

Long Term Plan 2021-31

Mahere pae tawhiti



PART 7

Our Policies

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SECURING **TODAY**. SHAPING **TOMORROW**. STRONG **FUTURE**.

This section contains the policies that guide Council decision making and the management of Council business as required by the Local Government Act 2002. (LGA) The policies are:

Significance and Engagement

This policy guides council when making decisions of importance to the community.

“The purpose of a significance and engagement policy is

- a) To enable the local authority and its communities to identify the degree of significance attached to particular issues, proposals, assets, decisions, and activities; and
- b) To provide clarity about how and when communities can expect to be engaged in decisions about different issues, proposals, assets, or other matters; and
- c) To inform the local authority from the beginning of a decision-making process about –
 - i. The extent of any public engagement that is expected before a particular decision is made;
and
 - ii. The form or type of engagement required,”¹

In short; this policy provides the rules and framework of what, how, and when Council will engage with our communities and stakeholders.

Revenue and Financing

This policy identifies how Council allocates the costs of its activities against available sources of funds, including rates and charges.

It lets our communities know what is paid for out of rates and when users need to pay for services and any other source of funds that help to deliver our services.

Development Contributions and Financial Contributions

This policy is to enable a contribution from developers towards the construction of new recreation facilities and the impact of added services to our District’s water and roading services.

Rates Remission on General Land

This policy outlines the parameters and circumstances under which Council will consider rate relief on general land.

Rates Remission on Māori Freehold Land

This policy outlines the parameters and circumstances under which Council will consider rate relief on Māori Freehold land.

Rates Postponement on Māori Land

This policy outlines the parameters and circumstances under which Council will consider rates postponement on Māori Land.

Treasury Management

This policy outlines approved policies and procedures in respect of all treasury activity to be undertaken by Council. This enables treasury risks within Opotiki to be prudently managed

Full copies of each of these policies can be found at www.southwaikato.govt.nz/our-council/strategies-plans-policies-bylaws/policies. And hardcopies at each of our Council offices and libraries, including the Tirau i-site.

¹ Section 76AA, Local Government Act