

ORDER PAPER

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 7 May 2026
Time: 10.00am
Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

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 Graeme O'Fee
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Paul Sharland
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
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 Thursday, 7 May 2026 at 10.00am.

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1 Welcome / Prayer

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 9 April 2026 are attached.

Attachments

1. Ordinary Council Meeting - 9 April 2026

Recommendation

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9 April 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, 9 April 2026
Time: 10.00am
Venue: Council Chamber
 Rangitikei District Council
 46 High Street
 Marton

Present

- HWTM Andy Watson (Zoom)
- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
- Cr Coral Raukawa
- Cr Jeff Wong
- Cr Fi Dalgety
- Cr Paul Sharland
- Cr Alan Buckendahl
- Cr Diana Baird
- Cr John Hainsworth
- Cr Sandra Field
- Cr Graeme O'Fee

In attendance

- Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
- Mr Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive
- Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy
- Mr Johan Cullis, Group Manager – Regulatory and Emergency Management
- Mr Graeme Pointon, Executive Legal Advisor
- Ms Sophia Sykes, Communications Manager
- Mr Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships
- Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Lead
- Ms Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager
- Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson opened the meeting at 10.00am and Cr Wong read the council prayer.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

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 were no changes to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/058

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 12 March 2026 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 D Wilson/Cr S Field. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

There were no follow up actions from previous meetings.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/059

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

Cr Wilson/Cr Hiroa. Carried. Cr D Wilson/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

8 Chief Executive’s Report

8.1 Chief Executive's Report - April 2026

Central Districts Water Update

The powhiri for the new board was held on 8 April 2026 and councillors agreed to debrief the process.

Fuel Disruption & Contingency Planning

Mrs Gordon highlighted that staff have undertaken fuel disruption planning and noted staff are currently planning for the coming weather event this weekend.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/060

That the report Chief Executive’s Report – April 2026 be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

9 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session at 10.15am.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/061

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

- 1 Public Excluded Council Meeting - 12 March 2026
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Cross-boundary wall at 305 Broadway, Marton - update
4. Marton Swim Centre Tender Recommendation
5. Marton Water Strategy update

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
10.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 12 March 2026	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 12 March meeting.	S48(1)(a)

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<p>10.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings</p>	<p>To consider actions from previous public excluded meetings.</p> <p>s7(2)(a) - Privacy</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - Negotiations</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>
<p>10.3 - Cross-boundary wall at 305 Broadway, Marton - update</p>	<p>To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations and privacy.</p> <p>s7(2)(a) - Privacy</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) – Negotiations</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>
<p>10.4 - Marton Swim Centre Tender Recommendation</p>	<p>To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations.</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - Negotiations</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>
<p>10.5 - Marton Water Strategy update</p>	<p>To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations.</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - Negotiations</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>

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 D Wilson/Cr J Hainsworth. Carried

ITEM 7.1**7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings****7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings**

Author: Kezia Spence, 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	09-Apr-26	Cost of taking the Annual Plan to consultation.	Katrina	The cost of consultation is largely staff time, with costs also associated with printing of consultation material. Collating a full estimate of staff time is currently being undertaken.	In progress

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8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - May 2026

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

Good afternoon

1. Having just returned from a family holiday, this report will be a little disjointed with the noting of things over the last few weeks that may have already had coverage by Comms or Council. My appreciation to Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson for very ably standing in for me is foremost in my mind. While I was away our district faced the possibility of a weather declaration, the new Central Districts Water Board was put in place and major decisions were made by Council on the Marton Pool and Marton Water project. These were big decisions and I was able to Zoom in to the Council meeting on the day and support them. We now have a future with the Marton Pool and while the water strategy project is frustrating in the delay, the money spent on the new bores is not wasted and what we are wanting is the best option for treatment processes. I and Council are committed to keeping you updated on progress over the next few months. The run-up to Council on these decisions takes time and skill answering questions raised and checking that the right information is available to Councillors. It was a pity that the Harvest Festival had to be cancelled but it was the right call. Dave handled all of this incredibly well – thanks.
2. Central Districts Water is now live and will take effect 2027. I have included some photos from the establishment of the new Board and it was a pity that I was away for the powhiri to welcome the new Board. The next milestone will be the setting of what is known as the Statement of Expectations set by the Shareholder Committee representing the three Councils and Iwi aspirations and direction to the entity. The performance of the entity will be held to account through both this process and the Commerce Commission.





3. Like so many others in our district I took part in ANZAC Day services. It is a time for us to reflect on the sacrifices made by young men and women who left our shores, so many of them not to return. My thanks to all of those who took part. The Rangitikei has a proud military history. With Waiouru to the north of us, and Base Ōhakea and Linton Military Camp to our south, many defence force staff call our district home. We’re incredibly grateful for their service to our country, and the contribution that they make to Rangitikei. As part of the day I attended the Ohingaiti service at 10am. The young students from Hunterville School and locals read excerpts from letters sent home from the front which I found particularly moving. We will remember them.

4. Local Government New Zealand have initiated regular Zoom Meetings for members with the Minister of Local Government Simon Watts. The 17 March session was Chaired by LGNZ President Rehette Stoltz and the salient points were -
 - 200 members of LGNZ were on the call including our CE Carol and Councillor Diana Baird.
 - Minister Watts thanked the sector for their work and made the point that Senior Ministers were aware of the scale of reforms that the sector faced.
 - The Minister gave assurance that New Zealand is in a good space around fuel security.
 - He then wanted to highlight several of the reforms before engaging in a Q&A session.
 - i) Simplifying Local Government legislation
 - Consultation/Submission process now closed and under review
 - Regarding timeframes proposed at 2 years – the Minister said that several councils want Government to move with pace, so timelines are currently being reviewed.
 - There was the comment that “one size doesn’t fit all” and there will be regional differences.

