

# ORDER PAPER

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, 25 February 2026

**Time:** 10.00am

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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**Chair:** HWTM Andy Watson

**Deputy Chair:** Cr Dave Wilson

**Membership:** Cr Diana Baird  
Cr Alan Buckendahl  
Cr Fi Dalgety  
Cr Sandra Field  
Cr John Hainsworth  
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa  
Cr Graeme O'Fee  
Cr Coral Raukawa  
Cr Paul Sharland  
Cr Jeff Wong

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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 Wednesday, 25 February 2026 at 10.00am.**

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### **2 Apologies**

### **3 Public Forum**

No Public Forum

### **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**

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, [enter item number](#) be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

### 6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

**Author:** Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

#### 1. Reason for Report

1.1 The minutes from Ordinary Council Meeting held on 12 February 2026 are attached.

#### Attachments

1. Ordinary Council Meeting - 12 February 2026

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 12 February 2026 **[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 Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

# MINUTES



## **UNCONFIRMED: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date:** Thursday, 12 February 2026  
**Time:** 10.00am  
**Venue:** Council Chamber  
 Rangitikei District Council  
 46 High Street  
 Marton

**Present**

- HWTM Andy Watson
- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
- Cr Coral Raukawa
- Cr Jeff Wong
- Cr Paul Sharland
- Cr Alan Buckendahl
- Cr Diana Baird
- Cr Sandra Field
- Cr Graeme O'Fee

**In attendance**

- Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
- Mr Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive
- Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager – Corporate Services
- Mr Johan Cullis, Group Manager – Regulatory Services
- Mr Darryn Black, Roading Transport Manager
- Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
- Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager
- Mr Chris Dyhrberg, Executive Director WSCCO Establishment
- Mr Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships
- Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Lead
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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**1 Welcome / Prayer**

The Mayor opened the meeting at 10.00am.

**2 Apologies**

**Resolved minute number 26/RDC/001**

That the apologies be received from Cr Dalgety and Cr Hainsworth.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr J Wong. Carried

**3 Public Forum**

There was no public forum.

**4 Conflict of Interest Declarations**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**5 Confirmation of Order of Business**

There was no change to the order of business.

**6 Confirmation of Minutes**

**Resolved minute number 26/RDC/002**

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 December 2025 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Cr P Sharland/Cr G O'Fee. Carried

**7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings**

**7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 26/RDC/003**

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

## 8 Mayor's Report

### 8.1 Mayor's Report - February 2026

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 26/RDC/004**

That the Mayor's Report – February 2026 be received.

HWTM/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

## 9 Chief Executive's Report

### 9.1 Chief Executive's Report - February 2026

#### Events Held Across the District at Council's Parks and Reserves

Officers responded to questions that the list is retrospective but in the next email from the communications team the link to district events on the Rangitikei Aotearoa page can be shared. .

#### Civil Defence and Emergency Management Review

Officers responded to questions about the timing of implementing the review and noted actions will occur over the period of a number of years. The Emergency Operations Centre build is part of implementing the outcomes of the review and will take time to construct. However, other priority actions identified in the review will be progressed in the interim.

**Resolved minute number 26/RDC/005**

That the report Chief Executive's Report – February 2026 be received.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

**Resolved minute number 26/RDC/006**

That, His Worship the Mayor be delegated authority to sign the 2026 Triennial Agreement for the Manawatu-Whanganui Region.

Cr P Sharland/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

**Resolved minute number 26/RDC/007**

That Council notes the extension of Contract 1126 - Streetlight Maintenance with Horizon Networks for a further three-year period, from 1 March 2026 to 28 February 2029.

Cr D Wilson/Cr D Baird. Carried

**Resolved minute number 26/RDC/008**

That Council accept NZTA's offer of additional NLTP funding of \$2,816,000 (local share \$957,440) to enable completion of deferred roading works within the 2024–27 period, noting that the local share will be funded from Roading Reserves with no impact on rates.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

**Resolved minute number 26/RDC/009**

That the revised terms of reference for the Marton Community Committee are adopted, providing for membership from Marton Rotary and Marton Lions clubs.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr S Field. Carried

**Resolved minute number 26/RDC/010**

That Council recommends that Mr Stuart Hylton be reappointed as commissioner for Council's District Licencing Committee in accordance with section 193 of the and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 for a period of five years to 12 February 2031.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

**Resolved minute number 26/RDC/011**

That Council endorse the advertising for community members for the District Licensing Committee in accordance with section 193 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, noting that Council will receive recommendations for membership at a subsequent Council meeting.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

## 10 Reports for Decision

### 10.1 Local Water Done Well – Initiating the Shareholders Committee for the joint Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation known as Central Districts Water

Officers introduced the report purpose which is to formalise the Shareholder Committee for the Joint Water Services – Central Districts Water. Palmerston North City Council agreed yesterday, and Horowhenua District Council was confirmed last week.

Councillors highlighted the exhaustive process and work completed to get to this stage.

**Resolved minute number 26/RDC/012**

That the Rangitikei District Council receives the report 'Local Water Done Well – Initiating the Shareholders Committee for the joint Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation known as Central Districts Water.

Cr D Baird/Cr J Wong. Carried

**Resolved minute number 26/RDC/013**

That, subject to confirmation by the Horowhenua District and Palmerston North City Councils, the Rangitikei District Council initiates the Shareholders Committee for Central Districts Water under clause 30(1)(b) of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002, having regard to the terms of reference set out in the Shareholders Agreement approved by Council at its meeting on 11 December 2025, and determines (in terms of clause 30(7) of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002) that the Committee will not be discharged following the triennial local elections.

