visit.

My thoughts on the crucial role of arts & culture sector to play an essential role in recovery of our city	N/A
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Tauranga City Council – Revised Draft Annual Plan 2020/21 Submission

Submitter Number: 608

Full Name: Kalou Koefoed

Organisation: Incubator

Suburb: Mount Maunganui

Wish to speak to submission: No

Time Preference:

Q1. How strongly do you agree or disagree with an overall rates rise of 4.7%?

Response:

Further Comment:

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Response:

Further Comment:

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Further Comment:

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Response:

Further Comment:

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Fees and Charges

Further Comment:

Revenue and Finance Policy

Further Comment:

2020/21 Development Contributions Policy

Further Comment:

Q5. Do you have any other feedback on the contents of the annual plan?

Further Comment: See Attachment

Attachment:

Michelle Wood

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Annual plan submission 2020

26th of June, 11:58

IP:

Submitters name	Kalou Koefoed
E-mail address	
Phone Number	
Address	
Would you like to speak on behalf of your submission?	No
If you wish to speak on behalf, please select.	N/A
The purpose of this submission is to:	Support the growth of the Incubator. To champion the Village as a national destination for the arts. I champion the importance of arts and culture as a major contributor to a healthy, vibrant and resilient city.
Art & Culture plays an integral part of a community because..	We desperately need as much art & culture as we can get in this city. The Incubator does a stellar job bringing the arts to the community and engaging with a huge range of people of all shapes and sizes.
The risks of undervaluing the power of arts and supporting the enablers of arts is..	... that nothing will change for the better.

My thoughts on the crucial role of arts & culture sector to play an essential role in recovery of our city	When you look at other cities, both in NZ and abroad, a common denominator is their vibrant cultural centres with a strong emphasis on community engagement in the way of gallery spaces, museums and public art, and events. Tauranga needs art to thrive.
I'm submitting in support of the Incubator Creative Hub submission .	Yes
The strategy this submission aligns to is :	Toi Moana - Arts & Culture strategy

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Tauranga City Council – Revised Draft Annual Plan 2020/21 Submission

Submitter Number: 609

Full Name: Premila D'Mello

Organisation: Multicultural Tauranga

Suburb: Tauranga

Wish to speak to submission: No

Time Preference:

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Response:

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Further Comment: See Attachment

Attachment:



MULTICULTURAL TAURANGA

Promoting cultural diversity and harmony in the community since 1994

19th June 2020

Tauranga City Council
91, Willow Street
Tauranga 3143

Dear Councillors

Please consider our request for a rent abatement for the next six months. Multicultural Tauranga, a 25 year old not-for profit organisation, with our office in the Historic Village has been going through significant financial hardship as a result of Covid-19. This assistance will enable us to continue supporting migrants to face the challenges ahead as these communities are the most vulnerable and the most likely to be negatively impacted due to Covid-19.

We request a Rent Abatement for 6 months for Multicultural Tauranga, as this is a major element of our Administration cost. We feel that we have synergy with the purpose of the Historic Village and we both stand to gain from our organisation being operated out of these current premises.

Here are a list of some of the challenges that our organisation has faced due to the unexpected circumstances due to Covid-19;

1. Many of our regular funders channelled their funds to Covid-19 relief, which has led to financial hardship for Multicultural Tauranga.

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2. Due to office closure, BOPIS income which is our main source of income has dropped by 85% during the past months. Our interpreting service income went from an average of \$5000 before Covid-19 to \$700 during Covid-19.
3. We were unable to run the Newcomers Network, JP services and English classes which are part of our regular service delivery.
4. Our annual festival which we had been planning since November 2019 had to be cancelled a week before the event. This has meant a loss in morale among our volunteers as well as having to return the funding received as it is not fit-for-purpose.

Having the rent abatement for the next 6 months will give us the opportunity to secure funding, boost morale and resume our regular services. In addition to this, it will also enable us to raise the profile of Multicultural Tauranga and gain a reputation for being a vibrant local organisation operating out of the Historic Village.

