



# Progress Papakura

## Draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2006 - 2016 Summary

### A Ten Year Plan

Papakura District Council is producing a ten year plan that sets out the framework for the development of the District in that period. This plan outlines key issues and opportunities for Papakura in the coming ten years and together with feedback from the community will help us set a direction for many years to come.

Ultimately, this will help shape how our District looks in the year 2050.

In order to build a successful and sustainable future for all the people of Papakura, we know we need a clear understanding of what people want for the future. Through consultation with the community we want to give people a chance to take part in this decision-making.

Feedback from groups and individuals in Papakura has helped guide the creation of the plan, and this consultation document provides an overview of what is proposed in order to meet the expectations of the people of Papakura and to help the District grow and develop.

Though the plan will be updated and revisited regularly, it is important that the community grasp this opportunity to express their views on where we should be heading. This newsletter summarises the key matters in our ten year plan.

### Maintaining and improving base services

We have identified a base level of activity that will enable us to continue to provide current services and facilities at a minimum of today's level but with substantial improvements in road and stormwater maintenance. We have also funded depreciation of all our major assets for the first time this year and this cost is a key contributor to the 5.9% rates increase for year one of the plan. Years two to ten have been adjusted to include inflation and show annual increases in the base budget between 2.3% and 7.8% and a steady increase in debt.

### What will it cost?

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
The rates requirement for each year for the baseline budget (\$000)										
\$20,457	\$22,023	\$23,469	\$25,266	\$26,964	\$28,695	\$29,946	\$30,892	\$31,820	\$33,237	\$33,975
The effect on rates										
	5.9%	6.6%	7.8%	6.8%	6.5%	4.4%	3.2%	3.1%	4.5%	2.3%
Debt (\$000 - internal and external)										
\$18,500	\$21,500	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$45,000	\$47,000	\$52,000	\$54,000	\$57,000	\$60,000

## Key themes

Papakura is set to grow. Demand for housing, for industrial land, for enhanced linkages with transport networks is increasing by the day.

New schools, more residents, new businesses, more traffic - all these will be part of our path forward in the next ten, twenty and even fifty years. Over the coming five decades, our population is predicted to double.

We need to plan for growth now.

Our growing population and consequent increase in demand place pressure on Council as provider of high quality infrastructure and services to the District and as manager of development processes.

We have already undertaken consultation to get a clear idea of what the people of Papakura want to see in a ten year plan. This gave us a set of themes we call Community Outcomes. You have told us you place high importance on a range of issues and opportunities.

These are: caring for and having access to the natural environment, living in a safe and stable community, supporting arts and recreation and healthy lifestyles, taking pride in our community and heritage, having a vibrant and welcoming town centre, living in well planned "built" environments, and helping young people - our rangatahi - realise their true potential.

## Progress Papakura

Progress Papakura, the Council's Draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2006 - 2016, is divided into four sections. **Volume One** - the Community Plan - sets out how a wide range of organisations work toward outcomes the community is seeking; **Volume Two** sets out Council activities that meet outcomes identified by the community and its other statutory obligations. **Volumes Three and Four** contain supporting information relating to Council's activities.

# Option Packages

## Baseline Budget

The base budget is grouped into eleven sets of activities:

