

I hereby give notice that an Extraordinary Council Meeting of the Grey District Council will be held:

**Date:** Tuesday 4 June 2024

**Time:** 1:00pm

**Venue:** Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth

Paul Pretorius  
Acting Chief Executive

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# EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

## AGENDA

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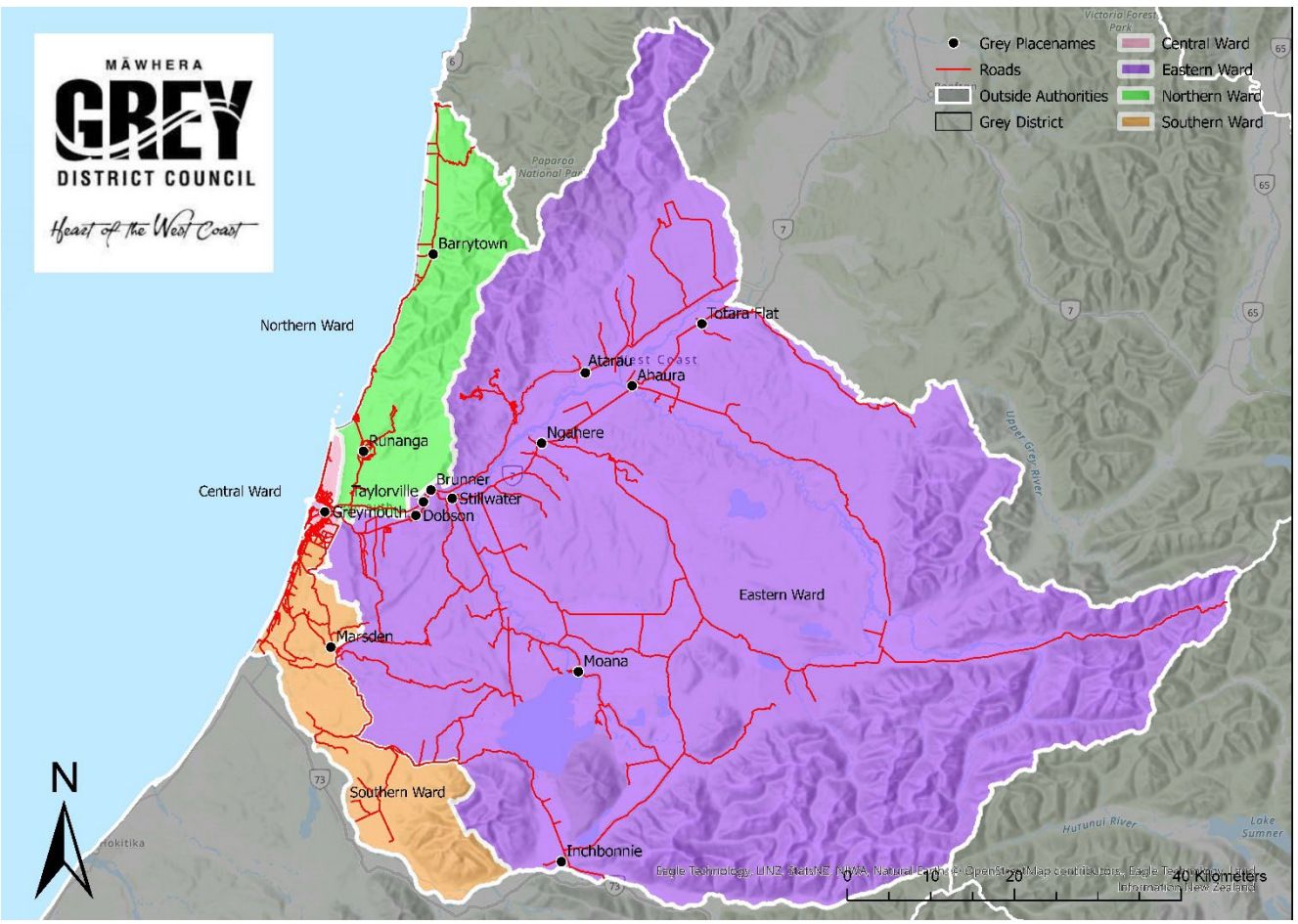
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- Grey Placenames
- Roads
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- ▭ Grey District
- ▭ Central Ward
- ▭ Eastern Ward
- ▭ Northern Ward
- ▭ Southern Ward



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## EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL

to be held at Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth on Tuesday 4 June 2024 commencing at 1:00pm

# AGENDA

**Before Council - Public Forum: 12:30 pm**

*Note: A period is set aside for the public to speak to Council before the meeting. Members of the public are allocated a time to address the Council on items that fall within delegations of the Council provided the matters are not subject to legal proceedings, and are not already subject to a process providing for the hearing of submissions. Speakers may be questioned through the Chair by members, but questions must be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker(s). Such presentations do not form part of the formal business of the meeting with those requiring further action being referred to the Chief Executive for further reporting at another Council meeting.*

**Speakers during Council: Nil**

## COUNCIL IN OPEN MEETING

### GENERAL BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

Items not on the agenda for the meeting require a resolution under section 46A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 stating the reasons why the item was not on the agenda and why it cannot be dealt with at a subsequent meeting on the basis of a full agenda item. It is important to note that late items can only be dealt with when special circumstances exist and not as a means of avoiding or frustrating the requirements in the Act relating to notice, agendas, agenda format and content.

### LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MEMBERS' INTERESTS) ACT 1968

Council members are reminded that if he/she has a direct or indirect interest in any item on the agenda be it pecuniary or on grounds of bias and predetermination, then he/she must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item.

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## **1 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### **1.1 APOLOGIES**

Cr Robert Mallinson is on leave of absence from 11/05/24 to 08/06/24

### **1.2 UPDATES TO THE INTERESTS REGISTER**

Elected members to please advise if there are any changes to be made to the current Interests Register.

### **1.3 IDENTIFY ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS IN THE AGENDA**

Notwithstanding that an elected member may declare an interest at any later stage in this Agenda (prior to taking part in the deliberation of a particular item) those items where an interest will be declared may wish to be disclosed now.

## 2 LIST OF ACRONYMS USED

BCA	Building Consent Authority	LGOIMA	Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act
BCO	Building Control Officer	LGNZ	Local Government New Zealand
CCC	Code Compliance Certificate	LTP	Long Term Plan
CSO	Customer Services Officer	LVT	Land Valuation Tribunal
CDEM	Civil Defence Emergency Management	MBIE	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
CDEMG	Civil Defence Emergency Management Group	MCDEM	Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management
CEC	Community Emergency Centre	MDI	Major District Initiative
CEG	Co-ordinating Executive Group	MOH	Ministry of Health
CIMS	Co-ordinated Incident Management System	NBS	New Building Strength
CPEng	Chartered Professional 'Engineer'	NGO	Non-Government Organisation
DEE	Detailed Engineering Evaluation	NZFS	New Zealand Fire Service
DHB	District Health Board	NZQA	New Zealand Qualifications Authority
DIA	Department of Internal Affairs	NZTA	New Zealand Transport Authority
DOC	Department of Conservation	OAG	Office of the Auditor General
DWC	Development West Coast	OSH	Occupational Safety & Health
EMIS	Emergency Incident Management System	PHO	Primary Health Organisation
EDLG	Economic Development Liaison Group	PDU	Provincial Development Unit
EOC	Emergency Operations Centre	PGF	Provincial Growth Fund
EMO	Emergency Management Officer	PIM	Project Information Memorandum
GPS	Global Positioning System	PCBU	Person conducting a business or undertaking
HSNO	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms	RC	Resource Consent
HSR	Health and Safety Representative	RMA	Resource Management Act
HSWA	Health and Safety at Work Act 2015	SCADA	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
IAP	Incident Action Plan	SO	Standing Orders
IEP	Initial Evaluation Procedure	SOLGM	Society of Local Government Managers
IQP	Independent Qualified Person	SH	State Highway
LGA	Local Government Act	SNA	Significant Natural Area
LIM	Land Information Memorandum	TECNZ	Tourism Export Council of New Zealand
LINZ	Land Information New Zealand	TLA/TA	Territorial Local Authority
		WAG	Welfare Advisory Group

### **3 AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **3.1 ENHANCED ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSIONS**

**File Number:** A/13

**Report Author:** Group Manager Support

**Report Authoriser:** Group Manager Support

**Appendices:**

1. Federated Farmers
2. Grey District Mawhera Business Promotions Association
3. Heritage Fund (Paul Maunder)
4. Heritage West Coast (Jackie Gurden)
5. Warren & Tanya Whitmore
6. Chris & Julie Lourie
7. Jean Rogers
8. Kelly & Rosa Eden-Calcott
9. Poppy Gibson
10. Martin Evans
11. Mike Newport
12. Runanga Village People
13. Jack Flood
14. Neil Darling
15. Active West Coast
16. Sport Canterbury

#### **1. REPORT PURPOSE**

1.1. To receive submissions on Council's Draft Annual Plan

**2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2.1. Those submitters who have requested to speak to their submission will be heard on Tuesday 4 June 2024 from 1.00pm and this will take until approximately 2.30pm. Submissions from those who have not requested speaking rights will be worked through and any points clarified.
- 2.2. Each submitter will be given either five or ten minutes to speak to their submission.
- 2.3. Council members will be able to ask questions of clarification during the submission. Council members should not enter debates with submitters or make statements.
- 2.4. The intention is to consider all submissions before any decisions are made (or consideration given) on any changes to be made to the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024 - 25.
- 2.5. The deliberations and resolutions of Council will be dealt with at the conclusion of the hearing of submissions.
- 2.6. Copies of the submissions, agenda and minutes will be publicly available online.
- 2.7. There were no late submissions received.

