ORDER PAPER

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 30 July 2026

Time: 10:00 am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitīkei 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 Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitīkei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Thursday, 30 July 2026 at 10:00 am.

Order Of Business

AGENDA

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: **Petra Fleming, Governance Advisor**

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The minutes from Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 June 2026 are attached.

1.2 The minutes from Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 June 2026 are attached.

Attachments

1. **Ordinary Council Meeting - 11 June 2026**
2. **Ordinary Council Meeting - 25 June 2026**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 June 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.

Recommendation

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 June 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

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Date:	**Thursday, 11 June 2026**
Time:	**10.00am**
Venue:	**Council Chamber Rangitīkei 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 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 Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager – Corporate Services Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager Mr Darryn Black, Roading Transport Manager Ms Crystal Johnston, Executive Assistant – Group Managers

Order of Business

1 Welcome / Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 10.00am and Cr Baird read the Council prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/103

That the apologies from Cr P Hiroa, Cr F Dalgety be received.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr P Sharland. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Baird declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 12 and did not participate in the discussion or vote.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change in the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/104

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 May 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 A Buckendahl/Cr G O'Fee. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

<u>Annual Plan Consultation</u>

Members discussed the cost of undertaking the Annual Plan consultation process. Officers advised that the estimated cost is approximately $50,000, noting that this primarily reflects internal staff time rather than additional expenditure. It was explained that, if staff were not undertaking Annual Plan consultation activities, they would instead be carrying out other organisational work.

Bulls District Community Trust

A member queried whether the BCDT action should be included within the visible action register. Officers advised that the action is currently recorded within the administrative action register rather than the publicly visible register. Members expressed a preference for the action to be included in the visible action register to improve transparency and tracking.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/105

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Hainsworth. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

Mayor's Report - June 2026

Letters of congratulations have been prepared for Elizabeth Mortland on receiving the King's Service Medal, and for Rodney Wong in recognition of his contributions, noting he is not a district resident but remains actively involved.

Community meetings regarding local government reform are currently being planned. Due to the prescribed timeframes, there is limited opportunity for detailed analysis of Council's potential position before engagement commences.

An update was provided on the Central Districts Water Joint Shareholders Committee. Discussions between the shareholder councils are progressing towards formalising the Statement of Expectations. A series of Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) between CDW and the shareholder councils is also being developed.

A member expressed support for the Mayor's comments and acknowledged the thorough flow of information being provided back to Council.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/106

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

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/107

That Council approves the following recommendations from the Central Districts Water Joint Shareholders Committee Meeting held on 22 May 2026:

1. That the Joint Shareholders' Committee report the progress of its work to each of the Councils and Ngā Tapūwae o Hau, twice a year, and that the Chair of the Committee present those reports.
2. That the Joint Shareholders' Committee review its reporting frequency after 12 months.

3. That the Joint Shareholders’ Committee minutes be circulated according to the process set out in Table 1.
4. That any Joint Shareholders’ Committee recommendations be put to each of the Councils by the Joint Shareholders’ Committee representatives for that Council.

HWTM/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

9 Chief Executive’s Report

Chief Executive's Report - June 2026

<u>Central Districts Water Update</u>

Discussion was held on the proposed amendments relating to Central Districts Water.

<u>Extra Funding for February 2026 Storm</u>

Council considered additional funding required as a result of the February weather event. Officers advised that all available options had been explored to avoid external borrowing, however borrowing was now considered necessary.

Council discussed implications of front-loading borrowing and the FAR rate.

The Council meeting and livestream were adjourned at 10.23am due to technical difficulties and resumed at 10.25am.

<u>Duck Crossing Petition – Request for Signage</u>

Council received correspondence relating to a request for duck crossing signs on Calico Line. Officers advised the submission did not meet the requirements to be considered a formal petition due to an insufficient number of signatures. However, as it had been addressed to Council, it was appropriate to formally acknowledge it.

Discussion acknowledged the current budget pressures on the roading programme. It was suggested that the Marton Community Committee could consider funding one or more signs through its Small Projects Fund, with the estimated cost of two signs being less than $1,000.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/108

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

Cr P Sharland/Cr D Baird. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/109

That Council notes the minor and non-material changes that were approved by the Chief Executive to the Shareholders’ Agreement and the Constitution, in accordance with the delegated authority provided by Council.

Cr D Baird/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/110

That Council does approve to fund the local share cost of $105,106 for damaged sustained on the roading network following the 15-16 February 2026 weather event. The local share will be funded from external borrowing and repaid via roading rates in 2027/28 - 2028/29 at approximately $55,000 per annum.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Hainsworth. Carried Unanimous

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/111

That the Chief Executive present the signage request through the Marton Community Committee small projects fund for duck crossing signs on Mill Street to the value of $1000.00.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

Central Districts Water - Debt Transfer

Officers presented a report outlining the next key step in the establishment of Central Districts Water. Members were advised that the purpose of the report was to seek approval for the proposed debt transfer methodology and financing principles required to establish CDW as a financially independent entity. Officers clarified that the report was not seeking approval of the final debt amounts, which will be presented to Council in a subsequent report.

Members noted that the dates relating to the CDW Board contained within Recommendations 3 and 5 required correction.

Members discussed various aspects of the debt transfer including the "no better, off, no worse off" principle, the guarantees and the importance of CDW being a financially independent organisation.

Members were advised that lessons continue to be drawn from other water Council-Controlled Organisations to avoid common implementation issues.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/112

That the Report Central District Water – Debt Transfer be received.

Cr P Sharland/Cr S Field. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/113

That Council approves the guiding principles for the water debt transfer from Council to Central Districts Water as part of the preparation of the transfer agreement.

Fairness and equity

Transparent documentation

Sustainability and flexibility

Clarity and simplicity

HWTM/Cr D Baird. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/114

That Council notes that the guiding principles for the water debt transfer were approved by the Central Districts Water Board on 29 April 2026.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/115

That Council approve the use of novation as the water debt transfer method from each Shareholding Council to Central Districts Water.

Cr J Wong/Cr D Baird. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/116

That Council notes that novation as the water debt transfer method was approved by the CDW Board on 29 April 2026 and the same approval will be requested from each other Shareholding Council by the end of June 2026.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/117

That Council approves provision of the following guarantees in support of debt facilities to be entered into by CDW:

a bilateral joint and several guarantee from each Shareholding Council in favour of LGFA (**LGFA Guarantee**); and

a separate guarantee in favour of approved financiers (other than LGFA) who participate in CDW's financing from time to time (**Global Guarantee**),

subject to:

the final funding structure and LGFA Guarantee and Global Guarantee (together the **Guarantees**) documentation being satisfactory to Council;

approval of the Guarantees by each other Shareholding Council; and

compliance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 and all other applicable legislation.

Cr D Baird/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/118

That Council delegates agreement and final approval of the Guarantees to the Chief Executive and Mayor of Rangitikei District Council.

HWTM/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/119

That Council notes that the approval for the provision of the deed of support to be provided by the Shareholding Councils in favour of CDW in order to ensure CDW can meet its obligations in relation to any pre-establishment funding (Deed of Support), will be included in a paper to Councils to approve on 25 June 2026.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr G O'Fee. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/120

That Council approve the execution of the LGFA Guarantee and Global Guarantee, and all such other ancillary documentation as required in relation to the implementation of the Guarantees, on behalf of Council by:

in the case of deeds including the Guarantees and Deed of Support, two elected members; and

in the case of any other documents, the Chief Executive and Mayor***.***

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

11 Minutes from Committees

Minutes from Committees

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/121

That the following minutes are received:

- Erewhon Rural Water Scheme Committee Meeting – 03 March 26
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meeting – 02 April 26
- Finance/Performance Committee Meeting – 02 April 26
- Hunterville Community Committee Meeting – 08 April 26
- Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti Meeting – 14 April 26
- Ratana Community Board Meeting – 14 April 26
- Taihape Community Board Meeting – 15 April 26
- Marton Community Committee Meeting – 15 April 26
- Turakina Community Committee Meeting – 16 April 26
- Youth Council Meeting -11 May 26
- Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti Meeting – 19 May 26

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

12 Recommendations from Committees

Recommendation from Te Rōpū Ahi Kā

A member sought clarification on the purpose of the Marae Development Fund.

Officers advised that the fund supports improvement projects at marae across the district. Funding applications are considered by Te Rōpū Ahi Kā, which makes recommendations to Council for approval. It was noted that the nature of the works varies according to the individual needs of each marae.

Members were advised that the fund provides approximately $16,000 per annum. It was also clarified that the Marae Development Fund is separate from the Better Off Funding marae assessments, which serve a different purpose.

A member asked whether the fund is adjusted for inflation. Officers confirmed that it is.

Cr Baird declared a conflict of interest in relation to the item.

The Mayor and a member both spoke in support of the recommendation. Members noted that the timing of the allocation was appropriate given the end of the financial year and the availability of funding.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/122

That the report recommendation from Te Rōpū Ahi Kā be received.

Cr S Field/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/123

That Council agree with the Recommendation from Te Rōpū Ahi Kā and approves allocation of funding of $8,446 to Ōpaea Marae from the Marae Development Fund.

Cr S Field/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/124

That Council agree with the Recommendation from Te Rōpū Ahi Kā and approves allocation of funding of $8,000 to Moawhango Marae from the Marae Development Fund.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

The meeting closed at 11.20am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 June 2026.

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Chairperson

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Date:	**Thursday, 25 June 2026**
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Present	HWTM Andy Watson Cr Dave Wilson Cr Coral Raukawa Cr Jeff Wong Cr Fi Dalgety 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 Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager – Corporate Services Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy Mr Darryn Black, Roading Transport Manager Ms Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager Mr Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships Ms Jacinta Straker, Horowhenua District Council – Central Districts Water Mr Chris Dyberg, Executive Director WSCCO Establishment Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

Order of Business

1 Welcome / Prayer

The meeting opened at 10.00am and Cr Dalgety read the Council prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/131

That the apologies from Cr Sharland and Cr Hiroa be received.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr G O'Fee. 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 Reports for Decision

6.1 Adoption of the Annual Plan 2026/27, amended Revenue and Finance Policy and Rates Remission Policy

Tabled document provided on the CAPEX changes for the Annual Plan 2026/27, noting that these changes have no additional expenditure.

It was noted in response to questions raised that overhead allocation changes impacted the community board charges.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/132

That the report 'Adoption of the Annual Plan 2026/27, amended Revenue and Finance Policy and Rates Remission Policy' be received.

Cr A Buckendahl/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/133

That Council considers it prudent to adopt a budget that is not balanced in 2026/27 on the basis that it is financially prudent to do so and achieves a sustainable balanced budget in accordance with section 100 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/134

That Council adopts the Annual Plan 2026/27 and gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial and formatting changes to the document prior to publication.

Cr A Buckendahl/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/135

That Council adopts the Revenue and Finance Policy without amendment and that Council gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial changes.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr S Field. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/136

That Council adopts the Rates Remission Policy without amendment and that Council gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial changes.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

6.2 Setting of the 2026/27 Rates for the Financial Year 01 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.

It was noted that these rates form part of the overall Annual Plan and have been set for the 2026/27 financial year. The situation for a couple of roads in Taihape and their water supply was discussed, with the approach being formalised.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/137

That the Rangitīkei District Council, resolves under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, sets the rates listed in bullet point 2 (2(a) to 2(m)) above for the 2026/2027 financial year, being the period 01 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.

Cr D Wilson/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/138

That the Rangitīkei District Council resolves that the rates listed in bullet point 2 (2(a) to 2(m)) above be due in four equal instalments, as set out in bullet point 3 above.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/139

That the Rangitīkei District Council resolves to apply the penalties on these unpaid rates, as set out bullet point 4 (4.1-4.3 inclusive) above.

Cr A Buckendahl/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/140

That the Rangitīkei District Council, under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, sets the Water Rates listed in bullet point 5 (5(a) to 5(h)) above.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/141

That the Rangitīkei District Council resolves that due dates for the water rates listed in bullet point 5 (5(a) to 5(h)) above be set out in bullet point 6 (6.1 to 6.6) tables.

Cr G O'Fee/Cr S Field. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/142

That the Rangitīkei District Council resolves to apply penalties on unpaid metered or extraordinary rates for water for Hunterville Urban Water Supply, Marton Water Supply, Ratana Water Supply, Bulls Water Supply, Mangaweka Water Supply and Taihape Water Supply and ANZCO (Bulls – being the water meter site) listed in Bullet Point 5 (5(a) to 5(g), as set out in bullet points 7 (7.1 to 7.2) above.

Cr J Wong/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/143

That the Rangitīkei District Council resolves to apply penalties on unpaid metered or extraordinary rates for water for Hunterville Urban Water Supply, Marton Water Supply, Ratana Water Supply, Bulls Water Supply, Mangaweka Water Supply and Taihape Water Supply and ANZCO (Bulls – being the water meter site) listed in Bullet Point 5 (5(a) to 5(g), as set out in bullet points 7 (7.1 to 7.2) above.

Cr J Wong/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/144

That the Rangitīkei District Council resolves to apply the penalties on unpaid Hunterville Rural and Rural Urban Water Supply, as set out bullet point 7.2 above.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr J Hainsworth. Carried

6.3 Deed of Support for Central Districts Water

it was noted that the Central Districts Water funding arrangement is based on a long-term percentage share, with Rangitīkei District Council holding a 9% liability, representing a relatively smaller share of the overall risk. It was noted that this liability will be disclosed in the Annual Report.

It was confirmed that the Delegations Policy will be brought to the next Board meeting for consideration.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/145

That the report Deed of Support for Central Districts Water be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Hainsworth. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/146

That Council agrees to enter into the Deed of Support (current draft for discussion attached as Appendix 1) for CDW for the purpose of enabling CDW to obtain independent funding during the establishment period from 1 July 2026.

Cr A Buckendahl/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/147

That Council delegates authority to agree and approve the final version of the Deed of Support to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson and as alternate Cr Dalgety.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr S Field. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/148

That Council approves the execution of the Deed of Support on behalf of the Council by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson and as alternate Cr Dalgety.

Cr G O'Fee/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/149

That Council agrees to enter into the LGFA documentation including the accession deeds to the LGFA Multi-Issuer Deed and Notes Subscription Agreement for CDW (Accession Deeds), security stock certificates in relation to the LGFA Guarantee and such other documentation as required for Council to support CDW joining LGFA and acceding to the Multi-Issuer Deed and Notes Subscription Agreement (Ancillary Documents).

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/150

That Council delegates authority to agree and approve the final versions of the Accession Deeds and Ancillary Documents to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson and as alternate Cr Dalgety.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/151

That Council approves the execution of the Accession Deeds and Ancillary Documents, on behalf of the Council by:

in the case of deeds, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson and as alternate Cr Dalgety ; and

in the case of any other document, the Mayor and, and Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson and as alternate Cr Dalgety or the Chief Executive.

Cr D Baird/Cr S Field. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/152

That Council agrees to enter into the documentation as required for Council to support CDW's entry into any establishment funding arrangements with CDW's transactional bank (Bank Documents).

Cr D Baird/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/153

That Council delegates authority to agree and approve the final versions of the Bank Documents to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson and as alternate Cr Dalgety.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr D Baird. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/154

That Council approves the execution of the Bank Documents, on behalf of the Council by:

a. In the case of deeds, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson and as alternate Cr Dalgety ; and

b. In the case of any other documents, the Mayor and, and Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson and as alternate Cr Dalgety or the Chief Executive.

Cr A Buckendahl/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/155

That Council provide all shareholder approvals required to approve all actions taken by CDW in connection with the establishment funding and entry by CDW into the required documents and transactions in relation to the establishment funding.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/156

That Council note that the CDW debt funding of up to $20m will be in the form of a short-term line of credit from LGFA, which has recently approved CDW becoming an approved borrower from LGFA, and the newly approved transactional bank for CDW.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/157

That Council note that the independent debt lines will be used to fund the establishment budget of $10.547m approved in the Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP), which includes $6.3m for the digital programme and any other additional costs that were not anticipated as part of the preparation of the WSDP, which will require CDW Chief Executive and Board approval and will be monitored by the Shareholding Councils through the Shareholders' Committee.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Baird. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/158

That Council note that in addition to the establishment programme budget, the independent CDW debt line will be used to fund CDW operational costs incurred prior to 1 July 2027, which will require CDW Chief Executive and Board approval and will be monitored by the shareholding Councils through the Shareholders' Committee.

Cr D Wilson/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/159

That Council note that a portion of the line of credit funding will also be used to ensure that CDW has sufficient cash or available funding facilities to meet its financial obligations as they fall due during the establishment phase and early years of operation.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

7 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session at 11.18am

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/160

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

1 Marton Emergency Operations Centre

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
7.1 - Marton Emergency Operations Centre	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations and privacy s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

8 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session at 11.50am

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/164

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

26/RDC/161 - 26/RDC/163

Cr D Baird/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

The meeting closed at 11.50am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 July 2026.

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Chairperson

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

ITEM 7.1

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Author: **Petra Fleming, 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	21-May-26	MoU follow up discussion with Councillors the BCDT	Katrina	A review will be completed for the 2027 LTP.	In progress

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - July 2026

Author: **Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor**

Kia ora koutou,

Following the adoption of our Annual Plan at the Council meeting on 25 June we are now into our new Council financial year as at 1 July.

Planning for this year will be subject to many changes forced on us by Government and world inflationary pressure. We all know the hardships of diesel/petrol/chemical cost increases. The cost increases on Council will be challenging. Roading asphalt for example has increased by up to 45%. So this year it will be a struggle to reduce costs in this environment with rates pegging in mind.

