

The Chairman and Councillors
Bay of Plenty Regional Council

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a meeting of the **Bay of Plenty Regional Council** will be held in **Council Meeting Room One, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, 5 Quay Street, Whakatane** on:

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Until 2 working days before meeting on:

Tuesday, 7 June 2011

commencing at 9.30 a.m.

The purpose of the Council meeting is to deliberate on the Annual Plan 2011/2012

Bill Bayfield
Chief Executive

31 May 2011



Committee Membership

Chairman:	Chairman J Cronin
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Secretary:	S Cubbon

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Agenda

E te Atua nui tonu, ko matau enei e inoi atu nei ki a koe, kia tau mai te maramatanga ki a matau whakarite mo tenei ra, arahina hoki matau, e eke ai te oranga tonu ki nga ahuatanga katoa a nga tangata ki to matau rohe whanui tonu. Amine

“Almighty God we ask that you give us wisdom in the decisions we make here today and give us guidance in working with our regional communities to promote their social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. Amen”.

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Report To: Regional Council
Meeting Date: 07 June 2011
Report From: Bill Bayfield, Chief Executive

Annual Plan 2011/12 and Other Statements of Proposal - Deliberations Position Paper on Submissions Received

Executive Summary

The Bay of Plenty Regional Council received 69 regular submissions to its Draft Annual Plan 2011/12, Statement on the New Policy on Remission and Postponement of Rates, Draft Section 36 RMA Charges and Draft Port Charges.

On Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 May, Council heard 40 individuals, groups and organisations present their submissions at hearings. Council must now deliberate in public on all the submissions received. The purpose of this report is to provide staff advice to assist Council deliberations on the Annual Plan 2011/12 and recommendations on the major issues raised in submissions. A summary of the financial impact of the recommended changes is also included at the end of this report. A report outlining staff recommendations on all other submission points is appended.

Following deliberations the Draft Annual Plan 2011/12 will be updated to reflect Council's decisions at deliberations. Council will meet again on Thursday 23 June 2011 to adopt the Annual Plan 2011/12.

1 Recommendations

That the Regional Council:

- 1 Receives the report, Annual Plan 2011/12 and Other Statements of Proposal - Deliberations Position Paper on Submissions Received.**
- 2 Confirms that the significance of the decision has been assessed as MEDIUM, and under Section 79 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) confirms the written record of the manner in which section 77 and section 78 matters have been addressed.**

Notes it has considered all submissions received to its Draft Annual Plan 2011/12 and other Statements of Proposal.

- 3 Allocates an additional \$20,000 to the Natural Environment Regional Monitoring Programme (p.81) to provide for two (2) 2011/12 summer students to process and analyse samples from Tauranga moana to help quantify the biological health of the harbour.**

- 4 Allocates an additional \$4.16M from reserves to the Regional Infrastructure Fund programme budget (p.89) and adds to the list of projects in the Annual Plan that will receive direct funding in 2011/12.
- 5 Provides \$1.8M to Tauranga City Council from reserves to contribute to the rates funded component of the Judea Link Package of the Southern Pipeline.
- 6 Provides \$60,000 to Rotorua District Council from reserves to contribute to the cost of the Paradise Valley sewerage scheme.
- 7 Provides an additional loan of \$2.3M for capital works to the Major River Schemes; and
 Increases the targeted rate for the Major River and Drainage Schemes to collect a further \$556,567 (\$465,000 to replenish reserves, and \$91,567 to service the loan) compared to the Draft Annual Plan 2011/12; and
 Increases the general rate to collect a further \$131,489 (\$110,000 to replenish reserves, and \$21,489 to service the loan) compared to the Draft Annual Plan 2011/12.
- 8 Continues to monitor the implementation of the Navigation Safety Bylaw in 11/12 and uses the Bylaw suspension mechanism to address the operational matters in the Rotorua Lakes.
- 9 Declines EECA's submission in terms of the Annual Plan but notes to EECA that it will be considering this matter as part of the 2012 Ten Year Plan.
- 10 Increases the Non-Statutory Policy, Strategies and Plans Programme budget (p.46) by \$100,000 to cover the cost of additional spatial planning work in the region, including the review of the SmartGrowth Strategy in 2012 and investigating integrated planning across the wider region; and
 Adds a new Key Project to the Strategic Policy Activity (p.43): 'Review the SmartGrowth Strategy and investigate integrated planning across the wider region'.
- 11 Increases the operational budget of the Māori Engagement programme (p.52) by \$100,000 to support a pilot iwi secondment initiative; and
 Adds a new Key Project to the Sustainable Communities Activity (p.49): 'Pilot an iwi secondment initiative'.
- 12 Prepares the section 36 charges for adoption as proposed, with no change to the Regional/ Impact Monitoring charges for surface and groundwater takes.
- 13 Prepares the new Policy on Remission and Postponement of Rates for adoption as proposed, without change; and
 Prepares the Draft Port Charges for adoption as proposed, without change.
- 14 Includes an additional \$600,000 in the Major Rivers and Drainage Schemes Programmes Operating Expenditure budget (p.96) to cover the cost of insurance premiums funded 80:20 from targeted rates to general funds.

- 15 Increases the general rate to collect a further \$2,100 for loan repayments for the Whakatāne- Waimana River Scheme (p.97); and**

Increases targeted rates for the Whakatāne- Waimana River Scheme (p.27) to collect a further \$8,500 bringing the total collected for this scheme to \$1,234,979 (from the proposed \$1,226,479).

- 16 Decreases the Corporate Services operating budget (p.101) by \$100,000 due to fuel efficiencies; and**

Decreases the Organisational Planning and Reporting programme operating budget (p.41) by \$150,000; and

Decreases the Information Technology capital budget (p.103) by \$150,000 by implementing the thin client strategy.

- 17 Accepts the recommendations set out in the appended *Staff Recommendations Report*.**

- 18 Declines the Home of Cycling Trust's request for \$4M at this time.**

Introduction

Council has now received and heard submission to the Draft Annual Plan 2011/12. Staff have provided recommended responses to most submissions, in the appended *Staff Recommendations Report*. This report identifies some of the more substantive submission points to be deliberated on. There are a number of key issues that were identified through the submission process. Some of these require further investigation or discussion and some are better dealt with under the Ten Year Plan process. There is great value in Council receiving and recognising these points from the community. Council may wish to identify and debate such matters over the coming months at relevant committee meetings. This approach is suggested because some of these matters may require a change in Council's policies.

This report takes Council through the key points that require a Council decision. Staff have also provided an indication of the financial impact of each decision, and this is summed up at the end of the report.

Staff have identified what we consider to be the major issues raised in the submissions and hearings that require a specific deliberation discussion.

Having heard the submissions, there will be other issues and points that you may wish to add to a list for discussion. You may wish to identify these points at the beginning of your deliberations.

In addition you also need to specifically deliberate on the Resource Management Act 1991 Section 36 Charges Policy, Draft Port Charges, and the new Policy on the Remission and Postponement of Rates. These proposals have been subject to a public consultation process in parallel with the Draft Annual Plan.

On this basis staff suggest the following order for your deliberation discussions:

- Annual Plan
 - Non- infrastructure funding requests
 - Infrastructure funding requests
 - Sewerage reticulation schemes

- Joint Rivers Scheme
 - Other requests
 - Section 36 Charges, and other Statements of Proposal
 - Scheme Matters
 - Cost savings
 - Capital Carry Forwards
 - Staff recommendations on remaining submission points
- Other submission topics councillors wish to discuss and deliberate on
- Ten Year Plan
 - Home of Cycling
 - Other points

Each topic is summed up with a staff recommendation based on current policy, or decisions previously made by Council that have set a precedent. The recommendations are therefore not staff opinion – they are technical recommendations.

In addition to the major issues discussed in this report there are a few other minor changes arising from the submission process that staff recommend be made to the Annual Plan 2011/12. None of these materially affect expenditure or income or would require a change to current Council policy. Staff therefore recommend that you accept the recommendations on these matters as outlined in the *Staff Recommendations Report* appended to this agenda.

2 Submissions and Hearings

The hearing of submissions on Council's Draft Annual Plan 2011/2012, Statement on the New Policy on Remission and Postponement of Rates, Draft Section 36 RMA Charges and Draft Port Charges took place in Tauranga on Monday 16 May, and in Rotorua and Whakatāne on Tuesday 17 May 2011.

A total of 69 regular submissions were received. Forty six (46) organisations and individuals had indicated that they wished to be heard at the hearings. However you only heard 40 submitters – 24 in Tauranga, ten in Rotorua and six in Whakatane. Council also received over 800 automated, but individual, submissions in support of a submission from the Home of Cycling Trust. The Trust spoke at the hearings, with five individuals in attendance supporting the Trust's submission. Six submissions were late.

3 Annual Plan

3.1 Non- infrastructure funding requests

There are a number of submissions that request (non-infrastructure) additional funding over \$10K to be allocated in the Draft Annual Plan 2011/12. These are:

Point	\$ Requested	Matter	Staff Recommended Response	AP11/12 Financial Impact
53 - 4	\$90,000	The 3 Chambers of Commerce (led by Eastern Bay) request funding for a regional economic	Decline: The sustainable regional development programme has already been increased	N/A

Point	\$ Requested	Matter	Staff Recommended Response	AP11/12 Financial Impact
		<p>capability strategy/ development proposal and implementation. \$60K in 11/12 (half the cost of developing the strategy) then \$30K in 12/13 towards implementation.</p> <p>This was also supported by submission 59 – 5.</p>	<p>in 11/12 compared to 10/11. This will help to build capability in the region. Regional Council does not fund entities for skill development or training.</p>	
67 - 1	\$72,000	<p>Tauranga Environment Centre requests that BOPRC become a core funder of the centre.</p>	<p>Decline:</p> <p>In the past, Council has provided funding to this organisation on relevant projects that align to Council's role. Staff are happy to meet with TEC and consider further project funding where they are aligned to Council's role. Many of the programmes and projects delivered by this organisation don't align to Council's core role but to other organisations' responsibilities so it is more appropriate to work with the Centre on a project basis.</p>	N/A
76 - 1	\$60,000	<p>The Bowentown Boating and Sport Fishing Club requested funding for dredging and maintaining the Bowentown boat ramp.</p> <p>[This was also supported by submitter 77 – 3.]</p>	<p>Decline:</p> <p>Council has engaged with the submitter to determine what funding sources might be available to scope the work programme the submitter has identified.</p> <p>Much of what is proposed is outside of the responsibilities of Council.</p> <p>The Council supports the action of the Bowentown Boating and Sport Fishing Club in applying for consent to dredge the Pio Channel.</p> <p>Obtaining the consent may be time consuming and expensive depending on the extent of opposition to the proposal. Council will</p>	N/A

Point	\$ Requested	Matter	Staff Recommended Response	AP11/12 Financial Impact
			<p>provide support as appropriate to this process.</p> <p>BOPRC will consider Tauranga harbour and dredging channels throughout the region as part of the Ten Year Plan.</p>	
37 - 1	\$45,750	The Eastern Coastguard requested funding support for communication and education resources.	<p>Decline:</p> <p>Council recognises the good work done by Eastern Coastguard region in coordinating and assisting with activities and initiatives associated with navigation safety, civil defence and public education across the entire coastal area of the Bay of Plenty Region. The importance of Bay of Plenty Regional Council working collaboratively with Coastguard to cost effectively increase public safety is acknowledged (note that Council compensates Coastguard for the work that they carry out for the Regional Council).</p> <p>While Council regrettably declines making a provision of \$45,750 as requested by Coastguard in the Annual Plan, it encourages Coastguard to work with Council staff to increase efficiencies for both organisations.</p> <p>Inclusion of collaborative efforts to reduce or share overall costs is encouraged for consideration and inclusion in the Ten Year Plan.</p>	N/A
90 - 1	Cost not specified	Manaaki Taha Moana requests ongoing support to fund 3 summer students, and to process and analyse samples from	<p>Accept in Part:</p> <p>While this request is outside of the range of actions identified in Council's letter</p>	\$20K general funds

Point	\$ Requested	Matter	Staff Recommended Response	AP11/12 Financial Impact
		<p>Tauranga moana.</p> <p>[Cost of 2 students plus associated overhead costs = \$20K]</p>	<p>of support for the Manaaki Taiao project there are significant co-benefits for the Council out of the information that this student role would provide to our science programme.</p> <p>Council is willing to provide funding for two students to be employed by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council for the 11/12 summer. With full access to the wet lab in Whakatāne, two students should be able to carry out the required work.</p>	
90 – 2	\$11,666	Manaaki Taha Moana requests funding for office space.	<p>Decline:</p> <p>It is not appropriate that the Council contributes to the funding of accommodation for the Manaaki Taiao. Council's letter of support identified a range of supporting actions that it is committed to providing but did not include funding for office accommodation.</p>	N/A
2 - 1	\$10,000	Surf Life Saving NZ requested funding to acknowledge the role that SLSNZ play towards achieving Community Outcomes.	<p>Decline:</p> <p>While Surf Lifesaving provides an excellent service to the community, it does not align to Council's core functions and responsibilities.</p>	N/A
43 - 1	\$10,000	Colours of Life requested funding for an Environmental and Heritage Educational Resource at Sydenham Botanical Park, Brookfield as a joint project with TCC.	<p>Decline:</p> <p>Council provides funds to groups and some organisations to enable them to enhance the environment and awareness through the Environmental Enhancement Fund. This group could apply to this competitive fund for a grant to carry out this work.</p>	N/A

Financial Impact on the Annual Plan 2011/12:

90 - 1 \$20,000 from general funds for two students to be employed by BOPRC for the 2011/12 summer to study Tauranga moana.

Staff Recommendation 4:

That the Regional Council allocates an additional \$20,000 to the Natural Environment Regional Monitoring Programme (p.81) to provide for two (2) 2011/12 summer students to process and analyse samples from Tauranga moana to help quantify the biological health of the harbour.

3.2 Infrastructure funding requests

There are a number of submissions seeking infrastructure funding from the 11/12 Annual Plan. Most of these requests relate to sewerage schemes. One submission relates to the flood protection schemes.

If Council accepts the staff recommendations on these infrastructure funding requests, it will mean we will need to draw a further \$4.16M from reserves than was proposed in the Draft Annual Plan 11/12. This is on top of what is already allocated to the Regional Infrastructure Fund programme budget.

\$1.8M of the \$4.16M would be paid out at the end of the financial year, so will have no impact on interest income. \$2.3M will be recovered by loan repayments, so the impact is negligible. The remaining \$60,000 is also negligible.

Staff Recommendation 5:

That the Regional Council allocates an additional \$4.16M from reserves to the Regional Infrastructure Fund programme budget (p.89) and adds to the list of projects in the Annual Plan that will receive direct funding in 2011/12.

3.2.1 Sewerage reticulation schemes

We received five submissions requesting substantial funding for sewerage reticulation schemes. Council's current policy on funding sewerage reticulation is simplistic and not sufficiently linked to Council's core roles around water quality. Many of the schemes that would result in significant water quality improvements have already been commissioned. As the focus shifts to more marginal schemes the inadequacies of the policy have become clear. The recommended responses provided recognise the fact that we need to develop an improved policy as part of the Ten Year Plan process. A report will be provided to Council soon, with the intention of resolving the policy issue by December 2011. We need to ensure that our functions align with what is being delivered.

The following applications have sought funding on the basis of what Council has funded in the past. The submissions received were as follows:

Point	\$ Requested	Matter	Staff Recommended Response	AP11/12 Financial Impact
49 -2	\$6M	TCC - Southern Pipeline. Contribution to the Judea Link Package.	Accept in Part: BOPRC reserves expenditure is subject to the Inland Revenue binding ruling, so must be used to	\$1.8M from reserves

Point	\$ Requested	Matter	Staff Recommended Response	AP11/12 Financial Impact
		[See Appendix 1: Memo from TCC for more details]	<p>construct only new infrastructure.</p> <p>Part of the funding requested is approved to assist TCC with the rates funded component of the Judea Link Package of the Southern Pipeline. This package gives TCC greater flexibility in managing flows during an emergency, and reduces the risk of overflows into Tauranga Harbour during major storm events.</p> <p>\$5.9M would be granted over two financial years (\$1.8M in 11/12 and \$4.1M in 12/13).</p> <p>This funding is subject to agreed outcomes being achieved over the funding years, and an independent assessment being carried out to ensure that the agreed outcomes are achieved.</p>	
61 - 11	\$3.35M	WDC - Matatā Edgecumbe Wastewater project	<p>Decline:</p> <p>Council is yet to obtain confirmation that the Ministry of Health will be part-funding the system and any Council grant must be contingent upon co-funding being secured. It is also essential to ensure that the funding grant is correctly calculated. Council will consider this proposal as part of the Ten Year Plan review, when the policy around sewerage reticulation grants will also be reviewed.</p>	N/A
86 - 6	\$290K	WBOPDC seek additional funding to expand the Maketū/ Little Waihī scheme to include about 20 properties that were on the periphery of the approved and funded (in part by BOPRC) scheme. These properties should have been included originally as they will be	<p>Decline:</p> <p>Council has sought confirmation of the extra cost of including these properties into the system. The extra total cost is up to \$553K which equates to a subsidy of \$116K using Council's funding formula.</p> <p>Council is already contributing \$2.1M in 10/11 and believes this funding is sufficient to include the additional properties. Council therefore considers the current contribution to be on condition</p>	N/A

Point	\$ Requested	Matter	Staff Recommended Response	AP11/12 Financial Impact
		contributing to unacceptable discharges.	that the 20 properties are included in the scheme.	
86 - 2	\$35,000 per annum for five years	WBOPDC requests a hardship grant. Maketū – Little Waihī sewerage scheme is going ahead, and currently will mean an increase to each household in Maketū – Little Waihī of approximately \$640p.a.	Accept in Part: Consideration of the development of a 'hardship' grant for the whole region is part of the package of work being prepared as part of the Council's Ten Year Plan work programme. The Maketū/ Little Waihī scheme will not be in operation until the 12/13 financial year. A hardship policy (if adopted by council) should be in place by this time.	N/A
83 - 9	\$60K	RDC – Paradise Valley sewerage scheme	Accept: The request for funding of the Paradise Valley community sewerage reticulation scheme meets the Council's criteria for a funding grant.	\$60,000 from reserves

Financial Impact on the Annual Plan 2011/12:

49 – 2 \$1.8M for TCC Southern Pipeline from reserves (paid at the end of the 11/12 financial year to minimise the impact on investment income). See Appendix 1 for more details about the Judea Link component of the Southern Pipeline.

83 – 9 \$60,000 from reserves for Paradise Valley sewerage reticulation.

Staff Recommendation 6:

That the Regional Council provides \$1.8M to Tauranga City Council from reserves to contribute to the rates funded component of the Judea Link Package of the Southern Pipeline; and

Staff Recommendation 7:

That the Regional Council provides \$60,000 to Rotorua District Council from reserves to contribute to the cost of the Paradise Valley sewerage scheme.

3.2.2 Joint Rivers Scheme

The Joint River Scheme Liaison Group (JLG) comprises liaison group representatives from each of the following major river schemes:

Scheme	Liaison Group Representative
Rangitaiki -Tarawera Rivers Scheme	Colin Holmes, Scottie Muir and Catherine Bull
Whakatāne-Waimana Rivers Scheme	Robert Brosnahan, Haydn Read, Paki Nikora
Wairoeka-Otara Rivers Scheme	Jim Finlay, Jeremy Hedley
Kaituna Catchment Control Scheme	Richard Weld

Council received a submission from the group that stated that stop banks and other infrastructure associated with the River Schemes were significantly damaged during storm events in 2010 and 2011. The cost to repair this damage and to continue to provide the agreed level of service is \$9.4M (\$1.8M for operational expenses to repair damage plus \$7.6M for new infrastructure to continue to provide the agreed level of service).

Scheme managers have identified that all operational expenditure (\$1.8M) would be spent in 2011/12. Of the \$7.6M capital expenditure, 30% (\$2.3M) would be spent in 2011/12 and 70% (\$5.3M) in 2012/13. The submission argued that the communities cannot afford to pay for these improvements. The submission was also supported by submitter 46 - Ōpōtiki District Council.

It was noted at the Operations, Monitoring and Regulations (OMR) committee on Wednesday 23 March 2011 that in developing the next Ten Year Plan Council must address the long term financial sustainability of river management and flood protection schemes.

If Council provides the requested funding in the Annual Plan, in return the scheme members will double their contribution to flood reserves in the 11/12 financial year and investigate the appropriate contribution to reserves thereafter to make the schemes more sustainable long term.

Significant funds have been spent on flood protection works (over and above projected expenditure) in the last decade. The level of service has been called into question – but this matter is best dealt with in the Ten Year Plan.

The current construction season has been interrupted by serious flood events that diverted staff attention to more urgent flood repair works and created a shortage of materials (rock rip-rap) due to it being used for flood repairs. For the last few months repeated wet weather has seriously delayed attempts to get the planned capital expenditure programme back on track. Section 3.7 of this report outlines deferment of capital projects.

Current Council policy is that Council contributes 20% of the cost of any operating expenditure, while 80% is met by scheme members. Capital expenditure is usually loan funded.

The extenuating circumstances of the current situation are that the cost of the repairs to, and new infrastructure for, the River Schemes will have a significant impact on reserve funds and on targeted rates across the region. The landowners benefit financially from Council providing the Flood Protection Schemes. Council has asked staff to investigate the benefit to land owners. Because of the tight timeframe in approving the Annual Plan, staff have not been able to carry out an in depth assessment.

A report went to the Operations, Monitoring and Regulation (OMR) Committee on Wednesday 3 May 2011. The Committee made a decision at that meeting to undertake high priority flood damage repairs. The Committee noted that staff would bring more information regarding funding options for repair works to the Annual Plan 11/12 deliberations. This would also include deferment of capital projects in line with existing policy.

It is understood that the Local Authority Protection Programme (LAPP) will contribute \$1.8M for operational expenses to reinstate the current flood protection infrastructure for the Major River and Drainage Schemes. If this is not provided, funds should be sought from the current account reserves, which will be replenished over the next ten years. The Joint River Schemes submission indicated that users will contribute double what they paid in 10/11 each year for the next ten years beginning in 11/12.

Staff recommend providing a loan to the Joint River Schemes to carry out works on the flood protection schemes. The targeted rate covers 80% of the cost of borrowing and the replenishment of reserves. In the Draft Annual Plan 11/12 Council identified the need to collect \$5,630,983 of targeted rates from the Major River and Drainage Schemes. By carrying out the flood damage work, replenishing reserves, and servicing the loan - the additional impact on targeted rates is \$556,567 (above what was sought in the 11/12 Draft Annual Plan).

The general rate covers 20% of the cost of borrowing and the replenishment of reserves. The impact on general rates of carrying out the flood damage work, replenishing reserves, and servicing the loan would be an additional \$131,489 (above what was sought in the Draft Annual Plan 11/12).

Staff recommend that this matter is further addressed in the Ten Year Plan process. However the agreed level of service to the Major River and Drainage Schemes needs to be reinstated. This can be paid for by deferring some projects planned for the 11/12 financial year, asking the scheme users to contribute more, and by raising a loan to the Major River and Drainage Schemes over the next two years.

Point	\$ Requested	Matter	Staff Recommended Response	AP11/12 Financial Impact
74 - 1	\$7.6M + \$1.8M	Joint River Scheme requests a disbursement from 'the infrastructure fund' to cover the new infrastructure	Accept in Part: Council agrees flood damage needs to be repaired to protect property and lives from future flooding, and acknowledges the cost of undertaking repairs is considerable for low decile	\$2.3M of capital works from reserves Associated reserve replenishments and loan

Point	\$ Requested	Matter	Staff Recommended Response	AP11/12 Financial Impact
		required to continue to provide the community with the agreed level of flood and erosion protection.	<p>communities. The capital works that need to be carried out in 11/12 will cost \$2.3M.</p> <p>Council is not required to provide assistance to disaster relief.</p> <p>If LAPP provides the \$1.8M for operational expenses, the capex cost of \$7.6M remains. The question of who should pay for the capex costs of providing protection and repairing damage to the schemes infrastructure can be addressed through the Council's Revenue and Financing policy. This currently provides for an 80:20 split between the scheme owners and the general ratepayer. It is considered that this fairly reflects the split between private and public benefit arising from the schemes.</p> <p>Replenishment of reserves needs to be from 2011/2012 and thereafter.</p>	<p>servicing of \$131,489 from general funds.</p> <p>Associated reserve replenishments and loan servicing of \$556,567 from targeted rates.</p>

Financial Impact on the Annual Plan 2011/12:

74 - 1 \$2.3M loan to the Major River and Drainage Schemes.

The loan will also mean associated reserve replenishments and loan servicing of \$131,489 will need to be found from general funds. Associated reserve replenishments and loan servicing of \$556,567 will need to be collected from targeted rates.

Note: This will have a long term impact on the Ten Year Plan.

Staff Recommendation 8:

That the Regional Council provides an additional loan of \$2.3M for capital works to the Major River Schemes; and

Increases the targeted rate for the Major River and Drainage Schemes to collect a further \$556,567 (\$465,000 to replenish reserves, and \$91,567 to service the loan) compared to the Draft Annual Plan 2011/12; and

Increases the general rate to collect a further \$131,489 (\$110,000 to replenish reserves, and \$21,489 to service the loan) compared to the Draft Annual Plan 2011/12.

3.3 **Other requests**

Council received a number of submissions that identified opportunities to improve on what we are delivering. These submissions did not go as far as asking for specific relief in the Annual Plan 11/12. Staff have gathered the following information, and have provided recommendations for Council's consideration.

3.3.1 **Navigation Safety Bylaw**

Council received a submission requesting a review of the recently adopted Navigation Safety Bylaw 2010 (submission point 35 - 3). A number of matters have been raised with Council by the community as the 2010 Bylaw has been implemented. These relate to ski lanes, closure of areas to certain activities and, in the case of the Annual Plan submission, the need to recognise the tensions caused by the increasing pressures on the region's waterways (including Tauranga Harbour) as boat and user numbers increase. Submission point 62 – 5 made a similar point.

Implementation of the Navigation Safety Bylaw has also highlighted some minor adjustments that would be beneficial from an operational point of view for the Rotorua Lakes. These can be dealt with through suspending parts of the Bylaw. Submission point 35 - 3 is specifically requesting more easily accessible passive areas to provide for safe swimming in Lake Rotomā.

Council has the option of instigating a review of all or parts of the Navigation Safety Bylaw - or maintaining the Bylaw in its current state. Staff recommend that a review of the Bylaw is not progressed at this point but that the issues being raised are monitored closely. It is recommended that the Bylaw suspension mechanism is used to address the operational matters in the Rotorua Lakes later in 2011.

The costs of reviewing or suspending part of the Navigation Safety Bylaw can be covered by programmes already allocated in the Draft Annual Plan 11/12.

The cost of a full review of the Navigation Safety Bylaw is around \$100,000.

Financial Impact on the Annual Plan 2011/12:

There will be no impact on the Annual Plan 2011/12 if staff recommendation 9 is adopted.

Staff Recommendation 9:

That the Regional Council continues to monitor the implementation of the Navigation Safety Bylaw in 11/12 and uses the Bylaw suspension mechanism to address the operational matters in the Rotorua Lakes.

3.3.2 **Clean Heat interest free loan across the region.**

There were two submissions (33 – 3, and 70 - 5) requesting the voluntary targeted rate clean heat scheme be extended across the Bay of Plenty region. This would mean that high deprivation households across the whole region would have access to an interest free loan to install clean heat devices. It would therefore also mean they are more likely to be able to access EECA's grant for installing insulation.

Because the Rotorua Clean Heat scheme was set up to reduce air pollution in the Rotorua LAMA, a policy review and amendment would be required. This cannot be completed in time to be included in this Annual Plan. It is an issue that will be coming to Council as part of the Ten Year Plan process. High deprivation households are currently eligible for a number of EECA initiatives to insulate and heat homes.

Financial Impact on the Annual Plan 2011/12:

There will be no impact on the Annual Plan 2011/12 if staff recommendation 10 is adopted.

Staff Recommendation 10:

That the Regional Council declines EECA's submission in terms of the Annual Plan but notes to EECA that it will be considering this matter as part of the 2012 Ten Year Plan.

3.3.3 Integrated Planning - SmartGrowth

There are a number of additional growth management matters that now demand the Regional Council's involvement, including:

- Wider scope of the three yearly review of the SmartGrowth Strategy, with a stronger economic growth focus now required
- Settlement patterns in the Western Bay of Plenty subregion post-2026
- Spatial planning implications for the Bay of Plenty region resulting from expected central government direction
- Importance of inter-regional links between the Bay of Plenty and Upper North Island, including infrastructure

The territorial authorities in the eastern and central parts of the region have indicated an interest in being involved in a SmartGrowth type model that promotes integrated planning and economic growth.

Additional funding is sought to scope how such collaborative initiatives could operate.

Although this initiative was not included in the Draft Annual Plan 2011/12, six submission points indicated that they support a review of SmartGrowth, or were keen to see Council promote integrated planning and economic growth. These are 49 – 4; 49 – 5; 83 – 2; 59 – 4; 59 – 7; and 58 – 2.

Financial Impact on the Annual Plan 2011/12:

\$100,000 from general funds for Integrated Planning - SmartGrowth.

Staff Recommendation 11:

That the Regional Council increases the Non-Statutory Policy, Strategies and Plans Programme budget (p.46) by \$100,000 to cover the cost of additional spatial planning work in the region, including the review of the SmartGrowth Strategy in 2012 and investigating integrated planning across the wider region; and

Adds a new Key Project to the Strategic Policy Activity (p.43): 'Review the SmartGrowth Strategy and investigate integrated planning across the wider region'.

3.3.4 Iwi Secondments

Following a number of recent Treaty settlement relationship meetings the issue was raised by the Chief Executive of what Council could do to increase its commitment to building iwi capacity. Secondments into Council are often raised by iwi as a way of building knowledge about how Council operates and for improving relationships through understanding. Staff propose adding a new Key Project to the Annual Plan 2011/12 to pilot an iwi secondment initiative. This would mean a secondment resource is available to support Māori learning more about Council and Council's business and vica versa. This includes the obvious areas such as learning how resource consents are processed and geospatial training - but also may extend into governance arrangements and how formal meetings are run.

This initiative would assist Council to deliver on its responsibility under the Local Government Act 2002 to foster the development of Maori capacity to contribute to Council's decision-making.

A one-off pilot budget of \$100,000 to sponsor salaries and to recognise staff time commitments is recommended. This resource would be the equivalent of a staff salary and would be used to sponsor short term secondments (for example, two to three months) and "exposure" visits (one to three days). Arrangements would need to be agreed and supported by the relevant work areas. Secondments may target one area of Council's business or many.

Although this initiative was not included in the Draft Annual Plan 2011/12, four submission points specifically reference the idea of increasing the capacity for Māori to contribute to decision-making. These are 62 – 11; 55 – 5; 55 – 10; and 46 – 5.

Financial Impact on the Annual Plan 2011/12:

\$100,000 from general funds for Iwi secondments.

Staff Recommendation 12:

That the Regional Council increases the operational budget of the Māori Engagement programme (p.52) by \$100,000 to support a pilot iwi secondment initiative; and

Adds a new Key Project to the Sustainable Communities Activity (p.49): 'Pilot an iwi secondment initiative'.

3.4 Section 36 Charges, and other Statements of Proposal.

3.4.1 Section 36 Charges

Point	Matter	Staff Recommended Response	AP11/12 Financial Impact
63 - 6	Federated Farmers has asked that the costs for the monitoring programme relevant to water takes be set out explicitly in the	Decline: Council acknowledges the considerable assistance given by Federated Farmers in connecting the Council with water users to explain our water resources investigation programme.	N/A

Point	Matter	Staff Recommended Response	AP11/12 Financial Impact
	<p>final 2011/12 Annual Plan.</p> <p>They also requested that Council reconsider the level of the consent holder share for the Regional/ Impact Monitoring component of s.36 charges for surface and groundwater takes, and set it at 10%, with 90% recovered from general funds.</p>	<p>The Council considers that the current funding split of 65% general funds and 35% user fees (S36 charges) reasonably reflects the private benefit/public benefit split that accrues from the investigative and management work that Council needs to do. There is very little benefit to the general ratepayer of groundwater management except as it relates to stormwater baseflow. The regional contribution of 65% accounts for general governance responsibilities and the abstraction that occurs “as of right” via the provisions of the Resource Management Act itself and via Permitted Activity provisions within the Water and Land Plan.</p> <p>The Council considers its resource management programmes as a whole rather than isolating specific programme components and attributing them to regional or user benefits. This is entirely appropriate for a region wide programme and allows a smoothing of costs rather than large peaks as our programme focuses on a particular area.</p>	

Note: Most other regional/impact monitoring activities are paid for by consent holders contributing 20%, with the remaining 80% funded by general rates. Changing the ground water bore costs to an 80:20 split would result in an extra \$182K cost to Council from general funds.

Financial Impact on the Annual Plan 2011/12:

There will be no impact on the Annual Plan 2011/12 if staff recommendation 13 is adopted.

Staff Recommendation 13:

That the Regional Council prepares the section 36 charges for adoption as proposed, with no change to the Regional/ Impact Monitoring charges for surface and groundwater takes.

3.4.2 Other statements of proposal

The Statements of Proposal on the new Policy on Remission and Postponement of Rates and Draft Port Charges were also consulted on in parallel with the Draft Annual Plan 2011/12. There were two submission in support of the New Policy on Remission and Postponement of Rates (83 – 10 and 55 - 14). There were no submissions commenting on the Draft Port Charges.

Staff Recommendation 14:

That the Regional Council prepares the new Policy on Remission and Postponement of Rates for adoption as proposed, without change; and

Prepares the Draft Port Charges for adoption as proposed, without change.

3.5 Scheme Matters

3.5.1 LAPP Insurance

The flood events in August and September 2010 that affected the schemes are covered by Local Authority Protection Programme (LAPP) insurance. However, the Christchurch earthquake and other significant weather events this year have resulted in substantial increases to the cost of re-insurance. As such the cost for Local Authority Protection Programme Disaster Fund insurance is predicted to rise by \$600K to \$750K p.a. This would be split between targeted rates and general funds of 80:20. The excess will also go up from \$50K to \$2M.

There are few other options to reduce the cost of insurance – one though is self-insuring for the first 40% of recovery costs. If we do this, we will be eligible to receive the national contribution of 60% for any natural disaster. Staff are currently carrying out a full review of all insurance options. This will be reported to Council in time for consideration in the Ten Year Plan. Staff recommend building an extra \$600,000 into the Annual Plan 11/12 to cover increased insurance costs.

Financial Impact on the Annual Plan 2011/12:

\$120,000 from general funds and \$480,000 from targeted rates (Major River Schemes) for LAPP insurance premiums.

Staff Recommendation 15:

That the Regional Council includes an additional \$600,000 in the Major Rivers and Drainage Schemes Programmes Operating Expenditure budget (p.96) to cover the cost of insurance premiums funded 80:20 from targeted rates to general funds.

3.5.2 Whakatāne-Waimana Rivers Scheme

Whakatāne District Council (WDC) is planning some road access, walkways and landscaping works adjacent to the wharf located immediately downstream of the Whakatane Fishing Club premises. The existing Whakatāne River flood protection system is incorporated into the same infrastructure at that site. Hydraulic modelling of Whakatāne River flood levels in that area has revealed that the flood protection system needs to be raised to meet the design level of service.

The required stopbank works had been included in year 2014/15 of the Ten Year Plan; however there are cost and efficiency savings in carrying out the flood protection works in 11/12 in conjunction with the WDC works. This will also mean less disruption to the community.

This work was discussed at the last Operation Monitoring and Regulation meeting on 3 May 2011 with the following recommendation: “that \$90,000 loan funding be included in the 2011- 12 Annual Plan capital works budget for the Whakatāne-Waimana Rivers Scheme to carry out the proposed stopbank improvement works”.

The Whakatāne-Waimana Rivers Scheme has borrowed \$90,000 to carry out these works. The repayment in 11/12 is \$10,600. This will need to be added on the operational cost of the scheme, and as such targeted rates will increase. This cost will be an 80:20 split (targeted rates: general funds).