Cr D Wilson/Cr D Baird. Carried

**Resolved minute number 26/RDC/014**

That Rangitikei District Council notes the roles and responsibilities of the Shareholders Committee, as stated in Schedule 3 of the Shareholders' Agreement and, in terms of clause 30A(2)(d) of Schedule 7 in the Local Government Act 2002, delegates to the Shareholders Committee those roles and responsibilities.

Cr D Baird/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

**Resolved minute number 26/RDC/015**

That Rangitikei District Council appoints with the delegated power to make decisions in accordance with the Committee's terms of reference the following persons as the Council's representatives on the Shareholders Committee for Central Districts Water:

His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson

Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson

Cr Fiona Dalgety (alternate)

Cr D Baird/Cr P Sharland. Carried

**Resolved minute number 26/RDC/016**

That, subject to confirmation of the Horowhenua District and Palmerston North City Councils, the Rangitikei District Council confirms the appointment of the following persons nominated by Nga Tapūwae o Hau as the iwi representatives on the Shareholders Committee for Central Districts Water with the delegated power to make decisions in accordance with the Committee's terms of reference:

Tainui Confederation: Hayden Turoa

Alternate for Hayden Turoa: Tiwana Tibble

Kurahaupo Confederation: Danielle Harris

Alternate for Danielle Harris: Di Rump

Iwi of the greater Rangitikei Region: Marj Heeney

Alternate for Marj Heeney: Suze Hepi (alternate)

Cr C Raukawa/Cr D Wilson. Carried Unanimous

**Resolved minute number 26/RDC/017**

That, subject to confirmation of the Horowhenua District and Palmerston North City Councils, the Rangitikei District Council delegates to the Council's representatives on the Shareholders Committee for Central Districts Water the power to confirm any replacement iwi members nominated by Nga Tapūwae o Hau.

HWTM/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

## 11 Reports for Information

### 11.1 Project Updates Report - January 2026

#### Marlon to Wastewater Centralisation

Officers advised that discussions have been completed with ANZCO Bulls, and they are being kept informed throughout the design process.

#### Rātana Wastewater Discharge to Land

Officers answered questions that there is the potential to pump wastewater through to Whanganui, however, Whanganui District Council has not yet provided feedback following the election of new councillors.

#### Marlon Offices and Library

Officers responded to questions that the contaminated soil will be relocated and reused on site under a hard surface, as this is the most cost-efficient and effective option, rather than disposing of the contaminated soil off site.

#### **Resolved minute number 26/RDC/018**

That the report Project Updates Report – January 2026 be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

### 11.2 Finance Snapshot - December 2025

Officers responded to questions that the funding for the local share of roading will be drawn from the roading reserve, this will not impact on other areas of Council's budget.

#### **Resolved minute number 26/RDC/019**

That the Finance Snapshot - December 2025 Report be received by Council.

Cr D Baird/Cr J Wong. Carried

## 12 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session at 11.16am.

**Resolution to Exclude the Public**

**Resolved minute number** **26/RDC/020**

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

1. Public Excluded Council Meeting - 11 December 2025
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Extension Request - Sale and Purchase Agreement - 304-318 Broadway, Marton
4. Recommendation from Committee

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
<b>12.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 11 December 2025</b>	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 11 December meeting.	s48(1)(a)
<b>12.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings</b>	To consider actions from previous 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)
<b>12.3 - Extension Request - Sale and Purchase Agreement - 304-318 Broadway, Marton</b>	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations. s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
<b>12.4 - Recommendation from Committee</b>	To consider recommendations from previous public excluded committee meetings. 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 interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would



## 7 Reports for Decision

### 7.1 Adoption of Proposed Plan Change 3 for Notification

**Author:** Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager

**Authoriser:** Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy

#### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth (including supporting evaluation and technical information) to Council for adoption and that officers proceed with public notification of the proposed plan change.
- 1.2 The report will outline the reasons for preparing Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth (PPC3), the process followed to date and what is included in this plan change.

#### 2. Context

- 2.1 Council prepared Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond which is a 30-year spatial and community plan, from mid-2021 to until mid-2023 when it was adopted. Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond aims to manage the nature, location and structure of development across the district through to 2050.
- 2.2 It was developed under the guidance of an Advisory Group made up of Elected Members and iwi representatives. Substantial community engagement was undertaken during the development of the plan to understand the opportunities, challenges and aspirations of the communities within the district.
- 2.3 Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond includes three (3) population growth scenarios with the highest projecting that the Rangitikei District will reach a population of almost 25,000 people by 2050, an increase of almost 9,000. This plan identifies potential growth areas for six (6) towns/settlements in the district which were classified as having a shortfall of land available for urban development in the long term. These towns/settlements were Bulls, Hunterville, Mangaweka, Marton, Taihape and Turakina.
- 2.4 Work on PPC3 commenced as a key action for the implementation of Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond. Council received Better off Funding to support the acceleration of this plan change.
- 2.5 Council prepared an Efficiency and Effectiveness Monitoring Report in late 2023 to early 2024 to assess how well the District Plan's provisions were working for the General Residential and Rural Living (Lifestyle) zones, with the goal of identifying whether the rules and standards are fit for purpose, need updating, or are missing elements. The findings of this report have been used to inform PPC3.
- 2.6 Throughout 2024-2025 Council commissioned technical assessments for Three Waters, Geotechnical, Ecological, Archaeological, Transportation and flooding matters to support the preparation of the plan change.
- 2.7 Officers were initially investigating growth areas in all 6 towns/settlement that were identified as having a shortfall of available land for urban develop to assess their viability to rezone. In October 2024 Council decided to refine the scope of the growth areas being

assessed and focus on growth areas for Marton, Bulls, and Mangaweka. Marton and Bulls were selected as they have experienced by far the highest levels of growth in recent history. Mangaweka was considered a good option to explore for the northern part of the district. The other three (3) towns/settlements were assessed as having enough available land for the short to medium term and there was potential to pursue a plan change in the future if needed.