Good business practice is to look at the environment we operate in. There are some positives – we have a rural based local economy and the prices for beef/lamb/mutton are exceptional. Who would have thought that cull ewes could be worth in excess of $200 a head. The sheep and beef breeders on our hill country blocks are able to pay back debt and reinvest. Wool over the last few years has bounced back into profitability. Our fattening farmers also have seen increased returns if they have a bank relationship that enables them to fund capital purchases for store stock. Dairy continues to be well placed. On the downside, forestry is a challenge especially following huge areas that are harvested with little to no profit after recent wind damage and cropping has shown flat returns in an environment of increased diesel and fertiliser costs. A number of companies are under pressure and it is sad to see the impending closure of Malteurop after 46 years of business. Malteurop takes barley grown locally and barley sourced from Timaru, refined in Marton to produce malt for the beer brewing industry. Increased cartage costs have been significant along with the New Zealand wide reduction in beer consumption. Locally 14 people will lose their jobs, these are great people/families that we need to support to find new employment. Other companies and contractors are also under similar pressures at the moment. Affordability for residents is a real challenge, food prices, fuel, council rates, insurance costs and interest rates are taking a huge toll.

The Government has seen the amalgamation of councils and amalgamation of Government ministries as one of its solutions to offset these rising costs and pressures. This may well be the case in the long term but the challenges will be in the short term establishment and loss of local voice. So where is the Rangitīkei at regarding amalgamation?

On 2-3 July we had what is known as a Zone meeting in Napier. This is a gathering of councils spread from Wairoa/Gisborne to Tararua and New Plymouth to Horowhenua and all councils in between. The focus on the Zone meeting was based around these reform changes, ie. amalgamation of councils. In this report I have asked our attending Councillors Dave Wilson Deputy Mayor, Fi Dalgety, Diana Baird and Graeme O'Fee to report back giving their impressions from across the wider region. I also invite them at this meeting to express their views.

Council will decide at this meeting whether we will be part of a "Head Start" application process to Government reforms. I think it is unlikely, time simply has not allowed a considered position and most other councils are in a similar position. However, that is yet to be decided and the background and detail is included in this Order Paper.

On 21 July I attended the Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Leadership Group meeting in Palmerston North. This followed another set of changes to Local Government in the Resource Management Act (RMA) process. I include Minister Bishop's letter as an attachment concerning changes to the Mana Whakahono ā Rohe provisions in the Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill, i.e. the RMA. Mana Whakahono ā Rohe is a legislative agreement under the present RMA that describes how Iwi and councils will work together in resource management. Recently Rangitīkei has had interest from several Iwi to formalise new Mana Whakahono ā Rohe agreements. These recent approaches have been generated for two reasons –

1. Any amalgamation would result in a transfer of these agreements, if formed, to the new entity. We have a good Iwi track record/relationship and the concern here is that the new council may reconsider relationships in a different way.
2. Iwi across Aotearoa New Zealand have seen the Government direction as being against Tiriti principles and want to formalise agreements now while legally binding in the future, i.e. they don't trust the current Government.

So Minister Bishop is legislating to remove the existing rights/provisions in the legislation to effectively limit Iwi say on any RMA process. It is important to continue with our existing relationships both within Te Rōpū Ahi Kā and with individual iwi. We can continue to develop these Mana Whakahono ā Rohe agreements while realising that they may hold no legislative position. It is also good business sense since the iwi asset base across New Zealand is in the vicinity of $12.5b with commercial land valuations in excess of probably $120b. They will be the significant investment force in the future.

I also append to this report Councillor Jeff Wong's Passenger Transport Committee reports and I invite him to provide any further feedback and take any questions.

Now for some community great news!

1. On 30 June we had yet another Citizenship Ceremony signing in 19 new citizens to New Zealand and our district. These are special and really emotive ceremonies and to see people crying to be welcomed into our country as a safe space/refuge is very moving.
2. At the time of writing this on Friday 24 July I have just attended a morning tea shout for a young woman, Jayden, celebrating her first years work at UPVC a window company in Bulls. This employment through the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs is such a success. The morning tea was recognising a small but growing company who took the time and patience to train a young person. To the team at UPVC I thank you.
3. Equally I congratulate Taihape who held an auction on 27 June at the Utiku Rugby Clubrooms to raise funds that will be split between the Memorial Park Bridges/Walkway and the Taihape Grandstand Restoration. Thanks to the many people who provided auction items, prizes or who bid excessively on the night - I understand that around $28,000 was raise within a couple of hours.

Chief Executive Performance Committee

We have a small formal committee responsible for the Chief Executive's performance review. Cr John Hainsworth is retiring from that Committee to be replaced by Cr Diana Baird as an appointment made under Section 41A of the Local Government Act 2002.

Administration Matters
The districts of Palmerston North, Manawatū, Rangitīkei and Ruapehu have relationships with the Defence Forces on or near their boundaries. Included in this report is the draft Statement of Intent renewing that formal process. It is incredibly important that we have these relationships and they are imbedded formally in process.

LGNZ 2026 AGM Remits

There are nine remits Council needs to put a position forward on.

Remit 1 – Priorities for Dog Control Act Reform

That LGNZ advocates to government for the reform of the Dog Control Act 1996 to provide councils with more effective powers and tools to undertake their dog control responsibilities including –

- Greater scope for earlier intervention
- Stronger consequences for non-compliance
- Better ability for councils to set minimum requirements for dog owners – including for desexing and containment

Remit 2 – Improved Regulation of Vape Retailers

That LGNZ advocate to central government for legislative change to provide territorial authorities with greater regulatory and enforcement powers over vape retailers, including the ability to control the location, density, operation, advertising, product visibility and compliance standards of vape stores within their districts.

Remit 3 – Financial Support for Government Reform Implementation Costs

That LGNZ advocate to central government to provide specific targeted financial support to councils to implement the operational and governance changes that are proposed through the legislative reform programme, for example Simplifying Local Government and RMA reforms.

Remit 4 – Removal of Representation Review requirements during Simplifying Local Government Reform

That LGNZ advocate to the Government, on behalf of its members, for compliance relief from the upcoming representation review requirements in light of the significant reforms proposed through the Simplifying Local Government programme and the recent Head Start pathway, which may render any review undertaken before the 2028 elections redundant.

Remit 5 – Devolution of Place-Naming Authority to Territorial Authorities

That LGNZ advocate for legislative changes to devolve authority for officiating geographic place names from the Minister for Land Information to local authorities.

Remit 6 – Enhanced role for Government in supporting subnational diplomacy

That LGNZ advocate to government and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to formalise and increase its role in supporting subnational diplomacy including developing clear policy and capability to support and grow local government's contribution.

Remit 7 – Bulk Funding of Transport Activities

That LGNZ calls on government, opposition parties and NZTA to support a move to bulk funding for basic and repeatable transport activities, thereby acknowledging the efficiency and financial gains and reduction in funding risk, this change would provide to local government, and supports a trial of this proposed bulk-funding approach for the 2027-2030 funding round amongst a group of councils which have demonstrated strong performance in delivering public transport services and/or maintaining transport infrastructure.

Remit 8 – Improving LTP Audit Requirements

That LGNZ advocate to government for improvements to the efficiency, proportionality and cost-effectiveness of audit requirements for Long Term Plans and Consultation Documents, including –

1. Greater proportionality in audit requirements, ensuring that audit effort is aligned with council size, complexity, risk and materiality; and
2. Reducing duplication across audit stages, particularly where similar information and assumptions are subject to repeated review; and
3. Improving standardisation, transparency and cost control in audit delivery, to reduce rework and improve consistency across the sector, and to constrain excessive or escalating audit fees through greater transparency of audit pricing and benchmarking of costs across the sector.

Remit 9 – A Fairer Approach to Uneconomic Transport Infrastructure Funding

That LGNZ advocate for a fairer approach towards uneconomic transport infrastructure, where either NZTA commits to co-funding this infrastructure if councils remain legally obligated to own and maintain it, and/or the Government provides clearer guidance and support for councils downgrading or ceasing service to low traffic volume areas.

Passenger Transport Committee Meeting – report from Cr Jeff Wong

- The Horizons Regional Council Passenger Transport Committee Meeting was held on 16th June (agenda appended to this report).
- Whanganui launch revised 'high frequency' bus routes with 110% increase over same period last year.
- Fees free month and high fuel costs contribute to the increase but continued increase after fees resumed.
- Off peak times use of smaller buses to improve optics of not running large buses with few passengers often suggested but costs of running significantly larger fleets not economic.
- National Ticketing Solution scheduled for Manawatu Whanganui in third quarter of 2027.
- Horowhenua proposed bus service postpone to Y4 LTP along with increases in Rangitīkei PT services.

Mayor's Engagements

June 2026

12	Attended Meeting with Hospice Palmerston North Attended Presentation of Community Volunteer Award to Gary Johnson in Taihape
14	Attended Local Government Reform Public Meeting at Scotts Ferry
15	Attended online meeting re upcoming Zone 3 hui in Napier Attended Headstart Pathway Discussion with Whanganui District Council Mayor & CE Attended LGNZ Online Briefing on Amalgamation Attended Youth Council Meeting
16	Attended Regional Transport Matters | Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Online Hui Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended monthly meeting with Comms Staff Attended monthly meeting with Economic Development Staff Attended Marton Community Meeting on Local Government Reform
17	Attended Mokai Patea Iwi Chairs Hui for outline of Local Government Reform Attended meeting at Ratana with developers Attended Bulls Community Meeting on Local Government Reform Attended Bulls Community Committee Meeting
18	Attended online Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Governance Group meeting Attended BA5 at Property Brokers Rangitīkei Attended Koitiata Public Meeting on Local Government Reform
19	Attended Bulls & District Community Trust AGM Attended LGNZ Infrastructure Reference Group online Meeting Attended Civil Contractors NZ Manawatu-Whanganui Branch Meeting
20	Attended field sale at Ratana Attended Mangaweka Volunteer 22Fire Brigade Honours Night
22	Attended Powhiri for Pa Rima Tamaiparea-Puki – Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor Attended Premier Screening of We Were Just Children at Nga Tawa School Attended Marton Water Strategy meeting with staff
23	Attended tri-weekly catchup with CDW Board Chair Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended meeting with MSD Regional Commissioner Attended online LGNZ briefing from Minister of Local Government Attended Defence Hub – Mayor's Event Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor

24	Attended Memorial Park User Group Meeting
25	Attended Council Meeting Attended Finance/Performance Worskhop Attended Council Workshop
26	Attended LGNZ Briefing National Council (morning session) Attended CDW Joint Shareholders' Committee Meeting Attended Mayors Meeting with CDW Board Chair Attended meeting with Maycroft Construction Attended LGNZ Briefing National Council (afternoon session)
27	Attended Brass Band concert at St Stephens Church Attended Taihape Rugby Club auction
29	Attended Zone 3 co-chair online meeting Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended site visit to meet Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Placement in Bulls Attended online Head Start meeting with Ruapehu District Council Mayor & CE Attended weekly Head Start meeting with staff Attended Arohanui Hospice meeting in Palmerston North Attended KiwiRail Freight Connect event in Palmerston North
30	Attended online Head Start meeting with Tararua District Council Mayor & CE Attended Citizenship Ceremony Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor

July 2026

1	Attended Council Workshop
2	Attended LGNZ Online Briefing : Partnering with Iwi through Head Start Attended Zone 3 LGNZ Sector Meeting in Napier
3	Attended Zone 3 LGNZ Sector Meeting in Napier
5	Attended Community Planting Day at B&C Dams
6	Attended CE Performance review meeting with Committee Chair and Consultant Attended weekly Head Start meeting with staff Attended CE Performance Review meeting with Chief Executive Attended Youth Council workshop
7	Attended meetings with ratepayers Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
8	Attended Mayoral Forum Workshop Attended hui with Ngai Te Ohuaka/Ngati Whitikaupeka/Ngati Tamakopiri to initiate the Mana Whakahono a Rohe process

	Attended Taihape Grandstand Restoration Group meeting
9	Attended LGNZ online briefing : Lessons from UK local government amalgamations Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended monthly Economic Development Meeting with staff Attended Mokai Patea Services/Taihape Health Matariki Kaumatua Hakinakina Attended Matariki Staff Awards Evening
13	Attended weekly Head Start Meeting with staff Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Te Roopu Ahi Kaa meeting to discuss Head Start
14	Attended tri-weekly meeting with CDW Board Chair Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
15	Attended monthly Governors Q&A session with Executive Leadership Team Attended monthly Comms Meeting with staff Attended Chief Executive Performance Committee Meeting
16	Attended Meeting with Mayors Ford & Gilmore Attended BA5 Meeting – Te Kai Whaka Ora Marton Youth Trust
17	Attended monthly meeting with Police and staff
18	Attended Bulls Volunteer Fire Brigade Honours Night
20	Attended meeting with Acting Chief Executive Attended meeting with Department of Corrections Community Liaison advisor Attended meeting with ratepayers
21	Attended meeting with District Monitor staff Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
22	Attended Regional Chiefs Head Start online hui with MCERT Attended Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Leadership Group Meeting
23	Attended weekly Head Start Meeting with staff Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended meeting at Proliant Health & Biologicals in Feilding Attended Council Workshop Attended Manawatu Rangitīkei Federated Farmers function and debate
23	Attended UPVC Windows Bulls to celebrate MTFJ placement's 12 month anniversary Attended Mana Whakahone a Rohe meeting with Ngati Rangi
27	Attended meeting with Chief Executive
28	Attended Regional Transport Matters | Regional Chiefs fortnightly online meeting Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
29	Attended Four Regions Trust AGM

	Attended BA5 NZ Squash Open Launch at Regent on Broadway
30	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend weekly Head Start Meeting with staff To attend Council Meeting and Council Workshop
31	To attend LGNZ online AGM To attend Whangaehu Community Hall Fundraiser Evening

Attachments:

1. **Passenger Transport Committee Agenda 16 June 2026 (under separate cover)**
2. **Draft Statement of Intent between the NZ Defence Force, PNCC, MDC, Rangitikei DC and Ruapehu DC**
3. **LGNZ Remits (under separate cover)**
4. **Zone 3 Report Napier July 2026 – Cr O'Fee (under separate cover)**
5. **Zone 3 Report Napier July 2026 – Cr Baird (under separate cover)**
6. **Zone 3 Report Napier July 2026 – Cr Dalgety (under separate cover)**
7. **Zone 3 Report Napier July 2026 – Cr Dalgety Pics (under separate cover)**
8. **Zone 3 July 2026 Simpson Grierson Presentation (under separate cover)**
9. **Letter from Minister Bishop - proposed changes to Mana Whakahono a Rohe provisions - July 2026**
10. **Elected Members Attendance Register**

Recommendation 1

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

Recommendation 2

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Recommendation 10

That Rangitīkei District Council does / does not support Remit 9 – A Fairer Approach to Uneconomic Transport Infrastructure Funding for the 2026 LGNZ AGM

Recommendation 11

That Council does / does not delegate His Worship the Mayor to finalise and sign the 2026 Statement of Intent between the New Zealand Defence Force and Palmerston North City Council, Manawatū District Council, Rangitīkei District Council and Ruapehu District Council.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Between

NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE

and

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

and

MANAWATU DISTRICT COUNCIL

and

RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

and

RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

1. Purpose

The New Zealand Defence Force (Defence), Palmerston North City Council (PNCC) Manawatu District Council (MDC), Rangitīkei District Council and Ruapehu District Council recognise they have many interests in common given the location of Linton Military Camp, NZ Defence College, Ohakea Air Force Base and Waiouru Military Camp within Central New Zealand, and that there will be mutual benefits from collaboration and co-operation.

This Statement of Intent records the intention of the parties to work together to:

- Maximise the business opportunities within Central New Zealand associated with Defence activities and investment.
- Ensure defence personnel and their families become an integrated part of their local communities.
- Recognise the contribution of Defence to the regional economy

- Facilitate opportunities that enable Defence to contribute to their local communities.
- Acknowledge the place of Defence within the Central New Zealand and the contribution it makes to community life.
- Acknowledge the role of PNCC, MDC, RDC and RDC as co-advocates for Defence issues pertaining to central and local government infrastructure policy, planning, growth and development.

2. Objectives

The parties intend to work collaboratively in the following areas of mutual strategic interest:

2.1 Strategic planning and policy

Engagement on planning matters that affect the operations of Defence and on government policy where there is a local impact.

2.2 Infrastructure provision and development

Identify opportunities where Defence could be involved in development of infrastructure projects in Central New Zealand.

Identify and address infrastructure issues to facilitate development of Defence in the Manawatu.

Improve the physical connectivity of Defence bases with their local communities.

2.3 Economic development

Develop a shared strategy for growth of Defence operations and jobs.

Identify ways that businesses can recognise the contribution of Defence to the local economy.

Identify opportunities for businesses to locate to the Central New Zealand to leverage the strategic strength of Defence.

Develop the Central New Zealand as a hub of capability development for Defence and Defence-related activities.

2.4 Community facilities and development

Provide opportunities for the public to engage with Defence and showcase their activities to lift the profile of Defence in the community.

Provide a welcoming environment for Defence personnel and their families to Central New Zealand.

Identify and address any barriers to Defence personnel being integrated into the local community such as access to services and affordable housing.

2.5 Events

Hold events that recognise the special place that Defence has in the Central New Zealand and the contribution it makes to the region.

2.6 Communication

Proactive communication and sharing of information by all parties regarding strategic policy and planning and infrastructure provision and development that directly or indirectly supports Defence activities.

2.7 Annual Plan

The parties will prepare a joint Annual Plan to guide the deliverables outlined in the Statement of Intent.

