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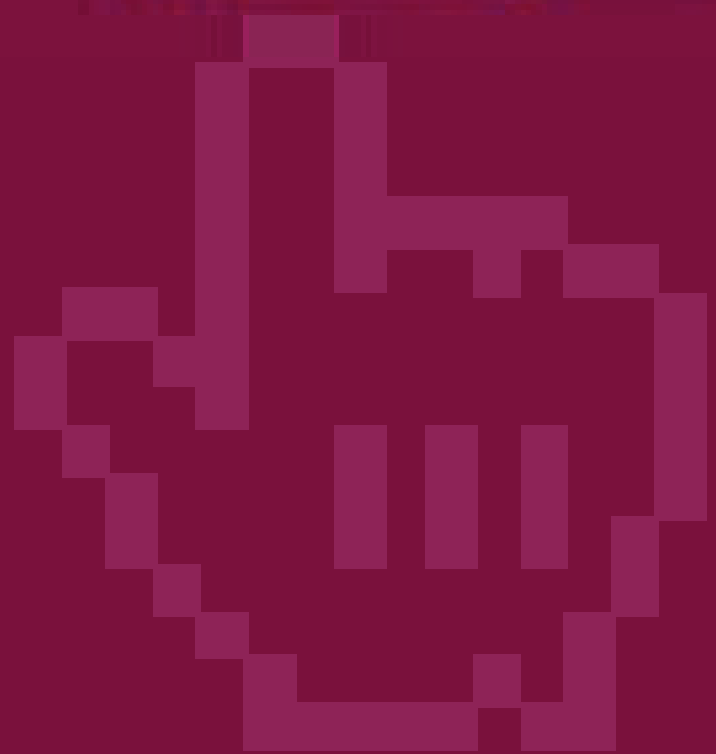
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Whakatauki

whakahi ana te korua te aiga,
 a korua ana te muna ma, te muna whana
 ana te muna painga.
 A muna ana korua ma te koro,
 ko te whakapapa, ko te ariki.
 ma ahi te ahau ma ahi te ahau

There's half our eye of the world
 through which the world, and we look through each year.
 After an ordinary and magical year, keep Ahi,
 and half the heart, and half
 beside all else.

Ma Patricia Te Wharemanu, 2018

Te Ahihi

ma take i korua ana e take i ma a
 ma ana te koro korua i korua
 ma te te whana ma te te whana
 i nga pa korua i whakapapa
 i ma i te whana i te ahau ma ahi

We bring ourselves of today and of tomorrow
 into our place here beside Ahihi.
 In a year and half of the eye
 beside heart and half and half of
 to the other world, a eye and to the Ahihi.



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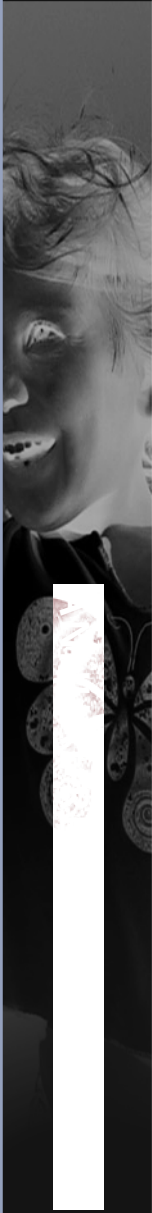
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INTRODUCTION (Koorero Whakatauki)

What is the Annual Report?

Council is required by the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA 2002) to produce an annual report at the completion of each June financial year. The annual report shows how the actual activities, services and performance of Council measured up to the intended levels of service and performance as set out in a specific year of the Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) or the annual plan.

This year's annual report looks at year 1 (2004/05) of Council's first Long-Term Council Community Plan (known as Hamilton's Community Plan 2004–14).

What is Hamilton's Community Plan 2004–14?

Under the LGA 2002 Council is required to produce a Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) every three years, beginning 1 July 2004. Although referred to as a LTCCP in the LGA 2002, Council has called its plan Hamilton's Community Plan 2004–14. It is Council's primary long-term strategic framework as to how it wants Hamilton to develop over the next 10 years. The plan was developed in partnership with the community and sets out the community's desired outcomes for the following 10 year period. The community plan will be reviewed and evaluated every three years, and every six years the community outcomes will be reviewed and evaluated by the community.

What are Community Outcomes?

