MASTERTON
WHAKAORIORI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinary Council Meeting
Under Separate Cover

ANNUAL PLAN HEARING
ALL SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED

Wednesday, 13 May 2026

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MASTERTON
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DISTRICT COUNCIL

FULL SET OF SUBMISSIONS

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ANNUAL PLAN 2026/27

Submissions #1 to #24

(From consultation between
27 March and 28 April 2026)

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Response No: 1

Q1	**First Name**	
Short Text	Shelah Bee	
Q2	**Last Name**	
Short Text	AGNEW	
Q6	**Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?**	
Select Box	No	
Q7	**Organisation Name**	
Short Text		
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Long Text

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Long Text

Response No: 2

Q1	First Name	
Short Text		Annette
Q2	Last Name	
Short Text		Beattie
Q6	Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?	
Select Box		No
Q7	Organisation Name	
Short Text		
Q8	Would you like to present your views at the hearing?	
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Long Text		Local government needs to collectively be pushing back at central government devolvement of costs and under-investment. Wairarapa Councils cooperating to focus on sustainability of infrastructure and base means to life (e.g., water availability, storage, access) and hard waste management are increasingly a priority and necessity in the face of multiple "weather events" which are becoming the norm rather than the exception.
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Long Text

Response No: 3

Q1	First Name	
Short Text		Tony
Q2	Last Name	
Short Text		Beech
Q6	Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?	
Select Box		Yes
Q7	Organisation Name	
Short Text		Masterton Rugby Club Incorporated and The Marist Rugby and Sports Association (Masterton) Incorporated
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Select Box		Yes (In-person)
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Long Text		Masterton Rugby Club Incorporated

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The Marist Rugby and Sports Association (Masterton) Incorporated

We are unsure if the proposed change affects us now or when our lease expires in 2036.

Whatever the date, we wish to submit that the proposed increase in lease and admin cost will have a detrimental effect on our club that serves predominantly Maori and Pasika young community members.

Sports clubs like ours are run solely by volunteers and we can't realistically survive from subscription income from our members. Therefore we rely on sponsors and grants. These are increasingly hard to source.

Any increase in costs means we have to increase our income from sponsorship and grants or try to increase the club subscriptions we charge our members. This latter course is not feasible as with the spiraling cost of living over the last years, they are mostly struggling just to support their own families.
Concession scheme is not clear as to what we would be charged.
Eligibility criteria are also unclear to us.

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Long Text

Response No: 4

Q1	First Name	
Short Text		Jonathan
Q2	Last Name	
Short Text		Black
Q6	Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?	
Select Box		No
Q7	Organisation Name	
Short Text		
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Long Text		Some of the hourly rate charges seem high. Why is the charge for a building inspector so much higher than that of a builder? They have the same skills. Is it due to inefficiencies in the system ? A builder still has admin charges and tools etc that they cover under their charge out rate, so why would a building inspector be more? This also applies to the other services.
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Q1	**First Name**	
Short Text	Douglas	
Q2	**Last Name**	
Short Text	Bracewell	
Q6	**Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?**	
Select Box	No	
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Short Text		
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Long Text	Proposal No 1 I am unsure. As a Councillor I was concerned that their was a lack of co-operation between Central and local Govt. For example Roading and Water are National issues and should be treated accordingly with the rates freeze. Does that mean that there may be insufficient funding to for example retain staff. As a Councilor we had the good fortune to have David Paris and his experience to guide us through financial issues. Would always voted in support of his proposals.	
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Long Text

The recreation facilities and sports grounds the Council provides are solutions for todays issues. Robert Putman in his book Bowling Alone studied the decline in social engagement in America. Issues included 2 parents working, dysfunctional families, long travel for work and 7 day working week. Couldn't prove any of these but the decline coincided with the advent of television. Now screen time dominates many lives impact physical, mental and social wellbeing. Our facilities are the key to providing solutions and reducing costs in areas like physical and mental health.

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Long Text

Need to address issues around lack of people voting. It was noted that all those who attended the Rate Payers Assn meeting were all over 50. Policies that encourage social engagement. Why is Finland the most education country in the world.
1. Teachers are paid the same as doctors
2. When ever they have an issue they resort to creativity to solve problems. Do we need an Event Centre to encourage creativity through Art, dance, music etc. Need to move carefully regards amalgamation. If it was done over a period of 3-5 years it would see if Councils aren't working out of self interest rather than the greater good.

Response No: 6

Q1	First Name	
Short Text		Phil
Q2	Last Name	
Short Text		Carman
Q6	Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?	
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Q7	Organisation Name	
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Long Text

Cemetery

Service (Cemetery - GST inclusive)	Fee
Plot fees - Lawn cemetery	
Child no more than 12 months old	$275
Child more than 12 months but less than 10 years	$515
All others	$1,615
Cremations plot - berm	$400
Interment fees - Lawn cemetery	
Child no more than 12 months old	$280
Child more than 12 months but less than 10 years	$865
All others - urban cemeteries	$1,725.
All others - rural cemeteries	$2,100
Cremations plot - urban cemeteries	$565
Cremations plot - rural cemeteries	$690
Additional charges	
Out of district fee – interment (this is an additional cost to the purchase of a lawn or cremation plot)	$1,315
Out of district fee – cremation (this is an additional cost to the purchase of a lawn or cremation plot)	$550
Breaking/removing stone work, concrete	Actual costs
Interments on Saturday, Sunday and statutory holidays (this fee is additional to regulation charges)	Actual costs or $700 whichever is greater
Additional fee for interments requiring attendance outside core working hours (Mon-Fri 7:30am-4pm).	Actual costs plus admin fee

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PO Box 444, Masterton 5840

MASTERTON WHAKAORIORI DISTRICT COUNCIL

From: Phil and Karen
Sent: Monday, 13 October 2025 3:54 pm
To: Cemeteries <cemeteries@mstn.govt.nz>
Subject: Urn interment

Good afternoon,
Are we able to inter ashes ourselves in reserved/ existing plot ? The urn is a small cylindrical container and the headstone has already been installed. Turf would carefully removed and reinstated,excess soil would be removed from site. If this is not permissible are you able to provide a cost as the MDC fees seem excessive for the size of the job.
Regards
Phil Carman.
Attention: This e-mail message is intended for the use of the addressee only. If it is not addressed to you then do not read it. This e-mail and any accompanying data may contain information that is confidential and subject to legal privilege. If you are not the intended recipient (the addressee) you are notified that any use, dissemination, distribution or copying of this message or data is prohibited. If you have received this email in error, please notify: mdc@mstn.govt.nz and delete all material pertaining to this email immediately.