3. Co-ordination and Liaison

The parties will hold three meetings per annum to deliver on this Statement of Intent and review progress.

Each party will appoint a relationship champion from within their staff to actively manage and promote the relationship and achievement of collaborative outcomes.

Each party recognises and respects the local relationships between PNCC, MDC, Rangitikei District Council and Ruapehu District Council, Linton Army, NZ Defence College, Ohakea Air Force and Waiouru Military Camp.

4. Commitment

Nothing in this Statement of Intent diminishes the full authority of any party, or constrains or obligates any party, financially or otherwise.

The parties do not intend this statement of intent to create legal obligations.

5. Term

The term of this Statement of Intent is ten years from the date of signing with a further right of renewal of ten years and ongoing thereafter, upon mutual agreement.

This Statement of Intent is subject to revision or renewal by mutual agreement of the parties.

Any party may terminate this Statement of Intent at any time by giving written notice to the other parties.

Dated this day of July 2026

Signed for and on behalf of New Zealand Defence Force

Signed for and on behalf of Palmerston North City Council

Signed for and on behalf of Manawatu District Council

Signed for and on behalf of Rangitīkei District Council

Signed for and on behalf of Ruapehu District Council

Hon Chris Bishop

Attorney-General
Minister of Housing
Minister for Infrastructure
Minister Responsible for RMA Reform
Minister of Transport
Associate Minister of Finance

21 July 2026

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Tēnā koe

Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill: proposed changes to Mana Whakahono ā Rohe provisions

I am writing to regarding changes the Government intends to make to the Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill currently before Parliament. Local authorities will continue to lead the delivery of the resource management system under the new legislation, and I wanted to let you know about this intended change that will impact you directly.

The Government intends to amend the Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill to remove the provisions that would have saved existing and initiated Mana Whakahono ā Rohe in the new planning system.

The Bills as introduced provided that existing Mana Whakahono ā Rohe, and ones initiated before the Bills are enacted, would transfer into the new system, subject to modifications to reflect the scope of the new legislation. The Government has reconsidered that approach.

The Government now intends to progress amendments so that existing and initiated Mana Whakahono ā Rohe will not transfer into the new planning system. Instead, the Bills will provide for a new instrument scoped to the new system that will be known as 'iwi participation agreements'.

Iwi participation agreements will enable iwi authorities and local authorities to record how iwi authorities will participate in the iwi participation processes provided for in the Natural Environment Bill and Planning Bill where those processes are the responsibility of local authorities. They may also record processes for engagement where required to give effect to relevant Treaty settlement redress.

This proposed approach will ensure that participation arrangements in the new system are aligned with the scope and design of the Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill. Local authorities will have the discretion to enter into these agreements if requested to by an iwi authority – in contrast to Mana Whakahono ā Rohe that must be entered into if iwi authorities initiate them.

I acknowledge that some iwi authorities, hapū, and local authorities have invested significant time and resource in negotiating or implementing Mana Whakahono ā Rohe. I also acknowledge that this proposed change may be disappointing for parties who expected existing or initiated arrangements to transition into the new system. The Government's intention for the change is to provide a clearer and more consistent framework for iwi participation under the new legislation.

My officials at the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport are available to discuss with you how the new participation agreements are likely to work. For further information, please contact Clare Maihi *(clare.maihi@mcert.govt.nz)*

Ngā mihi nui

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister Responsible for RMA Reform

Cc: Simon Court, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform

Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Baird	Buckendahl	Dalgety	Field	Hainsworth	Hiroa	O'Fee	Raukawa	Sharland	Wong
23-Oct-25	Inagural Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
30-Oct-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
12-Nov-25	CCS Meeting	CB					PR						
13-Nov-25	Council Workshop	CB	CB	PR	PR	CB	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
19-Nov-25	Taihape CB	PR											PR
25-Nov-25	Ratana CB	PR							PR				
27-Nov-25	Council Workshop	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR
27-Nov-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR
2-Dec-25	ERWS	PR		PR									PR
3-Dec-25	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
8-Dec-25	HRWS	PR				PR		PR					
11-Dec-25	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
11-Dec-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
18-Dec-25	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR
29-Jan-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
4-Feb-26	Santoft DMC	PR								PR			
9-Feb-26	Hunterville RWS	PR				AP		PR					
9-Feb-26	Hunterville CC	CB				PR							
10-Feb-26	TRAK meeting	PR			PR						AP		
10-Feb-26	Ratana CB	PR							PR				
11-Feb-26	Taihape CB	PR		PR									PR
12-Feb-26	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
12-Feb-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
18-Feb-26	Marton CC	CB	PR					PR					
18-Feb-26	Bulls CC	PR								PR		PR	
19-Feb-26	Turakina CC	PR					PR					PR	
25-Feb-26	Council Meeting	CB	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR
3-Mar-26	Erewhon RWS			PR									PR
3-Mar-26	Omatane RWS	PR		PR						PR			
5-Mar-26	Assets/Infrastructure Workshop	PR	PR	AT	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR
12-Mar-26	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR
12-Mar-26	Policy/Planning Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR	PR		PR	PR
12-Mar-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
19-Mar-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	AP	PR	PR	PR
23-Mar-26	Youth Council Meeting	PR			PR						PR		
2-Apr-26	Assets/Infrastructure Meeting	AP	PR	AT	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
2-Apr-26	Risk/Assurance Workshop	AP	PR	AT	AT	PR	AT						PR
2-Apr-26	Finance/Performance Meeting	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR						AP	PR
8-Apr-26	Hunterville CC	AP				PR							

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9-Apr-26	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
9-Apr-26	Council Workshop	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
13-Apr-26	Hunterville RWS	AP				PR							
14-Apr-26	TRAK meeting	AP	PR		PR								
14-Apr-26	Ratana CB	AP							AP				
15-Apr-26	Taihape CB	AP		AP									PR
15-Apr-26	Marton CC	AP	AP					PR					
16-Apr-26	Turakina CC	AP										PR	
20-Apr-26	Youth Council Meeting	AP					PR				AP		
22-Apr-26	Bulls CC	AP								PR		PR	
23-Apr-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR
29-Apr-26	Community Grants Committee	PR				PR						PR	PR
30-Apr-26	Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund	PR						PR		PR		PR	
30-Apr-26	Assets/Infrastructure Workshop	PR	PR	AT	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR
30-Apr-26	Finance/Performance Workshop	PR	PR	PR	AT	PR	AT	AT	AT	AT		PR	PR
6-May-26	Council Meeting - AP Hearing	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
7-May-26	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR
7-May-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR
11-May-26	Youth Council Meeting	PR					PR				PR		
20-May-26	Creative Communities Meeting	PR					PR						
21-May-26	Council Meeting - AP Deliberations	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR
21-May-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR
28-May-26	Assets/Infrastructure Meeting	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR
28-May-26	Risk/Assurance Meeting	PR	PR			PR			AP				PR
28-May-26	Finance/Performance Meeting	PR	PR	PR		PR						PR	PR
3-Jun-26	Hunterville CC	PR			PR								
8-Jun-26	Hunterville RWS	CB				AP		PR					
9-Jun-26	TRAK meeting	PR			PR				AP		AP		
9-Jun-26	Erewhon RWS	PR		PR									PR
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10-Jun-26	Marton CC	CB	PR					PR					
11-Jun-26	Council Meeting		PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR
11-Jun-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR
11-Jun-26	Chief Executive Performance	PR	PR	AT	AT	PR	AT		AP	AT	AT	AT	AT
11-Jun-26	Turakina CC	PR					PR					PR	
15-Jun-26	Youth Council Meeting	PR					PR				PR		PR
17-Jun-26	Bulls CC	PR								PR		PR	
25-Jun-26	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR

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25-Jun-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR
25-Jun-26	Finance/Performance Workshop	PR	PR	PR		PR						AT	PR
1-Jul-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
6-Jul-26	Youth Council Workshop	PR					PR						
8-Jul-26	Santoft DMC	AP								PR		PR	
15-Jul-26	Chief Executive Performance	AT	AT			AT		AP	AP				
23-Jul-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR

Present (and is a member of the committee)	PR
Apology	AP
Absent - no apology received	AB
Not a member of the committee	
Not a member of the committee (but still attended)	AT
Not present as on Council business	CB
Attended via Zoom [*this indicator is no longer used*]	ZM

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - July 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 Rangitīkei District during May 2026:

- 12th May – 25th August 2026 – T.A.S Taihape Area School – Senior Boys Rugby Training Combination of Rangitikei College & Ruapehu College - Field 1 - Taihape Memorial Park
- 11th June 2026 – St Matthews School – Field 2 - Marton Park
- 12th June 2026 – Rangitikei Schools Cluster – Rangitikei Schools Rugby Quads sports - Field 1 and Field 2 – Marton Park
- 4th June 2026 - Clifton School Cross Country – Field 1 and grass area by the playground/skate Park - Bulls Domain (no park application submitted)

3. Staff Movements in April

3.1 In June, we welcomed the following employee(s) to RDC:

- Paul Renshaw – Manager Emergency Management
- Rima Tamaiparea Puki – Strategic Advisor Mana Whenua

3.2 In June, we farewelled the following employee(s) from RDC:

- Sharon Bennett – Manager People and Culture

4. Annual Exit Interview Summary, July 2025 – June 2026:

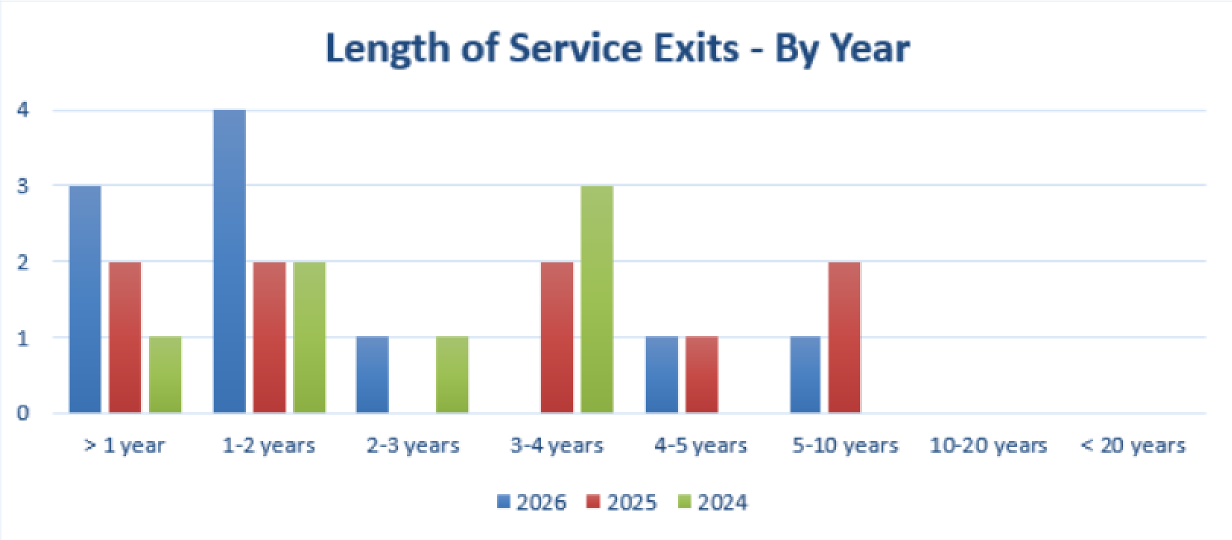
4.1 All permanent and fixed term employees leaving RDC are invited to participate in an exit interview. Exit interviews provide insights on the persons experience during their time at RDC along with trends on primary reasons for leaving. Reporting is undertaken annually (July to June). A summary of exit data for July 2025 - June 2026 is provided below.

4.2 Summary:

- There were 10 exits during this period, compared to 18 exits for the same period in 2025, and 16 in 2024.
- Two exit interviews were completed.

4.3 Length of service:

- The highest number of exits (4) occurred between one to two years' service, and (3) with less than 1 years' service.
- There was 1 exit each for two to three, four to five and five to ten years of service.



4.4 Trends:

- While it is difficult to assess trends due to low numbers, the most reported highlights were the variety of the work involved at RDC and the relationships with their team.
- The most common reasons for leaving were (1) relocation to another area and (1) career development opportunity.

Feedback gained from exit interviews is incorporated into continuous improvement initiatives.

5. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Dashboard

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

5.2 This dashboard highlights the consistent five star driver rating over the last five months. In June over 71% of our drivers recorded received five stars.

5.3 Also of note, our reporting has steadily increased, reflecting greater reporting. Last year only 69 Events, Hazards & Near Misses were recorded.

6. Submissions

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

6.2 Consultations submitted on:

6.2.1 Form 5A in Schedule 5 in Rule 1 for the Emergency Management Bill forms for Declarations for states of emergency and transition periods (26 June 2026).

6.2.2 Commerce Commission consultation - Information Disclosure for Water Services – Minor Amendments (3 July 2026).

6.3 Consultations for submission

6.3.1 A submission is being finalised to the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport's draft guideline to Regulations for groups of activities for councils' planning and reporting and to the New Zealand Transport Agency's targeted speed limit review in the Horizons region.

6.4 The submissions will be available on Council's website. https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/publications/submissions-made-to-other-organisations

7. Central Districts Water Update (CDW)

7.1 This regular update provides progress on work on LWDW.

1.7 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

7.2 Progress on Phase 1 includes:

7.2.1 Central Districts Water (CDW) Chief Executive appointed (Chris Dyhrberg). Starts 3 August 2026. CDW organisational structure to be confirmed.

7.2.2 CDW Board meeting monthly - public meeting records are available on the CDW website here: https://www.centraldistrictswater.co.nz/Meetings

7.2.3 Transfer of debt principles and deed of support for CDW approved by Councils.

7.2.4 Establishment planning by the CDW establishment team workplans (per work stream) internal reporting is in place. Customer and digital strategy has been approved by CDW Board.

7.2.5 Monthly establishment workshops to consolidate and integrate workstream progress (held 21 July; next one 17 August).

7.2.6 Shareholders Committee (SC) meetings Statement of Expectations (SoE) in process of being finalised (to receive feedback from CDW). Reminder – the SoE will inform the Water Service Strategy required of and by CDW.

7.2.7 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for CDW with Nga Tapuwae o Hau being worked on.

7.2.8 Water Service Strategy (WSS) work started, led by Helen Churton for CDW.

7.2.9 Transition Manager follow up with Taumata Arowai – the Water Services Authority; initiated in respect of RDC and Rural Water Schemes (RWS). Workshop with Council and RWS Chairs scheduled for 30 July.

7.2.10 Populating of Transfer Agreement (TA) schedules under way by council officers. To be completed in draft by end of August.

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

7.3 Key tasks:

7.3.1 CDW Board appointments to be confirmed. *Complete*

7.3.2 WS-CCO Establishment CEO – to be appointed by mid 2026. *Complete*

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

7.3.4 The planned transfer date *is 1 July 2027*.

8. Approval to appoint one or more independent hearings commissioners for Proposed Plan Change 3 and delegate appropriate functions to them

8.1 Context:

8.1.1 Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth (PPC3) was publicly notified on 12 March 2026. Submissions closed on 13 April 2026, and Council received 36 submissions (including a late submission).

8.1.2 In accordance with clause 7, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), Council publicly notified submissions to PPC3 and the summary of decisions requested by submitters on 28 May 2026. An addendum to the summary of decisions requested by submitters was publicly notified on 11 June 2026 as a submission (submission 37) was omitted from the original summary.

8.1.3 The further submissions period for submissions 1-36 closed on 12 June 2026. Further submissions for submission 37 closed on 25 June 2026. A total of 5 further submissions were received.

8.2 Requirement to hold a hearing and the need to appoint one or more commissioners:

8.2.1 The next step in the statutory process for PPC3 is to hold a hearing in accordance with clause 8B of Schedule 1 of the RMA. A hearing date is yet to be confirmed but is being planned for late 2026.

8.2.2 None of Rangitīkei District Council's elected members are currently accredited as hearings commissioners, and therefore, Council will need to appoint one or more independent commissioners to hear the submissions and further submissions on the plan change.

8.2.3 The role of a hearings commissioner (or panel of commissioners) is to consider all submissions received, hear the evidence of those submitters who wish to be heard, and make recommendations or decisions (depending on the delegation given to the commissioner/s).

8.2.4 At this stage officers are unclear whether one independent commissioner should be appointed or whether more will be required. The submissions are of a nature that one commissioner may be appropriate. However, in accordance with s34A(1A) of the RMA, Council must consult with relevant iwi authorities on whether it is appropriate to appoint a commissioner with an understanding of tikanga Māori and of the perspectives of local iwi or hapū. Officers will undertake this consultation shortly.

8.2.5 If it is considered preferrable that Council appoints a commissioner with an understanding of tikanga Māori and of the perspectives of local iwi or hapū then it is recommended that Council appoint a panel of up to three (3) independent commissioners.

8.2.6 It is best practice to have an uneven number of commissioners in case there are differences of opinion which can lead to a hung decision unless the chair has a casting vote.

8.2.7 Refer to recommendation 2.

8.3 Delegation of functions to a hearings commissioner (or panel of commissioners):

8.3.1 In accordance with section 34A(1) of the RMA, Council can delegate its functions, powers, and duties to one or more hearings commissioners to consider, hear, deliberate and either make recommendations or decisions on submissions to a plan change.

8.3.2 If Council decides to delegate the functions to 'hear, deliberate and recommend', then the hearings commissioner (or panel of commissioners) will only make recommendations and ultimately Council will make the decision on submissions. However, it should be noted that Council in making its decision on the plan change submissions cannot deviate from the hearings commissioner's (or panel's) recommendations as it did not hear all the evidence itself. Instead, Council would have to refer matters back to the hearings commissioner (or panel) for further recommendations. This option could lead to unnecessary delay and procedural inefficiencies.