- Government wants to move at pace was repeated.
- ii) Rates Capping
 - Government is looking at a range-based model
 - Feedback to Government is supportive of the direction for the rates cap
 - The Minister said that final design is not there yet, but legislation should be in place before the election
- iii) Ratepayer Assistance
 - A Steering Group has been set up to look at this.
- iv) Dog Control Legislation
 - Current status is not acceptable
 - Notes the three fatalities in Northland resulting from dog attacks
 - Multi-ministers involved in this review and there will be more on this later
 - The Government is keen to work with the LGNZ sector here
- v) RMA Reform
 - Ministers Bishop and Watts are working closely on this
 - Fewer consents will be required perhaps halving the need
 - Reform process is on track
 - The reforms will help councils to meet rates cap

- Q&A Session –

- Timelines for Regional Councils? *No further comment and it had been referenced earlier.*
- Boundary issues for authorities aligned to reform? *Minister Bishop has responsibility in this space.*
- The issue of compensation to property owners over land reclassification – has this been factored into rates pegging? *No clear answer.*
- The question of the costs of audit amidst the backdrop of rates pegging? *Being looked at by Government was the response.*

5. On 21 March I attended the final tribute to 50 years of operation of the Marton OpShop - a High Tea at Rangitikei College. Over the preceding week there was a series of events celebrating this. Rangitikei is built on voluntary organisations, often started by church groups, service groups and our communities and the OpShop is a classic example of this. It has been a remarkable progression over the 50 years lead initially by Ted Calkin, Betty Corballis and Clifford Brown and carried on through Marton Christian Welfare and the current team headed by Mike O’Regan. Our community has benefitted by over \$50m worth of community support, made possible by the huge number of volunteers at the OpShop and by the gifting of the community who supply it. Recently the OpShop was named in 2nd place nationally as the Best OpShop in the country – congratulations, this is well deserved. I have included a photo of the cutting of the cake.



6. Taihape Health Update – this has been and still is a roller coaster ride. The collaboration between Otaihape Health Trust and Mokai Patea Services to take over, by way of a longterm “peppercorn” lease, the old hospital at Taihape currently run under Te Whatu Ora initially seemed to be straightforward and a fantastic solution for Taihape and the Rangitikei. Progress has been slow but a Zoom meeting with Minister Simeon Brown in June seemed to provide ministerial direction that it should proceed quickly. Effectively he instructed officials to proceed, the key element being the sale of the buildings for \$1, roof replacement and the ground lease at the peppercorn rental. Since that time, health officials have reneged on that direction especially by asking for a huge unrealistic rental cost. I wrote to the Minister in April and have written again this week asking for an urgent meeting. I know that our MP Suze Redmayne is actively supporting us. If this is not dealt with quickly, we as a community need to take action and politicise it as loudly as possible. Jude MacDonald and Piki Te Ora Hira and all involved need our support.
7. The 2026 Ford Ranger NZ Rural Games took place in Palmerston North on 15 March. Once again a hugely successful event with many of the competitors coming from the Rangitikei. Normally I would attend the welcoming powhiri which this year unfortunately clashed with another event, however I did support the Awards Night on 13 March where Marton’s own fencer Tim Stafford was a finalist in the NZ Rural Sportsman of the Year. Tim’s year was defined by a stunning treble of major titles – the Silver Spades, the East Coast Fencing Rivalry in the USA demonstrating NZ standards on the world stage and the Golden Pliers, NZ’s premier solo fencing competition. Tim is more than a champion fencer – he is a leader and stands for skill, integrity and passion in NZ’s rural sports community. Winning the Golden Pliers twice in one decade defines a career – congratulations on your achievements Tim!

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8. Last weekend I attended the 2026 Suzuki Extreme 4x4 Challenge event in Turakina. This annual event has been running since 2015 and the number of people there, I believe, was a record this year. The combination of wet weather the week preceding to make the driving obstacles difficult and two days of dry weather just prior provided a very successful mix. I can't tell you who won the event but I can say that as a parking attendant the crowds absolutely loved it and I understand that a large number of people travelled from around the country to watch, many of whom took up local accommodation options – a huge plus for our district.

9. The winners of the 2026 Community Volunteer Awards have now been notified and published on our website and social media pages. Thank you to everyone who took the time to put in nominations recognising the extraordinary work so many volunteers do within our district. Myself and Elected Members are visiting each of the 5 winners to present their awards at separate personalised ceremonies starting on 1 May. Pictures and more information will be available on our website following those events.

10. On a final celebratory note, just before I went away I attended the Ballance Farm Environmental Awards where Jarred and Bronwyn Clode and the Te Hou Farms team were named the 2026 Supreme Winners, an achievement that they should be justifiably proud of. Te Hou farms is two-thirds owned by Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa Developments Ltd in partnership with Ātihau Whanganui Incorporation. I have included a link for further details - [Jarred & Bronwyn Clode | New Zealand Farm Environment Trust](#)



Deputy Mayor’s Engagements

During the Mayor’s annual leave absence, Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson attended the following engagements

- 27 March – Central Districts Water Joint Shareholder Committee Meeting with all three Councils. I attended on Zoom and Cr Fi Dalgety attended in person. These are important meetings as we continue to form our relationships with CDW and our three Councils.
- 4 April - Bulls Rugby Club 150th Jubilee
- Met with Chief Executive regularly including making the unfortunate decision to cancel the 2026 Harvest Festival due to predicted Cyclone Vaianu.
- Zoom meetings with CDEM Regional Mayors and CE’s regarding potential impact of Cyclone Vaianu. This was useful in understanding Council processes and while I have confidence in them, confidence can lead to complacency and we should never be complacent when events like this arise. I am confident we have a robust system in place. I thank the Chief Executive for keeping Elected Members well informed during the weather event.
- 11 April - Gumboot Day in Taihape – thanks to the organising groups for a very well run event myself and my wife enjoyed a great day out. P.S. Thanks for the pickled onions!
- 13 April – tangi of Thomas Curtis, former longstanding member of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti and well respected for his work on iwi matters in our district.
- 14 April – Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting.
- 14 April – Rangitikei Rural Support Group meeting – discussed opportunities to work together with their significant networks in Civil Defence. This is a very well respected group with good network connections.
- 15 April – Coroner’s Court Hastings – inquiry into the Cyclone Gabrielle deaths, in particular Mr George Luke who died on the Taihape-Napier Road. I attended mainly out of respect to the family and in support of our Chief Executive and Roding Manager who was called upon to give evidence.

Mayor’s Engagements

March 2026

13	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Quarterly Regional Relationship meeting with NZTA Attended Central Districts Water Joint Shareholder Committee Meeting Attended NZ Rural Games Awards Evening
14	Attended NZ Ford Ranger Rural Games Attended Child Cancer Red Bucket Appeal Mayoral Challenge Attended Marton OpShop 50 th Celebrations Attended Bulls RSA AGM Attended Alistair Stewart’s Gold Star Celebration with Bulls Volunteer Fire Brigade
17	Attended meeting with Chief Executive