**3. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Receives this report including the 16 submissions.
2. Thanks the Submitters for making a submission.
3. Considers each submission and the points raised and decides whether to change its Enhanced Annual Plan 2024-2025 to give effect to the submission.

#### **4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1. The Enhanced Annual Plan Consultation Document and Draft Enhanced Annual Plan were adopted by Council on 9 April 2024.
- 4.2. The Consultation Document was made available for consultation during the period of 15 April to 15 May 2024. The consultation document was advertised by newspaper, Facebook, website with advertised drop-in sessions throughout the district.
- 4.3. The Consultation Document set out the key issues proposed for Council's Enhanced Annual Plan along with the Schedule of Fees and charges, and the Statement of Proposal for Resource Management fees.
- 4.4. With respect to the submissions to be considered by Council, it is recommended that these should be considered within the context of Council's Financial Strategy and Council's vision and community outcomes.
- 4.5. Copies of the consultation document were made available to the public. The availability of the document and supporting documents was also advertised through newspaper, website, and Facebook.
- 4.6. Members of the public provided their feedback through an on-line submission system, manually on the form enclosed with the consultation documents and by writing to or emailing Council.
- 4.7. Council's Communications and Engagement Manger was available to help individuals and groups make a submission to Council.
- 4.8. The feedback received related to the questions posed over key issues identified by Council as well as other general issues. The submissions form part of this Agenda.
- 4.9. At this meeting, Council will hear from those people who wish to speak. Afterwards Council will deliberate and consider all submissions received.

#### **5. OPTIONS**

- 5.1. There is only one practicable option, which is Council receives the submissions it has received as part of the public consultation process on the Enhanced Annual Plan and related policies/strategies and decides on the merits of these submissions in line with Council's preferred options.

#### **6. CONSIDERATIONS**

- 6.1. Legal and Legislative Implications
  - 6.1.1 All Councils are required by legislation to adopt an Annual Plan each year. The Annual Plan sets out Council's activities, plans, budgets, and policies and must be adopted before the beginning of the first year it relates to, having used a special consultative procedure (defined under the Local Government Act (2002)) to consult with the community where in Council's opinion consultation is required.
  - 6.1.2 Where consultation is required, Local authorities are required to develop a consultation document for the purpose of consulting with the community, as well as making publicly available the information that provides the basis for the preparation of the Annual Plan.

The purpose of a consultation document is to highlight the key consultation issues faced by Council over the next year.

6.1.3 The consultation document was prepared to meet all legislative requirements and to include sufficient information to inform the public about what is planned for the District and the key issues.

6.1.4 As part of the special consultative procedure Council must provide an opportunity for persons to present their views to the local authority in a manner that enables spoken (or New Zealand sign language) interaction between the person and the local authority. As part of the consultation process, this meeting is to allow submitters to speak to the Council about the points raised in their submission in person or via video or teleconference.

6.1.5 All written feedback and persons speaking to their submissions will be taken into consideration.

6.1.6 As a result of the submissions received, Council may direct staff to make changes to the final Enhanced Annual Plan.

## 6.2. Financial

6.2.1 Council will need to consider the financial implications of any points raised as part of its deliberations process before directing staff to make the suitable changes for the adoption of the Enhanced Annual Plan and related policies/strategies on 30 June 2024.

## 6.3. Existing Policy and Strategy Implications

6.3.1 There are no policy implications for receiving the feedback.

## 6.4. Fit with Purpose of Local Government Statement

6.4.1. N/A

## 6.5. Effects on Mana whenua

6.5.1. N/A

## 6.6. Significance and Engagement

6.6.1. The process complies with our Significance and Engagement policy. Council has undertaken the appropriate Special Consultative process outlined in Sec 83 of the Local Government Act.

Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
Is there a high level of public interest, or is decision likely to be controversial?	N/A	N/A
Is there a significant impact arising from duration of the effects from the decision?	N/A N/A	N/A
Does the decision relate to a strategic asset? (refer Significance and Engagement Policy for list of strategic assets)	N/A	N/A
Does the decision create a substantial change in the level of service provided by Council?	N/A	N/A
Does the proposal, activity or decision substantially affect debt, rates or Council finances in any one year or more of the LTP?	N/A	N/A
Does the decision involve the sale of a substantial proportion or controlling interest in a CCO or CCTO?	N/A	N/A
Does the proposal or decision involve entry into a private sector partnership or contract to carry out the deliver on any Council group of activities?	N/A	N/A
Does the proposal or decision involve Council exiting from or entering into a group of activities?	N/A	N/A

## 6.7. Community Wellbeings and Outcomes

N/A

## 6.8. Other

N/A

## 7. CONCLUSIONS

7.1. After carefully considering the submissions, Council can make the appropriate decisions.

**8. NEXT STEPS**

- 8.1. Council will consider all the submissions and make any changes to the supporting information.
- 8.2. Council will, after hearing all the submitters, make their deliberations.
- 8.3. Any changes required to the Enhanced Annual Plan due to decisions made by Council will be made to the final Enhanced Annual Plan.
- 8.4. Once the changes have been made the final Annual Plan will be adopted by Council prior to 30 June 2024.

**Confirmation of Statutory Compliance**

Compliance with Statutory Decision-making Requirements (ss 76 - 81 Local Government Act 2002).

- (a) This report contains:
  - (i) sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
  - (ii) adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons bearing in mind any proposed or previous community engagement.
- (b) The information reflects the level of significance of the matters covered by the report, as determined in accordance with the Council's significance and engagement policy.



## Submitters wishing to be heard

Time	Name	Submitter Number	Page Number
	OPEN MEETING		
1.05pm	Federated Farmers	1	14
1.15pm	Grey District Mawhera Business & Promotions	2	19
1.25pm	Paul Maunder	3	20
1.35pm	Jackie Gurden	4	22
1.45pm	Warren & Tanya Whitmore	5	27
1.50pm	Chris & Julie Lourie	6	28
1.55pm	Jean Rogers	7	29

## Submitters not wishing to be heard

Name	Submitter Number	Page Number
Kelly & Rosa Eden-Calcott	8	30
Poppy Gibson	9	32
Martin Evans	10	33
Mike Newport	11	34
Runanga Village People	12	37
Jack Flood	13	38
Neil Darling	14	39
Active West Coast	15	40
Sport Canterbury	16	45
<b>Total Submissions</b>	<b>16</b>	



# Federated Farmers of New Zealand

## Submission to Grey District Council on the Draft Annual Plan 2024/25

15 May 2024

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## 1.1 SUMMARY

- 1.2 Federated Farmers welcomes the opportunity to submit on the Grey District Council's draft Annual Plan 2024/25.
- 1.3 Federated Farmers takes every opportunity to engage and maintain a positive, constructive relationship with Council, and we appreciate the strong, consultative approach taken with this year's Annual Plan. We thank Council for providing the opportunity for ratepayers and interest groups to 'have a say.'
- 1.4 West Coast Federated Farmers acknowledges the realistic approach taken by council to divert or postpone work programs for this Annual Plan. New Zealand is currently experiencing a cost-of-living crisis and the West Coast is not exempt from this. Historically costs have always been high on the Coast due to its relative isolation from rest of the country. This has been exacerbated by the current high inflation.
- 1.5 Primary Industries make up 5.8% of New Zealand's GDP (Gross Domestic Product), however in the Grey District is it double that at 10.7%. Primary Industries, (including dairy and fisheries) are collectively the 4<sup>th</sup> largest industry in the Grey District after Healthcare, Electricity and Construction<sup>1(99)</sup>. The benefit of primary industry to the district's economy is significant. We wish to ensure that primary industries continue to sustain the economic and social fabric of the Grey District. In a broader context, it should be noted that land-based primary production comprises over 70% of New Zealand's merchandise exports.
- 1.6 We continue to support the Council and its Mayors Jobs Taskforce program that has had incredibly significant success in assisting young people entering the workforce in the district.
- 1.7 We note that Council has broken its self-imposed 6% rates cap -imposed to limit the financial burden on ratepayers. The inflation of Council related costs (30% since 2021 according to the consultation document), combined with councils now having to directly fund their three waters functions, has placed more financial burden on councils and ratepayers. The proposed 13.65% rate increase is significant compared with the 6% increase for the previous year and the general (CPI) rate of inflation.
- 1.8 This feedback addresses aspects of the Council's draft Annual Plan that relate to our members' concerns.
- 1.9 We wish to be heard in support of our submission.

