

Planning for the Future, the 2009-19 10-year Plan

You may have heard these names in passing – the 10-year Plan or the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP). They are terms for the same thing – Council's major planning and decision-making document for the future of the Waipa District. It describes what we are going to do, when we are going to do it, and how much it is going to cost, and is a focus document for promoting the wellbeing of the community; ensuring that we are meeting your needs and advancing your goals.

The Plan covers a 10 year period, (the first three years in detail, and an outline of the following seven) and is reviewed and republished every three years. In the interim years, we produce an Annual Plan which is based on information from the 10-year Plan.

We are required to consult with our communities and other stakeholders, and take their feedback into account when planning for the future, so this is a major exercise. The planning process is already well advanced, with reviews of Community Outcomes and levels of service completed. However, there is still much to be done in the next 12 months before the 10-year Plan is adopted by Council in June 2009.

In the next nine months there will be regular information updates in our Word on Waipa, and on Council's website www.waipadc.govt.nz We will look at the issues and opportunities guiding the 10-year Plan process, what activities have been happening, explanations of sections of the Plan and what is coming up in terms of key milestones and dates, prior to the release of the draft document in March 2009.

Watch this space!