

# Report

**Subject:** Analysis of submissions on the draft 2019/20 Annual Plan

**To:** Council

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## 1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an analysis of the written and oral submissions received by Council on the Consultation Document (Unfolding 19/20) for the draft 2019/20 Annual Plan.
- 1.2 The report initially provides an analysis of the following key issues identified in the consultation document:
- Issue 1: Funding community-led projects
  - Issue 2: Contributing to St Johns Ambulance Station in Taihape
  - Issue 3: Increasing resilience to climate change
  - Issue 4: Funding the de-sexing and micro-chipping of cats
  - Issue 5: Euthanising unwanted cats
- 1.3 Issues raised by group of activity are then provided and discussed.
- 1.4 Following Council's decisions on submissions, the draft Annual Plan will be updated for subsequent adoption by Council at its 27 June 2019 meeting. No prior approval by Audit New Zealand is required.

## 2 Summary of submissions

### Consultation

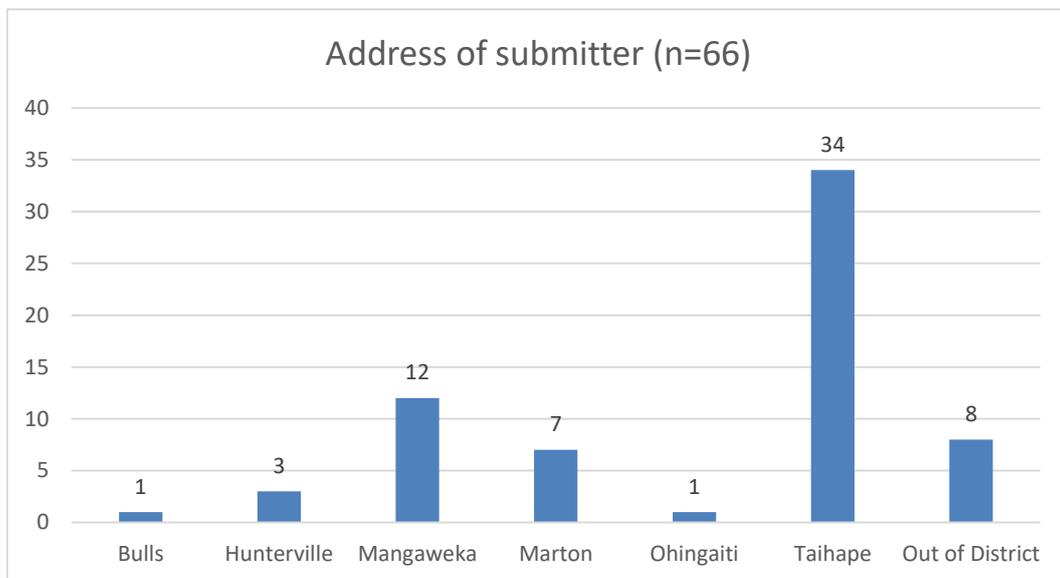
- 2.1 Consultation on the draft Annual Plan 2019-20 was conducted in accordance with the requirements in section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 2.2 Submissions were open from 1 April to 1 May 2019.
- 2.3 The Mayor and Councillors hosted public meetings across the District. The Mayor also met with those who requested an individual meeting. Information about the consultation was promoted through Council's website, Facebook page, twitter, in local newspapers, in the Rangitikei Line and Rangitikei Bulletin. A two-page summary

of the key issues was published twice during the consultation period, in the Feilding-Rangitikei Herald and District Monitor. Posters were displayed in the areas where the public meetings were being held. The Consultation Document was distributed widely, in Council’s main offices, libraries and information centres as well as cafes, doctor surgeries and public meeting spaces.

### Overview of submissions

2.4 Council received a total of 83 written submissions to the Consultation Document. The list of submitters is provided as Appendix 1. Of these, eight submitters spoke to their submissions at the oral hearings held on 9 May 2019 in Marton (three) and 10 May 2019 in Taihape (five).

2.5 The location of the submitters is provided in Figure 1 below. This figure shows that the most submissions came from residents in Taihape (34), followed by Mangaweka (12).



*Figure 1. Address of submitter*

2.6 There was a wide range of organisations or groups (19) that submitted on the Consultation Document (Figure 2). The list of organisations that submitted is provided as Appendix 2.