Yours sincerely
Premila D'Mello
Vice President
Multicultural Tauranga

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Tauranga City Council – Revised Draft Annual Plan 2020/21 Submission

Submitter Number: 610

Full Name: Jan and Phil Jameson

Organisation:

Suburb: Tauranga

Wish to speak to submission: No

Time Preference:

Q1. How strongly do you agree or disagree with an overall rates rise of 4.7%?

Response:

Further Comment:

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Further Comment: See Attachment

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Michelle Wood

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Submission on the Annual Plan

From:
Phil and Jan Jameson [REDACTED].

Proposed changes to rates

Our rates increase is likely to be 11.69%. For residents like us on a fixed income this is not tenable.

The proposed reduction in the UAGC is unfair as all residents have equal access to Council's services. The premise that residents, who have worked and saved hard in order to purchase a property, being penalised by having to heavily subsidise others is inequitable. The distribution curve of property values demonstrates that the few are very heavily subsidising the many.

The Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) should be increased so that all residents pay a fair contribution to the cost of operating the city.

We support the proposed changes to commercial rates bringing Tauranga into line with other New Zealand cities. Our rates as residential rate payers, are being increased by the same margin as commercial rate payers. Rates should be apportioned fairly.

Cycle Action Plan

We strongly support the development of the Cameron Road multi modal transportation project networks as the back bone of the transportation net work serving the Tauranga isthmus. The inclusion of a safe cycleway along Cameron Road is very likely to result in a greater up take by cyclists. We cycled this route most days during lock down but have had to desist with the return of traffic because we do not feel safe again.

We do not support the proposed cycleway/walkways from Memorial Park to the Strand . This would be purely scenic/recreational and not part of a integrated transportation network designed to efficiently move people around the city. The notion of sacrificing a beach effectively to become a promenade is Victorian, and not in line with the responsibility of stewardship of the environment that modern societies share. The Memorial Park to the Strand cycleway has been retained as a project ready priority cycle route in the Tauranga Council's Cycle Action Plan. We consider that it should be removed.

Priorities

We consider that Tauranga City Council should focus on the provision of essential infrastructure services required to support a growing region by setting clear priorities and by not spending on nice to have projects. In the current economic environment judicious expenditure is vital and we support Councils endeavours to reduce costs in this way such as not retaining the hanging baskets.

Jan and Phil Jameson

Tauranga City Council – Revised Draft Annual Plan 2020/21 Submission

Submitter Number: 611

Full Name: Carol Heena

Organisation: Tauranga Housing Advocacy

Suburb: Tauranga

Wish to speak to submission: No

Time Preference:

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Submission to the Tauranga City Council – draft Annual Plan 2020/22

By Tauranga Housing Advocacy Service (THAS) – Draft

“The effects of being homeless are experienced everyday by many of our vulnerable community members and we need to ensure that we provide care and support for the wellbeing of individuals and families experiencing homelessness and housing stress.”

Tauranga Housing Advocacy) wishes to acknowledge and endorse the work that is being done through the Mayoral Taskforce – Kāinga Tupu: Growing Homes Western Bay of Plenty homelessness strategy. We encourage Councilors, in the review of the annual plan to allocate a dedicated budget to be assigned to the Strategy. It is vitally important that for our community to thrive that the most vulnerable of our citizens have the vital resources and support they need in order to have some quality of life. Your website as a good definition of Homelessness and the Council acknowledges that they have a responsibility to help with that care and support, as cited above

HAS was established in 2017, under the umbrella of Baywide Community Law. Our research found that there are many people who are unable to negotiate the myriad of bureaucratic, financial, and legal requirements when dealing with rental housing in a very tight market. As a consequence, we established a special service to meet the unmet legal needs in the community relating to housing. In the course of our work, run by a paid Solicitor and volunteers, we support individuals to sort out the problem and to prevent a termination in the tenancy. THAS also work in collaboration with other community organizations to provide assistance on legal aspects of housing cases. As well as working with local government and stake holders on improving housing quality and supply.

We see that the Kainga Tupu is a positive way forward to helping our people with the many housing issues in our Community. These issues cause a great deal of social stress on our City. We urge Councilors to see the benefits to all with the continued development of the strategy by finding the funds to continue its progress.

Tauranga City Council – Revised Draft Annual Plan 2020/21 Submission

Submitter Number: 612

Full Name: Doug Barnes

Organisation:

Suburb: Tauranga

Wish to speak to submission: No

Time Preference:

Q1. How strongly do you agree or disagree with an overall rates rise of 4.7%?

Response:

Further Comment:

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Response:

Further Comment:

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Fees and Charges

Further Comment:

Revenue and Finance Policy

Further Comment:

2020/21 Development Contributions Policy

Further Comment:

Q5. Do you have any other feedback on the contents of the annual plan?

Further Comment: See Attachment

Attachment:

SUBMISSION TO THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL REVISED DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2020 – 2021

SUBMITTER: Doug Barnes

POSTAL ADDRESS:

DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

For the last five years I have been involved in the Gate Pa Advisory group. We have been involved with key stakeholders in the community in addressing issues affecting the community. The people involved include Gate Pa residents, and representatives from the Police, DHB, Gate Pa Primary School, Sport BOP, Accessible Properties and others. This has resulted in positive changes, with the Police reporting a sharp reduction in the hours they spend in the Gate Pa community. A key part of what we are doing is bringing the community together. In the centre of our community is Anzac Park. The group has been discussing improvements to the park for a long time and in the last few months there were some costed proposals from the Tauranga City Parks and Recreation team.

The original budget for this project was \$94,000 and was intended for concrete paths, seating and amenity planting. The outcome of community consultation was a desire for barbeque facilities, an upgraded play area, and in particular that the play area was accessible for all. This increased the costs by \$150,000 so the total cost of the project is approximately \$245,000.

The Gate Pa Community has been waiting a long time for an upgrade to Anzac Park, and these upgrades would greatly enhance the community of Gate Pa. There is a possibility of some community involvement or sponsorship which could help with the costs of this project. I understand the constraints on the council finances at this time. However, this is a priority for this community. The upgrade of Anzac Park will also add to the growing popularity of Gate Pa as a desirable community to live in. This is alongside Accessible Properties who have plans for redevelopment of some their housing stock in this area. The long term goal is to have a community centre adjacent to Anzac Park and Accessible Properties are planning to lead the development of this project.

I urge the Council to invest in Gate Pa by funding this upgrade. If the full amount is unaffordable, I ask that at least 50% is funded and that the Gate Pa community group along with the Parks and Recreation Team could look at ways the community could cover the balance of the costs.

I have been active in the community and have submitted to the council in previous years, particularly over the use of the now demolished Scout Hall on the Scout Reserve under the name of the Charity Hand Up International Aotearoa. I remain committed to finding ways to enhance our community. Gate Pa is a suburb close to the city centre and set to become one of the most desirable places in the city to live. We have greatly appreciated the input of the Council Staff to date and look forward to hearing a positive outcome from this submission.

Tauranga City Council – Revised Draft Annual Plan 2020/21 Submission

Submitter Number: 613

Full Name: Ian Payne

Organisation:

Suburb:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Time Preference:

Q1. How strongly do you agree or disagree with an overall rates rise of 4.7%?

Response: Somewhat agree

Further Comment:

Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the proposed changes to operational budget?

Response: Neither agree nor disagree

Further Comment:

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Response: Somewhat agree

Further Comment:

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Fees and Charges Yes

Further Comment: refer attached letter.

Revenue and Finance Policy

Further Comment:

2020/21 Development Contributions Policy Yes

Further Comment: refer attached letter.

Q5. Do you have any other feedback on the contents of the annual plan?

