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Overview

The City Planning team is responsible for promoting the sustainable management of the city's physical and natural resources in a manner that is consistent with the Resource Management Act 1991, and other relevant policy statements and plans. This includes:

- preparation and review of the District Plan;
- administration of the District Plan and resource consents;
- provision of information on resource management matters, including monitoring of the local environment; and
- implementation of the Urban Growth Strategy.

Liaison with other agencies, such as the Greater Wellington Regional Council, the Ministry for the Environment and local Iwi is also important, particularly in preparing and administering the District Plan, providing environmental information and in considering the sustainable management of the city within a regional context.

Level of Service Objectives and Performance Measures

Indicator	Performance Measure	Target 2008/09
Objective:	Council will meet all relevant statutory requirements.	
1 TIMELINESS		
1a Resource Consent (Non Notified)	Process non-notified consents within the statutory timeframe	Issue decision within 20 working days for 95% of applications received ²
1b Resource Consent (Notified, Hearing)	Process notified consents within the statutory timeframe	Issue decision within 40 working days of submissions closing ²
1c Resource Consent (Notified, No Hearing)	Process notified consents within the statutory timeframe	Issue decision within 20 working days of submissions closing ²
Objective:	Council will achieve the sustainable management of Upper Hutt's natural and physical resources.	
2 SATISFACTION	Community satisfaction with Council's current resource management practices	87.5% of respondents are satisfied or very satisfied ¹
3 INFORMATION	Response to customer enquiries	Respond within 1 working day to 90% of requests being made ²
4 COMPLIANCE	Response to District Plan compliance complaints	Provide initial response to complaint within 1 working day to 90% of requests being made ²
5 URBAN GROWTH STRATEGY	Urban Growth Strategy Implementation Programme	Implement District Plan changes in accordance with the timeline approved by Council ²

¹ Annual Community Survey

² In-house monitoring

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Cost of Services Statement	Forecast Annual Plan Year 2 2007/08 (\$ 000)	Forecast LTCCP Year 3 2008/09 (\$ 000)	Forecast Annual Plan Year 3 2008/09 (\$ 000)	Forecast Variation Year 3 2008/09 (\$ 000)
Operating Costs	930	851	1,227	376
Interest	0	0	0	0
Depreciation	0	0	0	0
Operating Income	(498)	(497)	(654)	(157)
NET OPERATING COST	432	354	573	219
Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Loan Repayments	0	0	0	0
Transfers to Funds	300	320	350	30
Less				
Depreciation and Other Unfunded Items	(5)	(5)	(5)	0
TOTAL FUNDING REQUIRED	727	669	918	249
Funded by :				
General Rates	687	669	883	214
Loans Raised	0	0	0	0
Transfers from Funds	0	0	0	0
Accumulated Funds	40	0	35	35
TOTAL FUNDING	727	669	918	249

Notes to Cost of Services Statement Variations:

The cost of City Planning activities is proposed to rise by \$196,000. The increases, caused by higher personnel fees, appeals against Council decisions (on resource consents and changes to the District Plan) and Urban Growth Strategy costs are projected to be partially offset by higher income.