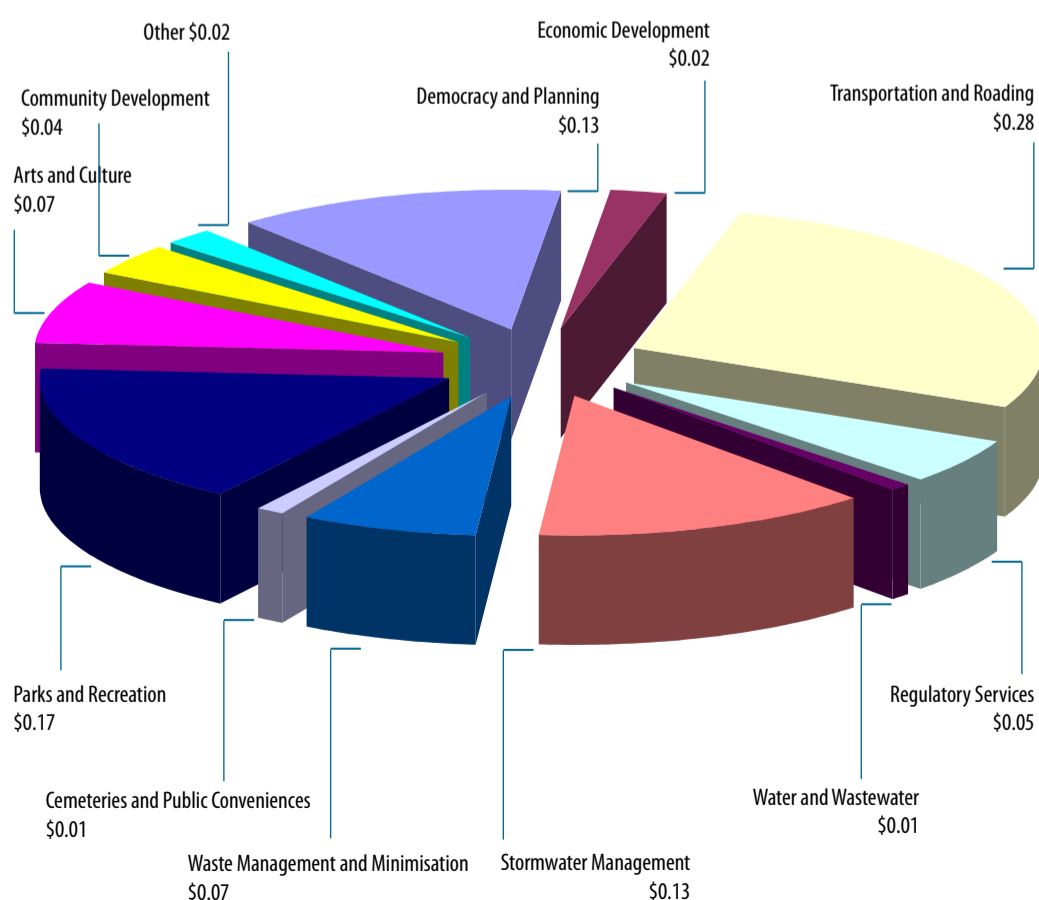
- Democracy and Planning
- Economic Development
- Transportation and Rooding
- Community Development
- Regulatory Services
- Monitoring of Water and Wastewater
- Stormwater Management
- Waste Management and Minimisation
- Cemeteries and Public Conveniences
- Parks and Recreation
- Arts and Culture
- Community Development

The proportion of the rates spent on each group of activities is shown in the chart below.

While the base budget does not include any significant new facilities or projects (these are identified in the optional packages set out in this material) it does include substantial increased expenditure in relation to maintaining and renewing infrastructure e.g. roads, footpaths and stormwater pipes.

The ongoing growth of the District requires substantial investment in new infrastructure and while contributions from developers offset a large part of the costs of these works, there is still a need to fund the remainder and this results in a steady but sustainable increase in debt and operating costs.

## How your rates are spent



## Options for the future

We have identified a baseline budget which enables us to provide a full range of services and also to maintain momentum in areas like roading and stormwater.

Now, we are asking the Community to tell us what they see as priorities to help the District grow and develop.

A range of exciting projects have been proposed that enable us to work toward addressing themes identified in the Community Outcomes. We are calling these our "option packages" and they are what we are now seeking your feedback on. They group activities into the following areas: Town Centre, Young People, Arts and Culture, Built Environment, Natural Environment, Infrastructure, Sports and Recreation, and Safe and Stable Community.

Like our base service activities, these optional activities all come with a cost, and will need to be funded from a mix of rates and loans. The cost of each package over the ten year period is set out in this document. Where these are capital projects the costs may continue beyond the ten year period.

## Town Centre



The Town Centre is a focal point for the district and there is strong community support for the notion of the Town Centre as the heart of the District.

The proposal is to provide a streetscape upgrade and new pedestrian and street lighting to have a real impact on the "look and feel" of the Town Centre. This proposal would aim to make a significant upgrade to the overall look of the Town Centre.

The streetscape upgrade would include footpaths, seating, rubbish bins and pedestrian crossings. Street planting would also be a consideration. The aim of the upgrade is to create a sense of "arrival" and to ensure that the town centre is a place that residents are proud of and where people want to visit. The street lighting project would see new street lights established around the Town Centre. The new lights will create a lighter, brighter town centre in the evening and help make it a safe place to be, day and night.