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	<p>Attended LGNZ zoom with Minister of Local Government</p> <p>Attended Citizenship Ceremony</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
18	<p>Attended monthly comms meeting with staff</p> <p>Attended Bulls Town Centre Projects walkabout</p>
19	<p>Attended Council Workshop</p> <p>Attended Balance Farm Environmental Awards</p>
20	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended National MPS Accelerate35 Meeting</p> <p>Attended Central Districts Field Days Event</p>
21	<p>Attended Annual Plan Public Meeting in Bulls</p> <p>Attended Marton OpShop 50th Celebrations – Function for Past/Present Volunteers</p>
23	<p>Attended Ngā Wai Tōtā Hui in Ohakune</p> <p>Attended Youth Council Meeting</p>
24	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Fortnightly online meeting</p> <p>Attended Taihape Town Centre Projects walkabout and Annual Plan Public Meeting</p> <p>Attended RCA Forum Special General Meeting online</p> <p>Attended Taihape Wellness Development Hui</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
25	<p>Attended Community Volunteer Awards Meeting</p> <p>Attended meeting with MSD Regional Commissioner</p> <p>Attended Federated Farmers meeting with Mayors</p>

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22	<p>Attended Mokai Patea Services Kaumatua Ora Wananga</p> <p>Attended LGNZ Zoom on Fuel Crisis</p> <p>Attended Taihape Grandstand Community Meeting</p>
23	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Council Workshop</p> <p>Attended Marton Town Centre Projects walkabout</p> <p>Attended Local Government sector meeting with Ministers re fuel response</p>
24	<p>Attended Rural Communities Chapter Hui online</p>
28	<p>Attended Marton ANZAC Day Dawn Parade</p> <p>Attended Ohingaiti ANZAC Day Function</p> <p>Attended Marton ANZAC Day Ceremony at Cenotaph Marton Park</p>
26	<p>Attended Suzuki Extreme 4x4 Challenge in Turakina</p>

28	<p>Attended Mayors Briefing before Council with staff</p> <p>Attended meeting with Minister Peters at Parliament</p> <p>Attended logging meeting with Daran Ponter</p> <p>Attended meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
29	<p>Attended Community Grants Committee Meeting</p>
30	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Meeting</p> <p>Attended Assets/Infrastructure Committee Workshop</p> <p>Attended Finance/Performance Committee Workshop</p> <p>Attended Central Districts Water Joint Shareholders Committee Workshop</p> <p>Attended Campaign Launch of surgical robot at Palmerston North Hospital</p>

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1	<p>Attended presentation of Community Volunteer Award to Katie Deere</p>
4	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended presentation of Mayor’s Recognition Award to Jo Rangooni</p> <p>Attended meeting with TUIA Rangatahi</p>
5	<p>Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Online Hui</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
6	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Council Meeting – Annual Plan Hearing</p>
7	<p>Attended Council Meeting and Council Workshop</p> <p>Attended meeting with FRV Chief Executive re Solar Farms</p> <p>Attended Manawatu-Rangitikei Federated Farmers AGM</p>

Attachments:

1. **LGNZ four-monthly report December-March (under separate cover)**
2. **Zone 3 - March 2026 - Elected Member Report - Cr Fi Dalgety (under separate cover)**
3. **Zone 3 - March 2026 Elected Members Report - Crs Baird & Sharland (under separate cover)**

Recommendation

That That the Mayor’s Report – May 2026 be received.

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - May 2026

Author: Carol Gordon, Chief Executive

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This report provides Elected Members with an update on key activities across the organisation.

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

2.1 The following events took place at Council Parks and Reserves across the Rangitikei District during April 2026:

- 27th March – 6th April – Bulls Rugby Football & Sports Club – Bulls Rugby 150th Jubilee – Field 1, surrounding areas around Clubrooms – Bulls Domain Complex
- 3rd April – Marton Combined Church – Good Friday Church service — Village Green, Marton
- 4th April – Hautapu River Parks project – Easter egg hunt throughout Hautapu River Park walkways – Field 1, Memorial Park, Taihape
- 11th April – TCDT Taihape Community Development Trust – Taihape Gumboot Day – Outback reserve, Taihape
- Marton Harvest Festival - CANCELLED due to weather watch for Cyclone Vaianu - 12th April 2026 — Wilson Park, Marton

3. Staff Movements in April

3.1 There were no new staff in April 2026.

3.2 In April, we farewelled the following employees from Rangitikei District Council:

- Joanne Manuel – Manager Community Hubs and Mana Whenua
- Fran Pere – Strategic Advisor Mana Whenua
- Eve Tunncliffe - Community Engagement Officer Venue and Events
- Ken Legg – Fixed term Parks Assistant

4. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Dashboard

4.1 The Health, Safety and Wellbeing Dashboard for April 2026 is attached (Attachment 1).

5. Submissions

5.1 The updated list of current opportunities to submit on consultations run by external agencies is attached (Attachment 2).

- 5.2 Consultations submitted on:
 - 5.2.1 Council submitted on the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Consultation: Access to Cash (8 April 2026).
 - 5.2.2 Council did not make any joint submissions with other councils since the last report.
- 5.3 Consultations for submission:
 - 5.3.1 Under consideration are the National Emergency Management Agency's consultation on the first Emergency Management Rule: Declarations for states of emergency and transition periods under the Emergency Management Bill), and the Commerce Commission's proposed approach for demonstrating ring-fencing water revenues by regulated suppliers (which includes Rangitikei District Council for now, and Central Districts Water from 1 July 2027).
 - 5.3.2 Council will feed into the development of regional submissions where appropriate.
- 5.4 The submissions will be made available on Council's [website](#).

6. Central Districts Water Update

- 6.1 This regular update provides progress on work on Local Water Done Well / Central Districts Water.
- 6.2 A reminder the three phases of the Establishment Plan are:
 - i. Phase 1: Legal establishment of the entity – by 1 July 2026
 - ii. Phase 2: Operational establishment – by 1 July 2027
 - iii. Phase 3: Operational – from 1 July 2027
- 6.3 Progress on Phase 1 includes:
 - 6.3.1 Recruiting for Central Districts Water (CDW) Chief Executive commenced.
 - 6.3.2 On 8 April a Powhiri was held for CDW Board members; following that a briefing was held with the Board and Elected Members in Palmerston North.
 - 6.3.3 Dring 7 - 9 April CDW Board members convened their initial meeting and visited all water staff across the three councils. Board inductions also commenced. Board meeting was held 29 April.
 - 6.3.4 Establishment planning by the CDW establishment team workplans (per workstream) drafted (for Board endorsement). Customer and digital strategy drafted. Monthly workshops to consolidate and integrate workstream progress (held 20 April; next one 18 May). Internal PNCC staff member seconded to CDW Establishment team to lead Water Service Strategy (WSS).
 - 6.3.5 Shareholders Committee (SHC) meetings were held with the current focus being the formation of the Statement of Expectations (SoE) led by Chris Gallavin. Horowhenua District Council and Rangitikei District Council's held separate workshops on 14 and 22 April on this document, which will inform the Water Services Strategy.
 - 6.3.6 RDC's Transition Manager (Brent Manning) is liaising with Taumata Arowai in relation to the councils rural water schemes. A paper will come to Council on information relating to these schemes once these discussions have taken place.

