

# 2020 Vision for Tasman

## LTP 2021 – 2031 | Early Engagement Results

### Overview

Council recently undertook an early community engagement process to help inform the development of its Long Term Plan (LTP) 2021 - 2031. This provided the opportunity to find out what is important to our communities, and set the strategic direction for the District for the next 10 years through the LTP 2021 – 2031. The proposed LTP key issues, proposed directions and financial implications will go back out to the community in early 2021 for formal consultation.

A total of 221 individuals and groups responded to the LTP Early Engagement document. The majority were received (186) via the 2020 Vision for Tasman feedback form, while a further 35 came through a separate, shorter online survey (via Survey Monkey) that targeted youth.

Figure 1 below shows the location of respondents.

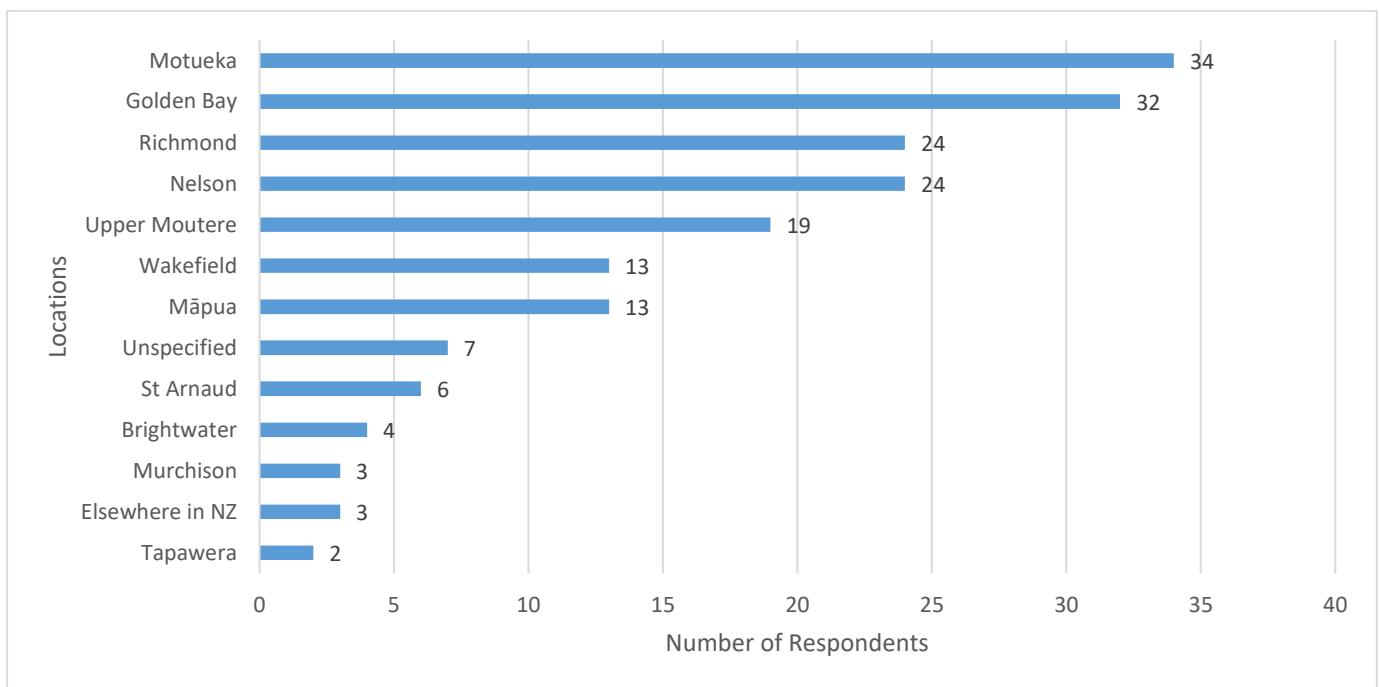


Figure 1. Locations of respondents

The analysis below relates to the targeted questions included in our LTP early engagement document, 2020 Vision for Tasman, Whakakitenga Ruamano Rua Tekau.



