

All other Council activities

TO Thames-Coromandel District Council
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SUBJECT **All other Council activities**

1 Purpose of report

This is one of a series of reports which presents submissions received on the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan, staff analysis and recommendations for Council consideration.

The focus of this report includes:

- Community Health and Safety
- Emergency Management
- Resource Consents
- District Plan
- Building Control
- Council - Representation
- Property
- Economic Development
- Coastal and Hazard Management activities.

2 Issue

Council decisions are required on the proposals included in the Consultation Document and direction is required on the matters raised by submitters.

3 Community Health and Safety

Dog control fees

Submission points

- One submitter opposed Council's proposed increases to dog control fees.

Analysis

In September 2016 Council approved additional funding of \$21,444 for 2017/18. This was for a new contract with the SPCA to manage the Thames Dog Pound. We also increased the service of the bylaws and compliance team (1 FTE) due to increasing compliance demands which includes dog control property checks and responding to dog control requests for service. We have around 4,800 registered dogs and so a fee increase of \$4 goes some way towards covering the increased contract cost and increased FTE. The remaining amount is covered by general rates to reflect the public benefit of this activity.

Staff request that Council formally adopts the dog control fees as part of the deliberations process, rather than wait for the adoption of the other fees and charges at end of June as in previous years, to enable dog registration letters to be sent to owners in June.

Recommendation

Adopts the dog control fees for the 2018/19 year as below:

Dog Control Registration Fees			
	Units	2017/2018	2018/2019
All dogs except guide dogs and dangerous dogs	Per dog	\$71.00	\$75.00
Working farm dogs in excess of three registered to same owner. (For the first three working dogs, standard dog fees apply, for the fourth and additional dogs, there is no charge. A statutory declaration must be provided with application)	Per dog	No Charge	No charge
Dangerous dogs	Per dog	\$107.00	\$110.00
Guide dogs	Per dog	No charge	No charge
Penalty fees shall be charged at an additional 50% of annual dog registrations that remain unpaid as at 1 September of each financial year			
<p><u>Pro Rata dog registration fee</u></p> <p>Where the following applies a Pro Rata dog registration fee can be charged by discretion of a Dog Control Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where a dog has been imported into NZ after August 2nd of the current registration year. • Where a dog older than 3 months has been in possession of the owner for less than 3 months within the current registration year <p>* Pro Rata fee - determined by dividing the registration fee payable for a full year by 12; and multiplying that amount by the number of complete months remaining in the registration year.</p>			

Other recommendations from staff

Increase the noise control contract budget from \$100,000 to \$130,000 per year (rating impact of \$1.30 per ratepayer) due to an increase in contract costs. The new contract comes with improved service levels and 1 contractor rather than 3 (current) which assists with internal contract management.

Submissions not requiring recommendation

- Hot Water Beach Ratepayers Association seek changes in the Dog Control Bylaw 2016 to allow residents to walk their dogs on a lead morning and night past the pools.

3.2 Freedom Camping

Submission points

- Three submitters including Mercury Bay South Ratepayers and Residents Association seek review of the Freedom Camping Bylaw in conjunction with communities.
- South Mercury Bay Group suggests that the LTP should include changes to rules in the District Plan to allow additional freedom camper numbers on rural properties, providing the neighbours agree.

Analysis

Staff do not recommend a review of the Freedom Camping bylaw 2014 at this point in time. The Bylaw is not due for a review until 2024, and changes in the national freedom camping regulatory framework are expected in the coming two years given the on-going problems different local authorities are having with freedom camping in their area and the focus of the government on adapting the rules around freedom camping. Any review of the Bylaw before new legislation or regulations in place runs the risk that another review will be required to give effect to national changes shortly after.

Alongside the Freedom Camping Bylaw the District Plan contains rules relating to campgrounds. Both the Residential and Rural Zones, as a permitted activity allow freedom camping on private land as long as:

- A No more than two visitor vehicles used for sleeping are on-site;
- B All visitor vehicles comply with self-contained NZS 5465:2001 standard for self containment, and display compliance;
- C No buildings erected.

Outside of these rules a land use consent would be required.

Recommendation

Do not initiate a review of the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 or rules on freedom camping in the Proposed District Plan until there is greater clarity on what changes to the national freedom camping regulatory framework may be.

