

WELCOME TO OUR 2017 - 2018 ANNUAL PLAN UPDATE

This coming financial year will be Year 3 of our 2015 – 2025 Long Term Plan. The good news is we are maintaining the course set in the Long Term Plan, so there are no significant changes, issues or projects requiring public input.

Consequently, we are pleased to provide this update on where we are at with the programmes and projects flagged for 2017/18, and what impact these will have. This is in keeping with changes to the Local Government Act 2002 that allow us more flexible and meaningful engagement with our community.



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Rates increase – district wide average 4.21%, which is down from the 4.47% forecast in the LTP for 2017/18. We will collect \$15.5million in rates.

IN OUR URBAN AREAS THE AVERAGE RATES INCREASE WILL BE 5.39%.

Reason – we will be spending \$224,000 more on urban road reseals and \$130,000 more on maintaining warning devices on railway level crossings

IN RURAL AREAS THE AVERAGE RATES INCREASE WILL BE JUST UNDER 1%.

Reason – the \$75,000 rural fire grant is no longer required with the amalgamation of the New Zealand Fire Service and the National Rural Fire Authority on 1 July, and the amount of work on rural roads is staying at the same level as this year.

The uniform annual general charge (UAGC) rises to \$664, which means it will make up 25% of our total rate take.

WHAT'S COMING UP



We have some big projects lined up for the coming financial year. This includes projects that were planned and budgeted for in the past year or so, such as the Ajax pump station upgrade, but were delayed due to circumstances beyond our control.

Water Treatment

Installation of ultraviolet water treatment at the East Gore water treatment plant (\$1.6million).

This has been on the horizon since 2006 and will ensure safe, clean drinking water for Gore. Ultraviolet water treatment is also on the books for Mataura in the near future, having been moved forward from 2020.

Manganese and iron removal – we had flagged an estimated \$1.6million upgrade of the Hilbre Ave water treatment plant to remove these trace elements. This project was to have been funded by loan. However, since the LTP was produced we have carried out further testing to get a better picture of exactly what was happening in our water network. The results indicate the discoloured water problems experienced by West Gore residents in the past may be caused by a build-up of manganese and

iron in our ageing pipe network, which gets stirred up when there's an event, such as a large draw off of water.

Given this uncertainty, we will initially carry out a more cost effective option. It's proposed to spend \$155,000 to clean the Gore and Mataura networks using a system that flushes the water through a mobile water treatment plant, with an array of cleansing filters, mounted on a truck. The need to progress this project further will be assessed when this work is completed.

Roading

The replacement of the Pyramid Bridge, over the Mataura River, is due to start. The total cost has increased from just over \$1million, as flagged in the LTP, to \$1.75million now that more detailed design work has been done. The cost will be shared between the New Zealand Transport Agency (55%), the Southland District Council and ourselves. Our costs are expected to be \$403,000.

Earthquake strengthening work

We are continuing to work on earthquake strengthening and upgrading our civic administration building. In the LTP we flagged expenditure of \$1.6million for this. We have added \$30,000 to the budget to cover the cost of earthquake assessments for all Council buildings.



Other projects and programmes

- \$500,000 for a destinational recreational centre at Matura following the closure of the township's pool
- \$107,000 for the staged redevelopment of the Gore arts and heritage precinct. We have committed \$500,000 to this project and there will be ongoing funding over the next couple of years.
- \$599,000 for urban roading reseals
- \$314,000 for footpath renewals
- \$120,000 for playground equipment replacements

Some of the changes to Year 3 of our LTP are:

We believe in supporting the cultural diversity of our District and will be funding the migrant services coordinator's part-time role (\$25,000)

