

**Subject:** Annual Plan 2010/11 Activity Report - Planning & Performance

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## Report to COUNCIL for decision

### SUMMARY

Three submissions to the draft 2010/11 Annual Plan contained comments relating to the Planning & Performance activity. Detailed officer responses and recommendations to these submissions are attached. The issues covered by the two submissions included;

- Concerns about Council's obligations in terms of the district community outcomes as set out in "Tairawhiti by Choice"
- Level of service performance measure reporting
- The level of resourcing that Council commits to the sale of assets
- Council's presentation of summary financial information in the draft Annual Plan.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council

1. receives the report
2. approves the officer responses contained in Attachment 1 - Planning and Performance submissions and responses
3. makes no changes to the draft Annual Plan 2010/11 in relation to this activity.

Harley Dibble  
Activity Manager

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## Summary and Response by Issue

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Issue	Submitter
<b>Planning &amp; Performance</b>	
42	Radomske, Clare Andrew
<p>Suggests that the community outcome of a healthy, prosperous, skilled and educated Tairāwhiti is far beyond the ability of council to deliver on. Suggests that the table on p.27 showing council costs per resident and per day is misleading. Suggests that on p.31 those asset sales are not provided for, as an accounting statement.</p>	
<p><i>Officer Response: Under the Local Government Act (Part 6 Section 91), Local Authorities are required to carry out a process to identify community outcomes at least every six years. Community outcomes are future desired outcomes that a community seeks for themselves, their district or their region. Councils have a role in facilitating community outcomes, but they do not own them. Community outcomes belong to the community. The Council is not required to deliver community outcomes on its own. Rather, a key purpose for the identification of community outcomes is to inform and guide the setting of priorities in relation to the activities of Council and other organisations. The District's community outcomes are set out in Tairāwhiti by Choice, a document which was endorsed by Council and a number of other key signatory agencies in 2009. It is important to note that the role of community outcomes is expected to change following amendments to the Local Government Act which are expected to be enacted this year. The submitters view that the Forecast Cost of Service per Resident for 2010/11 table on p.25 of the draft Annual Plan is misleading is noted and will be taken into account when considering the presentation of financial summaries in future annual plans, annual reports and Ten Year Plans etc. The submitters key concern about asset sales is that Council should be better resourcing it's own ability to make decisions about, and to carry out asset sales. The sale of Council assets is invariably a highly politically contentious issue. On a number of past occasions, after balancing the economic benefits of selling a particular asset against social, cultural and environmental considerations, Council has resolved to retain the asset. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>	
44	Gisborne Chamber Of Commerce
<p>Service targets are often not measured. If you can't measure it you can't manage it. Also, most community outcomes are not controlled by council.</p>	
<p><i>Officer Response: It is acknowledged that last years 2008/09 Annual Report contained a number of levels of service performance measures that were not measured. Council recognises that this is an area of performance management that requires improvement. The submitter can expect a marked improvement in this years 2009/10 Annual Report. With regard to community outcomes, under the Local Government Act (Part 6 Section 91), local authorities are required to carry out a process to identify community outcomes at least every six years. Community outcomes are future desired outcomes that a community seeks for themselves, their district or their region. Council's have a role in facilitating community outcomes, but they do not own them. Community outcomes belong to the community. The Council is not required to deliver community outcomes on its own. Rather, a key purpose for the identification of community outcomes is to inform and guide the setting of priorities in relation to the activities of Council and other organisations. The Districts community outcomes are set out in Tairāwhiti by Choice, a document which was endorsed by Council and a number of other key signatory agencies in 2009. It is important to note that the role of community outcomes is expected to change following amendments to the Local Government Act which are expected to be enacted this year. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>	
60	Kapai Kaiti

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<p>Supports the content of the draft Annual Plan in particular: The commitment to continue to improve community consultation processes and communication; Kaiti beach revegetation programme; working with residents of Kaiti on a community planning and revitalisation project; support for Tairāwhiti Youth Voice as the Youth Council to facilitate youth input. Requests a formal response and update on Kapai Kaiti's recommendations to the draft Ten Year Plan.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Kapai Kaiti's support for key commitments in the draft Annual Plan 2010/11 are acknowledged. Following discussion with the submitter, further information / updates in relation to how the Council responded to Kapai Kaiti's submission to the Ten Year Plan will be provided to the submitter. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>	