### What will it cost?

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
The additional rate impact this proposal will have										
	\$0	\$158K	\$342K	\$544K	\$563K	\$576K	\$588K	\$601K	\$614K	\$627K
The effect on rates										
	0%	0.7%	1.4%	2.0%	2.0%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	1.8%	1.8%
The additional loans raised for this proposal										
	\$1,580K	\$1,838K	\$2,017K	\$198K	\$122K	\$124K	\$127K	\$129K	\$131K	\$133K

These costs will be on-going until loans are repaid.

## Young people



Through consultation, the people of Papakura have expressed a strong wish that the Council focus on activities that help to develop the potential of our young people. The aim of this project is to provide a number of new facilities and services for young people through additional recreational spaces, a new arts/performance focused youth centre and enhancing the facilities for children and families at the Elizabeth Campbell Centre.

The first stage of this proposal would see the creation of new recreational "open spaces" for youth in the district. It would build on the success of the skatepark programme at Ray Small Park by providing for other youth-focused recreational facilities such as streetball and "youth activity zones".

The second proposal is to establish and run a Youth Arts Centre at the redeveloped Papakura Recreation Centre offering youth related services along with music rehearsal, recording and performance facilities. The project reflects the community outcomes process where young people stated strongly they wanted a centre with facilities that were not available anywhere else in the district. In addition, the project would address the need for refurbishment of the Recreation and Fitness Centre within the next five years.

Recently, Council has encouraged the co-location of services targeting children and families through providing facilities for Plunket Services and the Toy Library at the Elizabeth Campbell Centre. This third stage of the proposal would provide additional facilities at the centre allowing other services to re-locate there.

The final stage provides for the delivery of youth projects and builds on the success of current community development activities. Funding for the projects is expected to be complemented with funding from central government agencies.

### What will it cost?

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
The additional rate impact this proposal will have									
\$0	\$1K	\$7K	\$30K	\$356K	\$367K	\$377K	\$388K	\$398K	\$409K
The effect on rates									
0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%
The additional loans raised for this proposal									
\$65K	\$67K	\$227K	\$1,695K	\$72K	\$73K	\$75K	\$76K	\$77K	\$79K

These costs will be on-going until loans are repaid.

## Built environment



Many of the activities of Council have a major influence on the built environment – the way the district develops. However, the existing tools that Council can use such as the Resource Management Act and by-laws are limited in some areas.

The proposal is about making more "tools" available and also investing in improved walking and cycling infrastructure. During the Community Outcomes process many people expressed the view that the District should be well planned with good quality buildings, both residential and commercial.

There are two main elements to this proposal:

### Improving Urban Design

Improving the design and quality of buildings by creating a more rigorous set of rules and guidelines for developers, employing expert urban design advice on some development proposals and identifying all of our important cultural and heritage features that need to be protected.

### What will it cost?

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
The additional rate impact this proposal will have									
\$40K	\$72K	\$116K	\$87K	\$117K	\$33K	\$34K	\$34K	\$35K	\$35K
The effect on rates									
0.2%	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
The additional loans raised for this proposal									

### Walking and cycling strategy implementation

Providing improved walking and cycling facilities following the adoption of the Walking and Cycling Strategy (currently out for consultation). Please see our website or call Council if you wish to have a copy of the draft Strategy

### What will it cost?

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
The additional rate impact this proposal will have									
\$60K	\$111K	\$166K	\$227K	\$279K	\$334K	\$404K	\$462K	\$513K	\$585K
The effect on rates									
0.3%	0.5%	0.7%	0.8%	1.0%	1.1%	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	1.7%
The additional loans raised for this proposal									
\$500K	\$528K	\$594K	\$514K	\$534K	\$686K	\$575K	\$501K	\$711K	\$520K

These costs will be on-going until loans are repaid.

## Consultation period

The consultation period for Progress Papakura begins 24 March 2006 and ends 26 April 2006. Progress Papakura hearings will be held early May at Level 4 - Accent Point.

# Option Packages

## Infrastructure



The Council provides a range of infrastructure to support the day to day activities of residents and business. This infrastructure includes roads, footpaths, stormwater pipes and ponds and public toilets. During the Community Outcomes process there was a strong message about keeping the District tidy and maintaining our roads and pipes to a better standard.