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- image003.jpg (91 KB)

Cemeteries <cemeteries@mstn.govt.nz> 15/10/2025 09:13

RE: FW: Urn interment

To Phil and Karen

Kia ora Phil

Thank you for getting in touch about the interment of ashes at our cemeteries.

The interment fee of $565 is required from all applicants and covers the administrative work and interment services provided by our Parks and Reserves Team Green by Nature.

Even when plots are already owned, the interment fee is still payable at the time of service. This is a standard fee set by our Elected Members annually prior to the start of our financial year and applied consistently across all interments.

If you would like to move forward with an application, please feel free to contact at Green by Nature and she will arrange the paperwork for you to complete.

Kia pai te rā!

Property Officer

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www.mstn.govt.nz

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PO Box 444, Masterton 5840

From: Phil and Karen
Sent: Tuesday, 14 October 2025 2:02 pm
To: Cemeteries <cemeteries@mstn.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: FW: Urn interment

Good afternoon
I have received a response from at Green by Nature refusing our request on H & S grounds and record keeping requirements of council and has provided a cost of $565.
I fail to see how an excavation no bigger than a small post hole poses any risk to health or safety. The cost is extravagant to say the least, particularly since the plot has been reserved for a number of years and occupied for the past fifteen by one of the couple concerned I would appreciate it if you could provide the contact details of someone at council who is able to provide an explanation and a breakdown of the cost.
Thankyou
Phil Carman.

> On 14/10/2025 11:09 NZDT Cemeteries <cemeteries@mstn.govt.nz> wrote:
>
> Good morning
>
> Are you able to answer this for Phil. Please see email below.
>
> Thank you.
>
> Kia pai te rā!
>
> Property Officer

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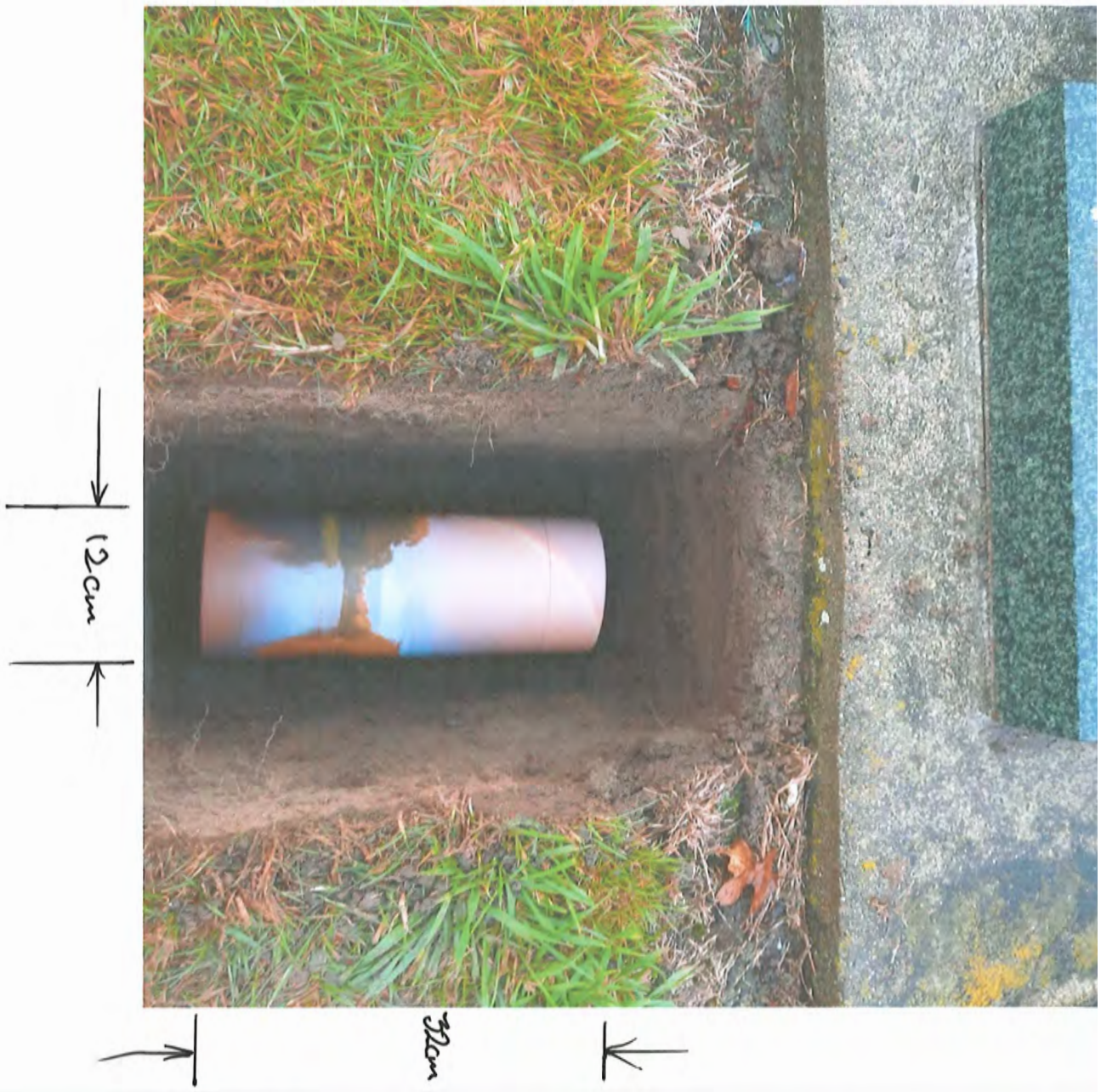

14/10/2025 13:15

RE: Urn interment

Hello Phil and Karen thank for your inquiry,

Unfortunately, interment preparations are not allowed due to health and safety, uniformity of the cemetery space and grounds, also the need to follow the process for record keeping on several systems on hard copy maps, documents and on the MDC website .

The Masterton District Council costing for interment of each ash urn in Masterton Cemetery is currently $565.

I hope this helps.