Mercury Bay South Bylaw compliance

Submission points

- South Mercury Bay Group and Hot Water Beach Ratepayers Association seek the appointment of an enforcement officer in South Mercury Bay and Hot Water Beach over the summer months to manage parking, freedom camping and dog control. South Mercury Bay Group also suggests appointing a resident to assist the enforcement officer.

Analysis

Our current bylaws and compliance service provides daily coverage of Hahei and Hot Water Beach (HWB) and over the summer months staff can often be there twice a day. Between 24 October and 24 April we have conducted 485 patrols of Hahei and HWB for Freedom Camping, Parking and Dog Control. We have checked 2,851 vehicles and 107 dogs and issued 269 infringements. If Council is minded to increase the bylaws and compliance levels of service or enforcement it would increase coverage across the district including Hahei and HWB and would cost approximately \$115,000 per year with salary, overheads and vehicles costs rating impact of \$5 per district ratepayer.

Staff advice would be against having a dedicated officer in Hahei and HWB. However increasing the bylaws and compliance operating budget and levels of service/enforcement would provide more coverage generally to our summer hotspots.

Recommendation

Do not increase the level of service provided.

4 Emergency Management

Tsunami alarm routine testing

Summary of submissions

- Pauanui Community Office would like to see routine testing of the tsunami alarm.

Analysis

Council is maintaining the siren network to ensure that if required, they will function in the event of an emergency. Over the next 10 years the siren network will be phased out as new, more efficient alerting systems are introduced.

Recommendation

No further action required.

In-house alerting device (IHAD) project

Background

In September 2017 Council received a presentation on the current state of the tsunami siren network and the proposed In House Alerting Device (IHAD) project. The proposed project was approved for inclusion in the 2018/2028 draft LTP and included the following operational expenditure:

2018/19	\$100,000
2019/20	\$707,500
2020/21	\$707,500

If confirmed as an LTP project the IHAD project will see an all hazards alerting device installed in every dwelling on the Coromandel Peninsula by 2021 thus becoming compliant with national standards.

Tauranga City Council (TCC) and TCDC have joined forces on the project with TCC consulting through their LTP on \$3.5 million to install the devices into all coastal properties with an additional three sirens on popular beaches.

Prior to this LTP phase of the project commencing, both Councils, with the support of Waikato and Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Groups, the Waikato and Bay of Plenty Council Executive Groups and Chief Executives were to undertake an in-depth feasibility study to establish if the project was viable and would work.

A working group comprising staff from both councils and CDEM has been established as has a wider steering group to oversee the feasibility study which will be undertaken by two consultants; Brendon Morris and Steve McDowell (Attachment A).

The budget for this work is estimated to be between \$180,000 and \$200,000, taking approximately 550 hours or 14 weeks to complete. TCDC and TCC will fund the project on an equal 50/50 cost share basis.

Change from operating expenditure to capital expenditure

Tauranga City Council sought legal advice regarding the alerting device (Attachment B) and has determined that the project would be considered capital expenditure if the device was

purchased by councils for distribution to ratepayers, which is what is proposed.

Staff now seek Council support to change the budgets in the Long Term Plan from operating expenditure to capital expenditure and commence the feasibility study in 2018/19. This changes the current rating impact from approximately \$65 (not including inflation to the latter years) to less than \$7 per ratepayer.

Recommendation

Approves the draft Long Term Plan Emergency Management budget for the IHAD project as capital expenditure.

5 Resource Consents

No submissions were received relating to the Resource Consents activity.

6 District Plan

Structure plans

Submission point

- Pauanui Community Office requested the Hikuai Settlement Road Structure Plan project should also be in the LTP.

Analysis

There is currently no structure plan for Hikuai Settlement Road. The addition of a structure plan to the Proposed District Plan would need to be publicly notified through a variation. Prior consultation would be required before a variation is notified. Structure plans can be expensive, time-consuming and contentious processes. Staff can provide a report to the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board on the matter and if the Board sees a need for the structure plan, Council can include this within the work programme of variations to the Proposed District Plan.

Recommendation

Direct staff to prepare a report for the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board on a proposed Hikuai Settlement Road Structure Plan.

Airfields

Submission point

- The Hauraki Aero Club proposes a new hangar development zone be established on the airfield with power, water and waste services.

