



**RANGITIKEI**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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# ORDER PAPER

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, 21 May 2026  
**Time:** 1.00pm  
**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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**Deputy Chair:** Cr Dave Wilson

**Membership:** Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa  
Cr Coral Raukawa  
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, 21 May 2026 at 1.00pm.**

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## AGENDA

### 1 Welcome / Prayer

### 2 Apologies

### 3 Public Forum

Marton School regarding updating their playground and a request for support to fund the new playground.

### 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 – Annual Plan Hearing held on 6 May 2026 are attached.
- 1.2 Due to size these are attached under separate cover

#### Attachments

1. Ordinary Council Meeting – 6 May 2026 (under separate cover)

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 6 May 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.

## 7 Reports for Decision

### 7.1 Deliberations Report for the Annual Plan 2026/27, amended Revenue and Finance Policy and Draft Rates Remission Policy

**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 for Council to consider all submissions and to make decisions on the Annual Plan & Co 2026/27, which includes an amended Revenue and Finance Policy (R&F Policy), draft Rates Remission Policy and the draft Annual Plan 2026/27.

#### 2. Context

- 2.1 The Council is required under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) to produce an Annual Plan for the years alternate to the development of a Long Term Plan. Council has prepared a draft Annual Plan 2026/27 which is Year 3 of the Long Term Plan 2024-34. No significant or material changes were proposed for the Annual Plan 2026/27, however, Council decided to consult on the Annual Plan to ensure that the community had the opportunity to have their say on what Council has planned for the 2026/27 financial year.
- 2.2 The Council is required to have a R&F Policy under s102(2)(a) of the LGA. The R&F Policy outlines how Council will fund the different activities (i.e. services and infrastructure) that it is responsible for, including why it has chosen certain funding mechanisms for different activities. Concurrent with consultation on the Annual Plan 2026/27, the Council consulted on some minor proposed amendments to its R&F Policy.
- 2.3 The proposed amendments to the R&F Policy aimed to make the allocation of funding for all activities more transparent (i.e. remove the “piggy bank” images and use percentages instead) and update some of the funding splits for certain activities to be more reflective of how these activities will be funded in 2026/27 and onwards.
- 2.4 Councils may choose to have a Rates Remission Policy under s102(3)(a) of the LGA. Concurrent with consultation on the Annual Plan 2026/27, the Council consulted on various amendments to the Rates Remission Policy. The proposed amendments largely consist of changes to improve clarity for applicants and officers as they implement this Policy (e.g. specifying dates when applications must be made by or updating references to legislation). A key proposed change is the introduction of a “Remission of Water Rates” which will be available in certain circumstances where customers experience a loss of water as a result of leaks or damage to their internal water supply.
- 2.5 Council adopted the document “Where’s the Annual Plan 2026/27 & Co @ Rangitikei” at its meeting on 12 March 2026.
- 2.6 Where’s the Annual Plan 2026/27 & Co @ Rangitikei, the amended R&F Policy, Draft Rates Remission Policy and Supporting Information were released for public feedback

on 16 March 2026. The consultation period closed on 17 April 2026, and Council received a total of 48 submissions (including one (1) late submission).

- 2.7 A Hearing of submissions was held on 6 May 2026, and 13 submitters spoke to their submissions: with six (6) submitters attending the Hearing in Taihape and seven (7) attending the Hearing in Marton.

### **3. Discussion**

- 3.1 The submissions have been collated and are attached under separate cover.
- 3.2 Officers have broken down the submissions / submission points and grouped these by: activities for submissions received for the Annual Plan 2026/27; responses to consultation questions; submissions on the R&F Policy; and submissions on the Rates Remission Policy. All submissions have been read and analysed by officers.
- 3.3 The officer analysis of submissions is attached under separate cover. This analysis includes a summary of submissions, officer comments and any officer recommendations or actions based on what has been raised in the submissions. Please note that recommendations have been made by officers where there is a recommended amendment required to the Annual Plan 2026/27. Whereas, actions have been suggested where there is a task/action for officers and/or Council but which will not result in a direct change to the Annual Plan 2026/27.
- 3.4 As identified in the officer analysis of submissions, officers are not recommending any changes to the versions of the R&F Policy or Rates Remission Policy which were released for consultation.

### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The review of the R&F Policy and Rates Remission Policy was provided for within existing budgets.
- 4.2 Decisions made during Council's deliberations may have an impact on debt and rates for the 2026/27 financial year depending on what is resolved during the meeting.

### **5. Impact on Strategic Risks**

- 5.1 There is a risk that trust and confidence in Council is tarnished. The Annual Plan is the document that sets out Council's planned work programme and budget for the relevant financial year. There is a risk that if the planned programme and financials are not achievable or do not reflect the community's priorities, then trust and confidence in Council may be negatively affected.
- 5.2 Council chose to consult on its draft Annual Plan 2026/27 despite there being no significant or material changes to what was proposed for Year 3 of the Long Term Plan 2024-34. Consultation provides interested members of the community the opportunity to have their say about what Council is planning for 2026/27. This helps to mitigate the risk that trust and confidence in Council may be tarnished.

### **6. Strategic Alignment**

- 6.1 Council's strategic framework was developed during the preparation of the Long Term Plan 2024-34.

6.2 While deliberating on the submissions made to the draft Annual Plan 2026/27, amended R&F Policy and Rates Remission Policy Council should consider how submitters requested changes align with its strategic framework.

## 7. Mana Whenua Implications

7.1 There are no specific mana whenua implications associated with this report.

## 8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

8.1 There are no climate change implications associated with this report.

## 9. Statutory Implications

9.1 Council is required to prepare and adopt an Annual Plan in alternate years to a Long Term Plan (refer to section 95 of the LGA).

9.2 As there were no significant or material changes proposed for the Annual Plan 2026/27, Council chose to consult on the proposed Annual Plan and did this in accordance with section 82 of the LGA. The Annual Plan must be adopted before the beginning of the financial year that it relates to (i.e. by no later than 30 June 2026).

9.3 As covered earlier in this report, Council is required to have a R&F Policy under s102(2)(a) of the LGA. Section 102(4)(b) of the LGA allows Council to amend its R&F Policy at any time subject to undertaking consultation in a manner that gives effect to s82 of the LGA. Council may choose to have a Rates Remission Policy under s102(3)(a) of the LGA and under s109(2A)(a) any review of its Policy must be consulted on in accordance with s82 of the LGA.

## 10. Decision Making Process

10.1 Following deliberations, Officers will make any final updates to the Annual Plan 2026/27. The Annual Plan 2026/27 will then be presented to Council for adoption at the 25 June 2026 Council meeting.

10.2 The amended R&F Policy and Rates Remission Policy will also be finalised post deliberations, and these will be presented at the same meeting for Council to adopt alongside the Annual Plan 2026/27.

### Attachments:

1. **Annual Plan 2026/27 & Co - Collated Submissions (under separate cover)**
2. **Annual Plan 2026/27 & Co - Officer Analysis of Submissions (under separate cover)**

### Recommendation 1

That the report Deliberations Report for the Annual Plan 2026/27, amended Revenue and Finance Policy and Draft Rates Remission Policy be received.

### Recommendation 2

That Council receives all submissions made to the “Where’s the Annual Plan 2026/27 & Co @ Rangitikei”, amended Revenue and Finance Policy and Draft Rates Remissions Policy consultation, including the late submission received prior to this report being published.

### Recommendation 3

That Council acknowledges all submissions made to the “Where’s the Annual Plan 2026/27 & Co @ Rangitikei”, amended Revenue and Finance Policy and Draft Rates Remissions Policy consultation, and thanks all submitters for their participation.

**Recommendation 4**

That Council accepts the Officer analysis made in the Officer Analysis of Submissions with/without [delete one] amendment to be used as Council’s response to submitters.

Finance:

**Recommendation 5**

That Council does / does not [delete one] approve the 2026/27 Annual Plan capital budget be amended to allow Erewhon Rural Water Scheme’s capital works programme to increase to \$5 million, noting it will be debt funded.

Governance, Community and Communication

**Recommendation 6**

That Council adjusts / does not adjust [delete one] the annual payment for the MoU partnership with the Bulls & District Community Trust and the Taihape Community Development Trust by inflation each year.

**Recommendation 7**

That Council does / does not [delete one] increase the MoU partnership payment to the Bulls & District Community Trust by \$2,000 (GST exclusive) for the 2026/27 financial year, and that this will be included in the budget each year going forward, for the maintenance and repair of the bull, cow and calf statues located on private property in Bulls. If approved, funding is to be provided from additional operational budget that will be funded through the General Rate.