Further Comment: In order to reduce Council operating costs, this next annual plan must trim out some non essential requirements until businesses and household incomes return to some form of stability and sustainability.

Attachment:

Tauranga City Council

Draft Annual Plan 2020/21

25/06/2020.

The draft annual plan states the new rate of increase will be 4.7%, from the initial 12.6 % and 7.6 % proposals.

Whilst it is appreciated there is to be this reduction ,the 4.7% does not seem to align when I look at my own example having an actual increase of 6.0% or \$209.00 per year.

The rates allocation and increases spread is an unfair system in that a home which is for example a newer build, in a better location , better quality materials of construction etc which ends up having a higher RV, is assumed to be a wealthier household and therefore bears a greater portion of rates cost.

This increase does not provide any additional benefits than those paying a lower rates payment.

The higher charge can in fact be a major burden to a single income household, pension only income household or the like, with little or no ability to absorb the extra costs which is deemed to be subsidising the lower rates contributors.

Every house hold should pay the same or similar contribution to Council services.

For example..

A property with a current RV of say \$1,020,000 is already paying \$830.00 more per year than a property of say \$585,000 RV and will pay 6.0% more (\$209.00) in the new 2020/21 annual plan.

The \$585,000 property will only incur a new increased charge of \$17.00 per year or less than 1% (0.65 %)

Tauranga City Council – Revised Draft Annual Plan 2020/21 Submission

Submitter Number: 614

Full Name: Robin Rimmer

Organisation:

Suburb: Welcome Bay

Wish to speak to submission: No

Time Preference:

Q1. How strongly do you agree or disagree with an overall rates rise of 4.7%?

Response: Strongly disagree

Further Comment: With Covid-19 already causing many people financial hardship, and predicted to cause even greater hardship when the government subsidies cease, it is essential that Tauranga City Councillors, who can well afford rate increases, should heed the government's strong call 'to be KIND' and therefore to vote for a ZERO % increase in rates. The need for a ZERO% increase is reinforced by the extremely dishonest message given by some elements of the Tauranga City Council that every project currently being undertaken by TCC is essential or 'vital'.

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Response:

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Further Comment:

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Response:

Further Comment: In the wake of Covid-19 and climate change Tauranga City Councillors have an opportunity to reconsider the controversial issue of estuarine infrastructure and to ask themselves whether it is environmentally right to build walkways and cycleways on beaches and shorelines that:

- are accessible to walkers in their natural state

- are shared by people and (often endangered) fauna
 - and are located close to wide roads that are capable of taking cycleways
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Further Comment:

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Tauranga City Council – Revised Draft Annual Plan 2020/21 Submission

Submitter Number: 615

Full Name: John Paine

Organisation:

Suburb: Bellevue

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Time Preference: Daytime

Q1. How strongly do you agree or disagree with an overall rates rise of 4.7%?

Response: Somewhat agree

Further Comment:

Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the proposed changes to operational budget?

Response: Strongly disagree

Further Comment: Strongly disagree with closing Our Place. Strongly agree with increasing spending on sustainability. See below for our submission on Our Place.

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Further Comment:

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Fees and Charges No

Further Comment:

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Tauranga City Council – Revised Draft Annual Plan 2020/21 Submission

Submitter Number: 616

Full Name: Nick Wilson

Organisation: Tauranga Harbour Protection Society

Suburb: Central city

Wish to speak to submission: No

Time Preference:

Q1. How strongly do you agree or disagree with an overall rates rise of 4.7%?

Response: Strongly disagree

Further Comment: Given the serious ramifications from the covid 19 disaster on the NZ population, a nil rates rise for this and likely next year would seem blindingly obvious.

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Response: Somewhat agree

Further Comment:

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Further Comment: An eyesore and disgrace.

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Further Comment: Council should have no plans for any artificial structures on Tauranga's beaches or foreshores - this year or any future year. I strongly oppose any further wasted spending on this project.