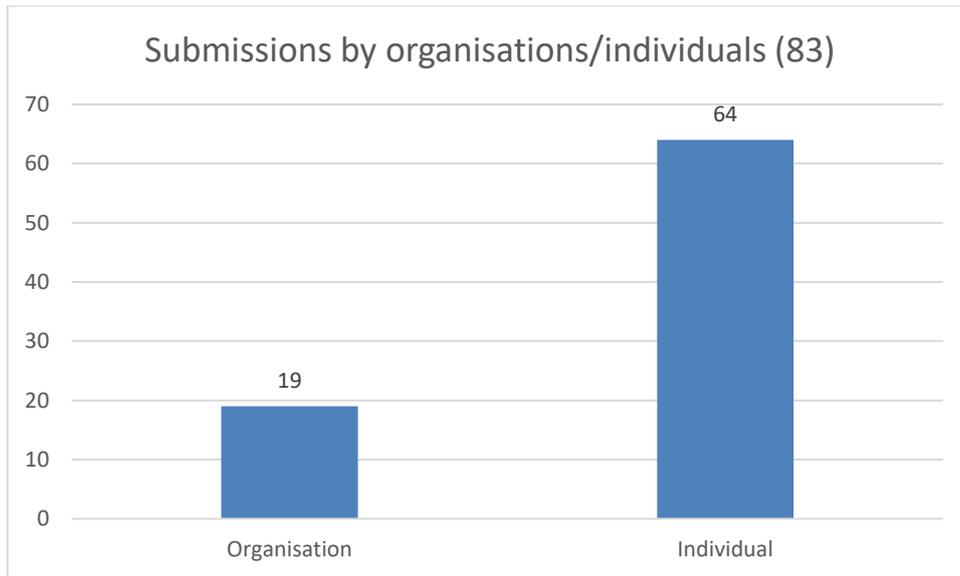


Figure 2. Submissions by organisations/individuals

### 3 Issue 1: Funding community-led projects

#### Background

- 3.1 Council asked the community whether they should increase the annual funding to community-led projects which improve facilities on Council’s parks, by \$50,000.

#### Submissions

- 3.2 The overall results are provided as Figure 3 below. This shows that the majority of submitters that responded to this question (80%) indicated a preference to increase the annual funding for community-led projects.

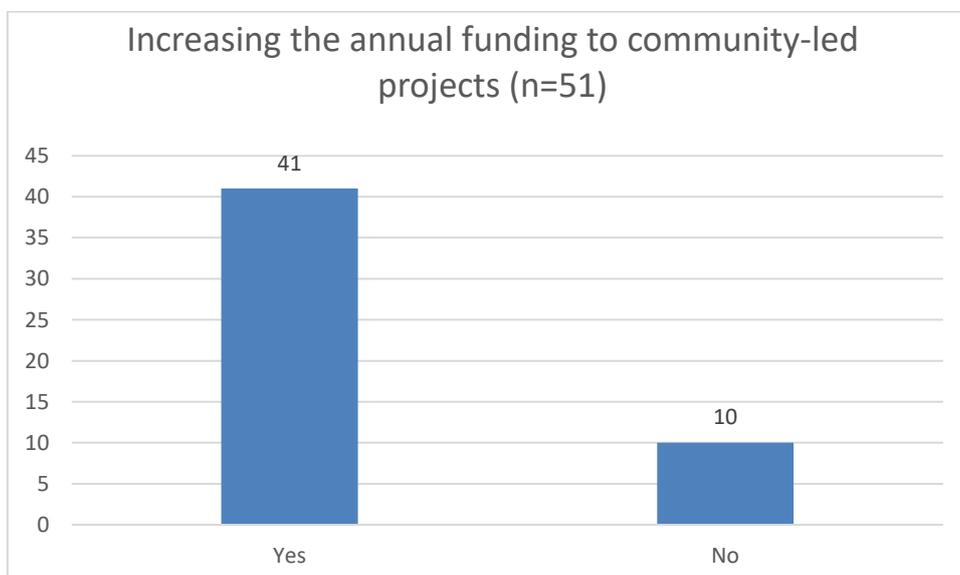


Figure 3. Responses to Issue 1: Increasing funding for community-led projects

- 3.3 These results have been split down to responses by the address (Figure 4).

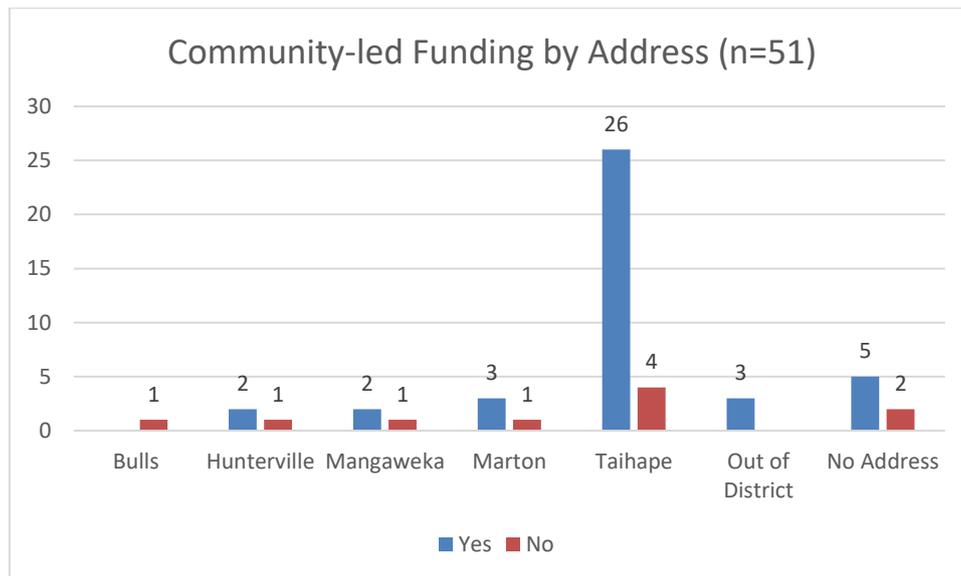


Figure 4. Responses to Community-led funding by address

3.4 Taihape received a total of 30 responses to this question with respondents heavily in favour of increasing funding. All other areas had more respondents in favour of increasing funding than those who didn't with the exception of Bulls.

Of the organisations that responded to this question seven were in favour of an increase with three not in favour of an increase. The other nine did not provide a response. The following organisations were in favour:

- Taihape Women's Club
- Garden Club
- Onepuhi and Porewa Community Group
- Friendship and Arts in Taihape
- Rangitikei Environment Group
- Taihape Community Board
- Taihape St John Area Committee

### **Summary**

3.5 The majority of submitters who responded to this key question were in favour of increasing funding for community-led projects. Taihape especially stands out as an area that wants to see an increase in funding.

