

Overview

The leadership activity covers the role and functions of the Mayor and elected members of Council, who are responsible for community leadership and setting the policy direction for the Upper Hutt City Council. Examples of activities undertaken to fulfil this role include long and short term planning, monitoring and reporting on progress. Council also undertakes continuous consultation on a variety of matters and reaffirms the community's aspirations via the Community Outcomes process. Community Outcomes describe what residents think is important for their local community, now and in the future.

The Council consists of the Mayor and ten Councillors who are elected on a city-wide basis every three years. The 'First Past the Post' electoral system is currently used.

The Local Government Act (LGA) 2002 states:

The purpose of local government is to:

- a. enable democratic decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and
- b. promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities, in the present and for the future.

Upper Hutt City Council undertakes to:

- conduct its business in an open, transparent, and democratically accountable manner;
- give effect to its identified priorities and desired outcomes in an efficient and effective manner;
- collaborate and cooperate with other local authorities and bodies to achieve priorities and desired outcomes efficiently;
- undertake any commercial transactions in accordance with sound business practices;
- ensure prudent stewardship and the efficient and effective use of resources in the interests of the district; and
- in taking a sustainable development approach, take into account:
 - the social, economic, and cultural wellbeing of people and communities
 - the need to maintain and enhance the quality of the environment
 - the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations.

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Level of service objectives and performance measures

Indicator	Performance measure	Target 2010/11
Objective:	Council will meet its statutory roles and responsibilities.	
1 ELECTIONS	Hold the triennial local authority elections	The next election is due to be held in 2010
2 GOVERNANCE		
2a Triennial Agreement	Prepare the Triennial Agreement with the Regional Council and local authorities within the region	Prepare by 1 March 2011
2b Governance Statement	Review the Governance Statement	Review by 30 April 2011
2c Code of Conduct	Review the Code of Conduct	Review by 30 April 2011
2d Community Outcomes	Review the Community Outcomes	Review by 30 June 2014
2e LTCCP Review	Prepare the LTCCP	Finalise by 30 June 2012
2f Annual Plan	Prepare the Annual Plan	Adopt by 30 June 2011
2g Annual Report	Prepare the Annual Report	Adopt by 31 October 2010
2h Gambling Policy	Review the Class 4 Gambling and New Zealand Racing Board (including TAB's) Venue Policy	Review by April 2013
3 MONITORING		
3a Performance Reporting	Report on financial achievements and performance targets	Present quarterly performance report to the Audit Committee
3b Community Outcomes	Report on progress the community has made towards achieving the Community Outcomes	Present report on progress towards achieving the Community Outcomes by 30 September 2010
Objective:	Council will endeavour to ensure that people are aware of and have the opportunity to express their views on those matters that affect them prior to any decision being made by the Council.	
4 INFORMATION		
4a Satisfaction	Community satisfaction with the provision of information by Council	90% of respondents are satisfied or very satisfied ¹
4b Valley News	Develop and distribute the Valley News publication quarterly	The Valley News is developed and delivered each quarter to as many Upper Hutt residents as feasible

¹ Annual Community Survey

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COST OF SERVICE STATEMENT	Forecast Annual Plan Year 1 2009/10 (\$ 000)	Forecast LTCCP Year 2 2010/11 (\$ 000)	Forecast Annual Plan Year 2 2010/11 (\$ 000)	Forecast Variation Year 2 2010/11 (\$ 000)
Operating Statement				
Rates	1,919	1,958	1,926	(32)
Operating Income	68	189	112	(77)
Total Operating Revenue	1,987	2,147	2,038	(109)
Operating Costs	1,958	2,170	2,068	(102)
Interest	0	0	0	0
Depreciation	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Costs	1,958	2,170	2,068	(102)
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	29	(23)	(30)	(7)
Capital and Reserves Funding Statement				
Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Loans Repayments	0	0	0	0
Operating (Surplus)/Deficit	(29)	23	30	7
Transfer to Funds	0	0	0	0
Total Funding Required	(29)	23	30	7
Funding from Non-Cash Expenses	(29)	(27)	(4)	23
Loans Raised	0	0	0	0
Transfer from Funds	0	50	34	(16)
Transfer from Funds Applied	(29)	23	30	7