## 2.1 DETAILED SUBMISSIONS

- 2.2 We are generally supportive of the approach Council has taken in this draft Annual Plan. It is concise and clear that Council has tried hard to manage the rising cost pressures against the economic challenges that are being faced around the country.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ecoprofile.infometrics.co.nz/Grey\\_District/Gdp](https://ecoprofile.infometrics.co.nz/Grey_District/Gdp)

- 2.3 Federated Farmers acknowledges that the Central Government reforms have put Council in a difficult position, specifically with 'Local Water Done Well' and the 'Resource Management Act Reforms.' Federated Farmers is hopeful that any changes in the Resource Management Act will assist with unlocking the potential of the Grey District for the benefit of its residents and ratepayers. We support the approach Council has taken in line with other West Coast Councils.
- 2.4 Federated Farmers supports the separation of Storm Water and Sewage from Greymouth residents. We are concerned that this situation is still occurring, despite residents being required to undertake the work to separate the stormwater and wastewater from their properties by 1 January 2019. We support Council's comments that this cannot be funded through the General Rate and support Council's suggestion of a loan agreement with those properties (some 2000) that have not sorted their water separation. We urge Council to get this sorted quickly as any penalty occurred by the Council from the Regional Council affects all ratepayers.
- 2.5 Federated Farmers is supportive of Council bringing the library project forward a year to capitalise on grants that have been made available. We look forward to consulting with Council on the joint venture model.
- 2.6 Federated Farmers continues to support the Council and its objectives for investing in the roading network of the district. Specifically, we support the Council's investment in seismic upgrades and corrosion protection for bridges, which is a \$13.4 million investment from the Government's 'shovel ready' infrastructure contingency. Three bridges have been replaced in the district which increases resilience against extreme weather events. Council has decided to continue to invest in the roading network and then consult in 2025 Long Term Plan (LTP) with a plan for future investment. We congratulate Council for its focus on this key part of its core business.
- 2.7 Federated Farmers is partially supportive of the deferral of fully funding depreciation. However, we are concerned that if depreciation is not fully funded, then ratepayers in the future will be faced with significant maintenance/replacement costs. It is stated that council is concerned about the rates burden that fully funding depreciation will incur. We acknowledge that and suggest that Council could fully fund depreciation through a combination of debt and rates. This would assist with the future costs associated with the maintenance and replacement of Council assets.
- 2.8 Federated Farmers understands the need to postpone projects to keep rating pressures as low as possible. Funding for these projects can be resumed within the LTP timeframe to hopefully avoid large rate increases in any one year.
- 2.9 Council proposes to increase its overall rate take by 13.65%.
- 2.10 Federated Farmers acknowledges that the inflation of Council-related costs (30% since 2021 according to the consultation document), combined with the need to directly fund their three waters functions, has placed greater financial burden on councils and ratepayers. However, the proposed 13.65% rate increase is significant compared with the 6% increase for the previous year and the general (CPI) rate of inflation. Therefore, we ask that Council strives to keep rate increases below the rate of inflation, for this annual plan and for the duration of the upcoming LTP.

- 2.11 When considering such significant rate increases, we would hope that the Council has carried out an in-depth analysis of all work programmes to identify potential cost savings. As per s77 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Council must, in the course of its decision-making process, seek to identify all reasonably practicable options and assess those options in terms of advantages and disadvantages. It is hoped that this level of detailed analysis occurred when determining 'what stays and what goes' in the proposed LTP. Council must ensure that there are clear, positive outcomes for every dollar.
- 2.12 We continue to support the Council and its projects that are being funded through either rates or loans. We are supportive of the Council approaching central Government to secure funding for projects that would benefit the whole district.
- 2.13 We applaud the Council for their commitment to reduce debt over the life of the plan, thereby increasing the capacity to borrow for future unforeseen events such as natural disasters. This gives the ability for Council to respond to its community in an efficient and reasonable manner. We have seen with the events in the Hawkes Bay how important it is to have access to funds to enable the rebuild and repair of assets in an adverse event.
- 2.14 Federated Farmers would like to see the removal of Solid Waste Management being subsidised by the general rate. Instead, it should be paid for through a targeted rate directed towards those who benefit from the landfill. Most farms have farm landfills, so paying for something that they will not benefit from seems unfair and unjust in the context of such high rates increase.
- 2.15 Fees and Charges have been raised by varying percentages. Federated Farmers is concerned that Fees and Charges have gone up higher than inflation. Inflation is currently 4.7%. Working Dog fees have gone up over 7% and the vegetation clearance deposit has gone up over 10%. There should be an element of user pays, but no more than the level of current inflation. Federated Farmers finds it difficult to comprehend how working dog registration is costing 7% more for with no increased benefit to the dog owner. This is a significant cost for farmers with multiple working dogs. We urge Council to reduce the rate of fee increase to be in line with actual (CPI) inflation.
- 2.16 Farmers and rural landowners continue to pay substantial rates, often significantly greater than urban ratepayers because of rating based on capital value. It should be noted that capital value can be poorly correlated with income or ability to pay.
- 2.17 For services that benefit some groups of ratepayers more than others, we urge council to use targeted rates, to enable costs to be directed towards those that benefit. In addition, we urge Council to maximise its use of UAGC (Uniform Annual General Charges) and UAG funding for services that benefit individuals rather than properties (e.g. community facilities).
- 2.18 We have been impressed with how council has presented its Draft Annual Plan and continue to urge the Council to create a more even playing field for all ratepayers moving forward, especially in the middle of a cost-of-living crisis.

ENDS



# Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/2025 SUBMISSION FORM



## Your Details

Name	Phillip Barnett
Organisation (if submitting on behalf)	Grey District Mawhera Business & Promotions Assn.
Which suburb/area do you live in?	Moana
Phone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

**Would you like to speak in support of your submission, at a Council Hearing with the Mayor and Councillors?**  
This meeting is scheduled for 4 June 2024. You may attend in person or online via Zoom.

- Yes
- No

**Do you broadly support what is in our Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25?**

- Yes
- No

**Do you have any comments or general feedback on the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25?**

On behalf of the Grey District Mawhera Business and Promotions Association, representing local businesses in our district, we would like to provide feedback on the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan and Long Term Plan.

While we appreciate the detailed overview, we are concerned about the lack of detail on economic development strategies that utilize the income generated from the targeted 'Economic Development' rate imposed on businesses, and reporting on outcomes from the Grey District Community Economic Development Strategy 2015.

As an association advocating for the interests of local businesses, we believe it is crucial for the council to include economic development initiatives that benefit our community. We express our concern regarding the lack of progress and consultation regarding the future of economic development strategies in our district. With the Grey District Community Economic Development Strategy 2015-2025 nearing its target end date, it is crucial for the council to engage in proactive discussions about the next steps and the formulation of a successor strategy. As stakeholders invested in the economic prosperity of our community, we believe that transparency, collaboration, and forward-thinking planning are essential to ensure continued growth and resilience.

We urge the council to prioritize the review and development of a new economic development strategy in consultation with key stakeholders. We urge the council to enhance transparency and accountability in the allocation of funds generated from targeted rates on business. Businesses deserve clear information on how their contributions are being utilized to promote economic development. We encourage the council to engage in meaningful dialogue with the business community to gather input on economic development priorities and initiatives.

By fostering open communication and collaboration, the council can ensure that the needs and aspirations of local businesses are effectively addressed. We recommend that the council establish clear metrics and performance indicators to evaluate the success of economic development initiatives funded through targeted rates.

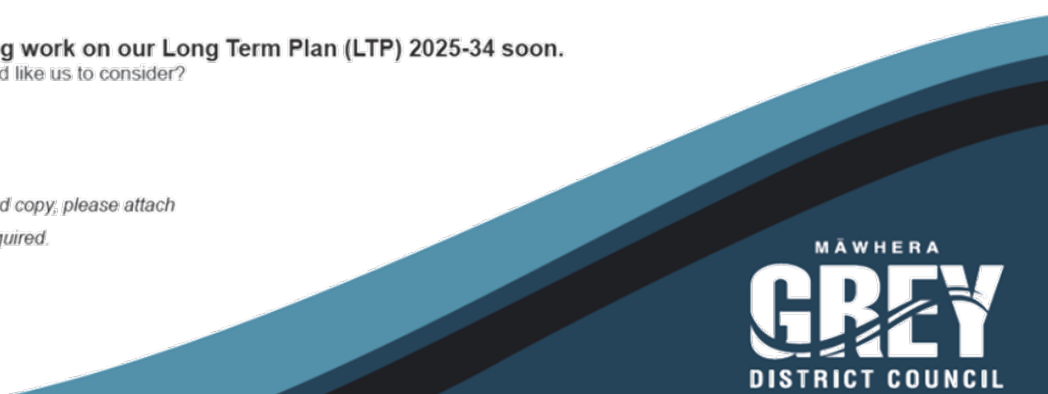
By monitoring outcomes and assessing impact, the council can demonstrate accountability and make data-driven decisions to optimize economic development opportunities. In conclusion, we emphasize the importance of incorporating robust economic development strategies in future plans to ensure the prosperity and resilience of our district.