### **Comments from submitters**

3.6 Some of the submitters who were in favour of an increase wanted it to be more than \$50,000 with one submitter commenting that it should be the maximum possible (#003, #025, #026, #047).

- 3.7 A large number of submitters in favour of an increase provided comments on what the community funding should go towards. Including, parks, clubs, toilets and playgrounds.
- 3.8 Of those who were opposed to an increase in funding, they cited that there were more important issues and commented on specified work that they thought should be done (#005, #065, #066).
- 3.9 One submitter commented that annual funding should be reduced not increased (#081).
- 3.10 Oral submissions raised the following additional issues/comments:
- Should be a dollar for dollar value
- 3.11 The following further comments were provided from submitters on the issue of increasing funding for community-led projects:
- Submitter #002 commented Council should also apply to the Government's Tourism Infrastructure Fund for the development of the new walkways in Hautapu River Park.
  - Whatever is required to provide for, sufficient facilities that are fit for purpose with ongoing maintenance and security is in place to look after the facilities (#083).

### ***Officer Comment***

- 3.12 While the total response rate on the issue was reasonable (51), once considered at a 'town' basis, the number of responses were low for the main centres. The exception to this being Taihape. This illustrates the large number of submitters who would like to see more funding go towards Taihape projects.
- 3.13 The feedback indicates that most people wanted to see an increase in funding for community-led projects and those who provided comment tended to want funding for projects in their area.
- 3.14 This suggests that some areas feel that their facilities are not of the same standard as other areas and that they should receive funding. Council considers each funding application separately and determines which projects receive funding.
- 3.15 An application is being made to the third round of the Government's Tourism Infrastructure Fund for \$270,000, which (if successful, and combined with Council's contribution of \$30,000) would provide similar facilities as that planned for Follett Street.

## **4 Issue 2: Contributing to St Johns Ambulance Station in Taihape**

Background

4.1 Council asked the community if they agree with Councils proposal to contribute \$50,000 to the cost of the new St Johns Ambulance Station in Taihape.

Submissions

4.2 The overall results are provided as Figure 5 below. This shows a fairly even split between those who agreed (45%) with the contribution and those who did not agree (55%).

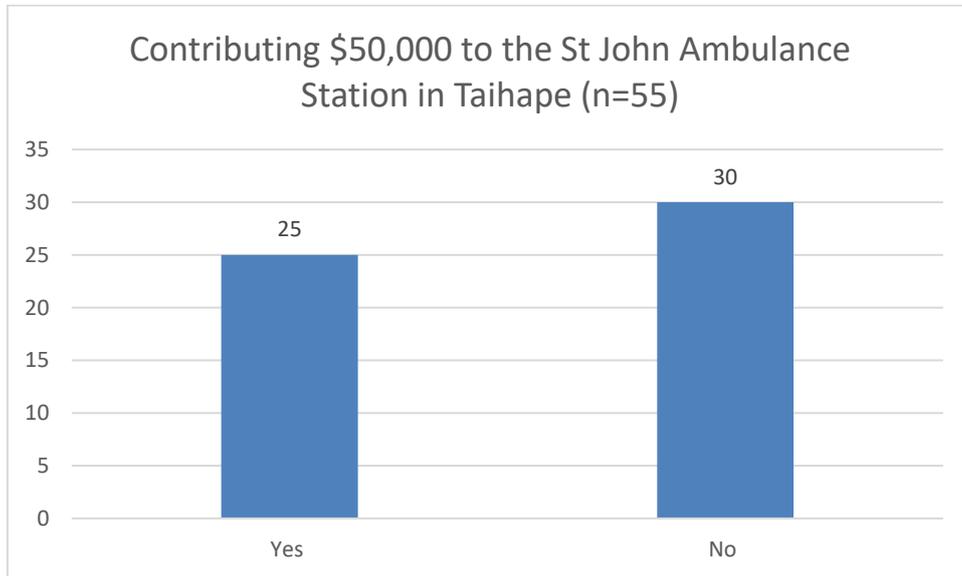


Figure 5. Responses to Issue 2: Contributing \$50,000 to the St John Ambulance Station in Taihape

4.3 Figure 6 compares the Taihape submitters against the rest of the submitters who responded to this question.

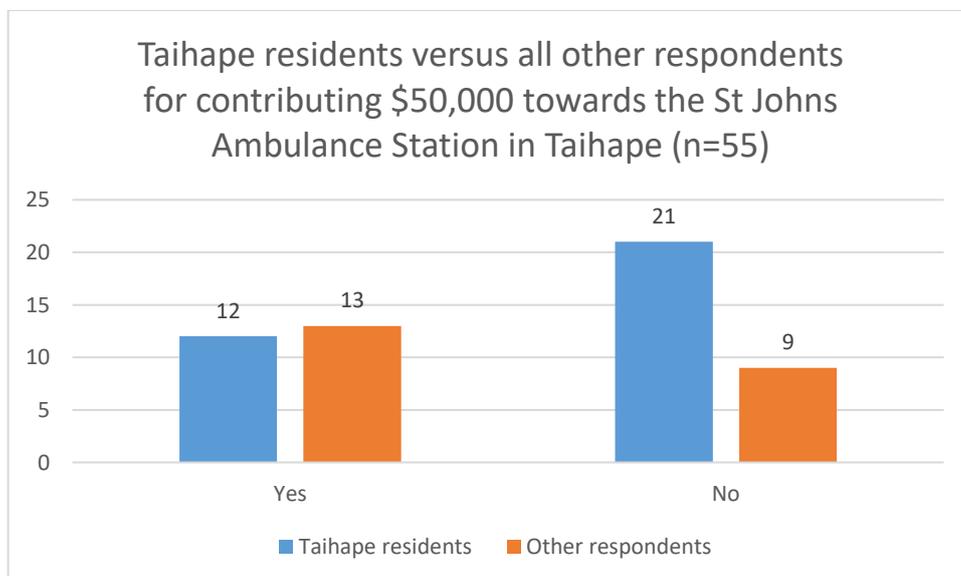


Figure 6. Taihape Submitters versus all other respondents for contributing \$50,000 towards the St Johns Ambulance Station in Taihape