8.3.3 Delegating the authority to the hearings commissioner (or panel) to make decisions on submissions will help to streamline the planning process. Accredited commissioners will have the necessary skills and experience to make such decisions. The power to give final approval to the plan change, pursuant to clause 17(1) of Schedule 1 of the RMA, once the submissions and any subsequent appeals are addressed, will remain with the Council. This power cannot be delegated.

8.3.4 It is officers' recommendation that Council delegates to the hearings commissioner (or panel of commissioners) all powers, duties and functions under the RMA to consider, hear, deliberate and decide on all submissions and further submissions received on PPC3.

8.3.5 Refer to recommendation 3.

9. Fees and Charges

9.1 Water Charges – Urban Areas

9.1.1 During the update of the Fees and Charges 2026/27; Water Charges – Urban Areas, the Taihape untreated water charge per m³ was omitted. It is recommended that the charge be reinstated in the Fees and Charges 2026/27, increased by 2.6% from the previous financial year and rounded to the nearest cent.

9.1.2 Taihape untreated water: $1.88 per m³ (previously $1.83 per m³).

9.1.3 Refer to recommendation 4.

10. Financial Implications

10.1 The cost of holding a hearing for Proposed Plan Change 3 is covered within existing budgets.

10.2 Including the water charge for Taihape untreated water ensures Council can apply this charge.

10.3 There are no other identified financial implications associated with this report.

11. Impact on Strategic Risks

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

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

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

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

12. Strategic Alignment

12.1 Proposed Plan Change 3 – this work programme has strong strategic alignment to all of Councils community outcomes, and the strategic priority of facilitating growth.

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

13. Mana Whenua Implications

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

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

13.3 In accordance with s34A(1A) of the RMA, Council must consult with relevant iwi authorities on whether it is appropriate to appoint a commissioner with an understanding of tikanga Māori and of the perspectives of local iwi or hapū to hear submissions on Proposed Plan Change 3. Officers will undertake this consultation shortly.

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

14. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

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

15. Statutory Implications

15.1 Local Water Done Well is a requirement under the Local Government (Water Services) Bill, and the regular update is provided to keep Council informed.

15.2 Proposed Plan Change 3 is following the process set out in the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.

15.3 There are no other statutory implications associated with this report.

16. Decision Making Process

16.1 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 and Wellbeing Dashboard - June 2026**
2. **Current and Upcoming Submissions - July 2026**

Recommendation 1

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

Recommendation 2

That Council approves that either a sole independent commissioner or up to three (3) independent commissioners be appointed to the Hearing Panel for Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth and delegates the Chief Executive and Mayor to determine those appointments.

Recommendation 3

That Council delegates to the independent hearings commissioner or hearings panel all necessary powers, duties and functions under the Resource Management Act 1991 to consider, hear, deliberate and decide on all submissions and further submissions received on Proposed Plan Change 3 to the Operative Rangitīkei District Plan.

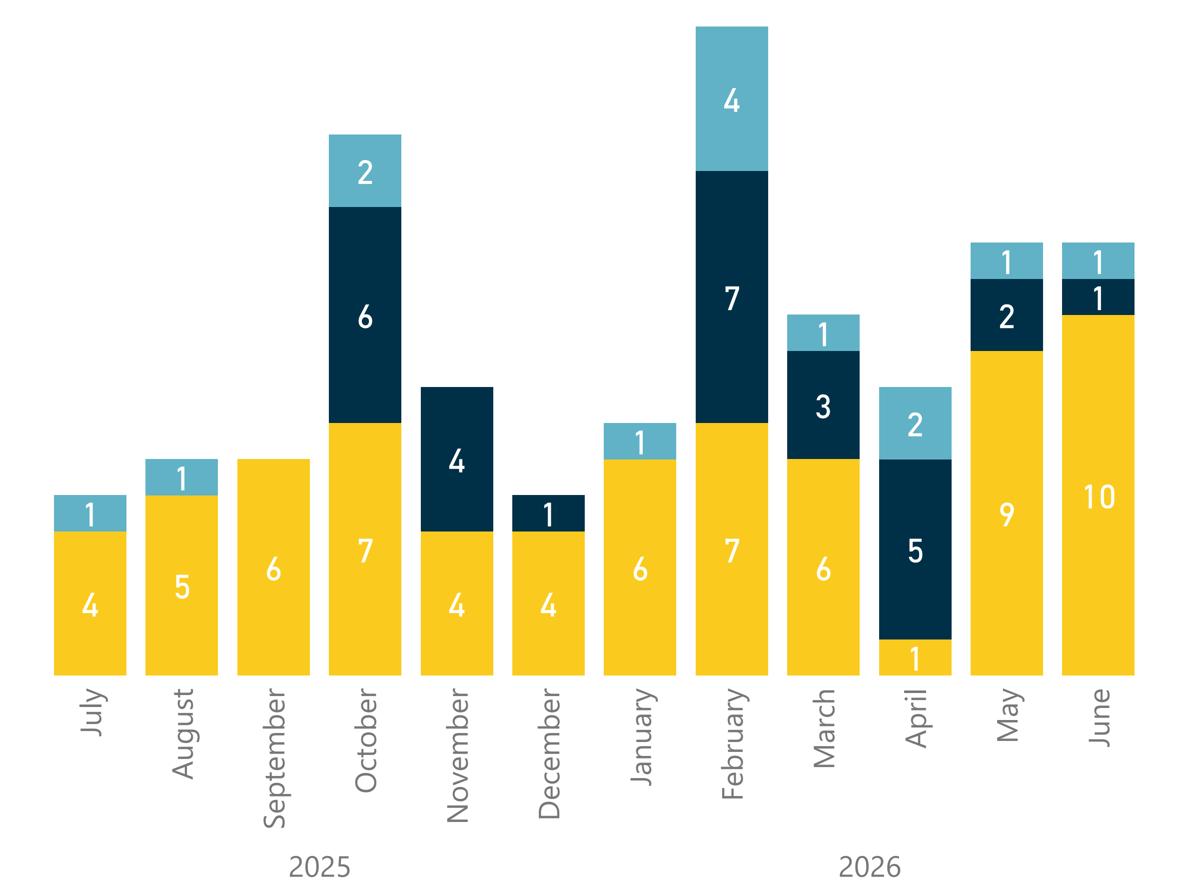
Recommendation 4

That Council approves the reinstatement of the Taihape untreated water charge of \$1.88 per m^3 in Council's Fees and Charges 2026/27.

RDC Health and Safety Dashboard June 2026

Events, Hazards and Near Misses

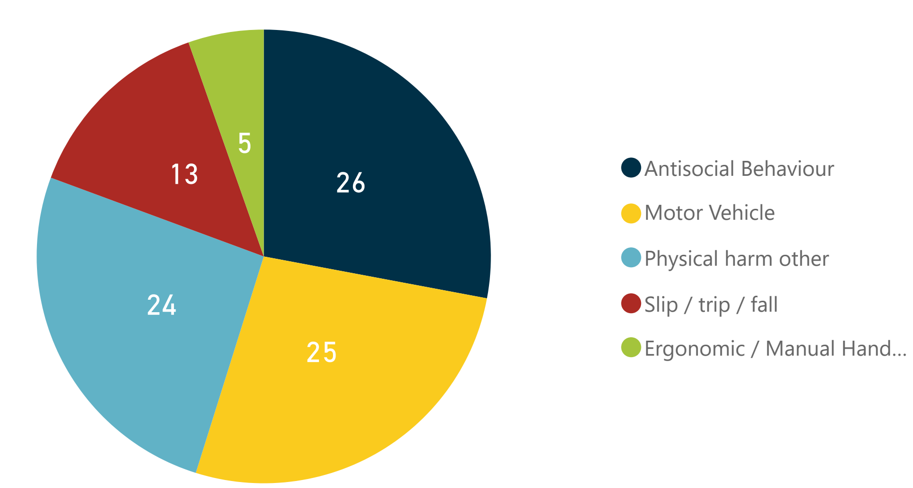
01 July 2025 to date



Category

Events, Hazards and Near Misses

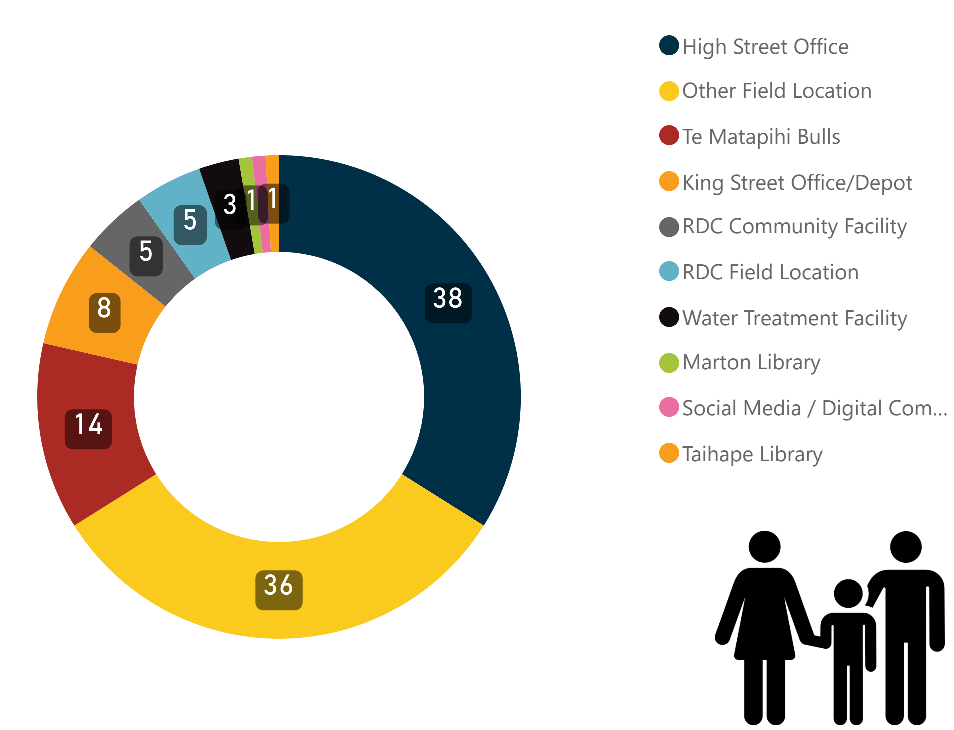
01 July 2025 to date (Top 5 Categories)



Total Events, Hazards and Near Misses: **112**

Location

Events, Hazards and Near Misses



WorkSafe Notifications

Notifiable Incidents

Month	YTD
0	1

Notifiable Injuries / Illnesses

Month	YTD
0	0

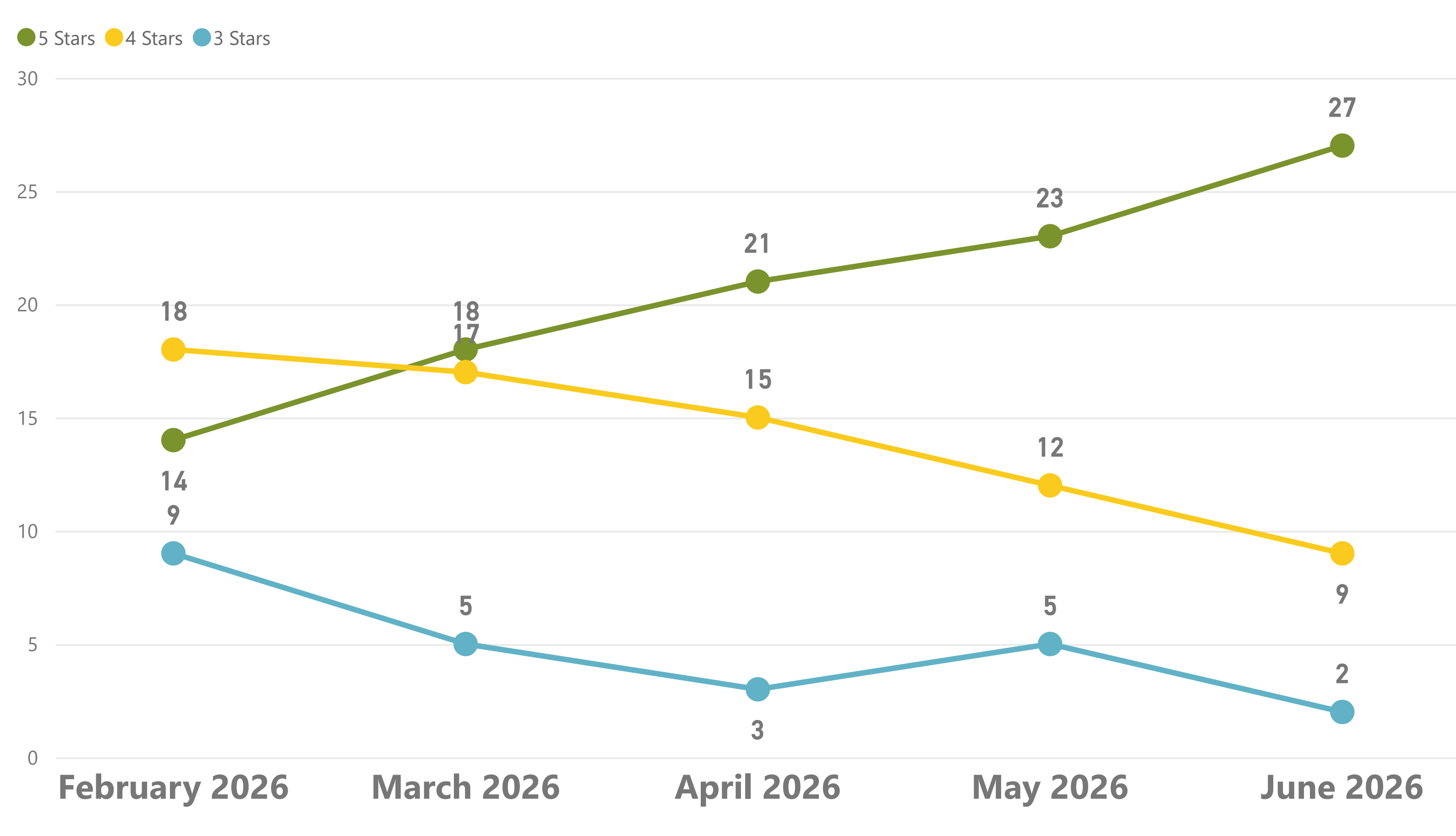
Contractor Notifications

Month	YTD
0	1

Average Driver Ratings

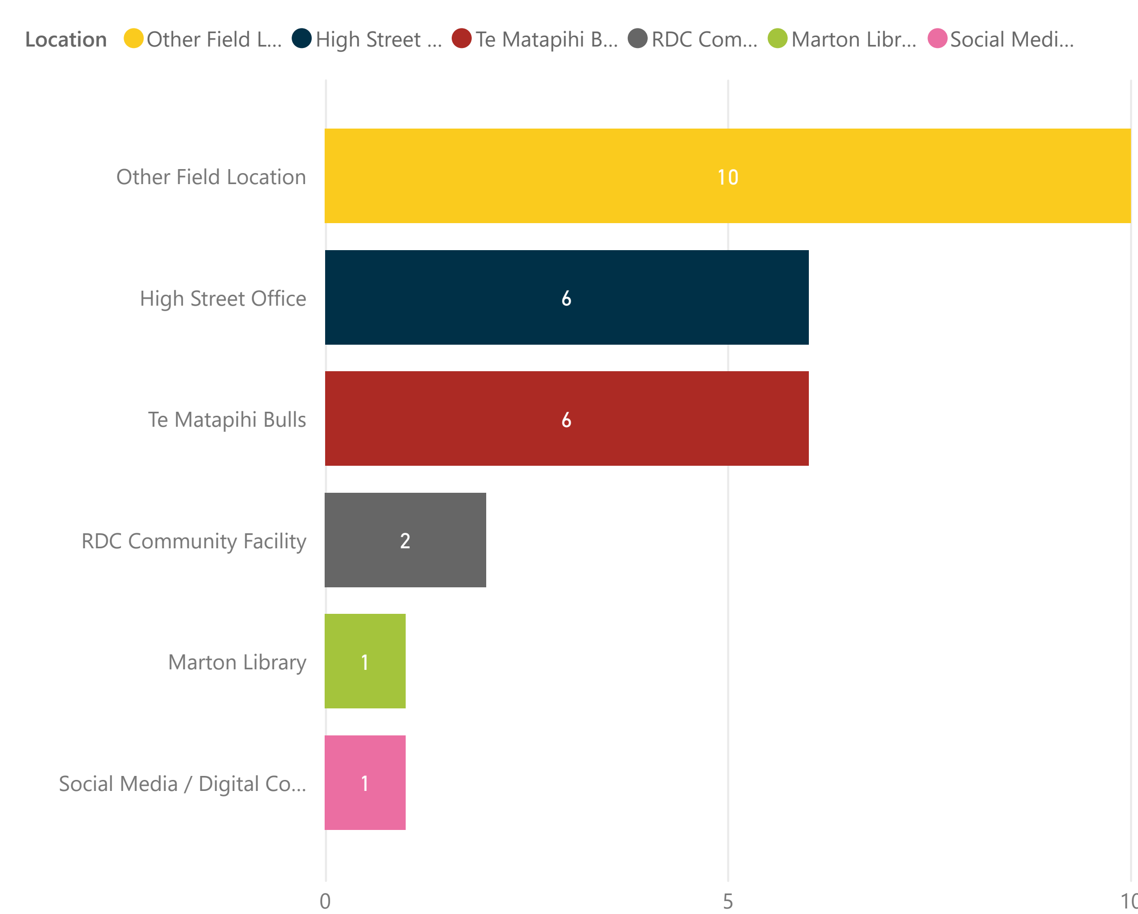
Ratings from E-Road Dashboard (Overspeed / Harsh Braking & Harsh Acceleration Events)

