

## Notice of Meeting:

I hereby give notice that an extraordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on:

**Date:** Thursday 18 May 2017  
**Time:** 9.30am  
**Meeting Room:** Council Chamber  
**Venue:** Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton

Richard Briggs  
Chief Executive

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## Council – Annual Plan Hearings OPEN AGENDA

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### Membership

Chairperson	Mayor A King
Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor M Gallagher
Members	Cr M Bunting
	Cr J R Casson
	Cr S Henry
	Cr D Macpherson
	Cr G Mallett
	Cr A O’Leary
	Cr R Pascoe
	Cr P Southgate
	Cr G Taylor
	Cr L Tooman
	Cr P Yeung

**Quorum:** A majority of members (including vacancies)

**Meeting Frequency:** Monthly – or as required

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## **Purpose**

The Council is responsible for:

1. Providing leadership to, and advocacy on behalf of, the people of Hamilton.
2. Ensuring that all functions and powers required of a local authority under legislation, and all decisions required by legislation to be made by local authority resolution, are carried out effectively and efficiently, either by the Council or through delegation.

## **Terms of Reference**

1. To exercise those powers and responsibilities which cannot legally be delegated by Council:
  - a) The power to make a rate.
  - b) The power to make a bylaw.
  - c) The power to borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets, other than in accordance with the Long Term Plan.
  - d) The power to adopt a Long Term Plan or Annual Plan, or Annual Report.
  - e) The power to appoint a Chief Executive.
  - f) The power to adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under the Local Government Act 2002 in association with the Long Term Plan, or developed for the purpose of the Council's governance statement, including the 30-Year Infrastructure Strategy.
  - g) The power to adopt a remuneration and employment policy.
  - h) The power to approve or change the District Plan, or any part of that Plan, in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991.
  - i) The power to approve or amend the Council's Standing Orders.
  - j) The power to approve or amend the Code of Conduct for Elected Members.
  - k) The power to appoint and discharge members of committees.
  - l) The power to establish a joint committee with another local authority or other public body.
  - m) The power to make the final decision on a recommendation from the Parliamentary Ombudsman, where it is proposed that Council not accept the recommendation.
  - n) The power to amend or replace the delegations in Council's *Delegations to Positions Policy*.
2. To exercise the following powers and responsibilities of Council, which the Council chooses to retain:
  - a) Resolutions required to be made by a local authority under the Local Electoral Act 2001, including the appointment of an electoral officer and reviewing representation arrangements.
  - b) Approval of any changes to Council's vision, and oversight of that vision by providing direction on strategic priorities and receiving regular reports on its overall achievement.
  - c) Approval of any changes to city boundaries under the Resource Management Act.
  - d) Adoption of governance level strategies, plans and policies which advance Council's vision and strategic goals.
  - e) Approval of the Triennial Agreement.

- f) Approval of the local governance statement required under the Local Government Act 2002.
- g) Approval of a proposal to the Remuneration Authority for the remuneration of Elected Members.
- h) Approval of any changes to the nature and delegations of the Committees.

**Oversight of Policies:**

- *Corporate Hospitality and Entertainment Policy*
- *Delegations to Positions Policy*
- *Elected Members Support Policy*
- *Significance and Engagement Policy*

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**1 Apologies**

**2 Confirmation of Agenda**

The Council to confirm the agenda.

**3 Declaration of Interest**

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

**4 Public Forum**

As per Hamilton City Council's Standing Orders, a period of up to 30 minutes has been set aside for a public forum. Each speaker during the public forum section of this meeting may speak for three minutes or longer at the discretion of the Mayor.

Please note that the public forum is to be confined to those items falling within the terms of the reference of this meeting.

Speakers will be put on a Public Forum speaking list on a first come first served basis in the Council Chamber prior to the start of the Meeting. A member of the Governance Team will be available to co-ordinate this. As many speakers as possible will be heard within the allocated time.

If you have any questions regarding Public Forum please contact Governance by telephoning 07 838 6439.

**Committee:** Council

**Date:** 18 May 2017

**Report Name:** Submission Analysis for Annual Plan and Parking Proposal

**Author:** Julie Clausen

<b>Report Status</b>	<i>Open</i>
<b>Strategy, Policy or Plan context</b>	<i>Annual Plan</i>
<b>Financial status</b>	<i>There is budget allocated Amount \$50,000</i>
<b>Assessment of significance</b>	<i>Having regard to the decision making provisions in the LGA 2002 and Council's Significance Policy, a decision in accordance with the recommendations is not considered to have a high degree of significance</i>

## 1. Purpose of the Report

2. To inform Elected Members regarding the:
  - submissions received during the consultation on the 2017/18 Annual Plan including the proposal on the Free two-hour on-street parking in the Central Business District (CBD) and,
  - list of submitters who wish to speak in support of their submissions.