Currently Council maintains, replaces or renews this infrastructure to a certain standard. The base budget already includes an improved level of renewal and replacement of these assets over time – primarily roading and stormwater. In addition there is the opportunity to maintain and upgrade our assets to a higher standard for an additional cost. The proposal is to increase the levels of service in a number of areas as follows:

### Roading and footpaths

In this area we would improve the frequency of inspection and minor repairs to footpaths and roads, increase the frequency of kerbside spraying and mowing of rural roads, replace our road signs faster as they deteriorate, improve the standard of road marking, maintain the carriageway lighting at a better standard and sweep roadsides more frequently.

In addition there is the opportunity to upgrade some of the turning areas in industrial roads. These are the ends of cul-de-sacs in industrial areas which would be upgraded to have proper turning circles.

#### What will it cost?

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
The additional rate impact this proposal will have									
\$132K	\$206K	\$272K	\$361K	\$430K	\$481K	\$566K	\$647K	\$737K	\$799K
The effect on rates									
0.6%	0.9%	1.1%	1.3%	1.5%	1.6%	1.8%	2.0%	2.2%	2.4%
The additional loans raised for this proposal									
\$180K	\$185K	\$189K	\$193K		\$201K	\$204K			

These costs will be on-going until loans are repaid.

### Stormwater

Improvements in stormwater would cover the regular clearing of cesspits and drains to prevent flooding problems.

#### What will it cost?

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
The additional rate impact this proposal will have									
\$0	\$26K	\$27K	\$28K	\$58K	\$60K	\$62K	\$126K	\$129K	\$132K
The effect on rates									
0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
The additional loans raised for this proposal									

### Public toilets

The frequency of the cleaning of public toilets would be increased. In addition there is the opportunity to speed up the programme of replacing toilets in key areas. Currently the programme is: 2006/07 - Ray Small Park new toilet, 2007/08 – Town Centre new toilet, 2008/09 – Village Green toilets, 2009/10 Bruce Pulman Park.

The proposal is to speed up the programme by implementing the Ray Small Park and the Town Centre toilets in 2006/07 and then bring the rest of the programme forward one year.

#### What will it cost?

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
The additional rate impact this proposal will have									
\$32K	\$45K	\$46K	\$47K	\$47K	\$48K	\$49K	\$50K	\$50K	\$51K
The effect on rates									
0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
The additional loans raised for this proposal									
\$120K									

These costs will be on-going until loans are repaid.

## Natural Environment



Papakura is fortunate to have excellent natural environment, from the rugged volcanic foothills to the east to our interaction with the Manukau Harbour.

Preserving and enhancing this and also maintaining public access are strong themes from our consultation with the community.

The proposal focuses on the Pahurehure Inlet and its management, allowing for a range of enhancements to the Inlet area once the Pahurehure Inlet Management Plan is finalised.

The work could include a more extensive walkway network, improved signage, maintenance of the environment and building an eco-centre that communicates the many natural values of the Inlet.

In addition, it is proposed to increase the number of school-based stormwater education programmes run by Council.

# Arts and culture



Council provides a range of facilities that enable the community to take part in arts and cultural activity. There is an expectation from the community that the Council will continue to do so and will play a role in developing new facilities for the arts and culture.

## Fostering the Arts

The most significant project proposed by far is the Arts and Culture Centre. While people say they appreciate provision of the facilities we already have, many local people say the District lacks a focal point for the creativity that flows through the community. There is a strong call for one unifying arts facility that can put our creativity on show.

This proposal details an ambitious but achievable vision for the establishment of such a centre. Though the actual format of a management structure and trust is yet to be established, Council would make contributions to both the capital (building) and operating (running) costs of the project.

In addition, it is proposed to employ a full time person to work with the arts community, facilitate the development of Council facilities and support local arts groups.

### What will it cost?

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
The additional rate impact this proposal will have									
\$60K	\$262K	\$684K	\$694K	\$704K	\$713K	\$721K	\$729K	\$735K	\$742K
The effect on rates									
0.3%	1.1%	2.7%	2.6%	2.5%	2.4%	2.3%	2.3%	2.2%	2.2%
The additional loans raised for this proposal									
\$2,000K	\$1,031K								

These costs will be on-going until loans are repaid.