Please call me if you have any more questions on

Regards

Operations Manager | Masterton

Green by Nature

0800 265 000 | 021 782 674

greenbynature.co.nz

You don't often get email from cemeteries@mstn.govt.nz. Learn why this is important

Good morning

Are you able to answer this for Phil. Please see email below.

Thank you.

MASTERTON
WHAKAORIORI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

18 November 2025

Phil Carman
By email:

Kia ora Phil,

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) request for information regarding Cemetery fees and charges

We refer to your LGOIMA request dated 18 October 2025, requesting information regarding Cemetery fees and charges.

Your request was:
Cemetery - Cremation Urn Interment Fee
I request a full comprehensive breakdown of all labour, materials and associated costs which have been applied to in order to reach the $565.00 inc GST charge for this task.

The Cremation Urn Interment Fee of $565 (incl GST) applied by Masterton District Council is designed to cover the direct costs the Council incurs under the contract with Green By Nature, plus a nominal allocation of current maintenance costs.

	Ashes Interment
Contractor charge for ashes interment	237.15
Contractor charge for record keeping	142.29
Nominal recovery of cemetery maint. costs*	111.86
	491.30
GST	73.70
	$ 565.00

The contract with Green By Nature does not differentiate between their costs of labour, materials or associated costs. The Council is paying a flat fee per interment (a different amount if it is burial or ashes) plus a fee for the Sexton and record-keeping responsibilities associated with operating a cemetery. The Council sets fees to at least recover those direct costs from users of the service, plus an allocation towards on-going maintenance costs.

*In addition to the direct costs, the Council is incurring costs to maintain the cemetery environment. The current funding policy target is that 65% of all cemetery costs are recovered from revenue other than rates. To achieve this a maintenance recovery sum of approximately $750 per ashes interment would be required. The price of $565 allows for only a nominal recovery, per interment, of those costs.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact me on 06 370 6300.

Ngā mihi

Group Manager Infrastructure and Assets

17 th December 2025

Dear

LGOIMA – Request for information regarding cemetery fees

Thankyou for your response but with due respect I find the information somewhat disingenuous given previous correspondence I have had with MDC Property Officer and Green By Nature Operations Manager

My information request is the result of an inquiry regarding ashes interment in a cremations berm plot which was reserved and has been occupied by one of the leaseholders for more than 20 years and the other is now ready for placement

I had assumed that the $565.00 cost related to a new plot and had inquired into the cost if we were to dig the small hole required and complete the required paperwork ourselves. This was declined by on H & S grounds and stating that the fee was set by MDC, stated that the fee had been set by the elected members of council.

We would be more than happy to pay a fee relative to the size of the task involved being to provide a an excavation large enough to inter a small cylinder and update the record following receipt of an electronic burial warrant application. As the plot will be unaltered and will not require any additional maintenance the recovery costs referred to are excessive given the effort and time involved.

The monumental masons charge to travel to Riverside, remove the existing headstone, engrave the new information, source, encapsulate and fit a photograph and return and reinstall the stone came to little more than twice your interment fee. Quite reasonable considering the skill, time and travel involved.

Green By Nature provide their services to eight other North Island councils and none of their charges come close to what you contend is their Masterton charge.

Tauranga charges $563.00 which includes the plot, interment and maintenance.

Whangarei	$128.00
Manawatu	$321.00
Ruapehu	$350.00
Horowhenua	$303.00

Hastings	$203.00
Central Hawkes Bay	$210.00

Gisborne - $80.00 placement of ashes in any plot already purchased in the cemetery.

On average councils throughout the country charge half the fee the MDC is demanding.

The funding policy target whilst being well intentioned is little more than monopolistic price gouging in this instance. I find it difficult to believe that your contractor's hourly rate for this work appears to exceed $100.00 per hour excluding Gst.

We would appreciate the council and its contractor giving some consideration to a reasonable charge given the circumstances and look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully

Phil Carman

MASTERTON
WHAKAORIORI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

9 March 2026

Phil Carman

Kia ora Phil.

Cemetery fees and charges

We refer to your email dated 16 December 2025 on cemetery fees and charges, and we apologise for the late response.

Thank you for your feedback, the fees MDC set cover the Sexton duties for burials which don't change whether it's full interment or ash burials, the operational preparation and reinstatement of plots, and a contribution towards the wider cemetery facility, roads and vegetation maintenance.

We will use the letter as part of the feedback on Annual Plan fees and charges.

Ngā mihi

Acting Group Manager Infrastructure

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Response No: 7

Q1	First Name	
Short Text		Jennie
Q2	Last Name	
Short Text		Cohen
Q6	Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?	
Select Box		No
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Short Text		
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Q18	Is there anything you would like to note as part of your feedback on fees and charges?	
Long Text		If there is an increase in transfer station charges, this will inhibit people using the tip and will result in more rubbish dumping elsewhere. It's already quite bad
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Long Text

Response No: 8

Q1	**First Name**	
Short Text	Tristin	
Q2	**Last Name**	
Short Text	Davis	
Q6	**Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?**	
Select Box	No	
Q7	**Organisation Name**	
Short Text		
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Long Text		

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Q23 Is there anything else you would like to note as part of your feedback on the Annual Plan Consultation?

Long Text Council has made some good decisions which have kept our rates rise lower than previously planned.

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SUBMISSION

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To: Masterton District Council

Submission on: Draft Annual Plan 2026-27

Date: 28 April 2026

From: Federated Farmers of New Zealand

Robert Hickson
PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT
Wairarapa Federated Farmers

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SUBMISSION ON MASTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2026-27

1. Introduction

1.1 Federated Farmers welcome the opportunity to submit on the Masterton District Council's Draft Annual Plan 2026-27. Rates and other local government fees and costs make up a significant portion of farm business expenses. As a result, Federated Farmers are very concerned with the transparency of rate setting and the overall cost of local government to agriculture.