## 3. Executive Summary

4. During the period from 7 April to 7 May 2017, Council carried out public consultation on the 2017/18 Annual Plan including the proposal on the Free two-hour on-street parking in the Central Business District (CBD).
5. During this period 449 submissions were received and 50 per cent (225) of the respondents provided a comment in regard to the Annual Plan.
6. 173 of the 449 submissions were received from the survey Generation Zero posted on their website which contained Council's questions and an additional question of 'Do you support converting Garden Place into a 91 space carpark, or a shared space?'
7. In regard to the proposal on the Free two-hour on-street parking in the Central Business District (CBD) of the 449 submissions:
  - 16 per cent (74) indicated that they support the proposal
  - 82 per cent (370) indicated that they did not support the proposal
  - 1 per cent (5) did not answer the question on the proposal
8. In separating the Generation Zero responses, 95 per cent of the Generation Zero survey respondents do not support the proposal and 74 per cent of the other respondents do not support the proposal.
9. 53 submitters indicated they wish to speak in support of their submission.

## Recommendation from Management

That Council receives the report.

### 10. Attachments

11. Attachment 1 - 2017/18 Annual Plan Consultation Document
12. Attachment 2 - 2017/18 Annual Plan and Parking Proposal Consultation Questions
13. Attachment 3 - 2017 18 Annual Plan - Parking Proposal Information for Hamilton Central Business Association - April 2017
14. Attachment 4 - 2017 18 Annual Plan - Parking Proposal Letter to BID Area - 26 April 2017
15. Attachment 5 - Generation Zero Survey
16. Attachment 6 - Volume 1 - Submissions No. 1 to No. 224 (*Under Separate Cover*)
17. Attachment 7 - Volume 2 - Submissions No. 225 - No. 449 (*Under Separate Cover*)

### 18. Key Issues

19. Consultation Background
20. On 6 April 2017 the Council adopted the 2017/18 Annual Plan Consultation Document for public consultation commencing on 7 April 2017. A copy of the Consultation Document is attached in Attachment 1.
21. The Consultation Document was included as an insert in Council's City News publication, distributed on 11 and 12 April 2017. It was also available at all Hamilton City Libraries and the ground floor reception of Council's Municipal Building.
22. The consultation questions were available through Council's 'Have your say' portal and in paper copy from at all Hamilton City Libraries and the ground floor reception of Council's Municipal Building. A copy of the consultation questions is attached in Attachment 2.
23. A letter was sent to the Hamilton Central Business Association which they distributed to their members. A copy of the letter is in Attachment 3.
24. A letter was sent to ratepayers within the Central Business District. A copy of the letter is in Attachment 4.
25. The consultation was promoted through Council's social media channels (Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn).
26. The following supporting documentation, was made available on the Council's website for those wanting more detailed information than that contained in the Consultation Document:
  - The Hamilton.govt.nz/myproperty rate calculator which provided the proposed 2017/18 rates including the parking proposal rate impact.
  - Proposed 2017/18 fees and charges.
  - A summary of the proposed changes to the 2017/18 budget.
  - The report on CBD parking options, received by Council at the 6 April 2017 Council meeting.

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27. Summary of Responses

- 28. 449 submissions were received. In comparison the 2015-2025 10-Year Plan received 333 submissions and the 2014/15 Annual Plan received 206 submissions.
- 29. 53 respondents indicated they wished to present to their submissions and hearing times are being confirmed with submitters.
- 30. Generation Zero had posted a survey on their website which included the consultation questions plus an additional question of ‘Do you support converting Garden Place into a 91 space carpark, or a shared space?’ Council received 173 submissions from the Generation Zero survey. A copy of the Generation Zero survey is in Attachment 5.
- 31. The profile of the 449 respondents was:

<b>Age:</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
16-24	8	2%
25-35	48	11%
36-50	101	22%
51-64	59	13%
+65	44	10%
Not Answered	189	42%
<b>Total</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Household Situation</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
Living alone	30	7%
Family or couple with dependants (children or other family)	139	31%
Family or couple with no dependants	77	17%
Living with others that are not family	10	2%
Not Answered	193	43%
<b>Total</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>100%</b>

32. Annual Plan Feedback

- 33. Of the 449 submissions received, 50 per cent (225) provided comments on the Annual Plan. Of the 225 respondents who provided a comment on the Annual Plan, 173 had used the Generation Zero survey.
- 34. Overall the main theme was to focus on the revitalisation of the CBD as a destination which will then attract people into the CBD.
- 35. The feedback provided from the respondents who used the Generation Zero survey (173) has been summarised into the following themes:

<b>Theme</b>	<b>No. of times mentioned</b>
Revitalise the CBD to attract people and make it a destination Respect Garden Place as a historical site for Tangata Whenua Do not turn Garden Place into a car park	153
Revitalise the CBD to attract people and make it a destination	15
Prioritise pedestrian and public transport options	6
Improve cycling infrastructure	5

36. The feedback provided from the other respondents has been summarised into the following themes:

Theme	No. of times mentioned
Revitalise the CBD to attract people and make it a destination	9
Identify priority projects for rates spend	8
Do not turn Garden Place into a carpark	7
Revitalise the CBD to attract people and make it a destination Respect Garden Place as a historical site for Tangata Whenua Do not turn Garden Place into a car park	5
Deliver to 10-year plan debt reduction	3

37. Parking Proposal Feedback

38. In regard to the proposal on the Free two-hour on-street parking in the Central Business District (CBD) of the 449 submissions:

- 16 per cent (74) indicated that they support the proposal
- 82 per cent (370) indicated that they did not support the proposal
- 1 per cent (5) did not answer the question on the proposal

39. The following table provides the distribution of the responses from the Generation Zero survey and other respondents. 74 per cent of the other respondents do not support the proposal, and 95 per cent of the Generation Zero survey respondents do not support the proposal.

	Other Respondents		Generation Zero Survey		Total Responses	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Support the free two-hour on-street parking in the CBD proposal	70	25%	4	2%	74	16%
Do not support the free two-hour on-street parking in the CBD proposal	205	74%	165	95%	370	82%
Not Answered	1	0%	4	2%	5	1%
Total	276	100%	173	100%	449	100%

40. 47 of the respondents indicated their organisation or business of which the majority are located within the central business area.
41. The Hamilton Central Business Association (HCBA) conducted a poll of members and of the 102 that voted the results were: 46% yes, 37% no and 16% maybe. The individual results of the poll have not been entered as individual submissions as the HCBA encouraged its members to make submissions directly.
42. The 2017/18 Annual Plan consultation asked ‘how should we collect the rates to replace the lost revenue from parking meters?’
43. Of the 74 responses that supported the proposal, 42 per cent thought it should be funded by the proposed targeted rate and a 16 per cent suggested it should be funded by an increase in the general rate.
44. Of the 370 responses that did not support the proposal, 75 percent suggested the parking continues to be paid by user pays through parking charges.

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45. The following table details the responses.

	Support		No not Support		Not Answered		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
User pays	6	8%	276	75%	3	60%	285	63%
Targeted Rate 90% Ratepayers & 10% CBD	31	42%	16	4%	1	20%	48	11%
Not answered	5	7%	21	6%			26	6%
100% charge to CBD	5	7%	17	5%			22	5%
General Rate to all Ratepayers	12	16%	6	2%			18	4%
No clear option provided	6	8%	11	3%	1	20%	18	4%
100% charge to CBD	3	4%	10	3%			13	3%
Not the ratepayer		0%	9	2%			9	2%
Greater charge to CBD businesses	4	5%	3	1%			7	2%
50/50 split CBD and ratepayers	2	3%		0%			2	0%
Tax on carparks at malls		0%	1	0%			1	0%
Total	74	100%	370	100%	5	100%	449	100%

46. The key concerns raised in the feedback were that the cost to ratepayers is too high, the potential loss of revenue might affect transport projects, and that demand dependent pricing technology can fairly allocate the cost on a user pays basis.

47. The feedback provided from the respondents who used the Generation Zero survey (173) has been summarised into the following themes:

Theme	No. of times mentioned
Invest in and promote walking, biking and bus modes of transport Concern that the revenue loss will affect transport projects Cost to the ratepayer is too high Use demand dependant pricing technology	161
Use demand dependant pricing technology	6
Free parking will increase congestion in CBD	5
Free parking will not revitalise the CBD	4
Invest in and promote walking, biking and bus modes of transport	4
Actively reduce cars in CBD	4

48. The feedback provided from the other respondents has been summarised into the following themes:

Theme	No. of times mentioned
User pays	107
Don't charge the ratepayer	82
Higher contribution from businesses	36
Free parking will not revitalise the CBD	32
Invest in and promote walking, biking and bus modes of transport	14
Parking time allowed needs to be longer than 2 hours	14

Actively reduce cars in CBD	10
Install better parking technology and app	6
Cost to the ratepayer is too high	5
Businesses should provide parking	5
Free parking will bring people into the CBD	5
Keep the current before 9am and after 3pm free parking	5
Use demand dependant pricing technology	4
Concern that the revenue loss will affect transport projects	4
Invest in and promote walking, biking and bus modes of transport	4
Concern that the revenue loss will affect transport projects	
Cost to the ratepayer is too high	
Use demand dependant pricing technology	
Trial the parking proposal for a period of time	4
Don't penalise businesses in the CBD	4

#### 49. Financial and Resourcing Implications

50. The budget allocated for the public engagement was \$50,000.

51. This included the cost of:

- Writing the Consultation Document.
- Design of the document.
- Distribution of the document via City News and other communication costs.
- Staff time to set up and run the consultation, including the hearings.
- Staff time for analysis of submissions and writing Council reports.
- Letters to the CBD properties outlining the proposed new targeted rate.

52. \$41,000 of this budget has been spent to date. The remaining staff cost to manage the hearings process and to prepare the deliberations report is estimated at \$7,200. This is within the budget allocated to the public engagement.

#### 53. Risk

54. There are no identified risks as Council has the delegated responsibility to hear these submissions.

#### Signatory

Authoriser	Sean Hickey, General Manager Strategy and Communications
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# HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL'S 2017/18 ANNUAL PLAN

Help guide our direction  
for the next year

## Consultation Document

We are currently seeking feedback on our proposed 2017/18 Annual Plan, which sets out the Council's draft budget for July 2017 to June 2018.

In 2015 the Council produced a 10-Year Plan, which outlines our priorities and plans for the next decade. It also includes detailed budgets for the first three years of the plan.

The 2017/18 Annual Plan presents the budget for the third year of the 2015-25 10-Year Plan, updated for any changes.