The Grey District Mawhera BPA stands ready to collaborate with the council and other stakeholders to advance our shared goals of economic growth and prosperity. Thank you for considering our feedback. We look forward to continued collaboration and dialogue on matters of economic development.

**We will be starting work on our Long Term Plan (LTP) 2025-34 soon.**

Is there anything you'd like us to consider?

*If you're submitting hard copy, please attach additional pages as required.*



**Mahi Tupuna (*the work of our ancestors*) –  
Blackball Museum of Working Class History Trust**

*supported by Grey District Council, West Coast Community Trust, Lotteries Environment and Heritage, E tu, TEU, MUNZ, FIRST Union, Dairy Workers Union, PSA, Rewanui Preservation Society, WISSE, Ministry of Culture and Heritage..*



14/8/2023

To Her Worship the Mayor and Grey District Councillors

Kia ora koutou,

Much thanks for the grant of \$500 for rates relief for the Blackball Museum. However, the Mayor's comment that we should next time seek a grant from the Contestable Fund made us realise that the principles of our argument had been lost.

Our argument is relatively simple: that the Council has some duty to support heritage within the district, including some financial support. This is in the same category as support for a library or support for the arts. It is about identity, well-being, creativity, learning, citizenship, providing leisure activity, being a vibrant place for the visitor and so on (the case has been made and is constantly being made).

We understand the council is always under financial stress because of a small rating base and basic infrastructure challenges. Nevertheless, it needs to address these other needs as well.

We made the case that heritage is a district wide phenomenon, particularly in the Mawhera district because of its extractive past and that provision of heritage assistance should be considered as a district wide provision.

We believe that Council has become fixated on the town's heritage issue and its failed attempts to run a town museum, a failure that has a variety of sources: building, governance structure, collection problems and so on. We made the somewhat cheeky point that behind this failure is the problem of the town's problematic story, which has



never been satisfactorily comprehended and that until this is done, the attempts will continue to fail. The solution to this is initially a curatorial one which would ask the questions: what are the stories that the town wishes to tell about itself? Where is the material with which to tell that story? How are those stories housed? What should be the administrative structure?

We believe that in the meantime, some small assistance to district-wide heritage infrastructure is something Council should allow for in its annual plan, and that small level of assistance will be money well spent. A smallish fund (\$10,000 to begin with) dedicated to heritage infrastructure should be set up, to which heritage organisations can apply. Our emphasis is on infrastructure because that is often the difficulty. There are several project funds available but infrastructure (paying the rates or power bill) is not so attractive to external funders. If Council wished to simply rename its present museum allocation as a heritage infrastructure fund and establish some body (internal or external) to process the town heritage problem as part of that fund and for that fund to have two allocations: (a) Greymouth and (b) Greymouth District, well and good.

The Contestable Fund then continues its work, covering all sorts of projects with all sorts of agenda.

We are happy to address Council at some convenient time if that is desired.

Dr Paul Maunder MNZM  
for Mahi Tupuna, Blackball Museum of Working Class History.



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30 January 2024

The Mayor and Council  
Grey District Council  
105 Tainui Street  
Greymouth 7805

Dear Mayor Gibson and Councillors,

#### **Submission to the Grey District Council Long Term and Annual Plans**

Heritage West Coast would like to present this submission to the Grey District Council's Annual and Long Term Plans for funding support of \$25,000 pa for the next three years towards a shared Heritage Development Manager for the West Coast. Similar requests are being made to the Buller and Westland District Councils, coupled with funding applications to Lottery Community, gaming trusts and local grant funding trusts.

The purpose of the role is to continue the work Heritage West Coast is currently undertaking across the region under our one-year funded Ministry of Culture and Heritage Capability Building project. This project has seen Heritage West Coast gain funding to engage a Project Manager to undertake the following projects:

- The development of district strategies and updating the current regional heritage strategy. This aims to develop the foundation for a collective approach to addressing what is important to all the stakeholders in heritage, including the Councils. It also incorporates developing more robust iwi engagement.
- Creating a regional heritage website. This is missing, not only for the heritage groups, but especially for tourism promotion. While the regional *Footprints* brochure containing all the heritage sites across the region was created many years ago and reprinted many times, nothing now shows the visitor, the journey of rich attractions to lead them to explore places from the northern Buller to south of Haast. The heritage groups haven't had the resources to achieve this until now. The current project has funding for the website and content creation that includes photo and video imagery.
- Providing training in the sector. This includes governance and ensuring our groups are well managed and up to date with the changes coming in the charities sector, as well as strategic planning, marketing, and access around sites.
- Supporting educational institutions on the localised curriculum and career opportunities for students. This recent move in our schools provides one of the most significant opportunities

to encourage more young people to develop an interest in and participate in heritage at a much younger age. This is much needed as many involved in groups are aging. It creates the opportunity for a new, more youthful look at how heritage is managed and developed. One could also expect an increased interest from this generation in seeking out the stunning places where many of our stories are told.

- Finally, Heritage West Coast has some financial resourcing to provide professional assistance with specific project work within each district.

Having been able to start on these critical projects, Heritage West Coast would like to see this continue and is already looking ahead to when this funded project is concluded at the end of June 2024. We are aware of the funding limitations on each of the Councils and, as mentioned above, are therefore proposing this as a regional role with the costs shared across the Councils and other funders.

The requested investment is small yet has the opportunity to provide significant ongoing benefits to the Grey District and collectively across the region. This includes capitalising on funding opportunities currently being missed. The draft Grey District heritage strategy requires more consultation before it can be completed, however, survey work, individual discussions with those involved in the sector and the first consultation meeting highlighted the following areas where support was needed and that the resources of a dedicated person/s could assist:

- Working collaboratively, including with the Council and wider Arts and Culture sector, learning about each other's projects, and sharing staff and personnel resourcing across the entire heritage sector. Looking for ways to bundle the various expertise and time to focus on communication outreach, funding bids, projects, promotion and planning, rather than working in a siloed fashion or competing against each other. This also included working with the Greymouth Business and Promotion Association to ensure all initiatives are linked.
- Actively investigating solutions for the future of significant heritage buildings in the Grey District, especially those in the CBD.
- Furthering the website and online content that promotes our local heritage sector within the wider regional attractions and proactively marketing heritage sites and attractions to visitors and the visitor industry. This includes working with Development West Coast Tourism and others promoting the region.
- Helping ensure new and existing generations of volunteers and heritage practitioners are trained with the correct preservation skills in order to protect the district's heritage. This is now being investigated alongside representatives of the Department of Conservation, Heritage New Zealand, Development West Coast, Heritage West Coast, and Tai Poutini Polytech. Aspirational scope includes developing a regional or nationwide training academy for preserving heritage structures, e.g., Longford Academy in Tasmania.
- Arranging further training and coaching for the heritage sector in good governance, storytelling, fundraising, and heritage planning.
- Helping facilitate the development of a specialised collection and archival facility in the region that would allow for proper cataloguing, storage, and long-term preservation of our taonga items and unique documents. Many of these are currently stored incorrectly in local homes and garages or away from the West Coast.
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- Seeking other sources of younger volunteers, i.e., recently retired residents and new residents who may have interests and skills in the sector. This may include recruiting drives at regular and heritage-related events.
- Better support for heritage products and experience development to appeal to new audiences, including school and education groups.
- Creating a digital hub for general resources and information, resources of the type that can assist educators in teaching the local heritage curriculum, and information that helps guide heritage groups through areas of bureaucratic planning and process.
- Finding funding avenues for employing a full-time Heritage Advocate/ Navigator, who can work with the prominent heritage sector volunteer base and guide them in planning, decision making, and accessing resources, including funding.
- Seeking an additional collective curatorial resource to help heritage groups organise and plan. This may fall under the Heritage Advocate/ Navigator role but may also be a specialist brought in to assist with things such as collections management, ascension/descension processes, and taking care of regional interpretation and information.

The heritage sector appears to sit under the radar well below sport and recreation. Yet, at least \$70 million of capital investment is currently going into significant projects across the Coast. These include the new multi-million dollar Pounamu Pathway cultural attractions in Greymouth, Westport, Hokitika and Haast; the new \$41 million Visitor Centre with its cultural experience at Punakaiki; the Reefton Powerhouse experience understood to be an \$8 million project; the restoration of buildings at Waiuta; the Runanga Miners' Hall restoration project and seeking of UNESCO World Heritage Status for miners' halls where over \$1 million has been invested; the Greymouth riverside Cowan and Sheldon Cranes restoration and Virtual Reality project (again another investment understood to be over \$1 million), four new experiences at Shantytown based on the Grey Coal Fields, kayaking, West Coast adventure sports and environmental sustainability and green energies (the value as yet unknown); the Westland District Council's new museum experience in the newly strengthened Carnegie Building (possibly totaling \$3 million), the restoration of the Government Buildings in Hokitika (over \$20 million) and new attractions planned at the Westland Industrial Heritage Park.

How this landscape of attractions plays out amongst the visitor market is unknown. It presents questions around whether all products will be robust attractors and visitors will include them all within their itineraries or whether some will have less appeal and not be visited to the same level.

