

Media Statement – Carterton’s Ten Year Plan consultation to start soon.

For the past few months Carterton District Council has been drafting Carterton’s Ten Year Plan.

Also known as the Long Term Plan (LTP), reviewed every three years the plan is a document that sets out the Council’s intentions, priorities and the issues its district faces for the next decade.

Carterton Mayor John Booth explains that Council has taken its time to finalise the issues to consult on with the community.

“As Councillors we are mindful to get this part of the process right. The Ten Year Plan is significant in the successful future planning of our district and it is important that we take our time and get the priorities for our community accurate.

“In the next year we will be investing heavily in the expansion of our wastewater treatment plant at Daleton Farm, as we’ve consulted on over the past couple of years. We are pleased to be improving our environmental impact through this work, but it will impact on our ratepayers, especially the urban ratepayers. We’ve also got other urban water infrastructure that we need to look after and improve over the next 10 years. So we’re spending a lot of time to make sure we’re focusing future budgets on our core services first, and keeping rate increases as small as we possibly can.”

Prior to Christmas, Council engaged with Carterton residents on what they thought should be Council’s focus for the next decade.

“As well as many valuable projects and concepts submitted during the engagement process, we also received plenty of feedback about providing value for money and keeping rates affordable.”

“We have taken this feedback into the planning phase of the Ten Year Plan, and are mindful not to overcommit.”

Due to the significance of a Ten Year Plan, a robust consultation and engagement period is conducted. This process starts with a Consultation Document, which contains information needed to allow the people of Carterton to engage with Council on the district’s issues and priorities.

Currently the Consultation Document is being finalised and is expected to be adopted by Council on Tuesday 24th April, and released on the website for public consultation later that day.

As well as the Consultation Document, submission form and supporting documentation being made available on the Council’s website, www.cdc.govt.nz/plans/tenyearplan hardcopies will be available at the Council office and the District Library on Holloway Street, and on hand with Councillors throughout the consultation period.

Mayor Booth says he is looking forward to engaging with the people of the Carterton District about the plan shortly.

“My fellow Councillors and I are looking forward to discussing Carterton’s Ten Year plan with the community. There will plenty of face to face opportunities to sit down with us!”

Locations and dates of engagement opportunities will be available on the Ten Year Plan page on the Council’s website prior to the consultation period commencing.

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Ten Year Plan 2018-2028 – Timeline

24 April – Council Meeting: Adopt Consultation Document

24 April – Release Consultation Document and supporting documents onto CDC website.

27 April – Hard copies of Consultation Document, and DRAFT Ten Year Plan available at Council Office and Carterton District Library

30 April – 21 May – Engagement: opportunities will be published soon.

22 May – Submission period closes

31 May -1 June – Public hearings and deliberations

20 June – Council finalises Ten Year Plan

27 June – Council adopts Ten Year Plan