6.3.7 Workshops focused on the Transfer Agreement are being held with key council staff in May. A draft of this agreement is expected by December 2026.

6.3.8 For further CDW updates go to: www.centraldistrictswater.co.nz

6.4 Update on key tasks:

6.4.1 CDW Board appointments to be confirmed *Complete*

6.4.2 WS-CCO Establishment CEO – to be appointed by mid 2026. *Under way*

6.4.3 Financing arrangements – agreed to by mid 2026. *Debt principles drafted.*

6.4.4 A reminder that the planned transfer date is 1 July 2027.

7. Proposed Plan Change 3 Update

7.1 Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth (PPC3) was publicly notified on 12 March 2026. Submissions closed on 13 April 2026, and Council received 35 submissions.

7.2 Officers are now preparing a summary of decisions requested by submitters. Once complete this summary will be publicly notified along with the submissions in accordance with clause 7 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). At this point certain people will have the opportunity to make further submissions in accordance clause 8(1) and (2) of Schedule 1 of the RMA.

7.3 Officers seek Council's approval to publicly notify the summary of decisions requested by submitters once this is complete (along with the submissions), and to call for further submissions. This will enable officers to continue to progress PPC3 in line with the prescribed Schedule 1 process. *Refer to Recommendation 2 below.*

8. District Licensing Committee Member Appointments

8.1 Council is required to establish a District Licensing Committee (DLC). The DLC considers applications for liquor licences, renewals, manager certificates and variations among other roles. The commissioner considers uncontested applications, while a DLC committee of three considers contested applications. The committee is established from a list of DLC members. Meetings of the DLC committee are infrequent, with the last hearing held in mid-2025.

8.2 DLCs can be formed in various ways, with a mix of elected members, community members, and commissioners. Council in the past has established a DLC with a commissioner, community members, and elected members. At the 12 February 2026 Council meeting, Council appointed Stuart Hylton as the Commissioner and endorsed the recruitment of community members. This recruitment has occurred and it is recommended that Council appoint Igor Maksimov as a community member of the DLC.

8.3 Officers recommend that five members are appointed, and are seeking interest from three councillors to be appointed. An alternative is to direct staff to approach DLC members from neighbouring councils to form part of Council's DLC to ensure a membership of five. *Refer to Recommendation 3 below.*

9. Adoption of Terms of Reference – Risk/Assurance Committee

9.1 The terms of reference for the Risk/Assurance Committee have been reviewed by the committee and updated for the current triennium.

9.2 The updated Terms of Reference are attached (Attachment 3) for Council's consideration and adoption. *Refer to Recommendation 4 below.*

10. Taihape Grandstand Agreement

10.1 In November 2025 Council agreed that the Taihape Grandstand Restoration project will proceed as a Community Led, Council Owned Facilities Upgrade project, under the guidance of the Taihape Grandstand Restoration Committee (TGRC).

10.2 The DRAFT agreement between RDC and TGRC is attached to this report for Council consideration (Attachment 4).

10.3 A recommendation (*recommendation 5*) is included below for Council to finalise and endorse this Agreement.

11. Financial Implications

11.1 There are no identified financial implications associated with this report. As referred to above increased fuel costs and disruption may have an impact on future budgets and work programmes.

12. Impact on Strategic Risks

12.1 Failure to honour the commitments of Te Tiriti o Waitangi

12.1.1 The role of mana whenua on the Shareholder Committee upholds Te Tiriti commitments.

12.2 Legal and political environment requires excessive resources / changes to governmental legislation are transformational:

12.2.1 Tracking external submissions ensures Council is aware of upcoming legislative changes which may require resources.

12.3 Obligations with health, safety and wellbeing are not met:

12.3.1 The Health, Safety and Wellbeing dashboards are attached. There is a strong focus on Health, Safety and Wellbeing within the organisation.

13. Strategic Alignment

13.1 There are no strategic alignment impacts on the sections in this report.

14. Mana Whenua Implications

14.1 Members of the Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti receive the submission list and, if time allows, asked for input into specific draft submissions.

14.2 Iwi play a key part in CDW, with advice being provided by Nga Tapūwae o Hau and representation on the Shareholders Committee.

14.3 There are no other known mana whenua implications associated with this report.

15. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

15.1 There are no climate change impacts associated with this report.

16. Statutory Implications

- 16.1 Local Water Done Well is a requirement under the Local Government (Water Services) Bill and the regular update is provided to keep Council informed.
- 16.2 Proposed Plan Change 3 is following the process set out in the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 16.3 There are no other statutory implications associated with this report.

17. Decision Making Process

- 17.1 There are no sections of this report that are considered to be a significant decision according to the Council’s Policy on Significance and Engagement.

Attachments:

- 1. **Health Safety & Wellbeing Dashboard - April 2026** [↓](#)
- 2. **Current & Upcoming Submissions - May 2026** [↓](#)
- 3. **Updated Terms of Reference - Risk/Assurance Committee 2025-2028** [↓](#)
- 4. **DRAFT Agreement for Taihape Grandstand Restoration (under separate cover)**

Recommendation 1

That the report Chief Executive’s Report – May 2026 be received.

Recommendation 2

That officers are authorised to publicly notify the summary of decisions requested by submitters and their submissions, received for Proposed Plan Change 3, in accordance with the statutory requirements set out in clause 7 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Recommendation 3

That the following community and elected members are appointed to the Rangitikei District Council District Licencing Committee in accordance with section 193 of the and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 for a period of five years to 7 May 2031:

- Igor Maksimov (community member)
- Cr.....
- Cr
- Cr.....

[if required] AND approach District Licencing Committee members neighbouring councils with the intent of achieving a membership of five.

Recommendation 4

That the Risk/Assurance Committee Terms of Reference for the 2025-2028 triennium be adopted with / without amendment [*delete one*]:

Recommendation 5

That Council endorses/does not endorse the Agreement between RDC and the Taihape Grandstand Restoration Committee (TGRC) for proceeding with the Taihape Grandstand Restoration project as a Community Led, Council Owned Facilities Upgrade project.

