

ORDER PAPER

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 29 September 2022

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Chair: HWTM Andy Watson

Deputy Chair: Cr Nigel Belsham

Membership: Cr Brian Carter
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Tracey Hiroa
Cr Waru Panapa
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Coral Raukawa

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Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council of the Rangitikei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitikei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Thursday, 29 September 2022 at 1.00 pm.

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1 Welcome

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

Mr Paul McLean will talk to Council about rates on a personal property.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

A report on the the disposal of properties in Bulls may be tabled in the Public Excluded agenda.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 August 2022 are attached.

Attachments

1. Ordinary Council Meeting - 25 August 2022

Recommendation

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 August 2022, **[as amended/without amendment]**, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Mayor be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

MINUTES



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Making this place home.

ITEM 6.1

ATTACHMENT 1

UNCONFIRMED: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 25 August 2022

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Waru Panapa
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Cath Ash *[via Zoom]*
Cr Coral Raukawa

In attendance

Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager – Democracy and Planning
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager – Corporate Services
Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager – Community Services
Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager – People and Performance *[via Zoom]*
Mr Johan Cullis, Manager – Regulatory Services *[via Zoom]*
Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager – Community Development
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner
Ms Georgia Etheridge, Corporate Planning Advisor
Mr Philip Gifford, Project Engineer – Roading
Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 1.02 pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/291

That the apology for Cr Hiroa be received.

Cr N Belsham/Cr A Gordon. Carried

3 Public Forum

Mr Jock Stratton and Mr Paul McLaren tabled a map on the Erewhon Rural Water scheme. Mr Stratton advised that the scheme's unit rate was recently doubled in order to cover its financial deficit. It is projected that the scheme will require up to \$3 m over the next 10 years, which is beyond the scheme's capabilities. The Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee wish to have an external review of the scheme carried out, which would include a review of the asset conditions and network performance. The cost of the review is currently unknown, and depends on the breadth of the review's scope. The Sub-Committee is requesting that Council cover 50% of the cost of the review, up to a maximum contribution of \$50,000.

Mr Beggs advised that a report on the scheme and this financial request will be submitted to the September Council meeting.

In response to a query, Mr McLaren confirmed that several sections of the scheme's infrastructure is reaching end-of-life.

In response to a query, Mr Stratton advised that if the scheme were to be disestablished there would be significant de-stocking required from current users.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Duncan declared a conflict of interest in relation to the public forum presentation from Mr Stratton and Mr McLaren, as she is a user of the scheme.

Cr Duncan declared a conflict of interest in relation to the Project Management Officer report (specifically the Taihape Grandstand project), as she is now the Chair of the fundraising committee for the grandstand.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

A late item (Kensington Road, Marton – Plentyful lease and Purchase) was discussed in the public excluded session of this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/292

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 July 2022, without amendment, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of His Worship the Mayor be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Cr R Lambert/Cr B Carter. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Undertaking:

Staff to investigate the length of the licence to occupy for the unformed road at the South approach to Mokai Bridge and update action item 28 accordingly.

Cr Raukawa confirmed that she has been consulted regarding the correction of place names within the Destination Management Plan, and this (action item 18) can now be closed.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/293

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings' be received.

Cr A Gordon/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - August 2022

Council agreed that a report identifying earthquake-prone buildings within the District should be provided to a future Council meeting.

In response to a query around the Three Waters Reform, the Mayor confirmed that both his position, and the position of Council, was that they do not support it. The Mayor detailed the reasons for this in the Council's submission to the Government's Finance and Expenditure Select Committee for the Water Services Entity Bill.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/294

That the Mayor's Report – August 2022 be received.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/295

That a report is presented to Council detailing the compliance status under earthquake-prone legislation for all buildings in the Rangitikei District.

Cr C Ash/Cr N Belsham. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - August 2022

Health, Safety and Wellbeing Update

In response to a query around the reduction in driver ratings, Mrs Grant advised that there has been no change in rating criteria and that individual staff are engaged with around any poor driving habits.

Staff Movements

Mr Beggs noted that high staff turnover is currently a sector-wide trend in local government. The Mayor agreed, noting that there is significant competition for staff from new central government entities.

Mrs Grant advised that staff have introduced exit interviews as a part of the offboarding process for departing employees. This process is offered to staff at the time of their notice of resignation. The uptake by exiting staff has been good so far. Any common trends that arise from this process will be reported to Council on a six-monthly basis.

In response to a query, Mrs Grant confirmed that employees are provided with the option of having an exit interview with an external interviewer.

Signing of Funding Agreement – Department of Internal Affairs and Rangitikei District Council

There was discussion around whether this agreement included any clauses that might inhibit the ability of Council to speak against the Three Waters Reform in future. In response to this, Mr Beggs advised that there was nothing in the agreement that caused him concern, and that he was comfortable that Council would not be subject to any undue risk in signing it.

Council agreed with the Chief Executive's assessment, noting that participation in the Three Waters Reform was not optional and that this funding would assist staff in providing the required information to central government.

The Future of Inter-Regional Passenger Transport

In response to a query, Ms Etheridge advised that the due date for feedback from elected members was 05 September. It was suggested that the Youth Council be approached for input on this submission.

Building Consent System Review

In response to a query, Mr Beggs advised that Mr Cullis is contributing to the BOINZ (Building Officials Institute) submission. Mr Beggs reiterated the new process on external submissions, advising that the Executive Leadership Team review submissions and decide which ones are

significant enough to come to Council and which ones can be responded to directly by staff. In some cases, there is insufficient time or resources available to provide a submission.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/296

That that Chief Executive's Report – August 2022 be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/297

That Council approves the Chief Executive to sign the Funding Agreement between the Department of Internal Affairs and Rangitikei District Council in order to receive three waters transition funding of \$353,000, paid in four quarterly instalments.

Cr N Belsham/Cr D Wilson. Carried
Cr Ash voted against the motion.

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Recent Weather Event Damage to Road Network

In response to a query, Mr Gifford advised that staff are in contact with several landowners with regards to blocked drainage on Mangahoe Road, although work to clear this will need to wait until summer.

Mr Beggs advised that due to the time-sensitive nature of this event staff are requesting approval to begin emergency works. Although the 84% emergency FAR subsidy from Waka Kotahi is not yet confirmed, there is precedent in place to support this funding and staff have previously received clarity from Waka Kotahi around their level of support. Staff are confident that the funding from Waka Kotahi will proceed as usual.

In response to a query, Mr Benadie advised that there are some provisions available for emergency funding. If these provisions are not sufficient, staff will bring other alternative funding options to a future Council meeting.

In response to a query about the possibility of depositing slip material on adjacent farms (with the landowners permission), Mr Gifford advised that Horizons Regional Council has strict rules in place around this process. Mr Benadie agreed, noting that it can be difficult to get these types of sites consented.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/298

That the report 'Recent Weather Event Damage to Road Network' be received.

Cr N Belsham/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/299

That the Council approves additional expenditure of up to \$825,000 and \$2,352,000 plus GST for roading emergency works for the May and June 2022 weather events, noting 84% of the expenditure will be claimed as a Waka Kotahi subsidy but that the claim has not yet been approved.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

10.2 Mayors Task Force for Jobs - Service Delivery

Council agreed that James Towers Consultants Limited should be offered the contract for the delivery of the Mahi Tahi programme, noting that they have the ability to engage with other sub-contractors as needed.

In response to a query, Ms Prince confirmed that James Towers Consultants Limited and Ngā Wairiki *Ngāti Apa* have an existing commercial relationship.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/300

That the report 'Mayors Task Force for Jobs – Service Delivery' be received.

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/301

That Council endorses the opt-out procurement rule (Rule 11) of the Procurement Policy enabling James Towers Consultants Limited to undertake the service delivery of the Mayors Task Force for Jobs/Mahi Tahi programme to 30 June 2023.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/302

That the Chief Executive be authorised to sign a contract with James Towers Consultants Limited not to exceed \$450,000 for the provision of the Mayors Task Force for Jobs/Mahi Tahi programme to 30 June 2023.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

10.3 Potential Projects for Better off funding - Tranche One

Mr Beggs advised that the Business cases for housing, Development of Climate Impact Strategy and Action Plan, and the Acceleration of District Plan Review are already in the 2022/23 Annual Plan.

Acceleration of District Plan Review – Housing

The Mayor noted that \$227,000 of this money has been approved via the 2022/23 Annual Plan. In response to a query, Ms Gray confirmed that this money has not yet been spent and was waiting for approval from the Better Off funding process.

In response to a query, Ms Gray advised that the approval of this funding would allow staff to progress phase 1 of the District Plan Review prior to the Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond (Spatial Plan) being completed. The funding would be used to acquire another staff resource.

The meeting was adjourned at 3.03 pm and reconvened at 3.15 pm.

Hautapu River Parks Project, Taihape

The Mayor noted that this proposed work is similar to what was completed the Marton B and C dams.

Mr Beggs noted that the cost of depreciation and maintenance would be \$42,000 per year, but that this is subject to a future decision by Council. Council agreed that should funding be approved, a formal agreement should be established with the Friends of Taihape Society, for them to conduct ongoing maintenance of the bridge.

Town Centre Regeneration Investment Study

Council had reservations around this project, noting that it was a substantial sum of money and that the report on this was not very detailed.

In response to a query, Mr Benadie advised that the funding would be apportioned to Marton, Bulls and Taihape, and any remaining funding would be contributed to smaller centres.

Ms Gray advised that this project would be aligned with the Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond (Spatial Plan), and would include some wayfinding and streetscape development.

Investigation & Design – Flood Protection Marton CBD

Mr Benadie advised that as part of this project, a detailed design along the Tūtaenui stream would be completed, with the intent of then developing a high level design of measures to prevent significant flooding in the Marton CBD.

Council noted that flood protection is the responsibility of the Horizons Regional Council, and that ratepayers in Marton are rated accordingly. Despite this, Council felt that it was imperative to apply for this funding and progress the project.

Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Support – Environmental and/or Cultural Projects

Council agreed to delay making a decision on this funding until the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti have held a workshop (scheduled for 16 September) to discuss what they would use the funding for.

Investigation & Design – Taihape Civic Centre

In response to a query, the Mayor advised that this project is contained in the Long Term Plan 2021-31, and that this funding would allow staff to progress it more quickly.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/303

That the report 'Potential Projects for Better Off funding Tranche One' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr A Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/304

That Council approves the following projects being submitted for Tranche 1 – Better off funding:

- Business cases for housing \$50,000
- Development of Climate Impact Strategy and Action Plan \$75,000
- Acceleration of District Plan Review – Housing \$427,000

- Hautapu River Parks Project, Taihape \$375,000
- Town Centre Regeneration Investment Study \$200,000
- Investigation & Design – Flood Protection Marton CBD \$120,000
- Investigation & Design – Taihape Civic Centre \$1,853,000 (or balance of funds)

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/305

That, should “better off” funding be received for the Hautapu River Parks Project, Council enters into a formal agreement with the Friends of Taihape for them to conduct ongoing maintenance of the bridges.

Cr N Belsham/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/306

That Council has left to lie on the table (until Council’s meeting 29 September 2022) the decision for funding for Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti as part of the submission for Tranche 1 – Better off funding.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Statement of Service Performance - 2021/22

Ms Prince advised that staff have identified five economic development strategy areas.

In response to a query, Ms Prince confirmed that the \$170,000 increase to the economic development budget was comprised of \$90,000 for the Destination Management Plan and \$82,000 for information gather, business surveys and other costs.

Ms Prince advised that as part of the Long Term Plan 2021-31 there were three key actions; the management of the visitor website; implementation of the housing strategy; and implementation of the economic development strategy. Future reporting on this will be updated, and will show info-metric material that is related back to the Long Term Plan.

In response to a query, Mr Benadie advised that the Statement of Service Performance demonstrates compliance against national standards and not specific parameters.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/307

That the report “Statement of Service Performance 2021/22” be received.

Cr A Gordon/Cr B Carter. Carried

11.2 LGNZ Conference 2022

Cr Panapa and Cr Dalgety spoke to their reports.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/308

That Cr Panapa's report on the LGNZ Conference 2022 be received.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/309

That Cr Dalgety's report on the LGNZ Conference 2022 be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

11.3 Project Management Office Report - August 2022

Mangaweka Bridge Replacement

Council noted that this project was largely complete, and they were happy for it to be removed from future PMO reporting.

Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project

The Mayor noted some concerns around the unconfirmed costs for this project. Mr Benadie agreed that generally it was important to have rigour and certainty around figures, but that this project was still in the early stages and staff could not provide concrete cost estimates.

Bulls Bus Lane and Town Square

Mr Benadie confirmed that this project is now complete, and will be removed from future PMO reporting.

Cr Dalgety suggested that rubbish bins should be placed at the site.

The Mayor advised that a recent publication had stated that the cost of the building was \$8.3 m. He clarified that this is the cost of the total project, and that the cost of the building was \$4.65 m.

Taihape Amenities Building

In response to a query around steel manufacturer delays, Mr Benadie advised that there many risks for delay with this project due to the state of the construction industry and shortage of external supplies.

Taihape Grandstand

In response to comments around the public perception of this project, Mr Benadie agreed that it was timely for staff to promulgate information around the project's status. The Mayor agreed, noting that it was important for the community to have an understanding of the likely cost of this project as early as possible.

Miscellaneous

In response to a query, Mr Benadie advised that the pump at Scotts Ferry has a back-up generator.

In response to a query, Mr Benadie confirmed that the Mangaweka ablutions block was on target for completion in August.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/310

That the Project Management Office Report – August 2022 be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr R Lambert. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/311

That the following minutes are received:

- Hunterville Community Committee, 01 August 2022
- Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee, 25 July 2022
- Ratana Community Board, 09 August 2022
- Santoft Domain Management Committee, 27 July 2022
- Turakina Community Committee, 04 August 2022
- Youth Council, 12 July 2022

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

13 Recommendations from Committees

13.1 Recommendation from the Ratana Community Board

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/312

That Council approves the below recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee meeting on 09 August 2022:

- The Ratana Community Board recommends that Council approves the lowering of the speed on Ratana Road to 80kph and within the Ratana township to 40kph.

Cr W Panapa/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

14 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 4.46 pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/313

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

1. Public Excluded Council Meeting - 28 July 2022
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Poplar Grove Boundary Adjustment update
4. Bulls Property Disposals
5. Bulls residential development update
6. Late Item – Kensington Road, Marton – Plentyful lease and Purchase

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987* for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
14.1 – Public Excluded Council Meeting – 28 July 2022	s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)
14.2 – Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings	s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
14.3 – Poplar Grove Boundary Adjustment update	s7(2)(a) - Privacy	s48(1)(a)(i)
14.4 – Bulls Property Disposals	s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
14.5 – Bulls residential development update	s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
14.6 – Late Item – Kensington Road, Marton – Plentyful lease and Purchase	s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

15 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 5.36 pm.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/329

That the public excluded meeting move into an open meeting, and the below recommendations be confirmed in the open meeting:

22/RDC/314 - 22/RDC/328

Cr G Duncan/Cr W Panapa. Carried

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 September 2022.

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Chairperson

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Council meetings. Items indicate who is responsible for each follow up, and a brief status comment.

2. Decision Making Process

- 2.1 Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

Attachments:

1. Follow-up Actions Register [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings' be received.

Current Follow-up Actions

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1	25-Aug-22	As per Cr Raukawa's comments around the Marton Memorial Hall; Staff to look into providing clearer instructions on site for its cleaning.	Kelly Ross	We have produced new written instructions about cleaning processes for the users. We also have a new machine for staff cleaners to used on the wooden floors between events.	Closed
2	25-Aug-22	As per the comments from Cr Duncan and HWTM; Staff to promulgate information around the current status of the Taihape Grandstand.	Arno Benadie	A separate report is provided on the September Order Paper.	Closed
3	25-Aug-22	As per Cr Dalgety's suggestion; Staff to consider placing rubbish bins at the new Bulls Town Square.	Arno Benadie	One new bin installed at the bus lane and two additional bins to follow once received.	In progress
4	25-Aug-22	Regarding the PMO report; Staff to remove both the "Mangaweka Bridge Replacement" and "Bulls Bus Lane and Town Square" as items on the report.	Arno Benadie	Completed in the PMO report of the September 2022 Council meeting	Closed
5	25-Aug-22	As per resolution 22/RDC/306 : That Council has left to lie on the table (until Council's meeting 29 September 2022) the decision for funding for Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti as part of the submission for Tranche 1 – Better off funding.	Gaylene Prince	A separate report is provided on the September Order Paper.	Closed
6	25-Aug-22	As per resolution 22/RDC/305 : That, should "better off" funding be received for the Hautapu River Parks Project, Council enters into a formal agreement with the Friends of Taihape for them to conduct ongoing maintenance of the bridges.	Gaylene Prince	Noted.	In progress
7	25-Aug-22	As per resolution 22/RDC/304 : That Council approves the following projects being submitted for Tranche 1 – Better off funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business cases for housing \$50,000 • Development of Climate Impact Strategy and Action Plan \$75,000 • Acceleration of District Plan Review – Housing \$427,000 • Hautapu River Parks Project, Taihape \$375,000 • Town Centre Regeneration Investment Study \$200,000 • Investigation & Design – Flood Protection Marton CBD \$120,000 • Investigation & Design – Taihape Civic Centre \$1,853,000 (or balance of funds) ... noting that at this stage the Taihape Civic Centre application should be for \$1,853,000 (not the balance of funds), as the remaining \$200 k in Tranche One funding is subject to a future decision from Council around funding for TRAK (refer to 22/RDC/306).	Gaylene Prince	Noted.	In progress

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8	25-Aug-22	As per resolutions 22/RDC/301 - 302 : Council opted out of procurement rule 11 and authorised the Chief Executive to sign a contract with James Towers Consultants Limited not to exceed \$450,000 for the provision of the Mayors Task Force for Jobs/Mahi Tahī programme to 30 June 2023	CE / Gaylene Prince	A Contract has been prepared for James Towers Consultants Ltd	In progress
9	25-Aug-22	As per resolution 22/RDC/299: That the Council approves additional expenditure of up to \$825,000 and \$2,352,000 plus GST for roading emergency works for the May and June 2022 weather events, noting 84% of the expenditure will be claimed as a Waka Kotahi subsidy but that the claim has not yet been approved.	Arno Benadie / Philip Gifford	No further action required.	Closed
10	25-Aug-22	As per resolution 22/RDC/297: That Council approves the Chief Executive to sign the Funding Agreement between the Department of Internal Affairs and Rangitikei District Council in order to receive three waters transition funding of \$353,000, paid in four quarterly instalments.	CE / Arno Benadie	Application signed and submitted	Closed
11	25-Aug-22	As per Cr Duncan's suggestion, staff to approach the Youth Council for input into the submission on the Future of Inter-Regional Passenger Transport submission.	Georgia Etheridge	A report on this submission was included in the agenda to the Youth Council meeting 13 September.	Closed
12	25-Aug-22	Cr Dalgety requested that the Mayor raise the issue of high-staff turnover at the next regional leaders meeting, specifically around the poaching of LG employees by new central government entities.	HWTM	This matter has been raised by HWTM together with other Mayors in a number of forums recently.	Closed
13	25-Aug-22	As per resolution 22/RDC/295: That a report is presented to Council detailing the compliance status under earthquake-prone legislation for all buildings in the Rangitikei District.	Arno Benadie	A separate report is provided on the September Order Paper.	Closed
14	28-Jul-22	Regarding the Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project; HWTM requested that staff investigate the status of the existing advisory board (appointed in 2021) and advise Council. Council wish to consider if and how this group can be incorporated into future activities for the project.	CE / Arno Benadie	All relevant resolutions has been reviewed and recommendations included in the PMO report, included in the September 2022 order paper.	Closed
15	30-Jun-22	As per resolution 22/RDC/242 ; parking and toilet signage to be installed at the RSA and Citizens Memorial Hall, as per the approved request from the Marton Community Committee.	Murray Phillips	Positions for the new signs has been identified and signage has been ordered. Installation will follow once the signage has been received.	In progress
16	30-Jun-22	Staff to work with the Bulls Community Committee around creating better signage at Te Matapihi.	Arno Benadie	Work completed to identify the positions for the new signs and determining how they can be displayed. Signs has been ordered	In progress
17	30-Jun-22	As per resolution 22/RDC/241 ; staff to install a sign in between French & Sons and the old town hall pointing down the alley way towards Te Matapihi to indicate where the toilets are, as per the approved request from the Bulls Community Committee.	Arno Benadie	Work completed to identify the positions for the new signs and determining how they can be displayed. Signs has been ordered	In progress
18	30-Jun-22	As per resolution 22/RDC/239 ; staff to include locations details on their photos in the Destination Management Plan, as per the approved request from the Bulls Community Committee.	Jen Britton	The image location names are currently being worked on.	In progress

19	30-Jun-22	Adoption of the Procurement Policy; this was left to lie at Council's 30 June 2022 meeting, in order to allow the PMO to review the policy and make changes. Once these changes are complete, the policy will go back to the Audit and Risk Committee for review/feedback, before being presented to full Council for adoption.	Adina Foley	This will be brought back to Council by December 2022	In progress
20	30-Jun-22	As per resolution 22/RDC/223 ; That Council endorses the establishment of a regular meeting between the Board of Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and Council and requests the Chief Executive explore options for, and the scope of, a formal agreement between the two parties on housing.	CE	Verbally advised to CE of Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa	In progress
21	30-Jun-22	As per resolution 22/RDC/222 : staff to communicate the proposal around the replacement of the dying conifer in Marton Park with a copper beech tree to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee.	Carol Gordon	Update included in CE Report to September Council meeting.	Closed
22	26-May-22	As per resolutions 22/RDC/158 - 159 : Staff to progress the installation of the scooter rack, noting that the Bulls Community Committee has indicated that it is beyond their expertise.	Arno Benadie	Scooter rack has been installed.	Closed
23	26-May-22	As per resolution 22/RDC/165 : That due to safety concerns around vehicles other than buses using the Bulls Bus Lane, Council staff be asked to investigate possible options around discouragement and enforcement practices.	Gaylene Prince / Johan Cullis	Staff are looking to install cameras at the bus lane. Once done, staff will draft a bylaw for Council's consideration that will allow enforcement action.	In progress
24	26-May-22	Regarding the plaque at the new Mangaweka Bridge: The Mayor requested that the Parks and Recreation team give consideration to its protection (e.g., from rogue traffic).	Murray Phillips / Arno Benadie	Site visits completed and now sourcing material to use for the solution.	In progress
25	28-Apr-22	Mr Beggs will confirm the status of the agreement with the Mangaweka Bridge Historical group regarding the ongoing maintenance and use of the old Mangaweka Cantilever Bridge.	CE	I am awaiting advice from MDC on how a further discussion with the Historical Society went.	In progress
26	31-Mar-22	As per resolution 22/RDC/083 : Staff to defer the decision made 28 October 2021 (resolution 21/RDC/375) until a further subsequent report on functional and costing options is available. 21/RDC/375 was the decision to endorse Options 3 and 5a and proceed with detailed designs for the changing rooms at Te Matapihi.	Adina Foley	Staff found one service provider to supply RDC with a proposal and cost. This will be presented to Council in September 2022	In progress
27	31-Mar-22	Staff to provide a report to a future Council meeting on the Putorino Water Supply Scheme.	Arno Benadie	No new updates available at this time.	In progress
28	24-Nov-21	As per resolution 21/RDC/415 : That staff are requested to bring a further report to Council at the end of detailed design of the chosen option, including cost estimates and additional external funding options to cover the cost of the project (for the Taihape Grandstand).	Arno Benadie (formerly Clare John)	A report is provided on the September Order Paper.	Closed

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29	28-Oct-21	With regards to the recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee for rubbish bin/s at the picnic area at the Bulls river: A recommendation by Council to approve this request was lost, and Cr Gordon instead requested that staff contact Horizons Regional Council and request that they investigate this further as this area of land lies under their responsibility.	Arno Benadie / Murray Phillips	Staff have met with David Rei Miller (Operations Manager – River Management) Horizons. Both Council and Horizons agree installing a litter bin/s throughout this area is likely to cause an influx of litter/fly tipping. Both organisations will jointly investigate installing 'pack in, pack out' signs throughout the area.	In progress
30	30-Sep-21	As per resolutions 21/RDC/291 and 21/RDC/292 : Staff to progress the sale of the stopped road at the front boundary of 66 Kiwi Road, Taihape, noting that Council's costs of road stopping are to be paid by the purchasers through a non-refundable deposit.	Arno Benadie	Survey completed and now awaiting LINZ approval of the plan. LINZ is way behind in this work at present and we expect some delays to complete this portion of the work. Plan approval still awaited from LINZ. The landowners/purchasers are regularly updated by phone or email.	In progress
31	25-Mar-21	Staff to advise the Hunterville Community Committee on costings and requirements to create disability access to the Hunterville town hall. Update: Cr Lambert sought an update on this item at the Council meeting 16 Dec 21. Mr Benadie advised that he will follow up on this and provide an update.	Adina Foley	Consultants engaged to complete a detailed seismic assessment as well as a disability access assessment on the building. Work expected to be completed in October 2022 and will report back to the Community Committee once this has been completed	In progress
32	25-Mar-21	That regular surveying of Te Matapihi users continues through 2021 and significant feedback themes be presented back to Council.	Gaylene Prince	Noted. Surveys will continue and significant feedback themes feedback to Council.	In progress

33	2020	<p>20/RDC/478 Authority to negotiate and enter into a Licence to Occupy part of the unformed road at the South approach to Mokai Bridge.</p> <p>Update August 2022 (length of licence) As per Cr Gordon's query, staff to investigate the length of the licence to occupy for the unformed road at the South approach to Mokai Bridge and update this action accordingly.</p>	Graeme Pointon	<p>The building owner is working with their Lawyer to develop a suitable proposal. Council can take no action until the owner and potential purchaser have developed their agreement further.</p> <p>Update May 2022 No further advice has been received from the building owner. Update requested; further information will be provided when a response is received.</p> <p>Update July 2022 Still no further update received.</p> <p>Update August 2022 Potential Licensee has advanced its negotiations with the building owner. Sale and Purchase of the building is likely to be completed within 6 months. The License can then proceed. Regular contact with relevant parties is maintained.</p> <p>Update September 2022 (length of licence) The proposed Licensee is almost ready to proceed with its purchase of the building. A further korero is scheduled for early October. Term of proposed Licence period is yet to be negotiated.</p>	In progress
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8 Elected Member Items

8.1 Valedictory Speeches for retiring Councillors

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Councillors not standing for re-election have an opportunity to make a valedictory speech at this final Council meeting for the 2019-22 triennium.
- 1.2 The following Councillors are not standing for re-election:
 - a. Cr Nigel Belsham (Deputy Mayor)
 - b. Cr Cath Ash
 - c. Cr Waru Panapa
 - d. Cr Angus Gordon

Recommendation

That the valedictory speeches of retiring Councillors, listed below, be received:

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8.2 Mayor's Report - September 2022**Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor**

The passing of our Queen, Elizabeth the Second, dominates our thoughts. All of us have grown up under her rule as Head of State. Never has there been a greater example of service - as a young Queen in 1953 Queen Elizabeth pledged a lifetime of service to her people and she lived to fulfil that promise. First and foremost, our thoughts are of course with her family. We join the world in mourning that loss and we have pledged our allegiance to King Charles III as our King. I have been asked as Mayor to attend the Remembrance Service to be held in New Zealand on 26 September to add our district's voice to the commemoration.

