

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
- 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.

Council has a statutory obligation to be involved. The work of the City Planning team also influences the future direction of development in the city by balancing the demand for rural lifestyle developments, identifying suitable new areas for residential development, balancing the demands for employment growth and protecting significant landscape features.

Proposed projects:

Maymorn structure plan - a key growth site identified by the Urban Growth Strategy

Council proposes to continue with the preparation of a structure plan for the Maymorn area to enable future urban development. A draft structure plan will inform a change to the Upper Hutt District Plan.

City planning projects

Council will implement the findings of the Southern Hills Environmental Management Study completed in 2008 by Boffa Miskell, in order to protect the ridgeline of the southern hills of the city from inappropriate use and development.

A review of District Plan provisions relating to tree protection within Upper Hutt will reword the Schedule of Notable Trees, and review the existing zonings which afford protection to trees, in the light of changes to the Resource Management Act.

Level of service objectives and performance measures

Objective

Council will meet all relevant statutory requirements.

1. Timeliness resource consents

Indicator	
Performance Measure	Process resource consents within the statutory timeframes
Target 2011-12	Process 95 percent of all resource consents within the statutory timeframes ²

Objective

Council will achieve the sustainable management of Upper Hutt's natural and physical resources.

2. Satisfaction

Indicator	
Performance Measure	Community satisfaction with council's current resource management practices
Target 2011-12	87.5 percent of respondents are satisfied or very satisfied ¹

3. Information

Indicator	
Performance Measure	Response to customer enquiries
Target 2011-12	Respond within one working day to 90 percent of requests made ²

4. Compliance

Indicator	
Performance Measure	Response to District Plan compliance complaints
Target 2011-12	Provide initial response to complaint within one working day to 90 percent of requests made ²

5. Urban Growth Strategy

Indicator	
Performance Measure	Urban Growth Strategy Implementation Programme
Target 2011-12	Implement District Plan changes in accordance with the timeline approved by council ²

¹Annual Community Survey

²In-house Monitoring

City planning

Works programme	Forecast LTCCP Year 3 2011-12 (\$000)	Forecast Annual Plan Year 3 2011-12 (\$000)	Forecast Variation Year 3 2011-12 (\$000)	Source of Funding 2011-12
Primary projects (new and ongoing)				
Urban growth strategy	38	38	0	Rates
Total	38	38	0	

Note: two projects, sustainability strategy and eco-friendly incentives were transferred to Support Services from the LTCCP projections

Approved carryover projects from previous year's budget	Funded by
Urban Growth Strategy	35 Rates

Cost of service statement	Forecast Annual Plan Year 2 2010-11 (\$ 000)	Forecast LTCCP Year 3 2011-12 (\$ 000)	Forecast Annual Plan Year 3 2011-12 (\$ 000)	Forecast Variation Year 3 2011-12 (\$ 000)
Operating statement				
General rates	1,158	1,118	1,005	(113)
Operating income	447	803	609	(194)
Total operating revenue	1,605	1,921	1,614	(307)
Operating costs	1,544	1,402	1,317	(85)
Interest	0	0	0	0
Depreciation	0	0	0	0
Total operating costs	1,544	1,402	1,317	(85)
Operating surplus/(deficit)	61	519	297	(222)
Capital and reserves funding statement				
Capital expenditure	0	0	0	0
Loans repayments	0	0	0	0
Operating (surplus)/deficit	(61)	(519)	(297)	222
Transfer to funds	200	528	300	(228)
Total funding required	139	9	3	(6)
Funding from non-cash expenses	5	9	3	(6)
Loans raised	0	0	0	0
Transfer from funds	0	0	0	0
Accumulated funds	134	0	0	0
Transfer from funds applied	139	9	3	(6)