Analysis

The Proposed District Plan includes an 'Airfield Zone' on the Thames Airfield. This zone provides for hangars to be constructed on the airfield. Council has also designated Thames Airfield as an 'airfield', providing for all airfield activities. Provision of utility services to the airfield can be addressed when there is demand for these services. Staff are currently exploring options with regard to enabling development opportunities at the Thames airfield. No hangar development zone is required as the Airfield Zone rules in the Proposed District Plan provide for hangars. This area is covered within the existing Kopu to Thames structure plan.

The investigations into the suitability of the airfield for future development is progressing with the flood investigations complete and the geotechnical investigations underway (in conjunction with investigations for a pool site).

Recommendation

Direct staff to work with the Hauraki Aero Club and other interested parties on development options at the Thames airfield.

Land for industrial activity in Tairua

Submission point

- 2 submitters requested Council create an industrial zone on seeks to make Red Bridge Road area an industrial zone for Tairua.

Analysis

Rezoning of land on Red Bridge Road, Tairua to Industrial Zone would need to be publicly notified through a variation to the Proposed District Plan. Staff are currently undertaking some basic investigation work to inform Council decisions on variations to the Proposed District Plan and if rezoning of land on Red Bridge Road is a priority, then are able to add this to the list.

Recommendation

No changes are made to the LTP to recommend changing the Proposed District Plan in regard to rezoning of land at Red Bridge Road, Tairua.

Submissions not requiring recommendations

- 1 submitter supports relaxing of subdivision around rural land close to townships.
- 1 submitter stated the district needs a higher population with more young families and workers; encourages growth - and in particular opening up land for residential purposes in Totara Valley Rd.

7 Building Control

Building consent fees

Submission points

- 1 submitter is concerned that the changes to the fees mean a small value building project, <\$15,000, will have fees that can add half as much again to the project.
- 1 submitter stated building costs are already prohibitive and cost increases will mean more illegal building projects.
- 1 submitter states fees and charges should be 'actual costs' and not a fee based on the value of the building.
- 1 submitter does not support the proposed changes to the residential and non-residential building consents unless the council can clearly demonstrate that the proposed increases are purely driven out of necessity on a cost recovery basis.
- 1 submitter seeks to halve the increase in fees for the Building Consent Lodgement Deposit Fees (non-refundable) for both Commercial and Non-Commercial Building projects valued at less than or equal to \$7,500, and up to \$20,000.
- 1 submitter states Council needs to streamline consent processing before increasing fees based on "actual" costs.
- 1 submitter disagrees with increases to residential consent fees; small developments go up by a huge increase which seems very unfair and not equitable.

- 1 submitter notes there is a significant increase for residential consent on properties less than \$7,500 – it effectively doubles to \$800 dollars which is more than 10% of the development cost. This is unreasonable.
- 1 submitter does not support the significant increase to the small class building consents.

Analysis

Building consent deposits appear to have had drastic increases over the last Long Term Plan however this is not the case. Some small actual increases are proposed to meet the true costs of processing consents applications. Staff propose restructuring the consent fees somewhat to be more clear about how much will be charged and for what work.

Given the plan check fee, previously charged separately, has been factored in all building consents over \$7,500, the building deposit will actually now be lower than previous years for \$100k to \$500k work and over \$500k work. It is based on actual time spent on consent work.

The \$0 to \$7,500 value work has been kept as low as possible. \$800 was the fee included in the schedule of fees and charges available for public comment. Last year this fee was \$355 plus the \$365 plan check fee (totalling \$720).

In previous years there was also a document lodgement fee of \$90 and this has been removed on deposits we have set.

We also have a reduced total fee already in place for Solid or liquid Fuel heaters and this is proposed at \$220. This is lower than neighbouring councils.

The Senior Building Officer rate was accidentally missed from the Schedule of Fees and Charges. The proposed increase in the fee is a similar increase to the other officer rates.

Recommendation

No changes are recommended to building consent deposits.
Recommend the Senior Building Officer rate of \$198/hour be added to the Schedule of Fees and Charges.

8 Representation

Summary of submissions

Mercury Bay South communities feel underrepresented by the current elected members. They suggest that there is a need to consult with communities ahead of the LTP. The submitter also suggests that concepts of sustainability, conservation, equity and fairness should be embedded in the whole budgetary process.

Analysis

Staff are working on ways to make local decision making more visible through existing communication channels. This will go some way to alleviating concerns that Mercury Bay South, and other areas which don't have their own elected member, are not visible as part of local democracy. Ahead of the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan staff will also be undertaking a comprehensive community planning process which will inform Community Board priorities early in the LTP process.