- 2.8 Officers have undertaken engagement with landowners within the growth areas throughout 2025 to keep them updated on progress with the plan change and give them opportunity to raise concerns or to ask questions about the process.
- 2.9 Officers have also undertaken informal engagement with Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and Ngāti Parewahawaha. On 23 October 2025 officer commenced clause 3, 3B and 4A consultation under schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 with iwi authorities to ensure they had sufficient time to provide feedback, request a hui or ask questions. Clause 3 consultation was undertaken with the other parties (i.e. relevant ministries, Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Council, territorial authorities and the Central Districts Waters Council Controlled Organisation) in mid-December 2025.
- 2.10 On 16 July 2025 the Government announced a “plan stop”. The purpose of the plan stop is to stop councils from progressing “unnecessary” plan and regional policy statement work. The plan stop was incorporated into the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill and enacted on 21 August 2025. Council decided on 28 August 2025 to seek an exemption from the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform (the Minister) for PPC3.
- 2.11 Officers prepared the exemption application and lodged this on 10 September 2025. The Minister approved the exemption application on 28 November 2025. Work on the plan change has subsequently recommenced to the point of it now being ready for adoption by Council.

### 3. Discussion and Options

- 3.1 The proposed plan change seeks to better enable and provide for urban growth throughout the Rangitikei District and amend provisions that are no longer fit for purpose in the General Residential and Rural Lifestyle zones, rezone additional land for residential purposes within Marton and Bulls and provide opportunities for more intensive infill development within the district’s main urban centres, being Marton, Bulls and Taihape. The following documents are attached under separate cover:

### 4. Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth: Section 32 Evaluation Report and the following appendices:

- 1.1 Proposed amendments to SUB – Subdivision
- 1.2 Proposed amendments to GRZ – General Residential Zone
- 1.3 Proposed amendments to RLZ – Rural Lifestyle Zone
- 2 Planning Maps - Marton North-West Structure Plan Area
- 3 Planning Maps - Residential Intensification Area Overlay
- 4 Planning Maps – Rezoning
- 5 Community Spatial Plan | Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond

- 6 Efficiency and Effectiveness Monitoring Report for the Residential and Rural Living Zones
- 7 An Archaeological Scoping Assessment of Potential Growth Areas for Marton, in the Rangitīkei District
- 8 An Archaeological Scoping Assessment of Potential Growth Areas for Bulls, in the Rangitīkei District
- 9 Integrated Transport Assessment
- 10 Potential Urban Growth Areas Ecological Constraint Study
- 11 Geotechnical Assessment Report for Residential Land-Use Changes Bulls, Marton & Mangaweka High Level Planning
- 12 RDC 3 Waters Growth Strategy Growth Assessment
- 13 Marton, Bulls and Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant Assessment
- 14 BUL03 Growth Area Flood Risk Assessment

- 4.1 Some of the key elements of the proposed plan change are briefly outlined, as follows:
- Rezone parcels of land on the edge of Marton and Bulls. This land was identified as being within the following growth areas in Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond: MAR01, MAR02, MAR04 (60 Calico Line only), MAR07, BUL01 (2 and 14-16 Watson Street only) and BUL03 (partially).
  - The introduction of a Structure Plan for the Marton North-West Development Area (combined MAR01, MAR02 and MAR07). This structure plan will aim to guide development for this development area, including identifying and protecting locations for future road connections from inappropriate development.
  - Introduction of the Residential Intensification Area. This will enable greater density on identified properties near the town centres of Bulls, Marton and Taihape.
  - Amend provisions (objectives, policies, rules and standards) within the General Residential Zone, Rural Lifestyle Zone and Subdivision Chapter to provide more opportunity for urban intensification and removing existing barriers.
- 4.2 If Council adopts the proposed plan change for notification, public notification is proposed to occur immediately after. From notification the process follows a very prescribed process set out in the RMA. It is proposed that public notification of PPC3 commences on 5 March 2026 (submissions open) until 7 April 2026 (submissions close). A minimum timeframe of 20 working days is legally required for the notification period (clause 5(3)(b) of the RMA). The period proposed is slightly longer to account for the Easter period (Good Friday until Easter Monday which is 3 April until 6 April).
- 4.3 Once the submissions close officers then need to summarise all of the written submissions received and then prepare and notify a Summary of Submissions. This starts a process for Further Submissions (i.e. cross submissions) against the original submissions. Once the Further Submissions have been received, the next step in the process is the Hearing (in some situations a Pre-hearing meeting or meetings may be beneficial). Officers anticipate the hearing panel for this Hearing to consist of at least

one independent commissioner; this will be confirmed with Council following the close of submissions. The number and nature of submissions will often influence how quickly after the Further Submissions the Hearings are held.

Other Matters to Note:

- 4.4 The rules of this proposed plan change will not have legal effect at the time of public notification. An amendment to the RMA in 2009 introduced a change in legislation that the rules within a proposed plan change would not have legal effect until they are beyond legal challenge. What this means is that if there are no submissions received on a particular rule change then the rule would have legal effect from the time that the submission period closes. If submissions are made on a rule change then the rule will not have legal effect until a decision on those submissions has been notified and the period for lodging appeals to the Environment Court has closed. While the rules do not have legal effect (i.e. people do not have to comply with them), s104(1)(b)(vi) of the RMA does require that the provisions (contents) of a proposed plan change are considered as well as the current provisions of the Operative District Plan when processing resource consent applications.
- 4.5 Some amendments have been incorporated into PPC3 since the last Council workshop in December 2025. No land is proposed to be rezoned for Mangaweka as part of PPC3. The growth areas around Mangaweka were being considered for suitability for rural lifestyle type development. Changes that the Government made to the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land (NPS-HPL), which came into effect on 15 January 2026, still do not allow rural lifestyle development on LUC 3 land. The growth areas assessed for Mangaweka almost entirely contain LUC 3 land. The demand for residential development in Mangaweka is considered low and as such officers have not included any land within the growth areas for Mangaweka to be rezoned at this time. Council does have the option of proposing to rezone one of the growth areas (or a part of a growth area) as General Residential. Specific provisions may be required to address area specific matters and this would delay the adoption of PPC3.
- 4.6 The owners of 65 Calico Line, Marton (a property within the MAR03 growth area) have recently withdrawn their support for their land to be proposed to be rezoned. As this is not a large area of land (approximately 3.3ha) and there is sufficient other land being proposed to be rezoned on the edge of Marton officers have removed this property from being proposed to be rezoned as part of PPC3. Officers have also removed the adjoining property (23 Calico Line) as this a small site of approximately 8100sqm which has an existing dwelling on it. There is limited justification to propose this property to be rezoned at this time without any land in the wider growth area being put forward. If Council disagrees and wishes to pursue the rezoning of these two properties, then Council can direct that it be added back into the plan change.

Options:

At this stage in the process, there are two options available to Council:

***Option 1: Adopt Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth for public notification***

- 4.7 The timing means that the PPC3 could be notified early March and this allows Council to continue to progress this plan change as quickly as possible in advance of the imminent repeal of the Resource Management Act 1991. This is a significant step in the Plan Change process. The public notification process allows any party to make a submission, providing opportunity for the community voice to be heard.

4.8 This is officers preferred option.

**Option 2:** *Do not adopt Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth for public notification and instead direct officers to undertake changes to the plan change*

4.9 This option would require direction on the further work/changes requested and would delay notification of the Plan Change. Timeframe for notification would depend on what changes are requested.

## 5. Financial Implications

5.1 The preparation of the plan change has been covered under existing budgets. At present, the plan change process is on track to be funded using existing budgets but this could change if significant further work was required.

5.2 An implication of the land being rezoned is the cost of servicing the development areas with lead infrastructure. The required upgrades are set out in the 3 Waters Growth Strategy, which supports the plan change. Decisions about the mechanism to recover relevant costs from developers would generally be made by Council through a Long Term Plan process, however, this will likely sit with the Central Districts Water Council Controlled Organisation.

## 6. Impact on Strategic Risks

6.1 There are a number of strategic risks associated with PPC3 including:

- Trust and confidence is tarnished;
- Insufficient capability and capacity to fulfil agreed commitments; and
- Changes to government legislation are transformational.

6.2 A plan change of this nature is complex and has implications for people and their property. Officers aim to handle communications with potentially affected and/or interested people with integrity and professionalism to help mitigate the risk to Council that trust and confidence is tarnished.

6.3 The Strategy Team has limited resource, and Council must prioritise how that resource is utilised to ensure that key projects such as PPC3 progress. Once the plan change is adopted for consultation this starts a legal process which will need to be appropriately resourced. Officers will mitigate the risk that there is insufficient capability and capacity to fulfil agreed commitments by seeking support from external experts when/if needed.

6.4 The repeal of the RMA and introduction of a new two-Act planning system is a transformational change in legislation, and it may disrupt the plan change as it progresses through the process. Officers are continuing to monitor the proposed repeal of the RMA and introduction of the new planning system to understand how these changes may impact the plan change as it progresses.

## 7. Strategic Alignment

7.1 PPC3 will have implications for Environmental, Social, Economic, and Cultural Wellbeing. The well-beings are invariably considered as part of the plan change process through technical reports (e.g. ecological assessments and archaeological assessments), the section 32 evaluation, and through consultation with affected landowners, key stakeholders, and the wider public.

7.2 A trusted partner with iwi. Officers have presented to and provided updates to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā for PPC3. Officers have met with Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and Ngāti Parewahawaha/Ngāti Tamakopiri (informally) and reached out to Ngāti Hauti for a meeting, as the iwi/hapu with growth areas or the proposed Residential Intensification Areas within their rohe. Clause 3, 3B and 4A consultation has been undertaken with iwi authorities. Council remains willing work with iwi and hapū throughout the plan change process.

7.3 PPC3 strongly aligns with Council's Strategic Priority of Facilitating Growth.

## **8. Mana Whenua Implications**

8.1 Officers will work with mana whenua to ensure that they have opportunity to input into PPC3 including understanding its implications for them. This will be in accordance with Schedule 1 requirements and also in line with Council's commitment to be a trusted partner with iwi.

## **9. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration**

9.1 There are no specific Climate Change considerations associated with proceeding with the plan change process. Climate change impacts resulting from development were taken into account at a high level through the 3 Waters Growth Strategy and will be considered in more detail through consent processes as sites are developed overtime.

## **10. Statutory Implications**

10.1 This proposed plan change is being undertaken in accordance with statutory processes and to fulfil Council's statutory obligations set out in the Resource Management Act 1991.

## **11. Decision Making Process**

11.1 The adoption and public notification of the proposed plan change triggers the start of a legally prescribed process that must be followed in terms of progressing the proposed plan change from notification to becoming operative. Included in this process are very specific requirements for the submission and further submission processes and timeframes.

11.2 As part of the notification process property owners who are directly affected by the proposed changes are directly notified. Public notification provides the opportunity for anyone to make a submission in support or opposition to Proposed Plan Change 3.