An important part of the Annual Plan is a proposal to provide two hours of free on-street parking in the CBD, with lost revenue to be replaced with targeted rates.

**Consultation on the proposed 2017/18 Annual Plan is open from Friday 7 April to Sunday 7 May 2017.**

The big decisions around our future spending and revenue will be made as part of our next 10-Year Plan (2018-28), which is reviewed every three years. We will be working on the 2018-28 10-Year Plan throughout 2017 and there will be opportunities for public input.



See the back page of this document for more information on the parking proposal

## How to have your say

Here's how you can provide your feedback:

### Written submission

Written submissions are due by **Sunday 7 May 2017**.

You can make a submission by filling out the form online at [hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan](http://hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan)

Or you can get a paper copy of the form from any Hamilton City Libraries branch or the ground floor reception at Council's Municipal Building in Garden Place.

You can pop the feedback form into the post to **FreePost 172189, Annual Plan Consultation, Private Bag 3010, Hamilton 3240** or drop it in the collection boxes in any Hamilton City Libraries branch or the Municipal Building in Garden Place.

### Verbal submission at the hearings

You are also welcome to speak at a Council hearing on **18 May 2017**. This means you will present a summary of your feedback in person to the Mayor and Councillors.

To register to make a verbal submission tick the box on the submission form or contact us on **07 838 6699**.



[hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan](http://hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan)

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 **Hamilton City Council**  
Te kaunihera o Kirikiriroa

# OUR FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Our 2015-25 10-Year Plan includes a financial strategy around rates increases, balancing the books and debt. The financial strategy:

- holds total rates rises at 3.8 per cent for existing ratepayers each year for 10 years
- balances the books from 2016 onwards
- reduces our debt-to-revenue ratio to 200 per cent or below by 2020. In other words, this caps debt at \$2 for every \$1 collected in rates and user charges.

The proposed 2017/18 Annual Plan incorporates changes to the 10-Year Plan made in 2016/17, as well as the changes put forward for 2017/18. These changes mean there are some shifts in the figures for 2017/18. We keep within the financial strategy for balancing the books and debt, but there is a proposed change to the rates increase due to a parking proposal.

The Annual Plan only covers one year, but it is important we consider the impact of any annual changes on the long-term financial outlook. In outlining what is proposed for 2017/18, we have also shown the effect on rates, balancing the books and debt for future years.

The Council will review its financial strategy during 2017, in the lead up to developing the 2018-28 10-Year Plan. This is when future spending and revenue considerations will be made, and we will consult with the community at that time.

## More information

### Rates

To find out what your proposed rates are for 2017/18, you can look them up using our online rates calculator [hamilton.govt.nz/myproperty](http://hamilton.govt.nz/myproperty)

### 2017/18 Budget

A summary of the budget changes is available on our website [hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan](http://hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan)

### Fees and Charges

The Council's fees and charges are reviewed each year. For 2017/18 most either remain unchanged or increase by the rate of inflation.

You can find a list of the fees and charges on our website [hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan](http://hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan)

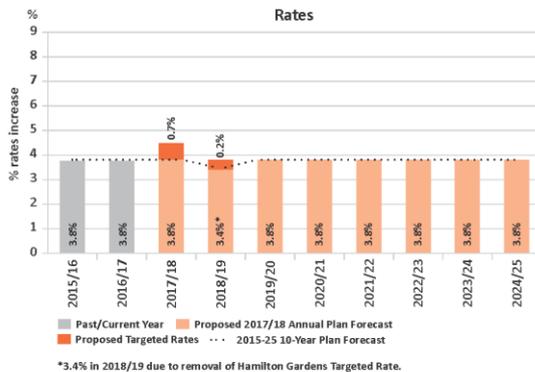
## RATES

	What's in the 2015-25 10-Year Plan for 2017/18	What we're proposing for 2017/18
Rates increase for existing ratepayers	3.8%	3.8%
Targeted rates to fund parking proposal	0%	0.7%
Total rates increase for existing ratepayers	3.8%	4.5%

### Explanation:

In the 2015-25 10-Year Plan, we renewed our financial strategy to hold rates rises at 3.8 per cent per year for 10 years. The Council debated a potential 12 per cent rates rise to address future funding gaps. But the decision was made to stick with the planned 3.8 per cent for 2017/18, plus the addition of targeted rates to fund parking changes. This takes the proposed total rates increase for existing ratepayers to 4.5 per cent for 2017/18.

For the average residential property, this will mean an extra \$95 in rates next year.



Read about the parking proposal on the back page of this document



### BALANCING THE BOOKS

	What's in the 2015-25 10-Year Plan for 2017/18	What we're proposing for 2017/18
Balancing the books (Council measure)	\$2m surplus	Break even
Balanced budget (government measure)	\$10m deficit	\$13m deficit

**Explanation:**

Our 2015-25 10-Year Plan forecast a \$2m operating surplus for 2017/18. Changes to our proposed operating budget mean we are now forecasting to break even. The main reasons for this shift are:

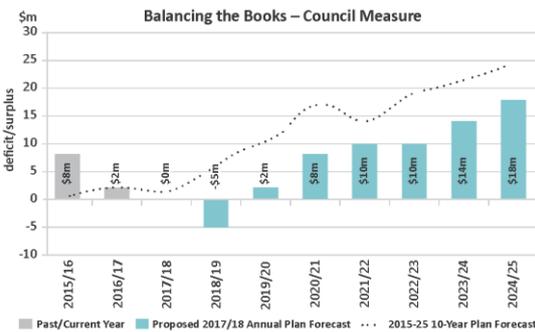
- changes in our assumptions relating to interest costs, inflation and revenue
- significant increases in depreciation costs
- additional staff costs
- increased costs in other areas such as Civil Defence, seismic and building condition assessments and information technology licences.