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Response: Somewhat agree

Further Comment:

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Further Comment:

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Tauranga City Council – Revised Draft Annual Plan 2020/21 Submission

Submitter Number: 617

Full Name: Owen Lancaster

Organisation:

Suburb:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Time Preference:

Q1. How strongly do you agree or disagree with an overall rates rise of 4.7%?

Response: Strongly disagree

Further Comment: This is an easy way out and not really addressing costs. The current environment should require Council minimises passing on extra cost by proactive reduction in expenditure

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Further Comment: Could do more

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Further Comment: Not core council activity

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Submission: Revised Draft Annual Plan 2020/21

Submitter: Owen Lancaster (email: [REDACTED])

Background 1 - Councils undertakings.

Commitment to Community Outcomes 2018 – 28 Long Term plan

1. Protects and enhances the natural environment
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3. Attracts businesses, people and visitors
4. Is inclusive, safe, resilient and healthy
5. Has predictable travel times and transport choice

Council Commitments

- Plan for and provide affordable fit-for-purpose services
- Enhance the quality of life for current and future residents
- Work in partnership with the community that we represent
- Manage the balance between social, economic, cultural and environmental wellbeing of the community.

Back ground 2 – The Current Environment.

Context is vital when making important decisions. It provides the rationale and framework going forward.

The introduction to the review process alludes to the current situation facing the country and Tauranga:

- The economic impact of Covid 19
- An economic crisis not seen since the early 1900's and the Council already facing financial challenges.

"We were already facing challenges with our finances before COVID-19 arrived. Our debt had been increasing as we invested in new infrastructure to cope with population growth. Our revenue had not been keeping pace with this." In a Nutshell revised Annual Plan 2020/21

However it is important to also consider the political context. From the community perspective Councillors aim to serve we observe the following:

- The Mayor refers to the City as insolvent.
- A council is disunited and focussed on individual agendas rather than the greater good of the community.

It is within the full context of the above that this submission is made.

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Broadly, this community desperately needs consensus politics where individual agendas are put aside for the greater good. There is no greater urgency than today.

That fiscal responsibility requires bold decisions and “nice to haves” do not fit in to the current economic position we are faced with.

That raising the debt level is a way of avoiding hard decisions and should be regarded as a mechanism of the very last resort.

This submission takes a hard fiscal line. Is apolitical, does not err on one side or another but makes a case for strong, at times unpopular, decisions from a united council because that is putting this community first; way above personalities or self-interest.

1:0 Operational Budget

The problem lay people experience is to understand the detail behind operational budgets and that is reasonable since council managers would have their hands on this detail. I would hope that Council give a firm directive to managers of the direction in terms of cost savings that they expect from operational budgets.

The consultation document hints at a further 2-3% rates rise to offset temporary reductions when service levels return.

This is speculative and council should prepare for the long term reduction in “nice to have” services which are not necessary to achieve its key deliverables to the community.

I endorse the following;

1. Salary Budget cap 0% for 2020/21
2. Training freeze
3. Freeze on recruitment.

However with item 3 – Freeze on Recruitment it is not clear whether that is for new positions or on all recruitment. I would advocate that existing vacancies are not recruited to and are suspended until such time the economic situation improves

1.1 Governance expenditure

Given the very real impact on staff from the recommendations noted above there is a degree of alarm that Governance expenditure has in fact increased not decreased with the only significant savings in the revised draft is from nil Election expenditure.

Council would be very familiar with this item in the budgets because it directly affects their personal interests and the lack of leadership in reducing costs in this area is disappointing.

The information provided by Council shows an alarming 25% increase in Governance budget under the Revised draft after one off election expenses are taken out.