Financial Impact on the Annual Plan 2011/12:

\$2,100 from general funds and \$8,500 from targeted rates for the works on the Whakatāne stopbanks.

Staff Recommendation 16:

That the Regional Council increases the general rate to collect a further \$2,100 for loan repayments for the Whakatāne- Waimana River Scheme (p.97); and

Increases targeted rates for the Whakatāne- Waimana River Scheme (p.27) to collect a further \$8,500 bringing the total collected for this scheme to \$1,234,979 (from the proposed \$1,226,479).

3.6 Cost savings

The Group Manager, Corporate Services has had time to consider the 3rd quarter financial reports and has identified the following opportunities for cost savings in the 11/12 Annual Plan.

3.6.1 Vehicle costs

A change to the vehicle purchasing and use policy has resulted in \$100,000 of permanent savings compared to the costs budgeted in the Draft Annual Plan 2011/12. A report explaining the current vehicle utilisations and efficiencies gained will go to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on 21 June 2011.

3.6.2 Organisational Planning and Reporting

The Group Manager, Corporate Services has identified an underspend in the Organisational Planning and Reporting Programme in the current year that is projected to continue in the upcoming 2011/12 year. This provides an opportunity to make savings of up to \$150,000 by reducing this Programme budget in the Annual Plan.

3.6.3 Information Technology costs

An efficiency review of Information Management services was carried out recently. This review identified the opportunity to make savings of up to \$150,000 by progressively introducing thin clients to up to 70% of workstations.

Financial Impact on the Annual Plan 2011/12:

Reduce the Corporate Services operating expenditure (p.100) by \$100,000.

Reduce the Organisational Planning and Reporting programme operating expenditure (p.41) by \$100,000.

Reduce the Information Technology programme capital expenditure budget (p.103) by \$150,000.

Staff Recommendation 17:

That the Regional Council decreases the Corporate Services operating budget (p.101) by \$100,000 due to fuel efficiencies; and

Decreases the Organisational Planning and Reporting programme operating budget (p.41) by \$150,000; and

Decreases the Information Technology capital budget (p.103) by \$150,000 by implementing the thin client strategy.

3.7 Capital Carry Forwards

A separate report is provided on capital carry forwards from 10/11 to 11/12.

The total capital expenditure is funded by the transfer from reserves, grants and internal loans. Therefore, the transfer of these projects will have no effect on the Council's rating and investment funding requirements in the 2011/2012 financial year.

The value of capital carry forward requests is \$1,510,000. The value of grants carried forward is \$921,000.

3.8 Staff recommendations on remaining submission points

Staff recommended responses on all other submission points are provided in the appended *Staff Recommendations Report*. Council may wish to accept the staff recommendations on these points – having discussed any specific points identified by councillors at deliberations.

1 Staff recommendation 18:

That Regional Council accepts the recommendations set out in the appended *Staff Recommendations Report*.

4 Submission Points relating to the 2012 Ten Year Plan

There are a number of submissions that relate to the upcoming Ten Year Plan, rather than this Annual Plan. They may require changes that need to be managed through the Ten Year Plan process. They involve some changes or additions to policy.

The Home of Cycling Trust submission is the most substantial proposal.

4.1.1 Home of Cycling

At least 830 online single point submissions were received supporting a submission from the Home of Cycling Trust. The Trust is seeking funding to build a cycling centre of excellence and velodrome located near Cambridge. The proposal is however a lot broader than just the velodrome, with emphasis on community cycling, safety, and school programmes. Professional cycling development will only be 30% of the Home of Cycling's focus.

The Trust would like BOPRC to provide \$4M of funding over the first three years of the Ten Year Plan (TYP). They propose that that this funding would come from an increase in regional rates. It would be used alongside SPARC funding of \$7M, and funding being sought from the Waikato Regional Council.

The 'Home of Cycling' spoke to their submission at the hearings and provided more details around funding expectations. The timeline is quite tight – with the Home of

Cycling Trust needing funding commitment by September 2011 from the Waikato Regional Council to secure SPARC funding. The Waikato Regional Council has employed Deloittes to complete a due diligence report. We are not assisting the Waikato Regional Council with the due diligence report that Deloittes is currently undertaking – as this only looks at the benefit to the Waikato region. The Home of Cycling recognise that the BOPRC cannot provide a confirmed response on any funding support prior to the adoption of the Ten Year Plan in June 2012.

The Chair of the Home of Cycling Trust also spoke to the BOP triennial meeting on 9 May. It was resolved to support in principle this bid to the BOPRC. At hearings Tauranga City Council also identified their support for this proposal in principle. Rotorua District Council have also indicated their support since.

If Council wishes to support the proposal in the Ten Year Plan, its options to fund the Home of Cycling proposal are to use either general rates or investment funds. It may be difficult to justify a general rates increase from a policy perspective without more information about the benefits to the whole Bay of Plenty region. It may be possible to contribute investment funds to the proposal; however a policy review may also be required to do so.

The proposal is unlikely to meet the requirements of the IRD binding ruling so PPS proceeds could not be used. Clearly then, Council would need to consider the proposal through the Ten Year Plan.

In declining at this time, Council may wish to ask the Trust for more detailed information on the economic benefits to the Bay of Plenty region and more specifically what a BOPRC contribution would be used for. Staff seek direction on this matter from Council at deliberations.

Point	\$ Requested	Matter	Staff Recommended Response
36 - 1	\$4M	Home of Cycling	Decline.

Financial Impact on the Annual Plan 2011/12:

Any consideration through the Ten Year Plan process can be covered by existing budgets.

Staff Recommendation 19:

That the Regional Council declines the Home of Cycling Trust’s request for \$4M at this time.

4.1.2 Other points

There were a couple of submissions that are not relevant to decisions on the Annual Plan process, and will be covered in the Ten Year Plan process. These are discussed below:

Point	Matter	Staff Recommended Response	AP11/12 Financial Impact
13 - 2	Tertiary partnerships request foundation funding in the TYP for a new Tauranga Campus (\$15M) and development	Accept in Part: Council has started the process to develop its Ten Year Plan, including	N/A

Point	Matter	Staff Recommended Response	AP11/12 Financial Impact
	funding to upgrade existing campuses at Whakatāne and Windermere (\$5M).	<p>consideration of its future approach to funding third party infrastructure. At this time Council is therefore unable to agree to any specific request for funding as it does not wish to pre-empt the Ten Year Plan process.</p> <p>Please note that all future allocations of funding for infrastructure must comply with the conditions of the IRD binding ruling. This means that only new infrastructure can be funded, not replacement infrastructure, or retrospective funding for existing infrastructure.</p>	
46 - 1	ODC anticipate asking the regional council for funding for part of the Ōpōtiki harbour entrance in year 2 of the TYP. No cost details were provided.	<p>Accept in Part:</p> <p>Council acknowledges the submission and notes that no specific request for funding is being included at this time. Council has begun its 2012 Ten Year Plan development. As part of this process Council is working through a process to identify its own infrastructure funding needs for the next ten years. Once that process is complete Council will be in a position to identify the funding that may be available for third party infrastructure. This will allow it to then determine the process for any external allocation. Including allocations for specific third party infrastructure proposals is just one approach that may be considered.</p>	N/A

5 Financial impact on the 11/12 Annual Plan

5.1 Proposed increases to budgets

5.1.1 General funds

Point	Cost	Reason	Cost not recommended
36 – 1		Home of Cycling (not recommended)	\$4M
63 – 6		Water consents (not recommended)	\$182,000
	\$120,000	Major River and Drainage Schemes LAPP	
74 - 1	\$110,000	Major River and Drainage Schemes reserve replenishment	
74 - 1	\$21,489	Major River and Drainage Schemes loan interest and loan repayment	
	\$100,000	Integrated Planning - SmartGrowth	
	\$100,000	Iwi secondments	
90 - 1	\$20,000	2 summer students to study Tauranga moana	
	\$2,100	Whakatāne Waimana Rivers Scheme	
	\$473,589	INCREASE FROM THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 11/12	
			Capital expenditure
	-\$100,000	Fuel efficiency and vehicle savings	
	-\$150,000	Organisational Planning and Reporting savings	
		Information Technology savings	-\$150,000
	-\$250,000	DECREASE FROM THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 11/12	
	\$223,589	TOTAL INCREASE TO GENERAL FUNDS FROM THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 11/12	

5.1.2 Infrastructure Fund Reserve

Point	Cost	Reason	Total cost requested
74 – 1	\$2.3M	Joint River Schemes loan	\$7.6M
49 – 2	\$1.8M	TCC for the Judea Link Package of the Southern Pipeline	\$6M
83 – 9	\$60,000	RDC for the Paradise Valley sewerage scheme	\$60,000
	\$4.16M	TOTAL INCREASE FROM INFRASTRUCTURE FUND RESERVE COMPARED TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 11/12	

5.1.3 Targeted Rates

Point	Cost	Reason
74 - 1	\$465,000	Major Rivers and Drainage Schemes reserve replenishment
74 - 1	\$91,567	Major Rivers and Drainage Schemes loan interest and repayments
	\$480,000	Major Rivers and Drainage Schemes LAPP
	\$8,500	Whakatāne-Waimana Rivers Scheme
	\$1,045,067	TOTAL INCREASE TO TARGETED RATES FROM THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 11/12

5.2 Summary

5.2.1 Impact on rates

	Draft proposed cost in Draft AP11/12	Additional cost to Draft AP11/12 from submissions	% change from Draft AP11/12 from submissions	Proposed cost to AP 11/12
General funds	\$14.2M	\$223,589	1.6% ↑	\$14.4M
Targeted rates	\$11.9M	\$1,045,067	8.8% ↑	\$12.9M
Total rates impact	\$26.1M	\$1,268,656	4.87% ↑	\$27.3M

5.2.2 Total Rates impact comparison

Annual Plan 10/11 Total Rates	Draft Annual Plan 11/12			Annual Plan 11/12 from submissions				
	Total rates	Increase from Annual Plan 10/11		Total rates	Increase from Annual Plan 10/11		Increase from Draft Annual Plan 11/12	
\$25.6M	\$26.1M	1.9%↑	\$0.5M↑	\$27.3M	6.8% ↑	\$1.7M↑	%4.9	\$1.3M

The finance team have calculated the cost of all staff recommendations as outlined above.

If Council adopt all staff recommendations then Council would need to collect \$27.3M from total rates. This is a total rates increase of 6.8% or \$1.7M, compared to the 10/11 financial year. It is a 4.9% or \$1.3M increase from the consulted Draft Annual Plan 11/12.

This means \$14.4M will need to be collected from general funds (\$223,589 more than was proposed in the Draft Annual Plan 11/12). And \$12,898,089 will need to be collected from targeted rates (\$1,045,067 more than what was proposed in the Draft Annual Plan).

It also means we will need to draw a further \$4.16M from reserves than was proposed in the Draft Annual Plan 11/12. \$1.8M of this will be paid out at the end of the financial year, so will have no impact on interest income. \$2.3M will be recovered by loan repayments, so the impact is negligible. The remaining \$60,000 is also negligible.

The major financial implications are not shown here as they impact in the long term.

6 **Analysis of Options**

Where a submission point has sought a 'significant' change to the Annual Plan 2011/12, staff have provided options for Council to consider. Most other points in this report do not require an analysis of options.

Council can choose to change the Draft Annual Plan as recommended in this report, or adopt the consultation version.

7 **Community Views**

Each of the points discussed in this report are based on community views submitted during public consultation of the Draft Annual Plan 11/12. The appended report includes all remaining submissions on the Annual Plan and staff recommendations on them.

8 **Financial Implications**

Current Budget

The current 2010/11 budget contains provisions for the development of the 2011/12 Annual Plan including holding deliberations.

Future Implications

The decisions made at deliberations are to enable Council to adopt its budget for 2011/12 on 23 June 2011. Some decision made at deliberations may have long term financial impacts. Staff have identified in this report where this is the case.

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Strategic Support Manager

for Chief Executive

31 May 2011

APPENDIX 1

Memo from TCC: Information in support of the submission for funding for the Judea Link component of the Southern Pipeline.

Memorandum



To: Brian Trott
From: Christine Jones (Acting CEO)
Subject: **INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF SUBMISSION FOR FUNDING FOR THE JUDEA LINK COMPONENT OF THE SOUTHERN PIPELINE.**
Date: 26 May 2011

The Southern Pipeline Project is a major wastewater project being undertaken by Tauranga City Council which comprises a number of discreet packages of works. All with the objective of providing the City a robust wastewater infrastructure network that has the capability and capacity of dealing with current constraints and ongoing growth across the city in a manner that provides a robust ability to deliver sanitation services together with a focus on minimising potential for overflows thereby improving water quality to the harbour.

The Project consists of a number of discrete packages of work which commenced in 2009 and will be implemented sequentially through to 2015.

Background

Much of Tauranga's growth has occurred at the extremities of the 1970's reticulation. This has resulted in additional flows needing to be discharged into the reticulation at a point where the reticulation is least capable of handling growth flows and with the subsequent total growth flows exceeding the networks capacity. A new interceptor sewer (the Southern Pipeline) and the upgrading of the Memorial Park pump station, Judea Link and the Judea pump station are all part of the need to accommodate growth flows and deal with existing constraints.

The Southern Pipeline Project has a long history of planning, consultation and options analysis. A number of options were considered on how to transfer the wastewater flows across or around the harbour. Several of these were rejected on environmental risk issues to the harbour or cultural heritage risk issues leaving the preferred harbour crossing option as a submarine pipeline crossing at 1st Avenue, north of Memorial Park

A further option of constructing an inner harbour wastewater treatment plant was also explored in detail. This treatment plant would discharge highly treated effluent into the Kopurererua Stream which flows into the Tauranga harbour via the Waikareao Estuary. While technically feasible, it was more expensive, would have resulted in increased nutrients into the Tauranga harbour, didn't eliminate the need to expand the Memorial pump station or pipeline to Te Maunga, and was strongly opposed by tangata whenua.

Tangata Whenua Involvement

This project was headed by a Project Steering Group that included two representatives from the Tauranga Moana Tangata Whenua Collective. The Project Steering Group was

established at the conceptual phase of the project and remained in place through until the resource consents were granted.

In addition to tangata whenua involvement on the project steering group, affected hapu produced cultural impact assessments relating to the project and there were a number of on marae hui to discuss issues relating to the project that were of concern to tangata whenua. Earthworks monitors from the hapu are appointed on construction contracts that are awarded

Heritage Values

The significant heritage issue relating to wastewater is protecting the health of the Tauranga harbour. The Tauranga harbour has a very high cultural and heritage value for the tangata whenua of Tauranga who are actively involved in maintaining and improving its health. While there is opposition to wastewater pipes crossing the Tauranga harbour, there was acknowledgement that without these pipes, the health of the harbour would be greatly compromised.

As part of the mitigation of effects relating to crossing the harbour and laying a wastewater pipe through Matapihi, Council has agreed to construct a seawall in front of an area of land in Matapihi which was the site of Te Mania Pa which is being damaged by significant coastal erosion.

Outside the Southern Pipeline project there have been a number of equally important wastewater initiatives to maintain the cultural and heritage values relating to the Tauranga harbour including the establishment of the Wastewater Review Committee.

Council also recognises the importance and value of the harbour from a recreational and ecological perspective and the impact of maintaining those on its intended harbour front development in forthcoming years.

This Application

The subject of this submission is for allocation of Regional Funding towards the Judea Link component of this project.

Capacity constraints within any reticulation network tend to occur at pinch points. Network modelling undertaken identified several "pinch points" and predicted that these would start overflowing during storm events on a regular basis between 2009 to 2011. Actual experiences have shown that the model predictions were very close to what has happen.

Of the "pinch points" identified, there were two significant locations. The first of these was down stream of the Maleme St pump station. This has been alleviated by the construction of the Maleme to Memorial pump station portion of the Southern Pipeline. The second "pinch point" is the Judea to Chapel St trunk main. This main received all flows from the Judea and Memorial pump stations and once at capacity wastewater overflows into the Waikareao Estuary at Third Avenue. This "pinch point" cannot be relieved until the new Memorial Park pump station is constructed and the Southern Pipeline is connected from there to the Te Maunga wastewater treatment plant.

In addition to the "pinch points", currently should a failure occur at the Memorial pump station, due to the volume of incoming wastewater, wastewater will only be contained for 45 minutes before overflowing directly to the harbour. The Judea link removes this risk by transferring emergency flows into the Judea pump station which can then be redirected to the Chapel St Waste Water Treatment Plant. The Judea link also acts in reverse allowing for

emergency flows from Judea to be diverted to the Memorial Park pump station. The operational philosophy for the Judea link is different to that offered by emergency storage tanks in that it gives greater flexibility in managing flows during an emergency.

There have been a number of reports provided to the BOPRC advising of the overflows risks associated with the existing reticulation and the need for the Southern Pipeline.

The Judea Link is a distinct package of work which includes the construction of a link pipeline connecting the two major junction points of the cities wastewater network (Judea Pump Station and the Memorial Park Pump Station) and the construction of a deep pump station/receiving shaft at the Memorial Park site.

It is intended to substantially complete this package of works during the 2011/12 and 2012/13 financial years. Tenders will be let in August 2011 with construction scheduled to start in February 2012. The forecast spend for the Southern Pipeline for the 2011/12 and 2012/13 financial year are listed below and the Judea Link Package is highlighted.

Sub Job Code	Title	Forecast Spend	
		2011/12	2012/13
270019*001	Concept & Obtaining Consents	\$246,745	\$246,745
270019*002	Maleme St Pump Station Construction	\$1,014,739	\$0
270019*003	Judea Link and Memorial Park Pump Station Construction	\$3,772,830	\$8,521,918
270019*004	Harbour Crossing Design	\$441,187	\$330,891
270019*005	Memorial to Strand Construction (SP share)	\$310,485	\$0
270019*006	Pipeline & Remainder Construction	\$7,675,404	\$10,126,678
270019*007	Anchorage Construction	\$0	\$0
270019*008	Global Project Management	\$268,803	\$268,803
270019*009	Peer Review & Investigation Southern WWTP	\$0	\$0
270019*010	Te Maunga Receiving Chamber	\$0	\$0
		\$13,730,193	\$19,495,034

NOTE : The Tauranga City Council annual plan budget for the 2012/13 financial year has a zero budget for the Southern Pipeline, however the total forecast spend will be met by a carry forward of funds from the 2010/11 financial year which are unspent.

The total estimated cost of the Judea Link is estimated to be \$12.3M. An assessment was undertaken based on the volume of storage required at Memorial Park to cater for existing flows verses that required for growth to 2051. This indicated that 48% of these costs should be rates funded and 52% developer funded. The rates funded (internal loan) component of the Judea link package of works is therefore \$5.9M.

Financial Position

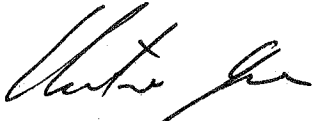
TCC has a significant level of debt currently on its balance sheet with much of this debt arising from the need to provide infrastructure for growth. Council has a debt to revenue ratio limit of 250% which is considered prudent. Standard and Poors, the credit rating agency, has advised that they are monitoring TCC debt level closely and should it exceed 260% the rating will be reviewed. If the credit rating is lowered there will be a direct negative impact on the ratepayer as the cost of debt will increase.

TCC's fiscal position is serious and impacting on the Council's ability to provide services and infrastructure to its community. TCC has for the past few years adopted an approach of reducing projected debt as much as possible and maintaining or increasing revenue. In the 2011/12 draft Annual Plan capital expenditure reductions were made of \$36.5 million which is 35% of the total capital budget. This was achieved by deferring some capital expenditure, making just in time infrastructure capacity investment and not proceeding with some capital projects at all. On the revenue side Council has had significant rate rises for the past 2 years (10.9% and 8.9% respectively) and is proposing a further rise 10.4% for 2011/12.

The largest projects which are contributing to TCC's serious fiscal position are Route K (\$55 million) and associated Pyes Pa Bypass (\$10.5 m), the Southern Pipeline (\$102.4 million) and the capital works post the 2005 floods (\$52 million spent to date and a further \$50 million required). As BOP RC is aware we are currently in discussions with NZTA to transfer Route K ownership and to remove the debt from our balance sheet.

The draft 2011/12 Annual Plan shows that the debt levels remain a concern and the forward financial modelling shows this will continue to be the case in the early years of the 2012 Long Term Plan if Route K debt stays on the TCC balance sheet and the capital investment in required infrastructure is made.

It is within this context that Tauranga City Council requests that BOP RC allocates \$6 million from the Regional Fund in 2011/12 as a contribution to the ratepayer funded share of the Southern Pipeline.



Christine Jones
CEO - Acting

APPENDIX 2

Staff Recommendations Report

Annual Plan 2011/2012 Outline

Summary of Submissions with Staff Recommendations (By Section)

Chapter: Annual Plan 2011/2012

Section: 1. Annual Plan 2011/2012

Submission Number: 1 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Enviro Challenge

Submission Summary: The Enviro Challenge New Zealand Charitable Trust (the Trust) supports the sections of your Annual Plan that:

- Promote education as a core mechanism for affecting behaviour change and desired environmental outcomes
- Engage young people in achieving desired environmental outcomes through empowerment and leadership activities
- Measure the impact of environmental initiatives and programmes for benefit analysis and effective management purposes.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 4 - 5 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Forest & Bird Eastern Bay of Plenty Branch

Submission Summary: We are very concerned that the Rangitaiki River Forum, IMFR process, development of catchment action plans for the upper and lower Rangitaiki River, a water sustainability strategy for the Rangitaiki, Groundwater Management Investigation for Rangitaiki and Galatea, and the MAF Irrigation study all come from separate groups of Activities (Governance, Strategic Policy, Sustainable Land Management and Sustainable Water Management).

It is very important that these projects are well co-ordinated, both for efficiency of administration, and to avoid duplication of stakeholder participation. We ask that you assign overall responsibility for all of these projects to one manager.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. However request a 'project manager' to oversee and coordinate Rangitaiki catchment projects.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: The Bay of Plenty Regional Council has a fundamental role in the development and on-going support of the Rangitaiki River Forum, the 'River Document' and all of the projects outlined in your submission. Though the individual projects are noted in several activities within the Annual Plan for budgeting purposes, the Bay of Plenty Regional Council will ensure that projects are coordinated. The formation of the Rangitaiki River Forum will ensure governance oversight of all projects undertaken. Council will work closely with iwi and other external contributors to ensure a coordinated approach.

Submission Number: 6 - 1 **Submission Type:** Oppose

Submitter: John Richards

Submission Summary: Requests immediate removal of any non-elected Race based appointments.

Stick to core services, and freeze any non-essential spending. A 10% staff reduction is realistic.

Decision Sought: Remove non-elected 'race-based' appointments. Focus on core services and stop any non-essential spending. Reduce staff by 10%.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council does not have any non-elected race based appointments. Council's work is undertaken with regard to what our core functions and responsibilities are. We disagree that a 10 percent staff reduction is realistic.

Submission Number: 38 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Priority One

Submission Summary: Priority One supports the direction of Environment Bay of Plenty's Draft Annual Plan 2011-12, recognising that this establishes the platform for year three of Council's Ten Year Plan, for

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which a review (likely to be an extensive exercise) will commence this year.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 49 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Tauranga City Council

Submission Summary: Tauranga City Council is supportive of the following initiatives being actively progressed during 2011/12:

- o Development of a new Tauranga Harbour integrated management programme, the creation of a new full time position to focus on this, and the completion of a further three catchment management plans for the Harbour;
- o Completion of the review of the Regional Policy Statement;
- o Continuing to work in partnership with Tauranga City Council to deliver public transport initiatives;
- o Ongoing investment in and delivery of regional economic development, including grant funding of the region's three economic development agencies; and
- o Continued involvement in Regional Parks, including Ohiwa Regional Park and Papamoa Hills Regional Park.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is required.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 49 - 4 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Tauranga City Council

Submission Summary: A significant element of Bay of Plenty Regional Council's funding mix is derived from Quayside Holdings Limited. Quayside Holdings Limited's website acknowledges that one of its subsidiaries, Quayside Properties Limited, has diversified the group's investment base into other Bay of Plenty enterprises including property.

The current (2010/11) Statement of Intent for Quayside Holdings Limited shows the principal objectives of the group to be:

- to achieve the objectives of the shareholder;
- to ensure the best possible management of the Group's investments; and
- various specific requirements in regard to the investment in Port of Tauranga Limited.

Based on the current Statement of Intent the Quayside Group primarily has a commercial focus and is required by the shareholder to deliver a commercial driven return. Given that Quayside Group is owned by a Local Authority which has a legislative requirement to "promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well being of communities in the present and for the future", TCC submits that the Statement of Intent should be modified to reflect public good elements. In particular, TCC recommends that the Statement of Intent incorporates an objective that the group and its investment activity have regard to, and facilitate the implementation of; SmartGrowth, SmartEconomy, the Regional Land Transport Strategy, and the Regional Policy Statement.

TCC is aware that the 2011/12 version of the Quayside Holdings Limited Statement of Intent may include significant changes from the 2010/11 version, and suggests that the above change be added to any others already intended.

Decision Sought: Modify the Statement of Intent for the Quayside Group to reflect public good elements.

Modify the Statement of Intent for the Quayside Group to incorporate an objective that the group and its investment activity have regard to, and facilitate the implementation of; SmartGrowth, SmartEconomy, the Regional Land Transport Strategy, and the Regional Policy Statement.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: The Quayside Holdings Ltd proposed 2011/2012 Statement of Intent has already been accepted in its draft format. This is inclusive of changes to incorporate regional benefits while still recognising that Quayside Holdings Ltd is a commercial entity.

Submission Number: 52 - 2 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

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Submitter:	Towards Becoming Age-Friendly
Submission Summary:	<p>Towards Becoming Age-Friendly is a collaboration of agencies with a clear purpose: to advocate, support and achieve the Bay of Plenty region becoming an Age-Friendly region.</p> <p>This submission follows many years of discussion on the implications of population ageing in this region. All sectors have become increasingly aware of the challenges and opportunities that exist as the ageing phenomenon occurs for the first time in human history.</p> <p>The submission seeks commitment to a vision and strategy alignment, in an effort towards integrated change and sustainable planning actions in the BOPRC Annual Plan, to support a policy vision in the Ten Year Plan, and Regional Policy Statement.</p> <p>The submission builds on Council's excellent report and analysis in the Study of the Relationship between an Ageing Population and the Transport System in the BOP Region 2010. An important lead document.</p> <p>It recognizes the economic constraints of this time. It is not a submission that seeks specific budget demand.</p> <p>International evidence shows that Age-Friendly actions can be undertaken within existing Council Strategies and work streams, thus preparing amenities for future generations, e.g. SmartGrowth, Bay of Connections, Regional Land Transport Strategy, Regional Economic Development Strategy and Civil Defence.</p> <p>Adjustments that support an Age-Friendly approach ensure access and participation for people of all ages.</p> <p>We hold the view that it is both prudent and fiscally necessary for Council to show responsible leadership and give active commitment to the Age-Friendly concept at this time because of the economic, social and cultural and environmental factors that influence community wellbeing as the population ages over the next 10-20 years.</p> <p>The "Towards Becoming Age-Friendly" collaboration offers the commitment of community agencies to assist Council, where appropriate, in the development of the steps going forward. We seek that Council decide to allocate in the 11/12 Annual Plan the staffing resource required to prepare input into the TYP and RPS processes.</p> <p>The Bay of Plenty Regional Council could become the first Age-Friendly Regional Local Authority in New Zealand.</p>
Decision Sought:	<p>Actively commit to BOPRC becoming an Age-Friendly council through draft policy and strategy development in consultation with the submitter where appropriate by December 2011.</p> <p>Include staff resource in the 11/12 Annual Plan to integrate an Age-Friendly Declaration in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan and 2012 Regional Policy Statement.</p>
Staff Recommendation:	Accept in Part
Recommended Response:	<p>Thank you for your submission and your interest in how your organisation's goals might align with those of the Regional Council.</p> <p>Council has commenced the process to develop its next Ten Year Plan and will be continuing through that process over the next year. Council acknowledges your comments about our work in the transport area and notes that this is a key area for Council in terms of how its policies and frameworks can be age-friendly. The Ten Year Plan is a much broader framework, implemented through programmes such as passenger transport. Council is unable to allocate a dedicated resource to prepare age-friendly input to the Ten Year Plan, however, it would be interested to discuss with your organisation further what steps may be able to be initiated.</p> <p>The Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement (RPS) is now at a proposed stage. Submissions closed in February this year and further submissions closed in May. Submissions on population and age related matters will be addressed through the Resource Management Act process.</p>

Submission Number:	63 - 2	Submission Type:	Support in Part
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Submitter:	Bay of Plenty Federated Farmers
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Submission Summary:	The 2012 Ten Year Plan will be a significant document. Federated Farmers, as a major stakeholder, would appreciate involvement at an early stage.
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The revenue and financing policy of the regional council requires a thorough review to ensure that:

- Targeted rates are used to the maximum possible extent to reflect areas of direct and

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exclusive benefit from council services.

- There is policy on the level of the uniform annual general charge.
- That there is equity between ratepayers in terms of the general rate.
- Fees and charges are used to fund private benefit.

Decision Sought: Involve Federated Farmers at an early stage in the review of the 2012 Ten Year Plan.

Ensure that the revenue and financing policy of the regional council is reviewed to ensure that:

- Targeted rates are used to the maximum possible extent to reflect areas of direct and exclusive benefit from council services.
- There is policy on the level of the uniform annual general charge.
- That there is equity between ratepayers in terms of the general rate.
- Fees and charges are used to fund private benefit.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: The council is currently reviewing its Revenue and Financing Policy and the results of this review will be consulted on early as part of the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan process.

Submission Number: 83 - 2 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Rotorua District Council

Submission Summary: RDC is supportive of sustainable regional economic development as is recognised through the Annual Plan, and looks forward to working with the Regional Council to help promote economic development in the Rotorua district in a manner that contributes to regional growth.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission in support.

Section: 1.1 Introduction

Submission Number: 46 - 4 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Opotiki District Council

Submission Summary: Opotiki District Council supports the decision to fund the Chair in Coastal Science and commend the Regional Council for the appointment of Dr Chris Battershill. While clearly the Regional Council has some priorities in Tauranga Harbour we note that the role of the position extends to the Bay of Plenty region as a whole, and is not confined to Tauranga Harbour as implied in the draft Annual Plan. The marine environment has a number of issues that need research, but also a range of opportunities that are waiting to be investigated and some commercialised.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. Ensure the Annual Plan is clear that the Coastal Chair position is regional and is not confined to Tauranga Harbour.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission in support. It is also noted that the reference to a Tauranga Harbour Science Coordinator role in the draft Annual Plan (p.67) is to a new staff position which has recently been established. It does not refer to the Coastal Chair position at the University of Waikato, supported by Council, held by Dr Chris Battershill.

The new Chair of Coastal Science will focus on coastal marine and estuarine research particularly within the Bay of Plenty region. The Chair will continue to deliver results for the harbour and the region ensuring a continuing and active partnership between the University, the Regional Council and local bodies, iwi and groups.

Submission Number: 59 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Tauranga Chamber of Commerce

Submission Summary: The Tauranga Chamber of Commerce makes the following submission to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's Draft Annual Plan 2011-12, as it relates to policies and activities that impact on the environment for business in the Tauranga and wider western Bay of Plenty region.

Ten Year Plan Review (p.3).

The Chamber agrees with the review of the Council's operating policies on how to fund the activities including the capital works through the Ten Year Plan. We also agree with Council's

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plan to review the funding of infrastructure across the Bay of Plenty.

Tauranga Harbour and catchment (p.3).

Tauranga Harbour is an extremely important and significant asset. It is therefore very important that an integrated approach to the management of the Harbour is developed and adopted.

The Chamber supports all Council's major projects planned but particularly:

- The long-term funding of a University of Waikato Chair in Coastal Science focused on coastal marine and estuarine research.
- Managing maritime operations and promoting navigation safety.

Sustainable regional economic development (p.4).

The Chamber supports the Bay of Connections Strategy and economic initiatives that will benefit the Bay of Plenty. The Bay of Connections Strategy has been instrumental in facilitating key initiatives in the region with a cohesive view of economic development. We agree that a new version of the Strategy will continue to support what has gone before and identify new areas of development. The Chamber strongly supports Council's lead role and the additional support for Bay of Connections.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Section: 1.2 Notable Variances from Year 2 of ...
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Submission Number: 55 - 2 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust

Submission Summary: We support the Notable Variances (p.9) specifically adoption of the RPS, RLTS, RPTP, Kaituna/ Maketu Strategy Implementation, and 2010 & 2011 Flood Events in Eastern Bay of Plenty. Support Regional Economic Development Projects and Support for Regional Governance Group.

Support the intention of BOPRC to strengthen route security in the eastern Bay of Plenty. Support BOPRC inclusion of \$100,000 for funding the control programme.

We support various items in the Notable Variances chapter of the Draft Annual Plan but seek further relief:

Oppose any reduction in Public Transport budget or frequency. Propose no reduction in passenger service budget, and further propose that efficiency gains be fed back into increases in public transport frequency.

Decision Sought: Do not reduce the passenger service budget, and feed any efficiency gains back into increases in public transport frequency.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: The budgets that Council has proposed in the draft Annual Plan are sufficient to deliver the current public transport services in 2011/12. No reduction in 2010/11 levels of funding were proposed. The requirement for greater frequency for existing services and/or new services will be assessed through the development of the Regional Public Transport Plan and budgeted in the next Ten Year Plan.

Submission Number: 59 - 2 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Tauranga Chamber of Commerce

Submission Summary: Notable Variances from Year 3 of the 09-19 Ten Year Plan

The Chamber welcomes the removal of the \$10 million contribution for the acceleration of State Highway improvements for the Tauranga Eastern Link due to Central Government funding. We also agree with the Council transferring \$1.75 million in the Sustainable Regional Development Activity for route security.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

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Submission Number:	63 - 3	Submission Type:	Support in Part
Submitter:	Bay of Plenty Federated Farmers		
Submission Summary:	<p>Notable Variances from Year 3 of the 2009-19 Ten Year Plan</p> <p>Adoption of the Regional Policy Statement Federated Farmers is actively participating in the review of the RPS, and appreciates the timetable pressures.</p> <p>State Highway Improvements In previous years Federated Farmers has supported the use of investment income to improve the roading network. We see investment in core infrastructure as the best way to promote economic development.</p> <p>Animal Health Board for Bovine Tb Control Federated Farmers acknowledges the contribution of \$100,000 for funding the Tb control programme, and the fact that this has increased from \$85,000 in 2010. This funding is appreciated and we encourage Council to maintain this commitment to assist the Animal Health Board in future years.</p> <p>Rotorua Lakes Catchment Dairy Targeted Rate Federated Farmers acknowledges the collaborative progress between dairy farmers and the Regional Council in this catchment, to address the issue of nutrient loss. This is the most appropriate and successful method of achieving results, and sets aside the need for a targeted rate, which should remain at \$0 or be disestablished altogether.</p> <p>2010 and 2011 Flood Events in Eastern Bay of Plenty Federated Farmers supports the work and consultation with scheme liaison groups on the repair and maintenance of the Eastern Bay of Plenty flood protection schemes. It is important that there is full financial disclosure and the opportunity for scheme ratepayers to fairly assess the value of the schemes as they are currently maintained, and the methods used.</p>		
Decision Sought:	<p>Proceed with the proposed grant of \$100,000 to the Animal Health Board for the purpose of Tb control.</p> <p>Proceed with the decision to set the Rotorua Lakes Catchment Dairy Targeted Rate at \$0, and consider disestablishing the rate altogether.</p> <p>Ensure there is full financial disclosure on the costs to repair the flood protection schemes and an opportunity for scheme ratepayers to assess the value of the schemes.</p>		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept in Part		
Recommended Response:	<p>Thank you for your submission in support of the proposed Animal Health Board grant and in support of setting the Rotorua Lakes Catchment Dairy Targeted Rate at zero.</p> <p>In regards to the flood protection schemes, the Rivers and Drainage group will continue to inform scheme liaison groups of the flood repair costs.</p>		

Section: 1.3 Financial Overview and Summary
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Submission Number:	40 - 8	Submission Type:	Oppose
Submitter:	Rotorua Lakes Community Board		
Submission Summary:	We express our concerns and seek information regarding the rationale behind the proposal to lessen reliance on investment income to fund general activities with a move towards the full cost of normal activities being reflected on rates invoices.		
Decision Sought:	Explain where the money saved from the investment fund will go if Council lessens its reliance on investment income.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept in Part		
Recommended Response:	Over time Council intends to lessen its reliance on investment income to fund general activities. The use of investment funds and related policies will be reviewed and consulted on as part of the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan process.		