Recommendations

Direct staff to undertake a community planning process ahead of the 2021-2031 LTP.

9 Property

Summary of submissions

Transition Town Thames requests that Council upgrade their own buildings to include renewable energy options.

Analysis

Renewable energy options will be considered for the new construction projects and any major refurbishment.

Recommendations

Staff will advise Council of opportunities to incorporate renewable energy sources such as solar panels into Council buildings where it is feasible and cost-effective to do so.

10 Economic Development

Funding for Waikato Region Economic Development Agency

Submission points

- The Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency requested \$30,000 for each year of the LTP, inflated, as Thames-Coromandel District Council's contribution to running of the Waikato Region Economic Development Agency.

Analysis

This funding has already been incorporated into the draft Long Term Plan.

Recommendation

No change is required.

Destination Coromandel and i-Site/information centre funding

Submission points

- Destination Coromandel seeks additional funds to support the management of the Thames and Whitianga i-SITES.
An additional \$17,000 for the Whitianga i-site for \$7,370 for rent (previously \$350/annum); \$1,062 rates recovery (previously nil); \$18,426 for living wage.
An additional \$13,000 for the Thames i-SITE for \$1,000 rates recovery (previously nil) and \$12,974 for living wage.
- Coromandel Town Information Centre has requested an additional \$26,000 per annum. One other submitter supported this funding.
- Pauanui Information Centre has requested an additional \$7,200 per annum. This was supported with a petition with over 200 signatories. The additional funding is to minimise the risks in their operations by introducing successional planning to mitigate losing operational knowledge; to cope with trade fluctuations over the busy months; to train another person to cover the manager's responsibilities.

Analysis

All of the information centres and i-SITES are district funded through the Economic Development activity.

Whitianga i-SITE currently receives Council funding of \$90,000.

Thames i-SITE currently receives Council funding of \$80,000.

The previous low rental for the Thames i-SITE was agreed as a temporary measure when

the i-SITE moved to the Civic Centre. Destination Coromandel does not fit the criteria for the community group low lease.

The additional \$30,000 equates to an extra \$1.30 for every ratepayer.

Coromandel information centre currently receives \$46,000. The additional \$26,000 would equate to an extra \$1.13 for every ratepayer.

Pauanui information centre currently receives \$31,935. The Tairua information centre currently receives \$36,913. The Tairua-Pauanui Community Board supports the Pauanui information centre receiving the same amount as the Tairua information centre. The additional \$7,200 would equate to an extra 31 cents for all ratepayers.

Recommendation

Fund the additional budgets requested for the Coromandel information centre, Whitianga and Thames i-SITES, and fund an additional \$4,978 to the Pauanui information centre - a total extra budget of 60,978 which equates to an extra \$2.65 for every ratepayer.

Coromandel Town wifi

Submission points

Coromandel Independent Living Trust seek the following funding for a community wifi network:

2018/19 - \$4,623;

2019/20 - \$3,081;

2020/21 - \$1,541.

Analysis

Free wifi in central business districts and high tourist zones is a standard and expected service across the world. The funding requested equates to an increase in 2018/19 of 20 cents for every ratepayer which diminishes slightly over the following two years.

Recommendation

Fund the Coromandel Independent Living Trust for a community wifi network:

2018/19 - \$4,623;

2019/20 - \$3,081;

2020/21 - \$1,541

Submissions not requiring recommendation

- Regional Tourism New Zealand requested that Council continue to support the visitor industry in the Coromandel through working with businesses, funding a destination marketing organisation and providing infrastructure in high visitor locations.
- 1 submitter seeks that TCDC lobby central government and NZTA for tourist signage; have 'Destination Coromandel' promote all areas in Coromandel.
- 2 submitters want Council to negotiate with central government about means to introduce 'Tourist Charges' to fund all tourist related expenses.
- 1 submitter seeks commitment from TCDC to implement a tourism management plan aimed at maximising 'user pays' tourist income ; bring our infrastructure up to date through borrowings and funded from future revenue streams; a statement that Council will support local communities in the development of tourism business plans.
- 3 submitters seek more promotion of the 'arts' in the Coromandel.
- Waikato Regional Council encourages ongoing investment in the Hauraki Rail Trail and continues to grow the benefits of the trail for the district and the region.
- Hauraki Rail Trail Charitable Trust supports the \$81,000 planned for expansion of the

Hauraki Rail Trail; figures of \$16,000 and \$65,000 in FY2020 and FY2021 respectively are to optimise walking and cycling experiences in Thames.