This Council meeting is the final meeting for the triennium. As such it is fitting that those Councillors who are not standing are acknowledged and have the right to have a valedictory speech to express their views of the past, present and future for Council. Council farewells Councillors Ash, Panapa, Gordon and Belsham - all of whom have served this district with distinction. Councillor Gordon and Deputy Mayor Councillor Belsham have had the added responsibility of chairmanship where their input has been invaluable. For those of us standing who may or may not be returning to this table, good luck. Congratulations to Councillors Coral Raukawa, Brian Carter, Tracey Hiroa and the incoming new Councillor Jarrod Calkin.

Often there are thoughts and criticisms that the last Council should not make decisions that could or should be made by the new Council. This is something that Councillors should consider but the reality is that many of the decisions before us today need to be made before Council effectively rests for the next two months.

On 21 September I will be one of six Mayors throughout the country taking our concerns over roading to the Board of Waka Kotahi in Wellington. Mayors meeting with the Board is unusual and signifies our concerns over the maintenance state of both local and national roading networks. We also question that successive Governments follow a three-year cycle with limited long term views over roading priorities. Hopefully this meeting will result in a closer future working relationship with Waka Kotahi and Government.

I have attended a number of Fire Brigade events over the last few weeks honouring the service of our volunteers. One of the highlights was going to the opening of the new Fire Station in Taihape. My congratulations go to Chief Fire Officer Curly Troon and the brigade for the business case work to make this happen.

My congratulations also to the organisers and presenters of the Bio-Polymer seminar held at Te Matapihi on 8 September. The information was well presented and painted a potentially fantastic future for our district and the environment.

On 30 August at Rangatira the Rangitikei River Catchment Collective held their AGM. The number of collectives is growing and the work that they do for the environment is spectacular. Roger Dalrymple, Mark Chrystall and the team need to be applauded for their efforts.

I have been approached by Mayor Don Cameron, Ruapehu District Council (copy of letter attached – Attachment 1) requesting funding from councils relating to the North Island Main Trunk Railway. Funding is for an application to government agencies to fund the bulk of the North Island Regional Passenger Rail (NIRP) Indicative Business Case. Rangitikei District Council's share would be \$3,500, a recommendation (Recommendation 2) is below.

Finally, my last message to the community is to please vote. Too often we don't engage but criticise later.

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Mayors Engagement

September 2022

1	Attended Reforms Update Zoom Attended BA5 at Pokapu Gallery Bulls
2	Attended Ngati Hauiti Planting Day in Taihape Attended Accelerate25 Lead Team Zoom Meeting
5	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Audit & Risk Meeting Attended Climate Action Joint Committee Meeting Attended Regional Chiefs Meeting
6	Attended RCA Forum in Wellington
7	Attended monthly Executive Leadership Team Meeting for Q&A Attended Taihape Network Meeting Attended CE Performance Review Process Meeting
8	Attended Goodbye to Plastic Packaging Symposium
9	Attended PTWG Co-Chairs Briefing Attended PTWG ZOOM meeting
10	Attended Taihape Fire Station Opening
12	Attended meeting with new Rural Police Officer
13	Attended Taihape Rotary Meet the Candidates Public Meeting
14	Meet & Greet: RDC MRH Project Director Attended Celebrating Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori: Aotearoa Reorua - Bilingual Towns and Cities
15	Attended Council Workshop Attended PTWG Final Endorsement Zoom Attended Reforms Update Zoom
16	Attended TRAK Workshop Attended Review of Presentation to Waka Kotahi Board Meeting Zoom
17	Attended Bunnythorpe Volunteer Fire Brigade Service Honours
19	Attended monthly breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys Attended NZDF Base Ohakea Meeting re Defence Issues relevant to Manawatu
20	Attended Regional Transport Matters/Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Zoom Meeting Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended MRH Board Meeting – Environment Court Update

	Attended BonnyGlen Trust Meeting – Funding Applications Attended Scotts Ferry Rural Women Meet the Candidates Evening
21	Attended Waka Kotahi Board Meeting in Wellington Attended Meeting at Mokai Station Taihape Attended Bulls & District Historical Society informal community meeting
22	Attended Whanganui Community Foundation Annual Zoom Meeting Attended St Joseph’s School Taihape – mural unveiling Attended BA5 Meeting in Marton
23	Attended LGNZ Zoom Workshop on Transport issues
24	Attended Taihape Spring Fling
25	Attended Rotary Meeting
26	Attended State Memorial Service for Queen Elizabeth II in Wellington
27	Attended Council Workshop Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended 3W Reform Impact on Rural Water Schemes Zoom (Clive Manley) Attended Meet the Candidates Evening at RSA & Citizens Memorial Hall
28	Attended 4 Weekly RDC/Police ZOOM Update Attended Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting
29	Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting Attended Council Meeting Attended End of Triennium Dinner

Attachments:

1. Ruapehu District Council letter to Mayors and Chairs re funding for NIRP [↓](#)

Recommendation 1

That the Mayor’s Report – September 2022 be received.

Recommendation 2

That Council agrees/does not agree [**delete one**] to contribute the sum of \$3,500 towards the application to government agencies to fund the bulk of the North Island Regional Passenger Rail (NIRP) Indicative Business Case, noting this would be an unbudgeted expense.



RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

4 August 2022

Dear Mayor or Chair

Application for funding from Councils

Ruapehu District Council delivered and distributed the NIRP (North Island Regional Passenger) Rail High-Level Feasibility Study to the 20 Councils of the North Island Main Trunk (NIMT) Railway group at the end of 2021. Many thanks go to the Councils who all funded the High-Level Feasibility Study.

The study builds upon earlier work by KiwiRail, and the recently completed Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility (LNIRIM) Rolling Stock Project Detail Business case (DBC). Together, these documents make up the initial NIRP Strategic Assessment, with key deliverables being (a); an outline of the for change, and (b); an overview of the strategic context.

Since December 2021, we have had multiple discussions with the Ministry of Transport, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and with Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) over the last couple of months. The purpose for the meetings, was to understand our required actions, timetable and funding options available to progress the NIRP business case development. From out of those meetings, we have an understanding of required actions and a timetable.

Following New Zealand government 'Better Business Case' guidelines, and the advice received through our engagement with funders, the recommended pathway is for NIRP to proceed to an Indicative Business Case (IBC), followed by a Detailed Business Case (DBC).

Time constrained opportunities

NIRP must align with the LNIRIM Rolling Stock Project timeline to create synergies and economies of scale. That timeframe is explained in detail within chapter 12 of the LNIRIM DBC and section 5.3 of the NIRP High Level Feasibility Report.

To maximise the 'value' opportunity, the NIRP project must be adequately defined, to enable input into the LNIRIM procurement and design, from early 2024. The investment proposed for NIRP must be formally approved by funders by mid-2025 to align with LNIRIM.

Past a certain point of progress of the LNIRIM procurement, the NIRP opportunity to benefit from economies of scale will quickly erode. The lengthy Detailed Business Case and Indicative Business Case timeframes, prior to project funding approval, ultimately drive the requirement to submit the Indicative Business Case funding application, with urgency in September 2022.

Scale of Next Steps

The projected estimation for a NIRP Indicative Business Case (IBC) is likely between \$500,000 and \$1 million but will depend greatly on its scope, as the outcomes of other passenger rail initiatives currently studied from Auckland to Wellington and the Minister of Transport's position on the next

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New Zealand Rail Plan review will likely influence funding agencies' requirement with regards to NIRP.

Key government funding sources for the IBC and DBC, include the Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF), and Local authorities have their own planning processes in 2023/2024 for funding passenger transport studies through the 2024-2034 Regional Land Transport Plans (RLTPs).

To meet the proposed timetable, we must apply for government funding of the NIRP Indicative Business Case (IBC) by mid to end of September 2022. To support the IBC funding application, a scope of work has been identified as requiring a budget of \$80,000. The scope includes:

- Technical Strategic Summary
- High Level NIRP Benefits Framework
- High-Level Patronage Demand Forecast
- Iwi/hapū Engagement

Further details on these elements of scope are provided below:

High Level NIRP Options Analysis and High level Benefits Framework

This will be Informed by previous works carried out on the initiative, neighbouring rail planning projects, and an institutional knowledge base related to passenger rail worldwide. This framework will provide a comprehensive list of benefit categories that regional rail services are likely to produce. Each category of benefits will be categorised between tangible and intangible benefits. The framework will document accepted standard and practice for benefit measure, and opportunities to integrate environmental and social benefit quantification along with transport's benefits.

The framework will be documented on an excel spreadsheet, supported by technical notes, and will be reflective of funder's expectations. For example, environmental benefits could be expressed in the format prescribed by the CIPA team of the Ministry for the Environment, to easily inform a CERF funding bid.

Initial High-Level Patronage Demand Forecast

Most benefits linked to passenger rail will have to be quantified as function of patronage. The Patronage Demand Forecast will be based on a simple population and uptake models applied on a limited arbitrary set of service patterns. The aim of this initial demand forecast will be to validate the benefit framework and instil confidence in funders that further study of the opportunity is warranted.

For clarity, this does not include the validation via stakeholder engagement, nor does it include any longitudinal analysis of trends. While limited in the depth of its approach to meet timing and budget constraints, this initial approach to the quantification of benefits will set the foundation for all future Cost Benefit Analysis on the initiative.

Iwi/hapū Engagement

Ruapehu District Council will be in the process of engaging with iwi/hapū along the North Island Main Trunk (NIMT), using consultants who work in this field. The role of the consultants will be to provide information on the NIRP project, including progress through the business case process. This process in turn, allows for iwi/hapū to partner in the NIRP project in a Rangatiratanga role. Funding for a consultant at this initial stage, will allow for engagement to begin, including agreement on a deliverables template.

NIRP can encourage an alternative pathway to 70+ years of "urbanism". As a result, Māori communities that allowed access to their land from 1885 to build the railway, in exchange for the promise of economic benefits, may have a chance to see their tamariki grow and flourish on their land, rather than in a distant city.

The \$80,000 interim funding gap

Ruapehu District Council has committed \$10,000 towards the Indicative Business Case funding application. There is therefore a balance of \$70,000 needing to be funded by the 20 Councils on the

North Island Main Trunk (NIMT). A one-off cost of \$3,500 per Council will allow for the Indicative Business Case (IBC) application to proceed in time to meet the September 2022 deadline.

Value for Money

Ruapehu is proposing to re-engage our technical advisory resources on a direct appointment basis. Direct appointment results in a time saving of between 3 and 6 months, in comparison with a tender process. Our current high-calibre team have a proven track record on domestic and international rail projects. As well as detailed “nuts-and-bolts” knowledge of technical aspects, the team has demonstrable capabilities in the economic assessment methodologies for rail projects.

The rates used in the high-level NIRP programme and scope of works estimates, were benchmarked on competitively tendered rates, carried forward from LNIRIM. Value for money on pricing and methodology, has been demonstrated by the successful delivery of the LNIRIM DBC. The LNIRIM DBC has been peer reviewed and technically reviewed by multiple government agencies.

In earlier correspondence (20220121 NIRP Tech Team Mtg MINUTES), it was proposed that an indicative budget of \$1.5 million be set for producing the NIRP DBC. It also noted that Greater Wellington had a budget of \$5 million for the LNIRIM DBC, subsequent procurement and delivery process, approved through Waka Kotahi's NLTF in Budget 2020.

Ruapehu's technical advisor team have responded to our request for pricing with a proposed baseline NIRP IBC/DBC budget that is substantially less than the \$1.5 million proposed. As we develop the IBC application, we will be in a position to disclose further budget details, and proposed scope of work.

In summary, Ruapehu calls upon our fellow Councils of the North Island Main Trunk (NIMT) Railway, to agree to each put in an equal contribution of \$3,500 / Council, towards an application to government agencies, to fund the bulk of the NIRP Indicative Business Case (IBC).

Ngā mihi nui



Don Cameron JP
MAYOR

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - September 2022

Author: Peter Beggs, Chief Executive

Authoriser: Peter Beggs, Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 This report provides Elected Members with an update on key activities across the organisation. Items requiring a specific decision are towards the end of this report.

2. Events Held in August

- 14 August - Rugby Tournament at Bulls Domain
- 19 August - Cluster Schools Winter Sports Tournament at Memorial Park Taihape
- 27 August - Multicultural Festival and Feast at Te Matapihi
- Some rugby games held at Memorial Park Taihape.

3. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Update

- 3.1 The dashboard for August 2022 is attached (Attachment 1).

4. Staff Movements

- 4.1 In August, we welcomed the following team members:

- Lesley West, Cleaner
- Alex Davenport, Information Management
- Java Bentley, Library Officer

- 4.2 We also farewelled the following team member:

- Aroha Nicholl, Library Cadet

5. Engagement and Consultation Schedule – 2022/23

- 5.1 An updated Engagement and Consultation schedule is attached (Attachment 2), for the Council's information.

6. ALGIM Website Audit Result

- 6.1 Each year ALGIM (Association of Local Government Information Management) undertake an audit of all Council websites. This involves a questionnaire filled out by

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Council staff and an assessment, by ALGIM staff, of each website looking at certain criteria and providing a ranking for each area. The results are then accumulated and each Council is given a ranking.

- 6.2 The last website audit was carried out in September / October in 2021 and the results have just been released. This year Rangitikei District Council's website was ranked 7th out of out 78 councils (and two CCOs), which ALGIM state is an achieved rate of an "Excellent" website experience. This result is really pleasing and reflects the ongoing improvement and effort that goes into keeping our website inviting and relevant. This result is an improvement on previous years where Council ranked 17th in 2019 and 54th in 2018. Due to Covid restrictions no audit was undertaken in 2020. The areas that council marked particularly well on were:

- Reading level (being suitable for 14 / 15 year olds)
- National performance score (on the Homepage) – covers responsiveness, relevant, achieves mobile readiness, being able to be used as a web app and overall impression
- A number of other 'technical' measures relating to browser effectiveness; speed etc
- Over performance score was 93.5% - "effective website".

7. LTP Amendment or Annual Plan for 2023/24

- 7.1 Recently there have been discussions about whether, for the 2023/24 financial year, Councils should produce an Annual Plan or undertake a Long Term Plan (LTP) Amendment. This is specifically in relation to the changes associated with the proposed three waters reform, which will significantly impact Council's infrastructure services and budgets. Taituarā and Local Government New Zealand intend to issue further guidance on this matter later this year. The initial advice to officers is that we should plan to do an Annual Plan as normal, as any impact on the three waters infrastructure will not come into effect until at least July 2024, which aligns with the development of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan.

8. Events Strategy and Sponsorship

- 8.1 As the Events Strategy documentation is being prepared, staff acknowledge there is opportunity to improve the Event Sponsorship framework. Staff also acknowledge the number of variables in the various events that Council supports with funding. To reach a consensus on the event sponsorship framework it is intended to workshop this with Elected Members in the new triennium.

9. Freedom Camping Transition Fund

- 9.1 The Minister of Tourism has made up to \$10 million available to local authorities during 2022/23 and 2023/24 to support the transition from the existing freedom camping system to the new freedom camping rules. The letter to councils is attached (Attachment 3).

- 9.2 Eligible projects can include, but are not limited to, education programmes, the creation of bylaws, freedom camping initiatives required in response to major events, signage.
- 9.3 Officers are reviewing the application criteria and intend on applying for funding for the development of a Freedom Camping Bylaw and signage. A bylaw will be required under the new rules to enable people in non-self-contained vehicles to camp on Council land.
- 9.4 Applications for round 1 of funding close on Tuesday 4 October 2022.

10. National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land

- 10.1 The National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land (NPS-HPL) was approved on 12 September 2022 and comes into force on **17 October 2022**. The policy provides national direction for the management of highly productive land under the Resource Management Act 1991.

Key date	Required action	Process
17 October 2025	Horizons to notify a proposed Regional Policy Statement with maps showing highly productive land.	Public notification using Schedule 1 of the RMA
6 months following the Regional Policy Statement becoming operative	RDC to incorporate maps into the Rangitikei District Plan.	Section 55(2) of the RMA. No Schedule 1 process. No public notification.
2 years following the Regional Policy Statement becoming operative	RDC to notify changes to the Rangitikei District Plan to give effect to the NPS-HPL.	Public notification using Schedule 1 of the RMA

- 10.2 The NPS-HPL sets out one objective, nine policies and implementation provisions.
- 10.3 The National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land is available on the Ministry for the Environment website - [National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land | Ministry for the Environment](#)

11. Taihape Grandstand – Heritage Listing Update

- 11.1 Joanna Barnes-Wylie, Heritage NZ, hopes to complete her draft Listing proposal report for the Taihape Grandstand by the end of the month to enable it to through an internal peer review process, followed by submission to their Rārangī Kōrero/Heritage List Committee on 6 October.
- 11.2 The Rārangī Kōrero Committee is a committee of their Board and Māori Heritage Council, and they consider Listing proposals and approve them for initial public notification. If the Listing proposal is approved for notification by the Rārangī Kōrero/Heritage List Committee on 6 October, NZ Heritage would be looking to publicly notify the proposal in October-November. The public notification period is 20 working days but can be extended to a maximum of 40 working days if needed. If no submissions are received or all submissions are in support, the proposal can then progress straight to their Board for a final decision on 15 December 2021. If submissions are received in opposition or which raise significant issues, the proposal would need to go back to the

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Rārangi Kōrero/Heritage List Committee for further consideration. This would likely occur in early February 2023 and then the proposal could proceed to the Board for a final decision later in February 2023.

12. Tree for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Marton Park

- 12.1 In June 2022 Council made a decision to replace a dying conifer at Marton Park with a copper beech tree, in commemoration of Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee Year.
- 12.2 Given the recent death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II it now seems more appropriate for the copper beech to be planted in memory of the Queen's reign.
- 12.3 Once the ground conditions are suitable the old tree will be removed and the new tree will be planted. It is hoped that this will be in early October, once a date has been confirmed this will be communicated to Elected Members and the public.

13. Rural Health Centre Partnership Meeting

- 13.1 Northern Councillors and staff (with apologies from the Mayor and Chief Executive) attended a meeting in August with approximately 25 representatives of Taihape Health Ltd, Mokai Pātea Services, Otaihape Health Trust, and Te Whatu Ora Whanganui where the proposal to integrate primary health and whānau ora services within the Taihape Rural Health Centre was explained. The purpose of this proposal is to relocate services to a facility (the former hospital) that has space to offer flexible space for other providers of services to participate, and to provide a 'one-stop-shop' delivering services, supporting social cohesion, and utilising facilities and space that can accommodate needs for the future and provide quality care "from cradle to grave".
- 13.2 An architectural design was presented that used the existing footprint of the building, developed by considering how staff worked and what they do (rather than looking at the space these services were provided from). It was identified that as well as public spaces, the campus could include accommodation/social housing. Aside from funding from partners there would be a need to draw on all community funders/trusts for funding.
- 13.3 Otaihape Health Trust advised that while they were fully supportive and committed to the proposal, it was the Trust that would need to renegotiate the lease for the building that Taihape Health Ltd is presently in, and there was a risk to the Trustees as individuals that they could be left to incur costs. They advised that they did not want to take on the role of 'site manager', and there were still a number of considerations to be worked through e.g., who would pay maintenance if, say, a drain became blocked on the property, who would be responsible for fit-out obligations, the exterior maintenance, etc.
- 13.4 Andrew McKinnon, Interim Director, Te Whatu Ora, advised that Te Whata Ora would be willing to be "landlord for a few more years", noting they had very little money to spend on the building but would be willing to invest in some areas e.g., re-wiring, new entrance. This offer will be further discussed and clarified.

The groups were keen to share their progress and wish to continue to engage with Council as they consider possibilities for community wellness.

14. External Submissions

- 14.1 The updated list of current and recently closed submissions is attached (Attachment 4).

Submissions for approval

- 14.2 *The Future of Inter-Regional Passenger Transport* – A draft submission is attached (Attachment 5). This submission is due 6 October 2022. A recommendation is provided below for Council approval, refer to Recommendation 2.

Consultations submitted on during September 2022

- 14.3 *Local Government Electoral Legislation Bill* – A submission was prepared, and following circulation to Elected Members via email, submitted by the due date of 14 September 2022. The final submission is attached (Attachment 6).

- 14.4 *Application to introduce Conviser One herbicide* – A short submission from the Chief Executive was provided that noted Council does not have the capacity to provide a response to the consultation (Attachment 7).

- 14.5 *Residential Building Supplies Market Study Draft Report* – A short submission from the Chief Executive was provided that noted Council does not have the capacity to submit detailed feedback on the report (Attachment 8).

Consultations proposed for submission

- 14.6 *Freedom Camping Regulations Discussion Document* – Associated with the Bill outlined in 6.7, regulatory changes are being considered. The proposed certification of self-contained vehicles will require a framework and oversight. New fees and fines are also proposed to better respond to breaches of relevant bylaws, environmental damage, and incorrect documentation. A national database of certified vehicles would also be established to support monitoring of freedom camping. Officers are considering this alongside the above bill and will circulate a draft submission for feedback. Feedback closes on 6 October 2022.

- 14.7 *Self-contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Bill* – The Bill seeks to address concerns around environmental damage and freedom camping in inappropriate locations. The Freedom Camping Act 2011 allows camping to take place on Council property unless a bylaw is made to control freedom camping. The proposed bill would reverse this – unless an authority adopts a Bylaw designating locations where other forms of camping are allowed, camping on Council land other than camping grounds would be limited to self-contained vehicles and tents. The Bill also establishes a certification requirement for self-contained vehicles to replace the voluntary standard. Officers are considering the impact on tourism and recreation in the District and will circulate a draft submission for feedback. Submissions close 13 October.

Consultations not proposed for submission

- 14.8 *Climate Change related financial disclosures* – The government has passed legislation requiring financial institutions such as banks and insurance underwriters to demonstrate that decision making includes consideration of the impacts of Climate Change. An exposure draft has been published covering the standards these financial disclosures. These will only apply to larger Councils that meet the definition of "issuer" in the Financial Markets Conduct Act, which do not include RDC.

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Upcoming consultations

- 14.9 The second stage of the Water Services Entities Amendment Bill is expected to enter the House in October. This will progress the water reforms, covering the powers of entities, funding and pricing, and links to land use planning. It will include amendments to the LGA 2002 and impact on the Long Term Plan process for 2024.
- 14.10 An additional bill on water services has also been announced to enter the house in 2022. This will cover the economic and consumer protection regulation for the Three Waters services.
- 14.11 Officers are monitoring developments on consultations including Water Services announcements and regulation, and will prepare responses with Elected Members as consultations become available.

