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Annual Plan Adopted

Selwyn District Council's Annual Plan for the coming year has been adopted.

Mayor Kelvin Coe says that the Annual Plan supports the Council's focus on investing in infrastructure and community facilities for Selwyn District, which has experienced the fastest population growth in New Zealand over the past five years and the strongest economic growth in the country over the past year.

"Last month we opened our new Aquatic Centre, and over the next 12 months we will see the opening of a new library in Lincoln, and the completion of the Eastern Selwyn Sewerage Scheme," he says.

92 submissions were received on the draft plan, covering a range of issues, such as transportation expenditure, land drainage, community halls and other topics.

This year's Annual Plan also includes \$1 million in increased expenditure on roading. The money will be used to continue to maintain roads to their current standard, as the level of funding the Council receives from the New Zealand Transport Agency has reduced. Submissions from the public indicated that people did not want the standard of roads in the district to decline. The Council will be looking at how it can continue to fund road maintenance work in future years with a reduced level of government subsidy.

As part of the Annual Plan, the Council also consulted on a proposal to liquidate Selwyn Investment Holdings Limited (SIHL). This proposal has now been approved by the Council, and will remove overhead costs previously associated with running the company and increase investment income.

The average rates increase for 2013/14 is 5.3% - down from 5.8% proposed in the Long Term Plan. Actual rate increases will vary, as they depend on the services ratepayers receive and the relative change in their property value following a revaluation across the district.

A new plan to guide the future of community centres and halls in the district has also been adopted by the Council, following consultation. Most submitters on the Annual

Plan supported the new approach to facility management based on facility clusters supporting each other.

Mayor Coe is thanking submitters who made submissions and attended a hearing. Staff will be writing to submitters to advise them of the response to their submission.

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