## **12. Attachments:**

### **1. Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth: Section 32 Evaluation Report and the following appendices: (under separate cover)**

**1.1 Proposed amendments to SUB – Subdivision**

**1.2 Proposed amendments to GRZ – General Residential Zone**

**1.3 Proposed amendments to RLZ – Rural Lifestyle Zone**

**2 Planning Maps - Marton North-West Structure Plan Area**

**3 Planning Maps - Residential Intensification Area Overlay**

**4 Planning Maps – Rezoning****5 Community Spatial Plan | Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond****6 Efficiency and Effectiveness Monitoring Report for the Residential and Rural Living Zones****7 An Archaeological Scoping Assessment of Potential Growth Areas for Marton, in the Rangitīkei District****8 An Archaeological Scoping Assessment of Potential Growth Areas for Bulls, in the Rangitīkei District****9 Integrated Transport Assessment****10 Potential Urban Growth Areas Ecological Constraint Study****11 Geotechnical Assessment Report for Residential Land-Use Changes Bulls, Marton & Mangaweka High Level Planning****12 RDC 3 Waters Growth Strategy Growth Assessment****13 Marton, Bulls and Taihape Wastewater Treatment****14 BUL03 Growth Area Flood Risk Assessment****Recommendation 1**

That this report Adoption of Proposed Plan Change 3 for Notification be received.

**Recommendation 2**

That Council adopts Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth and the associated Section 32 Evaluation Report for the purpose of public notification in accordance with Clause 5 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.

AND

That officers be authorised to proceed with public notification of Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth, in accordance with the statutory requirements set out in the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.

**Recommendation 3**

That, if necessary, the Chief Executive be authorised (prior to public notification) to correct any minor errors or omissions in the text and maps of Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth and the associated Section 32 Evaluation Report.

**7.2 Triennial Agreement Hawke's Bay Region 2025-2028****Author:** Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy**Authoriser:** Carol Gordon, Chief Executive**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 For Council to authorise His Worship the Mayor to sign the 2026 Triennial Agreement for the Hawke's Bay Region.

**2. Context**

- 2.1 The Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) encourages local authorities to work collaboratively. One of the requirements of the Act is for all local authorities within a region, to produce a Triennial Agreement following each election. This Agreement must be in place no later than 1 March immediately after each triennial election (section 15(1) of the LGA).
- 2.2 At the 12 February 2026 Council meeting, delegation was provided to the Mayor to sign the triennial agreement for the Manawatū-Whanganui Region. This triennial agreement will be considered at the Mayoral forum on 2 March 2026 (delayed as a result of the severe weather event).
- 2.3 As part of the Rangitīkei District is in the Hawke's Bay Region, Council is also a non-primary signatory to the Hawke's Bay region triennial agreement. Council has previously been part of and signed this Agreement. The draft agreement is attached.
- 2.4 The agreement sets out the purpose of the agreement, principles of how councils will work together, protocols for communication and coordination, and dispute resolution process.

**3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 There are no financial implications.

**4. Impact on Strategic Risks**

- 4.1 There are no impacts on strategic risks.

**5. Strategic Alignment**

- 5.1 The triennial agreement supports Council's strategic framework, particularly the strategic priority focused on working collaboratively to support community wellbeing.

**6. Mana Whenua Implications**

- 6.1 There are no direct implications for mana whenua resulting from the signing of the triennial agreement.

**7. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration**

- 7.1 There are no climate change impacts that require consideration.

**8. Statutory Implications**

- 8.1 Section 15(1) of the LGA requires the triennial agreement to be in place no later than 1 March immediately after each triennial election.

**9. Decision Making Process**

- 9.1 This decision is not significant and does not require consultation.

**Attachments:**

1. **Hawke's Bay Region Triennial Agreement** [↓](#)

**Recommendation 1**

That the report Triennial Agreement Hawke's Bay Region 2025-2028 be received.

**Recommendation 2**

That, His Worship the Mayor be delegated authority to sign the 2026 Triennial Agreement for the Hawke's Bay Region.

# Hawke's Bay Region Triennial Agreement

for the Triennium October 2025 – 2028



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**1. Parties**

1.1 The parties to this Triennial Agreement (the Agreement) are:

**Primary Parties** (those local authorities whose boundaries are completely encompassed within the Hawke's Bay Region)

- Central Hawke's Bay District Council
- Hastings District Council
- Hawke's Bay Regional Council
- Napier City Council
- Wairoa District Council

**Non-Primary Parties** (those local authorities whose boundaries bisect the Hawke's Bay region and whose principal identification is with another region)

- Rangitikei District Council
- Taupo District Council

1.2 This Agreement applies to all local authorities in the Hawke's Bay region. However, it is recognised that for Non-Primary Parties the degree of involvement in various aspects of the Agreement will be in proportion to the degree to which these parties assess how they will benefit or be affected by decisions, issues, proposals or other matters.

**2. Purpose**

2.1 The Triennial Agreement provides the framework for local government in the Hawke's Bay region to:

- work collaboratively
- improve communication and coordination at all levels, and
- maximise effectiveness and efficiency

in order to meet the purposes of Local Government to:

- enable democratic local decision-making by and on behalf of communities
- promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of our communities in the present and for the future.

2.2 This agreement is deemed to duly constitute fulfilment of the requirements of section 15 of the Local Government Act 2002.

2.3 It should be noted that as well as the encouragement towards collaboration, the Local Government Act 2002 and other legislation recognises that regional councils and territorial authorities have different responsibilities. These differences provide an important context for collaboration between the councils. The requirements contained in legislation for collaboration between local authorities are contained in Appendix Two to this Agreement.

