



### Specialist Area: Local Government – Annual Plans and Long-Term Council Community Plans

The Local Government Act 2002 is relatively prescriptive in terms of councils' approach to strategic and annual planning. Many local authorities find they need additional capability on a short-term basis to cover their full range of requirements.

With the initial round of LTCCPs behind them, councils should be thinking toward:

- Taking an integrated approach to planning as an ongoing process.
- Improving the quality of non-financial monitoring and reporting.
- "Having the right debate", including linking the LTCCP process to community outcome priorities and data monitoring.
- Preparing summaries of the Annual Plan and LTCCP which engage local communities.
- Ensuring asset management plans are user-friendly and add value to the organisation.
- Getting the right mix of high-level strategy and management detail within planning documents.
- Reviewing levels of service and monitoring key performance indicators.
- Developing city, district and regional-level planning frameworks that are integrated with the LTCCP and provide a focus for all stakeholders.
- Reviewing council processes to ensure planning enhances decision-making.

APR Consultants has dealt with most elements of the 'LTCCP Jigsaw' including growth and demand projections, level of service reviews, community outcomes monitoring and overall project planning.

APR staff have been involved in developing LTCCPs in Hamilton City and the Rotorua and South Waikato Districts.

APR Consultants would be pleased to discuss your council's strategic support requirements.

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