

Grey District Council

2021-2031 Long Term Plan FAQ's



Thank you for coming along to one of our drop in sessions regarding the Draft Long Term Plan. **It is important to note that this is a draft plan – if you have a different point of view or idea, please make a submission so that Council can consider that before making the final decisions.**

Following are some FAQs with regards to the key issues and rates.

KEY ISSUE 1: Extension of kerbside refuse and recycling collection	
Why?	Most requested service during pre-engagement and Resident Satisfaction Survey.
Where will this be extended to?	Properties which currently have a bag collection will move to a two bin system, except Moana and Te Kinga.
How much will it cost?	It will cost approximately an additional \$70 per annum on top of your current refuse collection targeted rate.
When will it start?	It is due to come in during year 2 of the long term plan, which starts on 1 July 2022.
Why not Moana and Te Kinga?	Moana and Te Kinga is excluded from the expansion at this stage as these areas are under a separate contract and also due to the largely seasonal/holiday population - there would be no-one at the property during the week to put the bins out. If residents from these areas wish to be included, please make a submission for Council to consider.

KEY ISSUE 2: New Library	
Why?	Current library small, cramped, not keeping up with technology needs. No separate meeting space – this is often requested by the community. On leasehold land.
Where will it go?	Council have not yet purchased any land. If the project progresses, a freehold site in or near the centre of Greymouth will have to be found.
How much will it cost?	Indicative costings put the whole project at around \$14 million. This includes purchase of land, design fees, construction and fitout. The cost has been included in the forecast rates rises. General rates contribute towards the library.
When will it happen?	This project is not proposed to start until year 5, i.e. after 1 July 2026.

KEY ISSUE 3: Spring Creek Pool										
Why?	<p>Low usage. Open summer period only. Usage over last two years is:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Period</th> <th>Visits</th> <th>Income</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2020/2021</td> <td>973 (773 children & 200 adults)</td> <td>\$2,158</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019/2020</td> <td>1,323 (split not available)</td> <td>\$2,954</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Note: There were 8 days over the 2020/2021 season where the pool was open but received no visitors. Pool open seven days a week during holidays and weekends only outside of school holidays in 2020/2021.</p> <p>According to West Coast Sport and Active Recreation Spaces and Places Strategy, the West Coast is over-subscribed for Council provided pools (10,716 people per Council provided standard pool on West Coast – NZ average is 23,472 people). Westland Recreation Centre (WRC) is just 7km away.</p>	Period	Visits	Income	2020/2021	973 (773 children & 200 adults)	\$2,158	2019/2020	1,323 (split not available)	\$2,954
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But what if we want to keep the pool in our community?	<p>Options are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A local group or organisation could take over the running of the pool. The asset will be transferred to the group so it will no longer be a Council asset. Council will provide an operating grant of \$30,000 per year to help towards the running costs. The local group will be responsible for paying for all costs, maintaining the facility and operating it for people to use. It is important to note that a local group can apply for other funding to assist in the operations of the pool, like Lottery, Gaming Trusts, COGS etc. WRC can assist with training and other resources for the community group. 2. It remains under Council ownership and management but the cost of it is shared only amongst those people who get the direct benefit, i.e. people living in Runanga, Rapahoe and Dunollie. This works out to be approx. \$160 per year added to the rates bill. 									

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	3. It remains under Council ownership and management and the cost is shared amongst all residents via the general rate (status quo). This works out to be approx. \$3.80 per year added to everyone's rates bill.
When will it happen?	Council will make a decision regarding this issue before 30 June 2021 once public submissions have closed.

KEY ISSUE 4: Runanga Service Centre and Community Library

Why?	Declining usage. <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Period</th><th>Total</th><th>Customer split</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Sep 2020 to current</td><td>813</td><td>270 GDC, 543 NZ Post</td></tr><tr><td>Sep 2019 to Aug 2020</td><td>2,342</td><td>777 GDC, 1,565 NZ Post</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Declining services able to be offered. No longer taking bill payments for phone and power – stopped in May 2019. Cheques being discontinued in June this year. Main Council office just 7km away. No other town in the Grey District has a service centre in their area – trying to keep it fair for everyone.</p>	Period	Total	Customer split	Sep 2020 to current	813	270 GDC, 543 NZ Post	Sep 2019 to Aug 2020	2,342	777 GDC, 1,565 NZ Post
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How will I pay my rates?	You can pay online – most banks now are set up for internet banking and this will increase further as cheques are phased out. You can also set up to pay your rates by direct debit.									
What about the NZ Post service?	There may be a local business interested in taking this over.									