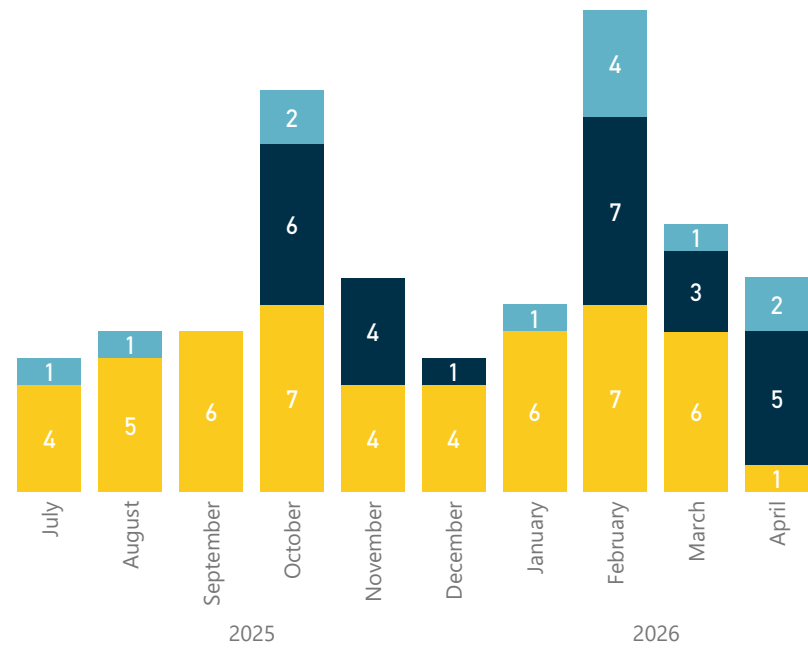


RDC Health and Safety Dashboard April 2026

Events, Hazards and Near Misses

01 July 2025 to date

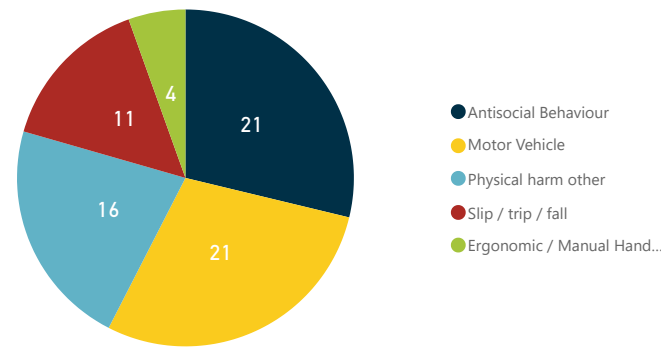
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Category

Events, Hazards and Near Misses

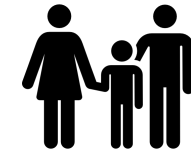
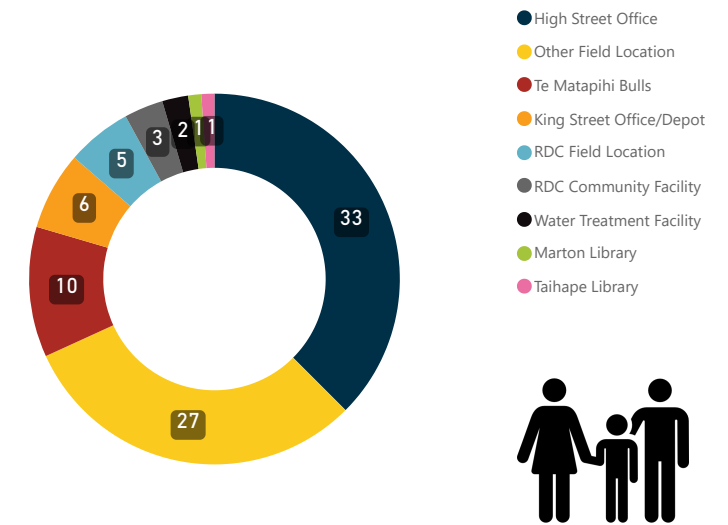
01 July 2025 to date (Top 5 Categories)



Total Events, Hazards and Near Misses: 88

Location

Events, Hazards and Near Misses



WorkSafe Notifications

Notifiable Incidents

0

Month

1

YTD

Notifiable Injuries / Illnesses

0

Month

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YTD

Contractor Notifications

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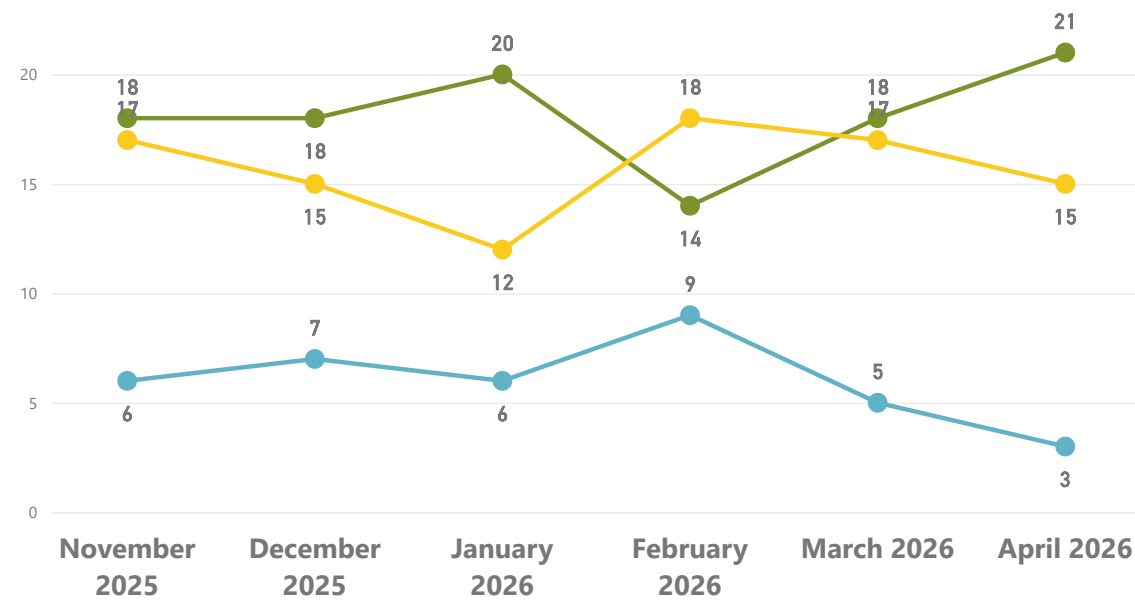
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YTD

Average Driver Ratings

Ratings from E-Road Dashboard (Overspeed / Harsh Braking & Harsh Acceleration Events)