1.2 Our submission covers the following points:

- Rate increases for farms
- Revenue and Financing Policy
- Roading
- Fees and charges

2. Key submission requests

- The Council should reduce expenditure to avoid the need for rates increases above the national rate of inflation. (3.1% in December 2025, projected to rise to 4.1% by July 2026). Rapid increases in the price of crude oil globally since the start of March 2026 are now expected to increase inflation rapidly. This will impact on the Council's previous budget assumptions, and it is vitally important for the Council to reduce any unnecessary expenditure moving forward.
- The Council should adopt the maximum amount of 30% of total rate revenue allowed to be allocated to the UAGC under section 21 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, where rateable properties get an equal benefit from Council services.
- The Council should change the rural roading differential in the Revenue and Finance Policy to more equitably collect rates from rural properties which do not receive a higher rate of service from the general rates collected.
- The Council should fund non-subsidised CBD roading and related CBD improvement projects from targeted rates on CBD businesses and not from general rates funded 'depreciation'. More transparency is required to clearly show that funding for these projects will be from targeted rates.
- Alternatively, the Council's Revenue and Finance Policy should be amended to reduce what is currently unfair debt loading of non-subsidised roading works on rural ratepayers as a result of general rate increases.
- That the Council set a dog registration fee somewhere between $35 to $45 per working dog, with a flat fee for a team of 5 or more working dogs, (because farmers do not get a rising benefit if they pay for each subsequent dog).

3. INAPPROPRIATE RATES INCREASES

3.1 Federated Farmers understand the Council is endeavouring to reduce rate increases. Nevertheless, whilst the proposed average rates increase of 5.2%[1] for 2026/27 is lower than the 6.5% increase set out in the Council's 2024-34 Long Term Plan, significant economic headwinds are developing this year, including rapid increases in the price of crude oil globally since the start of March 2026. This means the Council need to eliminate expense and only do the bare minimum.

3.2 It is disconcerting that the Council's proposed rate increases for farm properties are higher than the 5.2% district-wide average. Many farms are in the 7-8% bracket. One of our members who runs a 557ha sheep and beef farm can expect a rates increase of 7.1%. Bigger hill country sheep and beef farms would see in the order of a staggering $8,468.70 higher than last year's rates for large farms. This is blatantly unfair. In dollar terms, farmer's rates increases are a lot more than urban rates increases, even though for many Council services, the benefits that farmers get are less than the benefits urban ratepayers get.

3.3 As recently as March 2026, BLNZ's economic service has reported "a high degree of uncertainty with geopolitical risks on many farmers' minds, including the US tariffs situation and the ongoing conflict in the Middle East"[2]. This is significant here because sheep and beef farms make up 89% of farms in Masterton District.

3.4 Rating increases eat into farm earnings. Farmers cannot simply raise taxes to solve inflationary woes. Instead, farmers must make sacrifices, cut expenses and find innovative solutions to survive. The Council should do likewise instead of resorting to rates increases.

3.5 We accept that monetary inflation may mean the Council has to increase rates somewhat to cover existing debt servicing and essential operating costs. Our expectation is that this would be indexed to NZ's forecast CPI inflation rate (3.1% in December 2025[3] and predicted to rise to 4.1% by July 2026) and certainly be no higher than this, and lower if possible.

3.6 This may involve postponing or abandoning expenditure on nice-to-have projects or activities'', such as upgrades or new facilities for Council offices, libraries, swimming pools, reserves and community centres, main street upgrades, and spending on events. In these economically challenging times, we prefer that the Council focus only on core services, sharpen its pencils and reduce expenditure, rather than choosing to increase rates.

Recommendation

- **That the Council reduce expenditure to avoid the need for rates increases above the rate of inflation.**

1 P2 Masterton District Council Draft Annual Plan 2026-27 consultation document
2 https://beeflambnz.com/news/farm-profitability-continues-rebound-uncertainty-horizon
3 https://www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/consumers-price-index-december-2025-quarter/ accessed 20 April 2026

4. REVENUE AND FINANCING POLICY

Uniform Annual General Charge ('UACG')

4.1 Federated Farmers strongly supports councils that make full use of the 30% UAGC allowable under section 21 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 where rateable properties get an equal benefit from Council services. A uniform per-property charge ensures that all property owners make a reasonable contribution toward the cost of these services.

4.2 Where a Council is aware that they have not reached their maximum 30% UAGC allowance and choose not to rectify the situation then they are actively choosing to disadvantage groups such as the farming community.

Targeted Rates

4.3 Where rates cannot be apportioned to a UAGC, or where services are only supplied to particular properties (for example: connections to sewerage disposal or public water supply) Federated Farmers supports targeted rates.

4.4 The cost of particular services can be targeted to those that benefit – for example hospitality businesses can pay a targeted rate for tourism promotion, or CBD businesses can pay a targeted rate for urban main-street upgrading works in the CBD, or farmers who get the benefit of a stock water race can pay a targeted rate for that. Rates collected on a targeted rate should be used for that particular purpose.

Need to adjust rural rate differential

4.5 A differential is a ratio that adjusts the rateable value of property and can be used to balance the relative contributions of urban and rural properties, or to increase the contribution from the commercial and industrial sector. Differentials can be read as a percentage applied to the general rate, or targeted rates, within a rating system

4.6 For example, a 0.7 (70%) differential on rural land would mean a $5m (CV) farm would only pay on $3.5m of the property value, a differential of 1.0 (100%) for urban properties means a $750,000 section would pay on the full $750,000, and a 1.2 (120%) differential for commercial properties would see that a $5m supermarket would pay on $6m.

4.7 The Council's 2024-34 Revenue and Financing Policy (which is not proposed to be altered in the 2026/27 Annual Plan) states that:

> *"Subsidised Roading – 30 : 70 (urban:rural) … reflects where the subsidised roading programme expenditure is expected to be spent in the coming three years, split between areas. This ratio may be subject to change outside of the LTP years, if roading expenditure varies from the LTP in any subsequent Annual Plan".*[4]

4.8 This policy places a differential on rural properties for funding *subsidised roading*[5],. However, there is no differential for non-subsidised roading. The Council is proposing to substantially increase *non-subsidised roading* expenditure in the Draft 2026/27 Annual Plan, with over a million dollars-worth of Masterton CBD revamp, roading

[4] Page 7 Masterton District Council 2024-34 Revenue and Finance Policy
[5] 'Subsidised roading' is roading where the Council receives funding assistance from NZTA.

renewal and street trees which was not budgeted for in the 2024/34 Long Term Plan[6]. These new expenditure items will not directly benefit rural ratepayers. Rural ratepayers need money spent on rural roads and get little to no benefit from upgrades to CBD roading. Therefore, there needs to be a change in the rural differential in the Council's Revenue and Financing Policy to recognise this change in circumstances. Otherwise this funding burden will get 'hidden' in *general rate* raises.

