

# Consultation dates and pre-engagement feedback

**Meeting:** Council Briefing  
**Date of meeting:** 11 November 2020  
**Reporting officer:** Ben Hope, Senior Communications Advisor

## Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To provide an update on Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 (LTP) pre-engagement activities, surveys and provide dates for the LTP formal consultation process, submissions, engagement events and hearings.

## Context/Horopaki

As part of the pre-engagement activities for the LTP, three engagement events were held at markets across Kaipara in Dargaville, Paparoa and Mangawhai. The purpose of the event was to gather public input and participation to the budget process, through participatory budgeting, and give the Elected Members an opportunity to engage with the community around their priorities for the LTP. Community members were provided with money stickers and asked to split their money across five areas of Council focus, Roothing, Water, Waste & Recycling, Climate Change, and Everything Else (which included, libraries, parks, community outreach, regulatory functions and consents, District Plan, governance, democracy services and civil defence).

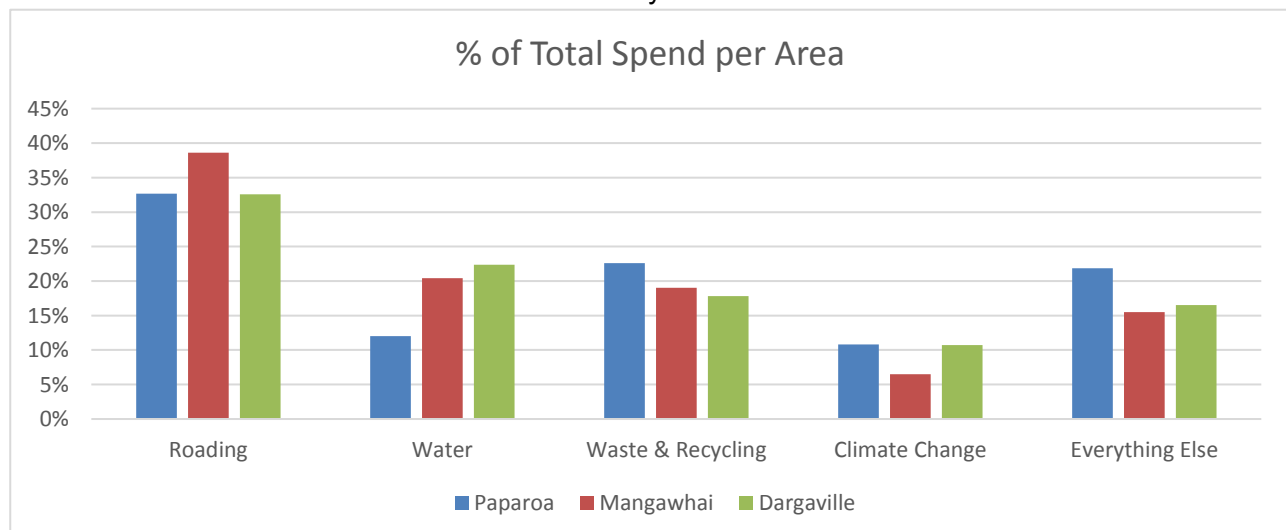
Concurrently, a district-wide survey sought high level feedback to assist activity managers and Elected Members to ensure they have a good grasp of where the community sees priorities are for the next 10 years.

## Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

### Pre-engagement (Market Days)

Around 600 full and part-time residents took part in the participatory budgeting exercise across the three markets. A cross section of the community participated.

Community members overwhelmingly rated roading and transport investment as the highest priority. Attachment A has the graphs broken down by geographic area and activity, including a breakdown of how the totals were broken down by sticker 'value'.



A number of community members commented how much they enjoyed the exercise and expressed exasperation at the balancing act of funds available versus the ability to provide for all five 'service areas'.

### **Pre-engagement (Survey)**

The survey has been sent to members of the People's Panel, shared via Facebook and been mentioned in our regular newspaper advertising.

As at 03 November 2020, 366 people have completed it. The survey is set to close November 13<sup>th</sup>, and the responses will be sent to activity managers and Elected Members for their information. High level themes will be presented to the December LTP briefing. No formal analysis will be undertaken but the information can be used as supporting pre-engagement feedback for elected members forthcoming deliberations.

### **Consultation Document (CD)**

At the last council briefing, direction was provided to include base assumptions in the LTP budgets and provide a set of options for specific topics with contextual info and budgetary impacts.

As a result of this, the CD and budgets will be prepared on the following basis:

- Business as usual operational work
- Legislation compliance investment in Climate Change
- The financial contribution to the Regional Development CCO agreed at the October council meeting

The consultation document will then provide a series of topic-based questions that are easily read and understood. Contextual information and budgetary impact for each topic and option will be provided.

Currently, the topics to be included in the CD with funding impact are:

- Waste minimisation
- Water Rates equalisation
- Water security
- Climate change
- Closed Circuit Television targeted rate request from the Dargaville Community Development Board
- Regional Economic Development CCO

Staff are currently drafting the CD and will present a draft version to the December briefing for feedback. Following the briefing, this will be provided to our auditors for review. The final version post audit feedback will be provided to the February council briefing before it will be adopted at the February Council meeting.

### **Formal Consultation - 2021**

Dates for calendars moving forward are;

Draft Consultation Document to Council	2 December 2020
Draft Consultation Document to Council	Feb 2021 Briefing (TBC)
Adopt Consultation Document (Council Meeting)	24 February 2021
<b>Consultation period</b>	<b>1 March to 1 April 2021</b>
LTP Engagement Events	Week of 15 March 2021
Hearings	21 April to 23 April 2021
Council Briefing – Issues and Options papers	4 May 2021

Council deliberations meeting	27 May 2021
Changes made to LTP after submissions/deliberations	28 to 31 May 2021
Final Design changes	1 to 11 June 2021
Council meeting: Adopt the LTP	30 June 2021

### Next steps/E whaiake nei

At the December briefing we will;

- Report on high level themes from the pre-election survey
- Present draft CD content
- Outline the engagement events for March 2021

### Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Graphic breakdown of participatory budgeting exercise