The LGA 2002 requires local authorities to get their local communities thinking about the long-term priorities for the city that people want to work towards for the coming 10 year period. The outcomes identified by the community indicate the community's desire for how the city should progress socially, economically, environmentally and culturally (known as the four well-beings). These outcomes and the processes required to achieve them will serve as a focal point for Council and organisational planning for the city.

The LGA 2002 required councils to use such information concerning community outcomes as they hold or could obtain in the time available for inclusion in their 2004–14 LTCCPs.

Council already has a number of key documents in place that have involved a high degree of community consultation and participation. The community feedback that resulted from these processes (in particular Hamilton's Strategic Plan 1997–2017 and the subsequent revisions of this plan) was used to develop the community outcomes outlined in Hamilton's Community Plan 2004–14.

Council is engaging in a full community consultation process in 2004/05 and 2005/06 to determine the community outcomes that will be included in its 2006–16 LTCCP.

What about the Annual Plan?

The purpose of the Annual Plan is to:

- support the 10 year LTCCP
- identify any amendments and variations for that year of the LTCCP
- detail the budget and funding impact statement for that year
- provide a basis for accountability of Council to the community
- provide an opportunity for the public to participate in decision-making processes on the activities to be undertaken by Council for that year.

The annual plan provides the accountability base for the setting and assessing of rates (rates cannot be set until the annual plan has been adopted) and can be described as a budgetary instrument.

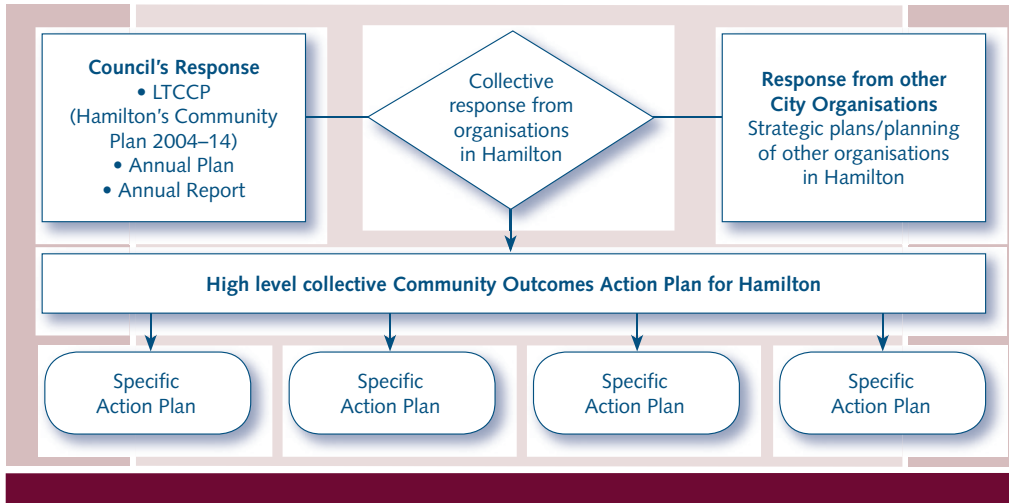
The annual plan's focus is on financial matters in the year to which it relates and not on the role, scope, service levels and priority of Council's activities. These wider matters are intended to be dealt with through the preparation and adoption of Council's LTCCP (every three years), and any subsequent amendment or variation if necessary. To this end, the annual plan is intended to be a companion document to be read in conjunction with the base LTCCP. The LTCCP also serves as the annual plan for year one of its 10 year focus.

The relationship of the annual report to Hamilton's Community Plan 2004–14 and the Annual Plan is shown in the diagram below.

Relationship of the Community Outcomes Framework to Council's LTCCP, Annual Plan, and Annual Report

HAMILTON'S COMMUNITY OUTCOMES AND PRIORITIES

(How the community wants Hamilton to develop over the next 10–20 years)



Further information on Council's plans and policies can be found in Council's governance statement (known as mycouncil 2005). This publication guides people through how Council is structured and how Council works with its communities to make decisions for the future of Hamilton. You can pick up a copy of mycouncil 2005 from any Hamilton City Libraries branch, or contact the Strategic Group Reception on 838 6810 (or email strategic@hcc.govt.nz). The publication is also on Council's website: www.hcc.govt.nz/ – under publications/strategic plans and policies .