What is paramount is that the region's strength in cultural and heritage tourism will be elevated significantly and likely to sit up alongside our prestigious natural environment. This will create much-needed opportunities, not only for our main centres but also for many of our small towns and outlying areas. Like the other districts, for Grey, with good product development and marketing support, it provides the opportunity to attract more visitors through the district to the many heritage attractions that sit within places like Runanga, the Southern Paparoas, Dobson and Blackball. At least 12 groups and an extensive number of sites identified in the work being undertaken by Heritage West Coast make up the Grey District's product offering. These are highlighted on the attached map, which also presents the regional picture of the heritage resources and activities with which Heritage West Coast is affiliated. While a tremendous amount is happening, it is mainly undertaken by volunteers with limited resources and support. Having a paid resource working on this and bringing all the parties together will help the Grey District play a more significant role and be actively involved in this regional work.

Heritage West Coast would like to thank the Grey District Council for considering this submission, which we would like to speak to at your submissions meeting.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jackie Gurden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jackie Gurden  
Chairperson





**Roading - Wainui Street, Dobson**

Hello

We would like to know if Wainui Street could please be sealed.

There are currently two houses, a section and a business operating from the top end of Wainui Street where the tarseal ends and the potholed gravel road starts.

If you have any questions please contact Warren Whitmore 0277625601

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Warren and Tanya Whitmore

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Dear Gokhan

**149 Bright St, Cobden, Greymouth**

Thanks for speaking with me this morning re: open stormwater drain, running under the house.

My previous email outlined the disadvantages of 'living' with this, and had sent a couple of pictures to you, so just briefly, they were these.

# Increased insect activity, particularly Bathroom

# In high to heavy rain, noise of the running water is heard in the house ( when water passes on to rock)

# The water is contacting with the piles in some areas, so over time they are deteriorating.

# Devalues property having an open drain under house and is unsightly.

In our conversation you have relayed that even if it were possible to divert the water from running under house, which you thought was a very slim chance due to other services in the way, the cost of doing this would be extremely high, possibly even as high as 100k.

In view of this, we the owners of 149 Bright St (owner/occupiers) are asking if it would instead be achievable to continue where the pipe finished at one side of the house, to continue with this pipe so that it extends to the other end of the house ( thus the water from the new pipe installed would run through the new pipe, and this would totally eliminate all "open water" running under our house.)

If this was possible we would really appreciate if you can fully explore this option for us, as the house is well built so would go a long way to ensuring the house is maintained well for the future.

Kind Regards

Chris and Julie Lourie

[Redacted signature]



Dear Sir/madam,

I am writing to request that the district council create a space within the existing cemetery for natural burials. These are burials where bodies are buried without embalming in natural material coffins and a tree planted on the grave. This can create a pleasant park-like space for people to visit. Our present system is expensive and/or bad for the climate in terms of fossil fuel.

Both Westport and Karamea have this option it's time Greymouth did too.

Regards

Jean Rodgers

Dear Mayor Gibson, Tim, and Aunty Kate,

My name is Rosa Eden-Calcott and I am 13-years-old.

I saw the recent newspaper story that said you are thinking of doing up Dixon Park. I have been wanting Dixon Park updated for basically as long as I've lived here (10 years!). The Mayor might remember I did a speech at St John on this topic!

I have some suggestions I would love you to seriously think about adding into the plans.

I have attached a PDF with two of my main ideas.

I would like to suggest more, but at the moment, I'll leave it at two and I'm happy to be contacted for more ideas if you want a children's point of view (seeing as it's kids that will be using the playground!).

Thank you for taking the time and for considering my suggestions

Love, Rosa 😊

## Dixon Park

A place for everyone to enjoy



Skating paths are easy to build and can be as long or short as the budget allows. The paths could wind around the park and help with the problem of boggy ground in the grass area near the BBQs.

All ages can use them!

This is from a park in Auckland. These climbing pyramids are fun for all ages, resilient, and safe. Doing slightly scary things, like climbing, helps reduce anxiety in kids too, so it's good for the mental health of our community. The Lion's Club built a similar one in Hokitika.



**Your name**

Poppy Gibson

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**Your phone number:**

[REDACTED]

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**Your email address:**

[REDACTED]

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**Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council Hearing with the Mayor and Councillors?**

No

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**Do you broadly support what is in our 2024/2025 Draft Enhanced Annual Plan?**

Yes

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Nil

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**We will be starting work on our Long Term Plan 2025/2034 soon. Is there anything you would like us to consider?**

I'm a Paroa resident of Keith Road. The children's park is so bare. It's a huge green area and has a high amount of foot traffic of children/families all throughout the days and especially in the holidays. For such a growing population in the Paroa area and the new subdivision on Ashley Drive accommodating for 20+ families and further development on Coulson Road too would really benefit with additional extras too the playground. We currently have 4 swings, a slide and a seesaw. Investing in this area would be a great opportunity for families and friends to come together. Thanks

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It is unfair to charge \$10 per day for use of the Morning  
Boat ramp.

It should be \$5 for rate payers. (Same as Waiteritei.)

Grey Mouth Boat Ramp at Cobden should also be \$5  
per day to be fair

Also the camping at Ivey's Bay should not be free,  
especially as the camps are non rate payers. I am a  
motorhome myself and believe no camping should be  
free as there is a cost to supply it.

SIGNED



NAME

MARTIN EVANS

PHONE



EMAIL

**Updated Submission – Mike Newport 26 May 2024**

Please accept my updated submission on dog control / dog ownership matters for consideration in your Enhanced Annual Planning:

1. The Grey DC Bylaw (dogs) allows dogs to be off-lead on most of the District's coastal areas which conflicts with The Bylaw (Cycle-way) which establishes an offence for the owner of a dog found off-lead on the cycle-way which runs through much of those same coastal areas, The Dog Control Act 1996 which establishes offences regarding protected wildlife, and The Conservation (D.O.C.) Act also in regard to protected species.

Once 'permitted' to be off-lead, it is difficult to control dogs 'ranging and exploring' from entering the cycleway or disturbing / killing wildlife, and it is difficult to enforce other Statutes / Bylaws once an owner is able to point to their having followed another lawful allowance, and the safety of cyclists / protected wildlife should also - I believe... take precedence over those few dog owners who wish to let their dogs run free on the coastline.

Westland District Council has addressed this type of issue successfully in their dog control Bylaw by allowing for the Hokitika 'Town Beach' to be off-lead, and managing other beaches and coastline with provisions / prohibitions for on-lead at certain times of day in other specified areas.

A re-direction for wide open off-lead exercise space may be available in the (already fenced) old Greymouth Racecourse grounds if Mawhera Inc were agreeable to that, and the already very popular dog exercise beach at Rapahoe south of the creek is well defined and contained by the coastal terrain.

A very pleasant public walk might also be established around the lagoon flood-wall with the addition of a foot-bridge across Sawyers Creek to Raleigh Street (across from Mitre10) which would immediately contribute to formation of a 'loop track' with entry/egress from many points of Cowper Street, Raleigh Street and Preston Road - rather than the much less satisfying 'out and return' it is limited to now.

Thank you to Mayor Gibson for the recent improvements made to Preston Road dog park - it has been popular well beyond summer with as many as 16 dogs regularly seen there on Weekend mornings in recent months, and many favourable comments from visitor/tourist dog owners.

2. Dogs 'unclaimed' from impounding are a constant stress for all involved - and I'd like to request the Council work toward an agreement with SPCA for them to take dogs unclaimed from impounding and assessed by dog control as suitable for re-homing - accompanied by a koha sufficient for that to be an attractive proposition for SPCA.

A figure of around \$400 for that koha might not be an unreasonable expenditure of dog control revenue given the work and costs involved in disposal options by Council - and that some of that cost can be recovered by the issue of infringement fee notices where an owner can be identified.

3. Council's dog pound does not comply with The Code of Welfare for the Temporary Housing of Companion Animals (which is appended to The Animal Welfare Act as rebuttable evidence in proceedings under that Act) namely the requirements to be able to isolate dogs for assessment for disease every morning before they are let into contact with other impounded dogs, and to be able to feed and water them free from involvement with their feces and urine.

A simple fix (pending a new build or refurbishment) for this would be purchase of (two or three - as required) 'dog motels' from Farmlands or Wrightsons and situate those inside the existing compound (or inside the block building if the existing cages were removed) with benefits of preventing effluent from flowing between different runs and providing the requisite overnight isolation of dogs from one another.

4. Council's dog control 'Toyota Workmate' two wheel drive high floor double cab ute might be replaced with a low floor vehicle platform such as a van - in order to minimise risks to staff lifting up unknown dogs in their arms to put them in the vehicle. When we pick dogs up, their teeth are very close to our faces - and most dogs don't like being picked up by people they don't know, and especially when they are under stress.

A van would allow three or four separate partitions for dogs AND a gear locker... whereas the current ute canopy is a 'single' enclosure, and it is not a good idea to have multiple dogs unknown to each other in the same partition.... when as the person in charge of those animals you are involved or distracted with other tasks such as driving, or perhaps dealing with 'excited' dog owners.

DISCUSSION: Two overarching principles of the Dog Control Act 1996 are: All dogs are registered, and all Schedule IV dogs are classified and neutered.