The Government uses a different balancing the books measure to Hamilton City Council. The main difference is that the Government's measure excludes revenue from development contributions and Hamilton City Council's measure includes it.

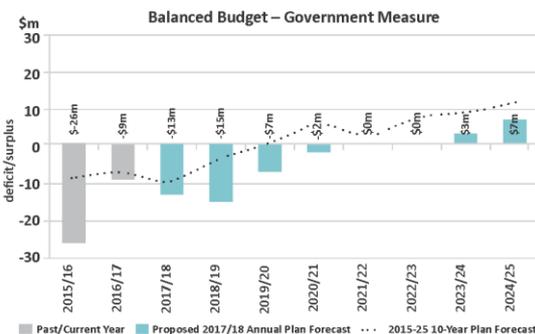
Using the Government's measure, we expect to go from a \$10m deficit to a \$13m deficit in 2017/18.

More information on the budget changes and the different measures is available on our website [hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan](http://hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan)

**Future impact:**



Based on our proposed 2017/18 Annual Plan, we won't achieve our balancing the books target in 2018/19. This will need to be considered next year in the 2018-28 10-Year Plan.



Based on our proposed 2017/18 Annual Plan, using the Government's measure, we won't balance the books until 2022/23.

### DEBT

	What's in the 2015-25 10-Year Plan for 2017/18	What we're proposing for 2017/18
Total overall debt	\$435m	\$441m
Debt-to-revenue ratio	203%	207%

**Explanation:**

Our 2015-25 10-Year Plan forecast the Council's debt would be \$435m in 2017/18 and a debt-to-revenue ratio of 203 per cent. Changes to our proposed Capital budget mean that we are now forecasting to have \$441m of debt in 2017/18 and a debt to revenue ratio of 207 per cent.

The main reason for the increase in debt is we have brought forward a number of projects planned for future years. In the proposed 2017/18 Annual Plan, this includes:

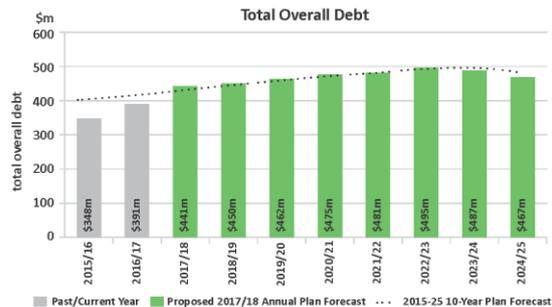
- advancing strategic water supply infrastructure in Rotokauri
- advancing construction of Rototuna Sports Park
- advancing development of toilets, lights and CCTV at Te Huia Destination Playground.

Additional funding of \$1.25m is also proposed in 2017/18 to initiate River Plan projects. The projects being considered are:

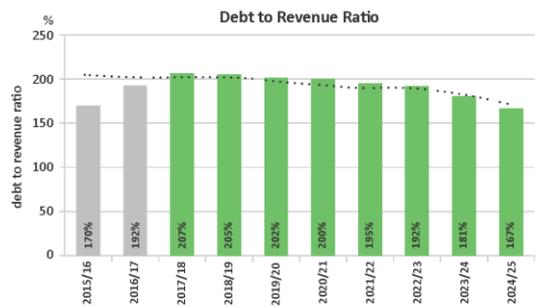
- Ferrybank Reserve enhancements
- Pukete Garden Bridge
- river path wayfinding and interpretive signage.

More information about these projects is available at [hamilton.govt.nz/riverplan](http://hamilton.govt.nz/riverplan)

**Future impact:**



Based on our proposed 2017/18 Annual Plan, total debt is forecast to be above what we said in the 2015-25 10-Year Plan until 2022/23. After that, it is forecast to reduce to less than originally planned.



Based on our proposed 2017/18 Annual Plan, our debt-to-revenue ratio would be 202 per cent in 2019/20. This is higher than our financial strategy target of 200 per cent by 2019/20. This will need to be considered next year in the 2018-28 10-Year Plan.

# STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL: FREE TWO-HOUR ON-STREET PARKING IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD)



## OPTION 1 – THE PROPOSAL (FREE TWO HOUR ON-STREET PARKING)

The Council is proposing free on-street parking in the Central Business District (CBD) (see Map A) for a maximum of two hours between 8.00am and 8.00pm, Monday to Saturday.

### Proposed Free Parking Zone



### Why is the proposal being put forward?

The Central City Transformation Plan identifies the development of new parking options as a key project to encourage more people to spend more time in the central city. Improving access and reducing perceived cost barriers to on-street parking will attract short-term visitors and shoppers to CBD businesses. Off-street parking is available for commuters and long-stay shoppers.