Submission Number:	46 - 2	Submission Type:	Support
Submitter:	Opotiki District Council		
Submission Summary:	We support the move away from using investment funding to subsidise operational activities. Our view is that over time investment income should be used to make real and significant		

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investments into infrastructure and other means of growing the economy of the region.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 59 - 3 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Tauranga Chamber of Commerce

Submission Summary: The Chamber congratulates Council on its financial strategy to become less dependent on the investment income over time. In this way more of the investment income could be channelled back into economic development projects that benefit the wider region and the country.

The Chamber agrees with Council on its targeted rates which directly benefit the community that they are related to, although the activity on the Rotorua Lakes could be considered of national importance.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 61 - 14 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Whakatane District Council

Submission Summary: The Whakatane District Council requests clarification that the reduction in targeted rates for the Rotorua catchment towards the Rotorua Air Programme will not increase the proportion of the programme funded through general rates. The council requests early involvement into any Rating Review planned by the Regional Council as part of the development of the Regional Council's next Long Term Plan.

Decision Sought: Clarify whether the reduction in targeted rates for the Rotorua catchment towards the Rotorua Air Programme will increase the proportion of the programme funded through general rates.

Involve WDC early on in any Rating Review planned as part of the development of Council's next Long Term Plan.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council will clarify the statement in the Annual Plan to explain the impact on General Rates. In the 2011/12 Annual Plan Council will use funding from reserves to reduce the Rotorua Air targeted rate, therefore there is no impact on General Rates in that year. Council is currently reviewing its Revenue and Financing policy to determine how activities should be funded in future years. The results of this review will be consulted on early as part of the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan process.

Submission Number: 63 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Bay of Plenty Federated Farmers

Submission Summary: We are fortunate in the Bay of Plenty to have a regional council with profitable investments sufficient to noticeably ease the rate burden on property owners.

This draft Annual Plan reflects a good level of financial transparency, and provides a number of useful tables of information. For example, it is useful for ratepayers to be able to assess matters such as the role of investment income and the extent to which general rate funding contributes to activities subject to targeted rates, which is set out in the table on p.6.

As noted in previous years the inclusion of rates on median properties (shown on pp.21-23), is appreciated. Federated Farmers sought that the provision of rates impacts on example properties be compulsory in the Local Government Act, a measure particularly pertinent to district councils where general rates on individual farms can reach many thousands. This was achieved with the enactment of the Local Government Act Amendment Bill, and we compliment the regional council by helping to lead the way with the provision of rates examples over the years.

Federated Farmers supports the \$3.7m reduction of the total rate requirement for 2011/12 compared to that forecast in the 2009 Ten Year Plan. The affordability of local government is a significant issue for Bay of Plenty communities. The general rate requirement of the Regional

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living in all parts of the country and yet you are solely rating the current residents of Rotorua for their clean-up.

Your rationale is that we will benefit the most. We won't. The people who will benefit the most are lakeside residents in 50 years, if not longer.

As a lakeside resident I am very conscious that the lake is used by people from throughout the Eastern Bay of Plenty, especially Kawerau and Whakatane and yet these people contribute nothing to the upkeep of the lake.

Rotoma residents are about to pay in excess of \$10,000 per property to connect to a sewerage scheme. In your own research it states that septic seepage into the lake accounts for less than 10% of the lake pollution and yet we are being targeted first at a huge cost.

Again your research indicates that the dairy farmers around the lake are responsible for a much higher proportion of the pollution costs. Despite much rhetoric on how you are addressing the dairy effluent, we still see it pour directly into the lake from the farm that borders State Highway 30 and Manawahe Road. That is just what we can see from the road - what about the effluent that seeps from the soil into the ground water.

I can only conclude that BOPRC is too scared to force the dairy farmers to comply and to levy the cost of the clean-up of the lake to the greatest polluter.

At a time when we are told that dairy prices are going up because milk is sold on a global market and NZ consumers have to suck it up, we are still footing the bill for their pollution costs.

It's about time someone showed some back bone on this issue and stopped shoving costs of big business onto the easy targets of residential ratepayers.

Decision Sought:

Levy the lake clean up rate over future generations.
Ensure people from the Eastern Bay of Plenty contribute to the upkeep of the lake.
Take a stronger stance against dairy farmers in the lakes catchment as they are the highest polluters.

Staff Recommendation:

Accept in Part

Recommended Response:

The Council currently apportions the relative revenue contributions which include general rates paid to the Rotorua Lakes Programme with 56% to Rotorua District residents and 44% to general funds by the rest of the Bay of Plenty. However, it is important to remember that for many interventions 50% of the costs are provided by Central Government. Therefore it is not accurate to say that Lake residents are unfairly targeted while others that benefit do not contribute. People from all over the country, in particular the rest of the Bay of Plenty contribute significantly to the costs.

In addition it is important to note that the costs of capital items to clean-up the lakes are paid off over time to spread the costs. This means that future generations gaining the benefit will contribute also.

With regard to Lake Rotoma and sewerage reticulation, the Council has already achieved agreements with the agricultural landowners to meet the nutrient reductions required from that source (note: there are no dairy farms in this catchment). It is important that nutrients (and bacteria) from septic tank disposal systems are also dealt with. Bay of Plenty Regional Council strongly supports the initiative by Rotorua District Council to reticulate the lakeside community of Rotoma. Bay of Plenty Regional Council will also be contributing financially to the costs of Rotoma sewerage reticulation in addition to central government funding.

The Council is putting considerable effort into ensuring the farming community, and dairy farmers in particular take the necessary commitment to reducing their nutrient losses to the Rotorua Lakes as sought by the submitter.

Submission Number:	40 - 1	Submission Type:	Support
Submitter:	Rotorua Lakes Community Board		
Submission Summary:	We support Council's ongoing subsidies for the sewerage reticulation schemes based on deprivation.		
Decision Sought:	Submission of support. No change sought.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept		
Recommended Response:	Council notes the submission of support.		

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Submission Number: 40 - 3 **Submission Type:** Oppose

Submitter: Rotorua Lakes Community Board

Submission Summary: We oppose the continuation of the targeted rate for the Rotorua Lakes Programme.

The Board has made submissions on this subject for many years, we have been involved in a series of meetings instigated by Council 3 or 4 years ago to resolve this issue at the conclusion of which a Council proposal was agreed upon by the parties. The policy is inconsistent with the polluter pays policy of Council's OSET regulations. It is glaringly inconsistent with Council's funding of not dissimilar work involved in restoring the Tauranga Harbour paid for with general rates.

Decision Sought: Withdraw this targeted rate from the 2011/12 Annual Plan and fund the Rotorua Lakes Restoration work from the general rate.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: The Council will be carefully reconsidering the apportionment of its targeted rates across the region as part of the Ten Year Plan process being undertaken during 2011/12. The Council believes that a targeted rate for the Rotorua Lakes Programme is appropriate, however, the apportionment will be reconsidered.

It is not appropriate to compare the Rotorua Lakes Programme with activities on Tauranga or Ohiwa Harbours as these programmes are orders of magnitude smaller in quantum than the Rotorua Lakes Programme.

Submission Number: 48 - 3 **Submission Type:** Oppose

Submitter: JG Bennett Orchardist

Submission Summary: I think it is unfair that the current legislation around groundwater allocation within which the council operates restricts the ability to charge some high volume water users based on their business model e.g. dairy farmers do not require a consent for the taking of water for stock and this usage is not monitored and therefore usage volumes are largely unknown.

When the legislation was enacted the average herd size was about 100 cows, today that is considered an uneconomic herd and average herds are now 300 to 400 cows, some can be over 1,000. I understand that the council recovers 35% of costs from consent holders with 65% coming from the general rate. Therefore consent holders charged directly are also paying indirectly, subsidising other users who draw more water but are not monitored and only paying indirectly.

It is incredible in this day and age that the council is unable to properly monitor water use from aquifers, lakes and rivers because historical legislation bars it from requiring all gross users to be consented and monitored. The inequities within the legislation need to be addressed by central government and all regional councils need to lobby the government on this matter.

Decision Sought: Lobby central government to address the inequities within the current legislation around groundwater allocation.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council agrees that there is an anomaly created by the Resource Management Act (and its predecessor the Water and Soil Conservation Act) providing as of right for "Reasonable Stock Water and Domestic Use". In addition Council has provided, through the Land and Water Plan, for a Permitted Activity take of up to 35 cubic metres per day without obtaining a consent. It is these two things in combination with the Council's general stewardship responsibilities that make up the 65% contribution from general funds. The contribution from all ratepayers to the 65% amounts to a very small quantum each.

The Council is currently reviewing its planning provisions and the new Water Metering Regulations recently enacted will assist with gaining a better understanding of actual water usage. In addition there is a considerable amount of Central Government policy development about water and its availability whereby Council can advance concerns about allocation and strategies for groundwater management.

Submission Number: 55 - 18 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust

Submission Summary: We support various items in the Notable Variances chapter of the Draft Annual Plan but seek further relief:
We support BOPRC developing an equitable rate that reflects nutrient loss, and propose more thought on targeted rates.

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Decision Sought: Develop an equitable rate for Rotorua Lakes that reflects nutrient loss, and consider further targeted rates.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: It is entirely appropriate that there is a targeted rate for the Rotorua Lakes Programme and that rural landowners contribute an appropriate proportion of the required funding. The Council has put a considerable amount of effort into evaluating a number of different methodologies for attributing the Rotorua Lakes targeted rate on a fairer basis than the current land area basis.

There are several significant challenges to developing an alternative system. Firstly, the Rating Powers Act is relatively inflexible in terms of the options for how rates are apportioned and nutrient loss is not one of the criteria provided by the legislation. Secondly, the cost of running a system to collect the targeted rate should not outweigh the value of rates collected.

The submitter is correct that the use of land area as the criteria for apportioning the targeted rates is inequitable to large landholdings with low nutrient loss land uses such as forestry. Council agrees that it needs to continue with a work programme that will recognise the benefits provided by native and exotic forest. The work that Council has done to date indicates the most promising prospect is the use of a rebate system and the Council would invite the submitter to work with it on this process.

To ensure rating is consistent, fair and equitable across the region, Council is undertaking a review of its Revenue and Financing policy. The results of this review will be consulted on early as part of the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan process.

Submission Number: 63 - 4 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Bay of Plenty Federated Farmers

Submission Summary: Federated Farmers supports the continued use of the UAGC to the maximum extent allowed in legislation, and the use of targeted rates. Federated Farmers consistently supports use of the Uniform Annual General Charge to ensure a more equitable contribution from ratepayers across the region.

The philosophy of using targeted rates to reflect areas of benefit is also supported as a more equitable and transparent way of funding services than general rate funding, with more accountability. We are concerned that the general rate requirement of the Regional Council continues to increase. The increase on last year should be shown in the Funding Impact Statement, as opposed to the present emphasis on the variation to budget given in the schedules to the Funding Impact Statement on pp.32-33.

Decision Sought: Show the increase on last year in the Funding Impact Statement on pp.32-33, as opposed to the present emphasis on the variation to budgeted 2012 spend.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: The Funding Impact Statement in the draft 2011/12 Annual Plan complies with the Local Government Act 2002 which specifies that we have to disclose variations from the Ten Year Plan budget. Although variations from the prior year are not shown, the prior year's budget is clearly disclosed in the schedule to the Funding Impact Statement. A review of the Funding Impact Statement is currently underway to assess the impact of legislative changes and regulations which come into effect in 2012. Other format changes will also be considered as part of this review and will be included in the draft 2012/2022 Ten Year Plan.

Submission Number: 66 - 2 **Submission Type:** Oppose

Submitter: Lake Rotoiti Community Association

Submission Summary: Lake Rotoiti Community Association Incorporated (LRCA) wishes to submit that there should be equity in rating around the region and requests that the residents in the Rotorua District should not be unfairly treated.

As currently proposed, the Rotorua Lakes targeted rate places a high burden on the Rotorua District and Lakes residents in the form of a targeted rate for Lakes restoration. However we note that many other comparable activities that occur within other Districts are not targeted. In this regard, we would specifically note the restoration work for the Tauranga and Ohiwa Harbours. In all three instances, it is specific districts receiving the major direct benefits from restoration. LRCA is concerned at the inequity of the funding of such restoration and wishes to see that residents in the Rotorua District are not treated unfairly. In addition to the current situation of targeted rates, LRCA would like to point out that many of the residents of the lakes in the Rotorua area also have to fund the sewerage schemes that are being installed around their specific lakes.

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LRCA acknowledges that the rivers and drainage schemes are appropriately funded on a targeted rate basis as all of these schemes directly benefit the landowners adjacent to such schemes.

LRCA has considerable concern in respect of the farming rate again being set at zero. BOPRC has, in the past, promised an equitable rate reflecting a fair contribution from farming. LRCA believes that this inequality places an unfair burden on residential ratepayers in the Rotorua District and requests that BOPRC works urgently to rectify this inequality.

LRCA is concerned that BOPRC is moving more towards direct rating and placing less reliance on their investments for funding projects throughout the region.

Decision Sought: Work urgently to rectify the inequality in funding of the Rotorua Lakes restoration and ensure that residents in the Rotorua District are not treated unfairly.

Enact an equitable rate reflecting a fair contribution from farming.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: It is entirely appropriate that there is a targeted rate for the Rotorua Lakes Programme and that rural landowners contribute an appropriate proportion of the required funding. The Council has put a considerable amount of effort into evaluating a number of different methodologies for attributing the Rotorua Lakes targeted rate on a fairer basis than the current land area basis.

There are several significant challenges to developing an alternative system. Firstly, the Rating Powers Act is relatively inflexible in terms of the options for how rates are apportioned and nutrient loss is not one of the criteria provided by the legislation. Secondly, the cost of running a system to collect the targeted rate should not outweigh the value of rates collected. The submitter is correct that the use of land area as the criteria for apportioning the targeted rates is inequitable to large landholdings with low nutrient loss land uses such as forestry. Council agrees that it needs to continue with a work programme that will recognise the benefits provided by native and exotic forest. The work that Council has done to date indicates the most promising prospect is the use of a rebate system and the Council would invite the submitter to work with it on this process.

To ensure rating is consistent, fair and equitable across the region, Council is undertaking a review of its Revenue and Financing policy. The results of this review will be consulted on early as part of the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan process.

Submission Number:	67 - 3	Submission Type:	Support
Submitter:	Tauranga Environment Centre		
Submission Summary:	The urban passenger transport funding split between user-pays, central government, general and targeted rates is another initiative that we support. The benefits that have been produced from this funding for buses in Tauranga, and indeed the wider Bay of Plenty region, are there for all to see.		
Decision Sought:	Submission of support. No change is sought.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept		
Recommended Response:	Council notes the submission of support.		

Submission Number:	69 - 1	Submission Type:	Support in Part
Submitter:	BOPRC Minor River and Drainage Scheme		
Submission Summary:	Since preparing the Minor Drainage Scheme Draft Annual Plan details; consultation with the scheme ratepayers and routine monitoring and maintenance inspections have resulted in some additional repairs and upgrading works and many minor amendments to bring about better equity of cost sharing between the minor schemes.		
	Staff have consulted with the liaison person from each of the schemes that have been impacted by extraordinary proposed works and they have agreed to the amended budgets attached.		
	The Rangitaiki Communal Pumping Schemes are 100% targeted rate funded and the recommended amendments below will have no affect on the regional general funds requirement in the Annual Plan. The Opotiki Minor Schemes receive 20% regional funds contribution and the recommended amendment will result in a minor reduction (\$677) in regional funds required.		
	An updated table of recommended targeted rates for the Minor Drainage Schemes is attached to the full submission.		

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Decision Sought: That the Minor River and Drainage Scheme 2011/2012 targeted rates be amended as tabled with the full submission.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: This submission to bring about amendments to the minor drainage scheme budgets as consulted with scheme participants is accepted as there will be no, or a reduced, impact on general funds.

Submission Number: 83 - 3 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Rotorua District Council

Submission Summary: RDC notes that there is no dairy discharge rate for the Rotorua Lakes properties again this year. This is the second year that this matter has been deferred, which is of concern. Rotorua District Council would appreciate further clarification as to the reason for deferral of this rate. The dairy discharge rate is seen as another method that can be used to assist the improvement of the Rotorua lakes, and requests that the Regional Council give this increased priority in the 2011/12 year.

Decision Sought: Give the dairy discharge rate for Rotorua Lakes properties increased priority in the 2011/12 year.

Provide greater clarification on why the dairy discharge rate is again being deferred in 2011/2012.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: It is entirely appropriate that there is a targeted rate for the Rotorua Lakes Programme and that rural landowners contribute an appropriate proportion of the required funding. The Council has put a considerable amount of effort into evaluating a number of different methodologies for attributing the Rotorua Lakes targeted rate on a fairer basis than the current land area basis.

There are several significant challenges to developing an alternative system. Firstly, the Rating Powers Act is relatively inflexible in terms of the options for how rates are apportioned and nutrient loss is not one of the criteria provided by the legislation. Secondly, the cost of running a system to collect the targeted rate should not outweigh the value of rates collected. The submitter is correct that the use of land area as the criteria for apportioning the targeted rates is inequitable to large landholdings with low nutrient loss land uses such as forestry. Council agrees that it needs to continue with a work programme that will recognise the benefits provided by native and exotic forest. The work that Council has done to date indicates the most promising prospect is the use of a rebate system and the Council would invite the submitter to work with it on this process.

Submission Number: 85 - 3 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Lake Rotoma/Rotoehu Ratepayers' and Residents Association

Submission Summary: Targeted Rates for Lakes
It is noted that the BOPRC has implemented a targeted rate to the work associated with cleaning up the lakes. The Lake Rotoma/ Rotoehu Ratepayers and Residents Association is of the opinion that this targeted rate is unfair and is not applied consistently across the Regional Council's area. For example, work undertaken in the Tauranga Harbour is not funded by targeted rate with the Tauranga/ Western Bay area. This is included in a general rate and therefore residents within the targeted rate area for the lakes are paying as well. It is the contention of the Association that the quality and enhancement of the lakes is in the Region's interest and the burden should not fall solely on those with properties within the lake catchment areas. The Association would urge the Regional Council to review its funding and at least include the farming community within the targeted rate; but from a fairness and equity point of view remove the targeted rate and pay for these important issues from the general rate.

Decision Sought: Review the funding of the Rotorua Lakes Programme and at least include the farming community within the targeted rate; but from a fairness and equity point of view remove the targeted rate and pay for these important issues from the general rate.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: It is entirely appropriate that there is a targeted rate for the Rotorua Lakes Programme and that rural landowners contribute an appropriate proportion of the required funding. The Council has put a considerable amount of effort into evaluating a number of different methodologies for attributing the Rotorua Lakes targeted rate on a fairer basis than the current land area basis.

There are several significant challenges to developing an alternative system. Firstly, the Rating Powers Act is relatively inflexible in terms of the options for how rates are apportioned and nutrient loss is not one of the criteria provided by the legislation. Secondly, the cost of running a

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system to collect the targeted rate should not outweigh the value of rates collected. The submitter is correct that the use of land area as the criteria for apportioning the targeted rates is inequitable to large landholdings with low nutrient loss land uses such as forestry. Council agrees that it needs to continue with a work programme that will recognise the benefits provided by native and exotic forest. The work that Council has done to date indicates the most promising prospect is the use of a rebate system and the Council would invite the submitter to work with it on this process.

Section: 1.5.1. Regional Leadership Group of A...

Submission Number:	55 - 15	Submission Type:	Support
Submitter:	Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust		
Submission Summary:	Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust support many points in the Draft BOP Regional Council Annual Plan. W support programmes under Governance and Accountability (p.39). Support Ongoing Actions (specifically 'Provide Maori Constituency Seats'), Key Projects, Activity funding, and Ten Year Plan Variations (specifically Support for the joint Rangitaiki River Forum). Fully support levels of service, links to community outcomes and KPI's. Support programmes under Strategic Policy (p.49). Fully support Key Projects, Activity funding, and levels of service, links to community outcomes and KPI's. Support programmes under Sustainable Communities (p.39). Support Key Projects, Activity funding (specifically "Maori engagement will be funded 100% from general funds"), and Ten Year Plan Variations (specifically "BOPRC engages with Bay of Plenty Maori to inform its decision making, streamline processes and have better quality outcomes for the region"). Fully support levels of service, links to community outcomes and KPI's.		
Decision Sought:	Submission of support. No change is sought.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept		
Recommended Response:	Council notes the submission of support.		

Section: 1.5.1.1 Governance and Accountability

Submission Number:	44 - 1	Submission Type:	Oppose
Submitter:	Hugh Hughes		
Submission Summary:	I believe a major responsibility of the Regional Council is resource management. The greatest resource in the Bay of Plenty must be people, their potentials, interests, skills, foibles etc. In Issue 29 of Backyard there is no mention in proposed activities how the Council plans to manager or foster this resource, and so provide leadership to the City and District Councils and the community at large. Strengthening and uniting citizens contributions and their sense of partnership is essential for the region to maximise its potential in a balanced sustainable way. The basis for such response from citizens lie in how well their human social potentials are developed – especially in childhood. I Submit that the BOPRC urgently address this key aspect of the area's natural resource through providing leadership to the City and District Councils. There have been significant changes in people's human and social values and attitudes between those existing during the Depressions of the 1930's and today's recession, and trends show that values and attitudes are steadily deteriorating. Unless the causes behind these are identified, understood and then addressed, the long term viability of our way of life is under threat. Every newborn has human social potential. The causes behind antisocial behaviours can be addressed if the human social potential is nurtured. Compulsory universal education has not resulted in an increasingly civilised society. The educational system needs to be changed to address its failings. Pre-adolescent education needs to be based on nurturing human social potentials to awaken interests and enthusiasms regarding the world around them. Adolescents and tertiary students need to be provided with opportunities in a broader and enriched secondary and tertiary educational setting, or work setting to extend their interests, skills, enthusiasms, creativity and potential to become contributing members of a civilised society. The overall aim of the socialisation process must ensure that all young people are motivated to continually develop their talents, skills and interests, including parenting skills, as the base for		

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Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 46 - 8 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Opotiki District Council

Submission Summary: We support the review of the Regional Coastal Environment Plan and seek that the review includes updated "development" zoning in the Opotiki Harbour to reflect the recently granted resource consents.

Decision Sought: Ensure the review of the Regional Coastal Environment Plan includes updated "development" zoning in the Opotiki Harbour to reflect the recently granted resource consents.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Councils notes the submission seeking updated development zoning in the Opotiki Harbour to reflect the recently granted resource consents. A review of the Regional Coastal Environment Plan will be initiated in the 2011/2012 financial year. This matter will be considered during the review and associated Plan change.

Submission Number: 49 - 5 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Tauranga City Council

Submission Summary: TCC recommends that relevant agencies in the western Bay of Plenty sub-region actively work together to understand the 'new' spatial planning concept, and to collectively understand how the sub-region will respond to future opportunities this may generate. The SmartGrowth partners will be critical to this process.

Decision Sought: Work with relevant agencies in the western Bay of Plenty sub-region to understand the 'new' spatial planning concept, and to collectively understand how the sub-region will respond to future opportunities this may generate.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes Tauranga City Council's request for a collaborative approach to any sub-regional spatial planning investigations and agrees that SmartGrowth will be an essential vehicle for driving a collective response. It is also noted that Bay of Plenty Regional Council is considering signing an Inter-Regional Agreement with other regional councils in the Upper North Island (Northland, Auckland and Waikato) in order to ensure the Bay of Plenty region is an active participant during any collective discussions that may result regarding a collective spatial planning approach for the Upper North Island.

Submission Number: 52 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Towards Becoming Age-Friendly

Submission Summary: Councils need to make policy adaptations to retain the economic independence of increasing numbers of older people. Council is to be commended for increasing the accessibility of public transport, support for mobility schemes, and community environment projects.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 55 - 3 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust

Submission Summary: We support the ongoing action to monitor the evolving treaty settlement environment and report on opportunities and implications for BOPRC.

We support BOPRC participating in the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee. However we propose that BOPRC provide support for SmartGrowth style initiatives in other districts.

We support in full BOPRC supporting the improvement of State Highway route security in the eastern Bay of Plenty. We propose that the route security framework is outlined.

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Recommended Response: Council notes the submitters support for the on-going implementation of SmartGrowth. Council remains committed to the on-going implementation of SmartGrowth and to working collaboratively with the partner councils. Whether the strategy evolves to ensure flexibility to move with changing economic and other circumstances will be an issue for the SmartGrowth review to investigate and all the SmartGrowth partner councils to ultimately determine following the Smartgrowth review.

Submission Number: 61 - 2 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Whakatane District Council

Submission Summary: The Whakatane District Council acknowledges that the Regional Council will be hearing and deliberating on submissions on the Regional Policy Statement during 2011/12.

WDC would appreciate further consultation before hearings to ensure that the Regional Council's intent and position on issues is clear. WDC requests further communication around issues already raised on the Regional Policy Statement, in particular regarding waste management. WDC appreciates the opportunity to be involved in the decision-making process.

Decision Sought: Consult further with WDC before RPS hearings to ensure that WDC fully understand Council's intent and position on issues.

Provide further communication around issues already raised on the Regional Policy Statement, particularly regarding waste management.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the request from Whakatane District Council that further consultation is undertaken prior to hearings being held on the Regional Policy Statement. Following the closure of the further submissions period (19 May 2011) the RPS project team will be undertaking pre-hearing meetings with those submitters that have requested meetings. Whakatane District Councils request has been noted and will be actioned.

Submission Number: 61 - 9 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Whakatane District Council

Submission Summary: The Council has included the provision of a second bridge in its Long Term Plan and views this as an integral part of long term State Highway security. The council is currently undertaking a joint study with NZTA on this subject and are keen to discuss this further with the Regional Council.

Decision Sought: Discuss the provision of a second bridge for Whakatane as an integral part of long term State Highway security.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: The matter raised by the submitter is best addressed through the Regional Land Transport Strategy and National Land Transport Programme processes.

Submission Number: 62 - 3 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Te Runanga o Ngati ki Maketu

Submission Summary: In the Ongoing Actions section, add:
- "Initiate changes to include tangata whenua in planning for coastal, regional and land planning".

In the Key Projects 2011/2012 section, add:
- "Include tangata whenua in co-management of the natural resources within their hapu boundaries".

Decision Sought: In the Ongoing Actions section, add:
- "Initiate changes to include tangata whenua in planning for coastal, regional and land planning".

In the Key Project section, add:
- "Include tangata whenua in co-management of the natural resources within their hapu boundaries".

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Where appropriate, Council will seek to involve tangata whenua in regional coast and land planning.

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Council are happy to discuss co-management opportunities.

Submission Number:	65 - 1	Submission Type:	Support
Submitter:	NZ Transport Agency		
Submission Summary:	<p>The Regional Transport Committee resolved to extend the development of the next BoP RLTS by 18 months. The Minister of Transport has approved the extension to December 2011. The RLTS is the key strategic transport document for the region. It is important as it sets the direction for how land transport will be managed, prioritised and funded into the future.</p> <p>NZTA is appreciative of the collaborative approach taken by Council in preparing the Strategy and looks forward to continuing to work closely with BOPRC on finalising the Strategy as well as developing the next Regional Land Transport Programme.</p> <p>NZTA acknowledges the need for less funding for State Highway improvements due to Central Government investment associated with Tauranga Eastern Link (TEL) being designated a Road of National Significance.</p> <p>This submission is also supported by submissions 61:10 and 46:6.</p>		
Decision Sought:	Submission of support. No change is sought.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept		
Recommended Response:	Council notes the submission of support.		

Submission Number:	65 - 4	Submission Type:	Support in Part
Submitter:	NZ Transport Agency		
Submission Summary:	<p>Transportation Programme</p> <p>The NZTA would like to use this opportunity to emphasise the need for consistency between the projects listed in Council plans and strategies, those entered in NZTA's LTP online funding tool and those included in the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) 2009-12. It is important that these are aligned to accurately reflect Council local share, NZTA funding assistance, and funding from other sources.</p> <p>National Land Transport Programme Development</p> <p>We wish to draw Council's attention to the change in timing of the National Land Transport Planning (NLTP) process that will align more closely with the development of Council's next ten year plan. As the NZTA moves from funding outputs to planning and investing in outcomes we would like to increasingly work with Council as an investment partner. Key to this will be clear investment signals from NZTA, supported via the release of the next Government Policy Statement on Transport (GPS), to support the development of your Ten Year Plan as well as the Regional and National Land Transport Programmes. Please note that programme bids need to be entered into LTP online for consideration by the end of September 2011 to allow formulation of the RLTP.</p> <p>We expect to work closely with Council staff in the lead up to these dates, and throughout the development of the RLTP, NLTP and Ten Year Planning processes.</p>		
Decision Sought:	Ensure council's plans and strategies are consistent with NZTA's.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept		
Recommended Response:	Regional Council staff, including transport planners and strategic planners work closely with NZTA staff to ensure there is alignment between Council and NZTA documents.		
	<p>Council is aware of the linkages between the TYP, its RLTP, and the NLTP. We note that NZTA has made changes to the timing for the next NLTP to fix the problems that arose in producing the last NLTP. We look forward to working together in producing the next NLTP, RLTP and TYP.</p>		

Submission Number:	73 - 1	Submission Type:	Support
Submitter:	Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited		
Submission Summary:	Fonterra supports the Strategic Policy key projects identified in 2011/12, and holds a specific interest in the third and fourth bullet points (p.43). Fonterra is a contributor to the economic prosperity of the Bay of Plenty Region, and a critical contributor to the prosperity of New Zealand. Water is an essential resource for the ongoing productivity of the sector, and in line		

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with our sustainability commitments Fonterra has invested significantly in building capability both on farm and in manufacturing to ensure prudent management of this precious resource.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 83 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Rotorua District Council

Submission Summary: Rotorua District Council (RDC) fully supports the key projects that have been outlined for the Rotorua lakes and applauds Bay of Plenty Regional Council in its continuing support of the Rotorua Lakes' projects. RDC would like to see Regional Plans be given more prominence as key projects. The Community Action Plans are useful documents to guide lake improvements however they are not able to withstand legal challenge. RDC believes that in order to complement both the Proposed RPS and RDC's upcoming proposed District Plan, the development of a regional plan framework supporting the needs of all the Rotorua lakes needs to have a higher priority.

Decision Sought: Give Regional Plans more prominence as key projects.
Develop a regional plan framework to support the needs of all the Rotorua lakes.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council notes the support for the key projects outlined for the Rotorua Lakes and the request for prioritising the development of a Regional Plan framework to support the needs of the Rotorua Lakes. Council considers that a statutory regional framework has been provided by the identification of the effects of nutrient discharges on Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes as a regionally significant issue in the Proposed Regional Policy Statement. Statutory options for implementation of the RPS policies in response to Rotorua Lakes are currently being considered.

Submission Number: 83 - 5 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Rotorua District Council

Submission Summary: The Annual Plan proposes the development of water quality action plans for two Rotorua Lakes. RDC would like to see a more current regional planning framework for the Lake Tarawera catchment included also.

There is no reference in this section to the review of the Rotorua Geothermal Plan. This is a critical document for the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of Rotorua City and the wider district. In Bay of Plenty Regional Councils' 2010/2011 Annual Plan it was noted that the development of a Rotorua Geothermal Plan would be deferred by a year. There is no mention of the process for the review of the Rotorua Geothermal Plan in the 2011/12 Annual Plan, this is a significant concern. RDC requests that provision is made in the 2011/12 Annual Plan for sufficient resourcing and funding to progress the Rotorua Geothermal Plan to a draft stage by June 2012. RDC believes that this will provide sufficient time to undertake the necessary consultation with all the relevant stakeholders, and to progress the plan to a draft stage.

Decision Sought: Provide an updated regional planning framework that includes the Lake Tarawera catchment.

Provide sufficient resourcing and funding in the 2011/12 Annual Plan to progress the Rotorua Geothermal Plan to a draft stage by June 2012.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council notes the request for an updated regional planning framework that includes the Lake Tarawera catchment. Council considers that a statutory regional framework has been provided by the identification of the effects of nutrient discharges on Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes (including the Tarawera catchment) as a regionally significant issue in the Proposed Regional Policy Statement. Statutory options for implementation of the RPS policies in response to Rotorua Lakes are currently being considered.

The submission point also requests that the Rotorua Geothermal Regional Plan is progressed to draft stage by June 2012. A review of the Rotorua Geothermal Regional Plan was completed in March 2010 and Council acknowledges that implementation of the actions recommended by the review is an important priority and should be initiated in the 2011/2012 financial year. It is however considered important for the Proposed RPS process to have progressed to a point where it is considered sufficiently robust to set the direction for the regional plan.

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Recommended Response: One of Council's functions is the provision of public transport, which is part funded by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA). The ArtBus is not a public transport service and therefore ineligible for funding by the NZTA. This means the Council would need to fund the whole service itself.

While the Bay of Plenty has previously provided some sponsorship money to support the ArtBus, the funding amount requested is significantly above our threshold for sponsorship. Additionally, the programme does not align with our other areas of work such as sustainable communities.

Submission Number:	4 - 2	Submission Type:	Support
Submitter:	Forest & Bird Eastern Bay of Plenty Branch		
Submission Summary:	The branch generally supports the environmental projects provided for in the plan, including the work on regional parks (p.49).		
Decision Sought:	Submission of support. No change is sought.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept		
Recommended Response:	Council notes the submission of support.		

Submission Number:	11 - 1	Submission Type:	Support in Part
Submitter:	Papamoa Progressive Association Inc.		
Submission Summary:	Papamoa Progressive Association requests that the BOPRC act to reduce the vulnerability of the population of Papamoa to tsunami events through: 1. Education A tsunami generated locally is likely to be preceded by a significant earthquake. Because of the very short time frame to evacuate, it is vitally important that those on the coast are educated to know that an earthquake is their first, and potentially last warning. People need to know how to evacuate to a pre-determined safe area, and how long to remain there before the threat has passed. They need to know to do this without any official guidance or warning siren. 2. Evacuation routes We support the urgent development of marked evacuation routes to higher ground. 3. Advocacy and funding for a regional off-shore early warning system We would encourage Regional Council to advocate with Central government the merits of an off-shore early warning system as well as make funding available. 4. Tsunami alerting systems including: • Public Education around natural warnings & community response plans • Fit for purpose fixed sirens of distinct tone, able to be remotely activated quickly and with battery backup • Radio and Television announcements • SMS text • Email • Mobile PA Loudspeakers • Door to door		
Decision Sought:	Provide funding and include actions in the Plan for reducing the vulnerability of the population of Papamoa to tsunami events through, but not limited to; Education Development of evacuation routes Advocacy and funding for a regional off-shore early warning system Tsunami alerting systems		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept in Part		
Recommended Response:	The Council supports a suite of tsunami warning systems that has been agreed to by the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee. Current systems for tsunami warning include radio and television broadcasting, email alerts from the Bay of Plenty CDEM Website and door to door notification. The proposed suite includes public education, targeted SMS texting through Readynet and mobile PA loudspeakers. Council has made a current commitment to fund 50% of the agreed suite of warning systems. Fixed sirens are not included at this time but they are being further investigated. Work is also currently in place to continue to develop evacuation plans and community response plans.		

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Having said that, once it is formed to an appropriate standard they have agreed to maintain their legal road area.

With adequate access to this point, benefits exist for;

- Walkers/trampers, hunters, families, elderly and the less physically able, and potential tourists.
- Greater diversity of recreational opportunities
- The establishment of pest control and monitoring programmes in the greater KMFP
- Ecological and historical information more readily available to the public.
- Environmental enhancement from DOC's planned development program.

