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RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL
Making this place home.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Date: **08 October 2026**

Time: **1.00pm**

Venue: **46 High Street**
Council Chambers
Marton

Present	Cr Dave Wilson Cr Diana Baird Cr Alan Buckendahl Cr John Hainsworth Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa (online) Cr Graeme O'Fee Cr Sandra Field Cr Paul Sharland Cr Jeff Wong HWTM Andy Watson
Apology	Cr Fi Dalgety Cr Coral Raukawa
In attendance	Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager – Corporate Services Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy Mr Johan Cullis, Group Manager – Regulatory and Emergency Management Mr Darryn Black, Roading Manager Ms Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Lead Ms Janna Harris, Corporate Planner Mr Aron Bremner, Economic Advisor Pā Rima Tamaiparea, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua

1. Welcome

1.1 The workshop opened at 1.02pm

2. Partner presentations

2.1 Presentations were provided by:

2.1.1 Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs – James Towers and Louise McCoard

- An overview of the local programme was provided, including a summary of statistics associated with the programme, changes to the programme, and opportunities and challenges. Topics such as the MSD subsidy, the changes to referrals, driver licencing were discussed. The importance of the work the programme delivers was acknowledged by councillors.

2.1.2 Taihape Community Development Trust (Council's Memorandum of Understanding Partner) – Pania Winiata

- An overview of the Trust activities for the 2025/26 year. This included statistics, community partnerships, community events, partnerships and business support. The importance of the work the Trust completes was acknowledged.

3. Long Term Plan 2027-37

Rating Review

3.1 A presentation was provided on key aspects of the rating review.

3.1.1 There was direction given for:

- Moving the Civil Defence rate to a uniform annual charge.
- Increasing the forestry differential to 4 or $500k.
- Keeping the status quo, an annual increase based on average total rates increase, for the UAGC.
- Solar to be included as 'utilities'.
- No further work on a differential on the general rate for forestry is required.

Communications update

3.2 A presentation was provided on the communications and engagement approach and the timeline for the communications and engagement through the LTP. There was general comfort for the approach of not undertaking pre-engagement outlined in the presentation.

Performance measures and targets

3.3 A presentation was provided on the review of the performance measures and targets. There was general support from elected members for the changes proposed in the presentation.

The workshop closed at 2.45pm