In November 2016, after consultation with central city businesses, the Council introduced a change to on-street metered parking, making it free before 9am and after 3pm. The Council is now proposing to offer free on-street parking in the CBD for a maximum of two hours between 8.00am and 8.00pm, Monday to Saturday.

### What will this mean?

Within the CBD map area (Map A) you can currently park in an on-street metered park and pay for two hours. At the end of the two hours you can move to another metered park but you will pay for an additional two hours.

Under this proposal, within the CBD map area (Map A) you can park in an on-street carpark for up to two hours free. If you move to another on-street parking spot it counts as part of your two hours. If you want park for longer than two hours, you will need to use off-street parking (parking building).

### How will we fund the proposal?

Parking meter charges generate \$1.45m revenue, which is used to fund transport projects like the Ring Road and roading upgrades throughout the city. The introduction of free two-hour on-street parking will mean the parking meter revenue is lost and transport activity projects will need to be funded by rates.

The Council proposes the funding is shared across the CBD business ratepayers and all ratepayers.

The CBD businesses will receive a direct benefit from free two-hour on-street parking, so it is proposed CBD business properties should contribute 10 per cent of the funding needed. A new central business targeted rate will be applied to the CBD businesses.

The remaining 90 per cent of the funding will be spread across the rest of the city's ratepayers through an increase in the current Access Hamilton Targeted Rate.

### What would it mean for rates?

The rate increase will be phased in over two years, commencing from October 2017.

The total funding sought is \$1.45m (\$1,667,500 including GST) per year. This will be funded by an increase in the Access Hamilton Targeted Rate and the new Central City Targeted Rate. The amount equates to a total rate increase of 0.7 per cent in Year 1 and 0.2 per cent in Year 2.

The indicative rates impact of this proposal for 2017/18 is:

Including GST	CBD business*	Average property**
Targeted Rate	\$62	\$0
Additional Access Hamilton Rate	\$42	\$20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$104</b>	<b>\$20</b>

The indicative full-year rates impact of this proposal from 2018/19 onwards is:

Including GST	CBD business*	Average property**
Targeted Rate	\$83	\$0
Additional Access Hamilton Rate	\$56	\$26
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$139</b>	<b>\$26</b>

\*Separately used or inhabited parts (SUIP).  
\*\*All other rateable properties.

### Supporting Information

Supporting information for the proposal can be found at [hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan](http://hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan) and includes:

- Council report: Proposal for free two-hour on-street parking in the CBD
- Amended Revenue and Financing Policy
- Amended Funding Needs Analysis Policy
- Amended Rating Policy

## OPTION 2 (STATUS QUO)

### Existing Parking Zones



The Council will continue to provide metered on-street parking in the blue and yellow parking zones in the CBD (Map B) with free parking provided in the blue zone before 9.00am and after 3.00pm, Monday to Saturday.

There is no impact on funding or rates.

[hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan](http://hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan)

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## Proposed 2017/18 Annual Plan

### Overview

We are currently seeking feedback on our proposed 2017/18 Annual Plan, which sets out the Council's draft budget for July 2017 to June 2018.

In 2015 the Council produced a 10-Year Plan, which outlines our priorities and plans for the next decade. It also includes detailed budgets for the first three years of the plan.

The 2017/18 Annual Plan presents the budget for the third year of the 2015-25 10-Year Plan, updated for any changes.

An important part of the Annual Plan is a proposal to provide two hours of free on-street parking in the CBD, with lost revenue to be replaced with targeted rates.

**Please have your feedback to us by 7 May 2017.**

### Have Your Say

*The Council is proposing free on-street parking in the Central Business District (CBD) (see map below) for a maximum of two hours between 8.00am – 8.00pm, Monday to Saturday.*

**1. Do you support the proposal for two hours free on-street parking in the CBD?**

- Yes
- No

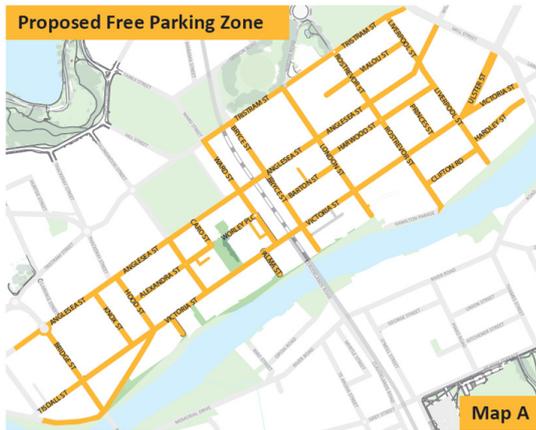
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**2. How should we collect the rates to replace the lost revenue from parking meters?**

- Access Hamilton targeted rate to all ratepayers (90%) and CBD businesses (10%)
- General rate to all ratepayers
- Other (please explain below)

Funding Impact of lost revenue from parking meters

*Parking meter charges provide \$1.45m revenue, which is used to fund transport projects like the Ring Road and roading upgrades throughout the city. The introduction of free two-hour on-street parking will mean the parking meter revenue is lost and transport activity projects will need to be funded by rates.*

*The Council proposes the funding is shared across the CBD business ratepayers and all ratepayers. The CBD businesses will receive a direct benefit from free two-hour on-street parking, so it is proposed CBD business properties should contribute 10 per cent of the funding needed. A new central business targeted rate will be applied to the CBD businesses.*

*The remaining 90 per cent of the funding will be spread across the rest of the city's ratepayers through an increase in the current Access Hamilton Targeted Rate.*

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**3. Do you have any other feedback on the proposed 2017/18 Annual Plan?**

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**4. You are welcome to attach any supporting documentation. Please itemise documents.**

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### Can you tell us about yourself?

