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Long-Term Council Community Plan Volume One



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### 4.1 Introduction to Council activities

Council's contribution to the community falls into four categories. Each of these categories is briefly introduced below and covered in more depth through the rest of this section.

#### Community Development



Communications



Democracy



District Plan



Strategies and plans

Community Development has a focus on economic, social, environmental, and cultural wellbeing and includes activities such as democracy, the District Plan, the LTCCP and generally increasing community input into Council decision-making. Improving representation in Council's decision-making and finding other ways to improve the process of democracy in our district is important.

#### Community Facilities



Housing and other property



Libraries



Parks and reserves



Public amenities



Recreation and culture

Community Facilities are Council activities focused on recreational and cultural opportunities in the district. Previously, much of the work we have done in this area has been around the provision of services and assets, such as the libraries, swimming pools, parks and reserves and other public amenities. In the future,

Council will be looking to see how they can enhance the provision of these services to the community through the forming of partnerships with other regional and national organisations focused on social and cultural wellbeing.

#### Community Infrastructure



Roading



Stormwater



Wastewater



Water



Waste management

Community Infrastructure represents many of the responsibilities that Council has historically managed; maintenance and development of roads, stormwater, wastewater, water supply and waste management.

#### Environmental Care



Animal control



Building control



Community protection



Regulatory planning

Environmental Care represents Council's role and commitment in protecting the natural resources of the district and our mandated responsibility to arbitrate between the different needs and interests of community members. It also contributes to the safety and health of our communities. This activity is responsible for resource consents, building consents, environmental health, liquor licences, animal control, and civil defence.

## part 2: matamata-piako district tomorrow

For each of the Council activities the following is identified:

1. **Why we do the activity** - reasons why Council provide the activity.
2. **What we do** - a brief description of what the activity does.
  - 2.1 Significant potential negative effects of the activity- Council activities have the potential to have negative effects on community wellbeing. The purpose of identifying possible significant negative effects is to ensure that Council activities are conducted in accordance with the principles of sustainability.
3. **Looking ahead**
  - 3.1 Growth and demand - influences that could impact on the activity.
  - 3.2 Major projects for the next ten years - projects that are proposed.
  - 3.3 How we will fund it - a description of where funding for this activity comes from.
  - 3.4 Thinking for the future- sustainability is about ensuring the wise use and management of all resources within a framework in which environmental, social, cultural and economic wellbeing's are integrated and balanced. It means meeting the needs of today without adversely impacting on the needs of future generations. The LGA requires local authorities to take a sustainable development approach while conducting its business.
4. **What you can expect and how you will know we are meeting your expectations** - the services that will be delivered to the community, specific ways performance will be measured and the contribution made towards community outcomes.

Note: Current performance baselines are from the 2007/08 financial year
5. **What will it cost?** - the activity expenditure for the next ten years.