15. Freedom Camping Transition Fund

- 15.1 The Minister of Tourism has made up to \$10 million available to local authorities during 2022/23 and 2023/24 to support the transition from the existing freedom camping system to the new freedom camping rules. The letter to councils is attached (Attachment 3). Eligible projects can include, but are not limited to, education programmes, the creation of bylaws, freedom camping initiatives required in response to major events, signage. Applications for round 1 of funding close on Tuesday 4 October 2022.
- 15.2 Officers have considered whether there is value in applying for funding to develop a bylaw to enable people in non-self-contained vehicles to camp on Council land. Background work is required to understand the need for a bylaw such as, potential impacts on the visitor market, capacity of Council infrastructure, and impacts on operational costs (e.g. cleaning of facilities). Officers consider the best approach for the Rangitikei is to monitor the impact of the new freedom camping system once implemented, particularly whether there is an adverse impact on the visitor market, before the development of a bylaw is considered.

16. Application for Concession (Kokako St Hall) – Kids Drama Club

- 16.1 Charlotte Oswald has submitted an application for concession on behalf of the Kids Drama Club, for the use of the Kokako St Hall in Taihape. Their application (Attachment 9) and an explanation of the group's activities (Attachment 10) are attached to this report.
- 16.2 The requested dates for concessional use are:
 - a. 21 September, 2.30 – 4.30 pm
 - b. 24 September, 12.30 – 3.30 pm
 - c. 28 September, 2.30 – 5.30 pm
- 16.3 The regular hireage fee for the three days would be \$160.00. Recommendation 3, below, refers.

17. Request for Road Stopping – Bulls Rural

- 17.1 The subject of this report is the un-named, unformed, legal road (ULR) located off the formed part of Sandridge Road, Bulls. The ULR is shown outlined red on the attached aerial overlay and also shown as Area A on the attached copy of SO Plan 31762.
- 17.2 The road is legal by Crown Grant dated 11 February 1880. There is no evidence the road was ever formed or maintained in the original surveyed position. Local knowledge is that an alternative route was adopted as the road. That alternative route was legalised in 1913 as Sandridge Road in its current position.
- 17.3 SO Plan 31762 dated 1978 provided for the whole of the original ULR to be stopped. Area B on that Plan was stopped and amalgamated with the adjoining (Earnslaw Forest) block. No record has been located to indicate why Area A was not actioned at the time.
- 17.4 The land on both sides of the remaining ULR is held in one Title. The owners of that adjoining land have managed the ULR as part of their own farming and forestry operation (there are no plantings on the ULR itself). They now seek stopping of the road and amalgamation with their land.
- 17.5 The adjoining owners have had verbal consent to their proposal from the two other landholders whose land is on the boundary of the ULR. Both of those landholdings have extensive frontage to formed and maintained public road. No other parties or landholders could be directly affected by the proposed road stopping.
- 17.6 Council's Roads Team supports the proposal on the basis this ULR is not part of the managed road network and there is no prospect of it being required for road development.
- 17.7 The Local Government Act 1974 provides the legal authority for Council to stop roads. Council's Road Management Policy provides for proposals such as this and stipulates that all costs of the process are to be met by the applicants. The applicants are aware of, and accept, their liability for all costs.
- 17.8 Council's 2015 Policy on Disposal of Surplus Land and Buildings does not apply.
- 17.9 Refer to Recommendation 4 below.

Attachments:

1. **Health, Safety and Wellbeing Dashboard - August 2022** [↓](#)
2. **Consultation and Engagement Schedule - September 2022** [↓](#)
3. **Freedom Camping Transition Fund - Letter to Councils** [↓](#)
4. **External Submissions - September 2022** [↓](#)
5. **Draft Submission - Enquiry into the Future of Inter-Regional Passenger Rail** [↓](#)
6. **Submission on Local Government Electoral Legislation Bill** [↓](#)
7. **Submission on Application to Import Conviso One** [↓](#)
8. **Submission on Residential Building Supplies Market Study** [↓](#)
9. **Kids Drama Club - Application for Concession** [↓](#)
10. **Kids Drama Club - Further Explanation** [↓](#)
11. **Aerial view - Road stopping Bulls** [↓](#)
12. **Title Plan - Road stopping Bulls** [↓](#)

ITEM 9.1**Recommendation 1**

That that Chief Executive's Report – September 2022 be received.

Recommendation 2

That Council approve the submission on the Future of Inter-Regional Passenger Transport [**as amended/without amendment**].

Recommendation 3

That Council, in considering the concession application from the Kids Drama Club for usage of the Kokako St Hall:

- a. Agrees to reduce the hireage fee to zero.
- b. Agrees to reduce the hireage fee to \$____.
- c. Makes no reduction in the hireage fee.

Recommendation 4

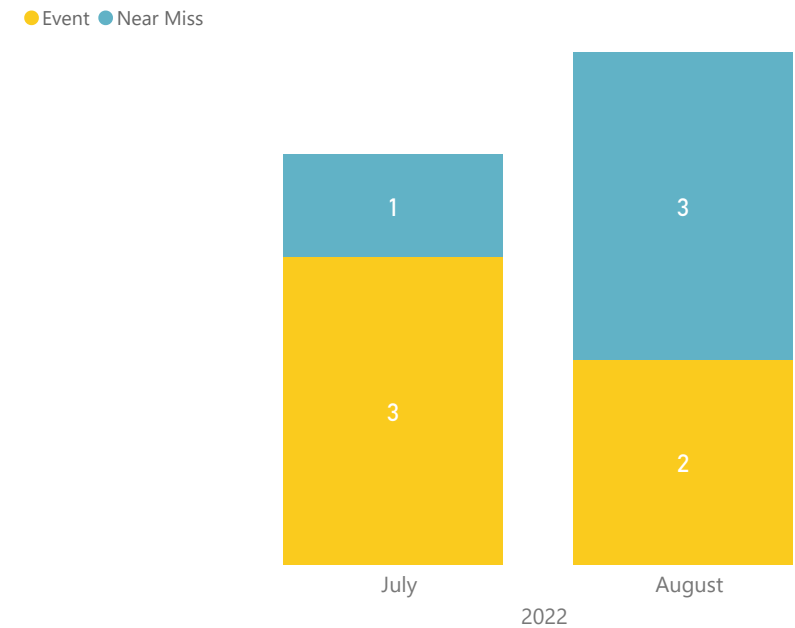
- a. That Council approves the stopping of the Unformed Legal Road shown as Area A on SO Plan 31762;
- b. That Council directs the Chief Executive to progress the matter subject to formal agreement with the potential purchasers to include their undertaking to pay all costs;
- c. That Council authorises the Chief Executive to take all necessary actions and sign all documents to give effect to this resolution.



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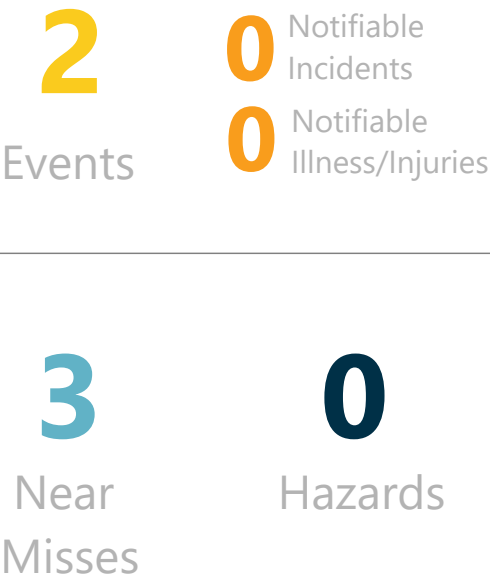
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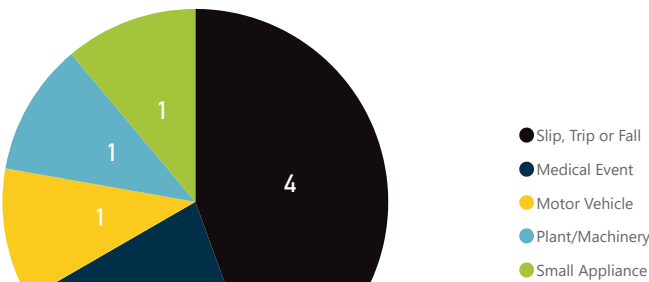
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Wellbeing News

It is very important to report all Near Miss Events!

The definition of a near miss is "an event not causing harm, but has the potential to cause injury or ill health. Any unplanned incident that occurred at the workplace which, although not resulting in any injury or disease, had the potential to do so".

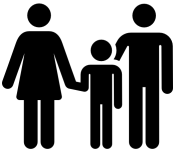
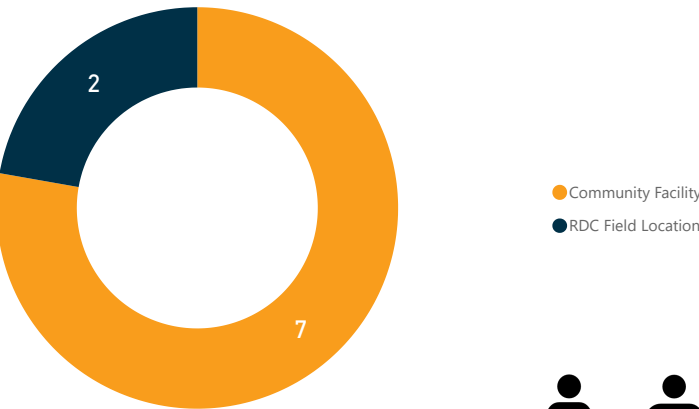
Near misses are those close call moments that, in a different circumstance, could result in an injury or loss of control. Near misses tell us when an accident could happen and/or where a hazard needs to be addressed. By reporting near misses it will enable us to pro-actively identify and resolve or minimise hazards, identify any negative trends, help us to reduce workplace accidents overall and increase our safety and wellbeing culture. For this reason it's really important that near misses are reported along with accidents. You'll find the reporting form on the safety and wellbeing section of Kapua (click on 'working here' then click on 'safety and wellbeing').

Spring is around the corner!

Can you feel it yet? Does spring make you feel happy? The snow may still be lingering on the ground in some areas, but the air feels just a tiny bit warmer, and the days are getting longer. It's time to shake off the winter blues, turn your face toward the sunshine, and rejuvenate yourself. Here are some springtime wellness tips that are super-easy to apply in your daily routine: Spring into a healthier diet; Jump-start your body with a new workout; Sprout a new hobby, try something completely new and Blossom by recharging your psychological batteries in the great outdoors.

Location

Events, Hazards and Near Misses



Driver Ratings

	Jun	Jul	Aug
★★★★★	9	6	6
★★★★	10	12	8
★★★	13	15	17
★★	5	5	7
★	0	0	0

Coming Up

13 September - Driver Awareness Simulator Training, Te Matapihi

We want all our staff to be safe drivers, both at work and outside work and want to provide you with better skills to handle situations that may arise while driving. This training programme helps to make you a safer driver by providing risk awareness training, defensive driving skills and updates Road Code changes that you may not be aware of. There are still spaces available - talk to your Team Leader if you would like to attend.

6 September (Marton) and 8 September (Taihape) – First Aid Training

Both full First Aid Training and Refresher First Aid Training is scheduled to be held in Chambers, Marton on 6 September and at St Margarets Church Hall, Taihape on 8 September. Contact Marcelle Williams for further information.

Full Molemaps and Annual Rechecks

Full body Molemaps and annual rechecks are scheduled for September, October and November. Vouchers are available for staff who would prefer to go to either the Wanganui or Palmerston North clinics. There are still spaces available in October and November - contact Marcelle Williams for further information.

Engagement / Consultations - 2022/23

RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

TOPIC	Staff (Lead)	Elected Member (Lead)	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Marton Buildings	Adina	Cr Wilson									Public Consultation				
Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond - Spatial Plan	Katrina	Cr Gordon								Public Consultation					
Future of Local Government	Peter		Stakeholder Engagement								Public Consultation				
Three Waters	Arno														
RMA Reforms	Katrina						Public Consultation								
Annual Plan 2023/24	Carol												Public Consultation		
Forestry Differential	Dave							Public Engagement							
Traffic and Parking Bylaw	Georgia												Public Consultation		
Local Body Elections	Carol	N/A	Local, Regional and National Campaign				Election Day								
Business Baseline Survey	Jo		Public Engagement												
Primary Producers' Needs Assessment	Jo			Public Engagement											
Welcoming Communities Rangitikei	Rhianna		Public Engagement				Stakeholder Engagement								

Key

Stakeholder Engagement (by other orgs)

Stakeholder Engagement (RDC)

Public Consultation

Public Engagement

Public Consultation (by Central Government)

Local and national campaign - Enrolments, Standing for Council, Voting

Election Day

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**MINISTRY OF BUSINESS,
INNOVATION & EMPLOYMENT**
HĪKINA WHAKATUTUKI



2 September 2022

Dear Chief Executives

FREEDOM CAMPING TRANSITION FUND

The Minister of Tourism has confirmed up to \$10 million will be made available to local authorities during 2022/23 and 2023/24 to support the transition from the existing freedom camping system to the new freedom camping rules. It will be somewhat different from previous years. Round one funding will be available for activities to the end of September 2023. Details for a further round of funding will be advised in due course.

Eligible projects can include, but are not limited to:

- Educational programmes: such as posters, pamphlets or cost of staff brought on for communicating the new changes
- Camping ambassadors (for education and/or enforcement purposes)
- Creation of bylaws, including, but not limited to, drafting and consulting on bylaws
- Freedom Camping projects/initiatives relating to major events, such as but not exclusive to the FIFA Women's World Cup, which meet the purpose of the Fund
- Signage.

Funding will **not** be provided for:

- Initiatives not from councils (for example, initiatives from peak bodies or industry)
- Infrastructure and ongoing operational costs that do not align with the purpose of fund (e.g servicing of freedom camping facilities, rental of freedom camping facilities, but does allow for the funding of camping ambassadors)

Priorities for funding

Priority for funding will be given to councils:

- Who can show their area/communities are highly impacted by freedom camping
- That do not currently have an existing freedom camping bylaw and can clearly demonstrate why they require support for bylaw development in addition to their current resources
- Though not a requirement for the fund, the ability to co-fund proposed projects will strengthen the consideration of applications as part of the decision-making process. However, the intent is not to exclude those councils with low ratepayer bases who may be unable to provide any co-funding.

Applications for Round one will open on Wednesday 14 September 2022 and close on Tuesday 4 October 2022. Decisions are expected early November 2022. An application form is attached and will be also available shortly on our website.

If you have any queries please email tif@mbie.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

Martin Cavanagh
Manager, Investment Management & Performance
TOURISM BRANCH

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Submissions Currently Open

Name of initiative	Agency engaging	Due date	Description	RDC to submit	Submission Lead
Application to introduce Convis One herbicide	Environmental Protection Authority	30-Sep-22	Contacted by EPA to advise of consultation. The herbicide includes an active ingredient thiencarbazone-methyl which is new to New Zealand. EPA has undertaken assessment of the human and environmental risks posed by the product and proposed controls to manage these risks.	Provide response - acknowledge Council has a role in this space, however capacity does not allow for a full response.	Georgia Etheridge
The Future of Inter-regional Passenger Transport	Transport and Infrastructure Select Committee	6-Oct-22	The Transport and Infrastructure Committee has opened an inquiry into the future of inter-regional passenger rail in New Zealand. The aim of the inquiry is to find out what the future could hold for inter-regional passenger rail in New Zealand.	Yes.	Georgia Etheridge/Michael Hodder
Freedom Camping Regulations Discussion Document	MBIE	6-Oct-22	MBIE is seeking views on the best way to regulate the following aspects of freedom camping: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the technical requirements for self-contained vehicles the criteria for approval as a self-containment certification authority the format of the self-containment certificate and warrant the fees and fines attached to each infringement offence exemptions from the need to be certified as self-contained levies and fees 	No	Not applicable
Self-contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Bill	Economic Development, Science and Innovation	13-Oct-22	The broad policy of this omnibus bill is to improve the management of vehicle-based freedom camping by creating a robust regulatory system that central and local government can rely on to reduce the negative effects of freedom camping on communities and the environment. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a requirement for freedom campers staying in a vehicle on land managed by a Council to be self contained unless the authority designates the site as suitable for non-self-contained A regulatory system of self-contained vehicles A requirement for a fixed toilet Strengthening and extending the infringement regime. These changes will be implemented over a 2 year transition period	Yes	Georgia Etheridge

Submissions Closed September 2022

Name of initiative	Agency engaging	Due date	Description	RDC to submit	Submission Lead
Commerce Commission - Market study into residential building supplies (comcom.govt.nz)	Commerce Commission	1-Sep-22	Seeking feedback on a paper setting out the Commission's draft findings from the market study it has undertaken on competition in the market for residential building supplies. Some recommendations, such as a centralised register for national building products, echo calls from the local government sector. Focus of the study - does competition for supplies serve to benefit consumers through prices paid, range available, and innovations. If not, how to improve.	Provide a response - Council will promote this, given the size and the timeframe provided we did not have the capacity for a full response.	Georgia Etheridge
Building Consent System Review	MBIE	4-Sep-22	An end to end review of the building consent system including the role of government and third parties in assurance, desirable outcomes that good building consent regulation should achieve, and issues with current system.	No - supporting BOINZ and LGNZ submissions	Not applicable
Guidelines for preparing an Environmental Management Plan	Waka Kotahi	12-Sep-22	Environmental management plans (EMPs) must be developed and implemented for all infrastructure delivery (capital works) and maintenance and operation activities undertaken by Waka Kotahi. This is an update of the <i>Guideline for preparing an environmental management plan</i> and are seeking feedback on this document, an updated template and a new version of the environmental risk register spreadsheet.	No - impacts on Waka Kotahi contractors.	Not applicable
Local Government Electoral Legislation Bill	Governance and Administration Committee	14-Sep-22	Omnibus Bill that has the purpose of improving local government elections. Aspects that impact RDC include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - making consideration of Māori representation a fundamental step in reviewing representation - process for tied elections - allowing electronic submission 	Yes	Carol Gordon
Reshaping Streets	Waka Kotahi	19-Sep-22	Proposed changes to legislation to make it easier for local authorities to make street changes that support public transport, active travel and placemaking.	No - proposals do not raise concerns, limited capacity for submission.	Not applicable
Managing our Wetland in the Coastal Marine Area	Ministry for the Environment	21-Sep-22	The Ministry is consulting on a proposal to replace all references to natural wetland in the NES-FM with natural inland wetland and define 'natural inland wetland' by reference to the existing definition in the NPS-FM. This would clarify that the NES-FM wetland provisions no longer apply to natural wetlands in the CMA.	No - largely managed and implemented by Horizons.	Not applicable
Climate Change related Financial Disclosures	External Reporting Board	26-Sep-22	Exposure draft covering new standards for climate change related financial disclosure. Only applies to Councils that meet the definition of "issuer" in the Financial Markets Conduct Act. Only Auckland and Christchurch	No - not applicable to RDC.	Not applicable



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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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21 September 2022

Transport and Infrastructure Committee
Parliament Buildings
Wellington

Attention Greg O'Connor, Chair

Tēnā Koutou,

Enquiry into the future of inter-regional passenger rail in New Zealand

Rangitikei District Council is very pleased that the Committee has established this enquiry. Like other local authorities adjoining the North Island Main Trunk, we have supported the preparation of NIRP – North Island Regional Passenger Rail Connector - a high-level feasibility study of regional passenger rail services, which was provided to the Minister of Transport last December. We expect that the Committee has been provided with this study, which we think sets the scene for a major transformation in how the rail network is used. The Committee may be aware that the Council has initiated a Plan Change to allow development of the Marton rail hub, which will both increase local jobs and the demand for travel to, and from, Marton from towns in Manawātū and Whanganui.

Marton, in particular, was (and remains) a key junction for the North Island railway network, being the link between the Main Trunk and the line through Whanganui to New Plymouth. When the passenger rail service ceased in Marton in 2012, it meant the loss of a connection for people in Whanganui and Taranaki. Council recognises that by then the number of passengers joining and leaving the train was very low. Passenger rail services to Taranaki had ceased, much earlier, in 1977.

Council considers that there are two critical aspects to positioning regional passenger rail as a viable and attractive service. The first is to make it competitive, given the number of alternative modes – in particular, road transport. The second is ensuring that freight by rail is not affected by increased non-suburban rail passenger travel: rail freight has been (and is likely to remain) the major contributor to railway revenue.

In 1962-63, there were just over 3 million non-suburban passenger journeys across the government railway network: this earned a revenue of just under £2 million. (By comparison there were 22.6 million suburban journeys earning £932,000.) But even then, the revenue from freight was ten times that for passengers.

At that time, the Transport Act 1962 was in effect which (under section 109) restricted the use of road transport for the transport of goods when a route using at least 40 to 75 miles of the Government railway network was available (the distance varying according to the nature of the goods being carried). Revenue from freight in 1962-63 was nearly £28 million, being just over 10 million tons, with farming products (23%) and forest products (19%) being

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the largest components. The bus services operated by New Zealand Railways Road Services were not restricted by these provisions.

By 2001, non-suburban passenger numbers on rail had shrunk to 513,500; suburban rail passengers had also reduced to 12.5 million, while total freight carried was 14.5 million tonnes – even though by 1989 the road carriage restrictions of 1962 had been repealed. Looking at the aggregated annual report from KiwiRail, for the year ending 30 June 2019 (to avoid the distortions from Covid restrictions), freight volumes had risen to more than 19 million tonnes (which is calculated to be 36% of the freight, contributing 59% of the enterprise revenue; passenger rail commuters rose to 35 million. Non-suburban passenger rail numbers (essentially the three iconic journeys, promoted to tourists) were one million.

The objective of the NIRP (as with the 'Restore Passenger Rail' campaign) is to get more people using trains outside the metro services for Auckland and Wellington, and thus decrease the carbon footprint caused by private cars and the road network itself. NIRP does not suggest passenger number targets; Restore Passenger Rail suggests restoring passenger rail to the extent it was in 2000. However, as noted above, use of non-suburban passenger rail in 2000 was half that achieved in 2019. Council suggests that a more meaningful target would be to have non-suburban passenger numbers increased to three million by 2030.

We think it is essential to gather data about people's movements around the country. While Waka Kotahi (New Zealand Transport Agency) gathers data about vehicle movements (differentiating between heavy and light vehicles) and about travel for work and education, what is needed is a closer analysis of inter-regional journeys people take by car.

However, Council has considered information currently gathered by Waka Kotahi. One dataset shows that the average daily number of light vehicles on State Highway 1 north of Bulls and the Utiku Straights (south of Taihape) is 5,285. This dataset does not show the start or finish points of such journeys, but a conservative estimate would be that 50% (or 2,640) have travelled the full extent between Bulls and Taihape (and, of course, potentially starting to the south of Bulls and ending potentially to the north of Taihape). Nor does the dataset show the number of people in each vehicle, but assuming 1.2 people per vehicle would mean that there could be around 1.15 million journeys by people each year travelling into and outside the Rangitikei District in a year. The crucial question is what proportion of such travellers would opt for passenger rail if it were more accessible and affordable.

Council considers that the following points in the NIRP warrant highlighting:

1. The need for additional passing loops so that faster passenger trains can overtake slower freight trains travelling in the same direction or trains travelling in the opposite direction can pass without having to stop.
2. The potential for drive-on, drive-off service, i.e. car-train-services such as operate in Australia and Europe. This is a similar concept to what is currently provided on the inter-island ferry.
3. Ensuring comparative affordability and exploring funding mechanisms. It is essential that the costs to passengers are sufficiently attractive to motivate a decision to travel by rail rather than private car. As the NIRP suggests, there are a range of value capture options which go beyond the fares sought from

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passengers, so that those who broadly benefit from the extension of passenger rail services contribute to the costs.

Council suggests that it is feasible to begin a gradual extension of passenger rail service (at least in the North Island) quickly, taking advantage of the existing services:

a. Capital Connection –

- by extending its route to Marton, to provide the opportunity for people north of Palmerston North (including Whanganui) to connect with the train; and
- by including a second round trip – i.e. leaving Wellington at (say) 8.00 am and returning from Marton at (say) 10.30 am) during each weekday – and having the service run seven days a week (including public holidays) rather than the five weekdays (excluding public holidays) as present.

We think it is crucial that KiwiRail undertakes substantial publicity for this extended service, so that the wider community (and not just commuters) is aware of the service. The success which KiwiRail has had in increasing tourist passenger numbers suggests that it has the capability of providing successful promotions.

In addition, we suggest KiwiRail engages with passenger bus companies so that they include connectivity with the Capital Connection route, particularly to Marton. There is a useful parallel on the Wairarapa Line, where buses connect Greytown with Woodside (the nearest stop to Greytown) and Martinborough to Featherston.

b. Northerner

Council is pleased that the Northerner will resume, from 26 September 2022. However, we feel that it (like the Capital Connection) should be established as a seven-day-a-week service together with incorporating stops which have been suspended for the past decade – including Taihape and Marton.