Decision Sought: Assist in funding the upgrade of the unformed road access from the end of Whakamarama Road to the Bulldozer Blade in the Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park and work in conjunction with WBOPDC and DOC to achieve this.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: Council policy does not provide for Council contributions to the maintenance of recreational assets owned and managed by other agencies.

Submission Number: 54 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: The Enviroschools Foundation

Submission Summary: This year we are celebrating 10 years since Enviroschools was officially launched as a nationally available programme. We acknowledge the vision and leadership shown by Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) in being one of the foundational partners in the Enviroschools network. From engaging with young people through a handful of schools a decade ago, Enviroschools is now being called a national movement that embraces over 225,000 children and young people in communities throughout all areas of New Zealand, and now extending into other countries.

By working in partnership and building capacity over time, there is now a vibrant network of 83 enviroschools in the Bay of Plenty region – that is 40% of all schools in the region. The actions of these enviroschools contribute to a range of community outcomes across all wellbeing areas – environmental, social, cultural and economic.

We at the national team would like to acknowledge the excellent job that BOPRC staff, including Kerry Gosling and Stephanie Twaddle, do to support an effective Enviroschools network in the Bay of Plenty.

The Enviroschools Foundation recognises the financial challenges facing councils at the present time, and the need for careful thinking and some tough decisions. At such times, we believe it is vital for councils to continue to invest in programmes with integrated and long-term outcomes.

In this context Enviroschools offers:

- A value added and highly scalable model
- A holistic Approach
- Education as an enabler of long-term change
- Developing peer role model and future leaders
- A way to address multiple community outcomes

Many thanks again to Bay of Plenty Regional Council for your long-term commitment to Enviroschools and to a regional partnership approach with Tauranga City Council.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 55 - 4 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust

Submission Summary: Increase the organisation's capacity to meet growing needs and expectations from Maori. Support the development of iwi/hapu management plans.

Decision Sought: Introduce Maori consent officers to deal with cultural landscape issues. Integrate iwi/hapu management plans into consent decision making.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: The Bay of Plenty Regional Council is continuing to grow its capacity and capability to work with iwi/hapu groups in the region, particularly in response to an increasing number of Treaty of

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Waitangi settlements. Council's consent officers work closely with and are advised by Council's Maori Policy staff in their consent processing work. This includes ensuring that cultural considerations are appropriately addressed.

Council has funding available to assist iwi to develop iwi management plans. Once developed Council ensures they are considered in its decision-making processes including resource consents, planning and operational matters. Council is always working on ways to improve its practices. In addition Council precisely documents statutory acknowledgements in the Bay of Plenty region to ensure they also are recognised in the consent decision-making process.

Submission Number:	56 - 1	Submission Type:	Support in Part
Submitter:	Te Tumu Land Owners Group		
Submission Summary:	<p>We support the following Key Projects for the Sustainable Communities Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Implement the outcomes of the Tsunami Warning Systems Project Study.- Develop and implement a regional public education strategy for CDEM.- Develop the capability of the emergency coordination centre.- Coordinate high quality CDEM training across the region.- Commence implementation of a suite of selected public alerting mechanisms with specific emphasis on tsunami. <p>However in light of the devastation and tragedy caused by the recent Japan Earthquake and resultant Tsunami, we seek that these activities are expanded to include the development of a wider Tsunami Warning and Evacuation Management Program for the Bay of Plenty, to be endorsed and adopted by the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group.</p> <p>The Tsunami Warning and Evacuation Management Program should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A multi-faceted warning system, including sirens, in all coastal cities and towns.- An Evacuation Route Plan for each city, town, locality and area. This is important due to the predominance of low lying major roads along the Bay of Plenty coastline and harbours.- Simple, instructional Tsunami Warning and Evacuation instructions provided to each householder both in hard copy and online.- A staged warning system to distinguish between the different likely risk scenarios, such as those faced over the last few years where the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre has issued Tsunami warnings for the east coast of New Zealand as a result of distant off shore earthquakes. <p>The Te Tumu Landowners Group has also made a detailed submission to the Tauranga City Council (TCC) Draft 2011-12 Annual Plan (copy attached to this submission) seeking, as part of the TCC 2011-12 Annual Plan, the implementation of a Tsunami Warning and Evacuation Management Program for Tauranga City, including the installation of a network of sirens installed along the Mount Maunganui - Papamoa coastal strip.</p> <p>As Civil Defence is a function and responsibility shared between both Regional Councils and Territorial Authorities we seek that the Bay of Plenty Regional Council increase their CDEM funding, to fund up to 50% of a Tsunami Warning and Evacuation Management Program, including sirens, for each coastal city and town in the Bay of Plenty.</p>		
Decision Sought:	<p>Increase Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) funding, to fund up to 50% of a Tsunami Warning and Evacuation Management Program, including sirens, for each coastal city and town in the Bay of Plenty.</p> <p>Include an action to develop a tsunami warning and evacuation management programme for the Bay of Plenty.</p>		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept in Part		
Recommended Response:	<p>The Council supports a suite of tsunami warning systems and is currently in the process of agreeing the suite as a member of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee. This includes current funding of up to 50%. The proposed suite of measures does not include the funding of sirens at this stage but allows for continued consideration of emerging technologies in the future, including sirens. The CDEM group is actively working with local TA's supporting and encouraging them to develop local evacuation management plans. Council appreciates the submission of support however regretfully declines the request to specifically support funding for sirens.</p>		

Submission Number:	61 - 3	Submission Type:	Support
Submitter:	Whakatane District Council		
Submission Summary:	The Whakatane District Council acknowledges the Regional Council in their support for the development of Hapu/Iwi Management Plans. Hapu and Iwi Management Plans provide an		

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important framework to build resource management plans and strategies for the sustainable development of natural and physical resources in the District.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 61 - 16 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Whakatane District Council

Submission Summary: The Whakatane District Council acknowledges the role of the Regional Council in terms of Civil Defence particularly given the potential hazards facing the Whakatane District. The Whakatane District Council supports Bay of Plenty Regional Council's intention to undertake the Civil Defence projects in the 2011/12 year including; carrying out a suite of alerting mechanisms with specific emphasis on tsunami warnings, coordinating Civil Defence Emergency Management training and implementing a regional public education strategy for Civil Defence Emergency Management.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 62 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Te Runanga o Ngati ki Maketu

Submission Summary: In regards to the Maori Engagement programme, replace the word "Maori Engagement" with "Tangata Whenua".

Emphasize the people of the land and recognise it is a status and that not everyone has that affiliation with the land.

Amend the Sustainable Communities chapter (p.49) to ratify Iwi Management Plans.

Decision Sought: Rename the "Maori Engagement" programme "Tangata Whenua".

Amend the ongoing action statement from "support the development of hapu/iwi management plans" to "support the development and implementation of hapu/iwi management plans to Regional Council plans".

Add into the Key Projects in 2011/2012 section: "Ensure Iwi Management Plans feed into Regional Council Annual Plans and Regional Policy Statements".

Add into the Ongoing Actions section: "Provide staff to assist Iwi in writing Iwi Management Plans".

Increase Operating Expenditure for Maori Engagement.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: The use of the word 'Maori' in Maori engagement encompasses all Maori entities including tangata whenua. The reference to Maori is consistent with the Local Government Act.

Where applicable, Council will implement aspects of iwi management plans that fall within existing work programmes.

Under the Resource Management Act, Council must take into account iwi management plans when undertaking a review of the Regional Policy Statement and regional plans.

Council provides substantive resources to assist hapu and iwi to develop resource management plans. We do not write the plans for iwi, instead we provide assistance through funding, providing access to information, mapping services, peer review and where possible technical support.

Council receives iwi management plans but are not involved in ratifying the plans, this is the responsibility of the hapu or iwi.

Council declines the request to increase the operating expenditure for Maori engagement.

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Submission Number: 62 - 11 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Te Runanga o Ngati ki Maketu

Submission Summary: Reduce the Environmental Enhancement Fund and give more monies to monitoring, wetland revitalisation and Maori engagement.

Decision Sought: Reduce the Environmental Enhancement Fund and give more monies to monitoring, wetland revitalisation and Maori engagement.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: Council spends money through other programmes on monitoring, wetland revitalisation and Maori Engagement. Additionally, wetlands are a target area of the Environmental Enhancement Fund and our staff have worked with many Maori and community groups to improve our engagement and collaboration.

Submission Number: 64 - 3 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Waihi Beach Community Board

Submission Summary: Waihi Beach Community Board (WBCB) conditionally supports council helping to prepare the region to be resilient from the effects of natural and other hazards. However WBCB has some concerns that the only key performance indicator is the percentage of residents that have an emergency plan.

At Waihi Beach the main issues are coastal erosion, flooding and tsunamis. The view of WBCB is that there is more to "resilience" than simply ensuring that a percentage of residents have an emergency plan. The first step should be to identify where the greatest risks are in terms of natural hazards and to then reduce those risks through future planning, as well as emergency plans etc.

Replace the words "Prepare the region to be resilient from the effects of natural and other hazards" with "Identify the natural hazard risks across the region on a priority basis with a view to increasing resilience through future planning mechanisms, etc."

Include appropriate target dates that are affordable and achievable and based on the identified level of risk.

Decision Sought: Replace the words "Prepare the region to be resilient from the effects of natural and other hazards" with "Identify the natural hazard risks across the region on a priority basis with a view to increasing resilience through future planning mechanisms, etc" (on page: 50 of the Draft Plan).

Include appropriate target dates that are affordable and achievable and based on the identified level of risk.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: The wording referred to in your submission is a Level of Service from the Ten Year Plan and it is not appropriate to amend it through the Annual Plan process at this time. Council notes your submission that identifying natural hazard risks across the region on a priority basis with a view to increasing resilience may be a better target than the current one and will consider this suggestion when the Ten Year Plan review is undertaken in approximately six months.

Submission Number: 67 - 1 **Submission Type:** Oppose

Submitter: Tauranga Environment Centre

Submission Summary: The Tauranga Environment Centre (TEC) has operated for a decade. During that time it has successfully delivered a significant number of projects that have improved the environment of the Tauranga region.

In 2010, an entirely new and experienced Trust Board was elected in accordance with the Trust's revised deed. The deed reflects a clear preference for strong partnerships to be established. Thus, three of the Trustees are appointed by Tauranga City Council, Western Bay District Council, and Bay of Plenty Regional Council (one each), and the remainder are appointed annually by the Friends of Tauranga Environment Centre.

The new board decided that TEC should adopt a broader and bolder focus and establish itself as our community's environmental leader for information, advice, and action in the Western Bay of Plenty (and ultimately the wider Bay of Plenty region). This broader long term focus has meant that the Trust needed to rethink the way TEC can be funded into the future.

Our past funding approach (which relied primarily on applications for project-based funding)

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used up large amounts of staff resource that would be better spent delivering action on the ground. TEC Trustees consider that a priority for a successful, fully functioning environment centre is to obtain sustainable, long term core funding.

Purpose of this Submission

In light of the above, TEC would like the Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BoPRC) to consider accepting the role as core funder of the centre. This application is for an interim grant, with a view to long-term core operational funding for the centre becoming embedded into the Ten Year Plan process.

Initially, we would expect any funding arrangement to be a partnership or collaboration between the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) and BoPRC. Over time, we propose that BoPRC become the core operational funder and that TEC's funding simply becomes part of BoPRC's annual operations budget. Such funding would, of course, be subject to annual consultation on issues of mutual interest and performance reporting.

The models we have used are Sport Bay of Plenty (regional) and Creative Tauranga (subregional). Both have long, well proven histories of delivering high levels of support and development opportunities to their sectors. Both receive core operational funding from their local authorities. Such partnerships require the development of strong relationships, mutual respect, co-operative planning, and trust. The longevity and collaborative approach of these relationships is a testament to their enduring success.

The Proposal:

- That BoP Regional Council agrees to become a joint core funder with MfE, of the Tauranga Environment Centre (TEC), with a view to becoming the core operational funder of the centre.
- That TEC services are promoted to people in the Western BOP and over time, in collaboration with its various communities, to the wider BOP region.
- That TEC continues to develop and strengthen contacts with tangata whenua, through existing relationships and in liaison with others who have already developed strong relationships.

To this end, we ask that BoPRC contributes \$72,000 to TEC operational funding for the 2011-12 year.

TEC will make a further submission for long-term embedded core funding in the 2012-22 BoPRC Ten Year Plan.

Conclusion

The Trustees are agreed that if our funding proposal is successful, TEC has the capacity and capability to transform itself into a really significant force for positive environmental change in our area.

Three attachments were included with the submission.

Appendix 1: About the Tauranga Environment Centre

Appendix 2: Short biographies of the Board of Trustees

Appendix 3: The Tauranga Environment Centre (TEC) 3-Year Business Plan (2011-14).

Decision Sought:

Consider accepting the role as core funder of the Tauranga Environment Centre, in partnership or collaboration with the Ministry for the Environment (MfE).

Contribute \$72,000 to TEC operational funding for the 2011-12 year.

Staff Recommendation:

To Be Advised

Recommended Response:

Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number:

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Submission Type:

Support

Submitter:

Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited

Submission Summary:

In the wake of the Christchurch Earthquake, and New Zealand's first National Declaration, it is timely to ensure some focus is given to developing robust plans to support our communities in times of emergency. Fonterra is strongly supportive of the program of works proposed in the Civil Defence and Emergency Management activity.

During the Christchurch event Fonterra was extensively involved in the relief effort with supply of water to communities via tanker and the provision of temporary storage tanks, as well as bottled water and UHT milk for Ground Zero and Welfare Centers. In addition, our highly qualified Emergency Response Teams, all of whom are USAR trained, were deployed to assist with the efforts within the cordon.

Whilst we appreciate we are not identified as a Lifeline Utility, Fonterra wishes to ensure that our considerable resources are appropriately identified within CDEM plans and that processes are in place to ensure rapid deployment of these provisions should they be required in the future.

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Decision Sought: Submission of support. Identify Fonterra in CDEM plan as an organisation with significant resources that can be deployed in an emergency.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support. Efforts will be made to ensure Fonterra is identified in CDEM plans as an organisation with significant resources available.

Submission Number: 83 - 6 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Rotorua District Council

Submission Summary: RDC would like to see the Bay of Plenty Regional Council explore Regional Park opportunities within the Rotorua Lakes Catchments as another tool to respond to improving lake water quality. This is a key project that RDC would request be inserted under key projects in 2011/12, and also a corresponding Key Performance Indicator inserted into this section.

Decision Sought: Insert a new action into the Plan for 2011/2012 and a KPI, to explore Regional Park opportunities within the Rotorua Lakes Catchments as another tool to respond to improving lake water quality.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council remains open to exploring opportunities to enhance and add to regionally significant recreational assets within the Rotorua District under its Regional Parks policy. However, it is not considered appropriate to confuse objectives for recreation/open space and lake water quality, and a new KPI is not considered necessary.

Submission Number: 90 - 1 **Submission Type:** Oppose

Submitter: Manaaki Taha Moana Research Programme

Submission Summary: Manaaki Taha Moana (MTM) is a six-year research programme (2009-2015), which aims to restore and enhance coastal ecosystems that are important to Tauranga Moana iwi, through a better knowledge of these ecosystems and the degradation processes that affect them.

Western science and Mātauranga Māori knowledge will be utilised to assist iwi/hapu to evaluate and define preferred options for enhancing/restoring coastal ecosystems. This evaluation of options will also be assisted by the development of innovative I.T. and decision support tools (e.g., simulation modelling, interactive mapping, 3D depiction, real-time monitoring) by WakaDigital Ltd. Action Plans will be produced for improving coastal ecosystems. The research team works closely with iwi/hapu in the Tauranga moana to develop tools and approaches to facilitate the uptake of this knowledge and its practical implementation.

This is a multi-party research collaboration involving core researchers from Massey University, the Cawthron Institute, Waka Taiao, Manaaki Taiao, Landcare Research and WakaDigital Ltd. The Bay of Plenty Regional Council committed, when we submitted our original funding proposal to the Foundation for Research Science and Technology in 2008, to provide MTM with in-kind support for office space, staff time, logistical and scientific support.

In November 2011, the MTM programme is proposing to conduct an ecological monitoring programme as well as a Cultural Health Index and shellfish survey that will be used to assess the health of the harbour. In this submission, we are requesting funding and in-kind resources to assist with both the ecological and cultural assessment.

The Foundation for Research Science and Technology funded MTM on the proviso that there be significant co-funding from end-users of the research. Accordingly, the following are requested from BOPRC as a contribution to the research programme:

- Fund three Summer Students/Internships to assist with the collection of biological and physical samples across a range of habitats across the harbour, supervised by BOPRC scientists.
- Process samples collected including: Sediment Grain size; Organic Content; Chlorophyll; Heavy Metals; Benthic core sample identification (this could include identification of samples down to the highest level of taxonomic resolution possible by BOPRC).
- Bacterial and viral analyses on shellfish samples including faecal coliform counts.

Decision Sought:

- Fund three Summer Students/Internships to assist with the collection of biological and physical samples across a range of habitats across the harbour, supervised by BOPRC scientists.
- Process samples collected including: Sediment Grain size; Organic Content; Chlorophyll; Heavy Metals; Benthic core sample identification (this could include identification of samples down to the highest level of taxonomic resolution possible by BOPRC).
- Carry out bacterial and viral analyses on shellfish samples including faecal coliform counts.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

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Section: 1.5.2. Natural Environment Group of A...

Submission Number: 42 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Welcome Bay Catchment Care Group Inc

Submission Summary: In regard to the Natural Environment Section of the draft Annual Plan, Welcome Bay Catchment care Group Inc (WBCCG) supports proposed ongoing actions and key projects aimed at:
 1. Developing catchment and sub-catchment implementation plans aimed at reducing sediment and nutrient run-off entering the regions main waterways particularly the Tauranga Harbour.
 2. Implementing catchment management plans aimed at reducing sediment run-off.
 3. Working with landowners to reduce sedimentation.
 4. Working with Landowners and Community groups to protect biodiversity.
 5. Supporting Coast Care and Estuary Care community groups
 6. Developing an integrated management program for the Tauranga Harbour.
 7. Develop and initiate catchment plans to address erosion and sedimentation in the Tauranga Harbour.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 55 - 16 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust

Submission Summary: Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust support many points in the Draft BOP Regional Council Annual Plan.

We support programmes under Sustainable Land Management (p.57). Support Activity funding. Fully support levels of service, links to community outcomes and KPI's.

Support programmes under Sustainable Water Management (p.61). Support Activity funding and Ten Year Plan Variations. Fully support links to community outcomes and KPI's.

Support programmes under Sustainable Coastal Management (p.67). Support Ongoing Actions, Key Projects, and Activity funding.

Support programmes under Sustainable Air Management (p.71). Support Ongoing Actions, Key Projects, and Activity funding. Fully support levels of service, links to community outcomes and KPI's.

Support programmes under Resource Regulation (p.75). Support Activity funding. Fully support levels of service, links to community outcomes and KPI's.

Support programmes under Regional Monitoring (p.79). Support Ongoing Actions, Key Projects, Activity funding, and Ten Year Plan variations. Fully support levels of service, links to community outcomes and KPI's.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Section: 1.5.2.1 Sustainable Land Management

Submission Number: 4 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Forest & Bird Eastern Bay of Plenty Branch

Submission Summary: The main point the branch wishes to make on the draft Annual Plan is to support the development of catchment action plans for the upper and lower Rangitaiki River (Sustainable Land Management p.57). There is an urgent need for such plans, as well as better integration of other projects in the Rangitaiki River Catchment. The Council now has responsibilities as part of the Treaty of Waitangi Settlements to participate in the Rangitaiki River Forum with Ngati Whare and Ngati Manawa (Governance p.39).

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Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 10 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Proforma 1 (Support funding the AHB)

Submission Summary: Various submitters wish to place on record their appreciation of council's decision to continue the regional contribution, this year valued at \$100,000, towards the bovine Tb management programme in this region.

This decision will enable the Animal Health Board (AHB) to build on the progress made in managing the disease in the region to date and to continue to protect the significant investment made by ratepayers in recent years.

BOP currently has no infected herds, and the challenge ahead of us is to push on and eradicate the disease from the main wildlife carriers (namely possums) and prevent re-infection of domestic cattle and deer herds. The AHB's work also has recognised regional biodiversity benefits in protecting native birds and plants.

The AHB vector control programme in BOP for 2011/12 will see a total expenditure of \$1M, helping to bring some \$687M in regional economic benefits generated by the beef, dairy and deer farming sectors.

We endorse council's continued support and look forward to a Bovine Tb Free BOP in the future.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

4 of the 4 members of this submission support this submission point.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 40 - 9 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Rotorua Lakes Community Board

Submission Summary: The Board understands that a study for Aquatic Lakeweed Management for Amenity Values has been commissioned. We support this initiative and look for early proposals that will lead to solutions for lake residents.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 40 - 10 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Rotorua Lakes Community Board

Submission Summary: We support funding for volunteer land care groups.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 41 - 1 **Submission Type:** Oppose

Submitter: Mike Williams

Submission Summary: Sustainable Land Management has a direct bearing on Sustainable Coastal Management and Sustainable Water Management, because without the former the latter two are directly affected. The emphasis needs to be on Land Management because that is where the degradation of our water, harbours and lakes stems from. This needs to be given a much higher priority and much greater funding to tackle the issues. We need to protect our rivers, streams, swamps and

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Submission Number: 55 - 22 **Submission Type:** Support
Submitter: Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust
Submission Summary: We support all listed ongoing actions under sustainable land management.
Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change sought.
Staff Recommendation: Accept
Recommended Response: Council notes the submission in support.

Submission Number: 57 - 3 **Submission Type:** Support in Part
Submitter: TrustPower Limited
Submission Summary: TrustPower wishes to receive more information about the scope of the proposed catchment action plans for the Rangitaiki River. Once it has received this information, TrustPower will be better able to assess the extent to which it is appropriate and desirable for it to become further involved in the development of the plans.
Decision Sought: Provide TrustPower with more information about the scope of the catchment action plans for the Rangitaiki River.
Staff Recommendation: Accept
Recommended Response: Council will provide Trust Power with more information about the scope of the catchment action plans for the Rangitaiki River.

Submission Number: 61 - 4 **Submission Type:** Support
Submitter: Whakatane District Council
Submission Summary: The Whakatane District Council supports the proposal by the Regional Council to develop action plans for the upper and lower Rangitaiki River and request that the Regional Council keep the District Council informed of the development of these plans.
The Whakatane District Council supports the proposal by the Regional Council to support landowners and community groups to manage threats at an additional 10 sites of biodiversity value.
As part of the District Plan review, Whakatane District Council is currently developing policies on significant biodiversity sites. This will include some regulatory controls within the District Plan, but WDC wish to support this policy through incentives and assistance. As many of the sites identified in the District Plan are also likely to be High Value Ecological Sites identified by Bay of Plenty Regional Council, there is opportunity to work closely with the Regional Council on this matter.
Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is requested, however keep the WDC informed of the development of action plans for the upper and lower Rangitaiki River.
Staff Recommendation: Accept
Recommended Response: Council will keep Whakatane District Council informed on the development of catchment action plans for the upper and lower Rangitaiki catchments.

Submission Number: 63 - 5 **Submission Type:** Support in Part
Submitter: Bay of Plenty Federated Farmers
Submission Summary: Federated Farmers supports the provision of assistance with riparian management for willing landowners by way of financial assistance and trees at cost. The management of weeds where fencing of riparian margins has occurred can be a significant issue for neighbouring landowners and should be proactively considered as part of any riparian fencing programme.
Decision Sought: Continue assisting private landowners with riparian management, and proactively consider assisting with associated weed control issues.
Staff Recommendation: Accept
Recommended Response: Council will continue to assist landowners with riparian management work. This will include providing advice and assisting with weeds as provided for in the Regional Pest Management Strategy.

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Submission Number: 63 - 5 **Submission Type:** Support in Part
Submitter: Bay of Plenty Federated Farmers
Submission Summary: Federated Farmers supports the provision of assistance with riparian management for willing landowners by way of financial assistance and trees at cost. The management of weeds where fencing of riparian margins has occurred can be a significant issue for neighbouring landowners and should be proactively considered as part of any riparian fencing programme.
Decision Sought: Continue assisting private landowners with riparian management, and proactively consider assisting with associated weed control issues.
Staff Recommendation: Accept
Recommended Response: Council will continue to assist landowners with riparian management work. This will include providing advice and assisting with weeds as provided for in the Regional Pest Management Strategy.

Submission Number: 64 - 4 **Submission Type:** Support in Part
Submitter: Waihi Beach Community Board
Submission Summary: Waihi Beach Community Board (WBCB) supports all of the proposed actions, especially the development of catchment and sub-catchment action plans aimed at reducing the amount of sediment and nutrients entering the region's waterways.

WBCB supports the priority focus on the Tauranga Harbour. Presumably this picks up the Waiau Stream at Athenree. WBCB has a particular interest in this stream.

WBCB also wishes to see action plans that would see the cleaning up of Two and Three Mile Creeks at Waihi Beach.
Decision Sought: Prepare a plan that will see an improvement in the quality of Two and Three Mile Creeks at Waihi Beach.
Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part
Recommended Response: The Two and Three Mile creeks do not drain to the Tauranga Harbour and so are not within the Tauranga Harbour Catchment Management Framework. They are not therefore, able to be afforded the same priority. They are, however, within the Regional Council jurisdiction and support will be provided to individual landowners to assist with measures to reduce sediment and nutrient loss and other threats to water quality, where specific assistance is sought.

Submission Number: 71 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support
Submitter: Animal Health Board
Submission Summary: We are again grateful for council's continued financial support of the AHB's Tb free programme in the Bay of Plenty. The AHB thanks council staff and elected officials for their co-operation in ensuring we remain on target to manage and eventually eradicate Tb from the region.

The AHB has continued to reduce infected herd numbers to the point where there are currently no infected domestic cattle or deer herds in the region. The challenge ahead is to prevent re-infection of domestic cattle and deer herds from the main wildlife carriers, mainly possums. The AHB's work also has recognised regional biodiversity benefits in protecting native birds and plants.
Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought
Staff Recommendation: Accept
Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 73 - 3 **Submission Type:** Support
Submitter: Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited
Submission Summary: Fonterra strongly supports the ongoing actions and the key projects for 2011/12. Fonterra has a particular interest in the catchment action plans and acknowledges the significant regional effort that has supported a collaborative approach to land use and water quality. Fonterra believes the Hurunui Pilot Project, which we are currently operating near Kaikoura, can provide a template for a local catchment community to collaboratively agree catchment targets, including nutrient load limits that can be supported by adaptive management regimes.

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Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council will be developing a range of policy tools through the 2011/2012 year to achieve nutrient reduction targets for the Rotorua lakes. An independent trust will be considered as one of the delivery mechanisms for incentive tools. However, a final decision on delivery mechanisms will not be made until the policy has been developed.

Scope exists within already proposed operational programmes for managing in-lake nutrient loads and to undertake further lake dosing to suppress algae blooms should this prove necessary.

The trophic level index (TLI) targets are relatively long term targets. Meaningful trends are not generally observable over periods less than 3 years. Therefore it is not appropriate to set annual targets for changes in TLIs.

Council will be considering its funding policy as part of its new Ten Year Plan. Equity and fairness will be key considerations in determining how the costs of the Rotorua Lakes programme are distributed.

Submission Number: 82 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: The People's Choice Party

Submission Summary: The People's Choice Party would like to comment on the first Ongoing Action on p.57 of the Draft Annual Plan 2011/2012.

The People's Choice Party seek that BOP Regional Council add a sediment and nutrient sponge to their riparian zone planting by further encouraging farmers to use more environmentally friendly farm practices when applying fertilisers and nutrients, near or close to all waterways, not only Lakes. This combined with BOP Regional Council's riparian zoning will improve soil quality and further help reduce nitrate leaching into the region's waterways.

Nitrate leaching from farm runoff is New Zealand's number one fresh water environmental problem. Nutrient enriched nitrate is leaching into and polluting our fresh water lakes and waterways suffocating the natural ecosystem of life. It is also leaching down through the ground into underground fresh water tables making them unusable for irrigation, or fresh drinking water.

Three decades of concentrated use of chemical nutrient and salt based fertilizers are now leaching and threatening our waterways. Farmers could prevent this leaching by simply using alternative farming practices that maintain their on farm production and productivity, and are environmentally friendly. Farmers only need to change the way they treat their soil. By applying natural fertilizers that encourage healthier levels of microbial activity in the soil. They will capture and digest nitrates and phosphates naturally, holding them in the soil and preventing them from being leached. A thick living humus top soil works like a sponge. By simply changing the type of fertilizer being applied farmers will quickly revitalize the soil and begin to stop the flow of toxic nutrient runoff into our waterways.

Natural farming systems on farmland surrounding waterways can stop farm nitrates and phosphate leaching at its source. Massey University tests showed that leaching into waterways was reduced 58 percent through the adoption of non chemical practices. Riparian zone planting although good is merely a filter at the end of the system - much like an ambulance at the bottom of the cliff. Like a filter this will eventually clog and will need to be replaced. Combining both riparian planting and natural fertilizer use on the land itself will extend the life of the riparian zones and further reduce all leaching into our waterways much more efficiently.

Nitrate leaching into New Zealand's lakes and waterways from intensive conventional farming is New Zealand's biggest water polluter.

Decision Sought: Continue riparian planting.

Encourage farmers to use environmentally friendly farm practices (such as natural fertiliser) near or close to all waterways, not only Lakes.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: The Council will continue to support riparian planting. Council will also collaborate with industry groups to encourage landowners to adopt environmentally sustainable land management practices to reduce nutrient pollution of all our waterways.

Submission Number: 83 - 7 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Rotorua District Council

Submission Summary: RDC is supportive of the percentage of riparian margins in Rotorua lakes with no stock access.

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Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 86 - 3 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Submission Summary: Sedimentation of the Tauranga Harbour continues to be a major problem, best solved by addressing the source, rather than the symptoms. Degradation of our water, harbours and lakes will continue unless the need for urgent and comprehensive approaches to land management are recognised and elevated both in terms of priority and funding.

Having said that, WBOPDC is supportive of the mangrove removal/mulching programmes and the various community groups assisting in this regard. Concern remains however at the adverse impact on flora and fauna that arises from current mangrove mulching approaches. WBOPDC would be happy to lend support to community groups to explore more effective methods of mulching to mitigate these impacts.

Decision Sought: Work with WBOPDC to explore more effective methods of mulching mangroves.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: A review of the mangrove removal operation to assess its success and effectiveness will be undertaken early in the 2011/2012 financial year. This review will also consider options for further work (including methods) that might be undertaken. Limited provision has been made in the 2011/2012 Annual Plan to fund further work on mechanical mangrove removal from further areas where care groups have been established to maintain mangrove clearance and where consents have been obtained.

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Submission Number: 4 - 4 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Forest & Bird Eastern Bay of Plenty Branch

Submission Summary: Another priority action specified is to continue the Regional Groundwater Management Investigation programme in order of priority being western Bay of Plenty, Rangitaiki Plains, Opotiki Plains, Galatea and Rotorua (Sustainable Water Management p.61). We are not sure if this is associated with the MAF study. We are aware that Whakatane District Council has signalled in its Annual Plan a contribution to a Rangitaiki Plains Irrigation Study, jointly funded by MAF and the Regional Council. It is important that such a study draw on work done previously and not try to reinvent the wheel. This study on its own is unbalanced, as the entire catchment should be considered in terms of yield, land use, allocation, off-river storage options, and ecological health of the river.

The Branch considers that water management should be viewed strategically, using a collaborative process with the community.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. Ensure that the Regional Groundwater Management Investigation programme uses a collaborative process with the community, aligns itself with the WDC and MAF, and builds on existing work.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support. The Regional Council has provided groundwater modelling and other science information to Whakatane District Council for its Rangitaiki Plains Irrigation Study. It is intended that the Rangitaiki Water Sustainability Strategy incorporate relevant aspects of this study in determining with the community a vision and actions for the whole Rangitaiki River catchment, including the Rangitaiki Plains. The Rangitaiki River Forum, which has arisen out of treaty settlements with government, will also have a high level of involvement.

Submission Number: 5 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Timberlands Limited

Submission Summary: Research is required around management of waste water disposal into forestry.

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Kaingaroa Timberlands Partnership owns the trees within Whakarewarewa Forest. This includes the trees within the spray irrigation area for Rotorua's treated sewage. BOPRC works with the Rotorua District Council and Te Arawa Lakes Trust on the Lake Rotorua Lakes programme. An issue that is developing in the irrigation of treated wastewater in the Whaka Forest is the die off of trees. At this stage it is not clear as to why this is happening.

It can be surmised that the deaths are occurring as the areas under trees are becoming waterlogged. Whatever the cause is the effects are becoming more and more obvious as not only mature Douglas fir are dead and dying but so too are young plantings of Pinus radiata. The trees are pre-1990 trees and deforestation of these trees may lead to the added complication of carbon tax liability for the iwi landowners.

Decision Sought:

No change is sought in the Annual Plan.
In the Ten Year Plan, ensure the lake programme factors in this issue and in particular considers the following:

- Research requirements
- Consideration of other/further land to be used for the treated wastewater discharge
- The impact on the overall concept of reducing nitrogen in Lake Rotorua by reticulating settlements and discharging to Whaka Forest.

We have a 10 year time frame, to fit within the renewal of the treated effluent discharge permit and consider that, in the long term, the Lakes programme must take into account the impacts of what is happening to the trees within the Whaka spray irrigation field.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: Council shares Kaingaroa Timberlands concern about the possible contribution of the wastewater disposal in Whakarewarewa Forest to forest die-off. It has already initiated investigations into the causes of the die-off.

It is noted however, that the responsibility for ensuring that the environmental effects of sewage disposal from the Rotorua Sewage Treatment Plant rests with Rotorua District Council. There is distinct separation between the role of the Regional Council as a key part of the Lake Rotorua Restoration partnership and Rotorua District Council's role as a wastewater disposal site consent holder. The Regional Council does not have a role to investigate and remedy the effects of over-application of fluid on production forestry. The Council evaluates Rotorua District Council's level of compliance with consent conditions and where these are being breached requires an explanation and plan to reach compliance as soon as practicable.

Council will continue to work with the Rotorua District Council to look at appropriate methods of nutrient reduction, one of which is extending application to a greater area of forest.

Submission Number: 40 - 4 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Rotorua Lakes Community Board

Submission Summary: The Board has particular concerns regarding the necessary land use change for the Lake Rotorua catchment in order to remediate the lake.

We are disappointed that the work of Councillor Oppatt's Special Projects Committee appears to have dropped off the table.

Decision Sought: Address land use change for the Lake Rotorua catchment at the earliest possible opportunity.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: The work of the Regional Special Projects Committee has not "dropped off the table". This work has led to work currently underway to develop policy tools to achieve land use change in the Lake Rotorua catchment.

This policy development work will continue into the 2011/2012 year. Other policy work arising from the Regional Special Projects Committee that has been completed includes a wetland feasibility study which has shown that wetlands are a potentially effective tool, and a review of phosphorus targets for Lake Rotorua.

Submission Number: 40 - 5 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Rotorua Lakes Community Board

Submission Summary: The Board considers it important to continue with land use changes in those other catchments where sewerage reticulation is (or will be) in place, and where the nutrient reduction targets have been largely met by reticulation alone.

The reduction targets are a minimum required to fix the lakes and a mindset that work can stop

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once these targets are reached should be avoided.

Decision Sought: Recognise that remediation of the Rotorua lakes is a responsibility for the entire community and all should contribute in order to restore the lakes.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council has a mandate from the community through its various statutory and non-statutory plans to achieve specific trophic level index targets. Its focus is therefore on achieving these targets. Council will however, promote individual and community responsibility for protecting lake water quality.

Submission Number: 40 - 6 **Submission Type:** Oppose

Submitter: Rotorua Lakes Community Board

Submission Summary: Following our submission last year, Council agreed that the Lake Okareka Outlet structure should be replaced and that the timing of this replacement should coincide with the proposed reticulated sewerage piping from Lake Tarawera to Okareka.