4.9 Relying more on the General Rate to fund Council activities can exacerbate affordability concerns, because this rating tool is vulnerable to fluctuations in property value. This could leave all ratepayers with higher bills when their property value increases. This increased property value is unrealised unless the owner sells, meaning that ratepayers are not seeing the extra value in their bank accounts, but only on paper.

4.10 The Council has focused on rates affordability for residential and small commercial ratepayers, but their solution is shifting more costs onto rural ratepayers instead. This means that farms with high capital value will pay more towards Council activities that are funded on population based criterion in Council's Revenue and Finance Policy, which are loaded on the General rates (like regulatory services, emergency management, libraries, parks & recreation, visitor information etc), even though these are equal benefit for all ratepayers.

4.11 Farming requires extensive landholdings but farmer ability to pay rates is based on income from farm produce (and not property value). A farm owner should not be forced to sell off their farmland to pay rates that are higher than they can afford from farmer income – that would defeat the aim of setting a sustainable rate and undermine food production.

4.12 Furthermore, rural land that is *highly productive* cannot be subdivided under the *National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land* (unless the Council identifies it as necessary for urban development under the *National Policy Statement for Urban Development*[7]). Such farmland cannot be used for anything else but farming.

4.13 We note that the Council has a rates remission policy for considering instances of financial hardship. We think that setting a differential for rural properties is far more efficient than having to consider endless applications for rates remissions arising from financial hardship.

Recommendations:

- **That the Council adopt the maximum amount of 30% of total rate revenue allowed to be allocated to the UAGC under section 21 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 where rateable properties get an equal benefit from Council services.**
- **That the Council change the rural roading differential in the Revenue and Finance Policy to more equitably collect rates from rural properties which do not receive a higher rate of service from the general rates collected.**

6 Pages 4 and 5
7 See clauses 3.4, 3.7 and 3.8 of the National Policy Statement for High Productive Land 2022.

5 Funding of rural roads

5.1 Of all the Council's services and activities, maintenance and improvement of the rural road network is the most important activity for farmers and is virtually the only Council activity that farmers get a direct benefit from. The economic significance of farming in Masterton District makes road maintenance vitally important.

5.2 Yet our members have confirmed that their rates burden for non-roading activities is almost equal to their rates burden for roading. As spending on subsidised rural roading is going to be reduced, this is a major source of concern for farmers.

5.3 While Federated Farmers applaud the Council reducing rates increases in the coming year (compared to what was initially planned for the same period in the 2024-34 Long Term Plan), we are aware that most farmers will see higher rates increases than the proposed average of 5.2%. We are reluctant to endorse further rates increases for farmers with such large increases in non-subsidised urban roading, when expenditure on subsidised rural roading is proposed to be reduced.

Recommendation:

- **The Council should fund non-subsidised CBD roading and related CBD improvement projects from targeted rates on CBD businesses and not from general rates funded 'depreciation'. More transparency is required to clearly show that funding for these projects will be from targeted rates.**
- **Alternatively, the Council's Revenue and Finance Policy should be amended to reduce what is currently unfair debt loading of non-subsidised roading works on rural ratepayers as a result of general rate increases.**

6. Proposed Changes to Fees and Charges

6.1 Federated Farmers note the proposed increases to certain fees and charges to do with Building Act and Resource Management Act application processes and note that many of the proposed increases are under the CPI rate of inflation. We support appropriate user-pays fees and charges.

6.2 Federated Farmers note the Council's intention to not increase registration fees for working dogs. While we applaud no increases, we also support having a lower fees schedule for working dogs (compared to pet dogs). Farm working dogs are highly trained, obedient and well-supervised. As such, farm dogs generally do not present any sort on 'animal control' problem for councils that require impoundment.

6.3 Nevertheless, working dog registration fees in Masterton District should be comparable with registration fees for working dogs in similar rural districts to be considered fair and reasonable. In this regard, examples of registration fees for working dogs are set out in the table below:

District	Fee per working dog	Team of 5
Manawatu	$45	$225
Ruapehu	$35	$175
Taupo	$42	$210
Masterton	$119.50	$246.70

6.4 Based on the above, we cannot see how the Council can justify high registration fees for working dogs and recommend reducing working dog registration fees somewhat so that Masterton farmers are not at a disadvantage compared to farmers in other districts.

Recommendations:

- **That the Council set a dog registration fee somewhere between $35 to $45 per working dog, with a flat fee for a team of 5 or more working dogs, (because farmers do not get a rising benefit if they pay for each subsequent dog).**

7. FEDERATED FARMERS OF NEW ZEALAND

7.1 Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a primary sector membership organisation representing farming families and rural businesses throughout New Zealand. The economic importance of the agricultural sector to New Zealand's economy is well recognised. Its direct and indirect contribution to New Zealand's economy is about 15% and land-based primary sector exports comprise about 70% of New Zealand's total exports. Any regulation or additional cost which affects farm businesses also has the potential to impact on the New Zealand economy.

Submission Ends

Federated Farmers wishes to be heard in support of this submission

Thank you

Response No: 10

Q1	First Name	
Short Text		Melissa
Q2	Last Name	
Short Text		Hansen
Q6	Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?	
Select Box		Yes
Q7	Organisation Name	
Short Text		Wairarapa Cricket Association
Q8	Would you like to present your views at the hearing?	
Select Box		No
Q13	Do you support the general 2.6 percent increase to most fees and charges in line with the BERL local government cost index forecasts?	
Multi Choice		I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this increase
Q14	Resource Management Section 127 and Section 139 Consent Fees	
Multi Choice		I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this increase
Q15	Land Infrastructure Contributions	
Multi Choice		I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this increase
Q16	Rural Property Numbering	
Multi Choice		I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this increase
Q17	Transfer Station Charges	
Multi Choice		I support this proposed increase
Q18	Is there anything you would like to note as part of your feedback on fees and charges?	
Long Text		
Q19	Do you think the charging framework, with the three components, is a fair and reasonable approach to setting community leases.	
Multi Choice		I do not support this proposed approach
Q20	Do you support the proposed rent concession scheme for community groups that face increased charges?	
Multi Choice		I support the proposed concession scheme
Q21	Do you agree with the proposed eligibility criteria for the concession?	
Multi Choice		I support the proposed eligibility criteria
Q22	Is there anything you would like to note as part of your feedback on the proposed lease charging framework and concession scheme?	
Long Text		For sports - in respect to cricket, it is hard to increase costs for lease of facility and maintenance considerably (ours

would be a near $3,000 in crease) as this is all passed back on to our senior club teams as wicket fees. And this is significant increase for them, as all are struggling as it is with grant funding for these types of costs.