We think there is an opportunity to have this service seen (and used) as an alternative for New Zealanders wishing to travel to and from intermediate points along the North Island Main Trunk. This will make the service more meaningful for rural communities near the railway as well as making it feasible for those travelling from the North Island's main cities to visit smaller towns. As with the Capital Connection, we think it is important to provide connecting bus services.

Alongside gradual extension of existing services, Council also suggests investigating the innovative approaches being developed internationally, and requests that plans for transport networks include providing access to underserved communities.

I would like the opportunity to talk with the Committee, please contact my Executive Assistant Karen Cowper to arrange a time to speak, she can be contacted at:
karen.cowper@rangitikei.govt.nz
Ngā mihi

Andy Watson

Mayor of the Rangitikei District

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14 September 2022

Committee Secretariat
Governance and Administration Committee
Parliament Buildings
Wellington
Submitted online via www.parliament.nz



Tēnā Koutou

Rangitikei District Council Submission on the Local Government Electoral Legislation Bill

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Local Government Electoral Legislation Bill. There are several aspects of this bill which apply to Rangitikei District Council (RDC), and we wish to provide the below comments:

1. Māori Representation in local government

With the change implemented in March 2021 there has been a significant uptake on the provision to introduce Māori Wards. RDC was one of the Councils that used this opportunity to revisit the introduction Māori Wards and was successful in implementing two wards which are now in place for the 2022 elections.

We support the second phase of this change which will make Councils' approach to considering Māori Wards easier and more equitable in future, including more consultation with the community. We expect this will support a greater awareness of the upcoming election, encouraging residents to both stand and vote.

2. Updating process when election results are tied

We support the introduction of a mandatory recount in the event of a tied result and an alternative to the use of a coin toss if an election is still tied after a judicial recount. Both these changes give certainty to the candidate and the Electoral Official who is responsible for election results.

3. Enabling all candidates to submit electronic nominations

We support this practice as it will improve processes for candidates and Electoral Officers. Particularly in a geographically large district this approach will speed up processing of nominations and remove the barriers seen in the current system where nominees must print off a nomination form, fill it in, scan it and potentially hand-deliver the documents to a Council office. The removal of barriers that may discourage people from standing is welcomed.

Another matter which is out of scope for this Bill but we encourage being reconsidered is the introduction of electronic voting. Updating our voting system to better meet modern expectations is something that should be addressed urgently to encourage the participation of younger voters.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission.
Naku noa

Carol Gordon
Group Manager - Democracy and Planning

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HS Applications
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Wellington 6140
via submission to epa.govt.nz

Tena Koe

Rangitikei District Council submission on the Application to Introduce a New Herbicide, Conviso One

We acknowledge the opportunity to submit on this application and thank the Authority for notifying us of this consultation.

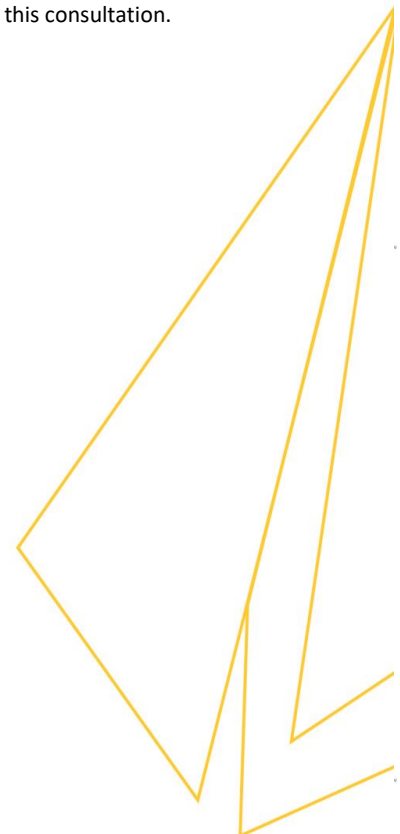
Territorial authorities have a responsibility under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (the Act) to ensure that the Act is enforced within the District, and therefore have an interest in such consultations.

However, Council does not have capacity to consider and provide a response to this consultation.

Naku noa

Peter Beggs, Chief Executive

On Behalf of the Rangitikei District Council



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Commerce Commission
PO Box 2351
Wellington 6140
New Zealand
via submission to buildingsuppliesmarketstudy@comcom.govt.nz

Tēnā Koe

Rangitikei District Council submission on the Residential Building Supplies Market Study Draft Report

The Rangitikei District Council (Council) acknowledges the opportunity to submit on the Residential Building Supplies Market Study Draft Report.

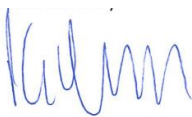
We support the comments made by the Minister in requesting this study that good housing underpins other well-being outcomes, and that fairly-priced building materials can contribute to this.

We also acknowledge that in recent years, increased building activity and supply chain constraints have contributed to difficulties in acquisition and increases in pricing in the building sector, and support any work done to investigate and improve these and other conditions impacting the sector.

We have uploaded information on this feedback opportunity on our website and contacted key stakeholders in the sector to raise awareness of this opportunity.

Unfortunately, given the detailed nature of the report, the short timeframe given to respond with feedback, and the many competing priorities of Council including a range of other consultation opportunities, Council does not have the capacity to submit detailed feedback on this report.

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RDC Concession (Facilities)**Application For Concession**

APPLICANT DETAILS			
Please note that those fields highlighted with an * are required fields and must be filled out.			
*Name of organisation: <u>Kids Drama Club</u>			
*Type of Organisation (please tick applicable)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Incorporated Society	<input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Trust	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):
*Certificate of Incorporation Number (If applicable)			
*Charities Commission Registration Number (If applicable)			
*Affiliation to a regional, national or iwi body (If applicable)			
*How does your organisation link to Rangitikei? <u>All participants live here.</u>			
*Name of Applicant: <u>Charlotte Donald</u>		<u>charlottied@hotmail.com</u>	
*Postal Address: <u>5 Pukeko St, Taihape</u>		*Email Address: <u>↑</u>	
*Daytime Contact number: <u>027 322 3566</u>		*Mobile Number:	
CONCESSION DETAILS			
*The above group/organization wish to apply for a concession relating to the use of the: (i.e. Te Matapihi Bulls Community Centre – Town Hall) <u>Kokako St Hall</u>		*Re-occurring event: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		*Recurrence: <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Yearly <small>NB concessions will not be granted for more than 10 re-occurring sessions.</small>	
*Event Name: <u>'Showcase'</u>			
*Type of Event: <u>Performance of students in front of audience</u>			
*No. of Attendees: <u>60 approx</u>	*Date of Hire:	*Hire Start Time:	*Hire End Time:
*Is entry or participation free? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		*If no, what is the cost of entry or participation: <u>Gold Coin</u>	
*Proceeds of function to be applied to: <u>Gifts for volunteers / students</u>			
*Reason for applying: <u>To help funds go towards the kids & volunteers. Non-profit group.</u>			
<u>Wed 21st Sept 2.30 – 4.30pm</u> <u>Sat 24th Sept 12.30 – 3.30pm</u> <u>Wed 28 Sept 2.30 – 5.30pm</u>			
Office Use Only			
PROPERTY OFFICER TO COMPLETE			
Concession Granted: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Concession amount granted: \$	
Concession Approved By:		Signed:	

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Kirsty Fannin was the real driver behind getting a kids drama club together. With the help of Charlotte Oswald, our Kids Drama Club was first run over the winter terms in 2018, with a performance written by Kirsty performed as the finale.

In 2019, we again ran through the winter terms and were able to stage 2 sold out performances of 'Pirates versus Mermaids'. Of course, Covid struck in 2020 and the restrictions made it impossible to run our sessions. Last year we started back, but again Covid made a performance too difficult.

This year, with Kirsty moving on, we tried a different structure of our sessions. Shadrack Simi has been sharing his expertise in the field, with the help of REAP providing the funding and venue. The sessions have been outstanding, and watching the students grow their confidence and use their imaginations has been so rewarding.

We try and keep our fees low so that there is no discrimination about who join, (numbers have been consistently at about 20 kids per year) but in doing so there is not a fund we can dip into for unexpected costs. Shows can be a big expense, with costumes, lighting, venue hire, purchase of rights etc, but we have kept our costs this year at next to nothing. Shad has written a 'Showcase' where all the students can share what they have learnt over the term, each taking a turn in the spotlight. Shad has requested we perform at the bowling club as the space is perfect for what he is trying to achieve - not too big, but spacious enough for performers and audience to enjoy.

We have requested concession to help keep our costs as low as possible, and focus on the performance rather than fundraising. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Charlotte Oswald
Kids Drama Club

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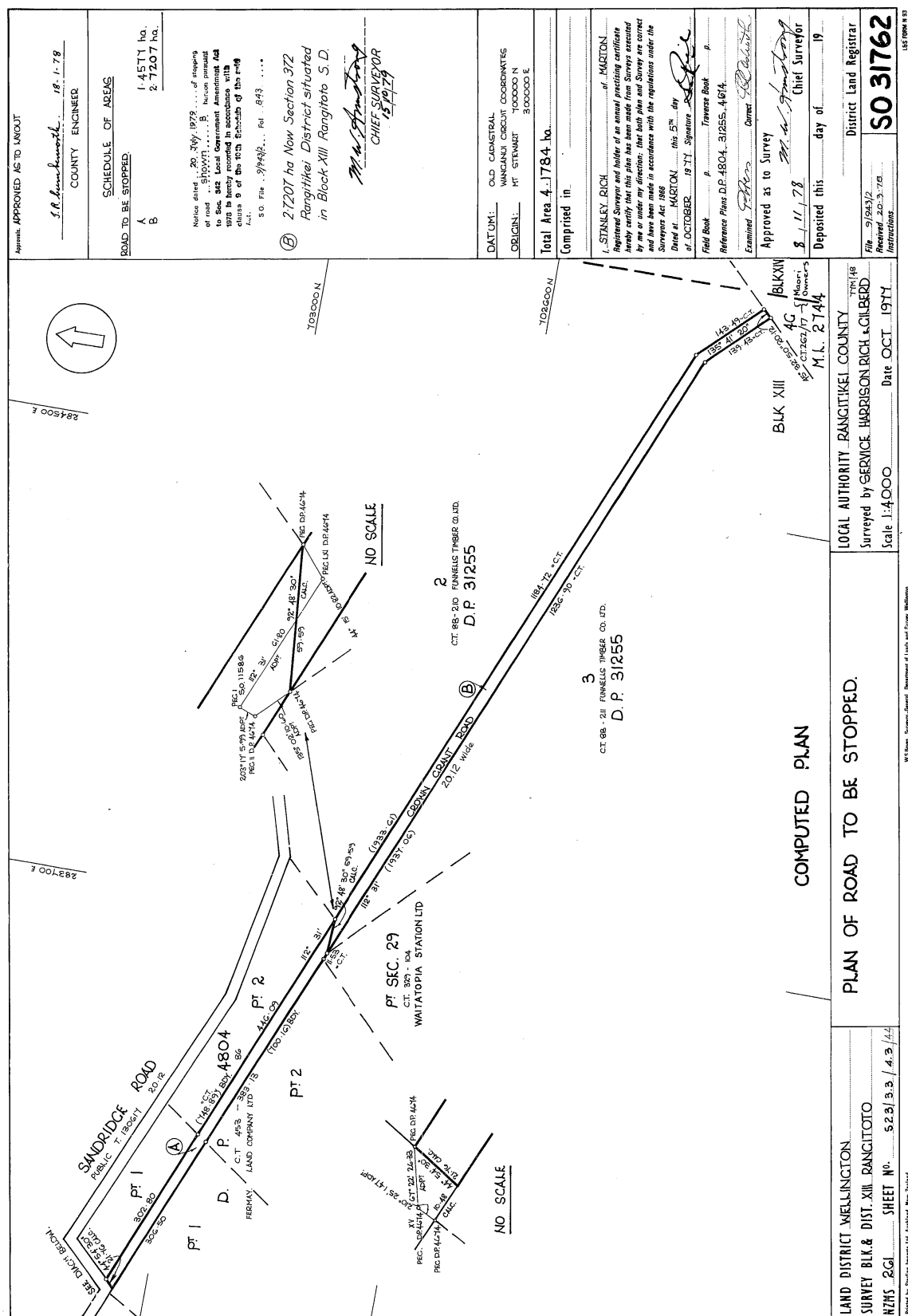


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If the information is relied on in support of Resource Consent it should be verified by independent survey.

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10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Better off Funding Submission

Author: Gaylene Prince, Group Manager - Community Services

Authoriser: Peter Beggs, Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To seek Council's endorsement of a potential project identified by Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti as being suitable for Tranche One of the Better Off funding.

2. Context

- 2.1 At the August Council meeting, Council approved the following projects being submitted for Tranche 1 – Better off funding:
 - Business cases for housing \$50,000
 - Development of Climate Impact Strategy and Action Plan \$75,000
 - Acceleration of District Plan Review – Housing \$427,000
 - Hautapu River Parks Project, Taihape \$375,000
 - Town Centre Regeneration Investment Study \$200,000
 - Investigation & Design – Flood Protection Marton CBD \$120,000
 - Investigation & Design – Taihape Civic Centre \$1,853,000 (or balance of funds).
- 2.2 An important aspect of the funding criteria for Council is to recognise the role of Iwi in the Rangitikei. Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti expressed a strong interest in securing some of the Better Off Funding available for projects. It was requested that Council allocate a nominal amount of \$200,000 and Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti would then hold a workshop to discuss how this funding would be prioritised against possible projects, improvements in the region, or cultural projects.
- 2.3 Council has left to lie on the table (until Council's meeting 29 September 2022) the decision for funding for Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti as part of the submission for Tranche 1 – Better off funding.

3. Discussion and Options Considered

- 3.1 A recent project 'Marae Water Assessments', in conjunction with WSP New Zealand Ltd, reviewed all marae in our District for the suitability of drinking water and wastewater. This project was funded under the three waters stimulus package and has been concluded. The assessments include an oversight of the infrastructure found at 11 marae in the Rangitikei for potable water, and wastewater.
- 3.2 At a recent Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti workshop, it was agreed that the \$200,000 would best contribute towards the next stage in the marae water assessments project:

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- Determining the scope and identifying the costs associated with obtaining compliance and capacity for all marae potable water and wastewater systems, and prioritising the works identified.

3.3 This would assist marae to achieve compliance with the new water regulations coming into effect in November 2022.

3.4 Council had consulted previously with each of the marae via interpersonal online meetings, and the high-level reporting from WSP was provided after this consultation.

3.5 The 11 marae covered in the proposed project are:

- Parewānui
- Tiniwaitara
- Kauangaroa
- Whangaehu
- Rātana Pā
- Rātā
- Parewahawaha
- Winiata
- Opaea
- Moawhango
- Raketapauma

4. Conclusion

4.1 Council's Better off Relationship Manager believes that if the project case is considered against the criteria, it would comply with the Better off funding criteria.

4.2 Council has previously tagged \$200,000 towards funding project/s to be identified by Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti.

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Better off Funding Submission' be received.

Recommendation 2

That Council approve the following project being submitted for Tranche 1 – Better off funding:

- Rangitikei Marae – Potable water and wastewater system compliance and capacity – Scope, Cost, and Prioritisation.

10.2 Better Business Cases - Marton and Taihape**Author:** Adina Foley, Senior Project Manager**Authoriser:** Peter Beggs, Chief Executive**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 The Project Management Office (PMO), together with a consultant, is currently completing two single staged business cases, one for the Marton Civic Centre project and one for the Taihape Town Hall project, following the Better Business Case (BBC) model.
- 1.2 This report gives an overview of the process that each business case went through. It presents the outcome of the Marton business case option analysis and gives an update on remaining steps for the Taihape business case.
- 1.3 Staff are seeking a decision from Council for the Marton Civic Centre project based on the recommendation of the business case, so that staff can continue planning for the next steps.

2. Better Business Case Methodology

- 2.1 In 2010 NZ Treasury Identified Systematic Problems with Public Sector Decision-making which included late scope changes, pet solutions looking for problems, undefined and untracked benefits, little consideration of genuine strategic alternatives, lack of stakeholder engagement, lack of supplier relationships, and millions of dollars wasted on poorly justified projects.
- 2.2 When the BBC was developed by NZ Treasury the following requirements were considered:

Requirement	Resulting in...
Systematic	Avoid missing or under-weighting key steps
Disciplined	Managing optimism and anchoring biases
Tests a wide range of options	Avoiding pet solutions
Evidence-based	Providing rigor to the narrative
Staged	Providing point for checking in with decision-makers
Scalable	Fit for purpose effort to avoid over-analysis
Onboards stakeholders	Early and regular engagement
Uses standard and tested tools	Assurance of best practice
Avoids surprises	Managing risks of late challenges
Avoids regret	Pre-challenged recommendations that stick

- 2.3 The BBC process has been designed to enable sound decisions to be made by addressing the context and drivers, defining problems, objectives and needs and at the very last step looking at and designing options.
- 2.4 The five cases look in detail into the following five questions:
 - (a) STRATEGIC Case – Is there a compelling case for change?
 - (b) ECONOMIC Case – What is the preferred solution that optimises value?
 - (c) COMMERCIAL Case – Is the preferred solution attractive to suppliers (and to us)?
 - (d) FINANCIAL Case – Is the preferred solution affordable? Can it be funded?
 - (e) MANAGEMENT Case – Is the preferred solution achievable? Can it be delivered successfully?
- 2.5 Options Framework within the BBC
 - 2.5.1 The options framework within the BBC aims to identify all possible options by collating all options in a “long list” which then gets reduced to a “short list”.
 - 2.5.2 Demonstrating public value requires a wide range of realistic options to be appraised (“the long list”), in terms of how well they meet the spending objectives and critical success factors for the project; and then a reduced number of possible options (“the short list”) to be examined in further detail.
 - 2.5.3 The “short list” must include business as usual, a realistic and achievable “do minimum” that meets essential requirements, the preferred way forward and any other options that have been carried forward. These options are subjected to cost benefit analysis, to identify the option that offers best public value to society (“the preferred option”).
 - 2.5.4 The outcome of the business case process is to present the preferred option to council along with the whole business case.
 - 2.5.5 Council then decides on the next steps which may likely include public consultation on the preferred option and the concept designs that have been completed for the preferred option.
- 2.6 Potential benefits for the different parties involved are:
 - 2.6.1 Council decision-makers gain the assurance that they are doing the right things (business assurance), and in the right way (programme and project assurance)
 - 2.6.2 Managers can successfully deliver on their strategic plans
 - 2.6.3 Officials have the tools they need to develop robust, high-quality advice to decision-makers
 - 2.6.4 Stakeholders have opportunities to engage in the decision-making process.

3. Strengthening Designs

- 3.1 As mentioned in 2.5.3 above, the short list must include business as usual, a realistic and achievable “do minimum” that meets essential requirements. Staff commissioned concept level strengthening designs for the current Council administration buildings on High St, the Marton library and the three buildings on the corner of High St and Broadway.

- 3.2 This information is required to determine cost estimates for the strengthening that will be required for the “do minimum” option.
- 3.3 These strengthening designs are expected to be completed by the end of 2022.

4. Procurement of Architectural Company

- 4.1 In the expectation of needing to procure an architect for both the Marton Civic Centre project and the Taihape Town Hall project, the PMO created a design competition for architects to design a new building on a brown field in Marton to accommodate council administrative services, a library and community meeting spaces.
- 4.2 It was a two-stepped procurement process, the first step was a Registration of Interest for which the Rangitikei District Council (RDC) received 13 good quality submissions. These submissions were evaluated and assessed based on the following criteria:
 - 4.2.1 Capability (30%)
 - 4.2.2 Methodology (30%)
 - 4.2.3 Capacity (30%)
 - 4.2.4 Locality (10%)
- 4.3 Four companies were short listed and invited to submit proposals to create an efficient concept design based on a brief supplied by the PMO.
- 4.4 Three submissions were received. The designs were priced by an independent Quantity Surveyor (QS) and the submissions reviewed based on the following criteria:
 - 4.4.1 Operational Effectiveness (25%)
 - 4.4.2 Building and operational cost at Concept Design (20%)
 - 4.4.3 Management Skills (10%)
 - 4.4.4 Innovation and Quality (15%)
 - 4.4.5 QS estimates (30%)
- 4.5 The winning proposal achieved a weighted score of 77.7 out of 100 (the second placed score was 72.8 and the third placed score 65.5)
- 4.6 The Request for Proposals (RFP) included a clause that will allow the winning tenderer to be engaged to consider other projects such as the Taihape Town Hall project to achieve better efficiencies across the district.

5. Taihape Business Case Update

5.1 Timeline

- 5.1.1 Four workshops were completed between May 2022 – September 2022.

5.2 Objectives for the Taihape Town Hall (defined through the workshops):

- 5.2.1 Improve the user experience of RDC services
- 5.2.2 A better-connected community
- 5.2.3 Increased community wellbeing

5.3 Next steps

- 5.3.1 Staff are engaging the architect from the Marton Tender Process (as mentioned in 4.6) to complete a high-level concept design for two of the shortlisted options.
- 5.3.2 All shortlisted options will then be reviewed and evaluated by a panel under the guidance of the business case consultant and high-level cost estimates of the designs will be supplied by an independent Quantity Surveyor (QS).
- 5.3.3 Within the next 3-6 months the shortlisted options, including their cost estimates and economic analysis, will be presented to Council for their decision or next steps and further public consultation.

6. Marton Business Case

6.1 Timeline

- 6.1.1 Seven workshops were completed between October 2021 – September 2022.

6.2 Objectives for the Marton Civic Centre (defined through the workshops):

- 6.2.1 Marton's town centre is everyone's place
- 6.2.2 Transform the Marton library experience to an inviting centre for learning and interaction
- 6.2.3 Improve the customer and staff user experience of RDC facilities
- 6.2.4 Increase efficiency of RDC services

6.3 Short-listed options

6.3.1 "Do minimum"

- a. Keeping up with regulations by strengthening current RDC administrative building and the library, not including any further improvements to either building.
- b. Benefit score: 3.8/10
- c. Risk score: 1.8/10
- d. Capital costs (total project estimate): \$3,000,000 - \$5,000,000



6.3.2 Preferred way forward:

- a. Construct a new building on the vacant corner of Broadway and High Street on a brown field which will accommodate all RDC administrative staff currently at 46 High Street, a new learning and interaction centre (library) and various meeting spaces for the community.
- b. Benefit score: 7.8/10

- c. Risk score: 2.6/10
- d. Capital costs (total project estimate): \$26,000,000 - \$32,000,000



6.3.3 Preferred way forward – Alternative Site:

- a. Construct a new building on the corner of Broadway and High Street on the site where of the Cobbler, Abraham and Williams and Davenport buildings stand currently. The new building would accommodate all RDC administrative staff that are currently at 46 High Street, a new learning and interaction centre (library) and various meeting spaces for the community.
- b. Benefit score: 7.8/10
- c. Risk score: 2.6/10
- d. Capital costs (total project estimate): \$28,000,000 - \$34,000,000 (including \$2,000,000 for demolition of the three buildings)



6.3.4 Heritage option:

- a. Renovate the Cobbler, Abraham and Williams and Davenport buildings to accommodate all RDC administrative staff that are currently at 46 High Street, a new learning and interaction centre (library) and various meeting spaces for the community.
- b. Benefit score: 9.2/10
- c. Risk score: 3.9/10

- d. Capital costs (total project estimate): \$30,000,000 - \$37,000,000



6.3.5 Aspirational Option:

- a. Construct a new building on the corner of Broadway and High Street which accommodates all RDC administrative staff that are currently at 46 High Street, a new learning and interaction centre (library), various meeting spaces for the community and a business centred hub.
- b. Benefit score: 9.6/10
- c. Risk score: 3.0/10
- d. Capital costs (total project estimate): \$30,000,000 - \$36,000,000



6.4 Financial implication for the Marton Business Case

- 6.4.1 The Long-Term Plan (LTP) 2021-31 includes a provisional total project budget of \$20,000,000 for the Marton Civic Centre.
- 6.4.2 The cost estimates for all four options are high-level estimates. Option 6.3.2, 6.3.4 and 6.3.5 above were costed by a professional independent Quantity Surveyor based on high level concept designs that were completed for these options as they had the highest benefit score.
- 6.4.3 The construction market has seen steep cost increases over the last 3-4 years with COVID knock on effects pushing up prices (e.g., increased demand on the local and international market, challenges by the supply chain etc.)
- 6.4.4 Currently only the “do-minimum” option is within the current LTP budget allowance.

7. Conclusion and potential ways forward for Marton

- 7.1 Due to the cost estimates being more than the LTP budget, Council could agree to increase the budget to fit any of the options presented. Once the budget restraint is resolved Council could request staff to conduct public consultation on any of the presented options or additional options, as they may see fit.
- 7.2 If the budget cannot exceed the current LTP budget for this project, Council could request staff to change project outcomes by moving away from the Council owned sites on the corner of Broadway and High Street to fit the budget of \$20,000,000. This could include a concept design for the library and the council administrative buildings based on the do-minimum option but to include more extensive renovations to improve the user experience and make the existing building fit for purpose.
- 7.3 If the heritage buildings on the corner of Broadway and High Street are not to be used as part of the Marton Civic Centre project, they would become part of a list of earthquake prone buildings that RDC has to find resolutions for to reduce risk and liability within the next 15 years. These solutions could include strengthening, selling or demolition to mention a few examples.