## 2020 Vision for Tasman - Feedback Results

### VISION, PURPOSE, AND COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

Our Vision, Purpose, and Community Outcomes reflect what we stand for, our values, the commitment we make to every individual and organisation who uses our services, and the principles that guide the way we work.

#### Proposed Vision

##### *Thriving and resilient Tasman communities*

Table 1 below shows that the majority of respondents (93%) agreed with the proposed wording, or agreed in general.

Agree with proposed wording	63%
Agree in general but with suggested changes	30%
Do not agree with the proposed wording	4%
Don't know/Not Sure/Not Answered	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>120 responses</b>

Table 1. Level of agreement with proposed Vision

#### Proposed Purpose

##### *Working together for a Tasman District that has a healthy environment, strong economy and a vibrant community*

Table 2 below shows that the majority of respondents (87%) agreed with the proposed wording, or agreed in general.

Agree with proposed wording	64%
Agree in general but with suggested changes	23%
Do not agree with the proposed wording	8%
Don't know/Not Sure/Not Answered	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>117 responses</b>

Table 2. Level of agreement with proposed Purpose

## Proposed Community Outcomes

The following are the eight proposed Community Outcomes that are similar to those included in our LTP 2018-2028. We proposed to use the same descriptors that can be found from pages 50-52 in our LTP 2018 – 2028.

1. Our unique natural environment is healthy, protected and sustainably managed
2. Our infrastructure is efficient, resilient, cost effective and meets current and future needs
3. Our communities have opportunities to celebrate and explore their heritage, identity and creativity
4. Our Council provides leadership and fosters partnerships including with iwi, a regional perspective, and community engagement
5. Our urban and rural environments are people-friendly, well planned, accessible and sustainably managed
6. Our communities are healthy, safe, inclusive and resilient
7. Our communities have access to a range of social, cultural, educational and recreational facilities and activities
8. Our Region is supported by an innovative and sustainable economy

Table 3 shows that of the 118 respondents that answered this question, the majority (84%) agreed with the proposed wording or agreed in general, while 12% did not agree.

Agree with proposed wording	53%
Agree in general but with suggested changes	31%
Do not agree with the proposed wording	12%
Don't know/Not Sure/Not Answered	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>118 responses</b>

Table 3. Level of agreement with the Community Outcomes

## Proposed Strategic Priorities

Our strategic priorities set out the things Council sees as most important. In the LTP early engagement document, for each strategic priority, we presented what we thought were the issues and asked residents to tell us the most important ways that Council could respond to address those issues.

Figure 2 below shows the percentage of support for each of our four proposed Strategic Priorities.

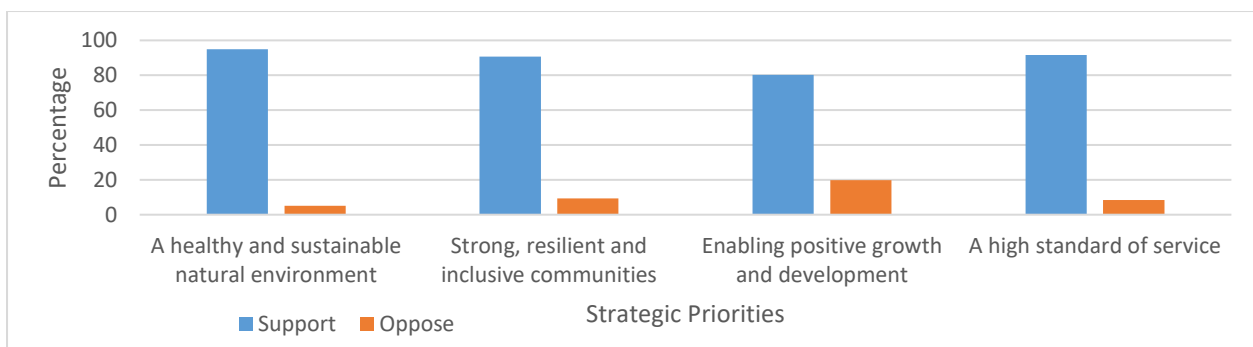


Figure 2. The percentage of support for each of our four proposed Strategic Priorities



## Strategic Priority 1. A Healthy and Sustainable Natural Environment

For this question, 156 people or groups responded. Of the four priorities, Priority 1 had the highest level of support, with 95% of respondents agreeing.