72% **Completed Driver Safety Training**



Antisocial Behaviour - per location

Year to date



Current and Upcoming Consultations

Name of Initiative	Agency Engaging	Due Date	Description	Proposed RDC Action
Currently Open for Submissions				
Consultation On Third Round Of Acts Proposed For Repeal	Parliamentary Council Office	30 July	This is the third round of Acts that have been reviewed as part of the PCO's Legislation Repeals Project and assessed as redundant, spent, or otherwise no longer required.	None
Consultation on the employment dispute system	Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment	31 July	The Ministry is looking for people's experiences with employment disputes and the disputes resolution system, including how disputes happen and get resolved, and what is or isn't working in the employment relations settings for disputes and the government-provided dispute resolution system.	None
Regulations for groups of activities for councils' planning and reporting	Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions & Transport	31 July	Proposal is for eight standard groups of activities for all councils (excludes three waters): adaptation and emergency management; community and recreational facilities; governance, planning and reporting; parks and reserves; public regulatory services; roading and transport; waste management and minimisation; and other	Submit
Proposed changes to modernise NZTA services	NZTA Waka Kotahi	12 August	NZTA is seeking feedback on feedback on proposed changes to modernise NZTA services so more services can be delivered online or flexibly by: allowing people to use a secure digital driver licence on their mobile device; making driver licensing services simpler, faster, and more available online; removing the need to display some physical licences and vehicle labels where compliance can be checked electronically.	None

Land Valuation Proceedings Amendment	Parliamentary Counsel Office	14 August	Key amendments include: establishing a single land valuation tribunal to replace the many land valuation tribunals throughout New Zealand, providing for a panel from which people will be assigned to a sitting of the tribunal or the High Court, and further changes for clarification.	None
Resilience principles for investment decision-making	Commerce Commission	14 August	The principles being developed are those that would need to be considered when developing businesses cases, and for the Commission when evaluating resilience initiatives.	None
Corruption Risk Assessment Tool	Serious Fraud Office	14 August	The Counter Fraud Centre at the Serious Fraud Office is developing a Corruption Risk Assessment Tool to support agencies, and potentially other entities, to proactively identify and assess insider threat risks presented by the nature and function of their organisations and provide guidance and education to support the mitigation of those risks.	None
Manawatū-Whanganui region speed reviews	NZTA Waka Kotahi	19 August	Four speed limit changes are proposed to improve safety. Two of the four speed limit changes are proposed for State Highway 1, south of Taihape.	Submit
Environmental Reporting Amendment Bill	Parliament Select Committee	20 August	The amendments would restate the purpose of the Act to clarify its intended use and outcomes of reporting, reduce the frequency of synthesis reports, strengthen the mechanisms for data collection and set data collection standards, and add drivers and outlooks as required components of environmental reports.	None
DZ NZS 3604 Timber-framed buildings	Standards New Zealand	25 August	Proposed changes include: new and updated framing solutions for three-storey construction, improved guidance on thermal performance, updated foundation solutions for moderately expansive soils and liquefaction-prone sites, clarification of requirements for stairwell framing and isolated internal masonry walls, and rationalisation of timber sizes and grades to align with materials commonly available.	None

Capital markets reform	Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment	25 August	MBIE is seeking views on what the Government's priorities for change should be, where New Zealand should aim to position itself in the global competition for capital, and what steps are needed to respond to digital and AI-related innovation in financial products and markets.	None
Building Amendment Bill	Parliament Select Committee	15 November	Amends address inefficiencies in the building system that increase costs, delay delivery, and constrain performance, including through the clearer allocation of roles, responsibilities, and risk.	None

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Simplifying Local Government - Head Start Pathway

Author: Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

1.1 To provide an overview of work completed following the Government's announcement of the Head Start pathway to support a Council decision on whether to submit an outline proposal by the 9 August 2026 deadline.

2. Background

2.1 Reform of local government has been on the Central Government agenda for many years. In 2021 the then Minister of Local Government established a review into the future for local government. The final report was released in 2023.

2.2 In November 2025 the current Government consulted on its proposal to 'simplify local government'. A two-step process was proposed where Combined Territory Boards would replace regional councillors to govern regional council functions. The Combined Territory Boards would be made up of the mayors from the region (and possibly crown commissioners). The second step of the process was for the Combined Territory Boards to develop a Regional Reorganisation Plan over a two year period. The purpose of the plan would be to identify how the councils in the region could work together more effectively and efficiently.

2.3 On 5 May 2026 the Government announced the Head Start pathway for structural reform. This process enables councils that are ready to develop and progress reorganisation proposals, to submit an 'outline proposal' by 9 August 2026.

2.4 To be eligible to submit a proposal there must be two or more territorial authorities part of the proposal and the proposal must be for a unitary council (delivering both regional and territorial functions). Proposals do not require all councils included in the proposal to be in support, as long as there is a majority of councils, or majority of the population in the council areas in support. Sub-regional proposals will be considered, but they need to show that the proposal will make sense for the wider region.

2.5 As part of that announcement the Government outlined that councils that were not part of the Head Start process would be included in a mandatory 'Back Stop' process. Regional councillors will hold office only until October 2028. Councils in the Head Start process are intended to have their new representation structure implemented at the 2028 local government election, while there is currently no certainty for other councils. Early comments from the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform suggested that this process was an opportunity for councils to either lead reform or it would be done to them.

2.6 The timeline for the Head Start pathway is as follows:

- May 2026: Head Start opens

- 9 August 2026: Outline proposals due
- September 2026: Cabinet agrees to proposals in principle
- March 2027: Final proposals submitted
- March 2027: Government announcements on Back Stop process
- May 2027: Cabinet confirms final proposals
- Q3/Q4 2027: Legislation introduced to give effect to Head Start proposals
- Q1 2028: Legislation enacted
- May 2028: Implementation begins
- October 2028: Back Stop begins

2.7 The Government has outlined that Head Start proposals will be assessed against five criteria:

- *Deliverability:* Proposals are realistic and demonstrate how new arrangements can be implemented in a timely manner.
- *Supports the new planning system:* Shows clear support for implementing the new planning system – including progress on spatial and natural environment plan development – and avoids or minimises disruption to that work.
- *Simplifies local governance:* Proposes more efficient regional governance arrangements, consolidating decision-making and improving alignment between a region's councils.
- *Economies of scale:* Supports regional strategic planning and effective delivery of key regional functions (such as transport and catchment management), and demonstrates responsible and affordable asset management, infrastructure investment and service delivery.
- *Maintains local voice:* Demonstrates fair and effective representation for communities of interest and how decisions will be made at the local level, balancing urban and rural interests.

2.8 There is limited detail available on the Back Stop process, with the Government noting that the Back Stop process would be announced in May 2027 to allow time for learnings from the Head Start process to be incorporated. At this stage announcements include:

2.8.1 The Back Stop process is likely to be similar to the Combined Territories Board approach.

2.8.2 The Back Stop process will be compulsory.

2.8.3 Legislation to establish backstop arrangements will be in place prior to the 2028 local government elections.

2.8.4 Regional councillors will not be elected at the 2028 local elections.

3. Regional collaboration

3.1 Following the announcement in May, the Mayors and Chief Executives within the Horizons (Manawatū-Whanganui) Region have been meeting to discuss potential for reorganisation.

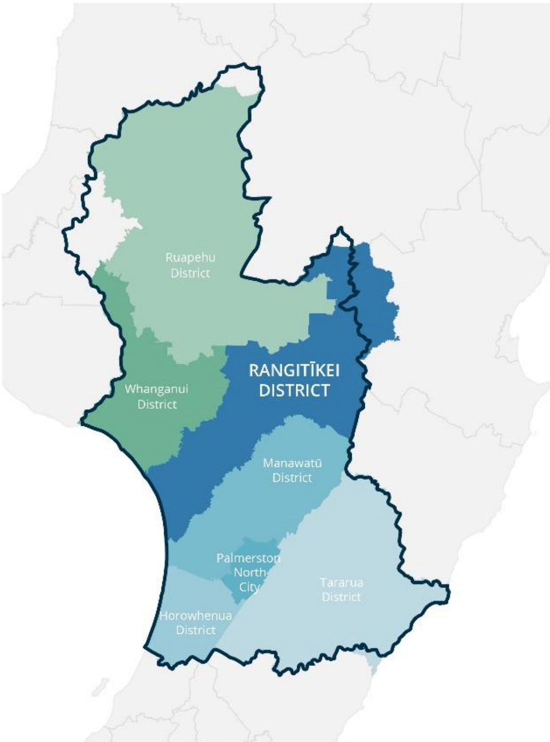
3.2 The Horizons Region includes

- Rangitīkei District Council
- Ruapehu District Council
- Whanganui District Council
- Manawatū District Council
- Tararua District Council
- Horowhenua District Council
- Palmerston North City Council
- Small portions of Taupō, Waitomo and Stratford District councils

3.3 A small portion of the north-east of the Rangitīkei District is located in the Hawke's Bay region (approximately 20 people).

3.4 The number of councils in the region, the large area the region covers, the diversity of communities and cross region connections makes consideration of reorganisation options and proposals complex. The Rangitīkei District's location in the middle of the region, provides a wide range of reorganisation options.

3.5 Map of the Horizons Region and the territorial authorities that make up the region.



3.6 There is a willingness across the region to work together on options for shared services and reorganisation proposals. Councils in the region have been working on developing a letter of intent and Memorandum of Understanding to send to the Government.

3.7 Manawatū has already made its decision to not enter into the Head Start process. The other councils in the region are making decisions from 29 July to 5 August 2026.

ITEM 10.1

4. Technical analysis

4.1 Horizons Regional Council have provided two sets of information to support council decision making on reorganisation. This information is available on their website - Simplifying Local Government | Horizons Regional Council

4.1.1 District information packages – break down regional council functions district-by-district, helping to explain what activities are delivered, how they are paid for, and important points to consider about each activity in the context of local government reform.

4.1.2 Horizons Unitary Council report – provides a shared picture of what a Horizons Unitary Council could look like and provides an assessment of this option against the Government's five assessment criteria (refer to section 2.7 above).

4.2 Council commissioned Morrison Low Advisory to prepare an analysis based on the best available information of seven reorganisation options for this district.

- Option 1: Horizons Region
- Option 2: West (Rangitīkei, Whanganui, Ruapehu)
- Option 3: Rural tight (Rangitīkei, Manawatū)
- Option 4: Rural wider (Rangitīkei, Manawatū, Ruapehu, Horowhenua, Tararua)
- Option 5: East (Rangitīkei, Manawatū, Palmerston North, Tararua, Horowhenua)
- Option 6: Central Districts Water + MDC (Rangitīkei, Manawatū, Palmerston North, Horowhenua)
- Option 7: West +MDC (Rangitīkei, Whanganui, Ruapehu, Manawatū).

4.3 This report is provided (under separate cover). The outcome of this analysis shows that there are advantages and disadvantages of every option. None of the options meet all of the Government's criteria or Council's strategic framework.

5. Community engagement

5.1 Council undertook community engagement on the Head Start pathway from 1 June 2026 through to 22 June 2026.

5.2 Approximately 130 people attended public meetings held across the district in Hunterville, Rātana, Taihape, Turakina, Scott's Ferry, Marton, Bulls, Koitiata. An online event was also held.

5.3 A survey was used to generate feedback, with 333 people responding to the survey (approximately 2% of the Rangitīkei population).

5.4 The following questions were asked:

- Q1. Where do you live?
- Q2. Which town(s) or area(s) do you most commonly travel to for shopping, healthcare, schooling and other regular services?
- Q3. Should Council put together a proposal for amalgamation?
  - Yes
  - No
  - Other

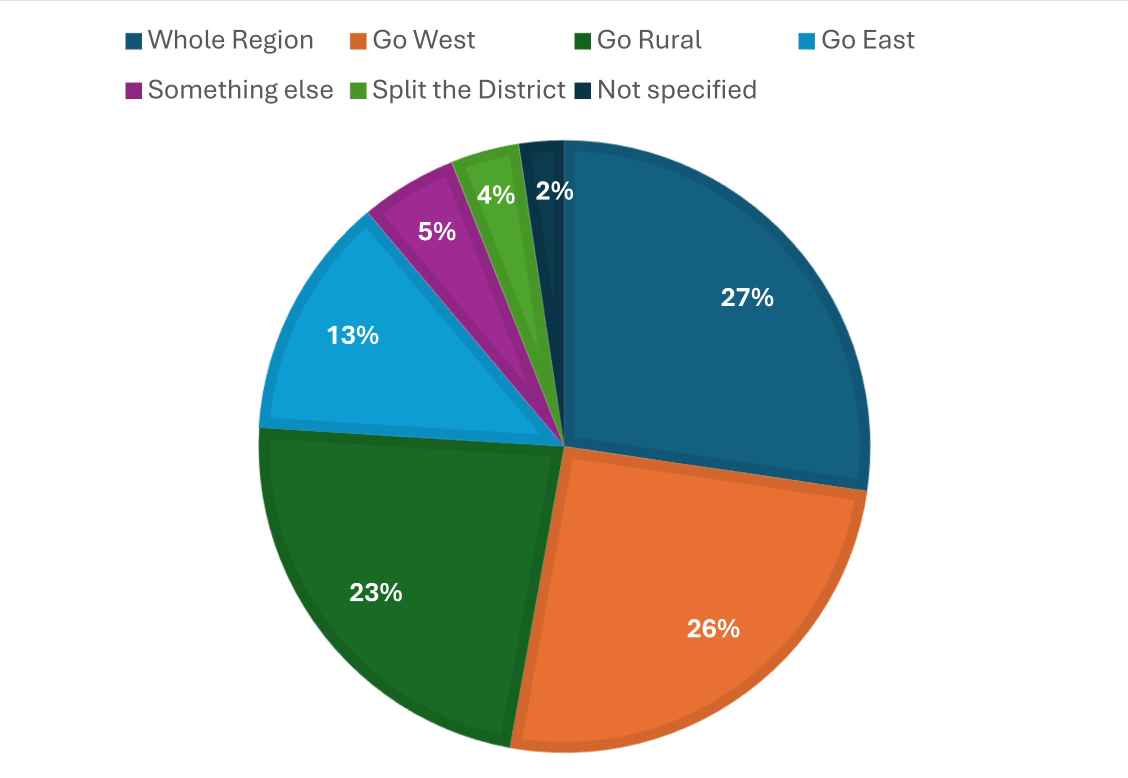
- Q4. When thinking about the possibility of amalgamation, what are your biggest concerns?
- Q5. If we were to amalgamate who should we work with? – *all councils in the region, Go East, Go West, Go Rural, Split the district or something else.*
- Q6. What level of local representation matters to you? – *town/local area, ward, whole of Rangitīkei, larger sub-region, not sure.*

5.5 Of the 333 respondents, 125 live in Marton (town), 27 in Bulls (town), 46 in Taihape (town), and 33 in Koitiata. The remaining respondents were distributed throughout the district.

5.6 Top communities of interest were identified by respondents as Whanganui (175), followed by Marton (139), Palmerston North (127), and Feilding (84).

5.7 The majority of the population support Council putting together a Head Start proposal (84%). The comments indicate that respondents are not necessarily supportive of amalgamation but rather that they wanted to be able to have a say in the reorganisation of local government if it is to occur rather than the Government deciding for us.

5.8 There were mixed views on who Council should work with (figure below), with split results between whole region (27%), Go West (26%), Go Rural (23%) and Go East (13%).



5.9 In response to Q6 on preferred level of representation, town/local level of representation was the most common answer, with 50% of respondents selecting this response. This was followed by ward level and whole district (19% each).

5.10 Detailed results are available on Council's website –

- [News: Jul 2026 - Rangitīkei at the Table – we asked, this is what you told us.: Rangitikei District Council]
- [Rangitikei-at-the-Table-presentation.pdf]

6. Mana whenua feedback

6.1 Council received feedback on reorganisation from Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa, Kauangaroa Marae, Te Rōpū Ahi Kā, Ngā Ariki and Mokai Patea.

6.2 Key themes included:

6.2.1 Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and Kauangaroa Marae considered a connection west would be the most appropriate, due to strong existing connections in that direction.

6.2.2 Requests to slow down engaging in the process to allow sufficient time to consider the implications of reorganisation and develop an evidence base.

6.2.3 Concern about loss of iwi voice in local government processes, noting the strong connections with iwi and Rangitīkei District Council.

7. Options

7.1 Option 1: Put in a proposal to the Head Start Process

7.1.1 For Option 1, Council would direct officers to engage with specific councils to work on developing a Head Start proposal. This option is reliant on other councils putting in a head start proposal and agreeing for Rangitīkei District Council to be part of that proposal.

7.1.2 Advantages

- This option gives Council the most control over which reorganisation proposal Council wishes to be part of.
- Provides some certainty about a way forward and allows Council to start working with partnering councils to prepare for amalgamation (noting the proposal would be subject to approval from the Government).

7.1.3 Disadvantages

- There is very little time to develop a Head Start proposal.
- Reliant on other councils being willing to put in a joint proposal.
- Requires clear direction on which councils the Rangitīkei District Council wishes to partner with.
- There is incomplete information on the advantages/disadvantages of different reorganisation proposals.