Recommendation 1

That the report “Better Business Cases - Marton and Taihape” be received.

Recommendation 2

- a) That staff provide a financial analysis and rating impact regarding the ability to fund an increase in the current Long Term Plan given potential cost implications of approximately an additional \$16M to provide for a new Council facility on the corner of Broadway and High Street.
- b) That staff complete an alternative design for strengthening and modernising the offices at 46 High Street and the library to fit within the existing \$20m Long Term Plan budget.
- c) That both proposals become part of the consultation process within the 2022/23 Annual Plan process

Recommendation 3

That, given the high public interest in the Marton Civic Centre and Taihape Town Hall projects, all Council meetings and workshops relevant to these projects be held in public forum.

10.3 Changing Rooms at Te Matapihi, Bulls Community Centre**Author:** Adina Foley, Senior Project Manager**Authoriser:** Peter Beggs, Chief Executive**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 In a meeting with a community group from Bulls, led by Jane Dunn, concerns have been raised that neither option 3 or 5a would be sufficient for the groups to actually use a new changing space attached to Te Matapihi, Community Centre.
- 1.2 This report requests authorisation to change the scope from detailed design of option 3 and 5a (resolved minute number 21/RDC/375), to completing a feasibility study for a new option. The outcome of this study would be a concept design of a changing space that matches the requirements of the users.

2. Context

- 2.1 At the Council meeting on 28th October 2021, (resolved minute number 21/RDC/375), Council confirmed, "that in order to progress adding new changing rooms to Te Matapihi, Council endorse Options 3 and 5a, and request staff to complete detailed design engineering for the endorsed option and report back at the February 2022 meeting, noting all costs for this activity are unbudgeted and are currently unknown".
- 2.2 The cost estimate for option 3 was \$642,181 including \$107,100 contingency, and \$550,000-\$750,000 for option 5a with no contingency. It should be noted that these estimates were prepared based on sketches and have a low expectation of accuracy.
- 2.3 Staff met with the community group led by Ms Dunn (which includes representatives from the Bulls schools, the Bulls Community Trust, the local kapa haka group, and some community members) to understand the submission and the requirements better. On Tuesday 15th March 2022 a meeting was held at Te Matapihi with the community group, two elected members and staff from the Project Management Office (PMO) attending.
- 2.4 This report has been written by the PMO and was reviewed by the community group.

3. Discussion and Options Considered

- 3.1 Key users of the potential changing space were part of the meeting and together they defined the following requirements in order of importance:
 - 3.1.1 Big enough space to have **everyone together** for practice, changing and preparation (e.g., whole school, whole kapa haka group, all contestants, all actors, all performers of a show etc.) as well as space to store items (e.g., costumes).
 - 3.1.2 **Accessibility** to the stage and changing spaces (incl. wide enough access considering large costumes, wheelchair access etc).
 - 3.1.3 The space and accessways to be an **addition to the building**, so it does not take away any current floor space.
 - 3.1.4 That the space should be **fully covered** to be safe from windy/rainy weather and accessible for all abilities.
 - 3.1.5 Space for **200 people** (requirement from schools)

- 3.1.6 Minimum of **two bathrooms** (at least one accessible)
- 3.1.7 **Flexible** to create separate gender spaces or meeting space
- 3.1.8 **Privacy and safety** so no one can look inside, and supervisors can monitor children
- 3.1.9 **Comfortable** - warm and well ventilated.
- 3.2 One of the key focuses was that everyone can be together pre-production which is particularly important for children's groups and their supervisors using the space.
- 3.3 The current building also does not have any rooms, including in the town hall, where the windows can be easily covered to allow for privacy.
- 3.4 The community group confirmed that option 3 is too small for them to consider using it, even it was to be approved by council. This results in a risk of investment being made with little actual use of the single-purpose facility. In unity the group ruled out option 3 and made it clear that option 5a was the very minimum required to be functional.
- 3.5 It was also pointed out that the footprint of the current town hall space is significantly smaller than the old town hall. With rising school rolls and increase of local population the current town hall space may become unusable for some events of the community group. However, this mostly affects the schools if their rolls rise in the future. There are many other community events that need a changing and preparation space as discussed at the meeting with community groups. Even if the schools' rolls rise in the future with an alternative space as discussed at the meeting, the schools could still use Te Matapihi for many school events.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The community group's intention is to make sure the investment is being done wisely and practically. Going to a detailed design for two options in their view would be a waste of investment, they want to see their requirements met but in a practical way that includes avoiding shifting services or losing too many car parks.
- 4.2 The community's concept 5b (their preferred option) always intended the loss of 2-3 carparks for the addition of an alternative changing / preparation space which accommodates approximately 203 people. The community's proposal also states they did not have the relevant information on underground services to and from the building. The community group wanted to point out that option 5b was their preferred option and that it should be considered within the feasibility study (with tweaks and re-design where required).
- 4.3 The feasibility study would look at the current building with all its restrictions (including access ways, locations of services, car parking, resource consent requirements) and suggest a design that will be in accordance with restrictions and the community group's requirements for it to be a useable design in their view.
- 4.4 Staff have approached three engineering companies for quotes for such a feasibility study. Only one company has responded with interest and have submitted a quote for \$89,600 which includes the following deliverables:
 - 4.4.1 Architectural drawings including a site layout, indicative plan, and sections as well as an outline of proposed materials to describe the design proposal for the purposes of a cost estimate
 - 4.4.2 Building services with sketches to communicate the proposed service provisions

- 4.4.3 Structural engineering input outlining the primary structural systems and lateral load resisting systems that could be adopted conceptually.
- 4.4.4 Provide a cost estimate in the range of +50%/-30%.
- 4.4.5 Completion within approx. 6 to 9 months.

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Changing Rooms at Te Matapihi, Bulls Community Centre' be received.

Recommendation 2

That Council **approve** that the scope of the 'Te Matapihi Additional Changing Room' project be expanded to allow staff to undertake a feasibility study for the best suitable space (considering restrictions and requirements), as requested by the Bulls user group and as defined in 3.1 of this report, **noting** this will take approximately 6-9 months and will cost \$89,600 which is unbudgeted operational expenditure.

AND

That Council approve staff to seek feedback from the Larger Community Event holder groups regarding the development and presentation of options of this feasibility study, to make sure the options best fulfil their requirements.

10.4 Request for Financial Support - Erewhon Rural Water Scheme

Author: Dave Tombs, Group Manager - Corporate Services

Authoriser: Peter Beggs, Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 For Council to consider a request from the Erewhon Rural Water Scheme for a grant.

2. Context

- 2.1 The Erewhon Rural Water Scheme ('ERWS') is planning to engage a Consultant to assist with the development of its future capital replacement programme.
- 2.2 It is not currently known how much this initiative will cost the ERWS.
- 2.3 At the Public Forum section of the August 2022 Council Meeting, members of the ERWS provided an overview of this initiative and advised that they may seek a grant from Council should they fail to obtain a grant from another source for this. It has now become evident that they cannot obtain the other grant for this.
- 2.4 ERWS have confirmed to staff they are not requesting a loan.
- 2.5 The ERWS have accordingly asked Council to provide a grant to cover 50% of the cost of this initiative, with the grant to be capped at \$50k.
- 2.6 Any such grant would be unbudgeted operational expenditure for Council.

3. Discussion and Options Considered

- 3.1 Officers are presenting two options for Council to consider:
 - 3.1.1 Council does not provide a grant for this; or
 - 3.1.2 Council provides the grant as requested.

4. ERWS Financial Position

- 4.1 At 30 June 2021 the ERWS had negative reserves (i.e., debt) with Council of \$168k, caused largely by a large capital spend in 2020/21 of \$279k.
- 4.2 The draft ERWS Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2022 shows that 2021/22 was a 'cash neutral' year for the Scheme:
 - 4.2.1 Metered Charges Income of \$162k
 - 4.2.2 Operating Cash Surplus (after expenses) of \$40k
 - 4.2.3 Capital Expenditure of \$40k.
- 4.3 Members of the ERWS have recognised that they have a significant level of capital investment required and that:

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- 4.3.1 The level of income generated in recent years is insufficient for this capital investment; and
- 4.3.2 They want to avoid large debts.
- 4.4 Members of the ERWS accordingly asked that their rates be doubled from 2022/23.
- 4.5 This should increase their Operating Cash Surplus from \$40k to around \$200k, thus effectively eliminating their debt to Council (subject to unforeseen Operating/Capital Expenditure items) and providing a stronger base from which they can deliver their capital programme.
- 4.6 Should Council not approve this grant, and should the ERWS proceed with this Consultancy Appointment, this will result in a greater level of debt owed by the ERWS to Council.
- 4.7 As part of the Three Waters Reforms, it is widely reported that Councils will be compensated for their 'water related debt' although the details around this 'debt transfer' are not clear and are subject to change.

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Request for Financial Support – Erewhon Rural Water Scheme' be received.

Recommendation 2

That Council approve/does not approve [*delete one*] a grant of up to \$50,000 to the Erewhon Rural Water Scheme for 50% of the costs associated with developing an Asset Replacement Programme for the Scheme.

10.5 2022/23 Budget: Carry Forwards and Other Adjustments (excl Rooding)

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1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To recommend to Council a range of proposed amendments to Council's 2022/23 budget, including budget carry forwards from the 2021/22 Financial Year to the 2022/23 Financial Year.
- 1.2 These proposed amendments:
 - i. were presented to the Finance & Performance Committee meeting earlier today, for their information and discussion; and
 - ii. do not include potential amendments to budgets associated with Council's Rooding activity. Such amendments are still being finalised and will be presented to the next Council meeting.

2. Context

- 2.1 For the purposes of this report, the proposed amendments to Council's 2022/23 Budget are considered in three categories:
 - i. Capital Expenditure Budgets
 - ii. Operating Expenditure Budgets
 - iii. Revenue Budgets

3. Capital Expenditure Budgets

- 3.1 During 2021/22 officers identified a number of capital projects that could not be completed during 2021/22 and included these budget amounts in the 2022/23 Annual Plan based on expected year-end budget surplus figures.
- 3.2 As shown in the Summary Table in S3.5 below, the 2022/23 Annual Plan Capital Budget of \$50.1m comprises \$23.2m of these 'carry forward' amounts, plus the LTP Budgets of \$26.1m. In addition, \$0.8m of other amounts that were identified during the 2022/23 Annual Plan process.
- 3.3 At the time Officers noted that further adjustments would be made to these budget carry forwards once the 2021/22 finances were finalised.
- 3.4 The 2021/22 finances are now sufficiently advanced for these further carry forward budget adjustments to be considered.
- 3.5 Officers have also identified other Capital Budgets that they feel should be amended, as discussed in this report, and are recommending that the 2022/23 Capital Expenditure Budget also be adjusted for the following:

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- i. Budget Deferrals: Recognition that certain budgeted projects will not be completed during 2022/23 due to market constraints and potential delays that are inherent with the delivery of the specific projects. This results in some capital budgets being removed from the 2022/23 budget and earmarked for inclusion in the 2023/24 budget; and
- ii. other sundry factors explained below.

Summary

2022/23 Capital Budget per LTP	\$26.1m
Additions included in 2022/23 Annual Plan:	
carry forwards	\$23.2m
other	\$0.8m
2022/23 Capital Budget per Annual Plan	\$50.1m
Proposed Deferral to future years	(\$15.5m)
Proposed amendments to carry forwards	(\$0.5m)
Proposed Other amendments	\$0.4m
Proposed 2022/23 Capital Budget*	\$34.5m

*excluding possible amendments to Roading Budgets

- 3.6 The attached Capital Budget Summary contains a significant level of detail regarding all the proposed changes to the Capital Budget and has been provided for transparency.
- 3.7 As can be seen from the Table above, the main proposed amendments to the Annual Plan Capital Budgets involve 'deferrals to future years' (\$15.5m). The following subsection provides a more succinct overview of these proposed Budget Deferrals.

Deferral of Capital Budgets to 2023/24

- 3.8 Officers have identified the Projects listed in S3.10 which:
 - i. Can be expected to extend into the 2023/24 Financial Year; and/or
 - ii. Have a degree of uncertainty regarding their rate of progress (e.g. where consents may be required, where designs are still being developed etc..) and/or
 - iii. May be delayed due to market constraints
- 3.9 Officers are proposing to defer some of the 2022/23 Capital Budgets associated with these projects to 2023/24 to recognise that these projects may extend into the next financial year. Further detail regarding these project budgets is included in Column 10 of the attached Capital Budget Summary.

(Note for the purposes of this report:

- i. a 'capital deferral' is the term used to transfer a 2022/23 budget to a future year: i.e. it results in a *reduction* to the 2022/23 budget;
- ii. a 'budget carry forward' is the term used to transfer an unspent 2021/22 budget to 2022/23: i.e. it results in an *increase* to the 2022/23 budget)

- 3.10 These projects, with their proposed 'Budget deferral amounts' to the 2023/24 Financial Year are:

Budget Deferral Projects	Amounts to defer to 2023/24
Marton/Bulls Water Centralisation Project	\$5.6m
Water New Bore/Plant	\$4.2m
Marton Rail Hub	\$4.0m
Taihape Grandstand	\$0.7m
Stormwater Renewals	\$0.5m
Marton Building Design/Construction	\$0.4m
Info Services: Cloud Project	\$0.1m
Total	\$15.5m

- 3.11 There may be an opportunity during the remainder of the 2022/23 Financial Year to reconsider the proposed budget deferrals. In such instances, Officers will seek Council approval.

Other Amendments to Carry Forwards

- 3.12 The attached Capital Budget Summary contains a significant volume of information that:

- i. contains details for each Capital Project that has a proposed amendment to its 2022/23 Capital Budget as per the LTP; and
- ii. includes the proposed Carry Forward Adjustments (Column 8); and
- iii. includes two Other proposed capital budget changes (Column 9), being
 - The Information Services Digitalisation Project: this is included in the LTP as spanning over 10 years with a total budget of \$1.04m. As a result of a successful tender process, Officers now believe that this Project can be delivered by June 2024 for \$630k, saving the Council \$412k on the total 10 year plan budget. This requires bringing forward capital budgets of \$171k from future years.
 - The Marton Memorial Hall project: this has extended across the past 2 financial years (2020/21 and 2021/22) and, although the 2021/22 budget was fully spent, has \$250k unspent budget from 2020/21. This \$250k should have been reflected in the 2021/22 budget was omitted in error. As this \$250k was not included in the 2021/22 capital budget it cannot be classified as 'carry forward' so, for these purposes, is included as an 'Other' proposed capital budget amendment.

(Note: Columns 1 to 7 in the attached Capital Budget Summary are 'historic', summarising how the Annual Plan budget was derived; Columns 8 to 10 summarise the changes being proposed by Officers)

3.13 Officers would also like to advise that the budgets currently allocated to two capital projects are expected to be significantly below the costs to complete these projects:

- Papakai Pump Station Replacement (Annual Plan Budget \$1.1m)
- Ratana Waste Water Upgrade (Annual Plan Budget \$1.8m)

3.14 Since the approval of the current Annual Plan, Officers have become aware that the budget for these projects may need to be significantly higher. Officers seek direction from elected members regarding their preferred 'way forward' for these projects.

4. Operational Expenditure Budgets

4.1 Officers have identified a number of initiatives that are currently unbudgeted in 2022/23 which either:

- a) have an obligation to incur Operating Expenditure (being related to grant income already received/to be received) or
- b) represent a Project that had a budget surplus in 2021/22 that Officers would like to carry forward to 2022/23.

2022/23 Operational Expenditure Budget per Annual Plan	\$21.96m
Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (unbudgeted grant income; has unbudgeted expenditure associated with it)*	\$0.32m
Four Regions/Lotteries Community Fund (income already received, but unspent; funds to be spent in 2022/23)	\$0.41m
Various Community Projects, District Promotions etc (incomplete as at 30 June 2022: summary included as an Attachment to this report)	\$0.16m
Other minor corrections/alignments to income/expense accounts – nett impact	\$0.03m
Proposed 2022/23 Operating Expense Budget*	\$22.88m

*\$220k of this is also included as an additional Income Budget amendment (the other \$100k was received in a prior year and was unspent as at 1 July 2022)

5. Revenue Budgets

5.1 Officers have identified the following Revenue Budgets that require amendment:

2022/23 Subsidies and Grants Income Budget per Annual Plan	\$21.50m
Marton Rail Hub (currently \$9m is budgeted for 2022/23; propose deferring \$5m to 2023/24)	(\$5.0m)
Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (see S4.1 above)	\$0.22m

Close out of Three Waters Stimulus Grant Funding (\$4.8m)	\$0.48m
Proposed 2022/23 Subsidies & Grant Income Budget	\$17.20m

5.2 The main figure included in these amendments is the deferral of \$5.0m from 2022/23 to 2023/24. Deferring the \$5.0m Grant Income from 2022/23 to 2023/24 recognises the uncertainty associated with Council meeting some of the project milestones (as reflected in the Capital Expenditure Budget deferral noted above). Further commentary regarding this is provided below:

- i. From a 'cash perspective' the deferral of this Income is essentially countered by the deferral of the Capital Expenditure Budget noted above; and
- ii. From a Balanced Budget perspective:
 - this will reduce Council's 2022/23 Budget Total Revenue from \$52.8m to \$47.8m
 - Council's 2022/23 Budget Total Operating Expenditure as per the Annual Plan is \$44.8m
 - Accordingly, Council will still be reporting a 2022/23 Balanced Budget (the other amendments included in this report would not significantly change these figures)
- iii. Officers note that, as stated in the LTP, such Capital Grants prevent the early years of the LTP years reporting a deficit budget position as the expenditure associated with such Revenue is 'capital' and accordingly not included when determining the Operating Surplus/Deficit.

Attachments:

1. **Capital Budget Summary** [↓](#)
2. **Operational Expenditure Budget Adjustments** [↓](#)

Recommendation 1

That Council receives the report '2022/23 Budget: Carry Forwards and Other Adjustments (excl Rooding)'.

Recommendation 2

That Council approves/declines [~~delete one~~] the proposed amendments to reduce the 2022/23 Capital Budget to \$34,510,170 by the deferral of certain capital expenditure budgets, changes to some Budget Carry Forwards from 2021/22 and the realignment/introduction of other capital budgets.

Recommendation 3

That elected members discuss, and provide guidance on, their preferred strategies in connection with the development of Papakai Pump Station Replacement and the Ratana Waste Water Upgrade.

Recommendation 4

That Council approves/declines [**delete one**] the increase in the Operating Expenses Budget 2022/23 of \$920,000 (nett) to recognise Council's obligations regarding grant income already received, various community/district promotional activities and other minor sundry amendments.

Recommendation 5

That Council approves/declines [**delete one**]:

- a. the increase in the Revenue Budget 2022/23 of \$700,000 to recognise unbudgeted grant income that Council expects to receive relating to Three Waters Stimulus Funding and Mayors Taskforce for Jobs;

AND

- b. a decrease in the Revenue Budget 2022/23 of \$5.0m to recognise that the Marton Rail Hub project, and its related income streams, will extend into 2023/24.

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	(Column 1 to 7 = Annual Plan Journey)					(=4+5+6)		(= 3-5)		(=7+8+9+10)	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	'2021/22 Actuals	2021/22 Budget	2021/22 Variance	LTP Budget 2022/23	Annual Plan Carry Forwards	Annual Plan New Projects 2022/23	Annual Plan Full Year Budget 2022/23	Carry Forward Adjustment	Other	Deferral to 2023/24	Amended Full Year Budget 2022/23
Grand Total	22,335,063	47,582,871	25,247,808	26,149,821	23,196,215	788,015	50,134,047	(520,234)	421,417	(15,495,063)	34,540,170
Business Units	837,062	1,192,500	355,438	792,832	275,000	621,015	1,688,851	31,815	171,417	(100,000)	1,792,083
Fleet Management	330,160	294,000	(36,160)	150,000	0	350,000	500,004	0			500,004
95500701. Motor Vehicle Purchases	330,160	294,000	(36,160)	150,000		350,000	500,004				500,004
Information Services	584,008	893,500	309,492	642,832	275,000	271,015	1,188,847	31,815	171,417	(100,000)	1,292,079
9260076101. ISSP: Software EDRMS Upgrade	13,619	120,000	106,381	123,600	100,000	197,000	420,600				420,600
9260076104. ISSP: Digitalisation of Building Consents	68,553	98,001	29,448	100,940	30,000		130,940		171,417		302,357
9260076109. ISSP: S&R Laptops and Computers	47,185	59,000	11,815	0		74,015	74,015	11,815			85,830
9260076110. ISSP: Cloud ERP	0	35,000	35,000	123,600	35,000		158,600			(100,000)	58,600
9260076111. ISSP: Knowledge Base	0	50,000	50,000	10,000	50,000		60,000				60,000
9260076112. ISSP: Security	29,231	50,000	20,769	51,500			51,500	20,000			71,500
9260076113. ISSP: Continuous Improvement	0	25,000	25,000	25,750	25,000		50,750				50,750
9260076201. Move to Office 365	79,915	100,000	20,085	0	20,000		20,000				20,000
9260076207. RFS Customer Enquiries & Complaints	9,505	19,998	10,493	20,600			20,600				20,600
9260070304. -91 Technolgy Upgrades	236,483	238,000	1,517	166,860	15,000		181,860				181,860
Community and Leisure Assets	4,639,688	9,202,422	4,562,734	2,607,066	3,992,280	167,000	6,766,340	652,263	250,000	(1,107,890)	6,560,713
Cemeteries	57,614	0	(57,614)	300,000	0	(300,000)	0	0	0	0	0
40701763 Land Acquisition	57,614	0	(57,614)	300,000	0	(300,000)	0				0
Community Housing	178,519	264,000	85,481	180,167	0	300,000	480,168	85,481	0	0	565,649
4040170601. Building Alterations - Contract	151,093	264,000	112,907	180,167		300,000	480,168	85,481			565,649
4040170604. Renewals	27,426	0	(27,426)				0				
Domains	1,407,086	4,594,000	3,186,914	1,400,000	3,180,480	27,000	4,607,480	44,434	0	(704,735)	3,947,179
4410170611. Taihape Amenities Detailed Design Construction bf from 20/21	1,278,967	1,821,000	542,033		577,480		577,480	(41,485)			535,995
4410170628. -123 Parks UpgradePartnership Scheme- Memorial Hall Carpark	6,038	0	(6,038)				0				0
4410170630. Taihape Grandstand	119,081	1,000,000	880,919		800,000		800,000	80,919		(704,735)	176,184
4410170661. Parks and Reserves Renewals						27,000	27,000				27,000
4410170701. Hautapu River Parks Project	3,000	15,000	12,000		15,000		15,000	(3,000)			12,000
4410170703. Northern Rugby Wanganui Sub Union	0	8,000	8,000		8,000		8,000	0			8,000
4410170704. Bulls Domain Pavillion Repairs (shower, deck, roof)	0	50,000	50,000		50,000		50,000	0			50,000
441010707 Mangaweka Pavillion	0	8,000	8,000				0	8,000			8,000
4410170708. Taihape Domain Power Upgrade					30,000		30,000				30,000
4410174501. Taihape Amenities Detailed Design & Construction	0	1,700,000	1,700,000	1,200,000	1,700,000		2,900,000				2,900,000
Halls	1,879,846	2,935,990	1,056,144	500,000	700,000	0	1,200,000	350,508	250,000	(403,155)	1,155,459
4090170201. Kokako Street Hall	0	5,000	5,000				0	3,300			3,300
40901706. Bulls Community Centre-LTPId62	(38,352)	271,000	309,352				0	266,382			266,382
4090170601. Renewals	42,970	0	(42,970)				0				0
4090170607. -84 Marton Memorial Hall	749,017	750,000	983		165,000		165,000	(165,000)	250,000		250,000
4090170609. -111 Furniture Bulls Civic Centre	53,199	118,000	64,801		75,000		75,000	(10,199)			64,801
4090174501. Additional Funding for Capital on Bulls Centre	30,319	65,000	34,681				0	34,681			34,681
4090174502. Bulls Bus Lane and Hub	823,755	760,000	(63,755)				0				0
4090174503. Bulls Town Square	211	439,000	438,789		100,000		100,000	275,034			375,034
4090174504. 64: Upgrade Taihape Town Hall - Design Build Construct	22,286	0	(22,286)				0				0
4090174505. Marton Building Design & Construction	171,404	500,000	328,596	500,000	360,000		860,000	(53,690)		(403,155)	403,155
Libraries	207,806	313,000	105,194	105,000	0	(20,000)	85,000	75,692	0	0	160,692
4080170201. Taihape Office Renovation	25,632	23,000	(2,632)				0				0
40801705. Furniture and Fittings	41,180	40,000	(1,180)	15,000							
4080170602. Marton Old Library Building	95,302	160,000	64,698				15,000	60,000			75,000
40801708. Library Book Purchases	45,692	90,000	44,308	90,000		(20,000)	70,000	15,692			85,692
Public Toilets	598,729	595,432	(3,297)	0	11,800	160,000	171,800	0	0	0	171,800
4060174501. Turakina Toilet Block (Dry Vault)	77,400	85,000	7,600		7,600		7,600				7,600
4060174502. Tutaenui Reserve Toilet	80,800	85,000	4,200		4,200		4,200				4,200
4060174503. Springvale Bridge Toilet						90,000	90,000				90,000
4060174504. Koitiata Camp Showers & Toilet Refurbishment						70,000	70,000				70,000
Swim Centres	303,852	500,000	196,148	121,899	100,000	0	221,892	96,149	0	0	318,040