For this Strategic Priority, the following issues were identified in the LTP early engagement document:

- The potential cost and short timeframes of the Government's environmental change programme
- Increasing demand for natural resources, such as water
- Changing climatic patterns, more severe weather events and long term changes to ecosystems
- Managing impacts of rural and urban land use on the physical and cultural values of water
- Impacts of declining biodiversity and the spread of weeds and pests that threaten our environment
- Balancing the use of natural resources for economic prosperity against environmental and community values

We asked respondents to choose their top three ways that Council could respond to this Strategic Priority and its issues. Figure 3 below shows that of the 90 respondents who answered this question, 41 thought the best way Council could improve the environment is to work on water quality and land management in key catchments.

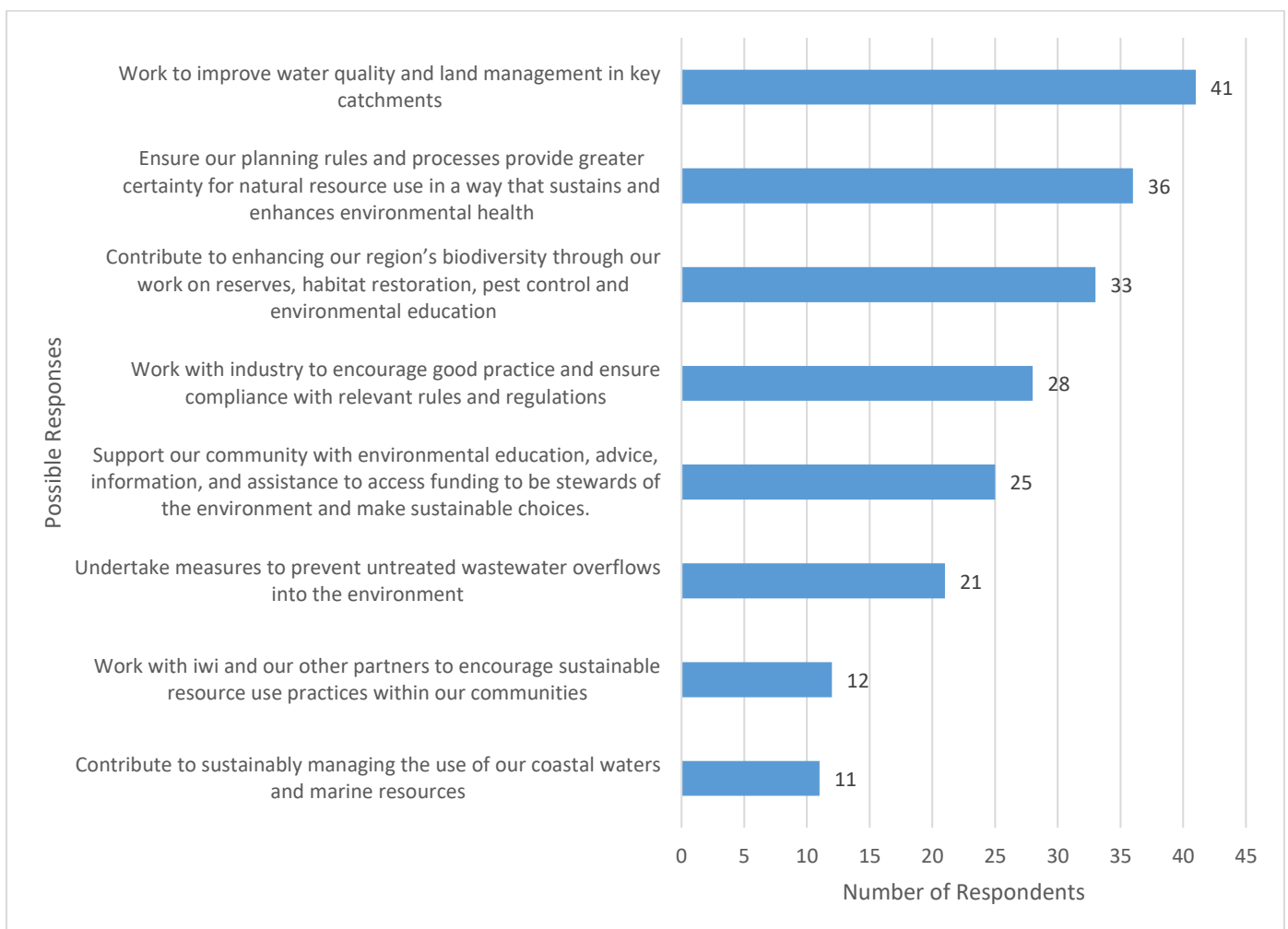


Figure 3. The most preferred ways that Council could respond to Strategic Priority 1

## Strategic Priority 2. Strong, Resilient, and Inclusive Communities

There were 150 people or groups who answered this question, with 91% in favour of this Strategic Priority.

The following were the issues we identified in the LTP early engagement document:

- The impacts of climate change on the environment, communities, and individuals
- Increasing extreme natural weather events
- Vulnerable infrastructure and facilities
- The ability and resources of Council to respond to complex social issues
- Social isolation
- Net loss of young people and an ageing population

We asked respondents to choose their top three ways Council could respond to this Strategic Priority and its issues. Figure 4 below shows that of the 90 respondents who answered this question, 58 thought that Council should ensure its planning rules and processes considered risks natural hazard risks to developing areas, and encouraging resilience, contingency planning, and innovation.