### ***Summary***

- 4.4 Taihape had the most respondents (33) to this question which can be attributed to the decision affecting their local emergency service directly. Of those 33 respondents 12 agreed that Council should contribute \$50,000 for the new Ambulance Station.
- 4.5 Overall 30 respondents said no to the \$50,000 contribution, but when providing comment many of them expanded to say that the contribution should be more. This indicates that many submitters want Council to contribute with some saying it should be more than \$50,000.

### ***Comments from submitters***

- 4.6 There were a number of submitters who responded no when asked if Council should contribute \$50,000 towards the Taihape Ambulance Station but commented that it should be more, ranging from \$100,000-\$200,000.
- 4.7 On top of providing funding Council should waive building consent fees (#073), (#077).
- 4.8 Many submitters commented that this is a critical service in an isolated area and needs the help of Council to operate at an expectable level.
- 4.9 Submitters also noted that the current building wasn't fit for purpose (#055, #058, #059, #061, #073).
- 4.10 Oral submissions raised the following additional issues/comments:
- We cannot approach Lotteries because at the moment there is no space in the plans for a community room and to qualify for funding from the Lottery we need to have 30% of the plan dedicated to the community.
  - There is a possibility of Dudding Trust and 4 Regions that could help.
  - The whole district should contribute not just Taihape ratepayers.
  - The project should be government funded.
- 4.11 The following further comments were provided from submitters on the issue contributing funding towards the new Ambulance Station:
- Submitter #002 commented that Council should not make a contribution as it should be the government providing funding and submitter #081 said it is a charity that receives millions every year and should fund itself.
  - St John Ambulance must become 100 % government funded and Council should pursue this (#082).
  - Taihape is not the only station in Council needing relocation costs. If you give it to one - ensure you give to Hunterville too (#019).

### ***Officer Comment***

- 4.12 When comparing those who agreed that Council should contribute \$50,000 towards the new St Johns Ambulance Station in Taihape with those who didn't the split was even. However, when looking at the comments provided, many of the respondents who selected no were in favour of a larger contribution as opposed to no contribution at all.
- 4.13 The majority of submitters were in favour of Council contributing towards the new Ambulance Station, whether it be \$50,000 or a larger sum. Overall reasons for needing a contribution were that St Johns Ambulance in Taihape service a large area and help many people in the district both locals and visitors and that to supply a certain level of service they need good facilities.
- 4.14 Of those who were opposed to Council contributing they cited that St Johns funding should come from government not Council.
- 4.15 Although an integral part of responding to emergencies, ambulance services do not receive funding from central government (as the Police and Fire and Emergency New Zealand do). St John Taihape needs to build a new station, partly to satisfy requirements for having double-crewing and partly to satisfy regulations around the strength of buildings used for responding to emergencies (i.e. the IL4 building standard).

## **5 Issue 3: Increasing Resilience to Climate Change.**

### **Background**

- 5.1 Council asked the community what suggestions they had for Council to increase its resilience against climate change.

### ***Summary***

- 5.2 24 submitters provided feedback on how Council could improve their resilience to climate change.

### ***Comments from submitters***

- 5.3 Many submitters commented that culverts, drains, roads and stop banks should all be maintained to a high level, which will help in a severe weather event.
- 5.4 Plant more trees throughout the district (#025, #040).
- 5.5 Work more with Horizons to ensure waterways stay clean (#018, #059).
- 5.6 It is important to make sure appropriate rubbish and recycling facilities and services are available and well managed (#025, #056, #071, #080, #083).
- 5.7 Oral submissions raised the following additional issues:

- We need to be looking overseas to for what we can do to turn waste into electricity.

5.8 Council received the following additional comments on this issue:

- Consider promoting car-less days - and lobby central government to promote this (#040).
- After the big snow I hope communications have been upgraded as Taihape could be isolated once again (#046).
- Increase rates levy on unoccupied commercial buildings to be set aside for emergency fund (#051).

### ***Officer Comment***

5.9 When analysing comments from submitters a large majority wanted to see Council ensure that key infrastructure would be able to hold up to weather events that our region is prone to facing. When forecasting assumptions during the 2018-28 Long Term Plan process Council identified that disruptive effects of climate change with the biggest impact on Council Roads. With this in mind the roading programme has been reprioritized.

5.10 Recycling was another topic that received a lot of feedback. Council has investigated providing kerb side recycling and at this stage is on hold. It is intended to be reviewed in the future.

## **6 Issue 4: De-sexing and Microchipping Cats**

### Background

6.1 Council asked the community whether it should provide funding for the de-sexing and microchipping of cats.

### Submissions

6.2 The overall results are provided as Figure 7 below. This shows that 58% of submitters think Council should not provide funding, the other 42% think Council should.