**5. Where do you live?**

- I am a Hamilton City resident, my suburb is: \_\_\_\_\_
- I live outside the Hamilton boundary, my council district is: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Can you tell us your age group?**

- 16-24
- 25-35
- 36-50
- 51-64
- 65+

**7. Which best describes your household? *Please select only one item***

- Living alone
- Family or couple with dependants (children or other family)
- Family or couple with no dependants
- Living with others that are not family

**8. What is your name? (\* required field)**

Title: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Dr

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**9. What is your organisation/business? (where applicable) \_\_\_\_\_**

**10. Contact Details (\* required field)**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (evening): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Do you wish to speak at a Council hearing on 18 May 2017? *(This means you will present a summary of your feedback in person to a panel of elected members at the hearing)***

- Yes - please ensure your name and contact details are recorded above
- No

If you ticked yes, please contact  
Raewyn, P: 07 838 6537 or  
E: [haveyoursay@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:haveyoursay@hcc.govt.nz) to  
confirm your presentation time

**Note: all feedback/submissions will be treated as public documents and they may be loaded on to the Council's website with the names and contact details of submitters included.**

**Please have your feedback to us by 7 May 2017.**

**You can:**

- Submit feedback online at [hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan](http://hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan)
- Complete and post this form to Freepost 172189, Annual Plan Consultation, Hamilton City Council, Private Bag 3010, Hamilton 3240
- Drop it off to the Hamilton City Council Office in Garden Place, or any Hamilton City Library.

### **Proposal for free two-hour on-street parking in the CBD – let us know what you think**

Hamilton City Council is currently seeking feedback on its proposed Annual Plan, which sets out the Council's budget for the period July 2017 – June 2018.

A crucial aspect of the Annual Plan is a proposal which would see a change to how the Council manages on-street parking in the central city. The proposal is designed to improve access and reduce perceptions of cost barriers for people accessing the CBD.

In November 2016, after consultation with central city businesses, the Council introduced a change to on-street metered parking, making it free before 9am and after 3pm. Since then, a Parking Task Force has reviewed options for the city's parking and has developed a ratepayer-subsidised model which enables people to park in the central city without parking charges.

#### **What's being proposed**

The Council is proposing free on-street parking in the CBD for a maximum of two hours between 8.00am and 8.00pm, Monday to Saturday. This proposal would mean people would not be allowed to park for longer than two hours in on-street parks in any one day, even if this time period was spread across two or three parking spaces. People intending to park for longer than two hours would be encouraged to use off-street parking facilities.

The proposal includes the installation of new technology to monitor the city's parking assets and usage in real time, and assist with management of the parking offering.

A full copy of the proposal is included in the Annual Plan Consultation Document, which you can find at [hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan](http://hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan)

#### **How we would fund it**

If implemented, the proposal would mean a loss of \$1.45 million in annual parking revenue which is currently used to fund transport projects and services around the city. To recoup this revenue it is proposed to have 10 per cent of this revenue funded via a targeted rate on CBD businesses, and the remaining 90 per cent funded by general ratepayers via the Access Hamilton Targeted Rate.

In a full year, these rates charges are expected to average \$139 for CBD businesses and \$26 for residential ratepayers. Due to the rating system there will be some higher and some lower payments depending on property value.

#### **How to have your say**

Supporting a revitalised central city area is one of the key goals for the Council, and parking generates much debate among our community. The Mayor and Councillors are keen to get your feedback on this proposal.

Written submissions are due by Sunday 7 May 2017 and there are several ways to have your say:

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26 April 2017

Ratepayer 1  
Ratepayer 2  
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<Postal 4>

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**How this would affect your rates**

Property address: <Property Address>

Rates number: <Rates Number>

Valuation number: <Valuation Number>

Your proposed 2017/18 rates are \$<2017/18 Proposed Rates Including Parking>. This includes the targeted rates for the free two-hour on-street parking proposal, which for your property is \$<Total Parking Increase>.

**NB: These figures are estimates. Final rates for 2017/18 will be confirmed on 29 June 2017.**

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**More information**

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Yours faithfully



Sarah Ward  
Corporate Planning Programme Manager



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## HAMILTON: CITY OF CARS?



# QUICK SUBMIT

**SUBMISSIONS CLOSE 7 MAY, 2017!**

The Hamilton City Centre has declined in recent years as new express roads have been built servicing large malls out of the CBD. Meanwhile the CBD has suffered from a lack of investment. There are good plans based on international best practice to transform and connect the CBD, but these plans have no funding.