**3. Principles**

- 3.1 Parties to this Agreement agree to work together in good faith for the good governance of their local communities and the region; to develop our collective strategic capacity from available resources and achieve our strategies by working together, through co-design and partnership so every whānau and every household is actively engaged in growing a thriving Hawke’s Bay economy to support inclusive and connected communities and sustainable and resilient environments.
- 3.2 In doing so, we:
- recognise and naturally implement obligations to the Treaty of Waitangi – Te Tiriti, and to provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to local decision-making
  - acknowledge that the communities within the region are diverse and encompass a range of desired outcomes and objectives
  - support the establishment of processes for communication and collaboration at both governance and management levels in ways that will enhance the overall performance and reputation of local government in the region
  - recognise that collaboration and co-operation between local authorities of the region can bring efficiencies in terms of planning, administration costs and decision-making and consultation. There is also the potential to increase available resources and promote co-operative approaches in making strategic choices
  - will investigate further opportunities for collaboration, co-operation, regional funding and shared services between local authorities of the region in addition to those prescribed by statute or already being undertaken
  - agree that collaborative or shared services opportunities may occur between two or more parties to this Agreement, but not in every case between all parties to this Agreement. Although collaboration and co-operation are outcomes that should be strived for, each local authority has the legislative mandate to govern their own area as appropriate
  - will make every effort to accommodate, acknowledge, or at least fairly represent the dissenting view where some parties to this Agreement have a significant disagreement with the position of other parties to the Agreement
  - will show leadership to ensure the implementation of this Agreement makes a positive difference for Hawke’s Bay.

**4. Protocols for communication and coordination**

4.1 It is recognised that a significant level of formal and informal cooperation already exists between Hawke’s Bay’s local authorities. Further to this existing cooperation, parties to this Agreement will:

- Hold monthly meetings of the Mayors of the primary parties and the Regional Chair (aligned to the joint committee meetings as appropriate) to formally communicate and coordinate on matters of mutual interest, in accordance with the **Hawke’s Bay Mayoral Forum** terms of reference in Appendix One.
- Invite the Chief Executives of the primary parties to attend every Mayoral Forum for a period of time.
- At the first meeting following the local body elections, elect a Chair of the Mayoral Forum from among the attendees. The Council whom the elected Chair represents will provide the administrative support for the Mayoral Forum for that triennium.
- Host **Regional Collaboration Days** at a frequency agreed between the parties to share information, experience and build regional cohesion.
- Attend **Matariki Governance Group** meetings scheduled by the Matariki Governance Group.
- Share resources where feasible for the purposes of preparing information on the various communities in the region. These resources may include information on demographics, survey data, scientific studies and the analysis of social, economic, environmental and cultural trends.
- Develop joint approaches to the development of annual and long term plans and, where appropriate, to engagement with Central Government, iwi governance bodies and tribal entities, national agencies and community organisations including consideration of establishing a Regional Office to advance common areas of interest.
- Provide early notification of, and participation in decisions that may affect other local authorities in the region.
- Make draft strategies, policies, and plans available to other local authorities in the region for discussion and development, where they may have regional implications or implications beyond the boundaries of the decision-making council.
- Apply a “no surprises” policy whereby early notice will be given over disagreements between local authorities concerning policy or programmes before the matter is put out to the public.
- Establish, as necessary, other forums including bi-lateral meetings, at both political and operational levels that will help enhance and achieve the purpose of this Agreement.
- Provide a process for initiating reviews of regional forums that are not working optimally in the view of one or more parties.

**5. Significant New Activities Proposed by Hawke's Bay Regional Council**

- 5.1 If the Regional Council or a Regional Council controlled organisation proposes to undertake a significant new activity, and these activities are already undertaken or proposed to be undertaken by one or more territorial authorities within the region, Section 16 of the Local Government Act applies.
- 5.2 However, in the spirit of this Agreement, the parties agree to an expanded consultation and communication process which includes discussion of the issues involved at the first available monthly meeting (see 4.1 above), and to provide drafts of proposals to affected Councils for early comment in accordance with the requirements of sections 77-87 of the Local Government Act (decision-making and consultation).
- 5.3 The parties also agree that prior to implementing the formal provisions of section 16<sup>1</sup>:
- the Regional Council will inform all territorial authorities within the region of
    - the nature of the activity proposed to be undertaken
    - the scope of the proposal (including size, districts covered, and why); and
  - the reasons for the proposal.
    - territorial authorities will be given a reasonable period of time to respond to any such proposal. The Regional Council agrees to fully consider any submissions and representations on the proposal made by territorial authorities within the region.

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<sup>1</sup> Appendix Two

**6. Dispute Resolution**

- 6.1 In the event of a disagreement between the Councils as to the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement the Councils commit to working in good faith to resolve the disagreement. If agreement cannot be reached, then the matter in dispute will be referred to mediation.
- 6.2 If the Councils cannot agree on the appointment of a mediator, the President of the Hawke's Bay District Law Society will be requested to appoint the mediator. The costs of the mediation shall be borne by the Councils in equal shares.

**7. Revision of the Agreement**

- 7.1 The Agreement is effective from the date of signing until such time as the Agreement is either amended by the agreement of all parties or is renewed following local authority elections (by 1 March 2029).
- 7.2 If a party to the Agreement requests a review of its terms within the triennium, such a review will begin within four weeks of the request being lodged. Otherwise the Agreement will be renewed following the local body elections as outlined above.
- 7.3 Hawke's Bay Regional Council will be the first Council responsible for servicing this Agreement.

**11. Parties - Signatures**

11.1 This Agreement is signed on this day xxx 2026 by the following on behalf of their respective authorities.

**Primary Parties**

**Central Hawke’s Bay District Council**

**Mayor Will Foley**

**Chief Executive Doug Tate**

**Hastings District Council**

**Mayor Wendy Schollum**

**Chief Executive Nigel Bickle**

**Hawke’s Bay Regional Council**

**Chair Sophie Siers**

**Chief Executive Dr Nic Peet**

**Napier City Council**

**Mayor Richard McGrath**

**Chief Executive Louise Miller**

**Wairoa District Council**

**Mayor Craig Little**

**Chief Executive Matthew Lawson**

**Non-Primary Parties**

**Rangitikei District Council**

**Taupo District Council**

**Appendix One: Hawke’s Bay Mayoral Forum – Terms of Reference**

**1. Purpose**

The Hawke’s Bay Mayoral Forum provides collective leadership on issues that matter across the region. It exists to:

- Identify and progress shared regional priorities.
- Strengthen collaboration across Central Hawke’s Bay District Council, Hastings District Council, Napier City Council, Wairoa District Council, and Hawke’s Bay Regional Council.
- Coordinate regional advocacy to central government, iwi partners, and key sectors.
- Plan for, and oversee development of proposals to support, future arrangements for Hawke’s Bay in response to government reforms.
- Support efficient, cost-effective delivery of regional functions, including joint services where appropriate.

