

## A message from the Mayor

I am pleased to present to you the Council's Annual Plan for the 2010/11 year which details the projects and programmes to be undertaken during the year, as well as the expenditure and revenue budgets relating to these.

This year's plan provides detailed information about year two of the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) 2009-2019. The LTCCP was adopted last year and provides the ten year vision for the city and Council and sets the annual budget parameters for the next ten years to 2019.

We are aware that the past year has been tough for people and we have been conscious of this as we considered the different projects proposed to be undertaken this year. Due to the current economic climate some projects have been identified as unaffordable and these projects are deferred from this year's plan.

We are working hard to ensure the city continues to grow and prosper in tune with the needs of the community. The Council provides direction, leadership and support and I believe the new projects we will deliver this year will benefit the city for years to come.

We are working towards the development of netball and tennis courts and of Wi Tako Ngatata Scenic Reserve. Enhanced library services, including a new mobile library bus and interactive website will be delivered.

Significant steps will be taken towards the development of a sustainability strategy with the establishment of a new permanent 'Sustainability Officer' position. We will also provide continued support for the Urban Growth Strategy, the Youth Strategy and Activation.

Council believes in the importance of getting the basics right, which is why we're committed to continually providing the important, every day services that keep our city running smoothly. Services like water supply, waste and roads are managed to a high standard by Council staff to meet the needs of our community. As always, by far our biggest areas of spending are on these infrastructure services.

Thank you for your support as we move forward together making Upper Hutt city an even better place to live.



Wayne Guppy  
**Mayor**