Especially considering sports are only seasonal, and therefor we are paying for something we only use for 6 months (in terms of building lease) in respect to the grandstand.

In terms of the land charge for venues that have multiple sports - such as Villa and Marist.. is that cost a shared cost between the sports eg Football / Rugby pay half and cricket pay the other half) or does each sport pay a full term?.

As cricket - we also have wicket fees we need to pay out to Greytown Cricket for their grass pitch prep, along with a couple of schools that we need ti use as there are not enough community grass or artificial pitches.

The concession scheme would be appreciated, especially as we would slowly increase what we are charging clubs / teams, rather than spring it on them straight away, as this would have an impact on our team sporting numbers and players continuing to play cricket

Q23 Is there anything else you would like to note as part of your feedback on the Annual Plan Consultation?

Long Text

Response No: 11

Q1	**First Name**
Short Text	Fleur
Q2	**Last Name**
Short Text	Hardman
Q6	**Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?**
Select Box	No
Q7	**Organisation Name**
Short Text	
Q8	**Would you like to present your views at the hearing?**
Select Box	No
Q13	**Do you support the general 2.6 percent increase to most fees and charges in line with the BERL local government cost index forecasts?**
Multi Choice	I support this proposed increase
Q14	**Resource Management Section 127 and Section 139 Consent Fees**
Multi Choice	I support this proposed increase
Q15	**Land Infrastructure Contributions**
Multi Choice	I support this proposed increase
Q16	**Rural Property Numbering**
Multi Choice	I support this proposed increase
Q17	**Transfer Station Charges**
Multi Choice	I do not support this proposed increase
Q18	**Is there anything you would like to note as part of your feedback on fees and charges?**
Long Text	I support most of the changes but am concerned if we increase transfer station fees we'll see more illegal dumping or burning of stuff that's bad for our environment. I would support a slight increase in the dumping fee if the green waste fee was reduced by a similar percentage as that might encourage proper disposal of green waste
Q19	**Do you think the charging framework, with the three components, is a fair and reasonable approach to setting community leases.**
Multi Choice	I support this proposed approach
Q20	**Do you support the proposed rent concession scheme for community groups that face increased charges?**
Multi Choice	I support the proposed concession scheme
Q21	**Do you agree with the proposed eligibility criteria for the concession?**
Multi Choice	I support the proposed eligibility criteria

Q22 **Is there anything you would like to note as part of your feedback on the proposed lease charging framework and concession scheme?**

Long Text

Q23 **Is there anything else you would like to note as part of your feedback on the Annual Plan Consultation?**

Long Text

Response No: 12

Q1	**First Name**
Short Text	Barry
Q2	**Last Name**
Short Text	Jessop
Q6	**Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?**
Select Box	No
Q7	**Organisation Name**
Short Text	
Q8	**Would you like to present your views at the hearing?**
Select Box	No
Q13	**Do you support the general 2.6 percent increase to most fees and charges in line with the BERL local government cost index forecasts?**
Multi Choice	I support this proposed increase
Q14	**Resource Management Section 127 and Section 139 Consent Fees**
Multi Choice	I do not support this proposed increase
Q15	**Land Infrastructure Contributions**
Multi Choice	I do not support this proposed increase
Q16	**Rural Property Numbering**
Multi Choice	I do not support this proposed increase
Q17	**Transfer Station Charges**
Multi Choice	I do not support this proposed increase
Q18	**Is there anything you would like to note as part of your feedback on fees and charges?**
Long Text	Many people are finding things financially very tough and think that increases in costs should be kept to a minimum.
Q19	**Do you think the charging framework, with the three components, is a fair and reasonable approach to setting community leases.**
Multi Choice	I support this proposed approach
Q20	**Do you support the proposed rent concession scheme for community groups that face increased charges?**
Multi Choice	I support the proposed concession scheme
Q21	**Do you agree with the proposed eligibility criteria for the concession?**
Multi Choice	I support the proposed eligibility criteria
Q22	**Is there anything you would like to note as part of your feedback on the proposed lease charging framework and concession scheme?**
Long Text	

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Q23 Is there anything else you would like to note as part of your feedback on the Annual Plan Consultation?

Long Text

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#13

Submission to Masterton District Council

Regarding: Proposed Community Lease Charging Framework

Date: 22 April 2026

To: Masterton District Council

Attn: Submissions Team

From: Masterton Croquet Club Incorporated

Contact:

Dear Council,

1. Purpose of this submission

I am making this submission to Masterton District Council regarding the **Proposed Community Lease Charging Framework**. We **oppose the proposed charges**, particularly the scale of the increase for community clubs. We request that Council **does not adopt the proposed fees in their current form**, and instead adopts a fair, affordable approach that recognises the community benefit delivered by volunteer-run clubs.

2. Background

By way of background:

- Over a 200% increase from our past payment
- Puts extra costs on our members who already pay a fair membership fee plus daily attendance fees just to cover our costs of lawn maintenance to which we have volunteer staff. No charges to the Council

3. Submission (key points)

We are very concerned with the extra costs put upon our members to cover the large increase in Lease costs.

We rely on outside funding in the form of Grants, but we cannot always rely on gaining these when there are so many other Clubs vying for the same results.

The majority of our members are elderly persons with an average age of 76 and some of these members suffer from dementia but this does not deter the Club from accepting

these persons as they receive in return Comradeship, exercise and are not decimated against.

My submission is set out below.

4. Requested decision / recommendations

I request that Council:

- **Withdraw the proposed increase** for community leaseholders and retain the current lease charge while the framework is reviewed with affected clubs.
- **If changes proceed, phase them in gradually** (e.g., over multiple years) with a clear cap on annual increases to avoid sudden cost shocks.
- **Provide a community/volunteer club rate or remission policy** that recognises not-for-profit status, volunteer delivery, and measurable community benefit.
- **Engage directly with affected clubs** before final decisions, including sharing the cost assumptions and modelling used to set the charges.