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40001705. 75: Swim Centres - new pool covers & paint of pools	7,058	65,000	57,942		0		0	56,215			56,215
4000170610. -76 Re roof Swim Centre	1,727	0	(1,727)	116,699			0				0
4000170611. -78 Boilers MSC	24,529	52,000	27,471				0	27,471			27,471
4000170613. -103 New Roof and insulation for MSC	215,415	307,000	91,585		100,000		216,692	(8,415)			208,277
4000170615. Plant & Equipment Renewals	55,122	76,000	20,878	5,200			5,200	20,878			26,078
Roading and Footpaths	8,221,629	21,096,945	12,875,316	8,648,683	10,022,000	0	18,670,680	390,000	0	(4,000,000)	15,060,679
Non-Subsidised Roading	171,857	1,065,000	894,323	591,532	0	0	383,532	0	0	0	383,532
7030076104. Urban Reconstructions	0	150,000	150,000	154,650			154,650				154,650
7030076105. Paths and Structures	800	20,000	19,200	0							
7030076106. Subdivisional Roads - Construction	5,989	100,000	94,011	103,100			103,100				103,100
7030076107. Mitigation Sealing	0	120,000	120,000	125,782			125,782				125,782
Marton Rail Hub	1,213,063	8,325,000	7,111,937	208,000	6,722,000	0	6,930,000	390,000	0	(4,000,000)	3,320,000
Subsidised Roading	8,049,772	20,031,945	11,982,173	8,057,151	3,300,000	0	11,357,148	0	0	0	11,357,148
70100780. Unsealed Road Metalling & Rehabilitation	317,570	443,700	126,130	457,455			457,452				457,452
70100781. Sealed Road Pavement Rehabilitation	868,018	1,204,105	336,087	824,104			824,100				824,100
70100782. Drainage Renewals	603,952	735,000	131,048	618,600			618,600				618,600
70100783. Structures Components Replacements	472,722	453,500	(19,222)	597,813			597,816				597,816
7010078417. Renewal Footpath	200,036	231,624	31,588	243,580			243,576				243,576
7010078421. Road to Zero	29,460	0	(29,460)	0			0				0
70100785. Traffic Services Renewals	185,694	292,195	106,501	270,948			270,948				270,948
70100787. Sealed Road Surfacing	1,370,963	1,359,821	(11,142)	915,084			915,084				915,084
70100795. Improvements- Low Cost Low Risk	986,708	5,007,000	4,020,292	4,041,932	3,300,000		7,341,936				7,341,936
7010079601. Mangaweka Bridge Construction	1,487,440	2,430,000	942,560								
Water, Sewerage & Stormwater	8,636,684	16,091,004	7,454,320	14,101,240	8,906,935	0	23,008,176	(1,594,312)	0	(10,287,173)	11,126,695
Stormwater	195,802	799,992	604,190	516,000	557,172	0	1,073,172	46,975	0	(487,440)	632,708
6050176103. Marton Reticulation - Staff Time	722	0	(722)	0			0				
6050176201. 56.1: Wellington Road Construction	494	0	(494)	0			0				
6050176202. 56.2: Open Drain Renewals	31,336	99,996	68,660	104,004			104,004	67,400			171,404
6050177202. George Street Stormwater Renewal	4,200	300,000	295,800	0	295,800		295,800			(295,800)	0
6050177203. Bredins Line New Outfall	37,979	0	(37,979)	0			0				
6050177204. Bulls Stormwater Upgrades	5,664	200,004	194,340	206,000	197,704		403,704	(20,425)		(191,640)	191,640
6050177301. Marton Reticulation - Contractor	927	0	(927)	0			0				
6050177363. LOS SW Retic-LTPid55	78,151	99,996	21,845	102,996			102,996				102,996
6050177364. -121 RDC Storm Water Asset Strategy	36,328	99,996	63,668	103,000	63,668		166,668				166,668
Waste Water - Sewerage	7,560,525	12,105,012	4,544,487	7,769,600	6,657,259	0	14,426,856	(2,093,481)	0	(5,628,366)	6,705,008
6070176204. 52: Wastewater Reticulation - Renewals	321,831	500,004	178,173	520,000	440,000		960,000	(261,827)			698,173
6070176205. 89: Wastewater Treatment - Renewals	62,191	500,004	437,813	0	437,813		437,808	(5)			437,803
6070176206. Marton to Bulls Centralisation Project	6,571,634	6,500,000	(71,634)	6,700,000	1,700,000		8,400,000	(1,771,634)		(5,628,366)	1,000,000
6070176207. Land Purchase - Marton to Bulls Pipeline	0	1,200,000	1,200,000	0	1,200,000		1,200,000				1,200,000
6070177109. Papakai Pump Station Replacement	131,260	1,200,000	1,068,740	0	1,112,255		1,112,256	(43,515)			1,068,740
6070177111. Ratana Complete Upgrade	164,308	1,915,000	1,750,692	0	1,767,191		1,767,192	(16,500)			1,750,692
Water - District	730,199	2,690,004	1,959,805	5,611,796	1,572,504	0	7,184,304	572,194	0	(4,171,367)	3,585,135
6060176324. 37.1: Taihape falling main replacement	3,665	200,004	196,339	0	172,504		172,500	23,835			196,335
6060176401. Water Supply Renewals	2,498	249,996	247,499	260,004			260,004	247,000			507,004
6060174501. 117.1: New Plant	114,952	900,000	785,048	0	500,000		500,004	285,048		(285,052)	500,004
6060174502. 36: New Connections, Metering and Backflow	0	30,000	30,000	30,900			30,900	30,000			60,900
6060174503. Marton New Bore	113,681	999,996	886,315	5,000,000	900,000		5,900,004	(13,689)		(3,886,315)	2,000,000
Water - Erewhon	39,559	120,000	80,441	124,800	120,000	0	244,800	(120,000)	0	0	124,800
6061676201. Erewhon Reticulation - contractor	0	120,000	120,000	124,800	120,000		244,800	(120,000)			124,800

Operational Expenditure Budget Adjustments

	Carry Forward Adjustment
10402551. Project Expenditure (Taihape CB)	5,193
1050036303. Creative NZ Grant Payments	20,480
30200692. External contractor (District Planning)	42,257
4020036300. Community Initiatives Grant	13,824
4020055105. Place Making	3,830
40200555. Project Expenditure - MOU Groups	36,047
40200558. Project Exp - Swim for All	11,782
40200559. Project Expend - Youth Development	13,521
402005592. Project Expenditure - Youth Council	7,666
Sundry projects	2,061
Total	156,660

10.6 Taihape Grandstand - Strengthening Update**Author: Adina Foley, Senior Project Manager****Authoriser: Peter Beggs, Chief Executive****1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 To provide an update on the cost estimate to strengthen Taihape Grandstand with steel, and for Council to approve the next steps.

2. Background

- 1.2 In 2021 Compusoft Engineering Ltd were engaged by the Rangitikei District Council to perform a Detailed Seismic Assessment (DSA) of the Taihape Grandstand. The Grandstand was constructed in 1924 to provide for viewing of sporting events and the original design also provided room on the ground floor for storage, changing rooms etc.
- 1.3 The DSA concluded that the Grandstand, when in use, meets 17% of the New Building Standard (NBS) and should not be used as a stadium until it is strengthened (signage has been placed on the Grandstand informing the public of this). Without a crowd loading (no one using the grandstand), from a seismic point of view there is no danger to the public and the rating would increase to 34% NBS.
- 1.4 The Project Management Office (PMO) engaged Copeland and Associates, WSP and BQH to complete concept and preliminary design options to strengthen the grandstand, and to produce cost estimates as per Council resolution from August 2021:

“Resolved minute number 21/RDC/257 – “That Council endorse Option 1, and request staff complete further cost analysis and report back to the next Council meeting.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried”

- 1.5 Detailed design was received back from Copeland and Associates and WSP in May 2022, with cost estimates received from BQH in June 2022.

3. Financial Implications for Steel Strengthening Option

- 3.1 As per resolution 21/RDC/257 above, the PMO received cost estimates for the detailed design of the steel strengthening option for the Grandstand. This would take the Grandstand to 100% NBS.
- 3.2 To reduce the cost of the strengthening, staff have requested the design only include work absolutely necessary for strengthening. This means that the space under the grandstand seating will not be useable from a fire engineering point of view. It will be an empty, cleared space with bathrooms, showers, and other spaces to be demolished.
- 3.3 No allowance was made for renovation works other than necessary repairs and no allowance is made for improved accessibility.
- 3.4 Extra costs should be expected to bring the whole building up to current building code standards.

- 3.5 The construction cost estimate received from BQH in June 2022 was \$1,557,000. Given the unknown risks in the current construction market, there is an expectation that this cost would increase when actual tenders are received.
- 3.6 Given the nature of the project, and the risks involved in construction of older buildings, the project cost would need to include significant contingency. This would be required to cover the constantly changing dynamic of the market, supply chain challenges and availability of resources.
- 3.7 The PMO suggest a project cost of \$2,229,800 with the following breakdown:

Item	Estimate Cost
Construction Cost Estimate	\$1,557,000
Construction Contingency (20%)	\$311,400
Cost Escalation (including professional fees) (20%)	\$311,400
Estimated Consenting Fees	\$50,000
Total Project Costs Estimate	\$2,229,800

- 3.8 It should be noted that Council, through the current Long-Term Plan, have offered up to \$1m to support the Grandstand strengthening project. At the time of writing this report, \$222,098 has been spent, thus a maximum of only \$777,902 is left for Council to contribute to the project. It is anticipated community funding, led by the Taihape Heritage Group Grandstand Subcommittee, will fund the difference between Council funding and the total funding required.

4. Options

- 4.1 Staff are looking into alternative options to reduce the costs. These options could be presented back to council within three months.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The project cost estimate for the recommended strengthening option of the Grandstand is currently at \$2,229,800.
- 5.2 To move forward with this project, staff will look at alternative options including their benefits and disadvantages and will present these back to council.
- 5.3 Receiving heritage status could restrict the number of possible alternatives that could be considered.

Attachments:

1. **QS Report - Construction estimate for steel strengthening option** [↓](#)

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Taihape Grandstand – Strengthening update' be received.

ITEM 10.6**Recommendation 2**

That Council request staff continue to pursue reduced cost options for strengthening the Taihape Grandstand, to report these options to the December Council meeting, and to keep the Taihape Heritage Group Grandstand Subcommittee apprised of this action.

/ TAIHAPE MEMORIAL PARK - EXISTING GRANDSTAND
REFURBISHMENT & STRUCTURAL UPGRADE



/ DOCUMENT

Client	Copeland Associates		
Report	High level estimate		
Version	10		
Date	22-Jun-22		
Reference	BQH/8349		
Prepared	RM	Reviewed	MQ

/ SUMMARY



Client	Copeland Associates		
Property	Taihape Memorial Park - Existing Grandstand		
Project	Refurbishment & Structural Upgrade	Version	10
Report	High level estimate	Date	21-Jun-22

100	SCOPE OF WORK INCLUDED		\$
200	Upgrading, restoration and maintenance CAA work in proress drawings dated 11 May 2022 and WSP structural drawings dated 6 May 2022		
201	Rebuild central stair		Excluded
202	Rebuild both flanking stairs		Excluded
203	Higher seating balustrades for compliance		Excluded
204	Refurbish/rebuild existing doors and windows		Excluded
205	Renew roof water disposal system		Excluded
206	New stormwater drainage system		Excluded
207	Batten and paint inside face of seating area back wall		Excluded
208	Remove bleachers and steps, install trafficable membrane over existing rimu sarking and reinstste bleachers and steps. Includes for replacing 2,470m of 150x25 Rimu		Excluded
209	Installing Bomac B55 buckets at the end of all bleacher joists		27,500
210	Locally lower ground to 225 below bottom plate		8,000
211	Upper wall timber infill to south west end (to match north west end) assumed as detailed on the Architectural drawings option 1		Excluded
212	Install heavy gage mesh to both ends		7,500
213	Additional cost for timber glazed frames to both ends as the Bruce Dickson report		Excluded
214	Allow for cross bracing to both ends including for removal and reinstatement of boarding where required as shown in the engineering requirements		Excluded
215	Allow to inspect existing roof and minor flashings repairs		15,000
216	Flag Poles - Inspect and allowance to repair flag ploes as required		3,000
217	Replace the number "2" in the 1924 signsge		Excluded
218	Check and replace timberwork, steelwork and concrete work where necessary	Allowance	50,000
219	Demolish ground floor changing rooms and toilets		17,000
220	Create amenities to ground floor in south west corner		Excluded
221	Allowance for minimal make good to remaining ground floor area	Allowance	10,000
222	Concrete slab overlay on existing ground floor slab		37,500
223	Allow to remove terminal vent		2,000
224	Canopy inspection and monor repairs allowance		2,500
225	Remove existing door, block off and Clad wall		3,000
300	Structual Straighthening		
301	Structual Steel including foundations		730,000

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/ SUMMARY



Client	Copeland Associates		
Property	Taihape Memorial Park - Existing Grandstand		
Project	Refurbishment & Structural Upgrade	Version	10
Report	High level estimate	Date	21-Jun-22

400	Sundry Works		
401	Repaint weatherboards		Excluded
402	Allow to upgrade existing DB board	Allowance	5,000
403	Allow for altering existing electrical to suit		25,000
404	Sprinkler system (assumed adequate water supply)		104,000
405	Security systems		Excluded
	Sub-total		1,047,000

500	Fees and Contingency		
501	Allow for current market risk		105,000
502	Construction related consultant fees (Option 1 Steel)		189,000
503	Approvals and Consents		21,000
504	Project Contingency	15%	202,000
	Total Excluding GST		<u>1,564,000</u>

600	Additional Items Identified in Refurbishment Schedule (Note Estimates in this section are inclusive of Fees and contingency Percentages)		
601	Remove chicken wire from underside of Roof		12,000
602	Repair Broken Flood lights		3,600
603	Allow to waterblast/clean surfaces		20,000
604	Replace canopy in lieu of inspect and repair as required		22,000
605	Replace roof in lieu of inspect and repair as required		182,000
606	Additional allowance for replace timberwork, steelwork and concrete work		40,000
607	Higher seating balustrade for Compliance		27,000
608	Allow to replace 2no flag poles in lieu of inspect and repair as required		7,000
	Total Excluding GST		<u>313,600</u>

600	General Exclusions		
601	Cost escalation - Allowances based on current prices		
602	Client administration and management costs		
603	Contamination and deleterious material remediation		

700	Notes		
701	Estimates are not a design recommendation		
702	Estimate update on design completion is recommended		

900	References		
901	Work in Progress - Architectural Drawings May 2022		
902	For Information - Structural Engineer Drawings May 2022		
903	Building Condition Report March 2021 and Refurbishment Schedule 2022		

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/ ESTIMATE COMPARISON



Client	Copeland Associates		
Property	Taihape Memorial Park - Existing Grandstand		
Project	Refurbishment & Structural Upgrade	Version	09
Report	High level estimate	Date	21-Jun-22
		Version 9	Version 10

	Comparison	\$	\$
201	Rebuild central stair	20,000	Excluded
202	Rebuild both flanking stairs	24,000	Excluded
203	Higher seating balustrades for compliance	18,000	Excluded
204	Refurbish/rebuild existing doors and windows	37,500	Excluded
205	Renew roof water disposal system	48,000	Excluded
206	New stormwater drainage system	Allowance	30,000
207	Batten and paint inside face of seating area back wall	10,000	Excluded
208	Remove bleachers and steps, install trafficable membrane over existing rimu sarking and reinstste bleachers and steps. Includes for replacing 2,470m of 150x25 Rimu	Excluded	Excluded
209	Installing Bomac B55 brackets at the end of all bleacher joists	Excluded	27,500
210	Locally lower ground to 225 below bottom plate	5,000	8,000
211	Upper wall timber infill to south west end (to match north west end) assumed as detailed on the Architectural drawings option 1	18,000	Excluded
212	Install heavy gage mesh to both ends	6,000	7,500
213	Additional cost for timber glazed frames to both ends as the Bruce Dickson report	Excluded	Excluded
214	Allow for cross bracing to both ends including for removal and reinstatement of boarding where required as shown in the engineering requirements	8,000	Excluded
215	Re-roof including new battens, additional cross bracing and bird proofing	124,000	Excluded
216	Allow to inspect existing roof and allow for minor flashing repairs	Excluded	10,000
217	Flag Poles - Inspect and allowance to repair flag poles as required	Excluded	3,000
218	Replace the number "2" in the 1924 signsge	Excluded	Excluded
219	Check and replace timberwork, steelwork and concrete work where necessary	Allowance	50,000
220	Demolish ground floor changing rooms and toilets	17,000	17,000
221	Create amenities to ground floor in south west corner	Excluded	Excluded
222	Allowance for minimal make good to remaining ground floor area	Allowance	10,000
223	Concrete slab overlay on existing ground floor slab	35,000	37,500
224	Allow to remove terminal vent	-	2,000
225	Canopy inspection and monor repairs allowance	-	2,500
226	Remove existing door, block off and Clad wall	-	3,000

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/ ESTIMATE COMPARISON



Client	Copeland Associates		
Property	Tairāpe Memorial Park - Existing Grandstand		
Project	Refurbishment & Structural Upgrade	Version	09
Report	High level estimate	Date	21-Jun-22
		Version 9	Version 10
300	Structural Straightening Options		
301	Option 1 - Structural Steel	510,000	730,000
400	Sundry Works		
401	Repaint weatherboards	18,000	-
402	New power supply and DB	Allowance 25,000	-
403	Allow to upgrade existing DB board	Allowance -	5,000
404	Lighting and power reticulation	81,000	-
405	Allow for altering existing electrical to suit	-	25,000
406	Sprinkler system (assumed adequate water supply)	104,000	104,000
407	Security systems	Excluded	Excluded
	Sub-total	1,198,500	1,042,000
500	Fees and Contingency		
501	Allow for current market risk	120,000	105,000
502	Construction related consultant fees (Option 1 Steel)	216,000	188,000
503	Approvals and Consents	24,000	21,000
504	Project Contingency	15% 231,000	201,000
	Total Excluding GST	1,789,500	1,557,000

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10.7 Project Management Office Report - September 2022**Author: Adina Foley, Senior Project Manager****Authoriser: Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer****Reason for Report**

This is a monthly report on the most significant projects currently being delivered by Council's Project Management Office (PMO):

1. Mangaweka Bridge Replacement
2. Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project
3. Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project
4. Bulls Bus Lane and Town Square
5. Taihape Amenities Building
6. Taihape Grandstand
7. Marton Rail Hub
8. Marton Water Strategy
9. Regional Treatment Plant Consenting Programme

The miscellaneous section of this report contains information or requests for decision on projects not included in the list above.

Note that Finance and Performance Committee will receive full budgets and spend broken down by financial year, and this report will focus on project budgets and progress against budget.

1. Mangaweka Bridge replacement

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Project Status			
<p>The scope of this project is to construct a replacement bridge at Mangaweka and preserve the existing bridge as a walking and cycling facility to be managed by a trust.</p> <p>The project is funded by Waka Kotahi, Rangitikei District Council and Manawatu District Council, and project managed by Manawatu District Council.</p> <p>The bridge was opened on Friday 20 May 2022, a month earlier than scheduled, with a blessing and unveiling of the pou by Ngāti Hauiti. The approach road on the Manawatu side has been completed, there are some final minor items to undertake before the project is complete.</p> <p><i>The total construction cost is \$7.9m plus \$2.1m in consenting costs and consultancy fees – RDC's component only is reported on in this report.</i></p>			
Project Budget	\$4,953,345	Spend to Date	\$4,499,041
Estimated Costs to Complete	\$481,827	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$4,953,345
% Spent of Forecast Cost	91%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	01-18	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	09-22
Project has been completed			
<p>The bridge has been completed and opened to the public. There are a few items to still be completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal survey: awaiting surveyor • Landscaping: delayed by weather completion, due Sept • Horizons instruments - Weather and river level dependent still waiting on weather window and lower water levels 			

2. Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project

ITEM 10.7

Project Status

The Marton to Bulls wastewater centralisation scope includes 4 subprojects:

- A. Construction of a wastewater transfer pipeline from Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant to Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plant
- B. Purchase of land in the Bulls area to dispose of treated wastewater and install irrigation infrastructure
- C. Consenting for the activities
- D. Upgrades of the treatment plants at Marton and Bulls

Project signboards were erected in December advising of the works and acknowledging co-funding from Crown Infrastructure Partners. Construction is progressing for subproject A.

Our Resource Consent application for the open-trenching component of the works has been accepted by Horizons (noting that consent has not been granted), and mitigation and impacts were discussed with Iwi during December.


Lowe Environmental Impact (LEI) have been contracted to project manage the wider project, with the Group Manager Assets and Infrastructure holding the design authority for the solution. The Group Manager Assets and Infrastructure will commission a peer review of the solution should this be required.





Elected members are asked to approve the establishment of the Project Update Group for this project. The make-up proposed is:

One councillor from the Southern Ward
 One councillor from the Central Ward
 One councillor from the Tiikeitia ki Tai (Coastal) Māori
 One chair of an appropriate Council Committee

A recommendation for this is included at the end of the report.

At the first ordinary Council meeting in the new triennium Council will be asked to make appointments to this Project Update Group.

Project Budget	\$25,000,000	Project Spend	\$7,137,541
Estimated Costs to Complete	\$17,862,459	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$25,000,000
% Spent of Forecast Cost	29%	Variance Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	06-20	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	06-25
Metric	Trend	Comment	
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.	

Programme		The overall programme for the entire project (all four subprojects) is five years starting in 2020, and the target end date is June 2025. The part of the pipeline that was funded by the 3-water stimulus funding has now been completed – the deadline for spending this funding was 30 June 2022.
Cost		The budgets for all sub-projects will be assessed when land has been sourced. \$3,880,000 of the pipeline cost has been agreed to be funded by DIA through the 3-waters stimulus funding.
Quality		Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP) who are overseeing the DIA funded projects have funded Alta (construction management specialists) to support the project team with tendering of subproject A and be the Engineer to Contract. Council have engaged Kingston Infrastructure Ltd to be the on-site project liaison and Engineers Representative, to support delivery and verify construction milestones.
Risk		The risk of not finding suitable disposal land (sub-project B), and of difficulties with feasibility of construction remains. There is a risk of the granting of the resource consent delayed due to the workload of Iwi and challenges with their capacity.
Tasks completed last month		Pipeline construction completed. Weekly meetings with LEI and RDC continue. Initial risk workshops have been completed. Creation of the Project Update Group (PUG). First meeting has been postponed from early September to November. Meeting with Horizons took place on 29/08/2022. Little and Loud has been engaged by RDC to develop the comms strategy and branding of the project. Second Iwi sub-group consultation meeting took place on 6/9/2022. Terms of reference for Iwi engagement were discussed and we are waiting their feedback. Guidance from Iwi subgroup has been to hold off on hui to discuss project until options are developed. Terms of reference for Iwi Engagement and PUG are with GM for review and approval. Procurement plan for professional services up to and including lodgement of consents is with GM for review.
Tasks forecast this month		Third Iwi consultation meeting will be booked for the first week of October. Continuation of communications and community/tangata whenua engagement plans. Establish elected members for the Project Update Group.

3. Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project






Project Status

This project has been a collaborative effort involving local iwi, RDC, HRC and the community of Ratana, and is partly funded (46%) by Ministry for the Environment (MfE). The project is to remove treated effluent from Lake Waipu and to dispose of it to land. The project started on 1 July 2018 with an agreement with the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) and has an estimated duration of 5 years. Construction is expected to complete in December 2023.

An application for a new consent was lodged in April 2018, and this application allows RDC to proceed under existing use rights with the current consent conditions to discharge treated wastewater into lake Waipu until such time as a new consent application for land disposal can be submitted.

The scope of this project includes purchase of land for disposing of treated wastewater (instead of discharge to Lake Waipu), the installation of irrigation equipment and an upgrade of the existing Rātana Pā wastewater treatment plant.

Further information is contained in Section 9 of this report.