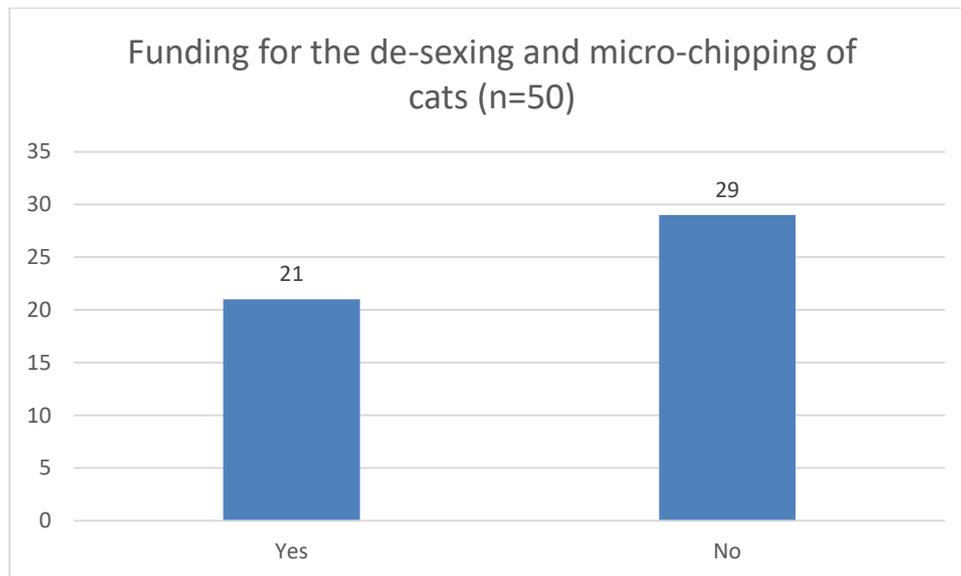


Figure 7. Responses to Issue 4: Funding the de-sexing and micro-chipping of cats

### **Summary**

6.3 Overall submitters were not in favour of Council providing funding for the de-sexing and micro-chipping of cats. However, there was still a number (21) of submitters that did want to see Council provide funding to this.

### **Comments from submitters**

6.4 Of those who were not in support of Council providing funding the resounding response was that it should be the responsibility of the owner not Council to take care of this.

6.5 One submitter agreed with funding de-sexing but not micro-chipping (#062)

6.6 Trial the funding for one year (#004, #019, #058, #059, #071, #078).

6.7 A period longer than one year to see the real results it will have (#006, #040, #051, #067, #070).

6.8 Oral submissions raised the following additional issues/comments:

- Needs to be the same as dogs where they are chipped and tagged.

6.9 The following further comments were provided from submitters on the issue of providing funding for de-sexing and micro-chipping cats:

- Should only be for those who can't afford it (#080)

### ***Officer Comment***

- 6.10 Overall feedback suggests that those who do not think Council should provide funding is because they believe that the owner of the cat should be paying the cost as it is their animal.
- 6.11 An analysis on the comments of those who think Council should provide funding suggests that a trial period be carried out and then an evaluation done to see where to go from there depending on its success.
- 6.12 If Council adopted the programme it would run for two or three weeks during 2019.
- 6.13 Costings have been obtained and the \$5,000 would cover around 120 cats. This would be limited to domestic cats which are owned by a Community Services card holder.

## **7 Issue 5: Helping with Euthanising Cats**

### **Background**

- 7.1 Council asked the community if they thought that Council should help with the costs for euthanising unwanted cats caught in traps borrowed from Council.

### ***Summary***

- 7.2 40 submitters provided feedback on whether or not Council should help with costs for euthanising unwanted cats caught in traps borrowed from Council.

### ***Comments from submitters***

- 7.3 A number of submitters expressed that they would like to see this undertaken.
- 7.4 Some submitters were not in favour of this citing the cost and consideration of the rates impact of this needs to be explained further before we can make an informed decision (#040).
- 7.5 Two submitters commented that this should be the responsibility of the SPCA (#005, #059).
- 7.6 The following further comments were provided from submitters on the issue of providing funding for de-sexing and micro-chipping cats:
- This will help increase bird numbers (#066).
  - If these are lent out to people, Council might end up being caught in an argument between two neighbours, one a cat lover - the other a cat hater. The hater will identify the cat caught on his section as "unwanted" even if it has a collar and microchip and belongs to the neighbour. This could lead to possible litigation against the council (#055).
  - If these traps are placed on public land and checked by a council operator and the cat caught is identified as a stray cat (no collar or microchip) then I agree the council should destroy those cats (#055).

### ***Officer Comment***

- 7.7 Overall the majority of submitters to this question would like to see Council do something about lowering number of unwanted cats and agree with Council supporting the cost of this.
- 7.8 The cost of Council helping with the costs of euthanising unwanted cats caught in traps borrowed by Council has not been included in budgets. Two local Veterinary Clinics for were contacted about how much euthanising a cat would cost with one clinic charging \$44 and the other \$80. Disposing of each euthanised cats is an additional \$20.
- 7.9 If Council were to cover the whole cost and use the least expensive clinic they could euthanise 78 cats on a budget of \$5000. It would be hard to establish a possible success of this without a trial period to gauge interest from the community.
- 7.10 Limitations of this are the amount of traps Council has and also that cats would need to be transported to the clinic. Something to factor in is those who trap a cat during the weekend and want it to be dealt with. Carrying out this service over the weekend would cost more.
- 7.11 If Council run a trial for four weeks with a budget of up to \$1600 (24 cats excluding transport costs) officers could then report back to Council on the success of the trial.

