



AGENDA RĀRANGI TAKE

Council Meeting

Hui a te Kaunihera

Date: **Tuesday, 13 October 2026**
Time: **9:00am**
Venue: **Council Chambers, Hauraki House,
1 William Street, Paeroa**



Membership

Mayor | Koromatua

D A Adams

Councillor | Ngā Kaikaunihera

Cr. C Bates
Cr. R D T Broad
Cr. R M T Collier
Cr. S Crooymans
Cr. N Gray
Cr. S Howell
Cr. P A Milner
Cr. A Rattray
Cr. A M Ryan
Cr A Spicer
Cr. J R Tilsley
Cr. D E A Tyler
Cr. R L Wilkinson

Executive Leadership | Te Rōpū whakahaere

D A Speirs
A de Laborde
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N Ryburn
D Peddie

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COUNCIL AGENDA | Rārangi Take

Tuesday, 13 October 2026 – 9.00am

Presentation | Nga Whakawhiwhi

Time: 11.00am

Organisation: Fire and Emergency NZ – Waikato Local Advisory Committee
(Paula Southgate and FENZ staff)

Subject: Role of the Waikato Local Advisory Committee and introduction
to Elected Members

Order of Business

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Meeting opening | Karakia timatanga | Councillor Neil Gray

Procedural | Ā-Tikanga

1. **Apologies | Ngā Matangaro or Te hunga kāore i tae**

The Chairperson will open the meeting and call for apologies.

2. **Declarations of Late Items | Whāki pānga**

Items not on the agenda for the meeting require a resolution under section 46A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 stating the reasons why the item was not on the agenda and why it cannot be dealt with at a subsequent meeting on the basis of a full agenda item.

3. **Declarations of Interests | Whakapuakitanga Whaipānga**

Members are reminded to declare and stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected member and any private or other external interest they may have.

4. **Confirmation of Minutes | Te Whakaū i ngā Meneti**

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Meeting closing | Karakia whakamutunga

Ngā take kia tū te hui o te Kaunihera anake |

Reasons for Matters to be taken with the Public Excluded

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Item No.	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) Under Section 48(1) for the Passing of this Resolution
1	Con483 Road Maintenance Contract – Contract Price Increase	Section 7(2)(i) Prejudice to Commercial Position/Negotiations To enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations.	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
2	2025/26 Sealed Pavement Rehabilitation Programme – SP3 Site revision	Section 7(2)(i) Prejudice to Commercial Position/Negotiations To enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations.	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
3	Proposed Sale of Land - Waihi Community Resource Centre Car Parking	Section 7(2)(i) Prejudice to Commercial Position/Negotiations To enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations.	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
4	Elderly Persons Housing Rental - 2026/27	Section 7(2)(i) Prejudice to Commercial Position/Negotiations To enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations.	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

5	MfE-funded Waihi Recycling Centre and Waihi Refuse Transfer Station Upgrade	Section 7(2)(b)(i) - Protect information where the making available of the information: (1) Would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
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HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WILLIAM STREET, PAEROA ON WEDNESDAY, 09 SEPTEMBER 2026 COMMENCING AT 9.00 AM

PRESENT

D A Adams (His Worship the Mayor), Cr P A Milner (Deputy Mayor)
Cr C A Bates, Cr R Collier, Cr N Gray, Cr A M Spicer, Cr J R Tilsley, C
D E A Tyler and Cr R L Wilkinson

IN ATTENDANCE

D A Speirs (Chief Executive), M Cuttance (Democracy and Customer Experience Manager), A de Laborde (Group Manager – Service Delivery), D Peddie (Head of Finance and Risk), H Hodges (Strategic Planner), A Munroe (Water Services Manager), L Moore (Project Manager-Team Leader), R Jenks (Community Development Advisor - Economic), L Beer (Event & Business Support Coordinator) and Geraldine Wharerau (Council Secretary)

Meeting opening | Karakia timatanga

Councillor Collier opened the meeting with a karakia.

APOLOGIES | Te hunga kāore i tae

RESOLVED

THAT the apology of Cr A Rattray, Cr S Croymans, Cr A Ryan, Cr R Broad and Cr S Howell be received and sustained.

C26/238

Spicer/Tyler

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS | Whāki Pānga

There were no late items.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS | Whakapuakitanga Whaipānga

There were no declarations of interests.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES | Te Whakaū i ngā Meneti

Council Minutes – 12-08-2026 – 4138601

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Hauraki District Council held on Wednesday, 12 August 2026 are received and confirmed as a true and correct record.

C26/239

Wilkinson/Gray

CARRIED

RECEIPT AND ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES | Ngā Meneti ki Komiti

Policy, Planning and Emergency Management Committee (unconfirmed) Minutes– 19-08-2026 – 4142913

RESOLVED

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy, Planning and Emergency Management Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 19 August 2026 be received and the recommendations therein adopted.

C26/240

Spicer/Milner

CARRIED

Regulatory Hearings Committee (unconfirmed) Minutes – 18-08-2026 - 4147103

RESOLVED

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Regulatory Hearings Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 18 August 2026 be received.

C26/241

Milner/Tilsley

CARRIED**Reporting (for decision) | Pūrongo me whakatau**

Destination Hauraki Coromandel Trustee Remuneration - 4151064

The Community Development Advisor (Economic) sought Council approval for the proposed remuneration increase for the Destination Hauraki Coromandel Trust (DHC) Board.

RESOLVED

THAT the Council receives the report titled Destination Hauraki Coromandel Trustee Remuneration, (document number 4151064).