Project Budget	\$2,425,000	Spend to Date	\$252,614
Estimated Costs to Complete	Unknown	Forecast Cost at Completion	Unknown
% Spent of Forecast Cost	Unknown	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	07-18	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	12-23
Metric	Trend	Comment	
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.	
Programme		The irrigation methodology and programme are being planned now. Construction is expected to be completed by December 2023.	
Cost		<p>The 2020-21 Annual Plan and the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan included \$1.55m budget spread across various line items for this project. \$875,000 is being granted to RDC by Horizons Regional Council out of the funding they will receive from the Ministry for Environment, which is included in the budget.</p> <p>Actual construction costs can only be finalised once all detail has been specified or designed. The costs are expected to be more than the current estimates when looking at cost escalation trends of the construction market in the last couple of years, however staff are evaluating all potential solutions to minimise (or eliminate) any budget overspend.</p>	
Quality		No concerns to date.	
Risk		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wetland Delineation Report confirmed two natural wetlands 	






	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tight timeframe to get work completed by December 2023, for MfE funding for the project. Council is working with consultants to assist with planning the forward works programme. • Land constraints to be worked through as part of design. • Proximity to Whangaehu River, degree of interconnection between groundwater and the river to be worked through as part of the Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) work as could have implications for degree of nutrient removal from effluent that may be required • Ongoing discharge to waterway and ultimately Lake Waipu raised by Regional Council may be grounds for public notification of the consent application • Best location for the storage reservoir, understanding implications of site selection and avoiding additional consent requirements • Horizons Regional Council have indicated that they consider the discharge to the unnamed tributary which ultimately discharges to Lake Waipu to be part of the application for Ratana WWTP. As environmental effects associated with this are considered to be more than minor raises risk of public notification of the consent application which could extend timeframes associated with receiving a decision for the application. • The approved budgets might not be sufficient to cover the full cost of the upgrade.
Tasks Completed Last Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of the monitoring bores has been completed. This will help to get clarification on the existing environmental conditions and help with on-going monitoring • Drafting of the preliminary irrigation design including sizing of storage. • Pipeline initial design and progress the wastewater design, working on additional cost estimates
Tasks Forecast This Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalise preparation of the Ecological Impact Assessment, Restoration Plan, and Irrigation Design. • Drafting of the resource consent application/ AEE • Onsite groundwater sample collection to be completed • Submit the resource consent application • Iwi hui to be organised for October • Financial guidance from councillors for the preferred way forward

4. Bulls Bus Lane and Town Square

Project Status			
<p>The scope of this project is the creation of a Town Square and Bus Lane in Bulls around the Community Centre, Te Matapihi.</p> <p>Construction of the bus lane and town square begun on 26 October 2021. The bus lane was completed on 16 March 2022, and the town square was complete on 1 April 2022.</p> <p>The final items to complete this project is the installation of artwork.</p>			
Project Budget (Bus Lane and Town Square)	\$1,025,603	Spend to Date	\$978,483
Estimated Costs to Complete	\$75,056	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$1,025,603
% Spent of Forecast Cost	95%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	10-21	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	07-22
Project has been completed			
<p>All scope of this project has been completed, the artwork installed and unveiled. Staff are completing final payments for the artwork.</p> <p>Staff are investigating the use of cameras for the monitoring of the bus lane.</p>			

5. Taihape Amenities Building

ITEM 10.7

Projects Status			
The scope of this project is the construction of a new Taihape Amenities Building. Construction began in March 2022.			
Staff were successful in applying for external funding: \$40,000 from Four Regions Trust and \$374,000 from the Lotteries Funding.			
Project Budget	\$4,648,757	Spend to Date	\$1,633,254
Estimated Costs to Complete	\$3,015,503	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$4,648,757
% Spent of Forecast Cost	35%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	11-2020	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	02-2023
Metric	Trend	Comment	
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.	
Programme		Construction started March 2022. There is a high risk of delay caused by supply challenges and COVID – this is being monitored closely by the contractor and the PMO. Programme for Amenities Building experienced a 2–3-month delay caused by the supply chain and subcontractor’s delays. There is a further delay due to the steel manufacturer experiencing staff shortage caused by the flu and COVID. When the impacts are understood by staff these will be reported to Council.	
Cost		Any scope changes will impact on the amenities budget – the PMO would require Council endorsement before approving any other work.	
Quality		New building construction work only started when all design was completed, and scope confirmed (lessons learned from Bulls Te Matapihi).	
Risk		There is a high risk of delay caused by supply challenges and COVID – this is being monitored closely by the contractor and the PMO.	
Tasks completed last month	Construction continues. Communication updates on various channels. All piles and floor slabs and framing have now been installed.		
Tasks forecast this month	Construction to continue. Major milestone to be completed this month with the installation of the steel structure and roof construction of the building to start. Communication to continue.		

6. Taihape Grandstand

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Projects Status






The scope of this project is the detailed design of the endorsed strengthening concept design for the Taihape Grandstand (consulted on during LTP period, with a final resolution to be made in September 2022).

Design is underway to provide costings of the strengthening of the Grandstand.

\$1m was allowed for the Grandstand in the 2021 LTP. Current projections of project costs are estimated to be well above committed budget. Therefore, additional funding will have to be secured.

A separate paper was presented to Council in March 2022 to resolve next steps and future Council staff involvement – the resolutions were for staff to support the Taihape Heritage Trust with their fundraising for improvements to the Grandstand, and that no building work would be undertaken on the Grandstand until the Heritage status was confirmed and financing for construction in place.






The application for Better-off Funding will include a proposal for the Council owned buildings in Taihape and will be submitted before the end of September 2022. There is a separate paper included in this council agenda describing the cost estimates of the strengthening in more detail.

Project Budget	\$1,000,000	Spend to Date	\$222,098
Estimated Costs to Complete	Unknown	Forecast Cost at Completion	Unknown
% Spent of Forecast Cost	Unknown	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	11/2020	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	Unknown
Metric	Trend	Comment	
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.	
Programme		There is a high risk of delay caused by supply challenges and COVID – this is being monitored closely by the contractor and the PMO.	
Cost		The \$1m budget for the Grandstand includes investigation, staff time, design, consenting, and some construction works. Once detailed design has been completed the PMO will ask the QS to review the pricing and amend the estimate. This will then be presented back to council in a report in September 2022.	
Quality		Construction work to be designed in accordance with all standards and building regulations.	
Risk		No concerns to date. There is a risk of poor public perception of the grandstand strengthening. Public consultation has been undertaken to reduce the risk.	

		There is a high risk of delay caused by supply challenges and COVID – this is being monitored closely by the contractor and the PMO.
Tasks completed last month	PMO has continued to work on a report showing a cohesive overview of the costings and design development, to bring to Council in September. This is to coincide with other related reports regarding the development of other Taihape buildings. Continue to work on communication with the public, to ensure the public are being given accurate information on programme.	
Tasks forecast this month	Option analysis and next steps to be presented to Council in 2-3 months due to limited resources.	




7. Marton Industrial Park and Rail Hub

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Project Status				
A new rail hub to accommodate forestry operations will be constructed in Marton. This will include a double rail siding, log yard with debarking facility, and associated businesses. A new Project Director has been appointed to lead the project. Project review including programme, cost and design deliverables underway. Environment Court process is underway to resolve District Plan Change. The timeline for the Court decision is unknown but expected within four weeks. To minimise programme delay, design in support of Resource Consent submissions (assuming a positive Court outcome) is progressing in parallel.				
Project Budget		\$9,850,000	Spend to Date	\$2,233,985
Estimated Costs to Complete		\$7,616,015	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$9,850,000
% Spent of Forecast Cost		22.7%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)		11-20	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	05-24
Metric		Trend	Comment	
Health and Safety			No near misses or lost time injuries to report.	
Programme			Environment Court hearing underway. Timeline for Court outcome is unknown but expected within the next four weeks. Pending programme certainty, forecast project completion slipped +2 months to account for Environment Court process. Mitigation: Design in support of Resource Consent progressing.	
Cost			Forecast final cost is likely to increase further as there is a risk of design changes to align with Environment Court outcomes. Mitigation: Design being reviewed to ensure alignment with business case funding. Additional funding options being investigated, including the establishment of a special purpose vehicle.	
Quality			Review of all design scope underway.	
Risk			Programme and cost (versus budget) are key risks. Mitigations described above. Note: Overall risk cited as red and increasing, driven by red cost risk.	
Tasks completed last month		Environment Court briefs of evidence completed. Mediation process completed. Environment Court sitting.		
Tasks forecast this month		Resource consent-level design continuing. Review of project programme, cost and design deliverables underway.		

8. Marton Water Strategy

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Project Status			
<p>A new bore is required to replace existing infrastructure to supply potable water to Marton. The Marton Water Strategy comprises of three sub-projects:</p> <p>Sub-project A: Construction of new raw water bore (this report)</p> <p>Sub-project B: Design of the plant upgrade and consenting</p> <p>Sub-project C: Construction of new treatment plant</p> <p>Sub-project A will deliver a new bore that will, when sub-projects B and C are also completed, provide potable water to Marton that meets the NZ Drinking Water Standards. The scope of sub-project A includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Planning and procurement of required professional services – Location of new bore site – Land acquisition for bore site and testing for quality and quantity – Target volume from bore of 2000 m³/day (quantity of water) – Construction of bore – Handover of bore to operations team. <p>Sub-project A has been tendered and awarded to a preferred contractor. A tender award recommendation report was presented to Council in July 2022 Council papers.</p> <p>Sub-projects B and C will commence when sub-project A is near completion. At this stage, staff will look at options for the use of the dams once we are drawing Marton water from a bore. This will include looking at restoring flow to the Tutaenui Stream. All work is expected to be completed by 1 July 2024.</p>			
Total Project Budget	\$11,000,000	Spend to Date	\$130,537
Estimated Costs to Complete (sub-project A)	\$1,869,463	Forecast Cost at Completion (Sub-project A)	\$2,000,000
% Spent of Forecast Cost	7%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Metric	Trend	Comment	
Health and Safety		Physical construction works is about to start. Construction contract documentation for the bore outlines Health and Safety requirements	
Programme		Enabling work has been completed. Bore construction contractor established on site.	
Cost		The most significant projected cost is for the bore construction contract. The contract price for this, including contingency, is \$1,869,463.00.	

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		The total Marton Water Strategy budget is not affected as the costs for sub-projects B and C are currently unknown.
Quality		No concerns to date.
Risk		<p>Iwi engagement is fundamental at this stage of the project to ensure the approach, location and design are acceptable to local Iwi. As per the project plan, RDC hold responsibility for this engagement.</p> <p>Staff movements at RDC and MDC poses a risk to the continuity of project where the project stretches over multiple years. Both Councils will ensure all project information is recorded and stored correctly to mitigate this risk.</p>
Tasks completed last month		<p>Bore construction contract awarded to preferred contractor and signed by both parties.</p> <p>Enabling work has been awarded and completed.</p>
Tasks forecast this month		<p>Construction of bore works to start by October.</p> <p>Increase public comms on Council's website and local signage relating to the project.</p> <p>Prepare tender for design of treatment plant (Sub-project C).</p>

9. Regional Treatment Plant Consenting Programme

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Programme Status			
<p>A consultant (WSP) has been engaged to deliver a programme of treatment plant consents for Rangitikei District Council. The contract is for four years.</p> <p>The outcome of this programme is current consents on all treatment plants, which can be regularly complied with. This will resolve non compliances with our regional council consents.</p> <p>Variations to date include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Taihape Water Treatment Plant optimisation (\$32,350) – approved in November 2021 under resolution 21/RDC/411. 2) Hunterville Wastewater Treatment Plant new consent – noted under resolution 21/RDC/322 that a new consent will be sought. Costs will be presented to Council for approval once known (expected January 2023). 			
Project Budget	\$494,920	Spend to Date	\$256,080
Estimated Costs to Complete	\$238,840	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$494,920
% Spent of Forecast Cost	52%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	04-21	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	12-23
Metric	Trend	Comment	
Health and Safety		WSP (Contractor) Health and Safety Plan prepared prior to site visits	
Programme		Ratana programme revised now that land purchase area secured, looking to lodge application early second quarter 2022, behind desired schedule as need to do groundwater monitoring prior to lodging consent. Likely to lodge third quarter of 2022. Bulls WTP lodged in time to secure s124b existing use rights. Hunterville WWTP request for assistance, programme to be established.	
Cost		Forecast completion cost is on budget, various variations prepared. Technical assessments price for Ratana WWTP were greater than provisional sum estimates but agreed with PMO.	
Quality		No concerns to date.	
Risk		<p>Risk 1: Programme – slight delays to start while waiting on information to be provided for some sites (flow and quality data). Ability to re-establish programme.</p> <p>Risk 2: Scope creep – nothing identified at this stage, early variations identified by RDC.</p> <p>Risk 3: Cost of upgrades. Not known at this stage, needs to be balanced against stakeholder expectations. Watching brief to be kept</p> <p>Risk 4: Delivery of Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA). Continue to work with iwi to understand information requirements and implications as they come to hand. Ongoing consultation is allowed for.</p>	

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		<p>Risk 5: Legislative changes. Various legislation changes have occurred since most of the consents of existing sites were approved. Need to ensure that information within consent applications is fit for purpose to be able to evaluate against legislative requirements.</p> <p>Risk 6: Horizons Regional Council have indicated that consider the discharge to the unnamed tributary which ultimately discharges to Lake Waipu to be part of the application for Ratana WWTP. As environmental effects associated with this are considered to be more than minor raises risk of public notification of the consent application which could extend timeframes associated with receiving a decision for the application.</p>
Tasks completed last month		<p><u>Ratana</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groundwater monitoring started on the 1st September, with round two on the 8th September and third round on the 15th September. • Drafting of the Ecological Impact Assessment, Restoration Plan, Groundwater Assessment, and Irrigation Design. • Drafting of the preliminary irrigation design including sizing of storage. • Pipeline initial design and progress the wastewater design, working on additional cost estimates and options re location of storage facility. • Organising consenting pathway workshop to discuss disadvantages/ advantages, and the notification status of the application. <p><u>Taihapa WWTP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDC confirmed short term improvements. • Technical task briefs confirmed. • WSP finalising pricing for AEE preparation. <p><u>Taihapa WTP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDC approved the issued variation. Substitution request has been approved. <p><u>Bulls WTP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to follow up Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga • Responses from hydrologists collated into section 92 response letter
Tasks forecast this month		<p><u>Ratana</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of finalising technical reports (Ecological Impact Assessment, Restoration Plan, Groundwater Assessment, and Irrigation Design). • Continuation of drafting the resource consent application/ AEE and drafting conditions. • Consent pathway workshop with RDC, scheduled for 30th September. <p><u>Taihapa WWTP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commence data analysis for treatment process review and water quality assessment. • Next hui organised for 21st October. <p><u>Taihapa WTP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start work on storage options • Update Horizons regarding progress <p><u>Bulls WTP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting for iwi to respond. RDC stated they can forward WSP emails onto a contact of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti.

Miscellaneous**1. Papakai Pump Station**

The tender cost was expected to be presented to the September 2022 Council meeting for Elected Member consideration. Early results from the tender review are that potentially a more cost-effective tender could be received, and staff are looking at options to achieve more competitive pricing for this project. This procurement process will commence in September and results will be reported back to Council.

2. Marton Memorial Hall

Bathroom upgrade is underway painting to be completed by the end of September. The additional fire exit installation has been delayed due to weather but planned to be completed in the next month. Heating and cooling unit has been ordered; location for concrete pad for equipment has been finalised and work has started on the foundation for the outside units.

3. Project Overview of the PMO report



















Staff will remove the two completed projects from this overview and will include two others instead:

- Marton Civic Centre
- Taihape Town Hall

4. PMO Reporting framework

Staff are working with a consultant to review the PMO framework to determine if activities, processes and reporting can be improved.

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Legend			
Budget			
+/- 0-5% of Budget	Unchanged 	Risk increasing towards Amber 	Risk decreasing away from Amber 
+/- 6-15% of Budget	Unchanged 	Risk increasing towards Red 	Risk decreasing away from Red 
+/- >15% budget variance	Unchanged 	Risk increasing 	Risk decreasing 
Programme			
Completion Date not Affected	Unchanged 	Risk increasing towards Amber 	Risk decreasing away from Amber 
Up to three months delay to Completion Date	Unchanged 	Risk increasing towards Red 	Risk decreasing away from Red 
More than three months delay to Completion Date or Critical Date at risk	Unchanged 	Risk increasing 	Risk decreasing 

Recommendation 1

That the Project Management Office Report – September 2022 be received.

Recommendation 2

That a Project Update Group be established for the Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project, made up of the following members:

- One councillor from the Southern Ward
- One councillor from the Central Ward
- One councillor from the Tiikeitia ki Tai (Coastal) Māori
- One chair of an appropriate Council Committee

Noting that at the first ordinary Council meeting in the new triennium Council will be asked to make appointments to this Project Update Group.

10.8 Delegation to Chief Executive during Council's Interregnum

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Elected members are deemed to have vacated their office at the time that the final results for the 2022-25 election are declared by Council's Electoral Officer¹ (likely to be 13 October 2022).
- 1.2 New elected members (including those re-elected) may not act as members of Council until they have been sworn in². The Powhiri and swearing in ceremony for the new Council is scheduled for the evening of 25 October 2022.
- 1.3 As Council cannot act between these two dates (13 – 25 October 2022), it is requested that the Chief Executive be delegated authority to make urgent decisions, specifically in relation to matters that may otherwise sit outside of his existing authority.

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Delegation to Chief Executive during Council's Interregnum' be received.

Recommendation 2

That from the day following the Electoral Officer's declaration, until the new Council is sworn in, the Chief Executive be authorised to make decisions in respect of urgent matters, in consultation with the Mayor Elect.

AND

That any decisions made under this delegation be reported to the first ordinary meeting of the new Council.

¹ LEA 2001, Sections 86, 115, and 116

² LGA 2002, Schedule 7, Clause 14

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Earthquake Prone Buildings Update

Author: Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer

Authoriser: Peter Beggs, Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 This report is to provide an update on Rangitikei District Council's compliance with the national earthquake prone buildings regulations and requirements.
- 1.2 Council received a number of questions regarding the administration and compliance of the earthquake prone buildings in the district recently. This report contains relevant information to update Elected Members.
- 1.3 The report covers the process for all buildings in the district regardless of ownership. It also covers a more detailed summary of progress with Council owned buildings.

2. Context

- 2.1 Council received questions from Elected Members and media that can be grouped into the following four streams:
 - How many buildings in our district have been assessed as earthquake prone;
 - How many council buildings are in the two categories;
 - How many have been entered into MBIE's register;
 - An update on seismic assessments that have been done;
 - Is Council compliant with legislation?
- 2.2 A national system for managing earthquake-prone buildings in New Zealand came into effect on 1 July 2017. Firstly, Territorial Authorities (TAs) must identify potentially earthquake-prone buildings. The owners who are notified by their TA must obtain engineering assessments of the building carried out by suitably qualified engineers. TAs then determine whether the buildings are earthquake prone, assign ratings, issue notices, and publish information about the buildings in a public (MBIE) register. Owners are required to display notices on their building and to remediate their building.
- 2.3 There are set time frames, based on seismic risk areas. They include time frames for TAs to identify potentially earthquake-prone buildings and for building owners to remediate earthquake-prone buildings. There is also a category of 'priority buildings' in high and medium seismic risk areas. These are buildings that are considered higher risk because of their construction, type, use, or location. They must be identified and remediated in half the time allowed for other buildings in the area.

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Timeframes for action				
Seismic risk area	TAs must identify potentially earthquake-prone buildings (EPB) by:		Owners of earthquake-prone buildings must carry out seismic work within (time from issue of EPB notice):	
	Priority	Other	Priority	Other
High	1 Jan 2020	1 July 2022	7.5 years	15 years
Medium	1 July 2022	1 July 2027	12.5 years	25 years
Low	N/A	1 July 2032	N/A	35 years

2.4 Question 1 - How many buildings in our district have been assessed as earthquake prone?

- RDC identified and listed 218 buildings throughout the district for initial assessment to identify if they would be considered potentially earthquake prone using MBIE methodology and guidance.
- 105 Buildings were identified as potentially earthquake prone out of the list of 218 buildings.
- 9 of these buildings have either undertaken earthquake strengthening work or have received an engineering assessment showing > 34% New Building Standard (NBS) (96 buildings remain on the list).
- RDC is monitoring progress with the timeframes and status of the remaining 62 (96 – 34 buildings described below) private buildings. If no assessment has been received RDC will make a final decision on the building status.

2.5 Question 2 - How many council buildings are in those two categories?

Currently 19 Council owned buildings have been identified for the initial assessment. 13 of these buildings are currently on the MBIE register and 6 buildings have not yet be assessed.

2.6 Question 3 - How many of those have been entered into MBIE's register?

To date RDC issued 34 final letters advising building owners that their buildings are deemed earthquake prone. All 34 buildings have been added to the MBIE register. 21 of these buildings are privately owned and 13 are Council owned.

2.7 Question 4 - An update on seismic assessments that have been done.

RDC completed Detailed Seismic Assessment (DSA) reports on the following buildings:

- Marton Library
- Marton Plunket Rooms

- Taihape Library
- Taihape Town Hall
- Taihape Grandstand
- Abraham Williams Building on Broadway in Marton
- Davenport building on Broadway in Marton
- Cobbler building on Hight St in Marton
- RDC King St depot
- Marton Civic building – Admin and Finance building
- Marton Civic building – Assets building
- Marton Civic building – Civil defence building
- Hunterville Townhall

Three of the buildings mentioned above have been closed after receiving the DSA results, and detailed design for the strengthening of 7 of the remaining 11 buildings are in progress. The strengthening design work will determine the requirements and costs to upgrade all buildings to the minimum requirements (34% of NBS) as well as the requirements and costs to upgrade all buildings to 67% of the NBS. Once this work has been completed all strengthening work will be prioritised and added as capital works in the 2024-34 Long Term Plan.

2.8 Question 5 – Is Council compliant with Legislation?

Legislation requires local authorities to identify priority and non -priority buildings as described in the table above. Council is compliant with this requirement. The legislation does not specify timeframes for local authorities to make a determination regarding a decision on a building status and if the status is earthquake prone to then issue the final decision and add this to the register. Council is managing the process with regards to Council and privately owned buildings in a prudent and practical way that complies with the legislation.

Recommendation

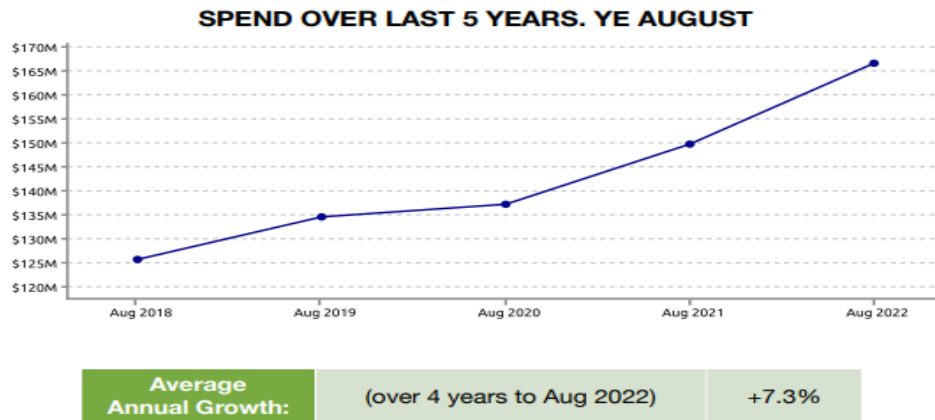
That the 'Earthquake Prone Buildings Update' be received.

11.2 Rangitikei Economic Wellbeing**Author:** Gaylene Prince, Group Manager - Community Services**Authoriser:** Peter Beggs, Chief Executive**1. Reason for Report**

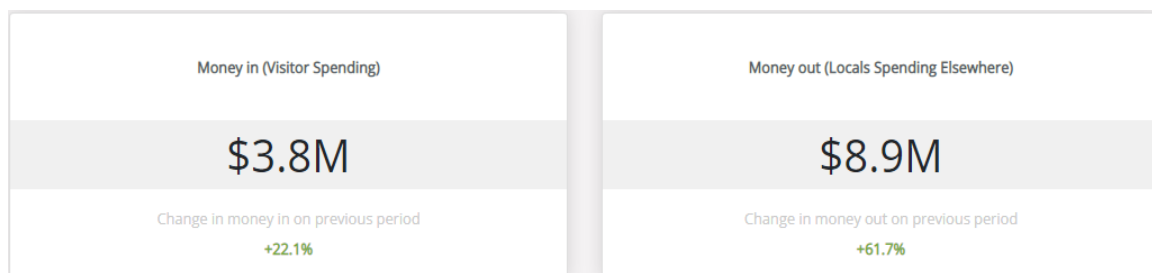
- 1.1 Council has identified that, moving forward, an Economic Dashboard Overview should be provided monthly to Council meetings. This report highlights some of the information we can provide, as well as indicating (in Section 7) further reporting opportunities.
- 1.2 The economic data provided herein reflects the majority of card transactions being collected and are not reflective of cash transactions.
- 1.3 The following data diagrams are taken from the MarketView tool. The information obtained from MarketView shows spending patterns in the district and allows us to gain a better understanding of what is driving sales growth or decline.