RATES

What are the rate rises going to be?

It is forecast to raise the **total rates revenue** by 9.99% in year 1 and 6% in each year from years 2-10. This is not a straight 9.99% increase on everyone's rates – it is an increase in the total overall amount we collect via rates.

Why are the rates going up so much?

We've made a plan to put our community in a healthy financial position by the end of the long term plan. We have outstanding infrastructure works which need addressing so we can continue to provide safe and reliable service – there is \$45 million worth of outstanding infrastructure to be replaced (called deferred renewals) and over the next ten years we'll be spending \$34 million on these works. The first thing we'll be tackling is stormwater pipes. We are also putting money aside for future projects, e.g. new dog pound in year 5 and new library from year 5, decreasing debt and putting money into our reserves.

Why do we have so many deferred renewals?

In past years decisions have been made to not carry out infrastructure renewal projects to keep the rates rises low but has led to a backlog of infrastructure now needing to be replaced. We starting putting money into addressing this at the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan but due to the large backlog, there is still some risk to the community of breakdowns and loss of service in the interim so we need to do this work quicker.

How will the rates increase affect my property?

How this affects each property will differ depending on where the property is, what it is used for, what services are available and what the value of the property is. We have put together some handy examples of various parts of the District to give people an idea of the impact of the 9.99% rates increase – refer to the next page.

Why do I have to pay when I don't use the pool or the library?

Rates are essentially a tax and a way of Council generating income to pay for the services, facilities and projects it provides and undertakes. It is a tax that each property needs to pay, just as every person pays income tax to central government. Taxes are generally unpopular but at present charging rates on properties is the fairest way for Councils to get income to provide their services to the community.

Council shares the cost of services and facilities which everyone can benefit from (e.g. community facilities, regulation, communication, democracy, refuse disposal, roads, flood protection, stormwater) amongst all properties as a general rate. Targeted rates apply for water, sewer, refuse collection and economic development.

We collect the rest of our income from user fees, e.g. Westland Recreation Centre, McLean's, consent fees, dog registration etc or subsidies.

MORE INFORMATION

Want to know more? If you have further questions, please talk to your Ward Councillor.

You can also get copies of documents relating to the Draft Long Term Plan from our website, www.greydc.govt.nz/ltp.