With the date for commencement of the Lake Tarawera sewerage scheme uncertain, essentially due to a lack of suitable subsidies from government or other sources, we again look for progress on the replacement of this structure.

Decision Sought: Progress the replacement of the Lake Okareka Outlet structure.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: The replacement of the Lake Okareka outlet structure is an appropriate capital item to be included in the Ten Year Plan process. The most cost effective way to implement replacement would be coordination with a sewerage pipeline from Lake Tarawera through to Okareka. However, at present the date for implementation of a Tarawera scheme has not been finalised. Council will continue to work with local community representatives in the interim to provide a practical lake level management process as far as practical.

Submission Number: 40 - 7 **Submission Type:** Oppose

Submitter: Rotorua Lakes Community Board

Submission Summary: The Board is concerned that the residential community at Lake Tarawera is now the only significant lakeside community where reticulated sewerage is uncertain due to significant subsidies being unlikely before the trigger date for OSET (On-Site Effluent Treatment).

Decision Sought: Consider options and/or alternative subsidies to achieve sewerage reticulation in the Lake Tarawera area.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council has initiated the process of development of the Lake Tarawera Action Plan which is an important step in identifying the proportions of nutrients being contributed from various sources into the Lake.

Once the Action Plan has been progressed we will be in a better position to assess the importance of and options for reducing nutrient loss from on-site systems. It is important to note that community reticulation may not be the only option.

Submission Number: 40 - 12 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Rotorua Lakes Community Board

Submission Summary: We support the work of BOPRC's voluntary Lake Wardens and support the proposal to extend their role as appropriate to include educational activities etc for Rotorua District Council.

This issue was identified by submitter 85:2.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. Extend the role of voluntary Lake Wardens to include educational activities etc. for RDC.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: The decision about whether our Voluntary Lake Wardens undertake work for Rotorua District Council is a decision for each individual volunteer to make for themselves. Bay of Plenty Regional Council does not oppose or support this occurring. However, Council wishes to make it clear that the powers conferred to our Lake Wardens do not provide for any activities they choose to undertake for Rotorua District Council.

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Submission Summary: Amend and include the Kaituna River in a sustainable water program.

In the Ongoing Actions section, state what monitoring, and what qualitative information is going to govern the monitoring.

In the Key Projects for 2011/2012 section, add in:

- "Develop a geothermal plan in co-management with tangata whenua for Maketu".
- "Develop a sustainable water management plan with tangata whenua for the Kaituna River and recognise it is connected to the Rotorua Lakes".

Include Tangata Whenua in water management plans and geothermal management plans.

Decision Sought: Amend and include the Kaituna River in a sustainable water program.

In the Ongoing Actions section, state what monitoring, and what qualitative information is going to govern the monitoring.

In the Key Projects for 2011/2012 section, add in:

- "Develop a geothermal plan in co-management with tangata whenua for Maketu".
- "Develop a sustainable water management plan with tangata whenua for the Kaituna River and recognise it is connected to the Rotorua Lakes".

Include Tangata Whenua in water management plans and geothermal management plans.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council recognises the importance of the Kaituna River to the region. Over the next few years Council will be expending greater effort into the protection and enhancement of the River in collaboration with all stakeholders. However "Sustainable Water Programme" is an overarching activity that includes all of the work being done regionally including the Kaituna. Further detail can be provided to the submitter about the detail of proposed monitoring and the information that governs it, however this level of detail is not appropriate for the Annual Plan document.

The development of a geothermal management plan for Maketu and a specific water management plan for the Kaituna would need to be considered as part of the Ten Year Plan process. The development of management plans for these resources would include Tangata Whenua involvement.

Submission Number:	67 - 6	Submission Type:	Support
Submitter:	Tauranga Environment Centre		
Submission Summary:	We wish to state our support for the Council's extensive ongoing work to clean up the Rotorua lakes.		
Decision Sought:	Submission of support. No change is sought.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept		
Recommended Response:	Council notes the submission of support.		

Submission Number:	73 - 4	Submission Type:	Support
Submitter:	Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited		
Submission Summary:	Fonterra supports the Ongoing Actions and Key Projects for 2011/12, and notes the strong linkages between the Sustainable Land Management and Sustainable Water Management activities. Fonterra's commitment to sustainability is backed by significant investment in developing new and innovative tools to manage our natural resources. Fonterra offers to work collaboratively with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council in ensuring sustainable management of these resources.		
Decision Sought:	Submission of support. No change is sought.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept		
Recommended Response:	Council notes the submission of support.		

Submission Number:	75 - 1	Submission Type:	Support
Submitter:	Lakes Water Quality Society		
Submission Summary:	Firstly, we would like to congratulate you on the clarity and ease of understanding.		

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Many of the aspects within the Plan have been covered at our recent Lakes Water Quality Symposium "Fix a Lake and Grow a City".

We would like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank you for your financial contribution, resources made available and attendance at the Symposium. It is the view of the Society that a strong consensus is being forged on how to remediate Lake Rotorua. This is attainable in the medium term with several short term gains already being achieved.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 78 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Leo Pol

Submission Summary: Even though the BOPRC is subsidising sewerage reticulation for affected property owners at lakes Rotorua and Rotoiti, the financial burden per family totals to about \$25,000; unless you can pay cash at the time of installation (then being close to \$12,000).

An interest free loan will be of some relief to this extra burden.

All affected families already have an approved tank system but because of the change they are forced to pay for a second new system.

This extra financial burden per affected family is too large, plus unfairly targeted, because the whole lakes region is responsible and all of the region benefit from a better water quality.

A much larger subsidy per property is fairer and needed.

Decision Sought: Provide a much larger subsidy per property in regards to the Sewerage Scheme at Rotorua.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: Council has been reviewing the various financial instruments that it might use to support landowners with the costs of sewerage reticulation. At this stage the Council is providing around \$4 million for the combined Rotoma, Rotoiti, Rotoehu sewerage scheme in addition to Central Government funding and this is considered appropriate. Council is also investigating how to support individuals with a genuine "hardship" need exacerbated by new sewerage reticulation costs.

Submission Number: 80 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: David Packman

Submission Summary: There have been two significant areas of community input addressing the ongoing health of the Rotorua lakes and Tarawera in particular.

In 2006, a Working Party was formed to assess potential risk to water quality and other matters, identify and evaluate problems and to prioritise an action plan which would ensure the potential sources of pollution were controlled. A great deal of detailed work was put into Focus Groups who consulted with the community and stakeholders. Recommendations were developed which represented a widely researched and balanced view of the way forward.

The two major contributors to lakewater pollution were identified as sewerage issues and farming practices. Provision has been made for regular and ongoing data gathering and scientific analysis currently being undertaken at community expense to monitor lake water.

Recommendations of the Lake Tarawera Action Plan Working Party:

- It is recommended that the current rules and regulations contained in the Lakes A zone be revisited and that the 380m contour be relaxed with a view to enabling land use change that reduces nutrient flows to the lake to occur on farmland within the whole of the immediate lake catchment that is currently being grazed.

- Include the Lakes A zone in the current review of the District Plan

- Combine the Tarawera sewerage reticulation scheme with Lake Okareka and complete as one integrated project. Include other appropriate services such as fibre optic cable in the trenches.

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- Ensure that all tracts of land are treated on a case by case basis and that outcomes provide the best possible economic outcome consistent with the objectives of providing a clean, safe and prosperous environment for future generations.
- Provide an enabling regulatory environment for land use change that is supportive, innovative and positive.
- Develop the landing area to provide increased boat launching and retrieval facilities and vehicle and trailer parking. This would assist in biosecurity, ease the current traffic problems on Spencer Road and possibly provide a financial opportunity for landowners for car and trailer parking etc.
- Mount a gorse removal project within the catchment area.
- Encourage commercially viable organic lifestyle blocks with very low nutrient impact on the environment together with covenanted planting on existing grazing land to reduce pollution, enhance the rural landscape and provide employment and livelihood.
- Link and integrate improvements in water quality to future land use initiatives, development and land management practices to facilitate and enhance environmental outcome, economic, community and recreational benefits.
- Provision of research funding by Central Government, BOPRC and RDC for all possible activities that reduce lake nutrients.
- Appoint an Action Plan Manager who is given sufficient authority. Establish time lines for all initiatives defined in the Action Plan and identify individual accountability. Hold regular action review meetings to check progress, identify and overcome delays and provide assistance and support as needed to achieve agreed targets which will need final definition but which should include a target TLI for Lake Tarawera to be reached within a reasonable time.

Decision Sought:

- a. Combine the Tarawera sewerage reticulation scheme with Lake Okareka and complete as one integrated project.
- b. Ensure that all tracts of land are treated on a case by case basis.
- c. Provide an enabling regulatory environment for land use change that is supportive, innovative and positive.
- d. Develop the landing area to provide increased boat launching and retrieval facilities and vehicle and trailer parking.
- e. Mount a gorse removal project within the catchment area.
- f. Encourage commercially viable organic lifestyle blocks with very low nutrient impact on the environment together with covenanted planting on existing grazing land.
- g. Link and integrate improvements in water quality to future land use initiatives, development and land management practices.
- h. Provide research funding along with Central Government and RDC for all possible activities that reduce lake nutrients.
- i. Appoint an Action Plan Manager who is given sufficient authority to establish time lines, identify individual accountability, hold regular action review meetings, and support as needed to achieve agreed targets within a reasonable time.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

- Recommended Response:**
- a. The development of the Lake Tarawera Action Plan is commencing in May 2011 which will confirm the nutrient contribution from on-site wastewater. Any proposal for reticulation will need to come from Rotorua District Council.
 - b. Council needs to ensure that the contribution from land users are considered cumulatively as well as in regard to their own individual contribution.
 - c. The need for an enabling regulatory environment for land use change is an issue that Council has been pursuing with Rotorua District Council.
 - d. The provision of lake activities is not the responsibility of Council but Rotorua District Council.
 - e. Council has a number of projects to work with willing landowners to achieve gorse removal from all of the lake catchments.

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f. Council has detailed a programme to encourage low nutrient loss land uses, including organic farming and covenanted planting of exotic and native vegetation.

g. Council has a comprehensive research programme into viable options for nutrient reduction and lake rehabilitation.

h. The Council has established a team to ensure that identified "actions" to achieve the necessary nutrient reduction targets.

i. Decisions sought by the submitter may or may not be included within the Action Plan. However, public meetings will be held to encourage interested members of the community to participate and have input into the process. It is therefore recommend that the submitter submits his ideas through this process.

Submission Number:	83 - 8	Submission Type:	Support in Part
Submitter:	Rotorua District Council		
Submission Summary:	Continuing to implement the Rotorua Lakes Programme, including implementing water quality action plans and nutrient management regulation is wholeheartedly supported by the RDC; however nutrient management regulation is limited to only a few lake catchments. RDC supports the allocation of resources and funding to complete the nutrient management regulation by way of regional planning documents for all those Rotorua lakes that are presently not provided for through the Regional Water and Land Plan. This matter should also be reflected in a key performance indicator (on p.63).		
Decision Sought:	Allocate resources and funding to complete nutrient management regulation by way of regional planning documents for all those Rotorua lakes that are presently not provided for through the Regional Water and Land Plan, and reflect in a key performance indicator on (p.63).		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept		
Recommended Response:	Council is committed to developing the appropriate policy and planning instruments to underpin the nutrient reductions required to implement the Rotorua Lakes Programme.		

Submission Number:	85 - 1	Submission Type:	Support in Part
Submitter:	Lake Rotoma/Rotoehu Ratepayers' and Residents Association		
Submission Summary:	<p>Wastewater</p> <p>BOPRC in its Lake Rotoma Action Plan, has identified and has noted that Rotorua District Council has committed to completing a sewerage reticulation of all houses and public toilets in Lake Rotoma by 2014. This is to address the nutrient reduction targets set for Lake Rotoma.</p> <p>The Association sees the reticulation of wastewater for Lake Rotoma, Doctors Point and Lake Rotoehu as a very important environmental outcome. To this effect, the Association has been working closely with officers from BOPRC and Rotorua District Council. At a public meeting held on 23 April 2011 with over 127 attendees, a resolution was passed to accept the reticulation of wastewater for Lake Rotorua, Doctors Point and the respective bays in Lake Rotoehu. This was for the residents of Lake Rotoma the most expensive option of those put forward. The Association believe it reflects the desire of the local community to address the issues of lake quality and supports the community outcomes highlighted in the Regional Council's Lake Rotoma Action Plan.</p> <p>It was mentioned at those public meetings, the cost per household will be approximately \$40,000. With the subsidy available from the Health Department, this will reduce the cost by about 50%. It is also understood that BOPRC wants to put a community subsidy in place of approximately \$2million. This will be further enhanced by the contribution from Rotorua District Council from their general rates of \$1,500 per property. This still leaves the local residents with an estimated cost of around \$10,000 - \$17,500. For many within the community, this will be a large financial burden.</p> <p>The Association would actively encourage the Regional Council to consider increasing its subsidy given that the community did not choose the cheapest option rather the best environmental and lake quality option. Hopefully the proposed reticulated scheme will alleviate the need for the implementation of the OSET Plan that was recently amended. The Association supports the amendment, the outcomes in which the OSET Plan is endeavouring to achieve.</p> <p>For the information of Council the Association's submission on the resource consent application from RDC is attached and details the issues faced by the Community.</p> <p>Eco toilets</p> <p>One of the major concerns of the Association is the increase in pollution caused by visitors that don't have access to toilet facilities. The Rotorua District Council has public toilets at</p>		

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Whangaroa Bay and at one end of the Matihi Reserve. There has been a noticeable increase in human waste being deposited on a number of beaches at the northern end of the Matihi Reserve. The Association would like to make application to BOPRC to allocate in 2011/2012 sufficient funds to have eco toilets established at the north end of the Matihi Reserve, possibly two eco toilets in both parts of the main Manawahe Bay and also another eco toilet in the large bay, which this Christmas holiday period had significant number of campers, in the north-western arm of Lake Rotoma.

Weed Control

The Association supports the Regional Council's effort in minimizing Lake Rotoma's exposure to infestation of weed. Although there were some initial community concerns, launching from undesignated areas has now been addressed and has community buy in. The weed control areas at both boat ramps are working well and the Association is supportive.

Decision Sought:

Consider increasing the subsidy for the reticulation of wastewater for Lake Rotoma, Doctors Point and Lake Rotoehu given that the community did not choose the cheapest option rather the best environmental and lake quality option.

Allocate in 2011/2012 sufficient funds to have eco toilets established at the north end of the Matihi Reserve, possibly two eco toilets in both parts of the main Manawahe Bay and also another eco toilet in the large bay in the north-western arm of Lake Rotoma (five altogether).

Continue efforts in minimizing Lake Rotoma's exposure to infestation of weed.

Staff Recommendation:

Accept in Part

Recommended Response:

Council will continue to work closely with Rotorua District Council to determine the most cost effective solution to wastewater management for nutrients and bacteria from the communities of Rotoma, Rotoehu and Rotoiti. The current council subsidy in addition to Central Government funding is set at \$4 million, is substantial and is appropriate for this important contribution to lake protection.

The establishment of eco-toilets is the domain of the Rotorua District Council, however, expending money now on areas that will have connection to the sewer available in the near future will not be supported.

Council will continue its efforts to protect Lake Rotoma from weed infestation, including working with the community to prevent boats launching outside the weed cordon areas around the launching ramps.

Submission Number:

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Submission Type:

Support in Part

Submitter:

Lake Rotoma/Rotoehu Ratepayers' and Residents Association

Submission Summary:

Through the Ratepayers & Residents Association a care group has been established for Lake Rotoma. It is imperative that these care groups are supported by the respective councils as they rely on a lot of input from volunteers. These volunteers do not have resources, especially finance, to undertake some of the activities. It is suggested that the Regional Council set aside a small sum of money (ie. \$1,500 per annum) to be allocated to the Ratepayers & Residents Association for the purposes of funding and assisting the volunteers in relation to the lakes care groups.

Decision Sought:

Set aside a small sum of money (ie. \$1,500 per annum) to be allocated to the Lake Rotoma/Rotoehu Ratepayers & Residents Association for the purposes of funding and assisting the volunteers in relation to the lakes care groups.

Staff Recommendation:

Accept in Part

Recommended Response:

Established care groups are able to access funding from the Regional Council to undertake environmental care work around lakes, including Lake Rotoma. Budget provision is contained within the Annual Plan 2011/12 for this purpose. Another option is Council's Environmental Enhancement Fund which provides funding for specific environmental projects. An application can be made any time if projects are seeking less than \$5,000.

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Submission Number:

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Submission Type:

Support in Part

Submitter:

Surf Life Saving New Zealand

Submission Summary:

Eastern Region is one of four regions within the national body of Surf Life Saving New Zealand [SLSNZ] which represents the 73 Surf Life Saving clubs in New Zealand. There are over 15,000 members of our organisation.

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Surf Life Saving in the Eastern Region supports 19 Clubs through advocacy and wider planning and facilitation of lifesaving services in the region. The Region delivers public education programmes, lifeguard training and development as well as the regions sport programme, all aligned through the national framework.

This submission is in reference to SLSNZ's investment and service within the EBOP Sustainable Coastal Management Sustainable Activity (p.67-68 Draft Annual Plan 2011-2012). SLSNZ has worked with several other agencies to source funding towards investment in this area.

SLSNZ would therefore request Council to consider providing \$10,000 to acknowledge the role that SLSNZ play towards achieving Community Outcomes.

SLSNZ help enforce Navigational Safety Bylaws: Surf Life Saving works proactively with the region's Harbour Masters, reporting issues that relate to the navigational Safety Bylaw in order to ensure the safety of public. Lifeguard services have already logged 153 hrs in after hour callouts this season within ENVBOP region.

SLSNZ also provides accessible educational programmes to youth which align with the NZQA and NCEA school curriculum and includes information relating to navigational safety requirements. Last year alone, 47 schools within EBOP region took part in these programmes

Decision Sought: Provide \$10, 000.00 per annum to Surf Life Saving NZ to acknowledge the role that SLSNZ play towards achieving Community Outcomes.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 35 - 2 **Submission Type:** Oppose

Submitter: Lynne Reardon

Submission Summary: On 6 February 2011, I wrote a letter of concern to the Chief Executive of BOPRC regarding the shifting of ski lanes on the lake and the danger that this was placing swimmers and other passive users of the lake.

Instead of receiving a written response to this letter the Council called my house on a Monday lunch time - a time when most people would be at work. My husband was at home sick so he was able to talk about the issue. The response to my letter (which took a great deal of time I don't have, to write) was to write a submission. As an ex-employee of two District Councils, I find this lack of service from the Regional Council to be appalling. My letter was a submission and should have been treated as such - not dismissed because it was outside the time frame of the formal submission process.

Numerous calls and messages left on your weekend message system are never returned, or to my knowledge followed up.

[The letter dated 6 February 2011 is provided in submission 35-3]

Decision Sought: Ensure all submitters receive a written response acknowledging their submission and outlining Council's decision.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Complex issues are sometimes better discussed in person rather than by mail. Our Harbourmaster chose to visit to discuss issues in response to your 6 February letter in this case. Later, a public meeting was held (23 April at Rotoma Hall) to hear feedback on the implementation of Navigation Safety Bylaws on Lake Rotoma. A letter has now been sent to you that addresses the process regarding having the location of ski-lanes reviewed in response to your 6 February letter. You will also receive a written response to this submission following Council deliberations.

Submission Number: 35 - 3 **Submission Type:** Oppose

Submitter: Lynne Reardon

Submission Summary: I write with concern over the recent changes to ski lanes on Lake Rotoma. I have lived at the lake for over 10 years and am increasingly concerned by the priority given to boat users at the expense of swimmers and other passive users of the lake e.g kayakers.

Recent changes to the ski lane at Matahi spit beach have seriously eroded the space available for passive users of the lake. Within the space of the beach you now have a jet ski lane at one end of the beach, a water ski lane in the middle of the beach and a boat ramp at the other end

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Council is pleased to advise that, in partnership with Whakatohea Maori Trust Board and the Department of Conservation, the Opotiki District Council has received funding from the Ministry of Economic Development to construct the Motu Trails Cycleway. A significant component of this project is the construction of a 10km coastal walking and cycle trail east of Opotiki along the Hikuwai and Tirohanga back dunes. This includes construction of a pedestrian bridge over the Otara River linking Opotiki township with the coast. For the most part, the trail occupies public land managed by either Opotiki District Council or the Department of Conservation. This project represents a significant recreational asset for both residents and visitors alike to access and enjoy the coast. It also represents a considerable opportunity to enhance a large section of degraded coastline.

The Opotiki District Council requests additional support from the Regional Council for the implementation of coastal enhancement work consistent with Coast Care principles including, plant and animal pest control, re-vegetation, improved coastal access, wetland enhancement and interpretation panels. This stretch of coast will be showcased to 4000 people per year expected to use the cycle/walk way.

We also endorse the submission from the Motu Trails Charitable Trust, seeking funding for their activities. The Trust was set up by the partner agencies as a single entity for the purpose of marketing, promotion and maximising opportunities from the cycleway, which traverses both the Bay of Plenty and Gisborne regions.

Decision Sought: Provide additional support for the implementation of coastal enhancement work.

Provide funding to the Motu Trails Charitable Trust for the purpose of marketing, promotion and maximising opportunities from the Motu cycleway.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: The Regional Council commends the Opotiki District Council, Whakatohea and the Motu Trails Charitable Trust for their initiatives to enhance recreational opportunities in the eastern Bay of Plenty.

Provision has been made in the 2011/2012 Annual Plan to support the Coast Care Programme. This includes provision to support specific dune planting and restoration work in association with the Hikuwai and Tirohanga cycle way work. The Regional Council has and will continue to provide support to the Motu Trails Charitable Trust for their cycleway initiative where this is consistent with existing Council programmes. However, the provision of financial support to third parties for the provision of recreational opportunities is not currently provided for within existing Council policy.

Submission Number: 49 - 7 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Tauranga City Council

Submission Summary: Tauranga City Council supports the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's continued implementation of the Kaituna/ Maketu Strategy and of the Tauranga Harbour Recreation Strategy recognising also TCC's role in the strategy development and implementation. TCC supports the increased funding to be provided for the Kaituna/ Maketu Strategy.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Regional Council accepts and recognises Tauranga City Council's continued support for implementation of the Kaituna Maketu Strategy. Regional Council encourages TCC's continued involvement in this implementation and TCC's support through provision of adequate resources in their own budget to continue to provide this support.

Submission Number: 51 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Phil Collins

Submission Summary: Mangrove removal
I support all efforts to remove the mangroves that are invading our estuaries at a great rate, and to return the estuarine margins and beaches to the condition they were in about 50 years ago before significant urban development occurred.

In particular I support the use of mechanical means (the mulching machine) to get on with the removal task before the natural growth and spread of the mangroves makes the job any more difficult. The machine has made much slower progress than was expected, though the results have been pleasing in most areas it has done, except in Fraser Cove which is a mess.

I urge the Council to speed up the mechanical removal, perhaps by engaging a second

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mulching machine, and certainly by extending the consent period to at least the end of 2012 and allocating funds to enable/ensure continuing mechanical removal throughout that period.

Decision Sought: Speed up the mechanical removal of mangroves by engaging a second mulching machine and by extending the consent period to at least the end of 2012.

Allocate funds to enable/ensure continuing mechanical removal to at least the end of 2012.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Mechanical removal of mature mangroves from existing consented areas is currently underway and is expected to be completed by the end of June 2011. A review of the removal operation to assess its success and effectiveness will be undertaken early in the 2011/2012 financial year. This review will also consider options for further work that might be done. Limited provision has been made in the 2011/2012 Draft Annual Plan to fund further work on mechanical mangrove removal from further areas where care groups have been established to maintaining mangrove clearance and where consents have been obtained.

Submission Number: 55 - 7 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust

Submission Summary: Support the ongoing action of "Sandy beaches, estuaries, harbours, and their catchments are protected and improved". However BOPRC need to add a new item somewhere to educate the community about compliance with laws and bylaws that help protect sand dunes and dune structures.

Decision Sought: Insert an additional action to educate the community about compliance with laws and bylaws that help protect sand dunes and dune structures.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: Provision has been made in the Coast Care programme to fund awareness programmes around protection of dunes and dune structures. These are not, however, specifically targeted toward encouraging compliance with bylaws. The responsibility for ensuring compliance with bylaws relating to vehicles on beaches rests with the District Councils who have established the bylaws.

Submission Number: 55 - 19 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust

Submission Summary: We support various items in the Notable Variances chapter of the Draft Annual Plan but seek further relief:
We support BOPRC funding for the Tauranga Harbour Science Coordinator role. Propose more thought on a general harbour science coordinator role, not just Tauranga harbour.

Decision Sought: Consider providing for a general harbour science coordinator role, not just for Tauranga harbour.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: The position of Tauranga Harbour Science Coordinator has recently been filled so Council will review how well this initiative works before considering expansion of the role to the wider Bay of Plenty.

Submission Number: 56 - 2 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Te Tumu Land Owners Group

Submission Summary: We support the continued investigations on the rediversion of the Kaituna River into the Maketu Estuary and the additional funding proposed to be provided in this Annual Plan.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council acknowledge and appreciate continued support of Te Tumu Land Owners Group in implementation of the rediversion of the Kaituna River to the Maketu Estuary as part of the Kaituna Maketu Strategy.

Submission Number: 58 - 2 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Brian Anderson

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Submission Summary: We support the Tauranga Harbour integrated management programme. The Strategy itself has a key task of integrating and supporting good governance in the coastal areas.

The writers have been supporting the development of the Tauranga Harbour Recreation Forums and have noted that this project is attempting to operate in an area identified in the Annual Plan and RPS as a cross boundary problem. Mr. Cronin states (p.7) that BOPRC is working increasingly in partnership with other agencies and our communities. We also note the LGA highlighting the need for councils to work together on 'wet ' and 'dry' problems which have been causing confusion.

There should be no problem as, for example, 8 out of the 13 WBOPDC committees are combined with other councils. The work has already started with the Recreation Forums but this work will be negated if the Council structures do not move to accommodate the positive initiative. Council should not be planning to allow for cross boundary problems – the planning should aim to eliminate them.

The discussions in the recent Recreation Forum Meetings highlighted a number of harbour use and access problems. Problems included:

- Paper roads offering multiple uncontrolled access to the harbour.
- No defined multi use recreation sites - resulting in user conflict.
- No general roading development for purpose for the different harbour use.
- No guidance for visitors to the area.
- Siltation issues including control and the need for a dredging program.
- Harbour access and use restricted by mangroves.
- Boat ramps, boat parking, safety.
- Lack of planning for campervan 'free camping'.
- Esplanade reserves that are not maintained with pampas grass and other weeds taking over.

One committee, meeting regularly, could coordinate solutions to these problems. A Strategy without an empowered working committee is just more paper.

Having attended all of the Recreation strategy meetings we are very pleased with the help and direction of the BOPRC. We had great difficulty with communicating in any way with the District Council with different Authorities, Boards, and Committees offering conflicting information on the WBOPDC lack of involvement. The most common was that the Kauri Point Boat Ramp was the beginning and the end of the recreation strategy. Thirty odd submissions against the Kauri Point Boat Ramp were accepted and ignored. The Forum started without anything but opposition from the District Council. The Council's intractability over 'wet and dry' responsibility was highlighted by the LGA commissioner at the Waihi Beach hearings.

Decision Sought: Form a combined committee that includes TCC, WBOPDC, and BOPRC and links with SmartGrowth and any other relevant authorities. This committee will coordinate all research and planning in the coastal and harbour margins as indicated in the RPS maps.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: The Council considers that its current committee structure provides the appropriate "regional" perspective to the management of the region's resources. The establishment of a joint committee with Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council could not diminish the governance responsibilities of these three respective bodies to decide on issues as they have been elected to do.

The Council believes that the Tauranga Harbour Recreational Forum is an important step in obtaining integration. Council does not support the establishment of a further joint committee at this time but wishes to see how the Tauranga Harbour Recreational Forum progresses.

Submission Number:	59 - 7	Submission Type:	Support
Submitter:	Tauranga Chamber of Commerce		
Submission Summary:	The Chamber supports the creation and funding support for a Tauranga Harbour Science Coordinator to develop an integrated management approach for Tauranga Harbour. The health and wellbeing of this extremely critical and busy harbour is important and having an integrated approach will ensure that all users have their needs meet.		
Decision Sought:	Submission of support. No change is sought.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept		
Recommended Response:	Council notes the submission of support.		

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Submission Number:	62 - 5	Submission Type:	Support in Part
Submitter:	Te Runanga o Ngati ki Maketu		
Submission Summary:	<p>In the Ongoing Actions section of the Sustainable Coastal Management Activity, add: Support wetland development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Must also be provisions for waterfowl recreation?- Must also include coastal supervision of speed boats especially in areas during the whitebaiting season and duck shooting seasons. <p>In the Key Projects 2011/2012 section, we object to the "continue investigations on the rediversion", we want to see "action" to get the Kaituna River returned to the Maketu Estuary.</p> <p>Amend to include a review of the Maketu coastal environment.</p> <p>Key Projects – Priority given to the Kaituna River rediversion to the Maketu Estuary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Maketu Seawall – An eyesore with the big boulders effect.- Sandy beaches – We want a sandy beach but in its current state the Maketu Estuary has sand in the wrong places, such as in the channel which boaties use to get in and out of the estuary. At low tide boaties cannot get in or out because it's too shallow.		
Decision Sought:	<p>In the Ongoing Actions section of the Sustainable Coastal Management Activity, add: Support wetland development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Include provisions for waterfowl recreation- Include coastal supervision of speed boats especially in areas during the whitebaiting season and duck shooting seasons. <p>Take action to get the Kaituna River returned to the Maketu Estuary.</p> <p>Amend the activity to include a review of the Maketu coastal environment.</p> <p>In the Key Projects 2011/2012 section, give priority to the Kaituna River rediversion to the Maketu Estuary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reconsider the eyesore that is the Maketu Seawall.- Relocate sand from the channel to a beach at the Maketu Estuary.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept in Part		
Recommended Response:	<p>Regional Council accepts the support for and the need for action to implement the Kaituna River rediversion to the Maketu Estuary. Investigation and obtaining resource consent are a necessary part of this action.</p> <p>Implementation of the Kaituna-Maketu Strategy includes creation of 100 hectares of additional wetland. In addition Council also supports wetland development and protection through Biodiversity and Riparian Management Plans within the Sustainable Land Management Ten Year Plan Activity. Hence Council declines the request to specifically include a review of the Maketu coastal environment.</p> <p>The requested provision of waterfowl recreation will be left to the agencies that have legislative responsibility for game bird hunting. This is not therefore specifically included in our Annual Plan.</p> <p>Our maritime staff monitor and enforce compliance with our Navigation Safety Bylaws on all Bay of Plenty Regional waters including the Kaituna River.</p>		

Submission Number:	64 - 5	Submission Type:	Support
Submitter:	Waihi Beach Community Board		
Submission Summary:	The Coastcare work at Waihi Beach is fully supported, as is the work at the Athenree wetland.		
Decision Sought:	Submission of support. No change sought.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept		
Recommended Response:	Council notes the submission of support.		

Submission Number:	64 - 6	Submission Type:	Support in Part
Submitter:	Waihi Beach Community Board		
Submission Summary:	The Minister of Conservation's decision on the Waihi Beach Erosion Protection Works SAR 03 -36-05-05 includes condition 13 that requires the undertaking of comprehensive investigations to determine the best practicable option for the long term management of the coastal hazard risk		

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only to employees but small ancillary businesses needed to maintain such an area.

- This Plan will always be subject to modification here and there but the overall concept shall be ongoing.

Decision Sought: Provide funding to undertake the work involved in the Northern Harbour Long Term Regional Development Plan for the Bowentown Boating and Sport Fishing Club (BBSFC).

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 77 - 1 **Submission Type:** Oppose

Submitter: Northern Tauranga Recreational Harbour Users Forum

Submission Summary: The Northern Tauranga Harbour Recreational Users Forum (NTHRUF) would like the regional council to consider:

- a) The re-establishment of Harbour access from Bridgeman Lane.
- b) The clearance of mangroves from Bridgeman Land to Tanners Point.

This area of reserve was historically once a sandy beach and a place of beauty, but now has become a muddy estuary covered in Mangroves. I have been to see the area. It has areas of stagnant water and a foul stench emanates from it. The NTHRUF submits that this council formulate funding for both areas of this work to be undertaken.

Decision Sought: Provide funding to re-establish harbour access from Bridgeman Lane.

Provide funding to clear mangroves from Bridgeman Lane to Tanners Point.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Current council policy on the provision of recreational opportunities does not provide for it to fund the provision of recreational assets such as boat ramps and harbour access points around the Tauranga Harbour margins. This is generally regarded as the responsibility of the city/district councils.

Funding has been provided for mangrove removal within areas where a consent has been obtained and an established local Estuary Care group has undertaken to keep the areas free of mangroves once cleared. The area from Bridgeman Lane to Tanners Point is not currently included within a consented area for mangrove removal. Should the local Tanners Point or a new Estuary Care group assume responsibility for this area, and if a consent is obtained, funding will be available to assist with mangrove removal.

Submission Number: 77 - 2 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Northern Tauranga Recreational Harbour Users Forum

Submission Summary: The heritage Matahui Trail between the Mainland and Matakana Island has deteriorated to a point where some of the markers (i.e. telegraph poles) have disappeared. This trail or access way has a long history with the local community which goes back many years. People and stock used this trail in bygone days and it should be used and promoted as a tourist attraction for the area as part of a walking trail around the Tauranga Harbour.

Decision Sought: Make funding available to reinstate the heritage Matahui Trail between the Mainland and Matakana Island.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council proposes to scope what is required to "reinstate" the Matahui Trail and depending on the cost commence consultation about the necessary works.

Submission Number: 77 - 3 **Submission Type:** Oppose

Submitter: Northern Tauranga Recreational Harbour Users Forum

Submission Summary: The Bowentown Boating and Sport Fishing Club is applying for resource consent in early May 2011 to dredge the Pio Channel. The details of this work are included in the Submission from the Club for the funding of this work. This work is to be undertaken to provide the Northern Harbour region with all tide ramps and boat launching facilities.

The NTHRUF supports this work and further makes applications to this council to fund this dredging. The amount for this work is estimated to cost \$60K plus GST.

Decision Sought: Provide funding in the Plan for the dredging of the Pio Channel (\$60K).

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Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 81 - 3 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Tauranga Harbourwatch

Submission Summary: Submission to request that BOPRC apply for a new resource consent to continue mangrove eradication in Tauranga Harbour.

Bruce Gardner told us harbour recreational users at a 6.30pm meeting at the Tauranga Yacht/ Boat Club, Wednesday 16 March - this consent application was still to be considered in August.

Remember many and most people want mangroves out and DOC/ Forest and Bird are a tiny but very vocal minority.

Decision Sought: Apply for a new resource consent to continue mangrove eradication in Tauranga Harbour and prevent new growth of seedlings.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Mechanical removal of mature mangroves from existing consented areas is currently underway and is expected to be completed by the end of June 2011. A review of the removal operation to assess its success and effectiveness will be undertaken early in the 2011/2012 financial year. This review will also consider options for further work that might be done. Limited provision has been made in the 2011/2012 Draft Annual Plan to fund further work on mechanical mangrove removal from further areas where care groups have been established to maintaining mangrove clearance and where consents have been obtained.

Submission Number: 85 - 4 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Lake Rotoma/Rotoehu Ratepayers' and Residents Association

Submission Summary: Lake Wardens - The lake wardens and harbour master staff have worked well together in controlling activities on Lake Rotoma over the last year. The Association is of the opinion that the lake wardens have added value and are an important part of the education and implantation of the navigation and safety bylaws. The Association would like to see the roles of the wardens extended to include on-land activities currently under the jurisdiction of the Rotorua District Council. The Association would seek the Regional Council's support in submitting to the Rotorua District Council to have dual roles of lake wardens and reserve wardens, allowing the current volunteer group to manage on and off lake activities.