2. Spending Flows

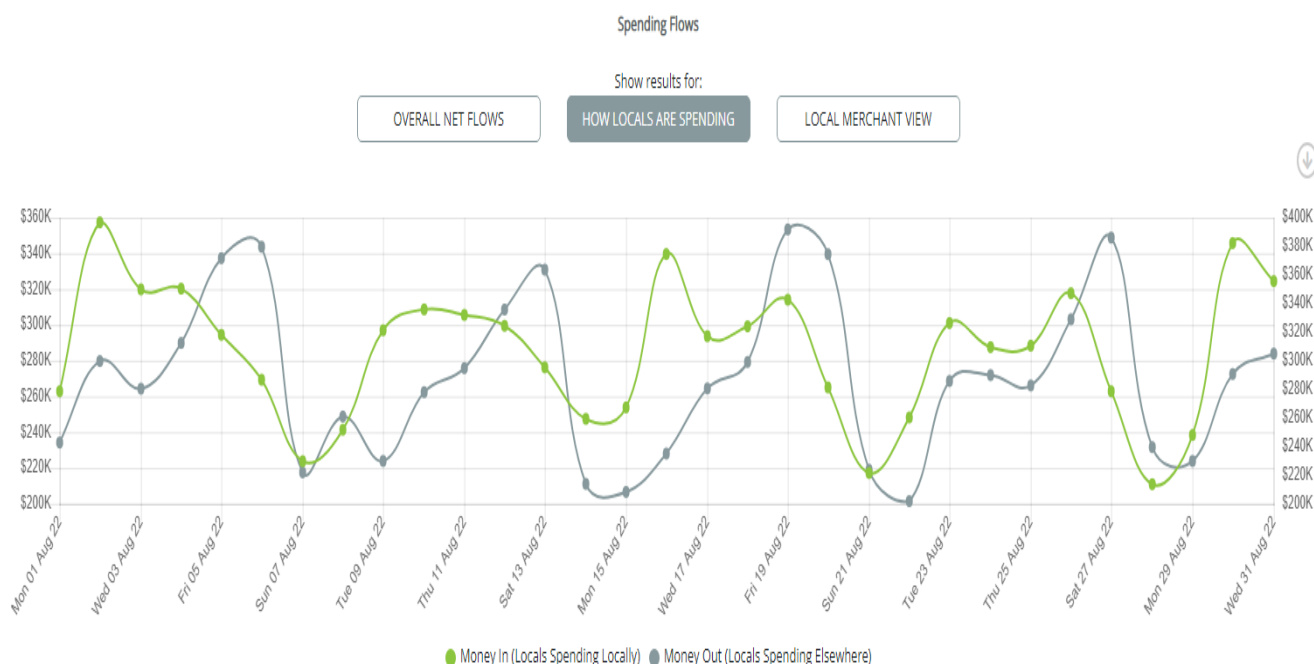
- 2.1 These graphs below reflect, and review consumer spends and trends in the Rangitikei district.
- 2.2 The average annual growth in spend over the last four years has increased by +7.3%



- 2.3 The local consumer spend for the month of August has seen an annual increase of spending within the Rangitikei (Money in) of +22.1%, while 'Money out' has increased in relation to the same time last year by +61.7%.
- 2.4 Total 'Money in' and 'Money out' for August 2022 is reflected below, noting net flow for the district is down on August 2021, by \$-5.1 M.



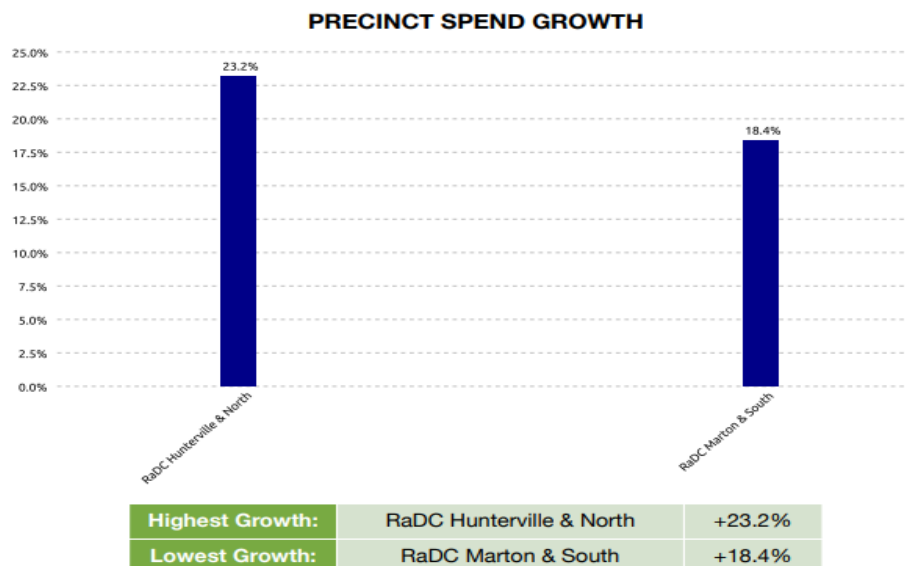
- 2.5 As shown in the graph below, for August 2022, there is a clear trend of ‘Money out’ spending outside the district occurring on the weekends, which may be attributed to out-of-town sports, other events occurring outside the district, and shopping spends.



- 2.6 Being able to identify data by date will provide further insight into the economic well-being provided by events held in the district, as well as consumers’ response to marketing campaigns and promotional offers, and new or reduced offerings.
- 2.7 Reviewing this data further may offer support to other opportunities e.g., the current community-led conversations identifying the reasoning to have a Sports Hub/Coordinator within the district. Working in collaboration with schools, sporting organisations, and the local communities, this could contribute to working towards having more scheduled regional sporting games held in our district.

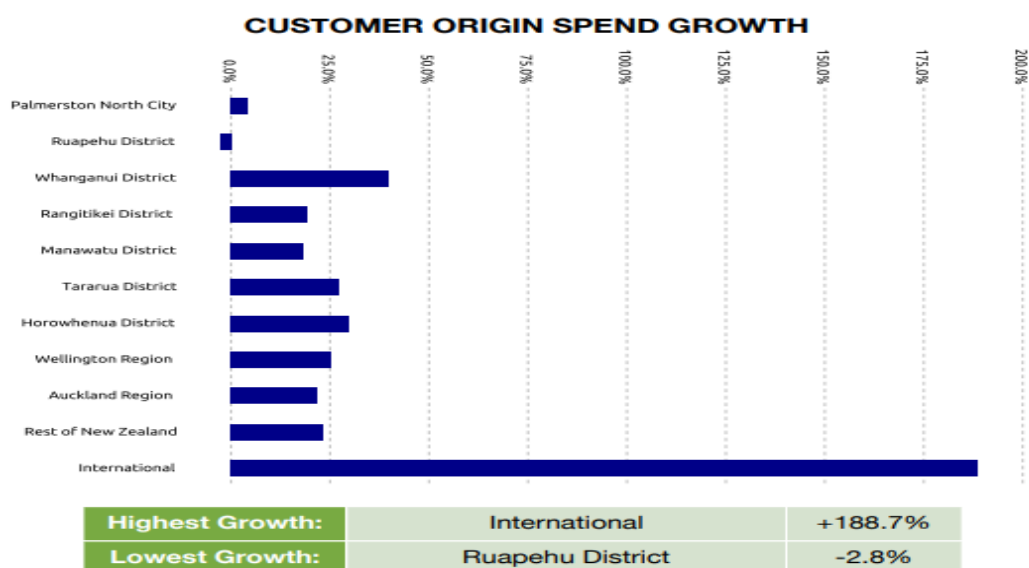
3. Precinct Spend Growth

- 3.1 The growth for August 2022 Precinct Spend compared to August 2021 is likely higher due to the country entering Level 4 Lockdown mid-August 2021. Spend may also be attributed to the ski season and providing an increase to the local economy from travellers passing through the region on their way north.



4. Customer Origin Spend Growth

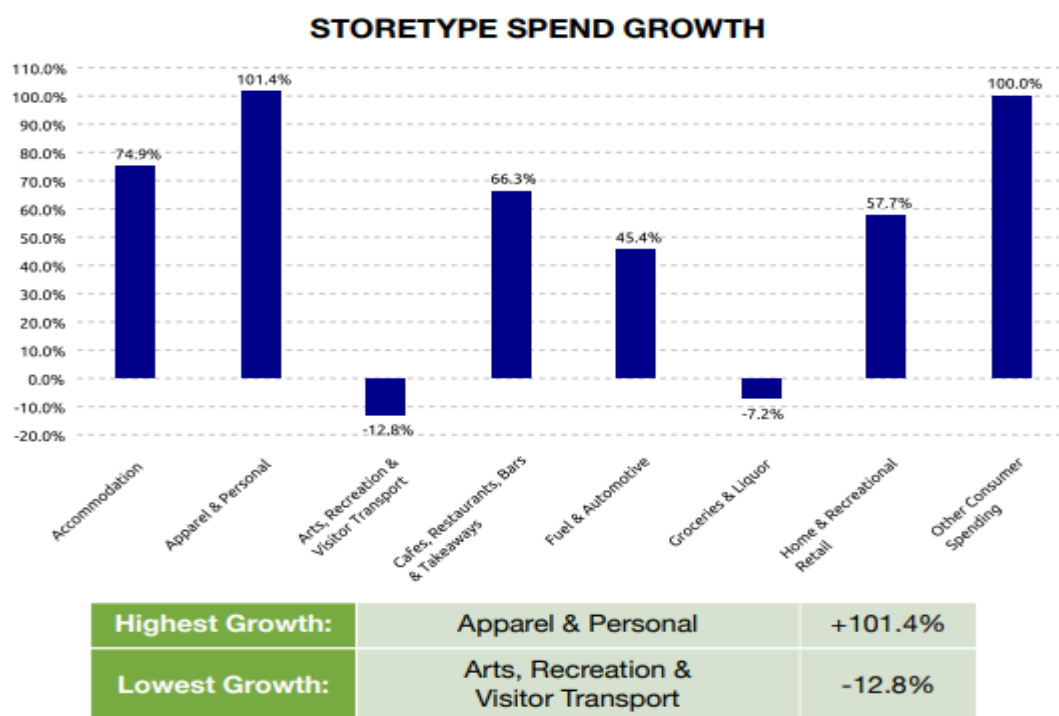
- 4.1 The Customer Origin Spend Growth for August 2022 shows an annual increase of +188.7% in spend in our district from international visitors compared to August 2021. The lowest growth -2.88 is from visitors from Ruapehu. The increase of +188.7% may still be low if it is based off a low dollar base.



- 4.2 The growth in international visitors to the district in August 2022 also aligns with the lifting of travel restrictions and opening of the borders.

5. Spend Type

- 5.1 The Storetype Spend Growth breaks down the spending percentage across several key areas. Our highest growth for the district for August is Apparel & Personal by +101.4% compared to August 2021. Our lowest growth by -12.8% is Arts, Recreation & Visitor Transport.



- 5.2 This data lends to conversations with networks on how we can create and generate promotions and campaigns for store types.

6. Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

- 6.1 Rangitikei showed a GDP growth of 2.3% in the year to 30 June 2021, which was a strong result viewed against the Annual New Zealand GDP of -1.2% to June 2021. Year to June 2022 information is not yet available.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 During September, Taituarā (Local Government Professionals Aotearoa) has advised that they have commissioned for development a set of dashboards for 86 commonly used indicators of social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing at local authority level; that is, the dashboards are being developed for these 86 indicators for each local authority based on the most granular level of data available from its source as a means of accessing common indicators of the progress of local communities. The intention is that Councils will be able to use these dashboards for their planning, policy, bylaws, and long-term plans development.
- 7.2 The dashboards will be made available in two stages, with a set of 32 dashboards drawn from amongst the social, cultural, and demographic being available from October, and the remaining 54, dealing with environmental and economic wellbeing, being available from November.
- 7.3 Economic Well-being Dashboards will also be available through our partnership with Impact Collective. Their information will be updated quarterly. As per the recent presentation from Impact Collective representatives, their initial Equity and Wellbeing Profile for Rangitikei is expected to be available in November.

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- 7.4 It is intended to utilise these dashboards once they are available to inform Councillors about economic well-being in the Rangitikei district. Therefore, the information dashboard officers provide to Council will develop, not only to include more information but, over time, to show a bigger picture.
- 7.5 A monthly MarketView summary dashboard, which includes most of the information in this report, will be made available on Council's website.

Recommendation

That the report 'Rangitikei Economic Wellbeing' be received.

11.3 LGNZ Conference 2022

Author: Gill Duncan, Councillor

1. Reason for Report

1.1 Cr Duncan attended the LGNZ Conference in July 2022 and her report is attached.

Attachments:

1. Cr Duncan's Report [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'LGNZ Conference 2022' be received.



Conference 2022 Report from Gill Duncan

WE ARE LGNZ

Te Wa Hehe Mai THE FUTURE

Ko Tatou LGNZ

MC Mihingarangi Forbes

DAY 1

Fonterra Tour

Food HQ:

jo@foodhq.com

www.foodhq.com

Not for Profit

Financed by partners - 14 NZ Partners.

Food festival Oct 22

Working on better collaboration, they are connectors with an overarching picture for NZ.

Opportunity for RDC: Economic development RDC food collaboration

(Quinoa, honey, Garlic: Vanessa and Rita etc)

Fonterra 1927 innovation, paediatric to end of life nutrition. Easy to attract people for the lifestyle etc. Workers typically stay 14yrs.

Opportunity for RDC: Neighbours for day trips: shopping walking/cycle tours; gateway to the Gentle Annie Highway round trip through Hawkes Bay and into the World Heritage National Park/Thermal Highway.

Powhiri

PM Ardern

"Youth Adjacent". Term for in-between gold carders and youth.

Trade agreements signed recently are "high quality".

"...addressing water issues where they exist"

Stuart Crosby: Embarrassingly hypocritical. Talked about building trust in partnerships, integrity and listening to our Communities.

Mellissa Clark-Reynolds – "we are trying to make everyone self-employed"

DAY 2

"AWESOME"

www.camcalkoen.com



Breakfast Speaker: Cam Calkoen
Motivational Speaker

"Carabiner Mentoring"

"When we hear someone's story we bend perception, eliminate assumption"

Opportunity for RDC:

Engage Cam to speak.

Simon Watts

National will partner with LG, "We will work with you"

Local ownership and private property rights will be supported.

Young Elected Leaders, (YEM)

"YEM Kopapa"

14% of LG and most diverse group

Moko spoke several times throughout the Conference – very engaging.

"Voice of unity from a group of Rangitane"

Gave a recitation of what their vision for 2040 will look like, presented as a reality:

Treaty as foundation, Quote Dame Whina Couper.

[Mokopuna Decisions](#)



1million fluent Te Reo Speakers Bi-lingual signage.

Our new normal will not be about anyone losing, but it is about everyone winning.

“Actively quantify the cost of inaction” There will be:

50	-	50 Govt
Elected	-	Appointed

“Lay down a “Wero” to today’s generations” – a challenge.

Opportunity for RDC: Link our Youth Council to mentoring from this group?



Adam Lent – CE New Local – UK Excellent video presentation

alent@newlocal.org.uk

-divulging funds/resources to Communities.

“Community Power”, recognizing Community based solutions. Whole population response needed.

Have created a 70 Council Think Tank – Peer learning

Pandemic learnings are around Health inequalities, turmoil in the labour markets.

Opportunity for RDC: example of how devolution of powers works when we are centralizing but looking to give greater powers to Community Board level governance. (LG REFORM)

Power up Pacifica Group

20% of Oamaru Community

Need to include local voice. **“We are told what our problems are too often.”**

160 groups involved + Iwi, building relationships: Built retirement village with 80 care beds, 60 units, that is partnered to the Hospital.

Need the capacity to reimagine: “Grow those Green Shoots”

Councils are “ANCHOR INSTITUTIONS”

Allow Iwi to influence decision making, esp. at LG level because they have the most influence on Communities.

Opportunity for RDC: At the stage now with our Economic Development Team that we could be re-imagining, growing our green shoots and using our institution as an anchor.

Co-governance, Waikato arrangement 25 yrs ago, Ngai Tahu + Kingitanga

Moko (Speaker): Our youth have already waited 180yrs , a few more years are worth getting it right. Nga Puhi were the most populous Iwi (120,000 people). Need to make meaningful changes on the ground. For generation after generation.

Maori time = when the time is right "The Nga Puhi Nation"

Shared decision making is the ultimate.

Plans are being created but not capabilities at the same time. Treaty workshops – training. Find your people, where you fit. **Need to have "Whakepono" around co-governance, (a little bit of faith).**

Northland Maori have the best Pakeha because Koro and Nanny all jumped the fence.

"We have come too far, not to go further;

We have done too much, not to do more"

Antoin (speaker) – hiko against SNAs a mistake, they have now negotiated with Govt and agree to be part of the scheme.

Andrew (speaker) "I'm a recovering Racisit", Learn about the land you are on. Maori should be fully funded into LG roles.

Opportunity for RDC: Find out what changes were made in negotiations with Nga Puhi so that they were agreeable to being part of SNAs. (Potential to ameliorate Farmer push back). Who, (and How), negotiated the changes?

Notes from various speakers: **(Climate Change)**

"We are a resource dependent Society"; "We are living beyond our means";

"Toby Adams steered group wisely, taking 100 down to 14 NBA Plans." – David Parker

Rachel Keedwell – "We are moving too slowly for the environment. We are living beyond the capacity of the earth...need systematic change that's why we are doomed to fail, because we are lazy...Need a one stop Climate change committee."

(off-piste question from an Horizon's Cr: Is it LGs role or Central Govt's role to develop Climate Change theory?, saying that Horizons has already spent a huge amount of money on this.)

Opportunity for RDC: Be aware of people in this space about to hit the panic button.

Mr Lala – Hydrogen innovation

"Need to change narrative from fear to value. Hydrogen need to have more ambitious thinking. "Green Gold" as nucleus of new Climate initiatives in NZ"

-Lala sees the shift to Hydrogen will happen rapidly and completely eclipse the electric-car, solar power revolution happening at the moment. It will be better in every way.

Q: "How do we shift the Hydrogen lease cars to the next good social initiative?"

A: **Toyota a building a fully interactive city "Woven City". Need a Micro-mobility fleet,** (for weekday transport), and other options for the weekends – larger recreational vehicles for trailers etc.

Opportunity for RDC: Work with our partners to investigate Waru's ideas.

Sophie – Acting Climate Justice not just climate awareness; need transformational shift: "what is our responsibility to go further, to go faster?"

MP Stuart Nash MP for Napier ECONOMIC WELLBEING

Minister for Economic and Regional Development, Small Business, Forestry, and Tourism

(At the opening of the Nga Wairiki, Ngati Apa Strawberry Farm).

Usual Govt lines around “precarious and uncertain times...war in Europe...Strong global proposition...climate response front and centre.” **Procurement spend 51billion**

Opportunity for RDC: Have a digital boost programme – [Growregions.govt.nz](https://growregions.govt.nz) KANOA

Apprentishps are already going on in Maori businesses – Height Project Manager NZ –
Warner Cowen Max Rashbrooke – weekly in Stuff

Simpson Grierson “Riding the Wave” 3 Waters (3W).

3 Waters Day 1 is 1 July 2024

Preparing for reform and understanding the big ticket issues.

Mike – Day 1 relatively on schedule. Busy work streams becoming busier, huge pressure & balance between highly productive soils and urban creep.

5 points: **Opportunity for RDC:**

1. Increase awareness about reform;
2. Proactively consider strategic funding priorities;
3. Reposition post reform – opportunities for innovation, important discussions with communities;
4. Policy/strategic review;
5. Engagement with key stakeholders

Paddy – Submission to 3W best chance to have a voice/influence,

Q: “How do we ensure the Entities will support our Annual Plan and LTPs?

A: “Use the tools within the Bill.

Q: “How will we manage delivery over nxt 3yrs?

A: “We need to reorganize our future. Now is our establishment period.” **DIA have oversight powers.**

Jim Palmer Review for LG

“Te Au Maori woven into every **think** we do; Liberal Democracy. Tikanga needs to be used in Council meetings to make Maori more welcomed and comfortable. Rethink system design/New ways of funding – co-investment in Community outcomes/Need a substantial “War Chest”/Rating stays a key tool”

Penny Hulse – “Whole new approach is needed. Complex issues need to be solved at place. Using all its powers to innovate for it’s communities. New ways of partnering, Place making essential.

How does LG facilitate democracy? Change needs to start now.

Need long-term gutsy decisions”

Q: How does LG support itself?

Opportunity for RDC:

Congestion charging

Bed Tax

Govt should pay rates on property it owns: (D.O.C. land)

Healthy Families

Parks Planning

Housing collaborations

Q: Whats the right mechanism to drive a culture of collaboration, stronger relationships?

A: Co-investment as Core. “Work smarter and be joined up.”

Wellbeing Theme: **Keep the Local in LG**

Gail - BAU to YEM Vision, Central Govt too remote and siloed, Hapu/Iwi have wholistic view

Penny – Renew response to LG reforms from “Frothing Anger” and “Angry Crowds”. The Wisdom of the Community needs to be respected, Elected Members (EM), are the holders of LG, Need EM focus on big decisions

Antion – Authentic relationships with Iwi/Hapu, “Indigenize Western Democracy”, Papatuanuku & Tangata at the base of all things. Need to build on the good things done, Central Govt poaching Maori talent, Te Tiriti a framework for inclusion.

DIVERSITY, RESPECT and the ability to CONTRIBUTE

Minister Mahuta: “Need to be good ancestors”

Professor Meihana - “Mana whenua must have the casting vote on Environmental decisions. Generations of the future must not inherit burdens of the past.”

Opportunity for RDC:

Be far sighted and involved in connecting up LG reforms with Te Tiriti.

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

ITEM 12.1

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Committee and Board minutes are attached for Council's receipt. These are under separate cover due to size.

Attachments:

1. A/I - 11 Aug 22 (under separate cover)
2. BCC - 26 Jul 22 (under separate cover)
3. ERWS - 06 Sep 22 (under separate cover)
4. F/P - 25 Aug 22 (under separate cover)
5. Hearings - 15 Jun 22 (under separate cover)
6. MCC - 10 Aug 22 (under separate cover)
7. SDMC - 07 Sep 22 (under separate cover)
8. TCB - 17 Aug 22 (under separate cover)
9. TRAK - 09 Aug 22 (under separate cover)

Recommendation

That the following minutes are received:

- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 11 August 2022
- Bulls Community Committee, 26 July 2022
- Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee, 06 September 2022
- Finance/Performance Committee, 25 August 2022
- Hearings Committee, 15 June 2022
- Marton Community Committee, 10 August 2022
- Santoft Domain Management Committee, 07 September 2022
- Taihape Community Board, 17 August 2022
- Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti, 09 August 2022

13 Recommendations from Committees

13.1 Recommendation from the Taihape Community Board

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning

1. Request – for Council consideration

1.1 The Taihape Community Board met 17 August 2022 and made the following recommendation³ to Council.

- a. The Taihape Community Board request that the Rangitikei District Council investigate the provision of a suitable toilet facility at the Taihape Cemetery, a handwashing facility at both entrances and a provision of a paved turn-around.

1.2 A recommendation is included at the bottom of this report for Council's decision.

2. Second Request – for information only

2.1 The Taihape Community Board also made the below request.

- a. The Taihape Community Board request that the Rangitikei District Council investigate water services adjacent to the Taihape Dog Park.

2.2 This request has been forwarded to staff, who have advised that ... *"the Board would need to apply for a new service connection, with the main positioned where it is, this would require a full road crossing and will be quite costly."*

Recommendation

That Council approves / does not approve [**delete one**] the below recommendation from the Taihape Community Board meeting on 17 August 2022:

- The Taihape Community Board request that the Rangitikei District Council investigate the provision of a suitable toilet facility at the Taihape Cemetery, a handwashing facility at both entrances and a provision of a paved turn-around.

³ 22/TCB/037

14 Public Excluded

Resolution to Exclude the Public

The meeting went into public excluded session [enter time](#)

Recommendation

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

1. Public Excluded Council Meeting - 25 August 2022
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Rate Remissions
4. Bulls Property Disposals
5. Minutes from Committees (Public Excluded)
6. Chief Executive Performance Review

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987* for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
14.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 25 August 2022	s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)
14.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings	s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
14.3 - Rate Remissions	s7(2)(a) - Privacy	s48(1)(a)(i)
14.4 - Bulls Property Disposals	s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
14.5 - Minutes from Committees (Public Excluded)	s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	s48(1)(a)(i)
14.6 - Chief Executive Performance Review	s7(2)(a) - Privacy	s48(1)(a)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

15 Open Meeting

Recommendation

That the public excluded meeting move into an open meeting, and the below recommendations be confirmed in the open meeting:

22/RDC/*** - 22/RDC/***