The Forum does not replace the decision-making powers of any council.

**2. Role and operating framework**

The Forum provides the primary mechanism for giving effect to the Hawke’s Bay Triennial Agreement - including its commitments to collaboration, communication and joint advocacy – and the work mandated by government reforms.

In practice, the Forum will:

1. Lead region-wide strategy, advocacy and joint positions on matters of common interest.
2. Identify, prioritise and coordinate regional work programmes, including shared services.
3. Oversee development of regional proposals and transition plans to align with government reform.
4. Strengthen relationships with iwi partners, central government agencies, neighbouring regions and key regional organisations.
5. Share information openly, uphold the “no surprises” principle and minimise duplication across councils and regional groups.
6. Ensure matters requiring formal decisions are referred back to each council through normal processes.

The Forum’s operating arrangements will be adjusted to remain consistent as the Triennial Agreement is updated and as local government reforms progress.

**3. Membership**

**Members**

- Mayor of Hastings District
- Mayor of Napier City
- Mayor of Central Hawke’s Bay District
- Mayor of Wairoa District
- Chair of Hawke’s Bay Regional Council.

**Supported by attendees**

- All Chief Executives
- Secretariat support
- Invited observers (e.g. iwi/PSGE representatives, sector leaders, government agencies, or others relevant to the agenda)

**Neighbouring council participation**

To support regional linkages:

- When the Forum meets in Wairoa, representatives from Gisborne District Council / Tairāwhiti may be invited as observers.
- When the Forum meets in Waipawa, representatives from Tararua District Council may be invited as observers.

**Chairing**

- The Chair will rotate among councils on a yearly basis. The Chair is elected at the first meeting in the new calendar year.
- A Deputy Chair will also be appointed.
- If the Chair is absent, the Deputy Chair chairs the meeting.

**Member Responsibilities**

Members agree to:

- Act in the best interests of the Hawke’s Bay region when sitting as the Forum.
- Keep their governing councils informed.
- Work in a “no surprises” manner with one another.
- Uphold the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in alignment with each council’s commitments.

**Meetings**

**5.1 Frequency**

- The Forum meets monthly.
- Additional meetings may be called by the Chair or at the request of at least two member councils.

**5.2 Venue rotation**

1. Wairoa
2. Napier
3. Hastings
4. Waipawa.

**5.3 Agenda and papers**

- The Forum secretariat prepares the agenda with the Chair and Chief Executives.
- Papers circulated at least five working days before the meeting.
- A short public summary may be prepared where appropriate.

**5.4 Direction setting**

- The Forum aims for consensus.
- Decisions of the Forum are not binding on any council unless formally adopted by that council.

**6. Secretariat and support**

- Initially supported by the [TBC - Hawke’s Bay Regional Office].
- Responsible for:

- meeting administration
- agendas and minutes
- regional work programme coordination
- tracking progress and reporting
- managing shared services budgets and external funding

A Chief Executives’ Forum will meet ahead of each Forum meeting to coordinate advice and prepare work for Mayors’ consideration.

**7. Shared Services Budget**

The Forum will:

- Agree an annual shared services budget, levied across member councils by agreement.
- Receive grants, contributions or external funding (via the host agency for the Hawke’s Bay Regional Office).
- Commission regional work or projects on behalf of the councils.

Any funding commitments must be approved through each council’s financial processes.

**8. Partnership with Iwi and Hapū**

The Forum recognises the important role of mana whenua and tangata whenua.

Forum members will:

- Participate in the Matariki Governance Group which brings together the region’s civic and iwi leadership to discuss matters of regional significance.
- Maintain ongoing dialogue with the Chairs of Ngāti Kahungunu and Post-Settlement Governance Entities, and leadership of Taiwhenua organisations.
- Invite iwi representatives to participate where matters of shared interest arise.
- Ensure Treaty partnership considerations are built into regional work programmes.

**9. Conflicts of Interest**

- Members must act with integrity and avoid situations where their personal or professional interests conflict with the Forum’s objectives.
- Where a conflict (actual or perceived) arises, members must declare it at the start of the meeting.
- The Chair may request that a member withdraw from discussion or decision-making on that item if required.
- Declarations will be recorded in the meeting notes.

**10. Local government reforms**

To get the best arrangements for Hawke’s Bay and to support a coordinated and cohesive response to local government reforms, the Forum is delegated by member councils to:

- Develop and recommend proposals that align with local government reforms.
- Provide joint regional positions and advice to central government on the best arrangements for regional functions in Hawke’s Bay.
- Oversee preparatory work relating to regional shared services opportunities.
- Commission joint analysis and prepare regional proposals, noting that final decisions remain with each council.

These delegations allow the Forum to coordinate work efficiently; they do not transfer statutory decision-making powers.

**11. Dispute Resolution**

If disagreement arises:

- 1. Informal discussion**
  - Members will first seek to resolve the issue through discussion at the Forum.
- 2. Chief Executives’ mediation**
  - If not resolved, the matter is referred to the Chief Executives’ Forum to propose a way forward.
- 3. Independent facilitation**
  - If still unresolved, an independent facilitator may be appointed by agreement of the Chair and Deputy Chair.
- 4. Referral back to councils**
  - If no agreement is reached, each council retains the right to determine its own position through its normal decision-making processes.