Decision Sought: Work with RDC to extend the role of the lake wardens to have dual roles of lake wardens and reserve wardens, allowing the current volunteer group to manage on and off lake activities.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council acknowledges the support of the Lake Rotoma/Rotoehu Ratepayer's and Residents association for the education and implementation of the Navigation Safety Bylaw. Council staff are working with RDC to consider the extension of Lake Warden roles to include land based activities under the jurisdiction of RDC. The potential benefits and implications of Lake Wardens taking on this additional role will be carefully considered before any commitment is made.

Submission Number: 86 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Submission Summary: Western Bay of Plenty wishes to express its support for the proposal by the BOPRC to allocate additional funding for the implementation of the Kaituna River Strategy.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 86 - 4 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Submission Summary: WBOPDC supports BOPRC in relation to the Northern Harbour Recreation study and desires ongoing dialogue, especially in relation to the Northern Harbour.

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Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 86 - 5 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Submission Summary: While WBOPDC supports dredging of the channel, it is noted that the consent issued by BOPRC extends only to dredging and not disposal of the sand. WBOPDC acknowledges the requirement for resource consent in this regard and seeks that BOPRC consider disposing of the sand on Matakana Island.

Decision Sought: Continue ongoing dialogue with WBOPDC about dredging the channel and depositing the sand on Matakana Island. Provide funding of \$20,000 so this can be actioned.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: Council is supportive of parties that might want to utilise this consent but we do not plan to dredge the channel for what is a commercial reason/activity. Council is happy to consider options but this should be progressed by a party that wishes to utilise the Council's dredging consent. Council is not aware of any party wishing to undertake this work at the present time.

Submission Number: 88 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Tauranga Southern Harbour Forum

Submission Summary: We submit the following:
- That further increased and/or sufficient funding be budgeted in the Annual Plan for clearing Sea Lettuce from our beaches and harbour.
- That any funding not used be carried over to the following year.
- That cleanups be done to the standard required.

Decision Sought: Further increase funding or budget for sufficient funding in the Annual Plan for clearing Sea Lettuce from our beaches and harbour.
Allow funding not used to be carried over to the following year.
Ensure that clean-ups be done to the standard required.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: The Council is committed to ensuring that sufficient funds are available to work collaboratively with Tauranga City Council to clear sea lettuce from accessible locations in the south eastern Harbour. In addition, significant funds have been allocated within the science section budget to support three PhD studies over the next three years into the biology of sea lettuce, and exacerbating factors leading to sea lettuce blooms.

The amount of funding required annually to deal with sea lettuce will be highly variable depending on environmental factors. For example, in 2009/10 Council spent around \$75,000 on sea lettuce clean-ups whilst in 2010/11 the amount spent was less than \$40,000. Any costs over and above the amount identified within the Pollution Prevention budget can be sourced from reserves if necessary.

Submission Number: 90 - 2 **Submission Type:** Oppose

Submitter: Manaaki Taha Moana Research Programme

Submission Summary: It is critical that a working environment be continued in a central location whereby the people and groups contributing to the Tauranga Moana case study research in MTM can work alongside each other. This space is important for networking and consultation with end user groups, and for students who receive scholarships through MTM to work. It is important that other parties to MTM such as Massey University and Cawthron can also utilise a physical space when they are conducting research in the area.

It is critical that the MTM programme is "visible" in Tauranga moana, to increase its presence and legitimacy as a significant research programme in the rohe. This will greatly assist in securing co-funding and additional research contracts, to complement the work being undertaken in MTM. A key goal of MTM is to build tangata whenua capability, and having a centralised space for researchers to work together is necessary for such capability development to occur. Thus, an MTM office space is a fundamental requirement for delivery of contracted objectives to FRST.

[Further detail including location, cost and tenants of the office space are included in the full

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submission.]

Decision Sought: Fund a share (33%) of the rental for office space for iwi and hapu, students, researchers and technicians contributing to the MTM research to restore ecosystems in Tauranga Harbour of importance to iwi. The amount requested from council is \$11,666 + GST.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Section: 1.5.2.4 Sustainable Air Management
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Submission Number: 33 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA)

Submission Summary: The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) congratulates the Bay of Plenty Regional Council on establishing an interest-free voluntary targeted rate scheme to improve air quality within a section of Rotorua City.

EECA made a submission to council's LTCCP a year ago, and suggested council look at developing a Voluntary Targeted Rate as a method of ratepayers funding the additional costs of the retrofit. The Bay of Plenty Regional Council considered the concept, and chose to adopt the voluntary targeted rate scheme specifically focusing on air-quality problem areas in Rotorua.

We are pleased that council has adopted a voluntary targeted rates scheme for a specific portion of Rotorua – and we note that you have developed skills in the application of this method.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 33 - 2 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA)

Submission Summary: The Warm Up New Zealand: Heat Smart scheme provides grants of up to \$1300 for insulation, and between \$500-1200 for clean heating – and there is no income restriction on eligibility. To date, the scheme (which runs until June 2013) has allowed more than 90,000 homeowners to take up Government funding to assist with their home retrofit – and this clearly signals that there is a significant amount of funding still available for your ratepayers, if they wish to access the scheme.

We are pleased that council has adopted a voluntary targeted rates scheme for a specific portion of Rotorua – and we note that you have developed skills in the application of this method. However, the EECA scheme requires that insulation must be installed before any clean heating device to ensure that warmth is not lost from a poorly-insulated building. Hence, EECA has not been able to join with council in assisting the uptake of the Rotorua scheme, as the BOPRC scheme does not require insulation to be installed first.

Notes that this scheme generally fails to attract the EECA grants of \$1300 for insulation, and between \$500-\$1200 for clean heating – as it does not require insulation to be undertaken first, and the Service providers are not necessarily part of EECA's authorized providers.

Decision Sought: Consider expanding the Rotorua targeted rate scheme to include insulation – as this will enable homeowners to qualify for the EECA grants.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 33 - 3 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA)

Submission Summary: Enhanced uptake of insulation and clean heating provides significant benefits to the whole region in terms of job creation, improved health outcomes, enhanced air quality, potential for reduction on greenhouse gas emissions, ability for the elderly to "age in place", and promotion of regional development.

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The voluntary targeted rate scheme should be expanded to the whole of the Bay of Plenty region on an interest-bearing basis that aims to be cost neutral to council. This mechanism, which aims to be cost-neutral to council and therefore would not be interest-free would nevertheless allow council to support the uptake of the Government grants across the wider region.

Our submission is that you consider whether it is timely or appropriate for council to expand this scheme to the wider Bay of Plenty community. Please see the full submission for more detail on how the voluntary targeted rate scheme works in the Greater Wellington Region.

Decision Sought: Consider establishing a voluntary targeted rate for the whole region to foster uptake of insulation and clean heating to all ratepayers.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 67 - 5 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Tauranga Environment Centre

Submission Summary: We wish to state our support for the Council's clean heating programme in Rotorua. Although we are based in Tauranga, we believe it is important to prioritise this essential work in other areas of the Bay.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 70 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Energy Options Charitable Company Limited

Submission Summary: We wish to commend the Council on its support for the 'Clean Heat' programme where a small number of low-income homes receive fully funded heating conversions and the funding is provided by a 1:1 Ministry for the Environment and Bay of Plenty Regional Council grant. The programme is low-profile but provides much needed heating conversions in the worst affected areas of the LAMA, attracts 50% funding from MfE and provides an essential solution for some of the neediest homes in the area.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: This is a submission in support for something that is not contained within the Annual Plan and therefore requires clarification as follows. Please note that the 'Clean Heat' programme funding with Government will be completed on 30 June 2011. Central Government has not yet announced whether future funding for the programme will be available.

Submission Number: 70 - 2 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Energy Options Charitable Company Limited

Submission Summary: Recognise that progress for the Clean Heat initiative requires fully funded insulation. Local funding for insulation is extremely difficult to secure (unlike neighbouring areas of Tauranga and Eastern Bay). We request that BOPRC carefully consider opportunities to make direct contributions to the 'healthy homes' insulation programme.

Direct support for low-income insulation would directly help the air quality issue by reducing the need to heat (particularly the need to heat over night), attract additional central government funding into the Rotorua district (insulation grants are currently met on a 2:1 basis by EECA) and significantly improve the low-income housing stock in the Rotorua community.

Decision Sought: Make direct contributions to the 'Healthy Homes' insulation programme.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support in part for Sustainable Air Management.

The Regional Council will consider making direct contributions in the future to the healthy homes insulation programme in the next Ten Year Plan process.

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Submission Number: 70 - 3 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Energy Options Charitable Company Limited

Submission Summary: Fund further community-based research into householder selection of appliances under the 'Clean Heat' initiative to date. Appliance selection under this programme is not cost driven but allows householders to choose their heating type according to fuel availability, heating needs now and in the future and personal preference.

Decision Sought: Fund further community based research into householder selection of appliances under the clean heat initiative to date.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: Extensive community based research has been completed into the householder selection of appliances and appliance use in both 2010 and 2011 to add to the Heating Survey conducted in 2005. Council will not consider further funding of research in this area.

Submission Number: 70 - 4 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Energy Options Charitable Company Limited

Submission Summary: Fund further community-based research into current appliance use and community-based education on 'good' use of energy sources and fuel.

Decision Sought: Fund further community-based research into current appliance use and community-based education on 'good use' of energy sources and fuel.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council has developed community based education on good use of energy sources with fact sheets on Clean Heat Options and Tips for Clean Wood Burning. The EECA brochure "How to choose a heat pump and use it wisely" is supplied to all households who convert to a heat pump under the Hot Swap scheme.

The above brochures are available from Council offices. In addition they are taken to community events and stands attended by Council Staff. We agree that this is an important aspect of our programme and will continue to use these resources for community education.

Submission Number: 70 - 5 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Energy Options Charitable Company Limited

Submission Summary: We also wish to commend the Council on the development and support for the 'Hot Swap' initiative. We believe that the targeted rate mechanism is a positive concept.

However, we do wish to strongly recommend adjustments to the programme to:

- a) make full insulation mandatory before heating assistance is available.
- b) include assistance for insulation as part of the 'Hot Swap' programme.
- c) increase the maximum loan for 'Hot Swap' and thereby avoid creating a default to heat pumps.
- d) make a voluntary targeted rate scheme available across the whole region.

Decision Sought: Make full insulation mandatory before heating assistance is available.
Include assistance for insulation as part of the 'Hot Swap' programme.
Increase the maximum loan for 'Hot Swap' and thereby avoid creating a default to heat pumps.
Make a voluntary targeted rate scheme available across the whole region.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 70 - 6 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Energy Options Charitable Company Limited

Submission Summary: There may be more MfE funding for Clean Heat. I encourage Council to be prepared to increase their contribution in order to take advantage of this opportunity.

Decision Sought: Be prepared to increase the contribution to the 'Clean Heat' initiative in order to take advantage of the potential for more MfE funding.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council will consider applying for any future funding from central government for clean heat

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programmes that may become available.

Section: 1.5.2.5 Resource Regulation

Submission Number:	48 - 2	Submission Type:	Support in Part
Submitter:	JG Bennett Orchardist		
Submission Summary:	<p>I would like to comment on the way in which groundwater volumes are constructed and provide an alternate method of allocation.</p> <p>I understand that we all need to conserve water and that capacity of the aquifer from which I draw my water is unknown, therefore the council is only able to allocate a small proportion of what it estimates the capacity to be in order to meet legislative requirements which have been set in such a manner as to ensure that the aquifer is not unduly depleted.</p> <p>I would like to know that I have assured supply but at the same time I do not wish future consent applicants to be unduly penalised because the council's ability to allocate usage is restricted due to users such as myself, who require water at specific times for specific purposes and have spare capacity within their consents due to the current methods of consent allocations.</p> <p>Consent volumes are currently constructed based on a maximum water take flow rate per day limited to a maximum weekly allocation for irrigation throughout the year and a daily rate for frost protection for a specified period. My consent allows me to take up to 634,000 cu metres per annum, however over the preceding 2,375 days that my bore has been operational it has been activated 127 times with a total usage in that period of 88,847 cu metres. Water use records provided to the council show that the most cubic metres drawn in any 12 month period to be 18,440. Significantly less than permitted and somewhat less than moderately sized dairy farms extract for stock which, under current legislation, no fees are payable.</p> <p>My orchard is fully developed and based on water use records and allowing for a drought year estimate that usage would not exceed 35,000 cu metres per annum, to irrigate and frost protect my crop, an allocation of some 599,000 cu metres could be available to others.</p>		
Decision Sought:	Allocate water to users with intermittent need consents based on a maximum number of days per annum throughout the growing season.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept in Part		
Recommended Response:	Council is interested in any ideas about water allocation strategies that optimise waster use without compromising the environment. The suggested concept will be included within Council's review of its Land and Water Plan provisions.		

Submission Number:	55 - 8	Submission Type:	Support in Part
Submitter:	Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust		
Submission Summary:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Support BOPRC in building and maintaining external capacity for processing resource consents and obtaining specialist advice for decision making. However, suggest that specialist advice for decision making should include specialists in the cultural landscape.2. Support BOPRC processing resource consent applications and undertaking compliance monitoring with consent conditions and rules in regional plans. However, propose that compliance monitoring includes checking against iwi/hapu resource management plans.3. Fully support BOPRC investigating and promoting joint waste management initiatives to address regional waste issues, including product stewardship initiatives.4. Support all key projects under resource regulation (p.75) and propose that tangata whenua are specifically included when undertaking a resource consent "customer" satisfaction survey.5. Consider all possible waste initiatives to divert a minimum of 80% of waste currently going to landfill sites.6. Support the resource consent process being efficient and effective for applicants and submitters. However, propose that the resource consent process is efficient and effective for applicants and submitters and gives effect to the cultural values of tangata whenua.		
Decision Sought:	Ensure advice for decision making includes seeking advice from cultural specialists. Ensure compliance monitoring includes checking compliance with iwi/hapu resource management plans. Specifically include tangata whenua in the resource consent "customer" satisfaction survey. Consider all possible waste initiatives to divert a minimum of 80% of waste currently going to		

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landfill sites.

Ensure that the resource consent process is efficient and effective for applicants and submitters and gives effect to the cultural values of tangata whenua.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council ensures that cultural advice is sought from specialists as appropriate and that it is as efficient and effective as practical for applicants and submitters.
Compliance monitoring checks only relate to compliance with the specified conditions of resource consent Regional Plan requirements or the Resource Management Act.
Council will include Tangata Whenua in the customer satisfaction survey as far as practical.
The setting of waste minimisation targets is specifically the domain of local councils who have the responsibility for waste collection and disposal.

Submission Number: 55 - 20 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust

Submission Summary: We support various items in the Notable Variances chapter of the Draft Annual Plan but seek further relief:
We support the review of Hazmobile service. Request collections be reduced to 2 x per year, rather than removed.

Decision Sought: Provide Hazmobile service collections twice per year.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: Hazmobile collections were co-ordinated by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council in collaboration with the region's city/district councils. Other avenues now exist for recycling of waste materials so the partner agencies have agreed to discontinue the Hazmobile collections which were undermining the viability of industry led alternatives.

Submission Number: 57 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: TrustPower Limited

Submission Summary: TrustPower owns and operates three hydroelectric power schemes (HEPS) in the Bay of Plenty Region, where it's head office is also located. The HEPS are the Matahina and Wheao/ Flaxy on the Rangitaiki River, and the Kaimai Scheme in the Western Bay of Plenty.

TrustPower holds regional resource consents which authorise and enable the operation of it's existing HEPS. The value of TrustPowers' generation assets reside with its resource consents. TrustPower has lodged an application for the replacement of its resource consents for the ongoing operation of the Matahina HEPS. The Council hearing is expected to be scheduled for July this year.

TrustPower's HEPS contribute to the social, economic, and environmental well being of the Bay of Plenty Region by generating power for more than 35,000 average households, and by contributing to the region achieving its stated community outcomes of; a clean and protected environment, healthy and safe communities, quality affordable infrastructure, and a prosperous and sustainable community.

TrustPower looks to maintain an interest in all relevant regulatory authority processes (such as the Draft Annual Plan) and has particular interest in changes or developments that have the potential to undermine the sustainability of its operations and consequently the economic development of the community.

TrustPower supports the overall direction of the Draft Annual Plan.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 61 - 6 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Whakatane District Council

Submission Summary: The Whakatane District Council supports the Regional Council's proposal to investigate and promote joint waste management initiatives to address regional waste issues. This is an area which WDC submitted on to the Regional Policy Statement, as WDC is looking for some direction in this area.

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The Whakatane District Council has recently developed a Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and is looking to undertake waste processing initiatives to reduce residual waste through a number of options. WDC is also investigating options for waste disposal in the Eastern Bay and would like to work with the Regional Council to achieve joint objectives. This would include a proposed landfill and associated activities.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. Work with WDC on joint waste initiatives including a landfill.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council is able to work with WDC on promoting joint waste initiatives, however, developing a landfill is beyond the Regional Council's current policy and roles.

Submission Number: 62 - 6 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Te Runanga o Ngati ki Maketu

Submission Summary: Add process of resource consents applications for customary rights in Iwi Resource Management Plans.

Key Projects – Undertake a 'Tangata Whenua' survey on satisfaction.

Recognise the Cultural Interest of Tangata Whenua in RMA 1991 Section 6.

Decision Sought: Add process of resource consents applications for customary rights in Iwi Resource Management Plans.

In the Key Projects 2011/2012 section, undertake a 'Tangata Whenua' survey on satisfaction.

Recognise the Cultural Interest of Tangata Whenua in RMA 1991 Section 6.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council consent processing practices recognise "customary rights" as far as practicable in particular iwi management plans and statutory acknowledgments. Council is conducting an audit of consent processing from a tangata whenua perspective in the 2010/2011 financial year and will publish the results of this work.

Submission Number: 81 - 1 **Submission Type:** Oppose

Submitter: Tauranga Harbourwatch

Submission Summary: Tauranga Harbourwatch opposes the redevelopment of the coronation pier and especially the Scarpens floating barge proposal. Our reasons have already been given to you when we appealed and won, before TCC (using ratepayers money) took an appeal to the Environment Court. However, briefly here are some of our points:

- the grand view shaft down wharf street will be lost or compromised.
- there is public opposition.
- TCCs Private/ Public Partnership with Mr Scarpens favours him at the expense of the ratepayer.
- Mr Scarpens already has one environmental botch-up on the waterfront with a floating glasshouse barge entrance to the defunct kestrel still there.
- public access to new proposed coronation pier will be limited and there will be periods of lockout.
- barge not an essential (or even desired) element of redevelopment aims.
- the yearly speedboat regatta would have to be further out in the harbour away from the reclamation redevelopment spectators views/ passive recreational users.

There are several more good reasons as to why the barge proposal should not go ahead. Please refer to our earlier arguments to the independent commissioner.

Decision Sought: Do not allow the barge proposal to go ahead.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: The issues raised by the submitter are the subject of resource consent application and the statutory process that entails. It is inappropriate, and inconsistent with resource management and local government legislation, for these matters to be considered by Council as part of the Annual Plan process.

Submission Number: 81 - 2 **Submission Type:** Oppose

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at the skills of the divers. Sadly, a call has started to echo calling an end to the penny diver due to unknown levels of pollutants and toxins draining from the entire catchment of the Puarenga.

My submission seeks a healing for our Taonga, with restoration of the values of the Puarenga and its catchment. In the Bay of Plenty Regional Annual Plan this involves making a start to remedying the levels of pollutants known and suspected, loss of culture and heritage and general degradation of the entire Puarenga catchment.

Specifically I submit that BOPRC pay particular attention to the following points:

- Respect the Puarenga in every way.
- Work with land owners and land users to reduce pollution of the Puarenga and its catchment.
- Strictly monitor all consents for discharge into the Puarenga and its catchment.
- Fund an independent investigation into the extent of pollution of the Puarenga, its causes and its remedies.

The welfare for the environment should not be at the expense of a prosperous and sustainable economy. For what remains to be unsustainable will eventually wither and die. In this Annual Plan a start should be made to work on the Puarenga Catchment, to realise its potential to the overall wellbeing of Lake Rotorua and make it the jewel in the crown of Rotorua that it was meant to be.

Decision Sought: Work with land owners and land users to reduce pollution of the Puarenga and its catchment. Strictly monitor all consents for discharge into the Puarenga and its catchment. Fund an independent investigation into the extent of pollution of the Puarenga, its causes and its remedies.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council officers have commenced a comprehensive in-depth evaluation of the potential sources of water quality contamination within the Puarenga Catchment. The findings will be provided to Council and the community as we progress through this evaluative process.

Section: 1.5.2.6 Regional Monitoring

Submission Number: 46 - 10 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Opotiki District Council

Submission Summary: As part of the Bay of Connections, the Bay of Plenty Aquaculture Strategy was prepared. One of the actions in that strategy is "To develop baseline productivity monitoring for the offshore area." This action identified for 2011 was "establish monitoring sites, interpret and report data". To our knowledge this action has not been carried out and we suggest it be funded and commenced in the 2011-2012 financial year. Such monitoring is important as state of environment monitoring for the offshore area that comprises 44% of the region, but in conjunction with a major research project that is proposed at the consented Eastern Seafarms' site it takes on even more importance, and directly contributes to the certainty in commercialisation of the marine farm space.

Decision Sought: Include an action and funding to establish monitoring sites, interpret and report data for the baseline monitoring for the offshore area in the 2011-2012 financial year.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: A productivity monitoring station has been established off Whakatane. The information gained can be reported in the 2011/12 year as requested. Consideration can then be given as to whether more monitoring sites are needed.

Submission Number: 62 - 4 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Te Runanga o Ngati ki Maketu

Submission Summary: Monitoring of aquifers for shallow aquifers take and the monitoring of the deep water aquifers take.

In the Key Projects 2011/2012 section, add:

- "Monitor and implement minimum and maximum takes for both shallow and deep water aquifers". Also back this up with qualitative research.

Monitoring of wetlands/swamplands and their value to the water quality.

In the Key Projects 2011-2012 section, add:

- "Give the wetlands more recognition of their value to the environment and cleansing the

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waterways. Implement more projects that are going to ensure the revival of wetland areas".

Amend financial budgets to give monitoring of aquifers and the monitoring or revival of wetlands some monies.

Decision Sought:

In the Key Projects 2011/2012 section, add:

- "Monitor and implement minimum and maximum takes for both shallow and deep water aquifers". Also back this up with qualitative research.
- "Give the wetlands more recognition of their value to the environment and cleansing the waterways. Implement more projects that are going to ensure the revival of wetland areas".

Amend financial budgets so funding can be allocated to the monitoring of aquifers and the monitoring or revival of wetlands.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: The submitter's request regarding groundwater aquifers is covered by the existing key action;

"Install additional groundwater monitoring sites in the Western Bay of Plenty."

The submitter's request regarding revival of wetlands is more appropriately addressed under the Kaituna River and Ongatoro/Maketu Estuary Strategy.

Submission Number:	64 - 7	Submission Type:	Support
Submitter:	Waihi Beach Community Board		
Submission Summary:	The Waihi Beach Community Board (WBCB) supports the monitoring of water quality for bathing purposes and coastal dynamics (beach profile monitoring) as they are important issues at Waihi Beach.		
Decision Sought:	Submission of support. No change sought.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept		
Recommended Response:	Council notes the submission of support.		

Submission Number:	79 - 1	Submission Type:	Oppose
Submitter:	Wedge Co Ltd		
Submission Summary:	Objection to the 2011-2012 increase of the Regional Impact Monitoring Charge for Holders of Water Consents.		
	We believe that monitoring of all water use is necessary. Our objection lies in the following points:		
	1. What we perceive as limited research into the areas of water use: We believe that although the Regional Council wishes to monitor water use (ground and surface) they have not taken the first steps to research true water use (i.e. to ascertain just how many unconsented bores are currently in use and amounts of water being drawn from them). Bore consents are a relatively recent advent and there are many older bores in the region drawing unknown volumes of water. We think more effort should be put into gathering this information before money is spent drilling bores specifically for monitoring purposes.		
	2. The current basis for paying for said monitoring costs: 35% of monitoring costs are billed to those who are holders of consents to take water. Not to people who actually take water i.e. a neighbour down the road with a bore of some age pays nothing whatsoever toward these costs. Why should a small group of consent holders shoulder this cost? The monitoring of water resources is beneficial to all water users in the community, we see no reason why this cost should not be more fairly distributed by being completely absorbed by the general rate.		
	3. The lack of consultation and inadequate communication by Regional Council on this matter: It should be accepted by the Council that its consultation processes were at the least adequate. Communication skills were little better, even after making an oral submission to the Regional Council. If you wish any consent holders to pay significant increases, then the council has to justify these, showing adequate research, and investing time properly consulting and communicating on what needs to be done and how.		
Decision Sought:	1. Put more effort into gathering information about true water use before money is spent drilling bores specifically for monitoring purposes.		

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2. Completely absorb monitoring costs in the general rate.

3. Justify rates increases by showing adequate research and invest time properly consulting and communicating on what needs to be done and how.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: The Council is putting significant effort into gathering information about actual water usage, particularly from those parties that can take water through the Land and Water Permitted Activity provisions. Better information will also be provided by the implementation of Central Government's Metering Regulations which start to take effect from 2012.

The Council does not agree that the installation of monitoring bores to corroborate water availability modelling work should wait until water use information is gained. The definition of the resource is crucial to ensuring that mining of the resource is not occurring.

Council does not agree that resource monitoring that is utilised by a small segment of the regional population for financial gain should be paid for entirely by general rates.

The Council accepts that communication of the research needed and value of the programme to users was below par and has implemented a programme of information dissemination about water resource issues.

Section: 1.5.3. Sustainable Development and In...

Submission Number: 55 - 17 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust

Submission Summary: Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust support many points in the Draft BOP Regional Council Annual Plan.

Support programmes under Sustainable Transport (p.85). Support Ongoing Actions, Key Projects, and Activity funding. Fully support levels of service, links to community outcomes and KPI's.

Support programmes under Sustainable Regional Development (p.89). Support Key Projects, Activity funding, and Ten Year Plan Variations. Fully support levels of service, links to community outcomes and KPI's.

Support programmes under Rivers, Drainage and Flood Management (p.93). Support Ongoing Actions (specifically Engineering Advice, Major Rivers & Drainage Schemes, and Minor Rivers & Drainage Schemes), and Activity funding. Fully support levels of service, links to community outcomes and KPI's.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 55 - 21 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust

Submission Summary: We support various items in the Notable Variances chapter of the Draft Annual Plan but seek further relief:
Fund the Lake Rotoiti Sewerage Scheme from both reserves and general rates, not just from reserves.

Decision Sought: Fund the Lake Rotoiti Sewerage Scheme from both reserves and general rates, not just from reserves.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: The sewerage subsidies across the region are funded from reserves to reduce the rate burden on our regional ratepayers (and in some cases local ratepayers through targeted rates). Council believes the use of reserves to assist financially deprived communities is reasonable and appropriate.

Submission Number: 61 - 8 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Whakatane District Council

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Submission Summary: The Whakatane District Council supports the Regional Council in its facilitation role encouraging coordinated economic development across the region and values the partnership between our two councils in specifically supporting economic growth in the Eastern Bay of Plenty. WDC supports the Regional Council's proposal to put more resources into economic development in the Bay of Plenty Region.

WDC acknowledges and thanks the Regional Council for the ongoing grant provided to Toi Economic Development Agency (ToiEDA) for their role in promoting economic development in the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

WDC would like to reaffirm their submission to the Regional Council's LTCCP 2009-19 opposing the reduction of this grant. While Bay of Plenty Regional Council's focus on regional economic development is appropriate, ToiEDA requires further financial support to assist in implementing regional objectives and to implement their own strategic plan.

Decision Sought: Increase the grants to economic development agencies back to pre 2009 LTCCP levels.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support and confirms that its funding for the Regional Economic Development agencies will continue at its current level. Additional funding for Bay of Connections is included in the Annual Plan and the governance group will be considering in the new financial year a targeted investment policy for economic development activities. Toi EDA is encouraged to keep abreast of the opportunities that this will present to "on the ground" opportunities that they may have or want to progress.

Submission Number: 83 - 9 **Submission Type:** Oppose

Submitter: Rotorua District Council

Submission Summary: The Paradise Valley community meets the funding criteria under the Regional Council's "Financial Assistance for TLA Promoted Sewerage Scheme". The community falls outside the urban area as defined in the District Plan and were within the urban sewerage boundary. In using the assessment criteria developed by Resource and Environmental Management Ltd, the community qualifies for a 33% subsidy from the Regional Council. This would equate to \$66,074 in monetary terms. RDC is presently funding 50% of the costs of the scheme through the Lakes Environment subsidy as well as contributing \$1,500.00 per property through the urban sewerage development rate.

RDC's submission is for the Regional Council to consider providing some financial assistance under the Territorial Authority Promoted Sewerage Scheme Fund. If the Regional Council would consider the possibility of providing some financial assistance the Rotorua District Council would prepare a complete application.

Decision Sought: Provide some financial assistance under the Territorial Authority Promoted Sewerage Scheme Fund for the Paradise Valley community.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 86 - 2 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Submission Summary: Western Bay of Plenty District Council recently decided to proceed with the \$16.3M Maketu - Little Waihi Wastewater Scheme. While this decision is of huge significance to the health of our communities and the environment of communities bordering Tauranga Harbour and coastal Bay of Plenty, it will significantly impact the ratepayers of Maketu - Little Waihi. More particularly, there will be an increase to each ratepayer of approximately \$640 per annum which equates on average to a 38% increase.

The Maketu - Little Waihi community experiences some of the highest deprivation in the Western Bay of Plenty District and this increase will put further pressure on already strained resources. Accordingly, Western Bay of Plenty District Council would like the Bay of Plenty Regional Council to consider providing a hardship grant of \$35,000 per annum for five years to assist those Maketu - Little Waihi ratepayers who meet specific eligibility criteria.

Decision Sought: Consider providing a hardship grant of \$35,000 per annum for five years to assist those Maketu - Little Waihi ratepayers (who meet specific eligibility criteria) with the Wastewater Scheme.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

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Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 86 - 6 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Submission Summary: WBOPDC are requesting funding from Council of \$290,000 to extend the Maketu - Little Waihi Wastewater Scheme perimeter by an additional 20 properties. The proposed hardship grant, of \$35,000 per annum for five years, will not need to be increased to account for the additional 20 properties. These additional properties will also be included in the government subsidy.

Decision Sought: Provide funding of \$290,000 to extend the Maketu - Little Waihi Wastewater Scheme perimeter by an additional 20 properties.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Section: 1.5.3.1 Sustainable Transport

Submission Number: 39 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Bay of Plenty Polytechnic

Submission Summary: Bay of Plenty Polytechnic is a vibrant part of the Tauranga and Bay of Plenty community. It plays a significant role in the economic development of the region.

There are around 7,400 people using the Bongard and Windemere Campuses, and this number is expected to grow into the future. Over the period of a year over 12,500 people are regular users of the facilities at Windemere. Currently the Polytechnic has over 1,200 car parks and this resource is being stretched. New car parks are likely to be added over the next three years.

The Polytechnic has a compelling growth strategy. It has plans to develop its facilities to include extensive student accommodation. It is important that the Polytechnic and its facilities are easily accessible and public transport is an important element in enabling this.

Currently only one bus route (Route 55) services our main campus at Windemere at 30 minute intervals.

Decision Sought: Significantly improve the bus service, namely by:

- o Providing direct buses to Windemere from Papamoa, Mount Maunganui, Welcome Bay and Otumoetai.
- o Alternatively, by providing a loop service (City / Greerton / Windemere / Bayfair / City and in reverse) that may alleviate the congestion and travel times problems associated with a central hub concept.
- o Providing a fifteen minute bus service in peak times.
- o Promoting the bus service as a viable means of travel around Tauranga (backed of course by the appropriate service).
- o Displaying real time information on the bus time tabling – enabling passengers to see exactly when the next bus is due from strategically placed display screens.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council notes the decisions sought by the submitter. However, decisions with respect to providing better bus services to the Windemere and Bongard campuses need to be made within the strategic context of the Regional Public Transport Plan (the review is in development). It is intended that the Plan will provide a rationale to improve/limit bus services based upon service level guidelines, rather than in an arbitrary manner.

Although these have yet to be considered by the Council, applying the draft guidelines to the current patronage level on the Windemere service indicates that it should become the priority for future frequency improvements. To this end, the Council has made some provision within the budgets of the Annual Plan to improve the network.

With respect to real time information, the Council has not considered whether or not a sound business case exists to invest in such a service. It is likely that it will consider this matter through the development of the next Ten Year Plan process.

Submission Number: 45 - 3 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Disabilities Resource Centre Trust

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Submission Summary:	<p>The Sustainable Transport Activity promotes mobility for those with limited transport options. We wish to bring your attention to the growing number of mobility scooters in our communities and the need for education on the safe road use for both the rider and the pedestrians. We consider that this could be included along the same lines as the walking and cycling initiatives.</p> <p>The Disabilities Resource Centre Trust applauds the Regional Councils management of the Total Mobility Scheme and approve of the plan to progressively implement Smart Cards to remove the use of vouchers and lessen the risk of misuse of the scheme. We are pleased to see the suggestion to review the Total Mobility maximum fare, taking into account the rising cost of fuel and user taxes which are impacting on fares.</p> <p>Our organisation is disappointed to see that there will be no further addition of accessible buses in Rotorua again this year, and that the Whakatane areas also misses out on this option. This means that there is another barrier to mobility for many that will not be removed.</p>
Decision Sought:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Provide education on the safe road use for both mobility scooter riders and pedestrians.- Review the Total Mobility maximum fare.- Consider the further addition of accessible buses in Rotorua and Whakatane.
Staff Recommendation:	Accept in Part
Recommended Response:	<p>While acknowledging that the use of mobility scooters is becoming more prevalent, it is not the Regional Council's role to educate mobility scooter users on the safe use of roads. Council will consider the introduction of further accessible buses into Rotorua and replacement accessible buses for Whakatane in the development of the Regional Public Transport Plan (currently being prepared).</p> <p>For Rotorua, Council has agreed to introduce an additional accessible bus to fix problems with two bus routes, while the contractor will also introduce an additional accessible bus on another route. Changes to the Whakatane service are unlikely to happen before the end of the contract (June 2013).</p>

Submission Number:	47 - 1	Submission Type:	Support in Part
Submitter:	Independence NZ Inc		
Submission Summary:	<p>This proposal is motivated by the desire to help those people, who because of their impairment are unable to use public transport. Many of these people are not able to leave their homes because they do not have access to affordable transport, or assistance with their journey.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that 50% taxi fares are currently available for these people, through the Total Mobility Scheme. However, there remain too many people who are disadvantaged because, even with the 50% subsidy, the taxi service is unaffordable so they do not go out.</p> <p>Independence NZ Inc is a not for profit trust, which will use volunteer drivers who will be reimbursed mileage, but donate their time. This will result in a much cheaper cost to the user, which will make "going out" more affordable. It is not intended to displace the current use of taxi companies by eligible users, but to provide another option that will be able to assist users in shopping and getting from the vehicle to and from appointments.</p> <p>Existing mobility vouchers would be utilised ensuring claims can be audited and the integrity of the current scheme maintained. The vouchers will not cause any more clerical involvement for the Bay of Plenty Regional Council, as they will be forwarded for reimbursement, just the same as the taxi companies do.</p> <p>Independence NZ would charge users \$3 for a short trip within the city and \$6 for a longer trip within the city. Council would be expected to match that cost. This would see a significant decrease in Council's expenditure for the Total Mobility Scheme. Currently Council contributes up to \$20 per taxi trip.</p> <p>Many of the various eligible users of the present mobility voucher scheme have been verbally canvassed about their thoughts on the proposed Independence Scheme. They have told us that this scheme will enhance the mobility of many impaired people by giving them more independence to go out, by providing a lower cost, and a more comprehensive service. Undoubtedly, use of the mobility vouchers will increase as previously house-bound impaired people will use the scheme. However, as the scheme has a significant per trip saving to both the user and the Regional Council, it is expected that the increased utilisation will not result in an overall increased cost to the Total Mobility Scheme. These predicted outcomes are totally consistent with the objectives of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.</p> <p>The Total Mobility Scheme requires councils to ensure that the scheme is used effectively and efficiently for the benefit of the greatest number of eligible users. We further understand that the New Zealand Transport Agency has no policy criteria or guidelines that the Regional Council must use in assessing whether or not to register new providers.</p>		

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Our emphasis is on the people with impairments, who can become isolated in their homes without an accessible, affordable way to get out into their community. A quote from a previous extract from Transport Committee minutes, under the heading of 'The Purpose of Total Mobility' is: "Total Mobility is founded on the central tenet that people with impairments who are unable to use buses, trains or ferries as a result of their disability should be assisted with a subsidised alternative by local and central government". This proposal fits with this tenet and the Total Mobility Scheme criteria.