7.2 Option 2: Continue proactive work with councils in the Horizons Region

7.2.1 With Option 2, Council would continue to work proactively with councils in the Horizons Region in discussing and assessing potential options for amalgamation or shared service delivery.

7.2.2 Council would submit a letter of intent to the Minister of Local Government and/or the Ministry of Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport, outlining Council's intent to explore opportunities that would align with the intent of the Simplifying Local Government programme of works.

7.2.3 Advantages

- Provides more time to develop a proposal, including developing a greater understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of different options. This includes the ability to develop greater detail for a proposal that addresses the aspirations of the community and iwi/hapū.

- Gives Council more time to engage with the community on potential options as they are developed.
- Enables Council to take on board learns from councils in the Head Start pathway as they progress through the process.

7.2.4 Disadvantages

- Council will be put into the Back Stop process, and the Government could decide an outcome for reorganisation without much input from Council.
- Another grouping may put Rangitīkei in their proposal and/or other councils in the region may be put in proposals that they have not agreed to, creating uncertainty for how amalgamation will unfold for the councils in the region.

7.3 Option 3: Pause all work on amalgamation

7.3.1 Option 3 would halt all work on potential amalgamation options and wait for the Government to make further announcements on the Back Stop process.

7.3.2 Advantages

- No further resources will be required to input into this work and officers will be able to focus time into other work.

7.3.3 Disadvantages

- The Government may decide which councils that Rangitīkei will amalgamate with, leaving little room for local input.
- Other councils in the region will likely continue exploring amalgamation or shared service opportunities and it is prudent that Council engage in these conversations.
- This option provides the least control over reorganisation options.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 Engaging to date in exploring whether to put forward a Head Start proposal has created costs to gain initial technical assessment of options and to undertake unplanned community engagement.

8.2 Continuing to engage in regional discussions may create additional unplanned costs.

9. Impact on Strategic Risks

9.1 The following strategic risks are relevant:

9.1.1 Failure to honour the commitments of Te Tiriti o Waitangi

- Council has engaged with mana whenua through a variety of methods which has been well received. However, there is concern that the local government reorganisation could have a negative impact on the relationship between iwi/hapū and local government. Positive feedback has been received on the relationship Rangitīkei District Council holds with iwi/hapū in the district and the diminishing of this relationship is a concern for mana whenua.

9.1.2 Trust and confidence is tarnished

- Council has mitigated this risk by undertaking community engagement and providing a high level of transparency around the process.

9.1.3 Legal and political environment requires excessive resources

- Responding to the Head Start pathway announcement has required unanticipated internal resourcing and the need to engage external expertise.

9.1.4 Changes to government legislation are transformational

- The Head Start pathway would be highly transformational, as proposals require the development of unitary councils. The Back Stop process will also be transformational. For councils entering the Head Start pathway the timeframe for amalgamation is tight. Whereas the Back Stop allows for more time to understand options and to implement an amalgamation, however, there is uncertainty around how much say Council will have in this process.

10. Strategic Alignment

10.1 Council's strategic framework includes the four wellbeings (Environmental, Social, Economic and Cultural), partnership with iwi and Council's strategic priorities. Council's strategic framework was used to inform the assessment of options undertaken by Morrison Low Advisory. Different options provide stronger alignment with different elements of the strategic framework.

10.2 If Council decides to enter the Head Start pathway, then the strategic framework is a tool to help Council decide which councils to partner with, and what to advocate for in developing a proposal with those councils.

10.3 If Council decides not to enter the Head Start pathway, then the strategic framework can be considered and provided for as Council continues to explore options for amalgamation and/or shared service delivery.

11. Mana Whenua Implications

11.1 Feedback received from mana whenua has been outlined in the report above. Structural reform of local government will have an impact on mana whenua. These impacts could occur across a range of layers – representation at the Council level (Māori wards, committees of council), and relationships that have been built with our organisation.

12. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

12.1 There are no direct climate change impacts that require consideration as part of this decision.

13. Statutory Implications

13.1 The decision making provisions in the Local Government Act 2002 are relevant. These are discussed below.

13.2 The Head Start pathway is an initiative established by the Government as part of its Simplifying Local Government reform programme. Participation in the Head Start pathway is voluntary and there is no legislative requirement for councils to submit an outline proposal.

13.3 The Government anticipates developing and implementing legislation to support the Head Start and Back Stop proposals in 2027. Officers note that this creates uncertainty for Council going forward.

14. Conclusion

14.1 The following has been undertaken since the Head Start announcement on 5 May 2026:

14.1.1 Community engagement

14.1.2 Iwi/hapū engagement

14.1.3 Technical analysis

14.1.4 Regional collaboration discussions

14.2 This information will inform Council's decision on whether to seek to submit a proposal into the Head Start process, submit a letter of intent and continue work with other councils in the region outside of the Head Start process, or to pause work and wait for further information on the Back Stop process.

15. Decision Making Process

15.1 Council is required to follow decision making requirements in the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) and its own Significance and Engagement Policy.

15.2 Officers consider this to be a significant decision under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. Council's decision on whether to submit a Head Start proposal or enter the Back Stop process triggers the following criteria when assessed against Council's Significance and Engagement Policy:

- Community impact/interest: assessed as 'high'
- Impact on Māori cultural values: assessed as 'high'
- Impact on future interests of the community and district: assessed as 'high'
- Level of financial consequences of the proposal or decision: assessed as 'high'

15.3 Council engaged with the public following the Government's announcement on 5 May 2026. This engagement was done in line with its Significance and Engagement Policy and with section 82 of the LGA, and the feedback provided should be carefully considered in Council's decision-making.

Attachments:

1. Morrison Low Advisory Report - Head Start Options (under separate cover)

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Recommendation 1

That the report Simplifying Local Government - Head Start Pathway be received.

Recommendation 2

That Council submits/ does not submit [delete one] an outline proposal under the Government's Head Start pathway for local government reform.

Recommendation 3 [if required]

That Council authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive to continue exploring local government reform models outside the Head Start pathway that seek to achieve the Government's objectives while retaining local representation, local decision-making and local accountability, including working collaboratively with other councils where appropriate.

Recommendation 4 [if required]

That Council authorises His Worship the Mayor to communicate Council's position to the Minister of Local Government and the Ministry of Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport - outlining Council's willingness to take an active role in Local Government reform and intent to work collaboratively with other councils (as required).

Recommendation 5 [if required]

Authorises His Worship the Mayor to finalise and sign a joint letter and/or memorandum of understanding with other councils in the Manawatū-Whanganui region to the Minister of Local Government, noting Council's willingness to take an active role in local government reform and intent to work collaboratively with other councils.

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11 Reports for Information

11.1 Finance Snapshot - June 2026

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Authoriser: **Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager - Corporate Services**

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Councillors with the management accounts and related commentary as at 30 June 2026, for both the operational and capital activities against the 2025/26 Revised Budget.

1.2 While we have every confidence in our numbers and reporting, officers acknowledge that our end of year figures are subject to Audit NZ audit, scheduled to take place in October 2026. Also noting that the final annual accounts will include the effects of asset revaluations for land and buildings which should not significantly impact the operating result as shown in this report.

2. Whole of Council Financial Performance

2.1 The attached Finance Snapshot – June 2026 report highlights budget variances that are best considered 'at Group level'.

2.2 As at 30 June 2026, the overall deficit is $1.1m greater than budget. Total Operating Revenue is behind budget by $1.94m, and overall operating expenditure is under budget by $0.85m.

2.3 The month of June saw a significant ramp up in expenditure in some area. In addition, the planned private funding contribution for the Marton pool was not received in June, as budgeted. Both movements explain the shift from a year-to-date surplus position as reported up to May 2026, to the end of June resulting in a deficit position. The private funding is a timing issue only and is now expected to be received in 2026/27 instead.

2.4 Included in this month's financial result under Water, Sewerage and Stormwater is a line called Marton Water Strategy Write-down. As discussed in May, this line is included below the Operating (Surplus)/deficit consistent with how this line should be treated in the 2025/26 Annual Accounts.

2.5 The attached Finance Snapshot – June 2026 Report provide commentary on operational budget variances typically more than $100k. Council will be able to see where the revenue and costs differ to budget through the activity detail.

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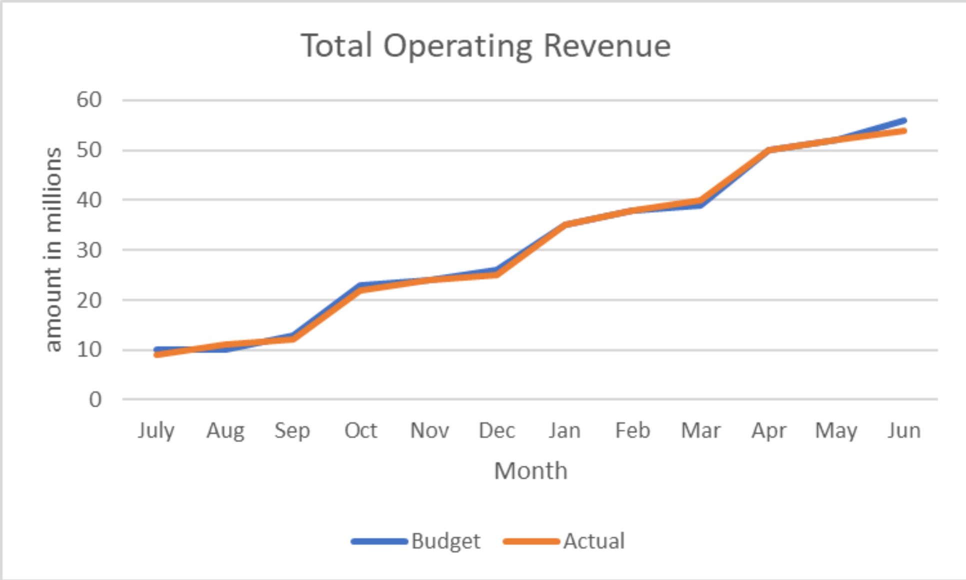
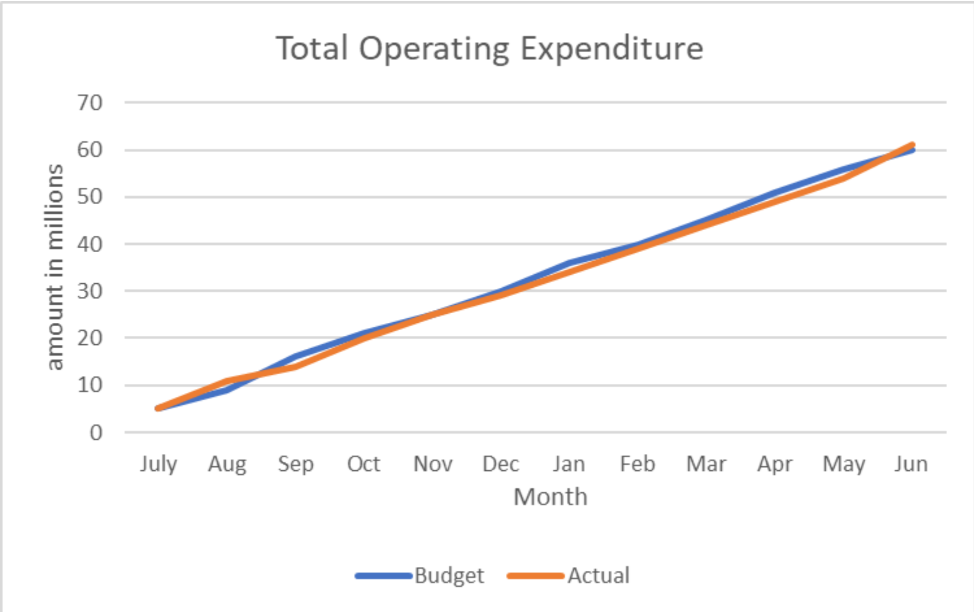
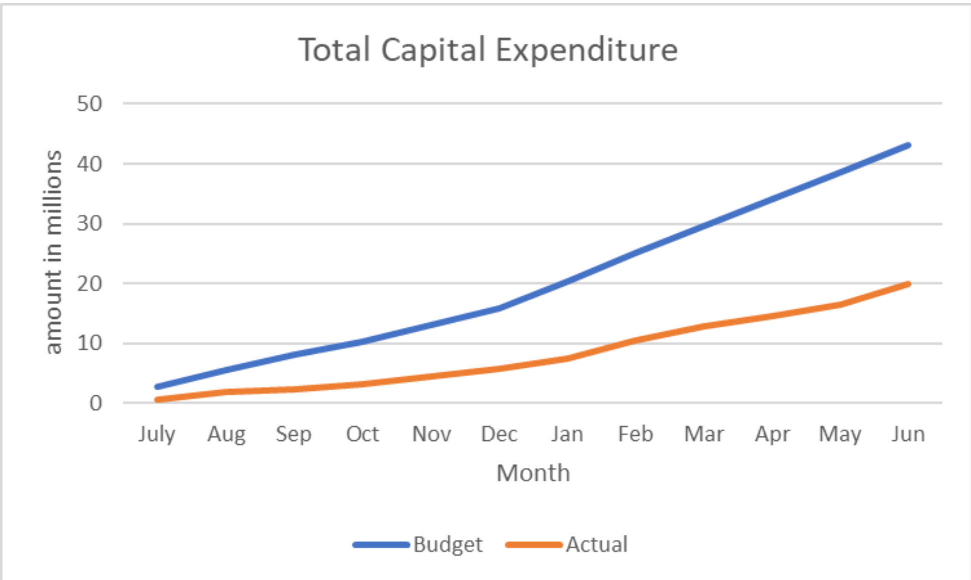
2.6 Below demonstrates the trend line in graph format for Operational Revenue, Operational Expenditure and Capital Expenditure.







3. Capital Expenditure

3.1 The attached report also presents a detailed summary of the capital projects, split by function, with the larger budgets (>500k) for projects being shown separately. It also reflects the original annual plan budget of $39.6m, prior to carry forwards and revisions. For the purpose of the annual report, the annual plan budget is the budget that measures the percentage of completed works. For 2025/26 $20.2m has been completed (46.79%), up from 38.71% in 2024/25.

3.2 Having underspent significantly on the Capital budget for the year, a position on the resulting carry over funding requests from 2025/26 to 2026/27 for completion of projects will be tabled to Council on the 27 August 2026 for approval.

4. Investments

4.1 Council's current liquidity position as at 30 June 2026 is as follows:

4.1.1 **Current Assets**

• Bank/Deposits	$ 12.1m
• Receivables	$3.1m
• Prepayments	$0.5m
• **Total**	**$15.7m**

4.1.2 **Current Liabilities**

• Payables	$ 5.4m
Net Current Treasury Position	**$ 12.3m**

5. Borrowing

5.1 The following table shows the Council's external debt at $59m for the period ended 30 June 2026. It also shows the interest rate along with the annual cost of interest, (noting that the annual cost is an estimate based on the current interest rate applicable to the short-term commercial papers council has borrowed against and this also excludes the impact of hedging).

Total External Debt

Amount Borrowed	Settled Date	Maturity Date	Fixed Rate of Interest	Annual Interest Cost
$ 3m	10/05/2019	15/04/2029	3.12%	$ 94k
$ 5m	8/02/2022	14/04/2033	3.68%	$184k
$11m	14/04/2022	15/04/2027	4.17%	$459k
$ 5m	27/04/2023	15/05/2028	5.10%	$255k
$ 7m	12/06/2023	15/05/2028	5.30%	$371k
$ 9m	15/04/2026	15/07/2026	2.77%	$249k
$ 4m	4/06/2024	20/04/2029	5.55%	$222k
$ 5m	19/05/2026	19/08/2026	2.86%	$143k
$ 5m	27/05/2026	27/08/2026	2.83%	$142k
$ 5m	27/05/2026	15/07/2027	3.08%	$154k
$59m				$2.27m

5.2 Council's LTP reflected that debt is budgeted to remain within its Debt Ceiling and Debt Limit throughout the term of the LTP (the Debt Ceiling is Council's maximum debt it can access from LGFA; less a self-imposed amount of at least $4m to $5m lower than the Debt Ceiling, to allow for unforeseen costs).

5.3 The above table shows the annual cost of interest expense anticipated to be $2.27m per annum (approx. $189k per month), providing a current weighted average cost of funds of 3.85%. However, these costs are partially offset by the borrowed money earning interest income before it is used. Year to date (30 June 2026) this interest income amounted to $305k.

5.4 The following table discloses Council's debt by activity. Council borrows to fund capital expenditure in accordance with the Revenue and Financing Policy.