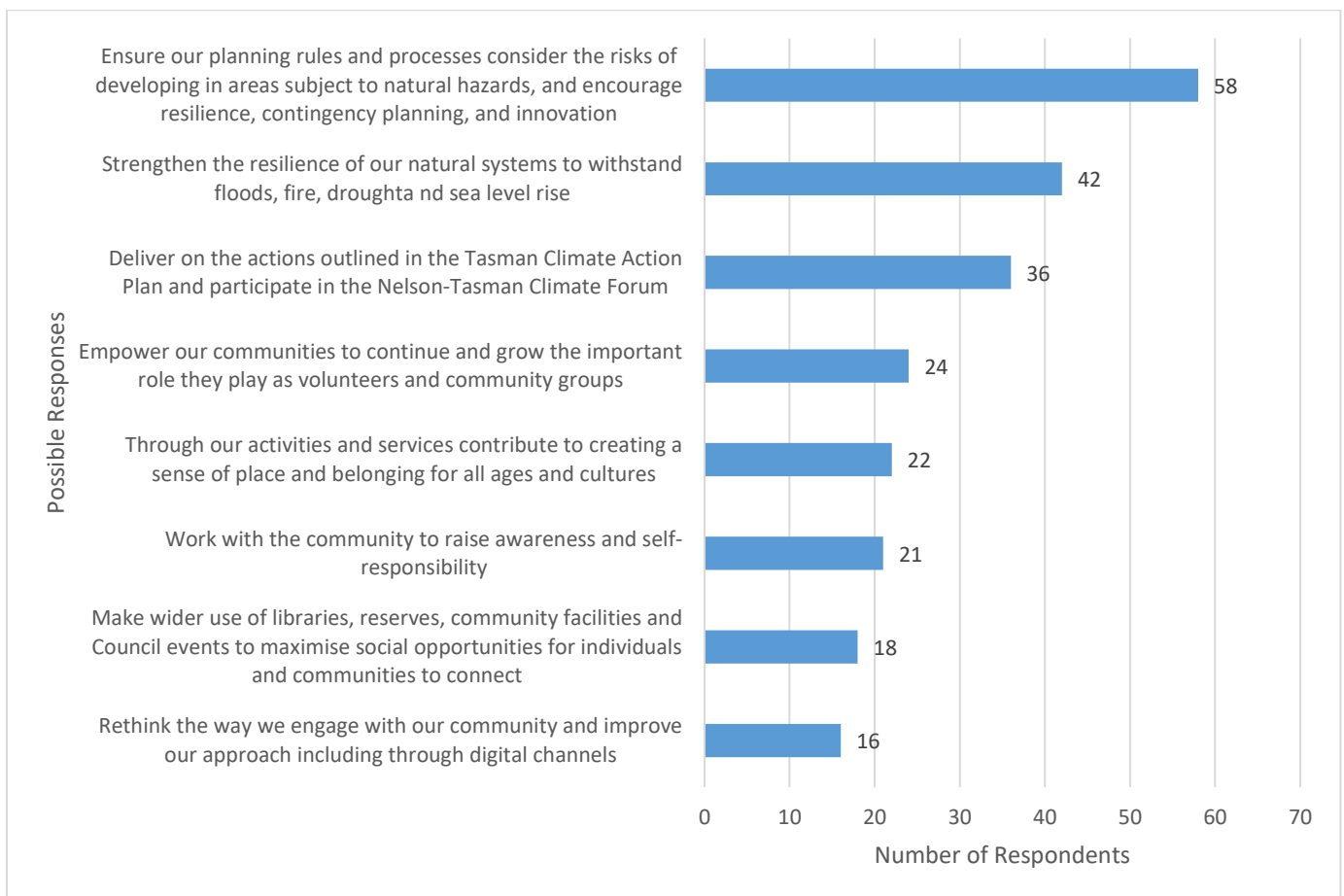


Figure 4. The most preferred ways that the Council can respond to Strategic Priority 2.

## Strategic Priority 3. Enabling Positive Growth and Development

Of the 136 respondents, 80% were in support of Strategic Priority 3, including the Survey Monkey respondents.



The following were the issues we identified in the LTP early engagement document:

- The rate and impact of population growth
- The make-up of our community with a changing age structure, increasing cultural diversity and associated demands and opportunities
- The obstacles to securing a home for those who choose to live in Tasman
- Traffic congestion and a growing need for accessible transport alternatives
- Keeping up with the increasing demands on our community services and network infrastructure
- Enhancing economic development opportunities and supporting our established, emerging and growing businesses.

We asked respondents to choose their top three ways Council could respond to this Strategic Priority and its issues. Figure 5 below shows that of the 90 respondents who answered this question, 35 thought that Council should make improvements to public transport and expand out range of active and accessible transport modes, and ensure our planning rules and processes encourage and support a range of housing and business options.