Decision Sought: Register Independence NZ Inc as a transport provider for the Total Mobility Scheme.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: In February 2009 Council considered and declined what is in effect the same request that has been made to this Draft Annual Plan.

Council notes that the current Total Mobility service providers are approved taxi organisations required to meet a licensing regime and provide a 24 hour a day, seven day a week service in Tauranga and Rotorua (while Whakatane has a slightly lesser taxi service). There is no indication that the proposal will operate similar hours, nor that it will have procedures in place (as current service providers are required to meet) relating to such matters as the health and safety of drivers and passengers, resolution of disputes, driver training, and so forth.

The proposal also poses some financial risk to Council and the Transport Agency in that it is not evident that the Independence NZ Inc will have a robust system for tracking Total Mobility trips, as is currently in use with the main Tauranga transport provider.

While Council notes that the proposal could result in some savings, it does not believe that they would be significant. To achieve the savings suggested by the submitter would require a large proportion of current Tauranga users to switch from using the existing service providers to Independence NZ Inc (if they did, the saving to Council would be about \$36,900 per annum). That is unlikely to happen and if it did, those left travelling with the existing providers could face higher fares as the operators attempt to recoup lost revenue (this increase would also be passed on to Council).

Council noted then (and it still applies) that the legislation enables volunteer driver-type transport operations to begin operating regardless of those operations obtaining any financial assistance from local government (that is, the scheme promoted by the submitter does not require Council involvement to begin operating).

Submission Number:	55 - 9	Submission Type:	Oppose
Submitter:	Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust		
Submission Summary:	We disagree that the Tauranga passenger service budget should be reduced in 2011/1012 to achieve efficiency gains. We propose no reduction in passenger service budget, and further propose that efficiency gains be fed back into increases in public transport frequency		
Decision Sought:	Do not reduce passenger service budget. Feed any efficiency gains back into increases in public transport frequency.		
Staff Recommendation:	Decline		
Recommended Response:	The budgets that Council has proposed in the draft Annual Plan are sufficient to deliver the current public transport service in Tauranga in 2011/12. No reduction in 2010/11 levels of funding were proposed. The requirement for greater frequency for existing services and/or new services will be assessed through the development of the Regional Public Transport Plan and budgeted in the next Ten Year Plan.		

Submission Number:	59 - 6	Submission Type:	Support
Submitter:	Tauranga Chamber of Commerce		
Submission Summary:	The Chamber congratulates the Regional Council on achieving efficiency gains in public transport in the city which is resulting in a decrease of the targeted rate. We note that the uptake in public transport is also contributing to this and congratulate the Council on the continued support to sustainable public transport throughout the region.		
Decision Sought:	Submission of support. No change is sought.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept		
Recommended Response:	Council notes the submission of support.		

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Submission Number: 62 - 9 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Te Runanga o Ngati ki Maketu

Submission Summary: In the Ongoing Actions section, include WBOPDC in public transport. We need a better rural service for Maketu. This is necessary for the economic development of the area.

We want to see Te Puke School Students going to Tauranga or to Rotorua get a better bus service than what they currently get.

Decision Sought: Include WBOPDC in public transport, we need a better rural service for Maketu. Improve the bus service for school students from Te Puke going to Tauranga or Rotorua.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council notes that Maketu now has a six day a week public transport service connecting it to Te Puke and Tauranga in the west and Whakatane, Opotiki and Kawarau in the east. The Te Puke connection also facilitates access to services travelling to/from Rotorua.

Requests for a greater level of service can be made through the development of the Regional Public Transport Plan and, if successful, budgeted in the next Ten Year Plan.

Submission Number: 62 - 10 **Submission Type:** Oppose

Submitter: Te Runanga o Ngati ki Maketu

Submission Summary: We disagree that the school bus service subsidies should be reduced. We are talking about our young people here, they must be able to get to school. Affordability for these families must be assured.

Decision Sought: Do not reduce subsidies for school bus services.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: The Council does not currently provide subsidies for school bus services. The responsibility for providing transport for education purposes rests with the Ministry of Education, where there is no suitable public transport to enable students to get to their nearest school.

The Ministry of Transport has signalled to the Regional Council that it believes there are a number of students within urban Tauranga currently accessing its transport services that are ineligible. The Ministry and Council have agreed to work together to enable the Ministry to withdraw Ministry-funded services by the end of 2014. There is no expectation that this transition will affect students living in rural areas that rely on Ministry services.

Submission Number: 65 - 2 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: NZ Transport Agency

Submission Summary: The addition of further 'accessible' buses in Rotorua will not occur in 2011/2012 due to no additional part-funding from NZTA being available for this project.

NZTA would like to clarify the reasons behind the changes in investment levels that occurred as a result of changes to the Land Transport Management Act 2003. These legislative changes created a new regional prioritisation process managed by the Regional Transport Committee to direct transport investment. This three year process is a change from the previous annual allocation process and has resulted in funding being allocated to areas based on regional priority, rather than at a District level.

Funding for Passenger Transport services could be provided from:

1. Rates,
2. Farebox recovery, and
3. NZTA financial assistance

We encourage PT services to be as effective and economically sustainable as possible without relying on funding from central government. NZTA feels that Council has other funding sources available to it should it consider the activity is a priority to achieving the community outcomes set out in its LTP 2009-19 and other planning documents.

Decision Sought: Consider the range of funding resources that could be used to provide services (such as accessible buses in Rotorua).

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council notes the Agency's philosophy towards funding public transport. Council has considered the range of funding tools available to it. While it believes it needs to further increase

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fare recovery, apart from Agency funding this is the only source readily available to it to meet the community outcome of more accessible buses. Unfortunately, the extra revenue from increased fares would be at the expense of significant patronage loss. The reality therefore, is that without a mix of funding sources this community aspiration will not be met at this time.

Submission Number: 67 - 4 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Tauranga Environment Centre

Submission Summary: We also congratulate regional council staff on their thoughtful and responsive approach to Bay Hopper timetabling issues, including a couple of matters that were raised by our centre over the past year. The recent scheduling changes (and associated bus shelter improvements made in conjunction with Tauranga City Council) have made a noticeable improvement to some services. It is essential that the regional council maintain the good work done with passenger transport in the face of central government cost-saving in this policy area and the \$300,000 reduction in 2011-12 funding for walkways and cycleways by Tauranga City Council.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 83 - 11 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Rotorua District Council

Submission Summary: The ongoing action of working with RDC to deliver public transport facilities in the district is supported. RDC has undertaken a CBD Urban Design Framework Study with a key tenet of this study the determination of "activity precincts" within the CBD, one of these precincts is the Haupapa Street Precinct. The Haupapa Street Precinct has a local and regional transport interchange facility as a core infrastructural component, the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's support for this concept is required. RDC requests that this project is included in the Key Projects for 2011/12.

Decision Sought: Include the Haupapa Street Precinct transport interchange facility in the Key Projects for 2011/12.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: The District Council is responsible for progressing the development of a transport interchange in its district. While the Regional Council has indicated its support for a transport interchange in its submission on the District Council's Urban Design Framework Study, it is but one party whose contracted services would no doubt make use of the facility. Council has also indicated its desire to engage with the District Council with respect to the interchange study (which presumably still has to take place). As such, as this work will be led by the District Council, the Regional Council does not consider that it is a key Regional Council project.

Section: 1.5.3.2 Sustainable Regional Developm...

Submission Number: 9 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Ultrafast Fibre Ltd

Submission Summary: The government aims to have Ultra-fast broadband to 75% of New Zealanders over ten years. The government is investing up to \$1.5b directed to open-access infrastructure. It is expected to be at least matched by private sector investment. Ultrafast Broadband Limited expects to deploy broadband in Wanganui, Hamilton, Tauranga, New Plymouth, Hawera and Tokoroa over the next five years.

Extending the reach of broadband services results in increased business productivity and growth, a range of education benefits in schools, and use of tele-health technologies in the health sector.

Central Government is a key player in the supply side of of the Ultra-fast broadband initiative. From the demand-side perspective, realising the benefits of that investment is the responsibility of all New Zealanders. It is critical to the success of Ultra-fast broadband that we engage the entire community in a conversation about Ultra-fast broadband.

Crown Fibre Holdings is taking a facilitative leadership role in encouraging local stakeholders to communicate the benefits of Ultra-fast broadband. We strongly support BOPRC taking a leadership role, and increasing funding to develop a region-wide ICT (Information and Communications Technology) Strategy through Bay of Connections. This would also mean an

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ICT Advisory Group would be established for the Bay of Plenty region.

We suggest the following key roles for BOPRC:

- Executive sponsorship of the BOP regional ICT Advisory Group by the chair and CEO.
- Leadership in developing an ICT strategy
- Fund strategic initiatives (local market analysis, becoming fibre friendly, being fibre ambassadors, demonstration centre, community hub, capability building, role model in usage, and communications leader).

Crown Fibre Holdings Ltd would be responsible for facilitating a mobile experience centre, capability development, case studies, and a toolkit for councils.

Ultrafast Fibre would be responsible for all local communications
Retailers would market communications and product packages to drive uptake.

Decision Sought:

Appoint a regional ICT (Information and Communications Technology) Advisory Group and make funding available to develop a regional ICT Strategy.

Commit funding of \$50-\$100k, per annum over three years, depending on strategic initiatives adopted.

Leverage other agencies communication channels such as EDA, Chamber of Commerce, Employers and Manufacturers etc.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response:

- Council notes the submission of support and advises that through its Regional Development Strategy Bay of Connections a whole of region Information and Communications Technology Strategy is proposed in the new financial year.
- The deployment of ultra fast fibre in Tauranga, Rotorua and Whakatane as well as the deployment of rural broadband through the Rural Broadband Initiative, will be dealt with in the Strategy to maximise the uptake of this investment.
- Council has increased the funding allocated to Economic Development.
- This and other contributions to be received from industry participants will be sufficient to fund this strategy.

Submission Number:

13 - 1

Submission Type:

Support in Part

Submitter:

Bay of Plenty Tertiary Partnership

Submission Summary:

The BOP Tertiary Partnership proposal to create a new university campus in Tauranga provides the BOPRC with a significant opportunity to increase its leadership role in regional economic development. The BOP Tertiary Partnership is developing a collaborative model of tertiary education and research provision - involving vertical and horizontal collaboration between a Wananga, a Polytechnic and a University to meet specific regional needs in the Bay of Plenty. An opportunity exists for the Partnership, with the support of the region, to lead New Zealand thinking on best practice tertiary provision.

We support the Regional Council's desire to develop sustainable regional infrastructure. The partnership requests that council adopt a strategy of including specific regional infrastructure projects in the TYP, so that the Tertiary Partnership proposal can be assessed.

The Bay of Plenty Tertiary Partnership has taken a phased approach to the provision of enhanced tertiary education and research in the Bay of Plenty. In the first phase of the Partnership's development, the Bay of Plenty Polytechnic and the University of Waikato pioneered an agreement to share resources and develop joint courses that facilitated seamless provision and progression through the tertiary system. The second phase of development has seen Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi join the partnership to enhance the educational opportunities of Maori.

The proposed third phase in development of the partnership is the provision of a university campus serving the specific needs of the Bay of Plenty. This is a response to the proven regional need for greater research capability to underpin economic growth and the desire of the University of Waikato to provide for further undergraduate and postgraduate opportunities. This third phase would complete the Partnership's ability to provide truly seamless educational and research opportunities to regional stakeholders.

A range of benefits accruing to the regional and sub-regional communities are envisaged through enhanced tertiary education and research provision on a regional basis including economic, educational and social benefits.

Decision Sought:

Adopt a strategy of including specific regional infrastructure projects in the Ten Year Plan so that the Tertiary Partnership initiative can be assessed and, if successful, included in Year 1 and Year 2 of the Ten Year Plan.

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Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council has begun its 2012 Ten Year Plan development. As part of this process Council is working through a process to identify its own infrastructure funding needs for the next ten years. Once that process is complete Council will be in a position to identify the funding that may be available for third party infrastructure. This will allow it to then determine the process for any external allocation. Including allocations for specific third party infrastructure proposals or operating a contestable fund are two approaches that may be considered.

Submission Number: 13 - 2 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Bay of Plenty Tertiary Partnership

Submission Summary: The BOP Tertiary Partnership proposal to create a new university campus in Tauranga provides the BOPRC with a significant opportunity to increase its leadership role in regional economic development. The BOP Tertiary Partnership is developing a collaborative model of tertiary education and research provision - involving vertical and horizontal collaboration between a Wananga, a Polytechnic and a University to meet specific regional needs in the Bay of Plenty. An opportunity exists for the Partnership, with the support of the region, to lead New Zealand thinking on best practice tertiary provision.

We support the Regional Council's desire to develop sustainable regional infrastructure. The partnership requests that council adopt a strategy of including specific regional infrastructure projects in the TYP, so that the Tertiary Partnership proposal can be assessed.

A range of benefits accruing to the regional and sub-regional communities are envisaged through enhanced tertiary education and research provision on a regional basis including economic, educational and social benefits.

Decision Sought: Provide \$15M for foundation funding to develop a new Tauranga campus, and \$5 million in development funding for the Partnership's existing campuses at Whakatane and Windermere to ensure effective region-wide linkages. Include an allocation of \$20m in Year 1 of the Ten Year Plan to support the region's tertiary education strategy.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 14 - 1 **Submission Type:** Not Applicable

Submitter: Hamilton C C C - Home of Cycling

Submission Summary: An indoor facility as proposed would have enormous effect on the lives of many sports minded people, but I feel that the benefits to the young children, mums, dads, as a safe place to go to enjoy the facilities in the company of every day sports people. You can not put a price on Childrens' early childhood experiences.

Decision Sought: Contribute funding for the home of cycling facility.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 15 - 1 **Submission Type:** Not Applicable

Submitter: HQmedia - Home of Cycling

Submission Summary: I think this is a huge opportunity for Cambridge to develop further opportunities for branding around the world which will lead to tourism. Cycling is a major sport and brings a focus of health which sits very intimately with the focus of Cambridge and its wider area. It will be a major driver towards economic growth for the area and will lend itself to a major marketing and PR campaign for attracting people to the area. It will be a fantastic facility for the whole community.

Decision Sought: Contribute funding for the home of cycling facility.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 16 - 1 **Submission Type:** Not Applicable

Submitter: Rebbecca van Berkel - Home of Cycling

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Submission Summary: Providing a safe environment for children and adults to develop their cycling skills.

Decision Sought: Contribute funding for the home of cycling facility.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 17 - 1 **Submission Type:** Not Applicable

Submitter: Cycle Active Taupo - Home of Cycling

Submission Summary: As my business involves teaching students how to cycle safely on our roads - I see this facility as an enormous benefit not only to local business but to the wider community. It would benefit my business as I could utilise the track for teaching part of my cycle safety programme & therefore encourage students to become involved in sport for their benefit.

Decision Sought: Contribute funding for the home of cycling facility.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 18 - 1 **Submission Type:** Not Applicable

Submitter: Ricoh NZ Ltd - Home of Cycling

Submission Summary: I support the funding of this facility as it would benefit the whole waikato region - a world class facility for our community.

Decision Sought: Contribute funding for the home of cycling facility.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 19 - 1 **Submission Type:** Not Applicable

Submitter: Member of Parliament David Allister Bennett - Home of Cycling

Submission Summary: Having a world class facility such as the Home of Cycling in our region will bring economic, social and health benefits. This world class facility will also give us the opportunity to host and attend international events. It would be great for our children to have opportunity to experience cycling programmes in a safe environment and would encourage cycling as an alternative form of transport. This facility would create a pathway for young people wanting to achieve at a higher level and would benefit the whole community as it is a facility that the whole community can access.

Decision Sought: Contribute funding for the home of cycling facility.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 20 - 1 **Submission Type:** Not Applicable

Submitter: Endace Ltd - Home of Cycling

Submission Summary: I fully and wholeheartedly support the Hamilton Council contributing to funding the Home of Cycling facility.

My name is Stuart Wilson, I am the CEO at Endace Ltd, New Zealand's fastest growing Hi Tech export company, with NZ\$50m in exports last FY, and, we're based in Hamilton! With over 60 staff in Hamilton already, we are growing quickly. We need to attract new engineers to our labs here in Hamilton, both from NZ Universities, and from overseas. One of the main challenges we face is attracting new staff to Hamilton, and that comes down entirely to the quality of life that living in Hamilton brings. I myself am an Australian who moved my family here 5 years ago, and facilities available for the family rated high on the list. I have to say, back then it was a close call as to whether we moved, but now we are well settled as permanent residents. I myself cycle as much as I am able to when I am in the country. So do many of my engineers, some road cycling, and some mountain biking, some both. We appreciate the amount of interest already in the region around cycling, in fact, it was one of the reasons I decided, in the end, to move to the

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Waikato. The availability of a professional facility like this cannot be underestimated for the development of Hamilton as the leading cycling town in NZ. Personally I would use the facility a lot, but more importantly this gives companies such as Endace serious ammunition in attracting world class engineers from NZ and around the world, further allowing Endace and other hi tech companies to expand their businesses more rapidly. For this reason, I would submit that the Hamilton Council should seriously consider contributing to the development of this facility as this would further enhance Hamilton as a location for hi tech development, increasing our ability to hire highly skilled engineers to Hamilton, subsequently contributing greatly to the well being and continued economic growth of Hamilton. Endace pledges at least NZ\$5k to the development of the facility.

Decision Sought: Submission emailed to BOPRC, however the relief sought is not relevant to the BOPRC.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 21 - 1 **Submission Type:** Not Applicable

Submitter: Jane Alison Leeder - Home of Cycling

Submission Summary: The Waikato already has a fantastic international reputation as the home of Rowing. We've proven we can do it for one sport, why can't we do it for another? Cycling is far more accessible in terms of community participation; it facilitates health, economic and environmental benefits. A facility such as this one will provide a focus point for what is already a huge pastime for so many Waikato and New Zealand residents.

Decision Sought: Contribute funding for the home of cycling facility.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 22 - 1 **Submission Type:** Not Applicable

Submitter: Livingstone Building NZ Limited - Home of Cycling

Submission Summary: Opportunity for hosting and attending international events, amazing for children to have opportunity to experience cycling programmes.

Decision Sought: Contribute funding for the home of cycling facility.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 23 - 1 **Submission Type:** Not Applicable

Submitter: Arlin Dean Ngahiwi Randell - Home of Cycling

Submission Summary: I know that we need this facility to help the growth and safety of cycling not only in this area but in NZ, so I fully support Council contributing to funding for the home of cycling facility.

The social and health benefits the home of cycling will bring to the community, the economic impact for the region, world class facility for our community, opportunity for hosting and attending international events, amazing for children to have opportunity to experience cycling programmes, encouraging cycling as an alternative form of transport, providing a safe environment for children and adults to develop their cycling skills, creates a pathway for younger people wanting to achieve at a higher level, it is a facility that the whole community can access.

Decision Sought: Contribute funding for the home of cycling facility.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 24 - 1 **Submission Type:** Not Applicable

Submitter: Waikato Management School - Home of Cycling

Submission Summary: It can become an important international attraction for cyclists the world over as well as an asset for our community.

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Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 25 - 1 **Submission Type:** Not Applicable

Submitter: Philip Coles - Home of Cycling

Submission Summary: The social and health benefits the Home of Cycling will bring to the community, the economic impact for our region, world class facility for our community, opportunity for hosting and attending international events, amazing for children to have opportunity to experience cycling programmes, encouraging cycling as an alternative form of transport, providing a safe environment for children and adults to develop their cycling skills, creates a pathway for young people wanting to achieve at a higher level, it is a facility that the whole community can access etc.

Decision Sought: Contribute funding for the home of cycling facility.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 26 - 1 **Submission Type:** Not Applicable

Submitter: St Peter's School Cycling Team and Te Awamutu Sports Cycling - Home of Cycling

Submission Summary: We need the help of the council in order to secure this amazing facility in the Waikato district.

It is a facility that will help us improve as cyclists in the Waikato. It will be accessible to the community and will be a well loved facility by all.

Decision Sought: Contribute funding for the home of cycling facility.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 27 - 1 **Submission Type:** Not Applicable

Submitter: St Peters and Te Awamutu sports cyclist - Home of Cycling

Submission Summary: Because it is a once in a life time opportunity. Because we will get to see our top cyclists perform at their best!

Decision Sought: Help to fund the new velodrome that should be built in the Waikato.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 28 - 1 **Submission Type:** Not Applicable

Submitter: Gary Bouda - Home of Cycling

Submission Summary: World class facility for our community.

Decision Sought: Contribute funding for the home of cycling facility.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 29 - 1 **Submission Type:** Not Applicable

Submitter: Waikato Cycling Sports Academy Inc - Home of Cycling

Submission Summary: I am a passionate supporter of opportunities that help to make our community a better place to work, live and play. That an opportunity like this also brings significant ongoing economic benefits to the surrounding Districts/Region further supports the request for support from Council. The Home of Cycling presents an opportunity that is probably second to none in terms

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of benefit/cost and has the added attraction of being essentially a community facility that requires 1/3rd Capex from the wider Council group and zero Opex. For this reason alone, Council should be supporting the project - a community facility that doesn't cost millions of dollars of ratepayer funding to cover Opex losses. Please have some vision and acknowledge the community support that this project has.

Decision Sought: Support the Home of Cycling project by contributing capex funding as requested by the HOC Trust.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 30 - 1 **Submission Type:** Not Applicable

Submitter: Kaytee Boyd - Home of Cycling

Submission Summary: The social and health benefits the Home of Cycling will bring to the community. The economic impact for our region. The world class facility for our community would be massive. The opportunity for hosting and attending international events in the area. It would be pretty amazing for children to have opportunity to experience cycling programmes so close to home, that's an incredible opportunity, which would encourage cycling as an alternative form of transport as well! Providing a safe environment for children and adults to develop their cycling skills. Creates a pathway for young people wanting to achieve at a higher level It's also a facility that the whole community can access.

Decision Sought: Contribute funding for the home of cycling facility.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 31 - 1 **Submission Type:** Not Applicable

Submitter: Wrights Booksellers - Home of Cycling

Submission Summary: The Home of Cycling bid for the velodrome is one that will further the town of Cambridge. Therefore I support the council contributing to the funding for the Home of Cycling facility.

I have a number of reasons for my request. Firstly, I believe that Cambridge is a perfect location for such a facility. The roads are perfect, there are world class athletes here already training for cycling and there are champions throughout Cambridge. The "logo" for Cambridge is "Town of Champions" and this would further add to that reputation. Secondly as a retailer I support the events that bring people into town. An example of that is the Maadi cup which contributes a lift of approximately 60-75% increase in turnover at my business for that week. That in turn enables me to employ extra people for that time and maybe for the future. Thirdly as an avid cyclist I support it for the benefit of our town in respect to usage and providing a safe environment for people of all ages to enjoy cycling and its benefits.

Decision Sought: Contribute funding for the home of cycling facility.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 32 - 1 **Submission Type:** Not Applicable

Submitter: John Candy - Home of Cycling

Submission Summary: New Zealand has traditionally lead the way in many areas globally but as a country we are following countries like the USA who predominantly focus on transport via private motor vehicles. This model is unsustainable long-term for both the planet and the people. I think that cycling is one of the future sports as it does not rely heavily on finite energy resources and is a very viable if not necessary option for future mass public transport. Bringing a cycling centre to the Waikato will help to raise the awareness of cycling across the entire community and could be a catalyst for the Waikato to become known as the cycle centre of New Zealand both because of this centre and the wider impact it would have on the entire region

Decision Sought: Contribute funding for the home of cycling facility.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

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Submission Number:	34 - 1	Submission Type:	Support in Part
Submitter:	Tauranga IT Shed Advisory Group		
Submission Summary:	<p>The Tauranga IT Shed advisory group consists of local ICT entrepreneurs developing a plan to create a place for innovators and learners to work and extend themselves in a safe, creative environment where mentors can steer their good ideas towards commercial reality. The IT Shed advisory group is co-ordinated by Priority One.</p> <p>The IT Shed build on the concept that many of New Zealand's successful small business ventures started in the garden shed. Sheds are places where New Zealanders can be innovative in a safe environment, one where they can try things out, succeed, sometimes fail. The Tauranga IT Shed is a place where ICT is the key tool in providing fast start-up opportunities for businesses.</p> <p>ICT offers a high value opportunity to help grow the regional economy. It is a key enabler and driver of productivity in the economy as well as providing links in global value chains. Bay of Connections notes there is the "opportunity to maximise collaborative opportunities and stimulate business growth". This collaborative model is at the heart of the Tauranga IT Shed. The Council's regional perspective and leadership in the development of the Bay of Connections strategy has been critical to the development of a strongly collaborative approach to regional economic development.</p> <p>Bay of Plenty Regional Council's regional perspective will assist the broader region to capitalise on opportunities the Tauranga IT Shed creates.</p>		
Decision Sought:	<p>Take a leadership role in developing the region's ICT sector. Continue to be involved with economic development in the Bay of Plenty Region. Play an important role in the area of ICT sector development.</p> <p>Increase funding to develop a region-wide ICT strategy through Bay of Connections which would see an ICT Advisory Group established for the Bay of Plenty.</p>		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept		
Recommended Response:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Council notes the submission of support. Part of the additional funding allocated to the Economic Development function will go towards the development of an Information Communications Technology Strategy for the Bay of Plenty.- Following the lines of similar strategy development under Bay of Plenty Connections an advisory group will be established consisting of industry participants and others.- The development of concepts like the IT Shed will be the sort of actions that flow from this Strategy.		

Submission Number:	36 - 1	Submission Type:	Oppose
Submitter:	Home of Cycling Trust		
Submission Summary:	<p>The Home of Cycling Trust is heading a project to develop the National Cycling Centre of Excellence (a new national indoor velodrome). The purpose of the new facility is to increase community awareness and participation in all forms of cycling, and to expand high performance cycling outcomes nationally and on the world stage. Sport and Recreation New Zealand (SPARC) has pledged to invest up to \$7 million toward construction of the new centre of excellence.</p> <p>Programmes and accessibility will ensure this centre gets wide spread community and regional use. One such program is aiming to provide a no barriers (cost) experience where children are delivered for a day to the Home of Cycling where they get to see champions training and try for themselves. This would reach to the far side of the BOP.</p> <p>The centre of excellence will be the nucleus of cycling in New Zealand encompassing mountain bike, track, road and BMX. The combined bid utilises all our natural strengths and assets right throughout the regions – our forests, our hills, our varied terrain, our roads and our space.</p> <p>This is the opportunity to be the best cycling region in NZ and maybe Australasia. It will really endorse cycling as a focus and is the catalyst for expansion in cycling outcomes.</p> <p>Sport Waikato and Sport Bay of Plenty have taken a leadership role collaboratively around the project. The facility will be based in the Waikato region but it will benefit the wider Waikato-Bay of Plenty cycling communities and contribute significantly to both regional economies.</p> <p>BikeNZ will be based at the new Centre, along with its grassroots community and high performance development programmes for all disciplines of cycling. This will enable BikeNZ to better deliver on both its community and high performance mandates.</p>		

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The proposed operating model is based on a cycling-dedicated facility that will cater for all sectors of the community across the region, with a particular focus on schools and growing club participation. While one focus of the Home of Cycling will be supporting BikeNZ's High Performance programme (approximately 30% of the use), an equally important focus will be to promote and develop cycling (including cycling safety awareness) across the region and the country – approximately 70% of the facility use.

The wider region has supportive tertiary education institutions including Waikato University, Waikato Institute of Technology, Bay of Plenty Polytechnic, Waiariki Institute of Technology and Te Wananga o Aotearoa. These provide excellent sporting infrastructure to complement the Centre, as well as tertiary education opportunities that are often essential for athlete development.

Construction will take approximately 18 months, creating approximately 120 full time equivalent (FTE) jobs in the building and building services sectors in the Waikato-Bay of Plenty. The Centre will lead to 100-plus personnel being primarily based in the Waikato-Bay of Plenty. The Centre will provide an estimated 30 FTEs employed in connected service providers such as in sports management, recreational services, fitness, events, hospitality and tourism sectors. Given the scale of the Centre, there will be likely flow on effects through the stimulation of cycle sport industries including retail, service, events, training, coaching and cycle engineering.

Home of Cycling is the catalyst for expansion in cycling. It will provide a boost to existing assets and events:

- Whakarewarewa Forest Tracks
- TECT Park
- Turangi MTB
- Taupo Trails
- Existing BMX tracks
- Existing outdoor velodromes
- South Waikato River Trails
- Pathway of Fire
- Hauraki Rail Trail
- Te Awa Great New Zealand River Ride
- Cycling events in Taupo, Tauranga, Rotorua, Waikato

As an international facility, the Centre will bring visitors from throughout the country and the world for training, camps and events. These visitors will have time to fill and money to spend on local attractions in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions. The Centre will attract domestic and international visitors during events and training camps for High Performance programmes, schools, clubs and communities.

There were two attachments to the submission:

Attachment 1 - Economic Impact Assessment Waikato Bay of Plenty Cycling Centre of Excellence by APR Consultants (23 March 2011).

Attachment 2 – Home of Cycling summary proposal.

Decision Sought: Contribute \$4 million dollars spread over the first three years of the Council's Ten Year Plan to the Home of Cycling Trust.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 38 - 3 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Priority One

Submission Summary: Priority One strongly endorses a continuing role in economic development by Council.

The Bay of Plenty Regional Council's regional perspective and leadership in the development of the Bay of Connections strategy has been critical to the development of a strongly collaborative approach by regional economic development agencies and the business community, and the rapid progression of a number of core strategies in our key sectors, and importantly, achievement of outcomes from them in our key sectors.

Council has signalled a preparedness to increase resources into its economic development role, and an amended 2012 budget figure of \$550k is proposed. Priority One strongly supports Council's consideration of increased funding for economic development. Council's track record in leading cross-region economic development has been strong, and any increased commitment in the area of economic development will serve as an investment in positive change.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

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Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 38 - 4 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Priority One

Submission Summary: Priority One supports the UltraFast Fibre Limited submission to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's Draft Annual Plan which seeks consideration of funding \$50-\$100k to establish a regional ICT Advisory Group which would oversee the development of an ICT strategy that includes the best ways to leverage the benefits of ultra-fast broadband in the Bay of Plenty region.

This submission supports submission 9 - 1.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 38 - 5 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Priority One

Submission Summary: Priority One strongly supports Council's desire to establish a contestable Regional Infrastructure Fund, and acknowledges that the fund will not operate in the 2011-12 year. Priority One supports Council's intention to first discuss the future of infrastructure funding, including the determination of effective and efficient funding processes, and a strategic approach to infrastructure funding across the region as part of the development of the next Ten Year Plan.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council has begun its 2012 Ten Year Plan development. As part of this process Council is working through a process to identify its own infrastructure funding needs for the next ten years. Once that process is complete Council will be in a position to identify the funding that may be available for third party infrastructure. This will allow it to then determine the process for any external allocation. Including allocations for specific proposals or establishing a contestable fund are just two approaches that may be considered.

Submission Number: 38 - 6 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Priority One

Submission Summary: Priority One supports the Bay of Plenty Tertiary Partnership's submission to the Annual Plan which seeks consideration of funding through the Ten Year Plan from the proposed Regional Infrastructure Fund.

The Tertiary Partnership's goal is to support the significant economic and social development potential of the Bay of Plenty region through the delivery of high-quality, regionally relevant tertiary education and research. An important component of this goal will be the establishment of a university campus in Tauranga.

This submission supports submission 13 - 1.

Decision Sought: Include specific regional infrastructure projects in the Ten Year Plan so that the Tertiary Partnership initiative can be assessed, and if successful, included in Year 1 and Year 2 of the Ten Year Plan.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: As noted in response to Priority One's previous submission point Council has started the process to develop its Ten Year Plan, including consideration of its future approach to funding third party infrastructure. At this time Council does not wish to pre-empt the Ten Year Plan process and is therefore unable to agree that it will include specific infrastructure projects in the Plan.

Submission Number: 40 - 2 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Rotorua Lakes Community Board

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Submission Summary: We support the shift to fund Lake Rotoiti's sewerage scheme from investment funds.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 46 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Opotiki District Council

Submission Summary: The Opotiki district features at the top end of the deprivation index and has the highest social welfare spend per head of population in the country. As a result our council "runs on the smell of an oily rag". For many parts of our community there is little ability to pay and our services are necessarily constrained. The ability of our ratepayers to pay is placed under further pressure by the fact that the district is 70% non-rateable, being in various forms of conservation land. We know that our Regional Council recognises the difficulties we face and we value the relationship we have with the Regional Council. From the provision of our IT services through to assistance on minor matters at staff level we appreciate, and never take for granted, the relationship we have. We know that the Regional Council shares our vision for a prosperous and sustainable district. Our vision for the future builds on developments in the horticulture, tourism and aquaculture industries.

Opotiki District Council acknowledges that the Regional Council will not be operating the Regional Infrastructure Fund in the next financial year. We understand that the council will consult on infrastructure in the next LTP, and we agree that the region needs to be very clear in its priorities and funding policy. We anticipate asking the Regional Council for part funding of our harbour entrance in year two of the next LTP, along with central government.

Over the last 10 years the Opotiki District Council has reduced its debt level, so that the district will be ready to carry its share of the debt resulting from the construction of the harbour development. We hope that we are not disadvantaged in seeking infrastructure funding by our low debt level, that has been hard won through prudent financial management and our community effectively going without. Our estimate at this stage is that our community's maximum debt level is around \$12m, therefore without external assistance the harbour is unlikely to happen.

Over the next year we plan to:

- Re-test the 2004 URS finding that aquaculture is critical to the viability of the harbour entrance
- Prepare an interim business case, jointly with Eastern Sea Farms Ltd, based on earlier trials and the three lines that have been in the water since October 2010.

We envisage the interim business case will be available to enable long term planning by Opotiki District Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council and other potential funders. The interim case would be updated upon conclusion of the marine farm trials in October 2012, ready for the 2013 -2014 Annual Plan(s).