● 5 Stars ● 4 Stars ● 3 Stars

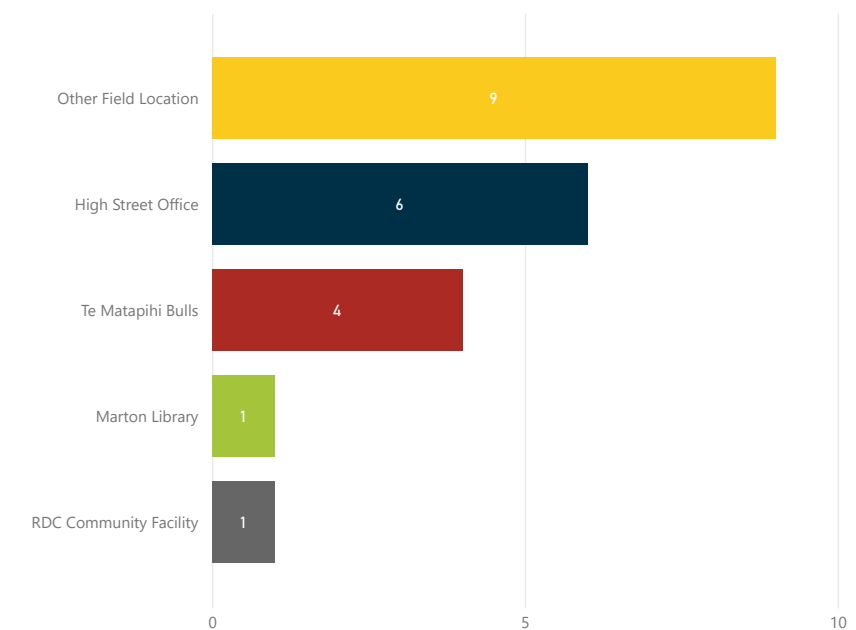


71% Completed Driver Safety Training

Antisocial Behaviour - per location

Year to date

Location ● Other Field Location ● High Street Office ● Te Matapihi Bulls ● Marton Library ● RDC Community Fa...



ITEM 9.1 ATTACHMENT 2

Name of Initiative	Agency engaging	Due date	Description	RDC Action
Currently open for submissions				
Inquiry into Fire and Emergency New Zealand's fleet management and related issues https://www3.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/54SCGOA_SCF_01702031-7B43-4D10-5BF6-08DE8F8E7A8A/inquiry-into-fire-and-emergency-new-zealands-fleet-management	Parliament Governance and Administration Committee	30 April	The Committee's inquiry into FENZ's fleet management will examine the current state, procurement challenges, and future needs of all types of fire appliances. The volunteer appliance fleet is within scope as are the emergency response capacity differences between the professional and volunteer appliance fleets.	None
Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Improving Alcohol Regulation) Amendment Bill https://bills.parliament.nz/v/6/b98f4d35-d0bd-47ab-a326-08de82fd2ebd?lang=en&Tab=history	Parliament Justice Committee	14 May	The Bill aims to make the licensing process fairer, make it easier to host events, and cut red tape affecting everything from hairdressers to major concerts.	None
DZ PAS 4509 Firefighting Water Supplies – Code of Practice https://consultations.standards.govt.nz/draft-standards/pas-nzs4509-public-consultation/	Standards New Zealand	15 May	The Code of Practice aligns with Fire and Emergency's requirements and sets out what constitutes a sufficient minimum supply of water pressure and volume for firefighting in structures and guidance on options for establishing water supplies to provide intervention opportunities for wildfires. It will form the basis of a partnership between FENZ, local authorities, Water Service Providers, the Water Services Authority, builders, designers and developers, etc.	None
Legislation Repeals Project - second round https://pco.govt.nz/about-us/about-new-zealand-legislation/legislation-repeals-project/consultation-on-second-round-of-acts-proposed-for-repeal	Parliamentary Counsel Office	21 May	This second round lists 51 local, provincial, public, and private acts proposed to be repealed, on the grounds that they are no longer needed (through the passage of time or subsequent more general legislation). None of the listed Acts is relevant to the Rangitikei District.	None
Consultation on first Emergency Management Rule Declarations for states of emergency and transition periods (under the Emergency Management Bill) (Early notification - on NEMA website from 1 May 2026)	National Emergency Management Agency	29 May	NEMA is developing the first emergency management rule this year under the EM Bill, relating to making declarations for states of emergency and transition periods. Under the Bill the current regulations which set out declaration forms will be revoked and the forms will instead be set out in emergency management rules which are issued by the Minister – this makes them easier to amend if needed. Two questions are posed:	Under consideration
Approach for demonstrating ringfencing water revenues by regulated suppliers https://www.comcom.govt.nz/assets/Documents/economic-regulation-of-water-services-information-disclosure/Ring-fencing-revenue-for-regulated-water-services-discussion-paper-22-April-2026.pdf	Commerce Commission	5 June	The Commission is consulting on how it should monitor and enforce the ring-fencing provisions in the Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025, The February 2026 Information Disclosure determination requires a statement, so potentially this consultation will result in more detail for that. The Commission's view is that 'the ring-fencing principle is most effectively monitored and enforced by tracking, and potentially restricting, flows of cash funds between services over time'. The consultation asks for feedback on 23 questions.	Under consideration
NZTA Procurement Manual - feedback from Approved Organisations https://www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/public-consultation-hub/current-consultations/nzta-procurement-manual-feedback-from-approved-organisations	New Zealand Transport Agency	30 June	This is a re-opened consultation. Consultation closed on 31 March 2026. Council did not submit then NZTA has yet to advise the changes: the manual is expected to be finalised for implementation by the end of 2026.	None

Risk/Assurance Committee

Terms of Reference

As at May 2026

Elected Members	Cr Dalgety Cr Wilson Cr Wong His Worship the Mayor (ex-officio)
External Members	1 independent chair appointed by Council (no voting rights)
Chair	Philip Jones (Independent Chair)
Meeting frequency	Quarterly
Reports to	Council

Purpose

To provide oversight of Council’s risk management and assurance frameworks.

To ensure probity in the management of Council’s operations and its assets, holding a close regard for mitigating risk and giving our community assurance that Council is fulfilling their obligations as contained within Annual Plans, Long Term Plans and relevant legislation.

Outcomes

The community and Council are confident that:

- Council has appropriate financial, health and safety, risk management and internal control systems in place to protect Councils obligations, assets, liabilities and reputation.
- Council has embedded a culture that is committed to probity, zero tolerance to fraud and prioritising the health, safety and well-being of all officers and contractors directly involved in RDC’s activities.
- Officers and contractors involved in Council’s business, understand the risks at hand and are doing everything to mitigate risks as appropriate.
- The relationship with Council’s auditors and other external agencies undertaking monitoring of Council’s performance are meaningful, open and transparent.
- The Risk/Assurance Committee ensures full Council is aware of any significant findings and subsequent recommendations from internal or external Audits across the Council’s activities. The results and progress of the recommendations are received by the Risk/Assurance Committee on a quarterly basis.