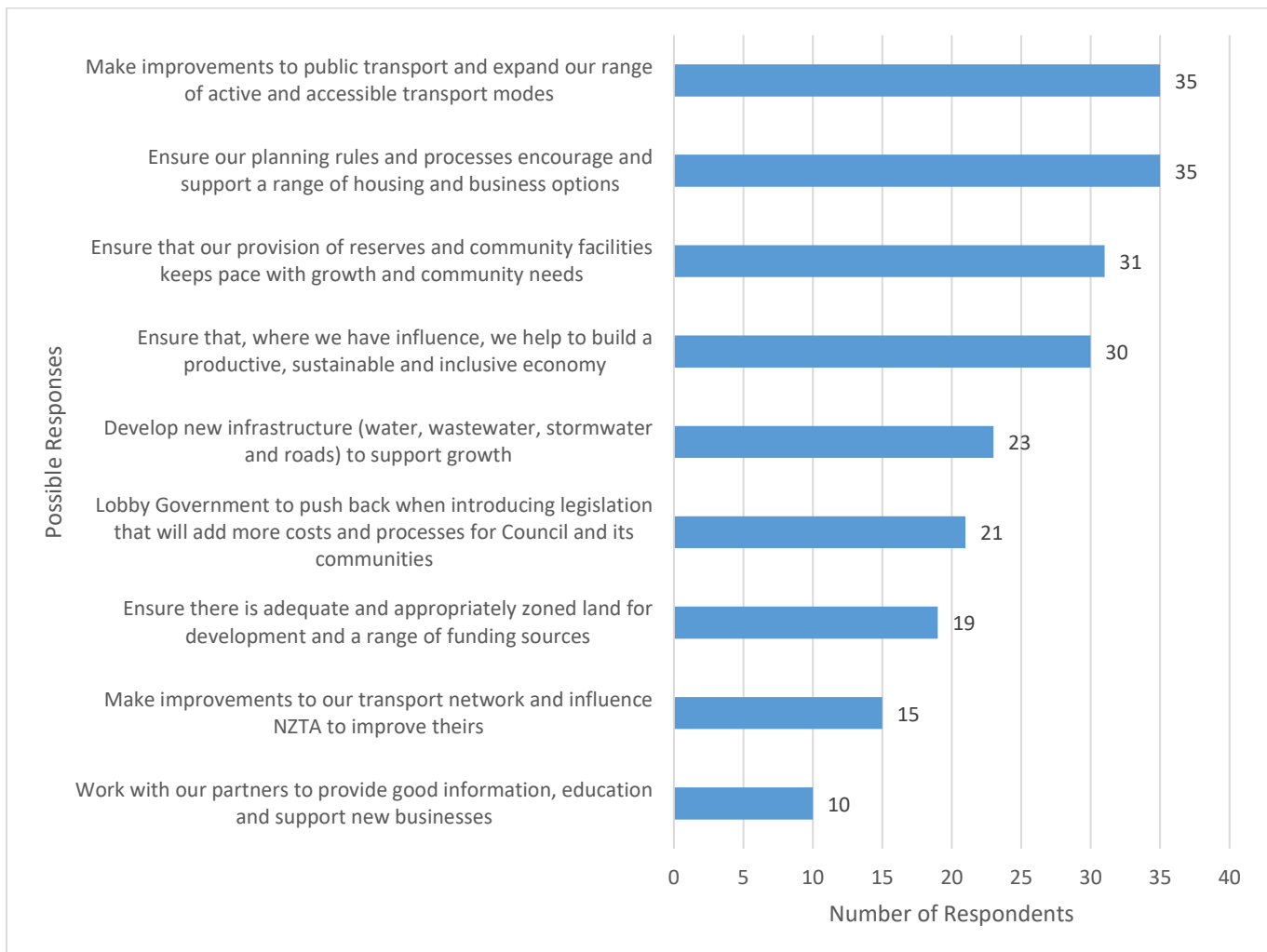


Figure 5. The most preferred ways that Council could respond to Strategic Priority 3





## Strategic Priority 4. A High Standard of Service

We received feedback from 142 people and groups. Of those, 92% were supportive of this Strategic Priority.

The following were the issues we identified in the LTP early engagement document:

- Delays to projects and work programmes
- Complex Council processes and red tape
- Inconsistent customer service experiences
- Council not always responding to issues and concerns promptly or fully
- The cost of meeting existing and increasing community expectations

We asked respondents for their top three ways Council could respond to this Strategic Priority and its issues. Figure 6 shows that the most popular, with 50 respondents, supported us building an effective, accountable, and inclusive Council at all levels.

