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Message from our Mayor and Chief Executive

Christchurch faces huge challenges as we recover from the earthquakes and rebuild our city. The 2014/15 Annual Plan is the Council version of a household budget. It covers the running costs of day-to-day services, as well as the extra money needed to restore community facilities and essential infrastructure, such as roads and pipes.

We must also budget to pay our debt, which was already substantial before we started to budget for the city's share of the Government's anchor projects.

We will levy total rates of \$351.8 million (GST exclusive) this year, which is \$6.7 million less than the amount forecast in the Three Year Plan.

However the average rate increase of 7.48% is higher than the 6.5% proposed in the Three Year Plan and there are a number of reasons for this.

Instead of growing, the rating base decreased by 2.2% largely as a result of a drop in red zone land values, and because earthquake demolitions outnumbered rebuilds.

Our finances were stretched by financial shocks that occurred too late in the financial year to be met by savings.

We had to absorb the cost of cleaning up after the March and April floods and the extra \$10 million needed to improve consenting services and regain our accreditation as a Building Consent Authority. To continue issuing building consents we must re-register as a Building Consent Authority next year, and registration is dependent on us regaining accreditation.

The rates increase also includes a Special Earthquake Charge of 1.93% to cover borrowing to fund a deficit of \$13.9 million and additional earthquake-related costs.

The Council is acutely conscious of the impact that rates have on residents' household budgets, which is why we have to be very careful about how we spend your rates money.

In adopting this Annual Plan we took into account a number of submissions on the Draft Annual Plan.

In response to many submissions we re-phased the cycleways plan to deliver it in five years instead of eight years, and this will be addressed in the Long Term Plan.

The capital programme includes an additional \$1.69 million to complete a second tramway loop in the Central City. Hours at Recreation and Sport Centres will remain unchanged instead of being reduced. The cost of flooding rates remissions was also reduced to reflect the number of people eligible for this assistance.

The financial uncertainty that followed the earthquakes led the Government to allow the then Council to produce a Three Year Plan instead of the scheduled Long Term Plan. We are currently in year two of that Three Year Plan and we will issue a Long Term Plan next year to set our priorities for the next decade and beyond.

It is vital that the community is closely involved in the Long Term Plan process. Resident feedback will help us decide what is important and what can wait.

We need to create a resilient city equipped to bounce back in the face of adversity. One prepared to cope with both catastrophic events, such as earthquakes or floods, and chronic stresses such as homelessness, economic inequality or unemployment.

Resilience is all about enabling communities to do things for themselves. We saw that happening across the city in the wake of the earthquakes, and we can build on that to make Christchurch socially and economically stronger.



Lianne Dalziel
Mayor



Karleen Edwards
Chief Executive

Elected members

How the Council works

Elected members

Christchurch residents and ratepayers are represented by the 14-member Christchurch City Council and eight Community Boards. Elections are held every three years to select Councillors and Community Board Members.

Council

The Mayor and 13 Councillors run the city and ensure that the needs of its residents are met. They plan the way forward and are accountable for delivering what the community has identified as necessary for its cultural, economic, environmental and social well-being.

Community Boards

At a local level, the eight Community Boards represent and act as advocates for the interests of their communities. Community Board Members advise the Council on local needs, community views, and how Council proposals will affect their communities. The community boards are:

- Burwood/Pegasus
- Fendalton/Waimairi
- Hagley/Ferrymead
- Riccarton/Wigram
- Shirley/Papanui
- Spreydon/Heathcote
- Akaroa/Wairewa
- Lyttelton/Mt Herbert

The Council organisation

The Council is responsible for employing the Chief Executive – the only member of staff who reports directly to elected members. The Chief Executive employs all the other staff at the Council.

Council structure

Council activities and functions are assigned to one of seven business groups. Four of the groups are focused on the rebuild and recovery and three on providing Council services.

The Rebuild Groups sit under the:

- Chief Financial Officer
- Chief Planning Officer Future Christchurch
- Director Council Facilities and Infrastructure Rebuild
- Director Building Control and City Rebuild.

The day-to-day operations sit under the:

- Chief Operating Officer
- Director Office of the Chief Executive
- Director Corporate Services.

Within these groups, various units provide specific services to the community and to the Council itself. The services and activities provided by the Council are wide and varied, from rubbish collection, roads and water, to the Botanic Gardens, the Christchurch Art Gallery, city libraries, and festivals and events.

Your Council
Elected members



Back row (from left):
Councillor Yani Johanson, Councillor Tim Scandrett, Councillor Raf Manji, Deputy Mayor Vicki Buck, Councillor Paul Lonsdale, Councillor Ali Jones, Councillor David East
Front row (from left):
Councillor Andrew Turner, Councillor Pauline Cotter, Councillor Phil Clearwater, Mayor Lianne Dalziel, Councillor Jamie Gough, Councillor Glenn Livingstone, Councillor Jimmy Chen

Community Board members

Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board

Left to right: Pam Richardson (Chair), Lyndon Graham, Maria Bartlett, Janis Haley, Bryan Morgan and Councillor Andrew Turner

Council Service Centre - Akaroa

28 Rue Jolie, Akaroa 7520
Hours: Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm

Council Service Centre - Little River

State Highway 75. PO Box 73029
Hours: Monday to Friday 8.30am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 4.30pm



Burwood/Pegasus Community Board

Left to right: Andrea Cummings (Chair), Tim Baker, Tim Sintes, Linda Stewart, Stan Tawa, Councillor David East and Councillor Glenn Livingstone

Council Service Centre - Shirley

36 Marshland Road (The Palms). PO Box 73023
Hours: Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm and Saturday 10am – 1pm



Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board

Left to right: Val Carter (Chair), David Cartwright, Faimeh Burke, Sally Buck, Bridget Williams, Councillor Raf Manji and Councillor Jamie Gough

Council Service Centre - Fendalton

Corner Jeffreys and Clyde Roads. PO Box 73020
Hours: Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm



Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board

Left to right: Sara Templeton (Chair), Joe Davies, Alexandra Davids, Brenda Lowe-Johnson JP, Islay McLeod, Councillor Yani Johanson and Councillor Paul Lonsdale

Council Service Centre - Linwood

Eastgate Mall, corner Buckleys Road and Linwood Avenue.
Hours: Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm



Community Board members

Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board

Left to right: Paula Smith (Chair), Jane Broughton, Ann Jolliffe, Adrian Te Patu, Christine Wilson and Councillor Andrew Turner

Council Service Centre - Lyttelton

Bundy Building, 15 London Street, Lyttelton. PO Box 73027
Hours: Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5pm



Riccarton/Wigram Community Board

Left to right: Mike Mora (Chair), Helen Broughton, Natalie Bryden, Peter Laloli, Debbie Mora, Councillor Vicki Buck and Councillor Jimmy Chen

Council Service Centre - Riccarton

199 Clarence Street. PO Box 73022
Hours: Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm



Shirley/Papanui Community Board

Left to right: Mike Davidson (Chair), Aaron Keown, Emma Norrish, Barbara Watson, Councillor Pauline Cotter and Councillor Ali Jones

Council Service Centre - Papanui

Corner Langdons Road and Restell Street. PO Box 73024
Hours: Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm and Saturday 10am – 1pm



Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board

Left to right: Paul McMahon (Chair), Karolin Potter, Melanie Coker, Helene Mautner, Rik Tindall, Councillor Phil Clearwater and Councillor Tim Scandrett

Council Service Centre - Beckenham

66 Colombo Street. PO Box 73025
Hours: Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm

