

# LTP project update

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<b>TO</b>	Council - 24 September 2014
<b>FROM</b>	Angela Jane - Governance and Strategy Manager
<b>DATE</b>	15 September 2014
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>LTP project update</b>

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## 1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress of the 2015 LTP project.

## 2 Project progress

At the time of writing this report there were 288 days before the 2015 Long Term Plan is adopted. That puts us very near the half way stage for what is typically around the country an 18 month project. Compared to previous long term plan projects we have a later timetable and therefore will be running our public consultation in March/April 2015 (coinciding with most other councils). The attached project status report explains our progress to date against each of the sub-projects.

## 3 Key dates ahead

Council workshops for further development of the Long Term Plan have been scheduled for the remainder of the year. An outline of the topics for each of the workshops is listed below. We are considering ways to run the joint December budget workshop so that Community Boards can individually consider their priorities should the budget result require prioritisation.

Date	Forum	Topics
<b>24 September</b>	Council workshop	DC Policy - remainder of new items
<b>15 October</b>	Council workshop	District grants assessment of current SLAs Recap of Amendment changes - recap of LTP project status Infrastructure Strategy introduction Financial Strategy introduction Performance measures - approach and suggested measures
<b>20 October</b>	Audit Committee	Liability Management Policy and Investment Policy Remission/postponement Maori freehold land Policy Rates Postponement Policy LTP project management, audit plan, risk management plan
<b>17-18 November</b>	Council workshop	Rates remission policy Level of service and performance measures Consultation document and engagement Financial Strategy - early draft Infrastructure Strategy - early draft
<b>15-16 December</b>	Joint Council and CB workshop	Budget results and rating impact Prioritisation of funding - changes to Financial Strategy

## 4 Changes from LGA Amendment

The Long Term Plan process was subject to a number of changes implemented through the Local Government Amendment Act 2013. The two significant changes affecting the Long Term Plan process are the inclusion in the Long Term Plan of a 30 year infrastructure strategy and changes to how we publicly consult on the plan. A brief summary of the changes in the Amendment Act that relate to the long term plan process are below:

Section	Topic	Commentary
76 AA	New Significance and Engagement Policy replaces the existing Significance Policy	Must consult on policy unless have sufficient information about community interests and preferences to enable purpose of policy to be achieved. Must be adopted by 1 December 2014. New policy drafted for consideration in September.
93A	New form of consultation on LTP	New "consultation document", do not consult on draft LTP but make it available if requested.
101B	New infrastructure strategy with 30 year horizon to include our renew/replace, growth/decline response; planned increase/decrease level of service; maintain/improve health and environmental outcomes; identifying/managing risks relating to natural hazards and funding provision.	Strategy to be based on most likely scenario for all these things. New strategy under development - provides longer term view for our long term planning.
106	Development Contribution or Financial Contribution Policy	Reviewed every 3 years using S82 consultation principles
108	Remission/postponement of rates on Maori Freehold land	Review policy every 6 years
110	Rates postponement policy	Review policy every 6 years
150A	Costs of development contribution objections recoverable	Linked to new appeals process.
197-208	Changes to Development Contributions Policy	Resolutions in place at June Council meeting to meet first deadline for changes - one month after enactment. New policy to be available by 1 December 2014.

## 5 Suggested Resolutions

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the LTP project update report, dated 15 September 2014.
2. Adopts the amended activity group and activity structure (in Appendix A of the report) for the Council's 2015 Long Term Plan.