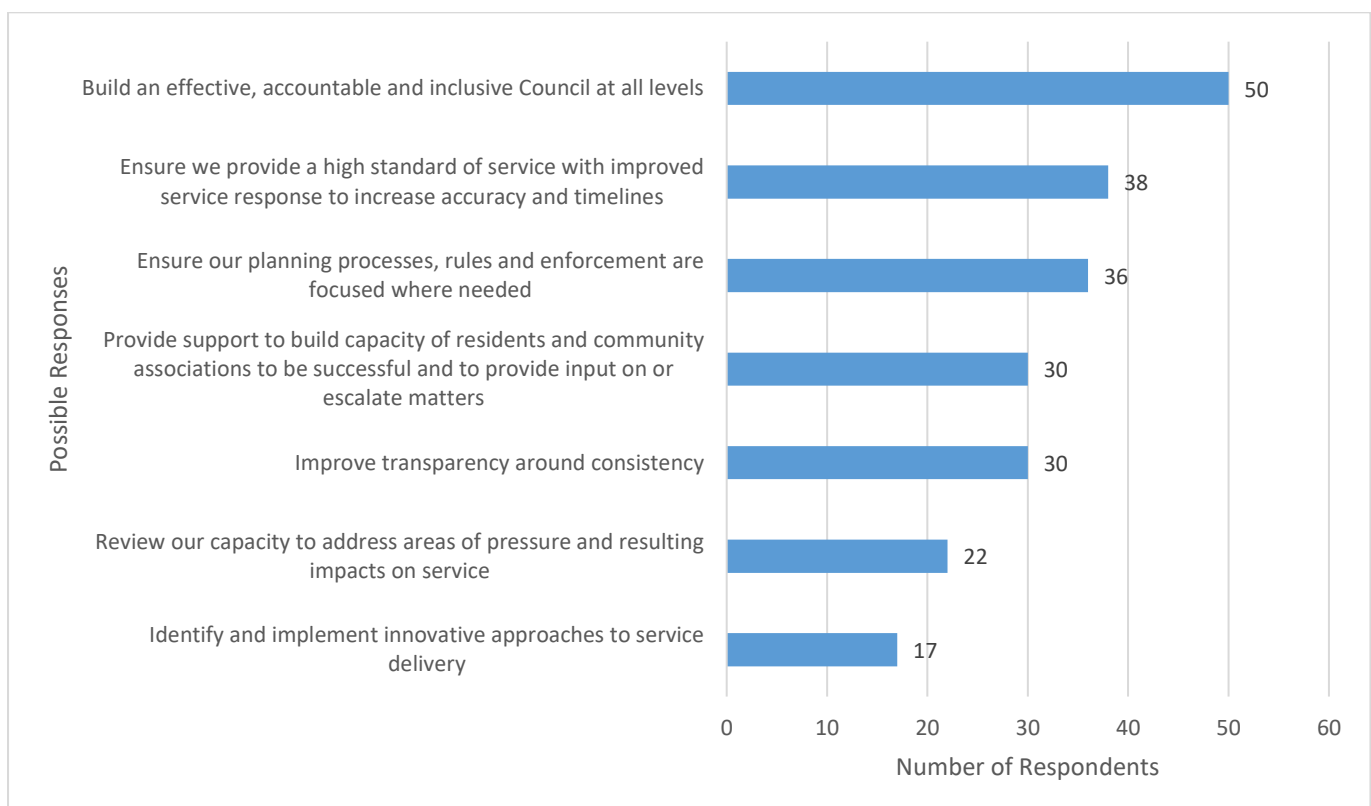


Figure 6. The most preferred ways that Council could respond to Strategic Priority Four.

## Balancing new projects and services with the community's ability and willingness to pay

There were 93 people or groups who had an opinion on balancing finances with new projects and services. A majority, 70% of respondents, thought the Council should keep to its current financial limits. Only 30% of respondents were in favour of increasing rates and/or debt to allow certain issues to be addressed.



Of those who wished to keep to the current financial limits and prioritise within those limits, the most common themes received were:

- Stay with basic Council services, communities can tend to themselves.
- Suggestions for saving money by working more efficiently, and finding other ways of funding development.
- Concern for the increases in the costs to the Waimea Community Dam.
- Concern for those on fixed or low incomes.

Those in favour of increasing rates or debt were concerned about and wanted to see responses to climate change and/or environmental wellbeing, and taking advantage of current low interest rates.

Results before and after the COVID-19 response do not provide enough data to compare any difference in views on spending in terms of helping to rebuild and stimulate the economy.

## The best ways to fund activities and services provided by Council

There were 98 responses to this question.

The majority of comments received were in support of alternatives to increasing general rates including:

- Additional fees and charges
- Additional sources of income or cost sharing
- Spreading loan repayments over a longer time period
- More targeted rates
- Lobbying Central Government to help fund projects

## What activities or services should the Council cease or find alternative ways of providing? What other activities or projects should the Council consider?