The aim is to maintain constructive regional relationships while respecting council autonomy.

**12. Transparency and public communication**

- The Forum may release joint communications on regional issues.
- Public summaries of meetings may be provided.
- Individual councils may reference Forum discussions but should do so in a way that maintains trust and “no surprises”.

**13. Review**

These Terms of Reference will be reviewed:

- at the start of each triennium,
- or earlier if needed to reflect legislative changes, including establishment of the Combined Territories Board.

**Appendix Two: Legislative Context**

**Local Government Act**

**Section 14 Principles relating to local authorities**

- (1) in performing its role, a local authority must act in accordance with the following principles:
  - (e) a local authority should actively seek to collaborate and cooperate with other local authorities and bodies to improve the effectiveness and efficiency with which it achieves its identified priorities and desired outcomes.

**Section 15 Triennial agreement**

- (1) Not later than 1 March after each triennial general election of members, all local authorities within each region must enter into an agreement under this section covering the period until the next triennial general election of members.
- (2) An agreement under this section must include—
  - (a) protocols for communication and co-ordination among the local authorities; and
  - (b) a statement of the process by which the local authorities will comply with section 16 in respect of proposals for new regional council activities; and
  - (c) processes and protocols through which all local authorities can participate in identifying, delivering, and funding facilities and services of significance to more than 1 district.
- (3) An agreement under this section may also include—
  - (a) commitments by local authorities within the region to establish or continue 1 or more joint committees or other joint governance arrangements to give better effect to 1 or more of the matters referred to in subsection (2); and
  - (b) the matters to be included in the terms of reference for any such committees or arrangements, including any delegations.
- (4) An agreement under this section may be varied by agreement between all the local authorities within the region.
- (5) An agreement under this section remains in force until it is replaced by another agreement.
- (6) If a decision of a local authority is significantly inconsistent with, or is expected to have consequences that will be significantly inconsistent with, the agreement under this section that is currently in force within the region, the local authority must, when making the decision, clearly identify—
  - (a) the inconsistency; and
  - (b) the reasons for the inconsistency; and
  - (c) any intention of the local authority to seek an amendment to the agreement under subsection (4).
- (7) As soon as practicable after making any decision to which subsection (6) applies, the local authority must give to each of the other local authorities within the region notice of the decision and of the matters specified in that subsection.

**LGA Section 16 Significant new activities proposed by regional council**

- (1) This section applies if,—
  - (a) in the exercise of its powers under section 12(2), a regional council proposes to undertake a significant new activity; or
  - (b) a regional council-controlled organisation proposes to undertake a significant new activity; and
  - (c) in either case, 1 or more territorial authorities in the region of the regional council—
    - (i) are already undertaking the significant new activity; or
    - (ii) have notified their intention to do so in their long-term plans or their annual plans.
- (2) When this section applies, the regional council—
  - (a) must advise all the territorial authorities within its region and the Minister of the proposal and the reasons for it; and
  - (b) must include the proposal in the consultation document referred to in section 93A.
- (3) A proposal included in the consultation document referred to in section 93A must include—
  - (a) the reasons for the proposal; and
  - (b) the expected effects of the proposal on the activities of the territorial authorities within the region; and
  - (c) the objections raised by those territorial authorities, if any.
- (4) If, after complying with subsection (2), the regional council indicates that it intends to continue with the proposal, but agreement is not reached on the proposal among the regional council and all of the affected territorial authorities, either the regional council or 1 or more of the affected territorial authorities may submit the matter to mediation.
- (5) Mediation must be by a mediator or a mediation process—
  - (a) agreed to by the relevant local authorities; or
  - (b) in the absence of an agreement, as specified by the Minister.
- (6) If mediation is unsuccessful, either the regional council or 1 or more affected territorial authorities may ask the Minister to make a binding decision on the proposal.
- (7) Before making a binding decision, the Minister must—
  - (a) seek and consider the advice of the Commission; and
  - (b) consult with other Ministers whose responsibilities may be affected by the proposal.
- (8) This section does not apply to—
  - (a) a proposal by a regional council to establish, own, or operate a park for the benefit of its region; or
  - (b) a proposal to transfer responsibilities; or
  - (c) a proposal to transfer bylaw-making powers; or
  - (d) a reorganisation application under Schedule 3; or
  - (e) a proposal to undertake an activity or enter into an undertaking jointly with the Crown.
- (9) For the purposes of this section,—
 

**affected territorial authority** means a territorial authority—

  - (a) the district of which is wholly or partly in the region of a regional council; and
  - (b) that undertakes, or has notified in its long-term plan or annual plan its intention to undertake, the significant new activity

**annual plan—**

- (a) means a report adopted under section 223D of the Local Government Act 1974; and
- (b) includes such a report that section 281 applies to

**new activity—**

- (a) means an activity that, before the commencement of this section, a regional council was not authorised to undertake; but
- (b) does not include an activity authorised by or under an enactment

**regional council-controlled organisation** means a council-controlled organisation that is—

- (a) a company—
  - (i) in which equity securities carrying 50% or more of the voting rights at a meeting of the shareholders of the company are—
    - (A) held by 1 or more regional councils; or
    - (B) controlled, directly or indirectly, by 1 or more regional councils; or
  - (ii) in which 1 or more regional councils have the right, directly or indirectly, to appoint 50% or more of the directors of the company; or
- (b) an organisation in respect of which 1 or more regional councils have, whether or not jointly with other regional councils or persons,—
  - (i) control, directly or indirectly, of 50% or more of the votes at any meeting of the members or controlling body of the organisation; or
  - (ii) the right, directly or indirectly, to appoint 50% or more of the trustees, directors, or managers (however described) of the organisation.



**8 Meeting Closed.**