Proposal to change our rate structure

Chamber of Commerce meeting
Why do we want to be an internationally competitive city

• Internationally competitive cities are about people – they are cities that can compete on the world stage.

An internationally competitive city:
• has reliable travel times with strong connectivity
• builds city centres that are well planned, resilient and consider the environment
• has high levels of amenity and provides for all of the community
How does our investment support your business?

- Attracting and retaining staff
- Improving customer base
- Improving speed of delivery, transport and logistics
- Addressing long-term business sustainability
This investment is not just about business

- Most of you are residential ratepayers as well

- This proposal rebalances who pays for the investment in Tauranga

- Speaks to the fact that cities are about people…
Our current rating system

- Regressive
- Inequitable
- Overly constrained by affordability
TCC rating structure

• General rates
• Uniform rates
• Targeted rates
• Wastewater rates
• Volumetric water rates

Current rates structure

Proposed rates structure
Our current system
Impact of proposals on commercial ratepayers

- 285 (8%) commercial properties would have reduced rates
- 972 (29%) commercial properties would have the same or less than the current system
- 1,816 (54%) commercial properties would have less than $20 per week increase (<$12 p/w additional rates)
- 59 (top 2%) commercial properties would pay one-third of the total increase in commercial sector rates
What’s next?

• March 2018 – LTP Consultation Document
• April 2018 – community and stakeholder submissions and feedback
• May 2018 – hearings
• June 2018 – Council decides on proposed changes to rating structure
• You can email feedback to info@tauranga.govt.nz