

# 10-Year Plan 2018-28

## Consultation Document

### Have your say about Hamilton's future.

#### Summary of the Results of the Consultation

The Council received **2190** submissions

**1463** online forms

**727** in the form of:

**311** hardcopy submission forms

**416** emails or letters

#### Challenge 1

We are borrowing to pay for everyday costs

**2099** responses to challenge 1

**1297** responders selected one of the Options offered (62%)

**802** responders made a written response to some or all of the three questions

Question 1: Which of the following options do you think Council should adopt?

Table 1 Summary of responses to Challenge 1

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6	Total responses to Options
Average Rate Increase	Average increase	Average increase	Average increase	Average increase	Average increase	Average increase	
2018/19	16.5%	10%	16%	9.5%	16%	9.5%	
2019/20	3.8%	10%	3.8%	9.5%	3.8%	9.5%	
2020/21	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	
3 year % Increase	<b>26%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>24%</b>	
UAGC	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	
Move to CV	staged	staged	immediate	immediate	immediate	immediate	
Number of responses	<b>302</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>1297</b>
% of those who selected an option	<b>23%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>22%</b>	
% of Total responses	<b>14%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>14%</b>	
<b>Number who preferred no UAGC</b>	<b>924</b>						<b>71%</b>
Number who preferred staged move to CV	<b>624</b>						<b>48%</b>
Number who preferred UAGC and immediate move to CV					<b>373</b>		<b>29%</b>

#### Summary of written responses to Question 1

Many responders asked "where is Option 7 - reduce costs and reduce increases in rates? "

Written Comment	Individual responses
None of Options 1 – 6	156
Keep to 2015 plan – average rate increase 3.8% and 10 year change to CV	184
Reduce costs, keep tighter control on project costs and "live within your means like we have to"	324
<b>Total</b>	<b>664</b>

#### Summary of written responses to Question 2

Question 2: Do you have any ideas about how the Council should change the way the rates are calculated?

Written Comment	Individual responses
Unaffordable, outrageous, unsustainable, expletives	305
I earn low wage, I am a pensioner	115
These rate increases will force me to sell	96
Increases should be tied to CPI / inflation	85
Capital value is unfair, does not spread rates evenly. Keep to Land value	72
No UAGC	58
Define SUIP on a fair/legal basis	39
<b>Total</b>	<b>770</b>

### Summary of written responses to Question 3

Question 3: Do you have any ideas about changes the Council can make to increase it's revenue to cover everyday costs?

Responders said "it is a spending problem not a revenue problem".

Written Comment	Individual responses
Stop spending / wasting money on "nice to haves" Garden Place AGAIN, Regional theatre	390
Restrict spending to core/essentials until debt is reduced	237
Reduce staff/ consultancy/Councillor numbers/costs	218
Charge use to cover costs or sell loss making assets/ Claudelands	91
Developers should pay more of costs not pass on to ratepayers	102
<b>Total</b>	<b>1038</b>

### Challenge 2: Deciding where Hamilton's next big housing area will be

30 responders stated a preference for infill rather than urban sprawl

### Challenge 3: Improving Hamilton's transport system

No-one commented that the Transport budget in this 10-year Plan (\$225 million) is less than half compared to the 2015 10- year Plan (\$506 million).

### Challenge 4: Investing in community infrastructure

Council is proposing nine projects at a cost of \$70.7 million (including inflation) over 10 years

Question 8: Do you think the investment of \$70.7 million in the nine projects is the right option?

**There were actually 10 options to tick in this part of the Consultation**

**Total responses 1664**

**NO 1437 (86%)**

**YES 227 (14%)**

No the Council should not do the following (Select all that apply)

	Option	Council Investment (debt funded)	Number who ticked NO to this option	Combine Central City Park Options	% of those who ticked NO
1	Central city park –River Plan	\$33.4m	457 (32)	809	56%
2	Central city park	\$12.8m	352 (25%)		
3	Fenced dog exercise area	\$177,000	663		46%
4	Garden Place	\$3.2m	1193		83%
5	Hamilton Gardens Development	\$5.7m	492		34%
6	Indoor Recreation facility	\$4m	606		42%
7	Playground development	\$5.5m	413		29%
8	Rototuna Community Hub	\$19.6m	615		43%
9	Proposed Waikato Regional Theatre	\$19m	929		65%
10	Waiwhakareke Natural heritage Park development	\$760,000	466		32%

Question 9: In preparing the 10-Year Plan Council considered but did not include the following projects. Do you think the Council should do any of these? (select all that apply)

**Total Responses to Consultation                    2190**  
**Total Responses to Question 9                    1179 (54%)**

Yes the Council should do the following

	Option	Council Investment (debt funded)	Number who ticked this option	% of those who answered Q.9	% of Total responders
1	Complete key projects in the Hamilton Zoo Master Plan	\$15.2m	657	44%	23%
2	Skate park	\$3.8m	888	24%	13%
3	Sports park drainage improvements	\$3.6m	768	34%	18%
4	River Plan projects	\$33.4m	675	42%	23%
5	Artificial turf at Rototuna Sports Park	\$6.1m	973	17%	9%
6	Libraries network expansion and improvements	\$3.6m	519	55%	30%