### What will it cost?

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
The additional rate impact this proposal will have									
\$10K	\$41K	\$84K	\$127K	\$183K	\$252K	\$310K	\$340K	\$365K	\$385K
The effect on rates									
0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.5%	0.6%	0.8%	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%
The additional loans raised for this proposal									
\$100K	\$206K	\$317K	\$433K	\$554K	\$566K	\$288K	\$234K	\$179K	\$121K

These costs will be on-going until loans are repaid.

## Sir Edmund Hillary Library

A major expansion is proposed to begin in 2012 to cater to the growing population of the District. In the mean time it is possible to expand services with Sunday opening, and there is an option to participate in a regional project that would enable us to share resources with other Libraries in the Auckland region.

### What will it cost?

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
The additional rate impact this proposal will have									
\$60K	\$111K	\$115K	\$118K	\$121K	\$123K	\$297K	\$300K	\$302K	\$304K
The effect on rates									
0.3%	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	1.0%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%
The additional loans raised for this proposal									
						\$1,714K			

These costs will be on-going until loans are repaid.

## Hawkins Centre

At the moment the Hawkins Centre is well used by community groups but is not providing a fully-developed programme of shows and events. Some additional funding from Council could be provided to enable the Centre to develop a more extensive and varied programme of shows and events.

### What will it cost?

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
The additional rate impact this proposal will have									
\$0	\$31K	\$32K	\$33K	\$34K	\$34K	\$35K	\$36K	\$36K	\$37K
The effect on rates									
0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
The additional loans raised for this proposal									

# Have your say

It's time for you to tell us what you think of our plans and proposals. Please fill out the enclosed submission form and mail it to us. You are also welcome to present your views directly to Council.

If you wish to attend a Progress Papakura council meeting and add to your submission, please fill out the enclosed submission form before mailing it to:

Freepost 202637  
 Progress Papakura  
 Papakura District Council  
 Private Bag 7  
 Papakura

Or make an online submission at [www.papakura.govt.nz](http://www.papakura.govt.nz)

# Option Packages

## Sports and recreation



Involvement in sports and recreation are key activities that help people enjoy life more and have positive influences on our physical and mental health. Through the provision of parks, sports grounds, and facilities like the Massey Park Aquatic Centre, the Council helps to foster both organised and casual recreation.

The District has an excellent range of sports grounds, parks and open spaces which are maintained by the Council. These offer scope for a wide range of developments to meet the recreational needs of the community as the District grows. In particular, there are opportunities to provide high quality sporting facilities that will attract sports fans from throughout the Auckland region and help build an association between Papakura and a number of top level sports.

### Massey Park

There is an opportunity for Council to initiate a major project with benefits for the community: helping to establish and develop Massey Park into a facility suitable for the Counties Manukau Rugby team's premier games. Managed by a trust or similar community-based group, this would complement existing links with Counties Manukau Rugby, and would bring them "home" from their current temporary grounds at Ericsson Stadium.

Through this exciting proposal, Papakura can become known as the home of Counties Manukau premier rugby. It should be noted also that if the first Massey Park rugby option is not supported there is a second proposal that would see the park further developed from its current standard into a quality "charge" (paid admission) sports ground for the District.

### What will it cost?

Option 1: Massey Park Counties Manukau Rugby Development

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
The additional rate impact this proposal will have									
\$0	\$50K	\$256K	\$1,006K	\$1,016K	\$1,025K	\$1,034K	\$1,042K	\$1,049K	\$1,056K
The effect on rates									
0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	3.7%	3.5%	3.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.2%	3.1%
The additional loans raised for this proposal									
\$500K	\$2,058K	\$3,170K							

These costs will be on-going until loans are repaid.

Option 2: Massey Park General Upgrade

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
The additional rate impact this proposal will have									
\$25	\$28K	\$5K	\$164K	\$164K	\$164K	\$164K	\$164K	\$164K	\$164K
The effect on rates									
0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
The additional loans raised for this proposal									
\$25K	\$26K	\$1,585K							

These costs will be on-going until loans are repaid.

### Bruce Pulman Park

There are proposals to support major sporting development projects at Bruce Pulman Park. The Bruce Pulman Park Trust will present detailed plans and requests for funding to Council during the ten year period covered by this plan.