See our previous campaigns here.

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### SO WHAT IS COUNCIL PROPOSING?

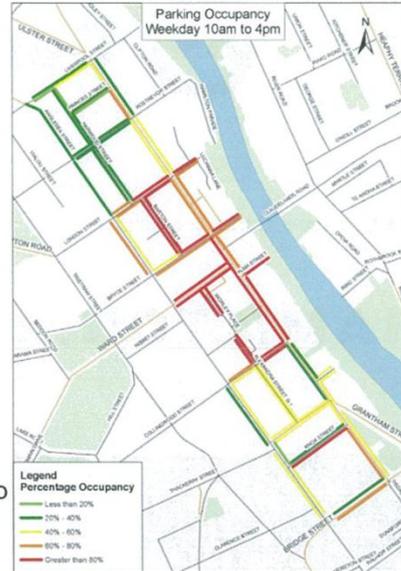
Removing parking charges in the CBD and limiting parking in the CBD to 2 hours, per day, per vehicle. [1]

### HOW ARE THEY GOING TO PAY FOR IT?

Special additional targeted rates in Hamilton, averaging \$26 per household, and \$139 per CBD business. [1]

### IS THAT FAIR?

No, this effectively penalises people who do not have cars and encourages more people to abandon buses causing more overall congestion. The extra charge on CBD businesses is also unfair as the proposal is unlikely to allow more people to park in the 85-90% utilised central CBD space. [1]



### WHAT ELSE IS COUNCIL PROPOSING?

- Adding 17 new car parks at a cost of \$25,000 from the only budget to fund dedicated walking and biking infrastructure [1]



- Turning Garden Place back into a **91 space car park**, as well as **reducing footpath widths** to accommodate more parking and jeopardising future shared zone development. [2][3]

## WILL IT WORK?

We don't think so. It's not based on international or local evidence

- Auckland CBD has seen **car volumes decline**, yet on the main street **pedestrian traffic has doubled** in five years. This hasn't been through more car parking, it's been through **record investment in high quality public and active transport**. [4]
- International and local evidence show that workers will use more spaces intended for shoppers, this has been noticed in Hamilton since parking has

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been made free after 3pm and caused Rotorua to drop their free parking time limit to 60 minutes. [5]



## WHAT'S THE ALTERNATIVE?

- Improve **biking and walking connections** by providing high quality separated infrastructure and traffic calming.
- Invest in **bus priority** measures to enable people to park and ride around the central city or bus in from around the city.
- Use parking technology to enable demand variable pricing to make the best use of the ample parking around the Central City (this is already budgeted but has been delayed). [1]

The City Centre Transformation Plan and Biking Plan have an excellent vision, that needs to be matched by **political and financial commitment**.



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### WHAT CAN I DO?

Use our quick submit to send your views to council **before 7 May, 2017**. This is part of the 2017/18 annual plan consultation. [6]

Sign on as a supporter, share this, or donate to help us cover printing and website costs.

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# Hamilton Parking - Quick Submit

*\* No parking is actually free*

## Your Details

Name \*

Required as part of the submissions process

Email \*

We will send your submission to council with your email address attached

Address

Required as part of the submissions process

*We will use these details to send your submission to council and keep you updated with this and other campaigns. We will not share your details with other third parties.*

## Formal submission on Annual Plan 2017/18 (Parking Proposal)

**Do you support the proposal for two hours free on-street parking in the CBD? \***

Why?

Add more weight to your submission by explaining how the proposal would affect you.

The proposal is a disincentive to public transport, walking, and biking.  
 The loss of revenue will reduce funding available for other transport projects.  
 The proposal will decrease supply of parking for shoppers.  
 The proposal is not based on international and local evidence.  
 The loss of revenue and cost to ratepayers compared to the benefit is too high.

**How should/would council collect the rates to replace the lost revenue from parking meters?**

By introducing demand dependant pricing technology

**Why?**  
 Add more weight to your submission by explaining how the proposal would affect you.

There is 85% to 35% parking utilisation in the Central City, making better use of this parking will incentivise more efficient utilisation of existing parking.

**What is a better way to increase access to the Central City?**  
 Explain what you would like to happen in the Central City

Improve biking and walking connections by providing high quality separated infrastructure and traffic calming.  
 Invest in bus priority measures to enable people to park and ride around the central city or bus in from around the city.  
 Use parking technology to enable demand dependent pricing to make the best use of the ample parking around the Central City.

I would like to speak to my submission at the hearing on May 18th \*  
 Yes  
 No

**Garden Place Parking Proposal**

No

Do you support converting Garden Place into a 91 space carpark, or a shared space? \*

**Why?**

Add more weight to your submission by explaining how the proposal would affect you.

This would cost money that could be used to improve safe pedestrian and bike access in the Central City.

This would reduce the amount of green space and amenity of the Central City and stop events and attractions coming to Hamilton.

Garden Place is a historical site for local Tangata Whenua.

This would increase traffic on Victoria Street and the vicinity of Worley Place discouraging people from visiting the Central City.

**Other comments**

**Anything else?**

This will be sent to Council and used to inform us of future campaign areas

SEND SUBMISSION