Terms of Reference (delegations)

- 1. The Chair will provide a quarterly written Report.**
- 2. Managing Risk across Council including**
 - 2.1 Setting Council’s appetite for risk and understanding Councils key areas of risk and the likelihood and consequence of these risks eventuating.
 - 2.2 Evaluating the effectiveness of internal controls and following up on actions where a weakness or risk has been identified.
 - 2.3 Receiving regular reports on the any cyber security risks, and understanding the risk portfolio to ensure adequate protection and reviews are in place and being regularly audited/assessed.
 - 2.4 Assessing the risk of fraud occurring across procurement, financial functions, the awarding of contracts and any other areas of RDC business.
 - 2.5 Encouraging and assessing that Council is embedding a culture that is committed to probity, zero tolerance to fraud and prioritising the health, safety and well-being of all officers and contractors directly involved in RDC’s activities.
 - 2.6 Reviewing the process to decide if Council should consider entering into or withdrawing from a new CCO, joint venture or similar shared arrangement to understand the risk.
- 3. Overview of Council’s Financial Health, including**
 - 3.1 The recovery process for outstanding debtors is being appropriately managed and reported on.
 - 3.2 Reviewing the external Treasury Advisory reports quarterly to ensure Council remains compliant with its borrowing covenants, proactively managing Council’s interest rate risk and ensuring Council is not taking unnecessary risks through the use of interest rate derivative products with an approved counterparty.
 - 3.3 Council maintains sufficient cash balances to meet its working capital requirements on a day-to-day basis and is able to plan in advance of refinancing existing debt or borrowing additional funds (as detailed within Long Term or Annual Plans).
 - 3.4 Identifying the of investments Council enters fit typically within the categories identified in Council’s Treasury Policy.
 - 3.5 Assessing the insurance portfolio ahead of annual renewals to ensure Council is adequately covered, without creating a material liability.
 - 3.6 Assessing the appropriate management of liabilities and assets including the revaluation process, schedule and accounting of the movements.
 - 3.7 Ensuring the appropriate accounting and operational policies are in place (as detailed in the Programme of Work which will be considered by the Risk/Assurance Committee at the beginning of each financial year).

4. **Health Safety and Well Being oversight including**
 - 4.1 Gaining assurance that Council is undertaking role as a PCBU (Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking).
 - 4.2 Reviewing Councils quarterly Dashboard Report and exploring any trends around people risks
 - 4.3 Supporting the Elected Members in meeting their “due Diligence” obligations as per the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Due Diligence Plan 2026-2028.
 - 4.4 Assessing that RDC has adequate resources and processes to identify, mitigate or eliminate health and safety risks and verify that these resources are in place and being used effectively.

5. **Monitoring the internal and external audit programme, including**
 - 5.1 The management reports provided by Council’s external auditors and reviewing progress of the recommendations contained within the management report.
 - 5.2 Determining and monitoring of the internal audit programme and making recommendations to Officers to carry out more intensive reviews of significant risk where identified, and if needed reprioritising the planned internal audit programme to meet a more urgent need should the case be justified.
 - 5.3 Reviewing assurance reports from management on regulatory compliance, business resilience and any other matters, such as the New Zealand Transport Agency Audit.

6. **Other Matters include, but are not limited to**
 - 6.1 Reporting to external agencies required by statutory instruments¹;
 - 6.2 undertakings made in response to the exercise of any Ministerial assistance or intervention².
 - 6.3 Monitoring significant projects risk, including capital programmes and the Long Term Planning project.
 - 6.4 Reviewing the Terms of Reference will be reviewed at least once every three years.
 - 6.5 Reviewing relevant policies included in the Risk/Assurance Programme of Work.

¹ For example, reporting to the Ministry for the Environment under the National Monitoring System or to Archives New Zealand under the Public Records Act.

² Part 10, Local Government Act 2002.

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Shareholders Agreement for Central Districts Water

Author: Brent Manning, Transition Manager

Authoriser: Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 This report seeks Council's approval of the updated Shareholders' Agreement for Central Districts Water (CDW).

2. Context

- 2.1 The Shareholders' Agreement is one of the principal foundation documents for the Rangitikei District Council, Palmerston North City Council and Horowhenua District Council in establishing the joint Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation, Central Districts Water Ltd.
- 2.2 The three Councils are being asked to approve the updated version of the Shareholders' Agreement to allow for CDW to be a signatory and to incorporate additional changes.

3. Discussion and Options Considered

- 3.1 In the development of foundation documents for the establishment of CDW, a Shareholders' Agreement was drafted and approved by Horowhenua District Council, Palmerston North City Council, and Rangitikei District Council in December 2025; completed by Rangitikei District Council at their Council Meeting on 11 December 2025.
- 3.2 The Shareholders' Agreement includes sections that establish the Shareholders' Committee and set its terms of reference. The Shareholder's Committee is a Joint Committee established under the Local Government Act 2002, which requires the member councils to formally agree to its establishment and set its terms of reference.
- 3.3 It was always intended that CDW become a party to the Shareholders' Agreement. Now that the Shareholders Committee has appointed the Board and CDW has been incorporated, a new version of the Shareholders' Agreement has been prepared that allows for CDW to be a signatory. In addition, there are other changes set out below, that are also required, which are proposed to be incorporated in the same version.
- 3.4 The proposed changes to the Shareholders' Agreement fall into four areas set out below. Simpson Grierson have also provided a summary of changes in the table attached as Attachment A, which includes clause references that may be helpful with finding the changes in the marked up draft Shareholders' Agreement, which is attached as Attachment B.

(1) Changes required to make CDW a party to the Shareholders' Agreement

- 3.4.1 These changes are not material and just update the document to allow for CDW to be a signatory. There are a number of places where the previous wording anticipated the incorporation of CDW, which have been changed to reflect a post-incorporation context.

(2) Fixing a technical non-compliance with the joint appointment of the three mana whenua representatives to the Shareholders' Committee

- 3.4.2 The original Shareholders' Agreement sets out that each shareholder will appoint three members to the Shareholders' Committee. At least one, and no more than two, being an Elected Member and one being a mana whenua representative. In

addition, there is also a non-voting independent Chair appointed by the Shareholders' Committee itself.

- 3.4.3 When the original Shareholders' Agreement was signed by the three shareholding councils, the intent was that Nga Tapūwae o Hau would make three nominations, one to each council. The three councils would then confirm these nominations when they made their appointments to the Shareholders' Committee. However, when it came time for Nga Tapūwae o Hau to make the nominations they encountered difficulties with attributing each member to a specific council. In the end, it was agreed by the three councils that the nominations could be made as one block of three, which would then be appointed to the Shareholders' Committee jointly by all three shareholding councils.
- 3.4.4 This meant that, while the intent of the requirement to appoint three mana whenua representatives across the three councils was achieved, the process was not technically in accordance with the Shareholders' Agreement. At this time, this was accepted by the three Shareholding Councils as a minor technical non-compliance that could be corrected by updating the Shareholders' Agreement to allow for the method of nomination and appointment that was used.