When non-compliant owners are left for their dogs to remain unknown and thus unregistered - dog control revenue is lost, those who pay their registration fees are unfairly penalised, and Schedule IV dogs potentially remain unknown, un-neutered & breeding/cross-breeding into the wider dog population.

Schedule IV identifies dog types and breeds recognised in New Zealand law as predisposed to aggressive & violent behaviour, exceptionally strong, persistent in attack once engaged, and preferred for use in dog fighting.

There are direct correlations between the severity of dog attacks and the breeds and types of dogs involved in the attack.

Non-compliant / unregistered dog owners are generally poorer owners - and there is a train of thought Schedule IV dogs are over-represented in complaints to dog control and police.

Those attracted to profits from illegal breeding or betting are highly unlikely to register Schedule IV dogs, and successfully locating those (and other dogs) being kept 'unknown' in The Grey District will require Council to raise its dog control operations above current bare minimums.

5. STAFFING FOR DOG CONTROL Knowledgeable leadership is essential to the success of dog control at any District Council - to provide training and development for those new to the role, to ensure sound operational decision making in accordance with recognised process and procedure, and to consult with Council on matters such as owner disqualifications, prosecutions, and classification appeal hearings where correct interpretation and application of statutes and bylaws becomes vitally important to decisions ultimately resting with the organisation.

Grey District Council will need to employ an experienced, motivated and capable officer to lead a recovery and develop the service, and whether held by me or another senior officer who relocates to Greymouth for the job, expectations of support & resourcing for that role are likely be similar, and will need to be met if Council hopes to retain a 'high value' appointee in that position long term.

Dog control staff ratios across New Zealand average 1.0 FTE officers per 2000 registered dogs - where Grey District has 2900 registered dogs.

During my six months with Council I observed trends indicating 3.5 to 4.0 unknown dogs would likely be discovered for ten doors knocked on at random across the Grey District.



I believe, to run a functional service based on existing registered dog numbers alone - Grey District Council requires an additional 0.8 FTE senior officer (to compliment and guide your existing inexperienced officer) and an additional 0.1 FTE (four hours per week) of administration staff time designated to support dog control field operations with routine data entry and records.

Indicated high numbers of unknown dogs being kept in Grey District give rise to capacity/requirement for a further officer 0.8 FTE to carry out a focused 'survey of dog ownership & residents satisfaction' across the District - with expectations that will yield more than sufficient revenue in new registrations and Section 42 infringement (discretionary) fees to cover expenses for that operation over the two years at least it will take to complete - after which the district is likely to top well over 5000 registered dogs and would then require that level of staffing to continue in any case.

Two additional officers on staff will also immediately compliment Council's stock and dog control after-hours roster, and provide depth of cover for leave and other absences.

Thank you, regards Mike Newport.

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### Runanga Village People Submission

The Runanga Village People have pointed out that this road verge is very shabby and although the school has tried to keep it tidy, it usually looks unkempt.

There seems to be some confusion about who owns the land, I request that the council add to their mowing schedule.

Nga Mihi Nui Jan Flinn Runanga Village People.

### Marsden Mowing 's post



**Runanga Village People Community**  
Marsden Mowing · 8 minutes ago · 🌐

What are your thoughts on this..?!  
Who do you think should pay for this road verge to be mowed? Runanga School or the council? Council mowers mow all the other road verges around the school but they don't mow this side. Which doesn't make a lot of sense to me!... [See more](#)



# Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/2025 SUBMISSION FORM



### Your Details

Name	John Flood
Organisation (if submitting on behalf)	
Which suburb/area do you live in?	Greymouth
[Redacted]	

**Would you like to speak in support of your submission, at a Council Hearing with the Mayor and Councillors?**  
This meeting is scheduled for 4 June 2024. You may attend in person or online via Zoom.

- Yes
- No

**Do you broadly support what is in our Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25?**

- Yes
- No

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I do not agree with the extent of the rates increase, nor the increasing of debt without plans to reduce this. The inference that residents on Shakespeare Street have chosen to not complete storm water and sewerage separation is unacceptable and incorrect. The council's files will show the numerous communications with council staff by residents of the land plot my unit is on, myself included. Notwithstanding this, the council has not yet resolved the issue of the placement of the connection on the road which would cause a dogleg. I have been ready to complete this work for many years. I do not appreciate the public and generic threat of court action for

something that is outside of my and other residents control.  
 The statement that the Plan is one of financial restraint is inaccurate due to the proposal to spend over \$10 million on a new library. The size and cost of the proposed new library has not been consulted on. It is an extreme expense when there is already significant debt and the public should be meaningfully consulted, including alternative options. I also understand that Chief Weriti Tainui gave land in Albert Street for the Anglican Church, now the site of the library - so, the current library would not be on Maori Lease land. The council proposal for the costs of running the proposed new library is not clear as the rental from shops underneath it will not cover the costs.

**We will be starting work on our Long Term Plan (LTP) 2025-34 soon.**  
Is there anything you'd like us to consider?

This form is not widely advertised nor is it available to complete on line as stated in the documents, that and the difficulties accessing it will have stopped many people from engaging in this.  
 This form has limited typing space that limits peoples ability to respond.  
 There are 10 empty shops in Greymouth and further shops, such as those proposed under the library, are not needed.

If you're submitting hard copy, please attach additional pages as required.

Email to [annualplan@greydc.govt.nz](mailto:annualplan@greydc.govt.nz) on 17 May 2024



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### Your Details

Name	Neil Parling
Organisation (if submitting on behalf)	
Which suburb/area do you live in?	Runanga
Phone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

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stormwater Drainage & constant flooding of the properties in Ward street Runanga, opposite the school that in rain floods the opposite properties rain is collapsed from ward street to the centre of the block. Drain between Runanga club & South properties. This is in desperate need of repair. Council knows of this constant issues but does nothing to fix the issues flooding properties, people & belongings. it is now an urgent repair.

**We will be starting work on our Long Term Plan (LTP) 2025-34 soon.**  
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Stormwater Drainage & constant flooding of the properties in Ward street Runanga opposite the school, that in heavy rain floods the properties opposite. Drain is collapsed from ward street to the centre of the block & either left or right from the centre of the block. Drain between Runanga club & the South properties, This is in desperate need of repair.

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**Post**  
 Annual Plan Submissions  
 Grey District Council  
 PO Box 382, Greymouth 7805

**Drop off to one of our locations**  
 Grey District Council | 105 Tainui St  
 Westland Recreation Centre | 83 High St  
 Grey District Library | 18 Albert St

**Email**  
 annualplan@greydc.govt.nz



Contact Name: Rosie McGrath  
Organisation: Active West Coast



Māwhera Grey District Council  
Tainui Street  
GREYMOUTH

re: Submission to the Grey District Council's draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024-2025.

### **Active West Coast**

Active West Coast (AWC) is a network of agencies and groups committed to improving the health and wellbeing of West Coasters through the promotion of healthy lifestyles and the creation of healthy social and physical environments. While member organisations were involved in preparing this submission, the recommendations in their entirety, do not necessarily reflect the views of each individual agency.

The World Health Organisation, as part of its Healthy Communities initiative, has stated that:

People in a healthy community enjoy a clean, safe physical environment, including:

- adequate housing
- a responsible use of resources sustainable for the long term
- strong, mutually supportive networks
- high levels of participation and control over decisions affecting health and wellbeing
- adequate access to food, water, shelter, income, safety, and recreation
- programmes for promoting health, preventing disease, and limiting the ill effects of disability
- a chance for a wide variety of contact, interaction and communication, including educational experiences
- a diverse, vital and innovative local economy
- a strong local cultural and spiritual heritage, and
- access to quality health services.

We acknowledge the importance of Council's huge role in creating a healthy environment in which its residents can live, grow, learn, thrive, play and work.

We acknowledge Council's efforts to maintain services while limiting the burden on ratepayers.

### **Storm Water and Sewerage Separation**

There are several potential reasons that residents have not undertaken, or completed, separation of these services. However, the current economic climate now means that residents who would have financially struggled to complete the separation by 2019 will be significantly impacted by the requirement to do so now, and more-so if Council imposes penalties. We are aware Council is looking at a range of options to assist residents to undertake the work required. AWC recommends Council offer a targeted rate scheme to enable residents to comply. This will help smooth the financial burden to residents while also protecting the environment and public health.

We also look forward to Council undertaking the stormwater upgrades in the Greymouth CBD and environs as this will reduce flooding and limit water contamination when flooding does occur.

### **Climate change and sustainability**

The effects of climate change have potential impacts on many aspects of the lives of people within the Grey District and particularly on Council provided services. It is expected that our district will experience wetter winters and springs with autumn rains increasing by 21% by 2090. Increased temperatures will mean another ten days with temperatures above 25°C. More frequent storms will also threaten coastlines and low-lying areas with increased flooding and landslides.

We are therefore pleased to see that Council is looking at how it can incorporate responsible, sustainable practices into its work plan and service delivery. We encourage Council to engage, and work with local communities so they are involved in climate change response decisions that will affect them.