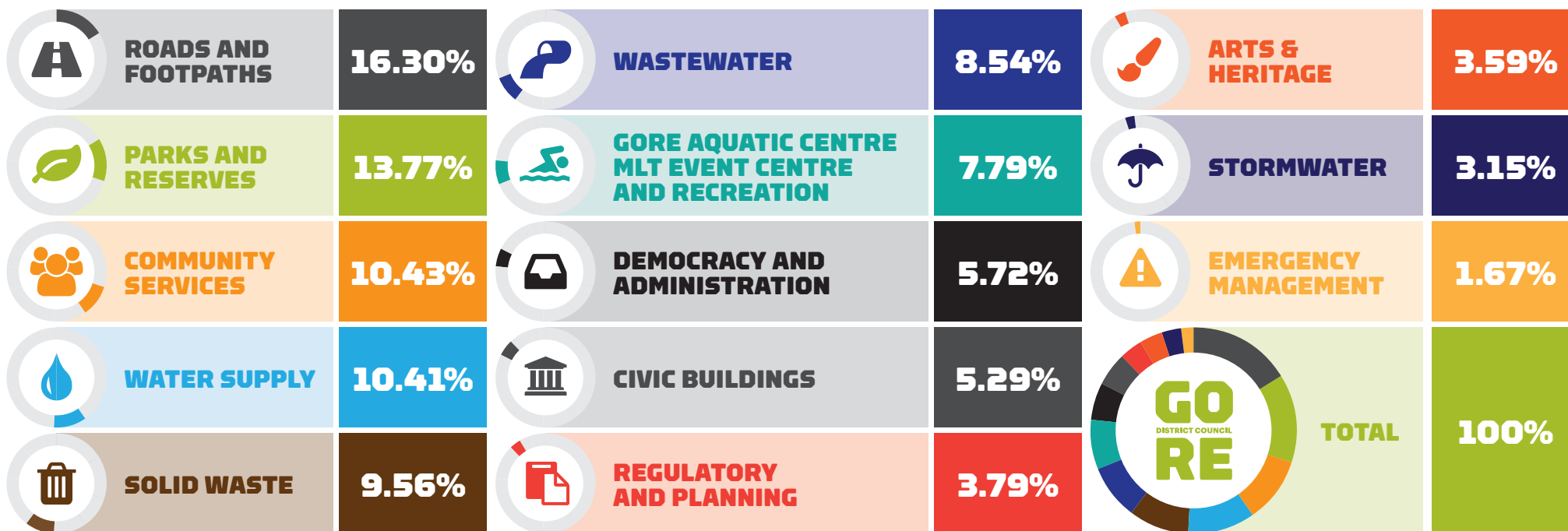
Given the critical work St John does in our community we are providing a grant to cover building consent costs for its new station (\$11,800)

Ensuring we continue to deliver an efficient and effective service to our customers will see staff changes in our building, 3 Waters and corporate support departments, as well as reorganisation in other areas.

For more information and supporting documents please go to the Annual Plan Update page on our website www.goredc.govt.nz/your-council/plans-policies-and-bylaws/annual-plan

	AP 2018	LTP 2018	REASON
RATE REVENUE	\$15.548m	\$15.556m	A combination of the points noted below
OTHER REVENUE	\$3.8m	\$3.7m	Additional building control compliance fees (BWOs, earthquake prone buildings)
SUBSIDY AND GRANT REVENUE	\$3.5m	\$3.0m	Subsidies for Pyramid Bridge
OPERATING EXPENDITURE	\$21.6m	\$21.8m	Reduction of inflation assumptions and removal of rural fire grant
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	\$9.8m	\$9.1m	Pyramid Bridge cost increase
TOTAL DEBT	\$19.8m	\$22.3m	Deferral of manganese project and delay in the start of the civic administration building upgrade.

WHERE YOUR RATES DOLLAR GOES



YOU'RE WELCOME TO GIVE US FEEDBACK

As always, we welcome your feedback. You might want to let us know about projects or issues we should be talking about when we review our Long Term Plan next year.

Now is also the time to approach us if a group or organisation you are involved in would like to apply for a grant from the Council. Feedback closes Wednesday 3 May.



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