## **8 Community and Leisure Assets**

- 8.1 The Taihape Women's Club felt disillusioned at the short notice from the Council about their lease at 22 Tui Street. The club would like an extension on the lease until the Bowling Club rooms are modified to meet their requirements. In addition, they have requested that their rental be waived as they are non-profit organisation and want a permanent booking for the first Wednesday of every month and their own key. With the decision to move the bowling club they would not consider another move (#003).
- 8.2 Demolish Women's Club and other buildings on site (#029, #034).
- 8.3 Provide storage at the bowling club for all the groups using the Women's Club (#046).
- 8.4 Upgrade bowling and croquet rooms as soon as 30 June for clubs to move into (#028, #034).
- 8.5 Submitter comments will there be a members fee that would prevent some members using the amenity block facility and who will run the premises and keep it clean as well as on going costs (#036).
- 8.6 There is a need for a new amenities block to encourage motor homers to stay (in Taihape) but don't agree with the location, they should be closer to the road where there is already street lighting (#036).

- 8.7 Put a stop to 'Club Taihape' building a "white elephant" on Council land in Taihape (#022).
- 8.8 Submitter wants to know if a survey on positioning on the amenity block (in Taihape) has been carried out. If not the submitter suggests a survey be undertaken asking local residents where they want it (#036).
- 8.9 Taihape playground at Memorial Park is well over 20 years old, and needs upgrading badly (#005, #043, #052).
- 8.10 Remove and repair the old buildings in the town (Taihape) especially those opposite the railway platform. They are an eyesore to the travelling public. (#002).
- 8.11 Updating the town hall (Taihape). Preference would be to keep the front facade but may be too expensive (#004).
- 8.12 Demolish town hall (Taihape) and build new centre (#029).
- 8.13 Re-Roofing of the Taihape Swim Centre within the next 2 years (#058).
- 8.14 Submitter comments that the budget for re-roofing the Taihape pool could be cut down immensely by not having a roof at all (#005).
- 8.15 Get the old train tunnels opened up between Mangaweka and Utiku for cycling and walking would be great (#063).
- 8.16 To demolish the Grandstand, to make way for a new building to house;
- The information Centre
  - Library,
  - St Johns Ambulance Station
  - New Toilets
  - A Function Room to be used by tenants from The District Women's Club (#066).

***Officer Comments***

- 8.17 Council are already working closely with the Women's Club on progress to moving to the Bowling Club.
- 8.18 At its November meeting, Council confirmed the site for the new Taihape amenities building as being in location between No 3 field and the courts, encroaching on to the last court if necessary.
- 8.19 A finalised concept plan for Memorial Park in Taihape has been received from Isthmus Group. Recent progress on the project has been slow due to the weather.
- 8.20 Council has yet to explore the options for the Taihape Town Hall with the community and undertake a business case. Council intends to fully engage with the community on the future options for the site. Council will lead this process and communications, with Mayor and Councillors fully involved, as they have done and continue to do for the Bulls (and Marton) project. Design work is scheduled to begin in 2021/22.

## **9 Parks and Reserves**

- 9.1 Submitter thanks Parks and Reserves Team Leader Athol Sanson for his work and working with community groups (#047).
- 9.2 Council should get in touch with Railway now and get the grass cut along the fence before the overbridge at the bottom of Kiwi Road (#050).
- 9.3 Submitter requests that consideration be given to officially naming Marton Park as Marton Memorial Park (#007).
- 9.4 The submitter would like horses to be able to use the proposed walkway around the Marton Reservoir (#023).
- 9.5 The submitter would like to meet with officers more frequently if it is deemed necessary to ensure the goals remain the same (#048).

### ***Officer Comments***

- 9.6 Officers took the submitter for a site visit at Marton Reservoir.
- 9.7 Officers will be available to meet when required so that the goals of Rangitikei Environment Group and Council remain the same.

## **10 Rubbish and Recycling**

- 10.1 Have a number of free dumpings per year as included in ones rates. Increasing rates to increase free dumping entirely (#001).
- 10.2 Every six months free rubbish collection, curb side everything goes (#043).
- 10.3 Dump fees are getting to be far too expensive for many residents to pay who then turn to other means to get rid of rubbish, dumping on road sides or river banks, a bin collection service must be introduced with or without recycling bins (#082).
- 10.4 Waste and Recycling should be looked at closely (#041).
- 10.5 Continued promotion of recycling bins and encouraging people to separate their plastic, paper, green waste, cans etc (#071).
- 10.6 Recycling depots be accessible to rural users also, given the contribution that rural ratepayers make to the rubbish core service (#053).

### ***Officer Comments***

- 10.7 Providing free dumping's/pickups would result in Council being responsible for a large amount of rubbish and also the cost that this would incur.
- 10.8 Council are going to continue to provide recycling centres for the public and will review the feasibility of kerbside recycling in the future.

## **11 Three Waters**

- 11.1 Replace all the old drain pipes going under the roads in Taihape to solve water issues there (#036).
- 11.2 Upgrade stream in Wren Street to stop subsidence and sink holes on my property (#028).
- 11.3 Rating differentials or targeted rates for wastewater, solid waste and drinking water, more fairly require those who are benefiting or utilising the activity to provide the required rating contributions (#053).

### ***Officer Comments***

- 11.4 Council will continue to work through its infrastructure programmes including the replacement and fixing of old drain pipes.

## **12 Roothing**

- 12.1 Reinstate dropout of the road on Swan St (Taihape) which occurred one year ago. Pay more attention to street cleaning, mowing and footpaths (#034).
- 12.2 We do not support Council taking a, fix as you go, approach to roads impacted by increased heavy traffic activities like forestry (#053).
- 12.3 Better parking and safety at the gumboot on Highway 1 (#052).
- 12.4 To more fairly recover costs for the roading rates, the submitter recommends that Council apply a differential to the roading rate, where urban and rural rate payers, differential are struck at 1, commercial and industrial struck at 2 and forestry 2.5. These differentials will enable Council to obtain a greater contribution from heavy road users, therefore enabling a more proactive maintenance schedule than what Council have proposed (#053).
- 12.5 I would like RDC to put the widening of the road at the intersection of Raumai and Parewanui into their work programme for 2019/20 (#065).
- 12.6 Fixing some of the footpaths in Taihape, SH1 between the motels and Goldfinch (#080).
- 12.7 Provide some sort of footpath between Otaihape Valley Rd and the town ship on SH1 (#080).

### ***Officer Comments***

- 12.8 The work for the dropout on Swan St has commenced.
- 12.9 Council will continue to progress with its roading programme.

## **13 Community Well-being**

- 13.1 Help fund Gail Larson's work in re-homing cats (#036).
- 13.2 Funding or services to assist with costs of Taihape's 125<sup>th</sup> birthday (#047).
- 13.3 Update our security cameras and more around the Taihape District in the known trouble spots (#058, #059).
- 13.4 Work on an Ageing Population Strategy (#058, #059).

### ***Officer Comments***

- 13.5 The Community Initiatives Fund provide grants to groups (but not individuals) for a wide range of projects. If Gail Larsen's work was under umbrella of a local group it would be eligible for consideration. The organisers of Taihape's 125<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations could seek funding support through the Events Sponsorship Scheme.
- 13.6 His Worship the Mayor has attended meetings for Taihape's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday but no formal requests for support have been made.

## **14 Community Leadership**

- 14.1 Address the MOU 19/20 and see whether you are getting value for money from our rates that we pay to the Bulls and District Community Trust. (#065).
- 14.2 While quality housing stock is low, very little is being done to free up quality land, and there is a disconnect between RDC and our councillors (#083).
- 14.3 While the rates rebate was a step, it doesn't go far enough to encourage development. And there is no desire from council staff to encourage developers from freeing up land and helping solve the supply issue (#083).

### ***Officer Comments***

- 14.4 MOU partnering organisations work plans and agreed activities are being monitored. The 2019/2020 draft work plans are going out for community committee/board consideration.
- 14.5 An Amendment for incentivising residential development has been made to the Rates Remission Policy in January 2019. This includes a rates remission on subdivisions for residential purposes.

## **15 Finances**

- 15.1 Increase rates levy on unoccupied commercial buildings to be set aside for emergency fund (#051).

- 15.2 Make a significant investments in start-ups looking to deliver sustainable and eco-friendly solutions (#083).
- 15.3 Submitter comments that if developers are getting kickbacks then rate payers should as well (#041).

***Officer Comments***

- 15.4 Officers are progressing on the development of an Economic Development Strategy.

**16 Environment and Regulatory**

- 16.1 Work with Horizons to ensure our waterways are clean and no inappropriate discharge is occurring (#018).
- 16.2 Monitor fencing of stock near waterways (#068).
- 16.3 Increase the number of trees planted and support landowners who are trying to plant natives on their property (#025, #045).
- 16.4 Develop policies to encourage greater diversification for the use of land in our district as this will go a long way towards improving resilience (#070).
- 16.5 Maintain work on eradicating Old Man's Beard (#071).
- 16.6 Our current district plan is not fit for our current housing demand (#083).

***Officer Comments***

- 16.7 Horizons have opportunities for land owners to apply for funding towards planting projects.
- 16.8 Rangitikei Environment Group, who are supported by Council and Horizons Regional Council are progressing with the eradication of Old Man's Beard.
- 16.9 Officers are investigating the efficiency and effectiveness of the District Plan.

**17 Other Issues**

- 17.1 Rural cellular and internet connectivity is poor or non-existent for many rural homes in the Rangitikei region. What can RDC do to contribute to this (#025).
- 17.2 Some controls on bird scarers (#030)
- 17.3 Better signage and information in Taihape for visitors, highlighting heritage/history/recreation/parking/dog friendly areas (#078).
- 17.4 Submitter requests that the relocation of Kauangaroa Marae be included in annual planning budget forecasts by the Council over the next five years (#023).

- 17.5 Making ratepayers aware of their behaviours when it comes to maintaining their berms and making sure it doesn't go down stormwater drains (#059).
- 17.6 A large group were opposed to the removal of the Mangaweka Bridge.
- 17.7 That Council set aside \$5,000 for Rangitikei Environment Group for the maintenance of fences at Taihape Memorial Park and scenic reserves (#048).

### ***Officer Comments***

- 17.8 Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP) are currently rolling out the second phase of the Rural Broadband Initiative which will provide improved broadband to around 10,000 rural households and businesses. CIP is partnering with the Rural Connectivity Group to cover mobile black spots. Geographic mobile coverage is currently sitting at around 50%. The mobile black spot programme is set to increase geographic coverage by 20-30%.
- 17.9 Once an economic analysis on the Mangaweka Bridge has been carried out and submitted to both Rangitikei District Council and Manawatu District Council the feasibility of retaining the bridge will be determined.
- 17.10 Council is installing new signage in main centres around the Rangitikei.
- 17.11 Council has been requested to include the relocation of Kauangaroa Marae in the annual planning budget but no costing of a work scheme has been provided.