- 1 submitter seeks a more holistic approach to planning capital expenditure - cycle trails, kayak trails, walking tracks; subsidies for these types of business; higher visibility of District's Māori heritage.
- 1 submitter states that landowners should not subsidise developers to gain subdivisions.
- 2 submitters state the LTP is weighted towards the big developers and businesses more than residential ratepayers; does not include the tangata whenua or community interests or perspectives.
- 1 submitter supports the focus to provide a greater facilitation role to promote business opportunities and economic growth.

11 Coastal and Hazard Management

Note: The Coastal and Hazard Management activity budgetary provisions have been reviewed following review of submissions received and recent discussions with elected members. Please refer to **Attachment A** - Coastal Management Budget - LTP submission for deliberation.

Mercury Bay South Residents and Ratepayers Association, Cooks Beach Residents and Ratepayers Association and Hahei Residents and Ratepayers Association have all expressed their support for each other's submission points.

Coastal Erosion - Flaxmill Bay and Cooks Beach

Submission Points

- Six submitters including Mercury Bay South Group request for an alternative to sand push ups to address coastal erosion at Flaxmill Bay and Cooks Beach.
- Coastal erosion at Flaxmill Bay is now dire with the Purangi Rd itself being threatened. This is a busy road and school bus route and provides access between Whitianga Ferry, Hahei and Hot Water Beach with considerable tourist traffic particularly in the summer. The plantings to prevent erosion have failed and numerous push ups of beach sand have had little effect. Pedestrians now have to walk onto the road creating a serious hazard. Request a more definite and immediate plan of action with work commencing soon before the winter storms and the road is under greater threat.
- Build rock wall at Flaxmill Bay instead of further sand push ups. Work needed urgently
- Mercury Bay South Residents and Ratepayers Association asked for urgent work on Flaxmill Bay and Cooks Beach erosion issue.

Analysis

Both locations have been maintained, managed and monitored over a number of years using the soft engineering approach. Other sustainable options are now being developed by Council for Flaxmill Bay, i.e. appropriate hard engineering options combined with soft engineering.

Cooks beach will be re-instated through sand push ups and dune re-instatement / planting. Simultaneously other appropriate and sustainable options are being developed, from the whole coastal reach perspective, should the soft engineering approach fail.

It is recognized that Flaxmill Bay erosion of the embankment has become an urgent issue as it is protecting our roading infrastructure. Soft engineering options, e.g. sand push-ups, have been implemented on various occasions; this has proven not to be sustainable. Various hard engineering options at the locations, and the adjacent reaches, have been

developed and consulted upon with key stake holders; no consensus was reached. This is an urgent situation, however we are not sure of the answer yet. Staff may need out of cycle budget approval in 2018/19 should the suggested budget not be achievable.

Recommendation

That officers investigate and report back to the Mercury Bay Community Board/Council on future sustainable options for Cooks Beach inclusive of the adjacent coastal reaches in-line with Council's Coastal Management Strategy.

That an estimated budget of \$400,000 is to be included in 2018/19 for the final development and construction of the erosion protection works at Flaxmill Bay to protect Council infrastructure.

Coastal erosion budgets - Tairua/Pauanui

Submission Points

- Taiura-Pauanui Community Board supports coastal erosion budgets for Tairua and Pauanui
- One submitter requested \$40,000 to continue Pauanui dune maintenance.

Analysis

Healthy dune systems are important ecosystems that help protect the seafront from inundation, erosion and storm surges.

Currently work has started on a programme of maintaining the Pauanui Dune systems. A full plan for consultation is still in draft format and will create a pathway forward for works into the future. Only the Mercury Bay dune management funding has been allowed for in the LTP. An additional \$40,000 is required for the continuation of dune maintenance in Tairua/Pauanui. The rating impact would be \$1.74 for every ratepayer.

Recommendation

That an additional \$40,000 budget is included annually in the Coastal and Hazards Management activity in the Long Term Plan for Pauanui dune maintenance.