RATES EXAMPLES

Blaketown				Cobden					
	2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference		2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference		
Res 1 General rate	39,000	\$561.40	\$640.26	\$78.86	Res 1 General rate	35,000	\$503.82	\$574.59	\$70.77
UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37	UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37
Greymouth Sewerage	1	\$683.40	\$687.00	\$3.60	Greymouth Sewerage	1	\$683.40	\$687.00	\$3.60
Greymouth Water	1	\$537.32	\$513.00	-\$24.32	Greymouth Water	1	\$537.32	\$513.00	-\$24.32
Refuse & Recycling Collection	1	\$272.26	\$291.00	\$18.74	Refuse & Recycling Collection	1	\$272.26	\$291.00	\$18.74
		\$2,575.01	\$2,773.26	\$198.25			\$2,517.43	\$2,707.59	\$190.16
			per week	\$3.81			per week	\$3.66	
			per day	\$0.54			per day	\$0.52	
Greymouth				Karoro					
	2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference		2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference		
Res 1 General rate	82,000	\$1,180.37	\$1,346.19	\$165.82	Res 1 General rate	116,000	\$1,669.80	\$1,904.36	\$234.56
UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37	UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37
Greymouth Sewerage	1	\$683.40	\$687.00	\$3.60	Karoro Sewerage	1	\$366.87	\$369.00	\$2.13
Greymouth Water	1	\$537.32	\$513.00	-\$24.32	Greymouth Water	1	\$537.32	\$513.00	-\$24.32
Refuse & Recycling Collection	1	\$272.26	\$291.00	\$18.74	Refuse & Recycling Collection	1	\$272.26	\$291.00	\$18.74
		\$3,193.98	\$3,479.19	\$285.21			\$3,366.88	\$3,719.36	\$352.48
			per week	\$5.48			per week	\$6.78	
			per day	\$0.78			per day	\$0.97	
Kaiata				Paroa					
	2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference		2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference		
Res 1 General rate	40,000	\$575.79	\$656.68	\$80.89	Res 1 General rate	74,000	\$1,065.21	\$1,214.85	\$149.64
UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37	UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37
Dobson Taylorville Kaiata Sewerage	1	\$1,072.64	\$1,054.20	-\$18.44	South Beach/Paroa Sewerage	1	\$326.32	\$328.00	\$1.68
Kaiata Water	1	\$0.00	\$410.00	\$410.00	Greymouth Water	1	\$537.32	\$513.00	-\$24.32
Refuse Collection	1	\$193.17	\$195.00	\$1.83	Refuse & Recycling Collection	1	\$272.26	\$291.00	\$18.74
		\$2,362.23	\$2,957.88	\$595.65			\$2,721.74	\$2,988.85	\$267.11
			per week	\$11.45			per week	\$5.14	
			per day	\$1.63			per day	\$0.73	
Runanga				Blackball					
	2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference		2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference		
Res 1 General rate	27,000	\$388.66	\$443.26	\$54.59	Res 2 General rate	21,000	\$208.94	\$266.81	\$57.87
UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37	UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37
Runanga/Dunollie Sewerage	1	\$286.38	\$287.00	\$0.62	Blackball Sewerage	1	\$634.42	\$636.00	\$1.58
Runanga Water	1	\$436.46	\$436.50	\$0.04	Blackball Water	1	\$538.12	\$513.00	-\$25.12
Refuse Collection	1	\$193.17	\$195.00	\$1.83	Refuse Collection	1	\$193.17	\$195.00	\$1.83
		\$1,825.30	\$2,003.76	\$178.46			\$2,095.28	\$2,252.81	\$157.53
			per week	\$3.43			per week	\$3.03	
			per day	\$0.49			per day	\$0.43	
Camerons				Dobson					
	2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference		2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference		
Res 2 General rate	44,000	\$437.79	\$559.04	\$121.25	Res 2 General rate	38,000	\$378.09	\$482.81	\$104.72
UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37	UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37
Refuse Collection	1	\$193.17	\$195.00	\$1.83	Dobson Taylorville Kaiata Sewerage	1	\$1,072.64	\$1,054.20	-\$18.44
		\$1,151.59	\$1,396.04	\$244.45	Dobson/Taylorville Water	1	\$569.67	\$513.00	-\$56.67
			per week	\$4.70	Refuse Collection	1	\$193.17	\$195.00	\$1.83
			per day	\$0.67			\$2,734.20	\$2,887.01	\$152.81
							per week	\$2.94	
							per day	\$0.42	
Gladstone				Rapahoe					
	2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference		2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference		
Res 2 General rate	98,000	\$975.07	\$1,245.13	\$270.06	Res 2 General rate	88,000	\$875.57	\$1,118.08	\$242.51
UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37	UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37
Refuse Collection	1	\$193.17	\$195.00	\$1.83	Runanga Water	1	\$436.46	\$436.50	\$0.04
		\$1,688.87	\$2,082.13	\$393.26	Refuse Collection	1	\$193.17	\$195.00	\$1.83
			per week	\$7.56			\$2,025.83	\$2,391.58	\$365.75
			per day	\$1.08			per week	\$7.03	
							per day	\$1.00	
Taylorville				Ahaura					
	2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference		2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference		
Res 2 General rate	32,000	\$318.39	\$406.57	\$88.18	Res 3 General rate	25,000	\$209.04	\$182.77	-\$26.27
UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37	UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37
Dobson Taylorville Kaiata Sewerage	1	\$1,072.64	\$1,054.20	-\$18.44	Refuse Collection	1	\$193.17	\$195.00	\$1.83
Dobson/Taylorville Water	1	\$569.67	\$513.00	-\$56.67			\$922.84	\$1,019.77	\$96.93
Refuse Collection	1	\$193.17	\$195.00	\$1.83			per week	\$1.86	
		\$2,674.50	\$2,810.77	\$136.27			per day	\$0.27	
			per week	\$2.62					
			per day	\$0.37					
Moana				Nelson Creek					
	2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference		2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference		
Res 3 General rate	205,000	\$1,714.13	\$1,498.75	-\$215.38	Res 3 General rate	47,000	\$392.99	\$343.62	-\$49.37
UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37	UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37
Moana Sewerage	1	\$283.97	\$288.00	\$4.03	Refuse Collection	1	\$193.17	\$195.00	\$1.83
Refuse Collection	1	\$193.17	\$195.00	\$1.83			\$1,106.79	\$1,180.62	\$73.83
		\$2,711.90	\$2,623.75	-\$88.15			per week	\$1.42	
			per week	-\$1.70			per day	\$0.20	
			per day	-\$0.24					
Rural Residential				Rural Use					
	2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference		2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference		
General rate	136,000	\$712.83	\$952.31	\$239.48	General rate	155,000	\$745.17	\$980.71	\$235.54
UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37	UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37
Refuse collection	1	\$193.17	\$195.00	\$1.83	Refuse collection	1	\$193.20	\$195.00	\$1.80
		\$1,426.63	\$1,789.31	\$362.68			\$1,459.00	\$1,817.71	\$358.71
			per week	\$6.97			per week	\$6.90	
			per day	\$0.99			per day	\$0.98	