Governance Expenditure				
	2019 Actual	2020 May YTD	2020 AP Budget	2021 Revised Draft AP Budget
	(\$'000s)	(\$'000s)	(\$'000s)	(\$'000s)
Budget	2,732.00	3,438.00	3,608.00	3,339.00
Less Election Costs	- 63.00	- 461.00	- 402.00	
Summary	2,669.00	2,977.00	3,206.00	3,339.00
	% Increase over 2019 Actual			25%

If we look at a comparison with the last full year (2019) actual costs against the Revised Draft AP Budget we see the following changes:

	2019 (Actual)	2021 (Revised Draft AP Budget)	\$ Change	% Change
	(\$'000s)	(\$'000s)		(\$'000s)
Employee Related Costs				
TCC staff employment costs	417	720	303,000	73%
Elected Members costs	958	1,261	303,000	32%
Community Representation costs	111	137	26,000	23%
Training	7	6	- 1,000	-14%
Depreciation & Finance	4	1	- 3,000	-75%
Administration Expenses			-	
Travel & Accommodation	31	15	- 16,000	-52%
Other	198	191	- 7,000	-4%
Consultants	46	60	14,000	30%
Other Operating Expenditure			-	
Community Services	8	15	7,000	88%
Community Representation	2	6	4,000	200%
Election	63	-	- 63,000	-100%
Mayoral & Civic	48	87	39,000	81%
Internal Recoveries & allocations	837	840	3,000	0%
	2,730	3,339	609,000	22%

In summary, Councillors seek cuts across the board but proposed a **22%** increase in funding for Governance which includes a **32%** increase over 2019 actuals for Elected member remuneration.

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One would have to observe if there is ever a greater disconnect between Councillors and the community they serve this must be it. At this time every single one is being asked to take up the challenge of the economic downturn. This submission strongly advocates that Council show leadership in this area thereby supporting in a practical sense real hardship being faced by the wider community.

Leadership is more than “Do as I say not as I Do”

1.2 Operating Expenditure Proposed Changes.

It is not a right time to be investing in the Nice to Haves but investing in those areas that build and support a stronger community that has the greatest spin off for the largest number of people. It is about maximising the dollar spend for the greatest benefit of the community. This is responsible fiscal management going forward into an economic environment that is one of great uncertainty.

Proposed changes that support the continuance of community activities, albeit in reduced format, therefore have a great deal of support.

The closure of Our Place, falls outside the philosophy outlined above and therefore the closure is supported.

Tropical display and Hanging Baskets the removal of budget allocation is supported. Both these items do not meet the threshold of supporting the wider community and are in the “Nice to Have” basket. So should be removed.

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Cycle Action Plan. Under “Nice to have” category and should be suspended until such time economic conditions improve.

2.0 Capital Expenditure

In line with investing in sustaining existing projects and undertakings, maximising the benefit to the whole community and not supporting “Nice to Have “ items

Detailed knowledge of Capital investment in projects is out of scope for the lay person.

Nonetheless the following submission is made:

City Centre Streetscape \$11.7m. This represents 6% of the proposed Capital Spend and at the extreme end of “ Nice to have” but under the current environment not realistically affordable. The spend is disproportionate in benefiting a limited number. Whilst reinvigorating the CBD is a nice thought it does not benefit the wider community who are resident and engaged outside the CBD.

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Full Name: Kristeen Scott

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From: Silver threads
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To: Mayor Tenby Powell
Subject: Tropical house closure

CAUTION:External Email.

Tauranga being the centre of horticultural business, kiwifruit to the east and avocado to the west with huge variety in between, has a dearth of public botanical gardens, even roadside displays are minimal. The one small jewel in the crown that never ceases to charm visitors is the tropical house. It is a warm haven of visual delight in the winter with no equal elsewhere in town. In summer the displays delight and encourage all in gardening ventures.

It is accessible to all. I regularly brought my wheelchair bound mum to the tropical house and she would always have her spirits lifted as do I.

Please find a way to make it possible to keep it going. Maybe Toi Ohomai's horticulture program could manage the tropical house at a reduced rate. I (B. Sc. Botany) would be willing to volunteer to keep it going.

Thanks for your consideration.
Kristeen Scott (B. Sc Dip Tcg)