Coastal Hazard Risk Assessment

Submission Points

Thames CBD

- TCDC need to do a risk assessment for Thames CBD re flooding and inundation from the sea and assess what can be done to protect the town. Certain key areas need protection for sea wall/defences etc. - as listed below:
- Victoria Park (behind croquet lawns)towards Burke Street
- Brown Street - by the bird hide/Karaka Stream
- The back corner of Goldfields' Mall and Danby Field where the stream/storm water drain goes out to the Firth
- The corner of Danby Field and Richmond Villas where the stream/storm water drain goes out to the Firth
- Jellicoe Crescent and the wharf
- Two submitters requested that Council undertake community based resilience and coastal hazard response planning.
- Sign Mayoral declaration on climate change.
- Need joint central Government and TCDC action to relocated people from low-lying areas. This relocation, and prohibition of people having personal properties or

businesses on low-lying areas, must begin ASAP as time is of the essence. With even only moderate sea rise or flooding, half of Thames will be underwater.

Wyuna Bay Reserve Coastal Erosion

- Three submitters raised concern about Wyuna Bay Reserve Coastal Erosion. The southern end of the Wyuna Bay Reserve is protected by a 124 metre long seawall constructed of concrete and H6 galvanised posts and palings. The balance of approximately 156 metres of reserve frontage along the northern end of the reserve has no such construction to protect it from erosion. Its only protection from exposure to weather events is Kaikuyu grass and recently planted flaxes.

Years of regular use of weed killing sprays along this grassed edge by Council contractors has resulted in the degradation of the grass root structure on the bank, leaving the overlying soil now increasingly vulnerable to being washed away by tidal events. This was very much the case during the cyclone which hit the Coromandel Peninsula in early January 2018. This cyclone, coupled with a king tide, caused immense damage to numerous Coromandel coastal properties and the Wyuna Bay Reserve was no exception. There has been gradual tidal erosion over time (see photos) however, the January 2018 weather event caused such major erosion of the reserve that the tar sealed cul-de-sac at the northern end of Woodroffe Road is now in jeopardy of collapsing into the sea if left exposed to future weather events. Requests a continuation of the existing wall along the bay, thereby protecting the remaining 156 metres of the reserve frontage, the cul-de-sac and the Norfolk Pine.

- Two submitters request acknowledgment of the coastal inundation and erosion hazards and to assess the at risk areas with a view to develop coastal hazard management options to build a resilient community taking into consideration potential climate change impacts. Appropriate budget allocations in the LTP needs to reflect this. One asked that this include an overall coastal hazard management perspective to take into consideration the overall shoreline 'influences':
 - Extreme and foreseeable risk
 - MfE Guidelines
 - Collaborative approach, e.g. WRC
 - Groundwater influence
 - Contaminated soil
 - Ground subsidence
 - Inundation higher immediate risk than erosion.

One submitter asked that a large funding allocation be provided in the LTP is urgently required to: -

- Collaborate immediately with Regional Council
- Map and model all coastal hazards -especially coastal flooding as required by the NZ Coastal Policy Statement
- Assess with experts reports the risks of all coastal hazards to all communities and infrastructure on a granular basis. e. by carrying out local segmented studies for each distinct coastal area. (2 including International Society of Mangrove Ecosystems
- Carry out adaptive planning for each distinct segment of the coast as described in the MfE Guidance 10-point plan, and already undertaken in the Hawkes Bay, including extensive community engagement and options and costings for mitigation for present day, 50 years, and 100 years.
- Research and monitor and assess the risks of groundwater flooding, contaminated soils and land subsidence in Thames
- Undertake an Interim District Plan Variation as soon as possible
- Defer any further spending on all major coastal projects until this work has been completed.
- Thames Tennis Club raised the issue of storm and coastal hazards impacts on their

facilities along with others in the recreational precinct and asked that Council take urgent and decisive action on protecting assets along the Thames foreshore.

- Thames Coast Protection Society felt \$75000 annually was too low to investigate risk to roading and non roading infrastructure. The priority for spending must be to obtain an expert assessment of the degree of risk from coastal hazards to Thames and other townships, and to then get expert advice on what options (if any) there are to protect these town(s) from such coastal hazards. We believe it is foolhardy to be committing funding for major projects such as the proposed new Thames sub regional swimming pool and improvements to the Rhodes Park grandstand until a proper risk assessment of coastal hazards has been carried out,
- Council had taken a minimum position on climate issues little consideration has been given to how climate change may impact projects within the Plan.
- Undertake adaptive planning to coastal hazards like that of the Hawkes Bay
- Tairua Residents and Ratepayers Association expressed that more collaborative approach between TCDC and WRC needs to be established; along with investigations, option analysis and ownership to develop sustainable coastal erosion mitigation plans.
- Lack of strategic planning around national water quality standards and coastal management strategies.
- Use of national and international best practice to coastal hazards (2 including International Society of Mangrove Ecosystems)
- The strategic management (and coast defences rebuilt) of our shoreline to be addressed through a whole catchment approach, taking into consideration; land use, deforestation, sediment, mangrove eco system and erosion protection function.