(3) Changes to the Shareholders' Committee Terms of Reference

- 3.4.5 At the first meeting of the Shareholders' Committee, it was agreed that two changes to the Terms of Reference would be made. Any change to the Terms of Reference is required to be made by updating the Shareholders' Agreement.
- 3.4.6 The first change is to update the quorum of the meeting to require that at least one mana whenua representative, in addition to one member from each shareholding council, be present for there to be a quorum.
- 3.4.7 The second change is to add to the Shareholders' Committee responsibilities to include: 'engaging with the company on behalf of the Shareholders' Committee in relation to how the Company shall engage with mana whenua to give effect to te Tiriti o Waitangi and its principles and establish and implement its Te Ao Māori framework'.

(4) Updating provisions relating to guarantees to be provided by the shareholding councils

- 3.4.8 At the time the original Shareholders' Agreement was signed, it wasn't clear what the Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) standard terms would require in relation to guarantee provisions. At the time, the Shareholders' Agreement was drafted so the guarantee in favour of LGFA would be given in proportion to the shareholding of each shareholder.
- 3.4.9 Since then, during the LGFA's negotiations with other water entities, it has been confirmed that LGFA want the guarantee to be in proportion to each shareholding council's proportion of drinking water connections. This change does not make a significant change to the proportions for each council, and discussions with the council officers from all three councils indicate that they are not concerned with that change. The shareholding proportions are PNCC 65%, HDC 25%, and RDC 10%, and the drinking water proportions are PNCC 66%, HDC 25%, and RDC 9%. The advantage of using drinking water connections is that it will adjust for growth over time, whereas the shareholding proportion is not expected to change unless a new council is added to CDW.
- 3.4.10 The CDW Establishment Team have worked with PwC and Simpson Grierson on the proposed treasury arrangements for CDW and debt transfer methodology, it was recommended that CDW should also be able to borrow from non-LGFA

lenders. LGFA have confirmed that the guarantee structure they require is only in respect of LGFA’s lending and cannot be extended to other parties. To ensure CDW has the option to retain the flexibility of alternative financing from non-LGFA lenders, councils are required to sign an additional global guarantee for any non-LGFA lenders.

The options for Council are tabulated below:

Option	Benefits	Risks
<p>Option A (recommended) Approve the attached Shareholders’ Agreement.</p>	<p>Aligns with the decisions the three Councils have made to date. Is consistent with the timeframes and commitments the Councils have made in their Joint Water Services Delivery Plan to establish the Water Organisation. Documents give effect to agreements and understandings reached between partner Councils and Iwi. Provides the governance framework for effective delivery across the three Council areas.</p>	<p>No known disadvantages.</p>
<p>Option B (status quo) Do not approve the updated attached Shareholders’ Agreement</p>	<p>No known advantage.</p>	<p>Does not align with the decisions which the three Councils have made to date. Does not deliver on the timeframes and commitments the Councils made in the Water Services Delivery Plan. Does not meet the agreements and understandings reached with partner Councils and with Iwi.</p>

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no explicit additional financial risks or benefits for Council associated with the options above and as recommended for decision.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

5.1 The risk is in any one Council making a different decision to the other two councils, which would require further work to resolve. The ‘fall-back’ option in that event is that the currently approved Shareholders’ Agreement would remain extant until changes are unanimously agreed and approved by all parties.

6. Strategic Alignment

6.1 The three Councils’ three waters networks are strategic assets under their representative Significance and Engagement Policies. The Councils have consulted with their respective communities on the future service delivery model in line with the

provisions in the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 and the Local Government Act 2002.

6.2 No further community consultation or engagement is required in respect of this matter.

7. Mana Whenua Implications

7.1 Mana Whenua views are represented per Nga Tapūwae o Hau nominated and endorsed representatives on the Shareholders' Committee, with modification sought to the Shareholders' Agreement as above to correctly formalise the appointment of those representatives.

8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

8.1 Not applicable to this report in respect of the matters and options to be considered.

9. Statutory Implications

9.1 This matter is assessed as not significant.

10. Conclusion

10.1 This is a necessary procedural matter in the establishment of CDW.

11. Decision Making Process

11.1 All three Councils and the Board of Central Districts Water are considering these documents at meetings in April and May 2026.

11.2 Following approval of the updated Shareholders' Agreement by each Council, the Shareholders' Committee will continue to work to provide oversight of the Central Districts Water Board to support the establishment of Central Districts Water and work towards an operational day one of 1 July 2027

Attachments:

1. **Attachment 1 - Shareholder Agreement - Summary of Changes (under separate cover)**
2. **Attachment 2 - Shareholders Agreement Relating to Central Districts Water Limited (under separate cover)**

Recommendation 1

That Council as a shareholder of Central Districts Water, approves the attached Shareholders' Agreement with the recommended amendments, and delegates to the Chief Executive to sign any documents required to approve the Shareholders' Agreement on behalf of Rangitīkei District Council.

Recommendation 2

That Council delegates to the Chief Executive of Rangitīkei District Council, the ability to agree any minor, non-material changes to the Shareholders' Agreement prior to the final approval, and to report back to the Council on any changes made under this delegation.

11 Minutes from Committees

11.1 Minutes from Committees

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

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

2. Attachments

1. RCB – 10 Feb 26 (under separate cover)
2. TCB – 11 Feb 26 (under separate cover)
3. MCC- 18 Feb 26 (under separate cover)
4. BCC – 18 Feb 26 (under separate cover)
5. TCC – 19 Feb 26 (under separate cover)
6. ORWS – 03 Mar 26 (under separate cover)
7. YC – 23 Mar 26 (under separate cover)
8. HRWS – 13 Apr 26 (under separate cover)
9. YC – 20 Apr 26 (under separate cover)

Recommendation

That the following minutes are received:

- Ratana Community Board Meeting – 10 February 26
- Taihape Community Board Meeting – 11 February 26
- Marton Community Committee Meeting – 18 February 26
- Bulls Community Committee Meeting – 18 February 26
- Turakina Community Committee Meeting – 19 February 26
- Omatane Rural Water Scheme Committee Meeting – 03 March 26
- Youth Council Meeting – 23 March 26
- Hunterville Rural Water Scheme Committee Meeting – 13 April 26
- Youth Council Meeting – 20 April 26

ITEM 11.1

12 Meeting Closed