5. Hearing (if applicable)

We **wish to be heard** in support of this submission. Please contact us to confirm hearing dates and times.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours faithfully,

Russell Ward

President

Masterton Croquet Club Incorporated

Outlook

Community Lease Charging Framework

From Masterton Miniature Railway <mastertonminiaturetrains@gmail.com>
Date Tue 4/28/2026 8:03 AM
To Submissions Sub <submissions@mstn.govt.nz>

Masterton Miniature Train Society Inc is a not for profit society providing a service for Masterton and the council by operating the miniature railway in Queen Elizabeth Park as an attraction / destination. We own and maintain the railway track, tunnel, station building and rolling stock. We are self funding and don't often chase grant funding other than for major projects

We are comfortable with the proposed framework and indicative costs. We see the proposal as giving us more certainty of tenure over the current arrangements.

We do not wish to be heard in respect of this matter.

Masterton Miniature Train Society Inc
Alec Birch
Secretary/Treasurer

Response No: 15

Q1	First Name	
Short Text		Gabrielle
Q2	Last Name	
Short Text		Martell-Turner
Q6	Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?	
Select Box		No
Q7	Organisation Name	
Short Text		
Q8	Would you like to present your views at the hearing?	
Select Box		No
Q13	Do you support the general 2.6 percent increase to most fees and charges in line with the BERL local government cost index forecasts?	
Multi Choice		I do not support this proposed increase
Q14	Resource Management Section 127 and Section 139 Consent Fees	
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Multi Choice		I do not support this proposed increase
Q16	Rural Property Numbering	
Multi Choice		I do not support this proposed increase
Q17	Transfer Station Charges	
Multi Choice		I do not support this proposed increase
Q18	Is there anything you would like to note as part of your feedback on fees and charges?	
Long Text		As a 6 year resident of Masterton, I'm continually disappointed by the work of MDC. I watched in dismay when so much money was spent on the so called flood control areas, only to see more damaged caused when the first flood hit. The vulnerable people in Masterton are hurting. You aren't listening to us. You are ploughing ahead with disregard to what we spoke of at the public meetings. We have NO money. We can't afford to live here already! Charging us more, will mean more young families leaving.
Q19	Do you think the charging framework, with the three components, is a fair and reasonable approach to setting community leases.	
Multi Choice		I do not support this proposed approach
Q20	Do you support the proposed rent concession scheme for community groups that face increased charges?	
Multi Choice		I support the proposed concession scheme
Q21	Do you agree with the proposed eligibility criteria for the concession?	
Multi Choice		I do not have a view on this or am unsure about the eligibility criteria

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Q22 **Is there anything you would like to note as part of your feedback on the proposed lease charging framework and concession scheme?**

Long Text

Try to support our local businesses, instead of causing more financial pain. All the will happen is the increases will fall onto us, the public.

Q23 **Is there anything else you would like to note as part of your feedback on the Annual Plan Consultation?**

Long Text

Where are all the community endeavours we talked about at our meetings? Where are our lake and river upgrade plans? Where are our pleas for for better access for disabled and vulnerable people. Where are our pleas for more share, more shared natured spaces? Our upgraded public transport?

Response No: 16

Q1	First Name	
Short Text	Sean	
Q2	Last Name	
Short Text	McBride	
Q6	Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?	
Select Box	Yes	
Q7	Organisation Name	
Short Text	Juken New Zealand Ltd	
Q8	Would you like to present your views at the hearing?	
Select Box	No	
Q13	Do you support the general 2.6 percent increase to most fees and charges in line with the BERL local government cost index forecasts?	
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Q17	Transfer Station Charges	
Multi Choice	I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this increase	
Q18	Is there anything you would like to note as part of your feedback on fees and charges?	
Long Text	JNL supports Council's disciplined financial management and commitment to core infrastructure investment. However, JNL has concerns regarding proposed step-changes in certain user fees and infrastructure contributions and seeks greater transparency to ensure these settings do not deter productive investment. JNL generally supports the proposed 2.6 percent inflation-based increase to most fees. However, targeted increases to RMA s127 and s139A fees and infrastructure contributions require clearer cost justification and mitigation pathways for large industrial users.	
Q19	Do you think the charging framework, with the three components, is a fair and reasonable approach to setting community leases.	
Multi Choice	I support this proposed approach	
Q20	Do you support the proposed rent concession scheme for community groups that face increased charges?	
Multi Choice	I support the proposed concession scheme	

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Q21 **Do you agree with the proposed eligibility criteria for the concession?**

Multi Choice I do not have a view on this or am unsure about the eligibility criteria

Q22 **Is there anything you would like to note as part of your feedback on the proposed lease charging framework and concession scheme?**

Long Text JNL supports a transparent and consistent lease charging framework for community organisations, provided concession processes remain simple and proportionate.

Q23 **Is there anything else you would like to note as part of your feedback on the Annual Plan Consultation?**

Long Text JNL acknowledges the reduced average rates increase of 5.2 percent. However, clarity is sought on roading capital expenditure deferrals and assurance that critical freight corridors supporting forestry and processing operations are prioritised.

Response No: 17

Q1	First Name	
Short Text		Kirsty
Q2	Last Name	
Short Text		McKenzie
Q6	Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?	
Select Box		No
Q7	Organisation Name	
Short Text		
Q8	Would you like to present your views at the hearing?	
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Q22	Is there anything you would like to note as part of your feedback on the proposed lease charging framework and concession scheme?	
Long Text		

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Q23 Is there anything else you would like to note as part of your feedback on the Annual Plan Consultation?

Long Text

Could I suggest public toilets in the Lansdowne shopping centre would be a good idea.

Also we need cycleways linked up between towns as with climate change, uncertainty with fossil fuel supplies and increasingly larger, heavier vehicles on the local roads cycling safely needs prioritizing. This is also great for tourism as shown by the success of cycle trails in the South Island particularly.

Response No: 18

Q1	First Name	
Short Text		James
Q2	Last Name	
Short Text		McNabb
Q6	Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?	
Select Box		No
Q7	Organisation Name	
Short Text		
Q8	Would you like to present your views at the hearing?	
Select Box		No
Q13	Do you support the general 2.6 percent increase to most fees and charges in line with the BERL local government cost index forecasts?	
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Long Text		

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Q23 Is there anything else you would like to note as part of your feedback on the Annual Plan Consultation?