Total Loans By Activity

Activity	Internal Loans as at 30/06/2025 $000	External loans allocated as at 30/06/2026 $000	Total Loans as at 30/06/2026 $000
Roading and Footpaths	2,755	11,500	14,255
Water Supplies			
District Urban	13,540	5,860	19,400
Total for Water Supplies	13,540	5,860	19,400
Wastewater/ Sewerage Disposal	411	25,377	25,788
Stormwater Drainage	1,597	1,189	2,786
Community and Leisure Assets			
Real Estate	307	308	615
Swim Centres	641	496	1,137
Civil defence	8		8
Community Housing	161	334	495
Public Toilets	641		641
Cemeteries	272		272
Libraries	509		509
Halls	1,952	6,680	8,632
Domains	25	6,536	6,561
Total Community & Leisure Assets	4,516	14,354	18,870
Waste Transfer Stations	49	320	369
Other Activities			
Community Leadership			-
Environment & Regulatory Services			-
Community Wellbeing			-
Forestry	4		4
Business Units	8	400	408
Total other activities	12	400	412
Totals	22,880	59,000	81,880

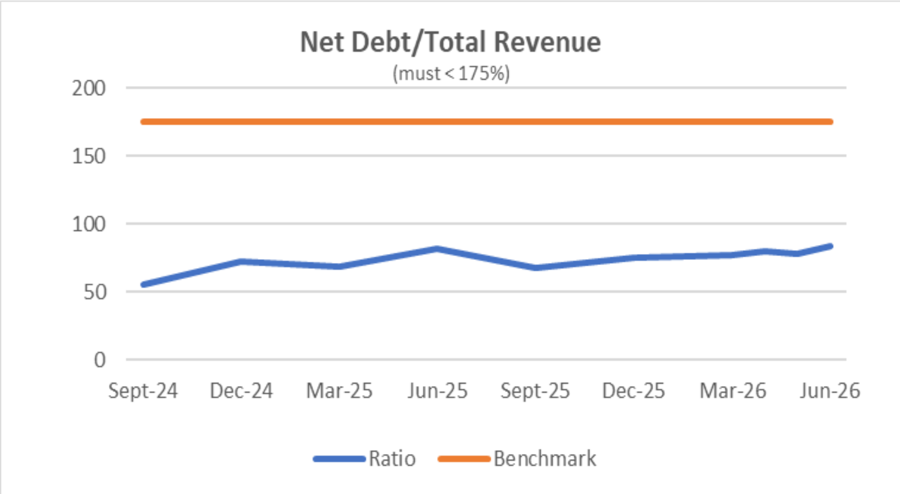
5.6 Internal borrowing has occurred over many years where surplus cash is used to fund these activities before resorting to borrowing externally. In essence Council's treasury function acts as an internal bank. The interest charged to the activities, becomes income to the Treasury, offsetting the external charge. This means that overall Council only discloses the external borrowing costs in the Comprehensive Revenue and Expenditure Statement.

6. Borrowing Ratios

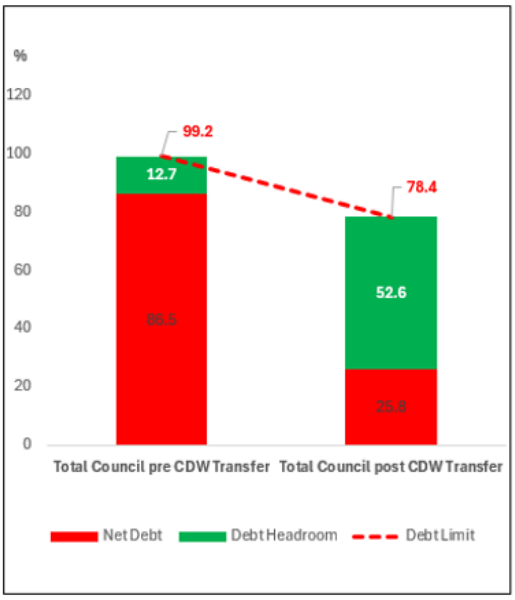
Council's Long-Term Plan 2024-34 (pages 152 and 153) includes two Liquidity Ratio Benchmarks set by the LGFA. Incorporating the figures above, Council's YTD performance in relation to these benchmarks is as follows (note these ratios are currently included in a more detailed report that is provided to each Risk and Assurance Committee).

6.1 Net Debt/Total Revenue must not exceed 175%:

• Debt	$59.0m
• Bank	$12.1m
• Corporate Bonds	$1.2m
• Notional Net Debt	$45.8m
• YE Revenue	$54.3m
Net Debt/Total Revenue	**84.2%**



The graph below depicts our current net debt position against the 175% of revenue limit pre and post the 3 Waters transfer, (noting this is depicted against the 30 June 2026 financial position (pre final 2025/26 Internal debt adjustments) and the 2026/27 budgeted borrowing.



	Total Council $m	3 Waters $m	Total Council post 3 Waters Transfer $m
Revenue	**56.7**	**11.9**	**44.8**
External Debt	98	60.7	37.3
Bank	10.3	0	10.3
Bonds	1.2	0	1.2
	11.5	0	11.5
Net Debt	**86.5**	**60.7**	**25.8**
Debt to Revenue	153%	510%	58%
Net Debt limit = 175% of Revenue	**99.2**		**78.4**
Debt Headroom	**12.7**		**52.6**

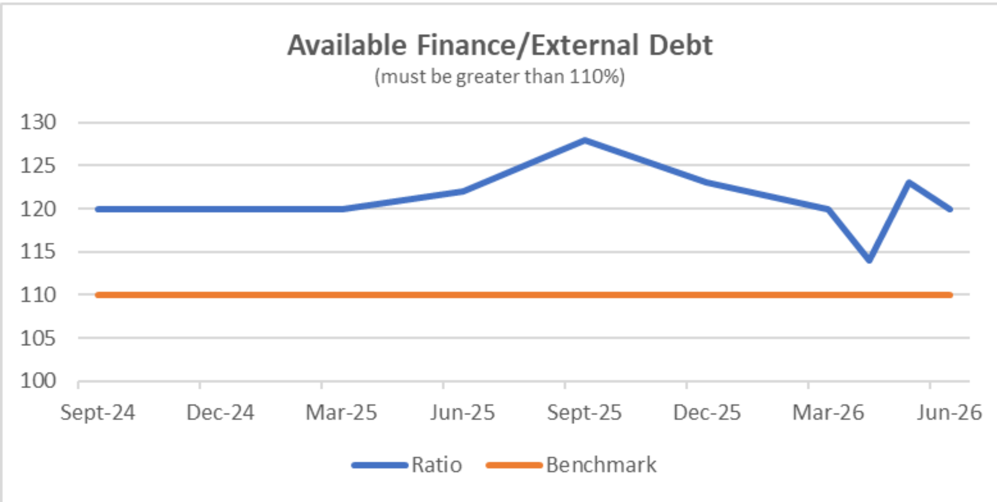
Where 3 Waters transfer includes:

External Det	45.2
Internal Det	15.5
	60.7

6.2 In respect of the impacts of the 3 Waters transfer, it is important to note that currently Council reflects in its operating expenditure, $536k of costs associated with transitional costs incurred year to date. Upon transfer of assets to CDW, these costs will be settled as effectively reimbursement of a cash advance. Officers are still awaiting audit determination as to the disclosure of these costs as they may remain as an operational cost or may be treated as a receivable in the final statutory financial statements for the 30 June 2026.

6.3 External debt plus committed facilities plus Liquid Assets (available finance) divided by external debt must be greater than 110%:

• External Debt	$59.0m
• Bank/Deposits	$ 12.1m
• Available Finance	$71.1m
Available Finance divided by External Debt	**120%**



Note: Council's 2024/25 Annual Report includes similar trend analyses for the past 5 year-ends (Page 112).

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6.4 Sustainability

Sustainability

Balance Budget Ratio **90.1%**

Operating Revenue YTD	$54.3m
Operating Expenditure YTD	$60.3m

This is a Prudential Benchmark reported under the Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2019. Operating Revenue should be equal or more (i.e., over 100%) to meet this benchmark. Operating revenue is described above. Operating expenditure includes depreciation and excludes losses on revaluations, increases in landfill after-care provisions and loss on derivatives if applicable.

Net Debt to projected revenue (LGFA covenant) **84.2%**

Total net borrowing	$45.8
Total projected operating revenue	$54.3m

This is also a prudential benchmark set in our Treasury Policy and also a LGFA Covenant maximum of 175%. Net debt is defined as external borrowing less cash in the bank.

Net Interest to rates revenue (LGFA covenant) **5.6%**

Net Interest YTD	$ 2.0m
Rates Revenue YTD	$ 35.6m

This is also a prudential benchmark set in our Treasury Policy. Our set limit is 25% of rates revenue. Net interest is Interest paid less interest received.

Interest to operating revenue (LGFA covenant) **3.7%**

Net Interest	$ 2.0m
Operating revenue	$54.3m

This is also a prudential benchmark set in our Treasury Policy. Our set limit is 20% of operating revenue.

Liquidity benchmark (LGFA covenant) **120%**

External Debt plus cash	$71.1m
External debt	$59.0m

This is also a prudential benchmark set in our Treasury Policy. Our set limit is greater than 110%. This benchmark is calculated by dividing external debt plus cash by external debt.

Attachments:

1. **Finance Snapshot - June 2026**

Recommendation 1

That Council receive the Finance Snapshot June – 2026 report

Whole of Council

Activity Report For the Period Ending 30 June 2026	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	Full Year Budget
	$000	$000	$000		$000
Total Revenue	**(54,346)**	**(56,285)**	**(1,939)**	**-3%**	**(56,285)**
Subsidies and Grants	(14,075)	(15,145)	(1,070)	-7%	(15,145)
Other Revenue	(4,257)	(5,055)	(798)	-16%	(5,055)
Finance Revenue	(330)	(459)	(129)	-28%	(459)
Gains	(68)	(53)	15	28%	(53)
Rates	(35,616)	(35,573)	43	0%	(35,573)
Total Expense	**60,311**	**61,159**	**847**	**1%**	**61,159**
Other Expenses	26,164	25,283	(882)	-3%	25,283
Personnel Costs	12,426	12,728	302	2%	12,728
Finance Costs	2,339	3,100	761	25%	3,100
Depreciation	19,357	20,048	691	3%	20,048
Losses	25	0	(25)	-100%	0
Operating (Surplus) / Deficit	**5,965**	**4,874**	**(1,091)**	**-22%**	**4,874**
Marton Water Strategy Writedown	1,402	0	(1,402)	-100%	0
Total (Surplus) / Deficit	**7,367**	**4,874**	**(2,493)**	**-51%**	**4,874**

Variances > $100k: Comment

Commentary provided in the following Group Summaries.

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Corporate Services and Support

Activity Report For the Period Ending 30 June 2026	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	2025/26 Revised Budget
	$000	$000	$000		$000
Total Revenue	**(740)**	**(691)**	**49**	**7%**	**(691)**
Other Revenue	(91)	(15)	76	509%	(15)
Finance Revenue	(330)	(459)	(129)	-28%	(459)
Gains	(67)	(53)	14	26%	(53)
Rates	(11,224)	(11,135)	89	1%	(11,135)
Rate Apportionment	10,972	10,972	(0)	0%	10,972
Total Expense	**47**	**(518)**	**(566)**	**109%**	**(518)**
Other Expenses	2,945	3,525	581	16%	3,525
Personnel Costs	9,168	9,766	598	6%	9,766
Finance Costs	(130)	(365)	(235)	64%	(365)
Depreciation	989	744	(245)	-33%	744
Overhead Allocation	(12,944)	(14,188)	(1,244)	9%	(14,188)
Losses	20	0	(20)	-100%	0
Operating (Surplus) / Deficit	**(693)**	**(1,209)**	**(516)**	**-43%**	**(1,209)**

Variances > $100k: Comment

- Finance Revenue is under budget due to lower interest rates and lower cash holdings than budgeted.
- Other Expenses is under budget. This is principally driven by reduced utilisation of planned contract resources particularly in Policy and Democracy and Financial Services. Training (and associated travel costs) have also finished the year below budget.
- Personnel Costs are under budget, reflecting vacant positions and the budget for some positions being paid directly from other council activities instead of through support overheads, (notably 3 Waters and Regulatory Services, with no impact at a total council level).
- Finance Cost are under budget reflecting the end of year wash-up of borrowing costs across council activities and the lower than planned margin earned on internal borrowing. This is the result of significantly less than planned borrowing occurring throughout the year driven by the lower than planned capital expenditure.
- Depreciation is over budget which is offset by favourable budget variances across other council activities (reflecting historical fleet purchases in the asset register tagged to the fleet cost centre whereas budget assumed these assets would be reassigned to council cost centres)
- Overhead Allocation is under budget, reflecting lower than planned operational costs to date as mentioned above which get allocated across the various council activities.

Community

Activity Report For the Period Ending 30 June 2026	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	2025/26 Revised Budget
	$000	$000	$000		$000
Total Revenue	**(7,280)**	**(9,412)**	**(2,132)**	**-23%**	**(9,412)**
Subsidies and Grants	(1,489)	(3,460)	(1,971)	-57%	(3,460)
Other Revenue	(728)	(891)	(162)	-18%	(891)
Finance Revenue	0	0	0	0%	0
Gains	(1)	0	1	100%	0
Rate Apportionment	(5,061)	(5,061)	(0)	-0%	(5,061)
Total Expense	**8,111**	**8,657**	**547**	**6%**	**8,657**
Other Expenses	2,644	3,240	596	18%	3,240
Personnel Costs	123	122	(1)	-1%	122
Finance Costs	523	702	179	25%	702
Depreciation	2,560	2,358	(202)	-9%	2,358
Overhead Allocation	2,256	2,236	(20)	-1%	2,236
Losses	5	0	(5)	-100%	0
Operating (Surplus) / Deficit	**831**	**(755)**	**(1,586)**	**-210%**	**(755)**

Variances > $100k: Comment

- Subsidies and Grants are under budget largely due to the planned receipt of grants for the Marton Pool not occurring in 25/26 (2.16m). In addition, construction delays of the Taihape Town Hall have unfavourably impacte the subsequent receipt of Better Off Funding ($643k). Other significant unplanned subsidies and grants received that offset this include the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs ($405k) and Hautapu River Project ($230k).
- Other Revenue is under budget due to rental income from land and buildings being lower than planned to date. I addition, the "Swimming for All" grant has not been received because of the ongoing closure of the Marton Pool.
- Other Expenses is under budget principally driven by the closure of Marton Pool and subsequent saving of management fees and other related costs ($341k), savings in electricity costs principally driven from a refund on historical overcharging on the Marton Memorial Hall ($191k). Other expenses (including insurance, contractor costs, repairs and other consumables) are also $472k under budget. This is offset by unbudgeted Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs grants ($405k).
- Finance costs are under budget reflecting lower than planned borrowing costs resulting from the lower capital spend on the Taihape Town Hall and the Marton Council Building,
- Depreciation is over budget reflecting the realignment of assets in the asset register between Domains and Parks and Reserves after the 2025/26 budgets were set. This is offset in Parks and Reserves which is under budget by a equivalent amount.

Community Leadership

Activity Report For the Period Ending 30 June 2026	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	2025/26 Revised Budget
	$000	$000	$000		$000
Total Revenue	**(2,893)**	**(2,867)**	**26**	**1%**	**(2,867)**
Other Revenue	(57)	(32)	25	78%	(32)
Rates	(69)	(68)	1	1%	(68)
Rate Apportionment	(2,768)	(2,768)	0	0%	(2,768)
Total Expense	**2,544**	**2,873**	**329**	**11%**	**2,873**
Other Expenses	1,118	1,228	110	9%	1,228
Depreciation	0	0	0	0%	0
Overhead Allocation	1,426	1,645	219	13%	1,645
Operating (Surplus) / Deficit	**(349)**	**6**	**355**	**5489%**	**6**

Variances > $100k: Comment

- Other Expenses is under budget due to not requiring planned contractor resource.
- Overhead Allocation is under budget reflecting the lower than planned operational costs from council support functions.

Regulatory Services

Activity Report For the Period Ending 30 June 2026	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	2025/26 Revised Budget
	$000	$000	$000		$000
Total Revenue	**(3,351)**	**(3,971)**	**(620)**	**-16%**	**(3,971)**
Other Revenue	(1,726)	(2,346)	(620)	-26%	(2,346)
Rate Apportionment	(1,625)	(1,625)	0	0%	(1,625)
Total Expense	**3,658**	**3,965**	**307**	**8%**	**3,965**
Other Expenses	473	668	196	29%	668
Personnel Costs	1,680	1,627	(53)	-3%	1,627
Depreciation	18	71	53	74%	71
Overhead Allocation	1,487	1,598	111	7%	1,598
Operating (Surplus) / Deficit	**307**	**(7)**	**(314)**	**-4818%**	**(7)**

Variances > $100k: Comment

- Other Revenue is under budget due to the lower number of resource and building consents.
- Other Expenses is under budget reflecting the lower volume of consent processing resulting in reduced need for contractor resource and a reduction in field related expenses.
- Overhead Allocation is under budget reflecting the lower than planned operational costs to date from council support functions.

Roading and Footpaths

Activity Report For the Period Ending 30 June 2026	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	2025/26 Revised Budget
	$000	$000	$000		$000
Total Revenue	**(23,117)**	**(22,235)**	**883**	**4%**	**(22,235)**
Subsidies and Grants	(12,254)	(11,442)	811	7%	(11,442)
Other Revenue	(146)	(179)	(33)	-19%	(179)
Rates	(10,718)	(10,613)	105	1%	(10,613)
Total Expense	**26,934**	**26,889**	**(45)**	**-0%**	**26,889**
Other Expenses	10,874	9,442	(1,432)	-15%	9,442
Personnel Costs	(0)	0	0	0%	0
Finance Costs	457	559	102	18%	559
Depreciation	11,418	12,027	609	5%	12,027
Overhead Allocation	4,184	4,860	676	14%	4,860
Losses	0	0	0	0%	0
Operating (Surplus) / Deficit	**3,816**	**4,654**	**838**	**18%**	**4,654**

ariances > $100k: Comment

- Subsidies and Grants are over budget due to NZTA subsidies received for unplanned emergency response and recovery costs arising from February's storms. This is offset by Other Expenses, which are also over budget for the same reason.
- Rates are higher than budgeted due to an increase in rateable properties beyond budget assumptions.
- Finance Cost is under budget reflecting more favourable interest rates than planned against historical debt.
- Depreciation is under budget due to the revaluation of roading assets being lower than planned which results in a lower level of depreciation.
- Overhead Allocation is under budget reflecting a lower than planned operational costs to date from support functions.

