

environmental planning implementation activity plan

Why we do it









To meet statutory requirements for the processing of consent applications; to ensure that the quality of the environment enjoyed by residents and visitors is maintained and enhanced.

What we do

- Council has a legislative responsibility to implement the district plan by providing planning advice, processing consents and other statutory applications, and monitoring and enforcing the district plan and conditions of resource consents.
- Provision of a duty planning service for the community to help understand how the district plan may impact on activities they want to do on their land.

- Processing of non-notified and notified land use consents within statutory timeframes.
- Processing of non-notified and notified subdivision consents within statutory timeframes.
- Monitoring of compliance for conditions of consent.
- Ensure compliance with provisions of the district plan, and take enforcement action to ensure that this occurs.

Community outcomes

Community Outcome	How the Council contributes
 Safe & Caring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ By the assessment of applications against planning framework that recognises the need to provide for safe homes, streets, and safe public spaces.
 Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ By the implementation of planning management controls to assist in improving the natural and physical environment, and in achieving environmental respect.
 Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ By the implementation of an environmental planning framework that recognises of the need to provide for a healthy community, and to reflect this in policy decisions.
 Prosperity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ By the implementation of a planning framework that supports the local economy, recognises and provides for quality development, and celebrates and promotes the district's uniqueness.
 Facilities & Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ By providing a well planned district with supporting infrastructure, facilities, and services, that contribute to residents' and visitors' enjoyment of the district.
 Maori Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ By implementation of an environmental planning framework that accounts for Iwi aspirations, recognises the spiritual and cultural connection of Maori, and recognises and provides for this in consent decisions.
 Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ By the assessment of applications in a manner that supports increasing knowledge and awareness.
 Happening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ By providing an environmental planning framework that supports the hosting of activities and events, and that assists creativity in the environment.

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What does the council plan to do in the future

What is the council currently doing?	What will we do in years 1 to 3?	What will we do in years 4 to 10?	How will we know if we achieve our objective? (key result areas)
Development of a standard conditions library	Comprehensive review of procedures manual.	Independent review of processes and procedures.	Timely processing of applications and consents. Fewer complaints.
Publication of best practice notes for consultants	Review of standard templates and forms.		

Did you know?

Environment Bay of Plenty monitoring shows that water quality has been falling in some Rotorua lakes. This is because too much nitrogen and phosphorus has entered the lakes, feeding algae and degrading water quality. Nutrient levels have increased markedly over the past few decades and continue to rise. Algal blooms frequently lead to health warnings for specific lakes. In response, Council is actively working with other agencies through the Rotorua Lakes Protection and Restoration Action Programme to improve water quality by reducing the level of nutrients entering waterways. Performance in this area is being measured by Council in the respective Stormwater and Land Drainage and Wastewater activity plans.



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Measuring our achievements

Level of Service	Performance measures	Current performance	Performance targets									
			09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19
Timely and consistent processing of resource consent applications.	% of land use consents processed with statutory timeframes.	92%	>92%									
	% of subdivision consents processed with statutory timeframes.	92%	>92%									
	% of 223/224 applications processed within statutory timeframes.	100%	100%									
	% of other applications processed within statutory timeframes.	90%	>90%									
Appropriate community input sought for application with wide ranging environmental effects.	Monthly hearings matrix maintained and regular reporting to Planning and Bylaws committee.	100%	100%									

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High degree of probity in resource consent decision making.	Six monthly report of Hearing Commissioner appointments.	100%	100%									
Monitoring of compliance with consent conditions for all consents granted.	Six monthly report to Planning and Bylaws Committee on compliance monitoring.	100%	100%									
Prompt responses to complaints about planning and environmental issues.	All complaints responded to within 24 hours of receipt .	100%	100%									
Facilitate Tangata Whenua input into decision making processes.	Maintenance of Iwi Consultative Committee Register.	100%	100%									

Negative effects

Negative effects	Mitigation options
Statutory processes take time and can be lengthy; community aspirations for the environment can alter over this time.	Prompt processing of both notified and non-notified consent applications.
Possible judicial review of policy decision making processes.	All statutory processes followed explicitly.
Appeals lodged against decisions to the Environment Court.	Council will always enter into mediation process to attempt to resolve appeals where possible.
Changes in legislation that will have resultant effects on levels of service provided.	Keep aware and abreast of possible legislative changes.

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Funding considerations

Who benefits from the activity?

- The community as a whole benefits from:
 - A unique high quality urban and rural environment.
 - The available built and natural environment opportunities that are able to be enjoyed.
- Business benefits from the attraction of visitors to enjoy the quality Rotorua environment, which is coupled with effective and accessible infrastructure.
- Subdividers and developers benefit from having a planned and consistent framework to work within.

What is the period of benefit?

- Benefits are ongoing in terms of a sustainable district and community.
- Benefits of the work undertaken in Environmental Planning have both an immediate and a longer term planning horizon.
- The longer term planning horizons will be longer than that envisaged by the LTCCP.

Who creates need for the activity?

The need to undertake this activity derives from:

- The community as a whole for pleasant, functional, sustainable urban and rural environments.
- Legislation.
- Compliance with statutory responsibility.

Funding source

About 70% of the costs relates to consent work which essentially benefits individuals or groups of people. The remaining 30% relates to providing public information and other non-recoverable services.

Asset management

There are no significant land or building assets in the environmental planning area.



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Financial summary (plan 2009/10 and forecast 2010/11 to 2018/19)

Environmental Planning Implementation (\$000s)	Actual 2007/08	Annual Plan 2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Operating Expenses												
Direct Costs	2,045	2,237	2,206	2,248	2,294	2,339	2,398	2,450	2,501	2,567	2,635	2,710
Financial Costs	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Depreciation	9	12	7	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Costs	2,054	2,249	2,213	2,253	2,296	2,340	2,399	2,451	2,502	2,568	2,636	2,711
Revenue												
Capital Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fees and Charges	340	331	305	339	350	393	405	417	429	442	456	469
Investment Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subsidies and Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Targeted Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	340	331	305	339	350	393	405	417	429	442	456	469
Internal Recoveries												
Internal Recoveries	1	-	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Total Internal Recoveries	1	-	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Net Cost of Service	1,713	1,918	1,898	1,904	1,936	1,937	1,984	2,024	2,063	2,116	2,170	2,232
Capital Costs												
Renewals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Growth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Backlog	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Level of Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	13	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operational Funding												
Net Cost of Service	-	-	1,898	1,904	1,936	1,937	1,984	2,024	2,063	2,116	2,170	2,232
Plus Capital Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Less Depreciation	-	-	(7)	(4)	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Add back Depreciation Funded by Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operations Funded by General Rates	-	-	1,890	1,899	1,935	1,937	1,984	2,024	2,063	2,116	2,170	2,232
Capital Funding												
Funding from Depreciation (Rates)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loans from/(to) Corporate Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Development Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	13	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Minor roundings may occur in above totals