## **18 Next Steps**

- 18.1 Following Council's decisions on submissions, the draft Annual Plan will be amended for subsequent adoption by Council at its 27 June 2019 meeting.

## **19 Councils decisions**

- 19.1 Council will be increasing the annual funding for community-led projects by \$50,000, to be a total annual budget of \$100,000.
- 19.2 Council will contribute \$50,000, out of general rates, towards the new St Johns Ambulance Station in Taihape, as the final funder.
- 19.3 Council is going to (as a response to climate change) continue to maintain and upgrade its infrastructure.
- 19.4 Council are going to continue to work on options for kerbside recycling.
- 19.5 Council will not be providing \$5,000 funding for the de-sexing and micro-chipping of cats.

- 19.6 Council approved a trial period of four weeks up to \$1,600 covering the full cost of euthanising unwanted cats **trapped in Council traps** following extensive publicity and officers report back.
- 19.7 Rangitikei Environment Group will continue to receive the funding level of \$20,000 and the use of surplus vehicle.
- 19.8 Council approved \$5,000 as requested by the Rangitikei Environment Group for fencing funding in the reserves.
- 19.9 Council is going to further investigate funding assistance for the new Hunterville St John Operational building.
- 19.10 Council decided that the Onepuhi Road Reserve be reinstated and that Council provide ongoing support to Onepuhi and Porewa Community Group on this project through the Parks Upgrade Partnership Scheme and including the area for mowing and grounds maintenance by the Parks & Reserves team.
- 19.11 Submitters to the retention of Mangaweka Bridge will be informed that Council will, in conjunction with Manawatu District Council, be considering the feasibility of the retaining the current Bridge once the economic analysis has been completed and submitted to both councils.
- 19.12 Council is going to investigate horses being included in the use of the proposed shared pathway around Marton Reservoir. Council is yet to formally approve this as a public area.
- 19.13 Council officers are going to meet with representatives from the Kauangaroa Marae to discuss helping support the relocation of the Marae.
- 19.14 The Mayor, Marton Ward Councillors and the Chief Executive are going to investigate a contribution with the Marton and District Historical Society for their expenses, to be brought back to Council for a decision.

## Article I.

### Appendix 1 - List of submitters

Submitter Name	Submitter Number
Ed Duncan	001
Colin and Margaret Baird	002
Windsome Smith	003
Myra Fleury	004
Katrina O'Brien	005
Elizabeth Anne Mould	006
Alan Buckendahl	007
John Fitzgerald	008

Denise McNie	009
Mangaweka Heritage	010
Rangitikei Heritage	011
Alison Dorrian	012
Rachel Dean	013
Tim and Diana Deighton	014
Dianne and Bruce Christie	015
Colin and Margaret Baird	016
Pamela Stapleton	017
Karen Kennedy	018
Helen Nielson-Vold	019
Hannah Somerville	020
M F Gorrige	021
Bernard Bird	022
Kauangaroa Marae	023
Rangitikei Area Distance Riders	024
Margaret Stewart	025
Colin Wroe	026
Mrs Judith Blain	027
Veronica Yardley	028
Margaret Coogan	029
Malcom Leary	030
Allan Carter	031
Judy Townshead	032
Matt and Leonie Sweet	033
D Young	034
John and Viv Eames	035
Gina Mason	036
Kathleen Dorrian	037
Alison Dangerfield	038
Michael Cathels	039
Erika Eleres	040
Robert Snijders	041
Julia Procter	042
Sharon Pearson	043
Lesley Keuning	044
B Crimp	045
Elizabeth Tierney	046
Jon Byford	047
Jim Howard	048
Michael McMartney	049
Joy Scott	050
Peter Neil Kipling-Arthur	051
Rosie Gilbert	052
Coralee Matena	053
Ian Somerville	054
Toby Schweikert	055

Sue Stratton	056
Paul Eames	057
Michelle Fannin	058
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Shirley Russell	060
Taihape St John Area Committee	061
Elizabeth Russell	062
Dean Griffiths	063
Michael Cathels	064
Bronwyn Meads	065
Dianne McKinnon	066
Brooke McIntyre	067
Christine Broome	068
Rebecca Russell	069
Vanessa Witt	070
Elizabeth Mortland	071
Roana Te Oriki	072
Byran Rendle	073
Tania Brown	074
Sharyn Robson	075
Russell Anderson	076
Chanelle Theobald	077
Angela Oliver	078
Nigel Watson	079
Sandy Rowland	080
Joshua Smeaton	081
Tony Young	082
Jarrold Calkin	083

## Appendix 2 - List of organisations/groups

Organisations and Groups
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taihape Women's Club</li> <li>• Garden Club</li> <li>• Onepuhi and Porewa Community Group</li> <li>• Friendship and Arts in Taihape</li> <li>• Rangitikei Environment Group</li> <li>• Taihape Community Board</li> <li>• Taihape St John Area Committee</li> <li>• Mangaweka Heritage</li> <li>• Rangitikei Heritage</li> <li>• Kauangaroa Marae Trustees</li> <li>• Rangitikei Area Distance Riders</li> </ul>

- Onepuhi and Porewa Community Group
- Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga
- Youth Council
- Horizons Regional Council
- Manawatu Rangitikei Federated Farmers
- Mangaweka Adventure Co Ltd
- 1965
- St Johns