### **Rubbish and Recycling**

We acknowledge Council is under constant pressure with respect to its solid waste management activities. However, the need for an additional cell at McLeans Landfill is an indication that our collective behaviour towards rubbish is not as focused on waste minimisation and management as it could be. While recycling is an important part of the waste hierarchy, reducing waste through avoiding creating or buying it in the first place is the most powerful tool in dealing with waste.

Additionally, preventing organics, including food scraps, from entering the landfill would be a positive step toward minimising the demand for landfill construction.

### **Physical activity opportunities**

Lack of physical activity is now a major cause of illness and death both nationally and globally. Creating environments that encourage and support people to be active is therefore an investment in community wellbeing. We acknowledge Council's ongoing support for, and partnership with, Sport Canterbury West Coast, as this organisation assists members of the community to be more active more often.

### **Cycling**

In recent years our region has become a beacon for cycling which benefits both the economy and vibrancy of the area. To strengthen the cycle-trail connectivity, our local road network needs to be more cycle friendly. The number of heavy freight vehicles on local roads and state highways can be a barrier to people choosing to cycle if adequate cycle lanes are not provided. Many people travel relatively short distances to work and much of this could be undertaken by cycle if the road environment and community culture was more cycle-friendly. There is also a need for more prominent cycle-parks within the district, especially within the CBD.

**We encourage Council to provide cycle lanes and other relevant cycle infrastructure when undertaking road renewals or town development projects.**

### **Walking**

Creating pedestrian-friendly spaces has a range of community benefits, from increased road safety to better health and economic outcomes. Accessible and well-maintained footpaths provide opportunities for people of all ages to be active and connect with their community. The aging population of the Grey District is likely to increase demand for new and improved footpaths. We are therefore pleased to see that Council has increased funding for footpath renewals.

### **Smokefree Environments**

Council policies are useful tools to improve the health and wellbeing of communities and the wider population. Given smoking continues to harm individuals, whānau and communities within the Grey District, we encourage Council to review and extend its Smokefree Public Places Policy to include the following:

- Vaping/Vapefree in all instances. This would be in line with the new Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990, Council's own Outdoor Dining Policy, and similar policies of other Councils across New Zealand. Vaping is not intended for use by non-smokers or young people, so its inclusion will help prevent the uptake of vaping within these groups and decrease normalisation.

- Explicitly include entrances/exits of Council-owned buildings. This extension would further protect people from harm by decreasing visibility of tobacco and vaping products, smoking, and exposure to second-hand smoke.

The Smokefree Public Places policy provides a valuable opportunity to reduce the visibility of smoking and vaping in our community. We consider the following steps would be required to further implement the policy:

- identifying areas that would benefit from having more visible Smokefree (and Vapefree) signage,
- agreeing on a consistent look of any proposed signage, stickers or stencils,
- installing Smokefree (Vapefree) signage,
- keeping the community informed about the Smokefree (Vapefree) spaces through a variety of channels including media articles, social media, items in the GDC newsletters and on the GDC website, discussions with business owners, the Business & Promotions Association, etc. AWC has a range of Smokefree / Vapefree resources that can be borrowed for use at community events. These are housed at Te Mana Ora, 3 Tarapuhi Street, and may be booked via the Active West Coast email address included in this submission.

**Our member organisations are happy to work with the Council to assist with implementing the current or extended policy and to provide advice and assistance on Smokefree and Vapefree matters, including support with signage.**

### **Alcohol**

The misuse of alcohol continues to harm individuals, whānau and the wider Grey District community. We encourage Council to work with Buller and Westland Councils, and other stakeholders, to create a formal mechanism such as a Joint Local Alcohol Policy to ensure a consistent Coast-wide approach to both alcohol licensing and regulation, with the goal of reducing alcohol-related harm within our communities.

### **Property and housing**

Housing has become a high stress point in the district, particularly for older people as their needs change. We commend Council for its provision of good quality pensioner housing as affordable housing is important to older people's wellbeing.

### **Library**

We support the intention to provide a library that will meet the future needs of the Grey District. As indicated in the 2021 Long Term Plan, the current library is limited in the services it can provide. Libraries and library services have evolved, and libraries are now a place of active learning, community connection and creativity. The development of areas such as a 'make-a-space' where people can learn, create



and interact with technologies such as 3-D printers, laser cutters and even old looms would enhance accessibility and support employment options. We would also like to see an active play area within the building or sited alongside the library.

The decision to house the library on the top level of a two-storey building allows for a long-lost visual connection to the river and for retail and/or commercial space below to offset costs. However, having the library on the second level requires particular attention being paid to ensuring the building is fully accessible. Council was part of the development of the Accessible Te Tai Poutini West Coast Strategic Plan 2018-2021 (the Plan) and subsequently endorsed the Plan. The Plan's vision, based on the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of People with a Disability, is that the West Coast is an enabling and inclusive society. We encourage Council to specifically engage with people across the disability community to ensure their needs are included and they are fully able to participate and benefit from the opportunities the new library will bring to our community. Accessibility is also important across the life spectrum. Many young families and older people use mobility devices such as pushchairs, wheel chairs, or mobility scooters. Planning to incorporate space for these is also crucial in designing a welcoming inclusive space.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the draft Enhanced Annual Plan. We do not wish to speak to this submission, however, we may be contacted by emailing [REDACTED] if required.

Rosie McGrath  
Coordinator  
Active West Coast  
May 2024



# Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/2025 SUBMISSION FORM

## Your Details

Name	Jack O'Connor
Organisation (if submitting on behalf)	Sport Canterbury
Which suburb/area do you live in?	
Phone	
Email	

### Would you like to speak in support of your submission, at a Council Hearing with the Mayor and Councillors?

This meeting is scheduled for 4 June 2024. You may attend in person or online via Zoom.

Yes

No

### Do you broadly support what is in our Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25?

Yes

No

### Do you have any comments or general feedback on the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25?

Please see attached submission

### We will be starting work on our Long Term Plan (LTP) 2025-34 soon.

Is there anything you'd like us to consider?

*If you're submitting hard copy, please attach additional pages as required.*

You can get your submission to us in the following ways:

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## Grey District Council

### Annual Plan 2024-25

#### Sport Canterbury Submission

##### About Sport Canterbury

Sport Canterbury is one of 17 Regional Sports Trusts operating throughout New Zealand.

We are an independent, Charitable Trust governed by a Board. We have been operating since 1989 with a presence in Christchurch, Ashburton, Timaru and Greymouth.

Our vision is 'Kia Nui Ake, Kia Kaha Ake, Te Tokomaha Ake/ More People, More Active, More Often) and everything we do is about getting and keeping people engaged in play, sport, and physical activity. We connect community leadership to make healthy choices more accessible to families /whānau where they live, learn, work and play, so, our communities thrive.

We achieve our outcomes through partnerships, initiatives and programmes that align to the strategic priorities set out within our strategic plan.

##### The Value of Sport and Recreation

Sport NZ Ihi Aotearoa undertook a study that explored the value of sport and recreation to New Zealanders, their communities, and our country. The Value of Sport is based on extensive research, including a survey of around 2,000 New Zealanders and a review of previous studies from here and around the world.

People consulted saw real value in participating in sport and recreation. Findings included:

- 92% believe being active keeps them physically fit and healthy and helps relieve stress.
- 88% believe that sport and other physical activities provide them with opportunities to achieve and help build confidence.
- 84% believe sport brings people together and create a sense of belonging.
- 74% say sport help builds vibrant and stimulating communities.

The research also showed the ability of sport and recreation to create connected young adults and improve the health and wellbeing of New Zealanders

Wellbeing is more important than ever following the COVID-19 pandemic and the current cost of living crisis both having an impact on all aspects of our wellbeing.

The impact of COVID-19 and the cost of living crisis on the play, active recreation and sport sector

COVID-19 and its subsequent economic fallout has placed significant pressure on Aotearoa New Zealand's play, active recreation and sport system

Organisations are a critical component of the sport and recreation eco-system. As a result of increasing costs and decreasing memberships. The unsustainable nature of some

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organisations in the city is increasingly apparent. These organisations provide many benefits to the wider community and can not afford to be lost.

The importance of councils to the sector

Sport Canterbury covers an area that includes 10 Territorial Local Authority areas. Councils are an important partner for Sport Canterbury.

We see councils playing a key role in our goal to ensuring everyone has access to quality physical activity options.

Councils have a key role in facility planning, development and operation that enables play, active recreation and sport but are increasingly involved in running or supporting local programmes which drive physical activity and wellbeing as well.

Sport Canterbury will always aim to maintain its independence while working with councils to achieve the best outcome for the sport, active recreation and play sector.

A regional approach to facility planning and delivery.

Since 2017, Sport Canterbury has led the development of three Spaces and Places Plans covering the Greater Christchurch, South Canterbury and West Coast areas. These plans aimed to provide a cross-boundary approach to facility planning and prioritisation to ensure needs were met on a regional basis avoiding duplication. We see these plans as being beneficial to councils when considering investment in sport, active recreation and play facilities. These plans are available on our website and have been integral in forming the basis of this submission.