Analysis

Council developed and undertook consultation on the development of a Coastal Management Strategy (CMS) in 2017. Council have considered responses to the proposal and have set aside budget to undertake community based resilience and coastal hazard response planning. This will include the Thames CBD, Thames Coast and Wyuna Bay. The CMS will provide strategic direction, enable effective planning and support the adaptation of council assets and services and our coastal communities to coastal hazards. The actions from the Strategy will take in to account potential impacts from climate change and in particular sea level rise (inundation) and subsequent potential coastal erosion issues.

This important strategic document will be adopted alongside the LTP in June 2018. A further breakdown of the revised budget can be found in Attachment A Coastal Management Budget - LTP submission for deliberations. Council has requested a discussion with the architects of the Hawkes Bay coastal hazards community engagement programme. This will help inform TCDC's approach moving forward. Council is also working with Waikato Regional Council on these issues; including around future mapping requirements. At this stage, a review of the District Plan is unnecessary, until further information is available and/or there is further central government directive on climate change response.

The signing of the Mayoral Declaration on Climate Change is a political decision.

Risk assessments in relation to major projects (including coastal hazards) will be undertaken for projects such as the Sub regional pool and Rhodes Park.

The new Coastal Engineer and Infrastructure Manager have reviewed and revised the existing budgets for coastal erosion investigation in the first three years of the long term plan. An increase in budgets is proposed based on the review and the quantum of investigative work required to make a comprehensive risk assessment of the entire peninsula. **Attachment A** sets out the scope of work required and estimated costs for this work. This will be \$659,120 in 2018/19, \$1,088,500 in 2019/20 and \$845,000 in 2020/21.

For operational expenditure where there is a demonstrable benefit to future ratepayers, Council is able to consider loan funding over a period of up to 10 years. This work is about future proofing coastal communities so certainly meets the test of benefit for future ratepayers. While loan funding increases the total cost through additional interest on the loan amount, this will spread the burden of the costs of this work across 10 years. Loan funding this additional expenditure will cost \$3.64, \$6.01 and \$4.66 for 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 respectively across each year of the ten year life of the loan. This will be a cumulative \$36.38, \$60.08 and \$46.64 per ratepayer for each loan. Paying for this work in the year it is to be completed will cost \$28.60, \$48.55 and \$38.77 per ratepayer.

Recommendation

That Council approve a total budget of \$2,592,620 across three years to be loan funded over the 10 year life of the loans to implement the coastal hazard risks investigation; including community based resilience, coastal hazard response planning and a shoreline management plan.

Coastal erosion budgets - Mercury Bay

Submission Points

- MBCB seeks confirmation that the Hazards - Coastal Protection activity budget in the LTP consultation document is the budget as proposed in the Mercury Bay programme for coastal protection and supports budgets and timeline if so.

Analysis

The budgets did allow for continuation of the Mercury Bay coastal protection project: \$271,856 (2018/19), \$249,203 (2019/20) and \$292,657 (2020/21).

Other submission points

- Endorses the long term plans assumptions to follow the most current government advice on how to plan for climate change. That all of our major infrastructure will be tested against a potential sea level rise of 1.4m by 2120 up to a rise of 1.88 by 2150 (2 including International Society of Mangrove Ecosystems)
- Appears to be a costly doubling up of strategy management, projects, workshop meetings and committee consultations between TCDC and Waikato Regional Council on Coastal Management Plans and Coastal Erosion Strategies, and other environmental aspects.

12 Suggested resolution(s)

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'All other Council activities' report, dated 8 May 2018.
2. Approves/ declines the recommendations within the report.

References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

Attachment A *Coastal and Hazard Management Coastal Risk Investigation 3 Year Budget*

Coastal and Hazard Management Coastal Risk investigation budget for de...