Farming/Forestry				
		2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference
General rate	5,500,000	\$8,954.72	\$9,987.95	\$1,033.23
UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37
Refuse collection	2	\$386.34	\$390.00	\$3.66
		\$9,861.69	\$11,019.95	\$1,158.26
			per week	\$22.27
			per day	\$3.17

Farming/Forestry				
		2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference
General rate	3,690,000	\$6,007.80	\$6,701.01	\$693.21
UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37
		\$6,528.43	\$7,343.01	\$814.58
			per week	\$15.66
			per day	\$2.23

Commercial - Greymouth (2 shops)				
		2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference
General rate	159,000	\$3,761.83	\$5,113.77	\$1,351.94
UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37
Economic development rate	665,000	\$477.80	\$530.40	\$52.60
Greymouth Sewerage	2	\$1,366.81	\$1,374.00	\$7.19
Greymouth Water	2	\$1,074.63	\$1,026.00	-\$48.63
Refuse & Recycling Collection	2	\$1,089.04	\$1,100.00	\$10.96
		\$8,290.74	\$9,786.17	\$1,495.43
			per week	\$28.76
			per day	\$4.10

Commercial - Greymouth (1 shop)				
		2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference
General rate	41,000	\$970.03	\$1,318.65	\$348.62
UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37
Economic development rate	153,000	\$109.93	\$122.03	\$12.10
Greymouth Sewerage	1	\$683.40	\$687.00	\$3.60
Greymouth Water	1	\$537.32	\$513.00	-\$24.32
Refuse & Recycling Collection	1	\$544.52	\$550.00	\$5.48
		\$3,365.83	\$3,832.68	\$466.85
			per week	\$8.98
			per day	\$1.28

Commercial - Blackball				
		2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference
General rate	22,000	\$226.21	\$491.37	\$265.16
UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37
Economic development rate	160,000	\$114.96	\$127.62	\$12.66
Blackball Sewerage	1	\$634.42	\$636.00	\$1.58
Blackball Water	1	\$538.12	\$513.00	-\$25.12
Refuse collection	1	\$193.17	\$195.00	\$1.83
		\$2,227.51	\$2,604.99	\$377.48
			per week	\$7.26
			per day	\$1.03

Commercial - Moana				
		2020/2021	2021/2022	Difference
General rate	185,000	\$3,538.82	\$4,448.84	\$910.02
UAGC	1	\$520.63	\$642.00	\$121.37
Economic development rate	415,000	\$298.18	\$331.00	\$32.82
Moana Sewerage	1	\$283.97	\$288.00	\$4.03
Refuse collection	1	\$193.17	\$195.00	\$1.83
		\$4,834.77	\$5,904.84	\$1,070.07
			per week	\$20.58
			per day	\$2.93

For more information about how rates are set, please refer to the Draft 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.