

**MINUTES OF CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
HELD AT THE CARTERTON EVENTS CENTRE, 50 HOLLOWAY ST, CARTERTON
ON WEDNESDAY, 2 APRIL 2025 AT 9:00 AM**

PRESENT: Mayor Ron Mark, Deputy Mayor Steve Cretney, Cr Brian Deller, Cr Robyn Cherry-Campbell, Cr Grace Ayling, Cr Lou Newman, Cr Steve Laurence, Cr Steve Gallon

IN ATTENDANCE: Staff

Geoff Hamilton (Chief Executive), Karon Ashforth (Corporate Services Manager), Johannes Ferreira (Infrastructure Services Manager), Solitaire Robertson (Planning and Regulatory Services Manager), Geri Brooking (People and Wellbeing Manager), Glenda Seville (Community Services and Facilities Manager), Marcus Anselm (Communications and Engagement Manager), Robyn Blue (Democratic Services Officer)

1 REPORTS

1.1 ANNUAL PLAN 2025/26 WORKSHOP

1. PURPOSE

To review budgets and fees and charges as part of developing the Annual Plan 2025/26.

Discussion

- All the funding from Year 2 of the LTP has been re-forecast.
- The draft proposed rates in Year 2 has reduced from 13% to 8.7%.
- There are no new capital projects for next year. All of the current new capital projects are in this financial year.
 - The Process Water Projects has been included in the LTP.
 - The Water Storage Project under discussion is not currently included.
- As a result of re-forecasting, the key visible changes to the LTP are:
 - Removed inflation (resulted in a decrease)
 - Reconciled NZTA funding to include funding changes and an inflation adjustment (resulted in a decrease)
 - Undertook a critical review of Opex for Three Waters (resulted in a decrease)
 - Reviewed insurance forecast in premiums (resulted in a small increase)
 - Reforecast capital expenditure (resulted in a decrease)

- Reforecast loans, repayments and interest rates on new loans (resulted in an increase)
- There has been a critical review of operating costs and creation of an Event Centre activity
- Further changes for consideration are:
 - A forestry consultant / Forestry rate cost estimate - \$40k Opex
 - LWDW Transition and implementation options (If joining with Tararua District Council and SWDC and MDC) - a quarter share for CDC is \$1.25M Capex
 - Water Race apprentice 1.0 FTE – Opex
 - Road seal extension budget – TBC
 - Additional costs for Combined Wairarapa Emergency Management - \$30K Opex
 - Reset MTFJ and expand to be an internal model – TBC
 - The overhead allocation model has been updated
- The draft Annual Plan 2025/26 is expected to be completed by 30 April, and is planned to go to the Risk and Assurance Committee meeting on 7 May for endorsement, and the Council meeting on 14 May 2025 for adoption.