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Note that the Regional Council will be asked for part funding of the Opotiki harbour entrance in year two of the next LTP.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 46 - 3 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Opotiki District Council

Submission Summary: We have seen real benefits from the role that the Regional Council has taken in relation to economic development. The Regional Governance Group, the Bay of Connections and its subset strategies have been a real credit to the Bay of Plenty and have assisted in opening a number of doors for the Opotiki District. We encourage the Regional Council to continue in its support of economic development and we support the increased activity in this area.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

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Submission Number:	46 - 6	Submission Type:	Support
Submitter:	Opotiki District Council		
Submission Summary:	<p>Opotiki District Council supports the Regional Council's proposal to fund route security in the Eastern Bay through the Sustainable Regional Development activity with 100% of the cost covered by investment funds as stated on page 43 of the Draft Annual Plan.</p> <p>Opotiki District Council is pleased to advise the Regional Council that a collaborative project between the Whakatane District Council, the Opotiki District Council and the New Zealand Transport Agency to identify and prioritise the flood and slip prone sites within the Eastern Bay of Plenty is nearing completion. When completed, the body of the work will provide us with a costed and prioritised schedule of route security improvement projects to which the Regional Council's funds can be directed.</p> <p>When SH2 is blocked, traffic is diverted onto local roads which are not designed nor constructed to carry State Highway traffic loads. Such blockages have a significant local, regional and national disruptive effect on traffic flows which in turn impacts on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local and inter-regional economic activity• Community access to essential services• Emergency services access• Continuity of service and activity for schools, businesses and the district's agricultural, forestry, horticultural and aquaculture activities. <p>In addition, there are also a number of important local roads in the Opotiki District that flood frequently. When these local roads flood, sectors of the local community are completely cut off from essential and emergency services.</p> <p>[This submission is also supported by submissions 61:10 and 65:3].</p>		
Decision Sought:	Fund route security in the Eastern Bay through the Sustainable Regional Development activity with 100% of the cost covered by investment funds as stated on page 43 of the Draft Annual Plan.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept		
Recommended Response:	<p>In developing the Proposed Regional Land Transport Strategy the Regional Council's Regional Transport Committee has identified route security in the eastern Bay as one of the key areas requiring intervention. This submission lends further weight to the need to tackle this issue. Council notes and applauds the submitter working collaboratively with its neighbouring District Council and the State highway road controlling authority. As such, Council expects that the selection of the recommended route security projects that it will fund will also be collaboratively agreed between the two territorial authorities submitting on this matter in the Draft Annual Plan. Final approval will remain with the Regional Council, which at a minimum, will expect the recommended projects to at least have a benefit cost ratio in excess of 1.0.</p> <p>Council also notes that the Annual Plan does not commit it to funding the full cost of any particular route security project, so as to not limit the opportunity to attract funding from other parties for these projects. The reference to 100% in the Annual Plan relates to the source of those funds (that is, all the Regional Council funds used will come from investment funds).</p>		

Submission Number:	49 - 2	Submission Type:	Support in Part
Submitter:	Tauranga City Council		
Submission Summary:	<p>TCC supports the suspension of the contestable Regional Infrastructure Fund in 2011/12 and the decision to directly fund two projects instead. TCC supports allocation of funding for the Lake Rotoiti sewerage scheme and for improving route security in the eastern Bay of Plenty. TCC agrees that it is appropriate for Bay of Plenty Regional Council to make capital contributions to projects which protect our waterways and harbours from wastewater, and to projects which address significant transport projects across the region.</p> <p>TCC understands that the reason BOPRC has decided to support the Lake Rotoiti and Eastern Bay roading route security projects is because the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projects are key to achieve waterway protection and transportation objectives; and• Territorial authorities are making a financial contribution to contribute to the desired outcomes of the projects; and• Territorial authorities would be significantly financially stretched to fully fund the project without BOPRC fiscal contribution. <p>TCC has a significant level of debt currently on its balance sheet with much of this debt arising from the need to provide infrastructure for growth. Council has a debt to revenue ratio limit of 250% which is considered prudent. Standard and Poors (the credit rating agency) has advised that they are monitoring TCC debt level closely and should it exceed 260% the rating will be</p>		

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reviewed. If the credit rating is lowered there will be a direct negative impact on the ratepayer as the cost of debt will increase.

TCC's fiscal position is serious and impacting on the Council's ability to provide services and infrastructure to its community. TCC has for the past few years adopted an approach of reducing projected debt as much as possible and maintaining or increasing revenue. In the 2011/12 draft Annual Plan capital expenditure reductions of \$36.5 million were made which is 35% of the total capital budget. This was achieved by deferring some capital expenditure, making just in time infrastructure capacity investment and not proceeding with some capital projects. On the revenue side Council has had significant rate rises for the past 2 years (10.9% and 8.9% respectively) and is proposing a further rise 10.4% for 2011/12.

The largest projects contributing to TCC's serious fiscal position are Route K (\$55 million) and the associated Pyes Pa Bypass (\$10.5 m), the Southern Pipeline (\$102.4 million) and the capital works post the 2005 floods (\$52 million spent to date and a further \$50 million required). As BOP RC is aware we are currently in discussions with NZTA to transfer Route K ownership and to remove the debt from our balance sheet.

The draft 2011/12 Annual Plan shows that the debt levels remain a concern and the forward financial modelling shows this will continue to be the case in the early years of the 2012 Long Term Plan if Route K debt stays on the TCC balance sheet and the capital investment in required infrastructure is made.

It is within this context that Tauranga City Council requests that BOP RC allocates \$6 million from the Regional Fund in 2011/12 as a contribution to the ratepayer funded share of the Southern Pipeline.

Detail and rationale of the Southern Pipeline project is included in the full submission.

The estimated cost of the Southern Pipeline project is \$102.4M. This is planned to be funded from a mix of ratepayer funded loan and development contributions. Our request is for a \$6 million BOP RC funding contribution to the ratepayer funded portion.

Should this application for funding be successful TCC intends that rather than reducing its level of ratepayer funded loan in 2011/12 and 2012/12 that the funds released by the BOP RC contribution to the Southern Pipeline will be transferred into a 'TCC Infrastructure Fund'. The purpose of the 'TCC Infrastructure Fund' will be for the funding related to significant infrastructure projects. The fund could be utilized in respect of arrangements associated with Route K and the Pyes Pa Bypass. The current negotiations with NZTA include the consideration of options around risk share related to projected traffic volumes. This would likely result in TCC being required to 'top up' funding should traffic volumes not reach the projected levels. By establishing the TCC Infrastructure Fund the Council will continue to reflect the debt interest cost and debt repayment charge within the rates calculation while also having an improved balance sheet position overall due to the BOP RC Southern Pipeline contribution.

Decision Sought: Allocate \$6M from the Regional Fund in 2011/12 as a contribution to the ratepayer funded share of the Southern Pipeline so that TCC can release these funds into a 'TCC infrastructure fund' for funding related to significant infrastructure projects (e.g. Route K).

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 49 - 3 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Tauranga City Council

Submission Summary: TCC supports the intention in 2011/12 to discuss the future of infrastructure funding as part of the development of the next Ten Year Plan. TCC strongly supports a strategic approach to infrastructure funding across the region and would welcome involvement in the discussions that the Bay of Plenty Regional Council intends having on this subject.

TCC suggests these discussions should also include other strategic asset holders in the region in an effort to align investment effort fairly and equitably across the Bay of Plenty and to deliver the best long term result. It is our view that some of the priorities of the fund should be:

- the funding of upgrades of wastewater systems to limit or remove risk to the harbour;
- the funding of key transportation links to support growth and reduce congestion; and
- the funding of other initiatives that support region-wide economic development.

Decision Sought: Discuss the future of infrastructure funding as part of the development of the next Ten Year Plan. Prioritise

- funding upgrades of wastewater systems to limit or remove risk to the harbour;
- funding key transportation links to support growth and reduce congestion; and
- funding other initiatives that support region-wide economic development.

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Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council has begun its 2012 Ten Year Plan development. As part of this process Council is working through a process to identify its own infrastructure funding needs for the next ten years. Once that process is complete Council will be in a position to identify the funding that may be available for third party infrastructure. This will allow it to then determine the focus of and process for any external allocation. Including allocations for specific third party infrastructure proposals or operating a contestable fund are two approaches that may be considered.

Submission Number: 53 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Eastern Bay of Plenty Chamber of Commerce

Submission Summary: The Eastern Bay Chamber of Commerce congratulates the Regional Council on the increase of funding for economic development. We support the role that the council has taken in economic development. We also ask that focus continues to be given to the eastern BOP. While we are a small region we have the ability to be a key link to the larger parts of the BOP region.

People choose to live in EBOP because of a lifestyle choice and can continue to be a feeder to the rest of the region.

We support the following ongoing actions:

- Support the Regional Governance and Management Groups in implementing, monitoring and evaluating the Regional Economic Development Strategy.
- Prepare funding applications to Central Government when requested by the Regional Governance Group.
- Commission economic research and analysis on regionally significant issues.

We look forward to being included in implementing the Regional Economic Development Strategy. We would like to see how the Chamber can be involved in this in a more proactive role. EBOP Chamber congratulates the Regional Council on the successes they have achieved to date.

The eastern BOP Chamber of Commerce values the relationship we have with the council and will continue to foster open and honest discussion. The Chamber thanks the Council for their support and sponsorship of Bay of Plenty Regional Council Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship Business Award at the Horizon Business awards in 2010 and would like this to become part of the budget.

Decision Sought: Include the Eastern BOP Chamber of Commerce in implementing the Regional Economic Development Strategy in a more proactive role.

Allocate budget to the 'Bay of Plenty Regional Council Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship Business Award' at the Horizon Business Awards.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: - Council notes the submission of support. The Chambers in the Bay of Plenty make a valuable contribution to the work of Bay of Connections. Engagement with them at this level will continue to ensure that this is maintained and enhanced.
- Support of the business innovation and entrepreneurship business awards is supported through general sponsorship funding and based on the success of last year's event will be supported again in the coming year.

Submission Number: 53 - 2 **Submission Type:** Oppose

Submitter: Eastern Bay of Plenty Chamber of Commerce

Submission Summary: The Annual Plan identifies the ongoing action to "Provide a grant in support of each of the region's three economic development agencies" (p.89). The Eastern BOP Chamber of Commerce would like to see grants made to the Chambers of Commerce to fund business leadership in the EBOP. The focus would be to ensure excellence in capability of businesses becomes a key driver. It would also ensure continuing education opportunities are available.

Decision Sought: Make grants to the Chamber of Commerce to fund business leadership in the eastern BOP.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: Council regrettably declines the request for ongoing support funding. Council's involvement in economic development is through its Regional Economic Development body Bay of Connections Governance Group. This focuses on building the region's capacity for economic growth. The development of capability on an ongoing basis is not seen as the responsibility of this body.

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working through a process to identify its own infrastructure funding needs for the next ten years. Once that process is complete Council will be in a position to identify the funding that may be available for third party infrastructure. This will allow it to then determine the process for any external allocation. Including allocations for specific third party infrastructure proposals or establishing a contestable fund are two approaches that may be considered.

Submission Number:	61 - 10	Submission Type:	Support
Submitter:	Whakatane District Council		
Submission Summary:	<p>Whakatane District Council supports the Regional Council's proposal to fund route security in the Eastern Bay from its Infrastructure Fund investment reserves.</p> <p>Whakatane District Council wishes to advise the Regional Council that Whakatane and Opotiki District Councils and the New Zealand Transport Agency are undertaking collaborative route security work. This work has already clearly identified all the flood and slip prone sites that have collectively generated the route security concerns in the Eastern Bay of Plenty. Work is currently being undertaken to prioritise these sites and to scope and cost the work required to mitigate the route security concerns.</p> <p>It is not uncommon for both SH2 and Wainui Rd to be cut off at the same time. This has a significant local, regional and national disruptive effect on traffic flows which in turn impacts on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Local and inter-regional economic activityo Community access to essential serviceso Emergency services accesso Continuity of service and activity for schools, businesses and the districts agricultural, horticultural and aquacultural activities. <p>There are also a number of important local roads in the Whakatane district that flood frequently. These roads are not inter-regional transportation corridors and so are a lower tier of priority to the other sites on SH2 and Wainui Road identified above. However when these local roads flood, significant sectors of the Whakatane community are completely cut off from essential and emergency services.</p> <p>Whilst it is recognised that these sites are unlikely to attract funding from BOPRC we draw them to your attention so you have a fuller appreciation of the wider flooding issues that affect our communities and which we are grappling with as a Council.</p> <p>This submission is also supported by submission 46:6 and 65:3.</p>		
Decision Sought:	Submission of support. Fund route security in the Eastern Bay through the Sustainable Regional Development activity with 100% of the cost covered by investment funds as stated on p.43 of the Draft Annual Plan.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept		
Recommended Response:	<p>In developing the Proposed Regional Land Transport Strategy the Regional Council's Regional Transport Committee has identified route security in the eastern Bay as one of the key areas requiring intervention. This submission lends further weight to the need to tackle this issue. Council notes and applauds the submitter working collaboratively with its neighbouring District Council and the State highway road controlling authority. As such, Council expects that the selection of the recommended route security projects that it will fund will also be collaboratively agreed between the two territorial authorities submitting on this matter in the Draft Annual Plan. Final approval will remain with the Regional Council, which at a minimum, will expect the recommended projects to at least have a benefit cost ratio in excess of 1.0.</p> <p>Council also notes that the Annual Plan does not commit it to funding the full cost of any particular route security project, so as to not limit the opportunity to attract funding from other parties for these projects. The reference to 100% in the Annual Plan relates to the source of those funds (that is, all the Regional Council funds used will come from investment funds).</p>		

Submission Number:	61 - 11	Submission Type:	Support in Part
Submitter:	Whakatane District Council		
Submission Summary:	<p>Subsidy Funding for Matata/ Edgecumbe Wastewater Project</p> <p>The proposed project to install reticulation in Matata and upgrade the oxidation ponds in Edgecumbe is an important project to minimise the health risk to the community and to minimise the negative environmental impacts due to contamination from wastewater. Since Matata and Edgecumbe communities cannot afford to bear the cost of \$10.15 million for implementing the project, maximum subsidy funds from external sources are required to carry out the project.</p> <p>Although the Ministry of Health might provide some subsidy funds for the project, the project is</p>		

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at risk if further subsidy funds are not available.

Therefore, the Whakatane District Council makes this submission to the Regional Council's Annual Plan 2011/12 to allocate subsidy funds from the Regional Council's subsidy scheme to this project in 2011/12 financial year. The requested subsidy funds for this project will ensure that the environmental and health issues related to wastewater disposal are addressed in these two communities.

The amount of subsidy funds required from the Regional Council's subsidy fund scheme is \$3.35 million which is 33% of the total project cost.

The Whakatane District Council believes that this proposal to secure subsidy funds meets the funding criteria that the Regional Council has used since 2004 to determine whether deprived communities in the Western Bay of Plenty District and in the Rotorua District were eligible for a sewerage system grant. Whakatane District Council requests that any subsidy would be provided on the same basis as those provided to the Rotorua and Western Bay of Plenty District Councils.

Detailed project proposal documents have also already been provided to Environment Bay of Plenty staff.

Decision Sought: Allocate \$3.35M subsidy funds from the Regional Council's subsidy scheme to the Matata/ Edgcombe Wastewater Project. This is 33% of the total project cost.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 61 - 12 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Whakatane District Council

Submission Summary: The Whakatane District Council values the collaboration currently occurring between the two Councils and seeks further collaboration where efficiencies and benefits can be realised. In particular in the area of infrastructure maintenance.

Decision Sought: Collaborate further with TA's where efficiencies and benefits can be realised. Particularly in the area of infrastructure maintenance.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council recognise and support the need for further collaboration between BOPRC and WDC where efficiencies and mutual benefits can be realised, particularly in the area of infrastructure maintenance.

Submission Number: 62 - 7 **Submission Type:** Oppose

Submitter: Te Runanga o Ngati ki Maketu

Submission Summary: Work with Iwi Authorities to ensure economic development within hapu boundaries. Regional Council must recognize that economic development in the rural areas is being held back by too many bureaucratic barriers. Regional council moves too slowly and engages in too much planning and strategy formation and NOT enough of implementing these plans for change.

Decision Sought: Work with Iwi Authorities to ensure economic development within hapu boundaries.

Recognize that economic development in the rural areas is being held back by too many bureaucratic barriers.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: - Council notes the submission and advises that it delivers its economic development function through Bay of Connections. The Bay of Connections Strategy is developing 13 sector based strategies such as Aquaculture, Energy, and Forestry and Wood Processing whose action focused objectives are to remove barriers and advance opportunities.
- The Terms of Reference for the Bay of Connections Governance Group has recently been amended to provide for the appointment of two Maori business representatives. This was done in recognition of the size and potential of the Maori business and asset base in the Bay of Plenty. One of the key objectives in doing this is to bring to the governance level of Bay of Connections stronger linkages with iwi business in the Bay of Plenty.

Submission Number: 64 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Waihi Beach Community Board

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Submission Summary: Waihi Beach Community Board (WBCB) supports more resources being put into its economic development role in the Bay of Plenty region.

We respectfully request that Council considers assisting Waihi Beach in this regard. The permanent population at Waihi Beach is declining and there is a need to support economic development to attract more permanent residents to the town.

Decision Sought: Put more resources into economic development and include Waihi Beach.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support and can advise that through its increased funding through Bay of Connections in the Annual Plan has enabled a course of action to be taken that will enable the Bay of Connections Governance Group to identify areas where direct intervention or support can be undertaken. The Bay of Connections group is looking to ensure that its impact is Bay of Plenty wide and will be seeking to engage with the Waihi community in the coming year to identify opportunities where it can be of assistance.

Submission Number: 65 - 3 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: NZ Transport Agency

Submission Summary: The NZTA supports the Regional Council's proposal to fund route security in the eastern Bay of Plenty from its Regional Infrastructure Fund investment reserves and further supports the proposal for this work to be 100% funded from this Fund.

It is noted that the collaborative route security work via NZTA's Eastern Bay of Plenty Route Security Strategy Study, currently being undertaken between NZTA, Whakatane District and Opotiki District Councils, identifies all the flood and slip prone sites that have collectively generated the route security concerns. Work is now being undertaken to prioritise these sites and to scope and cost the work required to mitigate the route security concerns.

The support of investment from the Regional Investment Fund will be a key way in which to optimise NZTA and territorial local authority investment to deliver the priorities as agreed through this Study.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 66 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Lake Rotoiti Community Association

Submission Summary: Lake Rotoiti Association Incorporated (LRCA) appreciates the funding the BOPRC is putting forward but has deep concerns in respect of the scheme currently under planning by RDC in respect of Lake Rotoiti from Curtis Road to Tamatea Street, Lake Rotoehu and Lake Rotoma.

This scheme, as currently proposed, is indicating that the cost per household will be in the range of \$17,000 to \$18,000. This cost is prohibitive for many of the families living in this area and LRCA requests the BOPRC works very closely with RDC and the Government Agencies involved in funding to ensure that greater subsidies are made available to these households to bring the scheme into an affordable margin.

Decision Sought: Work very closely with RDC and the Government Agencies involved in the Lake Rotoiti Sewerage Scheme funding to ensure that greater subsidies are made available to households to bring the scheme into an affordable margin.

Staff Recommendation: Decline

Recommended Response: The Council will continue to work closely with Rotorua District Council to ensure that the proposed reticulation for Lake Rotorua, Rotoiti and Rotoehu meets the objectives of the respective Action Plan for each lake. Bay of Plenty Regional Council's contribution amounts to nearly \$2M for the Rotoiti sewerage reticulation as part of our funding commitment with RDC and Central Government. It is essential that this contribution results in the necessary nutrient reduction.

Council will continue to work with Rotorua District Council to find the most cost effective approach to resolve the water quality problems arising from sewerage discharges.

Submission Number: 83 - 12 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

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have growing costs. Much of the repairs require new assets to be created and hence the value of the schemes and the annual costs to operate and maintain these is growing every year.

- Part of the Waioeka-Otara Scheme is outside of the region's boundaries – approximately 22% of the Waioeka catchment is within the Gisborne district. Whilst Opotiki District Council understands not all of this area is rateable land, it contributes run-off into the river scheme without contributing funding to the scheme in the way that other exacerbators do. No other river scheme in the region suffers from such disadvantage.

Decision Sought:

1. Carry out a rating review in the 2011-2012 year to re-assess targeted rates for river schemes throughout the region.
2. Provide a disaster grant to meet the costs of flood damage incurred across the region in the current financial year. If a disaster grant is provided then targeted rates be increased to the figures proposed by the Regional Council Rivers Control staff at the 13 April 2011 meeting to replenish flood reserves, i.e. to equate to an approximate 10% rate increase for all river schemes.
3. Carry out a risk assessment of river schemes to ascertain the priority and necessity of carrying out works currently identified as being flood damages so that a "fit-for-purpose/affordability" principle of management is developed for each scheme.
4. (a) Pursue all available means to have Gisborne District Council collect the rate from those properties that contribute to flooding in the Waioeka river and provide that money to the river scheme; or
 (b) If there is no means to collect the rates from the Gisborne District then the regional council make an exception to the 80:20 split on the targeted rate, and include an equivalent top up from general funding sources, in recognition of the 22% area that makes no contribution.

Staff Recommendation:

Accept in Part

Recommended Response:

1. To ensure rating is consistent, fair and equitable across the region, Council is undertaking a review of its Revenue and Financing policy. The results of this review will be consulted on early as part of the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan process.
2. Council is not required to provide assistance to disaster relief. The Regional Council has a role in reducing the potential impact of natural disasters through its planning work; in ensuring that our communities are well prepared for disasters and are able to respond effectively when they do happen; and that they are able to recover quickly and with minimum disruption. The question of who should pay for the costs of providing this protection and repairing damage to the schemes infrastructure is a separate matter and one that is addressed through the Council's Revenue and Financing policy. This currently provides for an 80:20 split between the scheme owners and the general ratepayer. It is considered that this fairly reflects the split between private and public benefit arising from the schemes.
3. In the context of the river schemes, the Council has robust systems in place to ensure that the scheme owners have all the information required to make good decisions about the level of protection they require and what needs to be done to repair damage when it occurs.
- 4.(a) The Bay of Plenty Regional Council has in the past approached Gisborne District Council with the request to collect river scheme rates as the Bay of Plenty Regional Council does not have the power to collect rates beyond its boundaries. Gisborne District Council declined this request. Council would need to decide whether to review current legislation or to re-approach Gisborne District Council. The area is in the upper river scheme and accounts for approximately 5% of the Waioeka river scheme costs.
- 4.(b) Equity of rating principles is covered under the Revenue & Financing Policy. Options are currently being reviewed under the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan process. In the current Revenue and Financing Policy, Council has identified four areas that provide substantive benefits to groups of rate payers over and above the benefits they provide to the whole region. The river schemes are one area of activity that improves the productivity of land in several of the region's catchments, delivering the greatest benefit to property owners in those catchment areas.

Submission Number:	55 - 11	Submission Type:	Support in Part
Submitter:	Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust		
Submission Summary:	Support Rangitaiki floodway widening & Rangitaiki drainage multiple floodgate replacements. Propose the completion of feasibility study on incorporating the former Rangitaiki river channel from Okorero to Te Awaateatua into the floodway protection framework.		
Decision Sought:	Complete the feasibility study on incorporating the former Rangitaiki river channel from Okorero to Te Awaateatua into the floodway protection framework.		

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Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support and agrees to carry out a feasibility study on incorporating the Rangitaiki River channel from Okorero to Te Awaateatua into the protection framework.

Submission Number: 58 - 3 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Brian Anderson

Submission Summary: We support the Minor Rivers and Drainage Schemes but note on p.95, 'Provide flood protection to river and drainage scheme areas to current design levels.'

The Katikati stop banks were assessed in the Uretara Stream Capacity Review which identified that 19 out of 28 data points surveyed were below a satisfactory level. In the last big flood, the river filled up between the Haiku walkway and the Highfield's bank putting significant pressure on the Northern approach to the bridge.

We raised this topic at EnvBOP and WBOPDC Annual Plan two years ago. The catchment plans have been started. An unfortunate development on the McKinney Stream which has been causing flooding and siltation problems has been halted. The area between the Haiku Walkway stop bank and Binney Road below the Uretara bridge will be opened to accept flood waters (a deal with another residential developer) but this will increase the head of water at the bridge. Water has already overflowed the stop bank north of the bridge and started to attack the northern approach to the bridge during the last flood. The Uretara residential development is stalled with a planned reserve by the river currently a silt reservoir. The stop bank behind the town is now planned as a walkway, this is one of the lowest areas. People in the town have started making jokes stating that Katikati will get its bypass when the bridge blows, then the government will have to pay for it. We are expected to pray for rain. From the submissions it would appear that some people are looking for trees to help with stream conservation.

Decision Sought: Fund and review the adequacy of the 'current design levels' in relation to flood protection to river and drainage scheme areas.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council agrees to carry out a review of the adequacy of the Uretara Stream flood protection system through Katikati and determine responsibility for implementing flood protection – WBOPRC or BOPRC.

Submission Number: 61 - 7 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Whakatane District Council

Submission Summary: The Whakatane District Council supports the projects proposed by the Regional Council to improve flood protection, specifically the Rangitaiki Floodway Widening, the Whakatane -Waimana stopbank reconstruction and the Rangitaiki Drainage Multiple floodgate replacements. The Whakatane District Council notes that these works are vital in protecting specific communities within the Whakatane District.

Given the increase in flood events experienced in the Whakatane District in recent years, the Whakatane District Council agrees with the increased need for these works to proceed. The District Council acknowledges the increased costs associated with the severe weather events experienced in January 2011.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 61 - 13 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Whakatane District Council

Submission Summary: The Whakatane District Council values the technical support provided by the Regional Council for the Whakatane Ohope Stormwater Catchment Investigation. The council would like to see this project include investigations into the management of forestry harvesting and the potential impact on flooding.

Decision Sought: Include investigations into the management of forestry harvesting and the potential impact on flooding as part of the Whakatane-Ohope Stormwater Catchment Investigation.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

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- The cost of undertaking repairs is to prohibitive to low decile communities, particularly Opotiki, Whakatane, Edgecumbe and Te Puke.
- Assisting with disaster relief is fundamental to Central and Regional Government.

A disbursement from the infrastructure fund to cover the new infrastructure or capex portion of the flood damage is requested because flood damage repairs are truly new infrastructure, so could be funded out of Council's infrastructure fund.

Receiving grants to cover the costs of the 2010/2011 flood damage would permit the schemes to address the bigger issue of long-term sustainability of the schemes.

Decision Sought:

Make provision in their 2011/2012 Annual Plan for:

- A disaster relief grant of 1.8M to meet operational expenses to repair damage to the existing flood and erosion protection infrastructure.
- A disbursement of \$7.6M from the infrastructure fund to cover the new infrastructure required to continue to provide the community the agreed level of flood and erosion protection.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Section: 1.5.4. Corporate Services

Submission Number: 45 - 4 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Disabilities Resource Centre Trust

Submission Summary: A key project noted for the 2010/2011 period is the commencement of design work for the renovation of Regional House in Tauranga. The Disabilities Resource Centre Trust advocates that you use a qualified Barrier Free Assessor in the planning stages to ensure that this public facility is accessible to all. It is better to include the assessment at the planning stage than have costly alterations at a later stage.

Decision Sought: Use a qualified Barrier Free Assessor in the planning stages of renovating Regional House to ensure that this public facility is accessible to all.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council wishes to provide easy access to its offices for all members of our community. Using a qualified Barrier Free Assessor in the planning for refurbishment of Regional House is therefore desirable to achieve this outcome.

Submission Number: 55 - 1 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust

Submission Summary: Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust support many points in the Draft BOP Regional Council Annual Plan.

Support programmes under Corporate Services (p.99). Support Ongoing Actions, and Ten Year Plan Variations. Fully support levels of service, links to community outcomes and KPI's, and Statement of Accounting Policies.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 55 - 12 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust

Submission Summary: Support BOPRC commencing design work for the renovation of Regional House, Tauranga. However propose that council complete a draft framework of the future use of BOPRC buildings in the region.

Decision Sought: Complete a draft framework of the future use of BOPRC buildings in the region.

Staff Recommendation: Accept in Part

Recommended Response: Council regularly reviews its accommodation needs across the region and will continue to do so.

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Submission Number:	61 - 15	Submission Type:	Support in Part
Submitter:	Whakatane District Council		
Submission Summary:	The Whakatane District Council notes the proposal to commence design work for the renovation of Regional House in Tauranga. The Whakatane District Council seeks clarification that this work is not part of a new regional head office.		
Decision Sought:	Provide clarification that design work for the renovation of Regional House in Tauranga is not part of a new regional head office.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept		
Recommended Response:	Full renovation of Regional House will not begin until current tenants have vacated the building. Leases are in place for the majority of the building until 2016, therefore comprehensive planning will not commence for some time. Any renovations between now and lease expiry will only be of a minor nature and are required whether or not Regional House becomes Council's principal public office at some point in the future.		

Section: 1.7 Groups of Activities – Significan...

Submission Number:	55 - 13	Submission Type:	Support in Part
Submitter:	Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust		
Submission Summary:	We support growth rating assessments. However propose that BOPRC review the value of the property using a factor determined by a suitably qualified valuer on request, where the land carries a disproportionate rates burden determined by the local district council.		
Decision Sought:	Review the value of the property using a factor determined by a suitably qualified valuer on request, where the land carries a disproportionate rates burden determined by the local district council.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept		
Recommended Response:	Section 131 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 provides provisions relating to projected valuations. Council requests annually an equalisation certificate from Quotable Value Ltd. The values provided from Quotable Value Ltd are used by Council to apportion general rates.		

Chapter: Draft Section 36 RMA Charges Policy

Section: 2. Draft Section 36 RMA Charges Policy

Submission Number:	12 - 1	Submission Type:	Support
Submitter:	Ohiwa Beach Water Society Inc.		
Submission Summary:	<p>Thank you for your letter of the 11th April informing us that Council is proposing a zero increase to the Regional Impact Monitoring charges for holders of water consents.</p> <p>As a small neighbourhood drinking water society, with limited resources and expensive upgrading costs, we support this proposal. The supply of water to our community by the society is saving Council from having to provide this service to the property owners and we need all the help possible.</p>		
Decision Sought:	Submission of support. No change is sought.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept		
Recommended Response:	Council notes the submission of support.		
Submission Number:	48 - 1	Submission Type:	Support
Submitter:	JG Bennett Orchardist		
Submission Summary:	As a groundwater consent holder I wish to thank the council for taking on board the concerns regarding the rise in charges for consent holders during the 2010-11 year and limiting increases to the rate of inflation for the coming year. I also commend the removal of fees for consent holders who wish to to reduce their consent volumes.		
Decision Sought:	Submission of support. No change sought.		

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Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 57 - 5 **Submission Type:** Support in Part

Submitter: TrustPower Limited

Submission Summary: TrustPower supports the Council's proposal to waive the application fee for consent holders seeking to reduce the amount of water allocated to them. TrustPower considers that this proposal is consistent with the sustainable management purposes of the RMA.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

Submission Number: 63 - 6 **Submission Type:** Oppose

Submitter: Bay of Plenty Federated Farmers

Submission Summary: The substantial increase in 2010 of the Regional/Impact Monitoring component of the s.36 charges for holders of water take consents caused considerable controversy. The scale of the increase to consent holders was not given any profile in the 2010 Draft Annual Plan, and did much to set back the relationship between irrigators and the regional council. The importance of a sound, trusting and collaborative relationship is essential to the successful management of the region's water resource. This is thoroughly acknowledged in the recently published "Water Sustainability Strategy: Western Bay Sub-Region".

Federated Farmers assisted somewhat with the restoration of a relationship with consent holders through calling for consent holder meetings to discuss the increased charges. These were held in Opotiki, Edgecumbe and Te Puke in February and March of this year. We greatly appreciated the attendance of CEO, Mr Bill Bayfield, and senior staff at those meetings, and regard them as a successful first step to a more open approach to water management.

This progress does not set aside, however, the vexed question of the level of the charges, and the funding split between general funds and consent holders for the monitoring of the water resource. We understand that there has been an increase in the share paid by consent holders from 20% to 35%, with 65% recovered from general funding.

We are concerned that there has not been informed debate on the matter of the regional share. It would seem that the public good element of water monitoring is very high, and it is inequitable that consent holders bear this significant cost of general monitoring in addition to the direct costs of their consent. We contend that the consent holder share for regional impact/monitoring would be more fairly set at 10% - one tenth of the work that benefits the whole region and future consent holders.

Decision Sought: Reconsider the level of the consent holder share for the Regional/Impact Monitoring component of s.36 charges for surface and groundwater takes, and set it at 10%, with 90% recovered from general funds.

Explicitly set out the costs of the monitoring programme relevant to water takes that are paid respectively by consent holders, and the region as a whole, in the final 2011 Annual Plan.

Staff Recommendation: To Be Advised

Recommended Response: Item to be addressed in the Council Deliberations Agenda Report.

Submission Number: 63 - 7 **Submission Type:** Support

Submitter: Bay of Plenty Federated Farmers

Submission Summary: Bay of Plenty Federated Farmers fully supports the proposal not to apply an inflationary increase to the Regional/Impact Monitoring charges for water take consents. The acknowledgement that charges were increased significantly in 2010/11 is appreciated.

Decision Sought: Submission of support. No change is sought.

Staff Recommendation: Accept

Recommended Response: Council notes the submission of support.

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Chapter: Draft Policy on Remission and Postponement of Rates

Section: 4. Draft Policy on Remission and Post...

Submission Number:	55 - 14	Submission Type:	Support
Submitter:	Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust		
Submission Summary:	Support council amending its the Policy on Remission and Postponement of rates for home heating conversions in Rotorua.		
Decision Sought:	Submission of support. No change is sought.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept		
Recommended Response:	Council notes the submission of support.		

Submission Number:	83 - 10	Submission Type:	Support
Submitter:	Rotorua District Council		
Submission Summary:	RDC supports the proposal of Bay of Plenty Regional Council to amend the Policy on Remission and Postponement of Rates to support the provision of loans for home heating conversions in Rotorua.		
Decision Sought:	Submission of support. No change is sought.		
Staff Recommendation:	Accept		
Recommended Response:	Council notes the submission of support.		

File Reference: 2.00288
Significance of Decision: Low



Report To: Regional Council
Meeting Date: 07 June 2011
Report From: Brian Trott, Group Manager Corporate Services

Capital carry forward requests to 2011/2012

Executive Summary

As part of Council's management control framework, Council approval is sought to carry forward unspent capital expenditure from the 2010/2011 financial year (year two of the 2009/2019 Ten Year Plan) to the 2011/2012 Annual Plan. The capital expenditure to be transferred was adopted as part of the 2009/2019 Ten Year Plan process. In forecasting total capital expenditure for the year ended 30 June 2011, it was identified that the capital projects in this report will not be completed by 30 June 2011.

1 Recommendations

That the Regional Council:

- 1 Receives the report, Capital carry forward requests to 2011/2012.
- 2 Approve the capital carry forwards from the 2010/2011 year as detailed in this report, for inclusion in the 2011/2012 Annual Plan.
- 3 Approve the capital expenditure brought forward from the 2010/2011 year, as detailed in this report, for inclusion in the 2011/12 Annual Plan.
- 4 Confirms that the significance of the decision has been assessed as LOW, and under Section 79 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) confirms that in light of the level of significance of the decision it does not require: (a) Further identification and assessment of different options under section 77 LGA; (b) Further investigation or consideration of community views under section 78 LGA; (c) Any further written record of the manner in which section 77 and section 78 matters have been addressed

2 Capital expenditure carry forward requests

The following table details the capital projects for which capital carry forward requests have been made:

Programme	Detail	Value
Rangitāiki-Tarawera Scheme	Rangitāiki stopbank strengthening works (Geotech stage 2)	\$500,000
Rangitāiki-Tarawera Scheme	Reach 10 Canal works	\$300,000
Whakatāne-Waimana Scheme	Whakatāne Wharf stopbank upgrade	\$90,000
Waioeka-Otara Scheme	Waioeka-Otara stopbank top-ups (stage 1)	\$371,000
Information Services	Finance One performance planning and reporting	\$80,000
Property	Barcoding of assets	\$50,000
Data Services	Labstar Information System	\$83,000
Data Services	GPRS communications upgrade	\$36,000
Total capital expenditure request		\$1,510,000
Kaituna Scheme	NZTA revenue associated with TEL mitigation	(revenue) \$921,000
Total capital grant requests		\$921,000

The Bell Road pump station (\$2.1 million) is a vested asset which means no cash will be paid for the asset when ownership is transferred however requires approval to be included in the Annual Plan 2011/2012.

3 Community views

Community views were sought during the consultation phase for the draft 2009/2019 Ten Year Plan. These views were considered during the Council deliberations on 2 June 2009. The river scheme liaison groups have also been consulted in regard to the timing of capital works in the individual river schemes.

4 Financial Implications

Current Budget

No additional financial implications – all capital expenditure items in this report are included in the 2009/2019 Ten Year Plan.

Future Implications

The total capital expenditure summarised above is funded by the transfer from reserves, grants and internal loans. Therefore, the transfer of these projects will have no effect on the Council's rating and investment funding requirements in the 2011/2012 financial year.

Ten Year/Annual Plan Implications

The 2011/2012 Annual Plan capital expenditure is to be amended to include the above capital projects.

Stephen Wheeler
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for Group Manager Corporate Services

30 May 2011