Rubbish and Recycling

Activity Report For the Period Ending 30 June 2026	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	2025/26 Revised Budget
	$000	$000	$000		$000
Total Revenue	**(3,051)**	**(3,299)**	**(249)**	**-8%**	**(3,299)**
Subsidies and Grants	(330)	(240)	90	38%	(240)
Other Revenue	(1,070)	(1,440)	(370)	-26%	(1,440)
Rates	(1,452)	(1,421)	31	2%	(1,421)
Rate Apportionment	(199)	(199)	0	0%	(199)
Total Expense	**3,242**	**3,367**	**125**	**4%**	**3,367**
Other Expenses	2,335	2,421	86	4%	2,421
Finance Costs	12	2	(9)	-373%	2
Depreciation	88	81	(7)	-8%	81
Overhead Allocation	807	862	56	6%	862
Operating (Surplus) / Deficit	**191**	**68**	**(123)**	**-181%**	**68**

Variances > $100k: Comment

- Other Revenue is below budget and this has now been further investigated by council officers. Instead of the planned increase in fees and charges for 25/26 which included a 1.9% increase in charges, revenue has reduced from last year by 8% reflecting lower overall tonnage being dumped. Other Expenses is also under budget by $86k and whilst this reflects a reduction year on year in overalll tonnage of rubbish dumped, it is also offset by "CPI true up" rates paid to Waste Management throughout the year exceeding budget.

Parks and Reserves

Activity Report For the Period Ending 30 June 2026	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	2025/26 Revised Budget
	$000	$000	$000		$000
Total Revenue	**(1,434)**	**(1,417)**	**17**	**1%**	**(1,417)**
Subsidies and Grants	(2)	(3)	(0)	-19%	(3)
Other Revenue	(113)	(95)	18	19%	(95)
Rate Apportionment	(1,319)	(1,319)	(0)	-0%	(1,319)
Total Expense	**1,014**	**1,250**	**236**	**19%**	**1,250**
Other Expenses	349	425	76	18%	425
Finance Costs	9	9	0	3%	9
Depreciation	41	194	153	79%	194
Overhead Allocation	615	622	7	1%	622
Operating (Surplus) / Deficit	**(420)**	**(167)**	**253**	**152%**	**(167)**

Variances > $100k: Comment

- Depreciation is under budget due to the realignment of assets within the asset register between Domains and Parks and Reserves after the 2025/2026 budgets were finalised. This is offset by an equivalent unfavourable variance within Domains.

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Water, Sewerage & Stormwater

Activity Report For the Period Ending 30 June 2026	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	2025/26 Revised Budget
	$000	$000	$000		$000
Total Revenue	**(12,480)**	**(12,393)**	**87**	**1%**	**(12,393)**
Other Revenue	(327)	(58)	269	467%	(58)
Finance Revenue	0	0	0	0%	0
Rates	(12,153)	(12,336)	(183)	-1%	(12,336)
Total Expense	**14,762**	**14,676**	**(86)**	**-1%**	**14,676**
Other Expenses	5,426	4,333	(1,093)	-25%	4,333
Personnel Costs	1,455	1,213	(242)	-20%	1,213
Finance Costs	1,467	2,192	725	33%	2,192
Depreciation	4,244	4,573	330	7%	4,573
Overhead Allocation	2,169	2,364	195	8%	2,364
Operating (Surplus) / Deficit	**2,282**	**2,283**	**1**	**0%**	**2,283**
Marton Water Strategy Writedown	1,402	0	(1,402)	-100%	0
Total (Surplus) / Deficit	**3,684**	**2,283**	**(1,401)**	**-61%**	**2,283**

Variances > $100k: Comment

- Other Revenue is over budget as rent has been received on the land bought for Marton to Bulls wastewater project, noting that rent received covers the previous year and year to date.
- Other Expenses are over budget, principally in district water and the rural water schemes. Key drivers include higher than budgeted expenditure on repairs to the rural water schemes, increased electricity costs, and the recognition of year-to-date Central Districts Water transition costs of $536k, (which will be repaid upon asset transfer). Increased contractor and resource consenting costs in Sewerage have also contributed significantly to this budget variance.
- Personnel Cost is over budget due to overtime and allowances paid, exceeding the savings from current vacancies. This is largely offset by savings in Corporate Services and Support for other water support overheads
- Finance Cost is under budget reflecting underspend in the capital programme reducing the requirement for borrowed funds along with more favourable interest rates than planned.
- Depreciation is under budget due to the revaluation of water assets being lower than planned which results in a lower level of depreciation.
- Overhead Allocation is under budget reflecting the lower than planned operational costs to date from various council activities.
- Marton Water Strategy Write down is over budget reflecting the unplanned write-down of $1.4M of project management, consultancy and plant hire costs associated with testing and design of the Nano-filter trial post completion of the bore and as part of the project. This expenditure is unable to be capitalised as council elected not to proceed with this project, and no assets were built beyond the bore itself.

Rangitikei District Council*
Capital Expenditure Summary
For Period Ending 30 June 2026

2025/26 Annual Plan	Project	2025/26 YTD Actuals June	2025/26 YTD Budgets June	2025/26 YTD Variance June	2025/26 YTD Percentage Budget Spend	2025/26 Revised Budget	2025/26 Full Year Forecast
2,332,942	**Corporate Services and Support**	**1,151,732**	**2,260,739**	**1,109,007**	**50.94%**	**2,260,739**	**1,564,010**
2,160,346	Information Services	614,045	1,910,000	1,295,955	**32.15%**	1,910,000	883,271
11,300,647	**Community**	**2,824,546**	**11,393,574**	**11,269,028**	**24.79%**	**11,393,574**	**3,547,772**
991,211	Domains	319,384	1,032,809	713,425	**30.92%**	1,032,809	574,824
680,211	4410170630. Taihape Grandstand	45,266	693,579	648,313	**6.53%**	693,579	100,000
7,085,034	Halls	1,470,923	7,113,396	5,642,473	**20.68%**	7,113,396	1,394,745
4,000,000	4090174504. Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment	502,617	3,998,584	3,495,967	**12.57%**	3,998,584	500,000
3,000,000	4090174505. Marton Building Design & Construction	856,820	3,005,442	2,148,622	**28.51%**	3,005,442	750,000
2,858,211	Swim Centres	774,363	2,875,989	4,801,626	**26.93%**	2,875,989	875,989
2,700,000	4000170613. -103 New Roof and insulation for MSC	728,669	2,700,000	1,971,331	**26.99%**	2,700,000	700,000
7,855,086	**Roading and Footpaths**	**8,103,061**	**9,498,699**	**1,395,638**	**85.31%**	**9,498,699**	**8,392,676**
668,051	Non-Subsidised Roading	181,071	913,696	732,625	**19.82%**	913,696	609,046
7,187,035	Subsidised Roading	7,921,990	8,585,003	663,013	**92.28%**	8,585,003	7,783,630
493,375	70100780. Unsealed Road Metaling & Rehabilitation (211)	594,711	565,728	(28,983)	**105.12%**	565,728	529,643
1,890,218	70100781. Sealed Road Pavement Rehabilitation (214)	2,166,756	1,879,939	(286,817)	**115.26%**	1,879,939	2,126,284
985,000	70100782. Drainage Renewals (213)	812,367	878,468	66,101	**92.48%**	878,468	853,240
617,500	70100783. Structures Components Replacements (215)	211,882	775,009	563,127	**27.34%**	775,009	276,519
550,000	7010078417. Renewal Footpath (225)	28,008	65,051	37,043	**43.06%**	65,051	65,051
2,562,905	70100787. Sealed Road Surfacing (212)	3,241,610	3,037,652	(203,958)	**106.71%**	3,037,652	3,137,394
17,824,713	**Water, Sewerage & Stormwater**	**7,975,245**	**19,826,918**	**11,807,728**	**40.22%**	**19,826,918**	**11,654,947**
2,763,120	Stormwater	1,753,830	3,394,242	1,695,746	**51.67%**	3,394,242	1,998,416
603,078	6050177203. Bredins Line New Outfall	360,040	602,850	274,400	**59.72%**	602,850	346,066
511,000	6050177207. Hunterville Network Upgrade	290,063	511,000	222,695	**56.76%**	511,000	307,062
919,800	6050177208. Marton Skerman St Upgrade	917,801	919,800	23,940	**99.78%**	919,800	1,039,807
5,210,177	Waste Water - Sewerage	2,223,270	6,349,462	4,173,588	**35.02%**	6,349,462	4,550,680
766,500	6070176204. Wastewater Reticulation	163,055	1,293,870	1,150,085	**12.60%**	1,293,870	1,300,000
1,440,490	6070176206. Marton to Bulls Centralisation Project	1,563,367	1,425,964	(103,537)	**109.64%**	1,425,964	1,425,964
901,051	6070177108. Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant Consent	117,613	874,237	763,657	**13.45%**	874,237	300,000
1,165,625	6070177111. Ratana Complete Upgrade	13,975	1,130,675	1,116,700	**1.24%**	1,130,675	100,000
9,307,983	Water - District	3,912,625	9,512,301	5,451,149	**41.13%**	9,512,301	4,534,938
7,450,003	6060174503. Marton Water Strategy	1,232,274	7,430,203	6,197,929	**16.58%**	7,430,203	850,000
750,000	6060176401. Water Supply Renewals	1,976,708	797,160	(1,328,745)	**247.97%**	797,160	2,400,000
39,556,422	**Grand Total**	**20,229,592**	**43,233,326**	**25,659,787**	**46.79%**	**43,233,326**	**25,437,441**

Business Unit Totals
Sub area Totals within Business Units

The above summary shows capital budget variances split by function with the larger budgets (>500k) for projects being shown separately. The capital programme was originally approved as part of the 2025/26 Annual Plan at $39.6m. This has been revised to $43m to include carry forwards approved by council in September 2025 and subsequent council resolutions approved to date.

To date, expenditure totals $20.2m (being 46.8% of the revised full year budget).

Sealed Pavement Rehabilitation and Sealed Road Surfacing are over budget for the year and this is driven by the response and recovery work undertaken in the district since the February storms.

Water Supply renewals are also over budget reflecting the bringing forward of the 2026/27 Renewals Programme back into 2025/26 as forecast.

In April the full year forecast was projecting a full year spend of $25.4m which included a ramp up in Water, Sewerage and Stormwater projects in particular.   This has not occured with inflight projects now forecast to complete early in 2026/27. Commentary regarding many of these capital budgets is provided in the Projects Update Report that is reviewed at the Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meetings

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

Author: **Petra Fleming, 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. PP – 12 March 26 (under separate cover)
2. HRWS – 13 April 26 (under separate cover)
3. BCC – 22 April 26 (under separate cover)
4. CGC – 29 April 26 (under separate cover)
5. SRTF – 30 April 26 (under separate cover)
6. CCC – 20 May 26 (under separate cover)
7. AI – 28 May 26 (under separate cover)
8. RA – 28 May 26 (under separate cover)
9. FP – 28 May 26 (under separate cover)
10. HCC – 03 June 26 (under separate cover)
11. HRWS – 08 June 26 (under separate cover)
12. TRAK – 09 June 26 (under separate cover)
13. ERWS – 08 June 26 (under separate cover)
14. RCB – 09 June 26 (under separate cover)
15. TCB – 10 June 26 (under separate cover)
16. MCC – 10 June 26 (under separate cover)
17. TCC – 11 June 26 (under separate cover)
18. BCC – 17 June 26 (under separate cover)
19. SDMC – 08 July 26 (under separate cover)

Recommendation

That the following minutes are received:

- Policy/Planning Committee – 12 March 2026
- Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting – 13 April 2026
- Bulls Community Committee – 22 April 2026
- Community Grants Committee – 29 April 2026
- Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Committee – 30 April 2026
- Creative NZ Community Committee – 20 May 2026
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee – 28 May 2026

- Risk/Assurance Committee – 28 May 2026
- Finance/Performance Committee – 28 May 2026
- Hunterville Community Committee Meeting – 03 June 2026
- Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting – 08 June 2026
- Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti Meeting – 09 June 2026
- Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting – 08 June 2026
- Rātana Community Board Meeting – 09 June 2026
- Taihape Community Board Meeting – 10 June 2026
- Marton Community Committee Meeting – 10 June 2026
- Turakina Community Committee Meeting – 11 June 2026
- Bulls Community Committee Meeting – 17 June 2026
- Santoft Domain Management Committee Meeting – 08 July 2026

13 Recommendations from Committees

13.1 Recommendations from Community Committees and the Taihape Community Board - Small Projects Fund and the Community Grants Committee

Author: **Petra Fleming, Governance Advisor**

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

1. Reason for Report

1.1 Community Committees and the Taihape Community Board are provided with an annual Small Projects Fund.

1.2 The Committees/Board have requested Council carry forward of funds from the 2025/26 financial year.

1.3 The Community Grants Committee have unspent funding from 2025/26 and have requested carry forward of unspent funds into the 2026/27.

2. Turakina Community Committee

Resolved minute number 26/TCC/022

That the Turakina Community Committee does recommend to Council to carry forward remaining funds $494.72 to be put towards the new "Turakina Tartan" flags.

Mr D Benton/Ms L O'Neill. Carried

3. Taihape Community Board

Resolved minute number 26/TCB/029

That the Taihape Community Board does recommend to Council to carry forward earmarked funds of $190.00 for the rural workshops and $986.00 to the Taihape Museum and Historical Society.

Ms M Pera/Ms D Green. Carried

4. Bulls Community Committee

Resolved minute number 26/BCC/028

That the Bulls Community Committee does recommend to Council to carry forward remaining funds $1,363.47 and includes earmarked funds of $200.00.

Mr A Stewart/Ms B Minty. Carried

5. Hunterville Community Committee

Resolved minute number 26/HCC/034

That the Hunterville Community Committee does recommend to Council to carry forward remaining funds $776.00 to the next Financial Year.

Mr J Adams/Ms S Carroll. Carried

5.1 Officers note that the invoice for the Hunterville Community Committee approved project was not received in June as anticipated. Therefore, Officers recommend the funding is included in the carry-forward request, resulting in a carry-forward request of $2,276.

6. Marton Community Committee

6.1 The Marton Community Committee spent all funds for the 2025/26 financial year.

7. Community Grants Committee

Resolved minute number 26/CGC/001

That the Community Grants Committee does recommend to Council to carry forward $3,717.70 from funds remaining against the Community Initiatives Fund 2025/26 into 2026/27.

Cr F Dalgety/HWTM A Watson. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/CGC/002

That the Community Grants Committee does recommend to Council to carry forward $1,620 from the funds remaining against the Event Support Scheme 2025/26 into 2026/27.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr J Wong. Carried

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Recommendations from Community Committees and the Taihape Community Board - Small Projects Fund and the Community Grants Committee' be received.

Recommendation 2

That Council approves/does not approve [delete one] carry-forward of $494.72 for the Turakina Community Committee for the 2026/27 financial year, noting that there are earmarked funds.

Recommendation 3

That Council approves/does not approve [delete one] carry-forward of $1176.00 for the Taihape Community Board for the 2026/27 financial year.

Recommendation 4

That Council approves/does not approve [delete one] carry-forward of up $1,363.47 for the Bulls Community Committee for the 2026/27 financial year, noting that there are earmarked funds.

Recommendation 5

That Council approves/does not approve [delete one] carry-forward of up to $2276.00 for the Hunterville Community Committee for the 2026/27 financial year.

Recommendation 6

That Council approves/does not approve [delete one] carry forward of $3,717.70 for the Community Initiatives Fund for the 2026/27 financial year.

Recommendation 7

That Council approves/does not approve [delete one] carry forward of $1,620 from the Event Support Scheme for the 2026/27 financial year.

13.2 Recommendation from Hunterville Community Committee

Author: **Petra Fleming, Governance Advisor**

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

1. Reason for Report

1.1 At the Hunterville Community Committee meeting held on the 03 June 2026 the Committee discussed the Hunterville swimming pool.

1.2 There is no disability access parking for the pool, and some other smaller issues inside the complex. The disability issue means the Committee must apply for a Certificate of Public Use each season until they can achieve the Certificate of Fitness. They have requested Council (officers) to confirm exactly what is required/outstanding for this to be achieved. The intention from the Committee is to ask for that work to be part of the next Long-Term Plan or Annual Plan.

1.3 Council officers have investigated this issue further and are preparing an update of what the next steps are to achieve a Code of Compliance Certificate. This is to be reported at the 05 August 2026 Hunterville Community Committee Meeting.

Resolved minute number 26/HCC/028

That Hunterville Community Committee requests that Council investigate and inform the committee of what would be required for the Hunterville Swimming Pool to achieve its Certificate of Fitness.

Ms K Smith/Ms L Shaw. Carried

Recommendation 1

That the report recommendation from Hunterville Community Committee be received.

Recommendation 2

That Council receives the recommendation from the Hunterville Community Committee regarding the Hunterville Swimming Pool’s Certificate of Fitness and notes the actions taken by officers.

14 Public Excluded

Resolution to Exclude the Public

The meeting went into public excluded session enter time

Recommendation

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

1 Public Excluded Council Meeting - 25 June 2026

2. Sale of 304-318 Broaway, Marton

3. Recommendation from Chief Executive Performance 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
14.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 25 June 2026	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 25 June meeting.	S48(1)(a)
14.2 - Sale of 304-318 Broaway, Marton	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)
14.3 - Recommendation from Chief Executive Performance Committee	To consider matters of employment and to protect privacy. s7(2)(a) - Privacy	s48(1)(a)(i)

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

15 Open Meeting

ITEM 15.1