## 6 References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

**Attachment A** Activity group and activity structure for 2015-2025 Long Term Plan

**Attachment B** Project status update report

**Attachment A**

## ACTIVITY GROUP AND ACTIVITY STRUCTURE FOR 2015-2025 LONG TERM PLAN

<b>Activity Group</b>	<b>Activities agreed at May and June LTP workshops</b>	<b>Final proposed activities for 2015-2025 Long Term Plan</b>
<b>Representation</b>	Representation Grants and Remissions	Representation Grants and Remissions
<b>Planning and Regulation</b>	Strategic Planning  District Plan Resource Consents Building Control <u>Land Information Memorandum</u> *	Strategic Planning  District Plan Resource Consents Building Control
<b>Protection of People and the Environment</b>	Community Health & Safety <u>Natural and Cultural Heritage*</u> Coastal and Hazard Management Emergency Management	Community Health & Safety  Coastal and Hazard Management Emergency Management
<b>Economic Development</b>	Economic Development	Economic Development
<b>Community Spaces and Development</b>	Thames Coromandel-Colville Mercury Bay Whangamata Tairua - Pauanui <u>Public Conveniences*</u> <u>Cemeteries*</u>	Thames Coromandel-Colville Mercury Bay Whangamata Tairua - Pauanui
<b>Roads and Footpaths</b>	Roads and Footpaths	Roads and Footpaths
<b>Solid Waste</b>	Rubbish and Recycling	Rubbish and Recycling
<b>Stormwater</b>	Stormwater Land Drainage	Stormwater Land Drainage
<b>Wastewater</b>	Wastewater	Wastewater
<b>Water Supply</b>	Water Supply	Water Supply

Following the May and July Council workshops activities underlined in the middle column were removed and incorporated into the following activities:

- LIM - within Building Control
- Natural and Cultural Heritage - split between Grants and Remissions (local) and Economic Development for heritage building maintenance)
- Public Conveniences and Cemeteries - within each of the Community Board Community Spaces and Development activity

**Attachment B****LTP high level project status - as at 12 September 2014**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Activity Planning</b>	Strategic Planning	Stage 1: June./July - Direction setting/levels of service, work force planning, high level projects and options	Stage 1 Complete Plan template for non-asset activities produced. Collation and drafting underway
<b>Performance Management</b>	Strategic Planning	29 September stage 1 review 21 November	Review underway
<b>Asset Management Plans</b>	Asset Managers	21 November	Infrastructure planning for 10 year AMPS in hand
<b>Budgets -Capex Worksheets -Activity Budgets</b>	Budget managers	26 <sup>th</sup> September 2014 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2014 Reviews complete October	Budget process underway; operating budgets meeting scheduled - first reviews completed
<b>Council Workshops</b>	Strategic Planning	Agendas one week prior to workshop	On-going; DC policy workshop 24 September Targeting 15 October for key LTP issues
<b>Significance and Engagement Policy</b>	Strategic Planning	Council 24 September for resolution by 30 November 2014	Draft policy to Committee and Mayors Plus for changes and determine if public consultation required.
<b>Revenue and Financing Policy</b>	Finance	To be adopted prior to approval of draft LTP consultation document - Feb 2015	First stage complete with Council direction in July workshops.
<b>Development Contributions Policy</b>	Finance	30 November 2014	Council process underway, workshop on 24 September
<b>Rates Remission Policy</b>	Finance	November 2014	Direction setting discussions with Council complete.
<b>Financial Strategy</b>	Strategic Planning/Finance	Oct 15 Council workshop November 2014	Draft discussion paper underway
<b>Infrastructure Strategy</b>	Strategic Planning/Asset Management	November 2014	Infrastructure reviewing underlying information by 5 September
<b>Audit</b>	Finance	From 24 Nov 2014	Confirmed

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<b>LTP Production</b>	Strategic Planning	November-February	Focus is on ensuring information to support the consultation document is available for audit and public.
<b>LTP Consultation Document (CD)</b>	Strategic Planning/ Communications	February	Planning beginning week ending 26 September
<b>Planning Assumptions \Growth Assumptions</b>	Strategic Planning	April December	Largely complete; final tidy up of growth assumptions post latest Statistics NZ information
<b>Council direction and outcomes</b>	CE/Strategic Planning	Initial work during June 2014 Work presented to Council in July workshops	Complete Issues for follow up to workshops - July, Aug, Sept
<b>Activity Groups and Activity Structure</b>	Strategic Planning	Taken to Council for endorsement on 21 May 2014; reconsidered at workshops 17 July.	Completed Paper to Council 24 September to resolve updated activity structure.