### What will it cost?

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
The additional rate impact this proposal will have									
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$108K	\$219K	\$332K	\$448K	\$448K	\$448K
The effect on rates									
0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.7%	1.1%	1.4%	1.3%	1.3%
The additional loans raised for this proposal									
			\$1,083K	\$1,108K	\$1,131K	\$1,153K			

These costs will be on-going until loans are repaid.

### Massey Park Aquatic Centre

It is proposed to extend opening hours for the 50m outdoor pool, adding an extra dimension to the recreational offerings at the Massey Park Aquatic Centre. This programme provides for the extension of the outdoor pool season by two months so that the pool is available for an extended period for lane swimming and multi-sport training.

There is a further proposal to later invest in a comprehensive re-development of that facility. The emphasis of this upgrade would be on renewing and revitalising the leisure features to keep pace with leisure trends.

### What will it cost?

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
The additional rate impact this proposal will have									
\$30K	\$31K	\$32K	\$32K	\$33K	\$34K	\$35K	\$35K	\$36K	\$572K
The effect on rates									
0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	1.6%
The additional loans raised for this proposal									
									\$5,355K

These costs will be on-going until loans are repaid.

# Progress Papakura

Progress Papakura, a four volume detailed statement of the ten year plan and its proposals, is available in hard copy from the Papakura District Council offices at 35 Coles Crescent, Papakura, from the Sir Edmund Hillary Library or online at [www.papakura.govt.nz](http://www.papakura.govt.nz).

# Safe and stable community



The Council provides a range of services and activities which help build a community where people feel safe and have a strong sense of belonging. These activities include the provision of events, graffiti removal, crime prevention initiatives and services to ensure that people feel safe such as security at the Park and Ride at the Rail Station.

The base budget already includes provision for a number of community events, security around the town centre, and supporting the community crimewatch patrol. Additional funding could boost events in the district, provide additional security and increase Council's involvement in crime prevention activities.

During the Community Outcomes process, the community expressed a strong – and understandable - desire to live in a safe and stable community and to foster pride in our community. The proposal is to provide an increased level of service or new services in a number of areas as follows:

## Events

The District's residents already enjoy and support community activities such as the Family Fireworks Spectacular, Carols in the Park and the Santa Parade. Additional funding would provide for one extra community event per year.

### What will it cost?

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
The additional rate impact this proposal will have									
\$16K	\$16K	\$17K	\$17K	\$18K	\$18K	\$19K	\$19K	\$19K	\$20K
The effect on rates									
0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
The additional loans raised for this proposal									

## Security: Park and Ride

To date, the Park and Ride security has been funded by Council as a temporary measure until security cameras are installed by the regional body who manage the station. The cameras were installed in January 2006. The proposal is to continue to fund the security patrols once the cameras are operational.

### What will it cost?

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
The additional rate impact this proposal will have									
\$70K	\$72K	\$74K	\$75K	\$77K	\$78K	\$79K	\$81K	\$82K	\$83K
The effect on rates									
0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%
The additional loans raised for this proposal									

## Security: car parking on reserves

Currently, car parks on the reserves managed by Council are not locked and are left open and accessible at all times. There have been a number of instances of anti-social behaviour and littering in some reserves. This proposal would provide for installation of gates at reserve car parks and locking and securing of the car parks from dusk to dawn.

### What will it cost?

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
The additional rate impact this proposal will have									
\$0	\$10K	\$52K	\$53K	\$54K	\$55K	\$56K	\$56K	\$57K	\$58K
The effect on rates									
0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
The additional loans raised for this proposal									

\$154K

These costs will be on-going until loans are repaid.

## Crime prevention

There are two initiatives under this heading, with one of the projects having a focus on youth crime prevention. The first project relates to the Local Crime Prevention Plan. The Plan includes an initiative to boost the capacity of the local Community Crimewatch Patrol. Increased funds for this service would result in a greater number of patrols in the district.

The second project relates to youth crime prevention. It is worth noting that this would be a new service for Council to provide and an area Council has not previously had involvement with. The Local Crime Prevention Plan has identified a project aimed at preventing youth crime by providing additional youth truancy services to those provided by the Ministry of Education.

