



**CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL ADOPT LONG TERM PLAN CONSULTATION
DOCUMENT FOR PUBLIC FEEDBACK**

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Central Hawke's Bay District Council has unanimously adopted its Long Term Plan 2018-28 Consultation Document and Supporting Information which proposes bold infrastructure investment with a particular focus on investment in water, wastewater and stormwater.

Following the election in 2016, Council knew that a new approach to delivering value for the community was required. The Project Thrive initiative provided an opportunity for the community to provide feedback on what they loved about our district and home, and what a thriving Central Hawke's Bay would look like. This feedback has provided a very clear picture for the future and set a new vision, mission and objectives which have driven the priorities set out in the proposed 10-30 year budgets.

"I stood for a vision of a positive future for Central Hawke's Bay. I think this plan makes some bold steps in the right direction. Renewing and maintaining infrastructure carries a cost, but it's vital we invest in it to ensure smart growth and durable infrastructure," says Mayor Alex Walker.

The Consultation Document is asking for feedback on a number of key initiatives. The #bigwaterstory investment programme has been included for feedback after the positive response from #thebigwaterstory expos held in November 2017. Also included is the development of Town Centre and Community Plans as a direct response to the feedback from Project Thrive.

"It's important to you that we have vibrant and bustling towns and communities who can show their identity while being part of the wider Central Hawke's Bay. Town Centre and Community Plans is how we ensure your input is included in the view of each of our communities" says Mayor Alex Walker.

Public Consultation opens on 19 February and will close on 29 March 2018. As part of the consultation, two Have Your Say meetings will be held in Waipukurau and Waipawa and also popups with Ivan the Caravan will be held in Otane, Porangahau, Ongaonga and Takapau. The Consultation Document will be delivered with the CHB Mail on 27 February and available with the Supporting Information from the Council Website and Libraries from 19 February.

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