Property

**Recommendation 8**

That Council does / does not [delete one] allocate funding of up to \$XXX (GST exclusive) to the Omatane Domain Board for heating and/or plumbing and drainage works at the Omatane Hall to be undertaken in the 2025/26 financial year. If approved, funding is to be provided from additional operational budget that will be funded through the General Rate.

**Recommendation 9**

That Council does / does not [delete one] provide a grant of \$XXX (GST exclusive) towards the upgrade of the Marton School playground. If approved, funding is to be provided from additional operational budget that will be funded through the General Rate.

**7.2 Deliberation on submissions and adoption of the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27****Author:** Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy**Authoriser:** Carol Gordon, Chief Executive**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 To provide an officer analysis of submissions for the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27 and provide the schedule for adoption.

**2. Context**

- 2.1 Council adopted the document "Where's the Annual Plan 2026/27 & Co @ Rangitikei" at its meeting on 12 March 2026. This consultation included consultation on the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27.
- 2.2 The consultation period ran from 16 March 2026 to 17 April 2026, and Council received a total of 48 submissions (including one (1) late submission). Not all submitters commented on the Schedule of Fees and Charges.
- 2.3 A Hearing of submissions was held on 6 May 2026, and 13 submitters spoke to their submissions. Not all submitters made comments on the Schedule of Fees and Charges.

**3. Discussion**

- 3.1 The submissions have been collated and are attached under separate cover as part of the Annual Plan & Co item.
- 3.2 The officer analysis of submissions is attached (under separate cover). This analysis includes a summary of submissions, officer comments and any officer recommendations or actions based on what has been raised in the submissions. There are no recommendations or actions from the submissions to the proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges.
- 3.3 During the consultation period, officers noticed an error in some of the fees for Te Matapihi. These areas are proposed to be corrected and are tracked in the attached Schedule of Fees and Charges for Council adoption
- 3.4 The Schedule of Fees and Charges is being presented to Council for deliberation and adoption at this meeting to enable sufficient time for officers to prepare for dog registrations.

**4. Options**

- 4.1 Option 1: Undertake deliberations and adopt the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27.
  - 4.1.1 This option is recommended by officers. There are no proposed changes to the schedule of fees and charges from submissions and only minor officer recommendations regarding the fees and charges for Te Matapihi. The schedule is attached (under separate cover).
- 4.2 Option 2: Undertake deliberation and request additional work is completed on fees and charges.

4.2.1 This option is not recommended as the fees for dog control need to be set to enable staff time to prepare for dog registrations.

## **5. Financial Implications**

5.1 The setting of fees and charges is important for ensuring that Council is able to charge for services.

## **6. Impact on Strategic Risks**

6.1 There are no major impacts to Council's strategic risks.

## **7. Strategic Alignment**

7.1 Council's strategic framework was developed during the preparation of the Long Term Plan 2024-34.

7.2 While deliberating on the submissions made to the Schedule of Fees and Charges, Council should consider how submitters requested changes align with its strategic framework

## **8. Mana Whenua Implications**

8.1 There are no specific mana whenua implications associated with this report.

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

9.1 There are no climate change implications associated with this report.

## **10. Statutory Implications**

10.1 Statutory requirements have been followed in the consideration of fees and charges including the Local Government Act 2002 section 150, Building Act 2004 section 219, and the Resource Management Act 1991 section 36.

## **11. Conclusion**

11.1 Council has consulted on the proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27. This report provided an officer analysis of submissions and requests that Council adopts the final schedule.

## **12. Decision Making Process**

12.1 Council has undertaken correct statutory processes for the consultation on the proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges.

### **Attachments:**

- 1. Officer Analysis of Submissions (under separate cover)**
- 2. Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27 (under separate cover)**

**ITEM 7.2****Recommendation 1**

That the report Deliberation on submissions and adoption of the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27 be received.

**Recommendation 2**

That Council receives all submissions made to the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27 as part of Where's the Annual Plan 2026/27 & Co @ Rangitikei.

**Recommendation 3**

That Council accepts the Officer analysis made in the Officer Analysis of Submissions for the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27 with/without [delete one] amendment to be used as Council's response to submitters

**Recommendation 4**

That Council adopt the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27, and that Council gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial changes.

**8 Meeting Closed.**