### What will it cost?

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
The additional rate impact this proposal will have									
\$45K	\$67K	\$69K	\$71K	\$73K	\$74K	\$76K	\$77K	\$78K	\$80K
The effect on rates									
0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
The additional loans raised for this proposal									

## Community House

The Community House concept is about bringing together community organisations into a single purpose-built facility. Currently, community organisations are spread throughout a number of converted residential properties creating duplication of building and office costs. By bringing compatible organisations together into a purpose-built facility a greater proportion of resources can be invested in delivering services to the community.

### What will it cost?

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
The additional rate impact this proposal will have									
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$57K	\$57K	\$57K	\$57K
The effect on rates									
0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
The additional loans raised for this proposal									

\$566K

These costs will be on-going until loans are repaid.

# Policies, rates, fees and charges

A range of our policies and fee schedules are likely to be updated as part of the LTCCP process. More complete detail is available in the four volumes of Progress Papakura, but some key changes proposed are to:

## Development Contributions Policy

One way of funding work arising from development activity is through contributions from land developers. These recognise the additional capability needed in storm water, roading and other areas, and the cost to Council of providing such services to new developments. In Papakura District, these relate mainly to network infrastructure (roads and stormwater) and to community infrastructure (parks and other facilities). There have been significant changes to Papakura District Council's Development Contributions Policy to ensure fairness and consistency in application in the following areas:

- Interest
- The scope of the Policy
- Validity period for assessment of contribution rates
- Credit for existing developments
- Powers to delegate review, remission and postponement
- Definitions
- Catchment boundaries
- Demand factors

We are seeking comment on the changes we have made. The Development Contributions Policy can be found in full in Volume Four of Progress Papakura.

## Fees and Charges

Fees and charges for Council services are set out in detail in Volume Two of Progress Papakura. They have been reviewed and adjusted to better align with Council's revenue and financing policies which set out whether particular services or activities are funded more by user charges or general rates. We are seeking comment on the changes we have made. The most significant changes are in the Regulatory area, particularly Resource Consent, Building Consent and Dog Registration fees. These have been increased to recover the costs from the people who use the services rather than the ratepayers as a whole.

## Changes to Rating Policy

There are changes to rating policy proposed and set out in detail in Volume Four of Progress Papakura. They cover the following areas:

- Waste Management
- Uniform Annual General Charge
- Auckland War Memorial and MOTAT targeted rates
- Changes to residential, outer residential and residential/business rating areas
- Aligning rates costs with benefits received
- Rural rates base differential
- Drury business group rates
- Business in residential zones
- New rating group for business in rural zones
- Early payment discounts

There are also changes to policies on remission and postponement of rates for community groups and new criteria for circumstances where penalties applied to rates can be set aside. We are seeking comment on the changes to rating policy.

## Changes to Revenue and Financing Policy

This policy has been completely reviewed and the new policy is set out in Volume Four of Progress Papakura. Most changes simply confirm long standing practice. The two major changes of substance are the proposal to fully fund depreciation on all assets and the move to user pays funding of domestic refuse collection.

## Other information

Progress Papakura, a four volume detailed statement of the ten year plan and its proposals, is available in hard copy from the Papakura District Council offices at 35 Coles Crescent, Papakura, from the Sir Edmund Hillary Library or online at [www.papakura.govt.nz](http://www.papakura.govt.nz).

## Consultation period

The consultation period for Progress Papakura begins 24 March 2006 and ends 26 April 2006. Progress Papakura hearings will be held in early May at Level 4, Accent Point, 28 East Street, Papakura.

## Elected members

If you wish to discuss any aspect of Progress Papakura, your elected members of Council are:

Mayor John Robertson

Councillor Glenn W Archibald, Pahurehure Ward

Councillor Caroline Conroy, Ardmore Ward

Councillor Peter C Goldsmith, Drury Ward

Councillor Nancy Hawks, Pahurehure Ward

Councillor Desmond Heard, Red Hill Ward

Councillor Peter Jones, Drury Ward

Councillor Raymond Parker, Ardmore Ward

Councillor Katrina Piggott, Red Hill Ward

## Need to know more?

We have produced a comprehensive series of four publications which form the plan, which is available from the Council offices and from the Sir Edmund Hillary Library at Accent Point on East Street. Detailed information and copies of this document and the submission form can also be found on the Council web site at [www.papakura.govt.nz](http://www.papakura.govt.nz)



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