#### **Caveat**

Sport Canterbury works with many sporting and community organisations across the region and often advocates on behalf of sport and physical activity. However, the comments presented within this submission are those of Sport Canterbury only and do not necessarily represent any individual or other sporting, or other group.

#### **Using this Feedback**

Written feedback is to be considered and reported in its entirety. No partial use, excerpts or subjective interpretation of this document is permitted.

#### **Submission Points**

##### **General**

Thank you for maintaining your investment in sport and recreation across many areas during some extremely tough economic times. The benefits are real, human and long lasting for the people of Grey and we acknowledge that while Council has had to 'tighten its belt' we value the support and direction sport, active recreation and play have received within the plan.

##### **Stormwater and Sewerage**

Having spaces that support sport and recreation are critical to a vibrant community. By ensuring the rivers and waterways are free of contamination and available for recreational use is important to the wellbeing of the people and the environment. We encourage you to drive this process and expand the opportunities for sport and play across the community.

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**Roading and Footpaths**

We commend you on the maintaining investment in the roading and footpaths. It is important shared spaces are fit for purpose to allow commuting by vehicles, bicycles, mobility scooters and pedestrians. With an ageing population across the district, high quality footpaths encouraging connection and reducing risk of falls and aligns with the Strength and Balance programs delivered in the community

**Trails**

We support your continued investment in walking and cycling trails across the district which contribute to benefits for the local economy, recreational users and off-road commuting All of which contribute to the well-being of a community.

**Summary**

**Sport Canterbury**

1. Thanks Grey District Council for maintaining investment in sport, active recreation and play across many areas during some extremely tough financial times.
2. Supports Council’s prioritisation of investment in separation of stormwater and sewerage to enhance recreational use of our waterways.
3. Advocate for continued investment in:
  - Footpaths and roads
  - Cycle and walking trails
  - Maintaining affordable access to sport and recreational facilities under Council ownership and control.

**We don’t wish to speak to this submission.**

Contact for the submission  
The contact for this submission is:  
Julyan Falloon  
Chief Executive



Name: Julyan Falloon  
Position: Chief Executive  
Date: 9 May 2024

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### **3.2 STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS ON SUBMISSIONS ON THE DRAFT ENHANCED ANNUAL PLAN 2024/2025**

**File Number:** A/13  
**Report Author:** Finance Manager  
**Report Authoriser:** Group Manager Support  
**Appendices:** Nil

#### **REPORT PURPOSE**

- 1.1. To receive Council officers' comments and actions on the submissions received on the draft Enhanced Annual Plan.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2.1. The executive summary is presented in tabular format as an annexure to this agenda.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council

1. Receives the report.
2. Confirms the options on each officer recommendation of the 16 submissions attached under options (part four below).

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS ON DRAFT ENHANCED ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED AND OPTIONS**

##### **4.1. Submission 1 – Federated Farmers**

- 4.1.1. That Council hears the submitter and thanks them for constructive input.

##### **4.2. Submission 2 – Grey District Māwhera Business & Promotions Association**

- 4.2.1. That Council hears the submitter and
- 4.2.2. That Council commits to reviewing the Economic Development Strategy 2015-2025 in consultation with the BPA also with the focus on developing clear focus outcomes.

##### **4.3. Submission 3 – Heritage Fund - Paul Maunder**

- 4.3.1. That Council hears the submitter and
- 4.3.2. That Council confirms its commitment to preserving our history pragmatically and that history preservation will be given preference in allocating the contestable fund.

##### **4.4. Submission 4 – Heritage West Coast - Jackie Gurden**

- 4.4.1. That Council hears the submitter and
- 4.4.2. That Council considers funding the role over three years subject to BDC and WDC also funding it.

4.4.3. It be noted that this is not specifically budgeted for and that it will have to be funded from an increase in the EAP as advertised. This would have an impact of a rates increase of 0.2% for the EAP.

**4.5. Submission 5 – Warren and Tanya Whitmore**

4.5.1. That Council hears the submitter and

4.5.2. That Council notes that the project will cost \$40,000 to undertake and that it is not provided for in the annual plan. Funding the project will add 0.16% to the rate increase.

**OR**

4.5.3. That it be referred to the long term plan.

**4.6. Submission 6 – Kelly and Rosa Eden-Calcott**

4.6.1. That Council hears the submitter and

4.6.2. That Council asks staff to undertake a redevelopment plan for Dixon Park involving young people including Rosa and approve \$50,000 for this as an increase to the EAP (rates rise of 0.25%)

**4.7. Submission 7 – Chris and Julie Lourie**

4.7.1. That Council hears the submitter and

4.7.2. That staff report back to Council as soon as possible on solutions to the matter for Council to consider outside of the EAP.

**4.8. Submission 8 – Jean Rogers**

4.8.1. That Council hears the submitter and

4.8.2. That staff report back to Council as soon as possible on solutions to the matter for Council to consider outside of the EAP.

**4.9. Submission 9 – Poppy Gibson**

4.9.1. That the submission be noted and

4.9.2. That staff in consultation with the community explore options similar to Arnotts Height's project.

**4.10. Submission 10 – Martin Evans**

4.10.1. That the submission be noted and

4.10.2. That the submitter be advised that the boat ramps are unmanned and that this makes distinguishing between residents and visitors near impossible, however Council is prepared to consider a resident's concession and have asked staff to report back on it.

4.10.3. The submitter be reminded that the Iveagh Bay Freedom Camping site area was a compromise to prevent freedom camping along Iveagh Bay foreshore and reserve.

**4.11. Submission 11 – Mike Newport**

- 4.11.1. That the submission be noted and
- 4.11.2. That the submitter be advised that a review of the service will be undertaken as soon as the new Chief Executive takes office.

**4.12. Submission 12 – Runanga Village People**

- 4.12.1. That the submission be noted and
- 4.12.2. That it is noted that Council mows the grass verges approximately twice a year with the expectation that property owners mow their verges.
- 4.12.3. Staff investigate where this specific verge can be included in the annual mowing schedule programme of works if not already included.

**4.13. Submission 13 – Jack Flood**

- 4.13.1. That the submission be noted and
- 4.13.2. That Council acknowledges that there are isolated cases where failure to separate services on site is due to finding engineering solutions.
- 4.13.3. Council in fact did signal its intentions regarding the library but we will consult further on its final intent on the matter.

**4.14. Submission 14 – Neil Darling**

- 4.14.1. That the submission be noted and
- 4.14.2. That staff urgently report back to Council on the problem and potential solutions.

**4.15. Submission 15 – Active West Coast**

- 4.15.1. That the submission be noted and
- 4.15.2. That comments regarding stormwater in the CBD be noted and it be confirmed that this will be part of consultation with the wider public.
- 4.15.3. It be confirmed that Council applies best practice thinking to increase recycling and limiting volumes into landfill and that it continuously improves its incentives in this regard.
- 4.15.4. Staff report back on an annual commitment into the future to create cycle trails.
- 4.15.5. Staff report back on the review of the smokefree policy as suggested in the submission.
- 4.15.6. It be confirmed that Council takes a conservative approach to liquor licencing and enforcement and that it believes that gains are being made.
- 4.15.7. That it be confirmed that Council thinking on a new library is consistent with the submission made.



**4.16. Submission 16 – Sport Canterbury**

- 4.16.1. That the submission be noted and Sport Canterbury West Coast be thanked for constructive input.

**CONSIDERATIONS**

**5.1. Legal and Legislative Implications**

- 5.1.1. None

**5.2. Financial**

- 5.2.1. The proposal increases the rates slightly. This is a minor increase that could be met by other savings.

**5.3. Other**

- N/A

**5.4. Existing Policy and Strategy Implications**

- 5.4.1. N/A

**5.5. Fit with Purpose of Local Government Statement**

- 5.5.1. N/A

**5.6. Effects on Mana whenua**

- 5.6.1. N/A

## Significance and Engagement

Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
Is there a high level of public interest, or is decision likely to be controversial?	N/A	N/A
Is there a significant impact arising from duration of the effects from the decision?	Low	Low
Does the decision relate to a strategic asset? (refer Significance and Engagement Policy for list of strategic assets)	N/A	N/A
Does the decision create a substantial change in the level of service provided by Council?	Low	Low
Does the proposal, activity or decision substantially affect debt, rates or Council finances in any one year or more of the LTP?	Low	Low
Does the decision involve the sale of a substantial proportion or controlling interest in a CCO or CCTO?	N/A	N/A
Does the proposal or decision involve entry into a private sector partnership or contract to carry out the deliver on any Council group of activities?	N/A	N/A
Does the proposal or decision involve Council exiting from or entering into a group of activities?	N/A	N/A

## 5.7. Community Wellbeings and Outcomes

5.7.1. N/A

## 5.8. Other

5.8.1. N/A

## Confirmation of Statutory Compliance

Compliance with Statutory Decision-making Requirements (ss 76 - 81 Local Government Act 2002).

- (a) This report contains:
- (i) sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
  - (ii) adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons bearing in mind any proposed or previous community engagement.
- (b) The information reflects the level of significance of the matters covered by the report, as determined in accordance with the Council's significance and engagement policy.