

District Development

Sub Activities:

District Planning
Environmental Planning
Biodiversity
Tourism Planning
Community Services

Goal

To ensure that a planning framework is in place to enable the district to develop, while ensuring that the natural and physical environment of the Kaikoura District is sustainably managed.

Key Issues for 2007/2008

The District Plan should become fully operative early in this financial year, although this does not mean that this signifies an end to the workload. Council staff and resources will be focussed on reviewing the plan, including several potential plan changes, some of which are Council initiated. Council is under some pressure to establish an industrial zone, and some interest from developers may enable real negotiations to occur.

For the last few years Council has received grant funding from the Department of Conservation to enable the employment of a biodiversity officer. That funding has now been fully utilised, however Council has decided to continue with this activity, increasing the rates requirement to fund that position. Funding from DoC for the Significant Natural Areas project is continuing in 2007/2008.

Council, through the Kaikoura Enhancement Trust, will be promoting the use of material bags for grocery shoppers to reduce the amount of plastic bags being landfilled, by making material bags available. This project will not be undertaken unless sufficient funding is found by either grants or sponsorship.

Sufficient funds have accumulated over the last two years for the Tourism and Economic Development activity to increase its expenditure, and utilise these reserves without affecting the rates requirement. Several projects are planned including the development of a Visitor Guide and a winter radio campaign.

What's changed since the 2006-2016 LTCCP?

There are no major changes to those proposed in the LTCCP, and these activities will continue at similar levels to 2006/2007.

Performance Measures to assess progress towards achievement of Community Outcomes

Community Outcome	How the District Development Activity Contributes	Performance Measure	2007/2008 Target	10 Year Target
Sustainable Development	Influencing the shape of development by facilitating a coherent community vision, setting standards for development and coordinating with other agencies	District Plan adopted, and reviewed within the ten year period	District Plan fully operative by July 2007	District Plan reviewed within ten years
	Providing adequate infrastructure and services, appropriately funded, to meet future development needs, including creating industrial parks	Development of an industrial zone away from the residential area	An area is appropriately zoned by June 2009	An area is developed and utilised within ten years
	Managing the social, cultural and environmental impacts of tourism, supporting tourism development that has local socio-economic benefits, and contributing to funding for district promotion, through the Kaikoura Tourism Strategy	Residents surveyed taking part in environmental initiatives	40%	95%
		Residents surveyed taking part in social initiatives	65%	95%
		Percentage of residents surveyed who are in full time, long term employment	45%	50%

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Community Outcome	How the District Development Activity Contributes	Performance Measure	2007/2008 Target	10 Year Target
Sustainable Development	Providing for the needs of residents and tourists in a balanced and equitable way through appropriate planning policies that are responsive to variations in the pace of private sector investment	Plan changes completed in less than the national average time frame as reported by the Ministry for the Environment	Achieved	Achieved
	Conserving cultural heritage by developing close partnerships with Te Runanga O Kaikoura, Historic Places Trust and other relevant organisations and actively promoting strategic goals for cultural heritage	Memoranda of Understanding developed with Te Runanga O Kaikoura, and other organisations as appropriate	Achieved	Achieved
	Support economic development by removing unnecessary planning barriers to investment	The percentage of residents surveyed who are satisfied with Planning and Building services	65%	75% satisfaction
Quality Water and Wastewater Services	Planning for infrastructure to support anticipated development needs, including investigation into existing and future services	Asset Management Plans are updated regularly and take into consideration future growth projections	Achieved	Achieved

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Quality Water and Wastewater Services	Reduce total water usage on a per capita basis in line with Council's Green Globe programme	Water consumption per person litres m ³ (per resident and tourist)	Decreasing by 5% p.a.	Decreasing by 5% p.a.
Safe, Efficient Transport Network	Protect strategic state highway routes by ensuring land uses adjacent to those arterials are compatible with efficient traffic flows	No appeals by Transit NZ to Council decisions relating to land uses adjacent to the State Highway	No appeals received	No appeals received
	Requiring a user contribution to maintenance or development where roads or bridges serve only a small number of users	Council does not contribute more than 50% of maintenance or development cost from ratepayers funds for such projects	Any work fitting this criteria has not cost Council more than 50%	Any work fitting this criteria has not cost Council more than 50%
	Developing airport facilities as required to service passenger traffic	Progress of airport development per the Airport Development Plan	Aircraft Hangars developed by December 2007	Implement the adopted Airport Development Plan within ten years

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Safe, Efficient Transport Network	Contribute to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and energy use, and improve the air quality of Kaikoura by encouraging the community to regularly maintain vehicles in their ownership and where practical to use more sustainable forms of transport	The percentage of residents surveyed who said they regularly bike or walk, (to work for example) instead of taking their car.	60% or better	80% or better
Opportunities for Quality Education and Employment	Encourage light industry developments with a view to the diversification of the economic base in the district, therefore relieving the affect of tourism related seasonal and part time employment	Rezoning appropriate land to encourage light industrial development	An area zoned by June 2009	Industrial Zone developed and utilised
A Quality Standard of Affordable Housing	Provide for residential expansion in the outskirts of the urban area by making provision in the District Plan for increased residential zoning	Development of a Structure Plan to provide strategic direction for urban development	Complete by December 2009	Structure Plan reviewed within ten years