There were 182 responses to these questions. The most common responses included:

- Council Information and self-service, e.g. whether to have information online only
- Active & public transport – such as bus routes and a park and ride system, suggestions on locations
- Stay with funding only core Council services
- Climate change – such as retreat, emissions etc.
- Recreation – such as the Motueka Pool, Community Centre & a reserve in Wakefield

## How respondents and their communities see themselves as contributing towards Strategic Priorities

We asked how individuals and their communities could contribute towards our proposed strategic priorities. There were 89 responses to this question. Some of the common responses included:



- Acknowledgement of work already undertaken to help contribute towards Strategic Priorities
- Suggestions/statements on better communication between the Council and communities
- Offers of assistance and advice to staff – many from the Climate Forum & its participants
- Communities can help themselves if they had financial support or direction from Council staff

## Funding Request Received

As part of the feedback, we received a number of specific funding requests as set out in the table below.

Organisation	Funding Request LTP 2021-2031	Purpose
Golden Bay Promotions Association	\$40k/year	Continue to operate the Golden Bay Visitor Centre in Takaka.
Murchison Community Resource	\$15k/year	Continue to operate the Murchison Visitor Centre to support tourism operators both locally and in the surrounding regions.
Nelson Tasman Business Trust	\$15k/year	Support local businesses, through COVID-19 and beyond.
Tasman Environment Trust (TET)	\$50k/year for core operating costs and \$40/year for support function costs	Increase in groups and projects over recent years. They seek funding for core operating costs (admin and oversight), and support function costs (roles that assist community groups and stakeholders with advice on best practice and health and safety, evaluation, and reporting).
Tasman Bays Heritage Trust	\$3M One off funding request	Capital works to preserve the Nelson Provincial Museum's regional collection (valued at \$20m) in the form of a climate-controlled facility called the 'Archives, Research and Collections Facility'. NCC are expected to contribute \$3m in their LTP.
Motueka Bowling Club Inc.	\$80k	To contribute to the existing \$120k to replace the synthetic grass on the bowling green that is over 15 years old.
Warmer Healthier Home Charitable Trust	\$50k/year for the next 3-5 years	Insulate 500 homes over the next 3-5 years. To be matched by EECA by approx. \$1.35m, for a total of \$1.5m of capital into the Region.
Top of the South Neighbourhood Support	\$20k/year	Expansion to four new communities, register for 'Gets Ready' service, emergency plans at a neighbourhood level, connect seniors socially.
Motueka Community Swimming Pool	\$400k/year for development over 1-2 years. Continual operating costs of	Top up for a community-funded indoor, heated, therapeutic pool and assistance with operational costs.

Organisation	Funding Request LTP 2021-2031	Purpose
	\$90k/year with an increase of 3%p.a. until Year10	
Brook Waimārama Sanctuary	\$25k/year	Towards sanctuary operations. They are involved in biodiversity projects, have walking and 4WD tracks, tours for conservation tourism & education.
Nelson Hockey Association	Project: \$320k	Requests Council contribute to upgrading lighting towers in their facilities.
Age Concern	\$30k/year	Build service on elder abuse, staff to recruit volunteer buddy programme, expand tea & talk around the district, create a database of age-friendly individuals and businesses. Improved digital connectivity.
Golden Bay Community Arts Council	Community Partnerships funding for an Arts Administrator – amount not specified	To continue creating connectivity and creativity in Golden Bay.
Nelson Tasman Climate Forum	Funding to support the NTCF	For the operation of the Forum. Requests for a similar contribution to NCC..

## What Next?

Council received many suggestions and comments for the LTP. To see all feedback and comments received please visit our website here: <https://www.tasman.govt.nz/my-council/public-consultation/past-consultations/2020-vision-of-the-future-pre-engagement-long-term-plan-2021-2031/>

This summary and a full copy of all the feedback received were made available to the Mayor and Councillors. They were discussed at a Council workshop on 15 July 2020, where directions were provided to staff. A Council report confirming those directions for the development of the LTP 2021-2031 and inclusion in the formal consultation document and supporting information is proposed for the Strategy and Policy Committee on 20 August 2020.