Long Text

Response No: 19

Q1	First Name	
Short Text		Julian
Q2	Last Name	
Short Text		Moss
Q6	Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?	
Select Box		No
Q7	Organisation Name	
Short Text		
Q8	Would you like to present your views at the hearing?	
Select Box		No
Q13	Do you support the general 2.6 percent increase to most fees and charges in line with the BERL local government cost index forecasts?	
Multi Choice		I do not support this proposed increase
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Multi Choice		I do not support this proposed increase
Q16	Rural Property Numbering	
Multi Choice		I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this increase
Q17	Transfer Station Charges	
Multi Choice		I do not support this proposed increase
Q18	Is there anything you would like to note as part of your feedback on fees and charges?	
Long Text		Mid-way along Second Street floods. If the Council is struggling to fund core infrastructure like the Second Street drainage, why are we still discounting Infrastructure Contributions for developers by 65%? Why are existing ratepayers subsidising the 'buy-in' price for new developments?
Q19	Do you think the charging framework, with the three components, is a fair and reasonable approach to setting community leases.	
Multi Choice		I do not support this proposed approach
Q20	Do you support the proposed rent concession scheme for community groups that face increased charges?	
Multi Choice		I do not support the proposed concession scheme
Q21	Do you agree with the proposed eligibility criteria for the concession?	
Multi Choice		I do not have a view on this or am unsure about the eligibility criteria

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Long Text

While I support fiscal responsibility, Proposal 2 appears to be a 'stealth tax' to offset the Council's own internal overspending. The Council should not be looking to squeeze volunteer-run community groups for revenue while it continues to spend millions on administrative offices (Waiata House) and consultant reports. Cut the office expansion first before you tax the volunteers. Increasing costs for sports clubs and community organisations further strains the social fabric of Masterton during a cost-of-living crisis. I oppose any lease framework that increases the net cost to community groups. I request that the Council provide a list of exactly which local clubs will see a cost increase under this policy and by what percentage.

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Long Text

Why is the Council allocating $25 million to a new Town Hall and $8.7 million to the Waiata House office expansion while known flood-prone residential areas like Second Street remain unaddressed? I would like to see that funding be diverted from these "nice-to-have" buildings into urgent stormwater and flood-protection infrastructure. The safety of our homes from flood risk and the quality of our core infrastructure are the only true priorities. I expect the Council to stop the cycle of endless consulting and start delivering the basic services we pay for. It would be good to have a transparent audit of all consultant spending related to the civic facility over the last 10 years. Ratepayers deserve to know how much has been spent on "advice" that has led only to further delays and higher costs.

Response No: 20

Q1	First Name	
Short Text	Tracey	
Q2	Last Name	
Short Text	Owen	
Q6	Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?	
Select Box	No	
Q7	Organisation Name	
Short Text		
Q8	Would you like to present your views at the hearing?	
Select Box	No	
Q13	Do you support the general 2.6 percent increase to most fees and charges in line with the BERL local government cost index forecasts?	
Multi Choice	I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this increase	
Q14	Resource Management Section 127 and Section 139 Consent Fees	
Multi Choice	I do not support this proposed increase	
Q15	Land Infrastructure Contributions	
Multi Choice	I support this proposed increase	
Q16	Rural Property Numbering	
Multi Choice	I support this proposed increase	
Q17	Transfer Station Charges	
Multi Choice	I do not support this proposed increase	
Q18	Is there anything you would like to note as part of your feedback on fees and charges?	
Long Text	Increasing transfer station fees will reduce the number of people using the service. People cannot afford the extra increase which leads to environmental problems	
Q19	Do you think the charging framework, with the three components, is a fair and reasonable approach to setting community leases.	
Multi Choice	I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this approach	
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Multi Choice	I support the proposed concession scheme	
Q21	Do you agree with the proposed eligibility criteria for the concession?	
Multi Choice	I do not have a view on this or am unsure about the eligibility criteria	

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Long Text

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Long Text

Response No: 21

Q1	First Name	
Short Text	Phil	
Q2	Last Name	
Short Text	Robertson	
Q6	Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?	
Select Box	No	
Q7	Organisation Name	
Short Text		
Q8	Would you like to present your views at the hearing?	
Select Box	No	
Q13	Do you support the general 2.6 percent increase to most fees and charges in line with the BERL local government cost index forecasts?	
Multi Choice	I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this increase	
Q14	Resource Management Section 127 and Section 139 Consent Fees	
Multi Choice	I do not support this proposed increase	
Q15	Land Infrastructure Contributions	
Multi Choice	I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this increase	
Q16	Rural Property Numbering	
Multi Choice	I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this increase	
Q17	Transfer Station Charges	
Multi Choice	I do not support this proposed increase	
Q18	Is there anything you would like to note as part of your feedback on fees and charges?	
Long Text	I understand that some increases are needed to cover inflation. Ratepayers do not have a never ending supply of money though and council needs to focus on basics in the present economic situation, and not 'nice to haves'.	
Q19	Do you think the charging framework, with the three components, is a fair and reasonable approach to setting community leases.	
Multi Choice	I support this proposed approach	
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Long Text

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Long Text Council needs to be more upfront about proposed spending. The recent town hall decision is an example of this not happening with some councilors changing their stance from what they ere elected on.

Response No: 22

Q1	First Name	
Short Text		Mavis
Q2	Last Name	
Short Text		Saxton
Q6	Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?	
Select Box		No
Q7	Organisation Name	
Short Text		
Q8	Would you like to present your views at the hearing?	
Select Box		No
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Q17	Transfer Station Charges	
Multi Choice		I support this proposed increase
Q18	Is there anything you would like to note as part of your feedback on fees and charges?	
Long Text		These increases are huge. I would like to know why these particular actions demand such high costs? They do not seem very realistic in a business world. The processes need to be reviewed and simplified.
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Long Text

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Long Text

Response No: 23

Q1	First Name	
Short Text		Danielle
Q2	Last Name	
Short Text		Stark
Q6	Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?	
Select Box		No
Q7	Organisation Name	
Short Text		
Q8	Would you like to present your views at the hearing?	
Select Box		No
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Long Text		

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Q23 Is there anything else you would like to note as part of your feedback on the Annual Plan Consultation?

Long Text

Response No: 24

Q1	First Name	
Short Text	Marquerite	
Q2	Last Name	
Short Text	Vierstraete-Williams	
Q6	Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?	
Select Box	No	
Q7	Organisation Name	
Short Text		
Q8	Would you like to present your views at the hearing?	
Select Box	No	
Q13	Do you support the general 2.6 percent increase to most fees and charges in line with the BERL local government cost index forecasts?	
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Long Text