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Environmental Protection and Enhancement	Progressively improving land use, water, and air quality, through effective planning and monitoring, and protecting sites that are significant to Tangata Whenua, landowners and the public generally	Council support of private landowners who wish to increase the level of biodiversity on their properties	Support of at least six private landowners annually	Support of at least six private landowners annually
	Preserving the scenic and amenity values that ensure a natural and tranquil Kaikoura	Ensure that outstanding and significant landscape overlays are managed as per the District Plan. Appropriate resource consents are obtained prior to any development in these specific areas	Consents are obtained in all cases	Consents are obtained in all cases
	Ensuring that Council sets a good example in its own resource management practices, and encouraging sustainable management of resources throughout the community	Implementation of the Zero Waste Management Plan 2007	80% waste diverted from landfill by 2009	Zero Waste by 2015
		Implementation of the Communities for Climate Protection (CCP) program	Implementation of action plans to reduce community and Council emissions	100% reduction of Council emissions by 2020, and 60% reduction of community emissions by 2015

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Environmental Protection and Enhancement	Ensuring that Council sets a good example in its own resource management practices, and encouraging sustainable management of resources throughout the community	Meeting and exceeding Green Globe benchmarking standards	Green Globe Certified	Green Globe Certified
	Increasing the area of indigenous biodiversity through partnerships with DOC, Te Runanga O Kaikoura, voluntary organisations and Kaikoura landowners	Total area of indigenous biodiversity as a percentage of the total district	Increase by 1% per annum	Increase by 1% per annum
	Achieving and maintaining Green Globe Certified status by continually improving and monitoring the benchmark provisions in the certification process	Achieving Green Globe Community Standard	Certified Community	Certified Community
	Achieve a reduction in energy use and greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging greater energy efficiency, developing partnerships with organisations working to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions	Total Nitrogen Oxides produced Total Carbon Monoxide produced Total particulates produced (All per annum and kilograms/hectare)	Decreasing by 3% p.a.	Decreasing by 3% p.a.

How will the cost of District Development affect my Rates?

There is limited opportunity for user pays within this activity, the main revenues of this type being District Plan sales, plan change cost recoveries, visitor guide subscriptions, and the sale of material bags.

In 2006/2007 the significant costs relating to the appeal process for the Proposed District Plan has depleted the district planning reserves, and Council intends to raise a loan of \$50,000 in 2007/2008 to replenish this reserve and reduce the impact on the rates requirement. In previous years, the District Planning activity had been supplemented by these reserves, and as these funds are now depleted this has resulted in an increase in the rates requirement. The District Planning activity is funded by the District Planning Rate, a targeted rate applied to every rateable property in the district.

Where Biodiversity had been almost fully funded by grant revenues, these funds are no longer available and that activity now requires over \$30,000 in general rates revenue to maintain the current level of service. Council considers that, given the progress that has been made in protecting unique areas of flora and fauna, this activity remains of value to the district.

Grants to Local Organisations

Each year Council distributes an amount of funds to local organisations or groups, to provide funding assistance for general operations or for certain projects.

In 2007/2008, those grant recipients are:

- Kaikoura Information & Tourism Inc (\$15,000)
- Project Kaikoura (\$500)
- Sport Kaikoura (\$6,500)
- Community Initiatives Fund (\$15,000)
- Mayfair Theatre (\$10,000)
- Kaikoura Historical Society (\$20,000)

Forecast Cost of Service Statement – District Development

Operating Expenses	LTCCP 2006/2007	LTCCP 2007/2008	Annual Plan 2007/2008
District Planning	85,732	75,992	105,934
Environmental Planning	103,223	105,295	126,844
Biodiversity	76,588	77,934	87,837
Tourism Planning	100,000	105,293	145,223
Community Services	69,040	74,040	86,930
Loan Interest	3,596	3,240	6,468
Depreciation	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	438,179	441,794	559,235
Funded by:			
Targeted Rates	76,691	79,595	94,765
User Fees & Charges	10,950	10,950	65,500
Grants & Subsidies	94,170	94,170	82,560
Interest & Other	-	-	-
	181,811	184,715	242,825
Activity Surplus/(Deficit)	(256,368)	(257,079)	(316,411)

Capital Expenses	LTCCP 2006/2007	LTCCP 2007/2008	Annual Plan 2007/2008
Loan Principal	10,363	10,363	15,363
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Funded by:			
General Rates	231,731	245,442	278,874
Reserves	35,000	22,000	2,900
Loans	-	-	50,000
Activity Surplus/(Deficit)	(256,368)	(257,079)	(316,411)
	10,363	10,363	15,363