C26/242

Bates/Tyler

CARRIED**RESOLVED**

THAT Council approves **Option 2:** approve proposed increase in trustee remuneration for the 2026/27 financial year of \$1,575 + GST if any (total remuneration \$36,575 – Chair: \$1,306.25 per month and trustees (4): \$1,306.25 per meeting each, up to four meetings per year) – to be met from within existing Destination Hauraki Coromandel budgets and to be backdated to the start of the financial year, and

THAT Council approves, going forward, a CPI increase being added to trustee remuneration annually.

C26/243

Milner/Tyler

CARRIED

Freedom Camping Bylaw Schedule Amendments – Hauraki Plains Library and Community Centre - 4149038

The Strategic Planner sought Council approval of the changes recommended to the bylaw schedule for He Pātaka Kōrero Hauraki Plains Library and Community Centre.

RESOLVED

THAT the Council receives the report titled Freedom Camping Bylaw Schedule update – Hauraki Plains Library and Community Centre, (document number 4149038).

C26/244

Spicer/Gray

CARRIED

RESOLVED

THAT Council approves **Option 2:** amend the schedule, including the description and map for Hauraki Plains Library and Community Centre

C26/245

Spicer/Collier

CARRIED

Proposed Changes to District Event Fund - 4151825

The Event and Business Support Coordinator sought Council approval to amend the District Event Fund allocation and application process.

RESOLVED

THAT the Council receives the report titled Proposed Changes to District Event Fund (document number 4151825).

C26/246

Wilkinson/Adams

CARRIED

RESOLVED

THAT Council approves **Option 2:** approve fixed annual allocations for GO Waihi Warm Up Party (\$8,500) Paeroa Highland Games and Tattoo (\$10,500); Ngātea Santa Parade (\$5,000) Paeroa Santa Parade \$8,500; Waihi Santa Parade (\$5000) and four application rounds.

C26/247

Spicer/Wilkinson

CARRIED

Treatment Plant Chemical Compliance - 4150866

The Water Services Manager sought Council approval to progress the required building works to achieve Location Compliance Certification.

RESOLVED

THAT Council receives the report titled Treatment Plant Chemical Compliance (document number 4150866).

C26/248

Milner/Gray

CARRIED

RESOLVED

THAT Council endorses the construction work required to achieve Location Compliance Certification, noting that (i) The work is necessary to meet HDC's Health & Safety obligations as a PCBU, (ii) HDC are required by WorkSafe NZ to carry out the necessary work under the notices they have issued to Hauraki District Council (iii) The cost of the physical works is expected to total \$141,388.50 across three Treatment Plants, to come from the parent budget 1059-001 – District Wide Reactive Renewals Plants Pumpstations, and

THAT Council approves the amalgamation and carry forwards of the following capital budget/project lines into the 1059-001 – District Wide Reactive Renewals Plants Pumpstations outlined in table 1:

1320-001 – Paeroa meters

1460-001 – New rising main and pumpstation for Wellington SsPS

1558-001 – Waihi WW Effluent Flowmeter Install.

C26/249

Gray/Collier

CARRIED

Reporting (for information) | Ngā Pūrongo Whakamārama**Chief Executive's Monthly Report – September 2026 – 4152448**

The Chief Executive provided Council with an update on staff changes and other matters for the elected members' information.

RESOLVED

THAT Council received the report titled Chief Executive's Monthly Report (document number 4152448).

C26/250

Adams/Milner

CARRIED

Communications and Corporate Services Group Customer Service and Communications Report – September 2026 – 4149932

The Group Manager Communication and Corporate Services provided Council with a concise update on Customer Services and Communications activity for June to August 2026, including service demand, key initiatives, performance results, and community engagement activity across the district.

RESOLVED

THAT Council receives the report titled Communications and Customer Service Quarterly Update (document number 4149932).

C26/251

Wilkinson/Tilsley

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9.57am

The meeting reconvened at 10.15am

DRAFT 2025/26 Annual Report (excluding financials) - 4151317

The Strategic Planner provided Council with the opportunity to review the 2025/26 annual report as developed to date, excluding financial information.

RESOLVED

THAT Council receives the report titled DRAFT 2025/26 Annual Report (excluding financials) (document number 4151317).

C26/252

Tyler/Spicer

CARRIEDLand Transport Activity Report (April to July 2026) - 4149516

The Transportation Manager provided Council an overview of the Land Transport activities during April 2026 to July 2026.

RESOLVED

THAT Council receives the report titled Land Transport Activity Report (April to July 2026) (document number 4149516).

C26/253

Gray/Collier

CARRIED

Reasons for Matters to be taken with the Public Excluded**RESOLVED**

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1	Baxter Road Waihi Road Stopping and Sale	Section 7(2)(i) Prejudice to Commercial Position/Negotiations To enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
2	Paeroa Wastewater Treatment Plant - Contract Price Increase	Section 7(2)(i) Prejudice to Commercial Position/Negotiations To enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
3	CEO Performance Review – 2025/26 Full Year Report	Section 7(2)(a) – Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

C26/254

Spicer/Adams

CARRIED

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RESOLVED

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting and that the business in committee discussed be confirmed.

C26/261

Adams/Milner

CARRIED**Capital Projects 2023 to Present – 4165836 Presentation #4165836**

The Group Manager - Service Delivery presented to Council a summary of Capital Projects for the FY2026-27.

RESOLVED

THAT Council receives the report titled Capital Projects 2023 to Present (document number 4165836).

C26/262

Adams/Milner

CARRIED**Meeting closing | Karakia whakamutunga**

Cr Collier closed the meeting with a karakia at 12.15pm.

CONFIRMED

D A Adams
Mayor

13 October 2026

HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL**AUDIT, RISK AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1 WILLIAM STREET, PAEROA ON TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST 2026 COMMENCING AT 9.00 AM

PRESENT

M Baxter (Independent Chair), His Worship the Mayor D A Adams (Deputy Chair), Cr P Milner, Cr C Bates, Cr A Spicer and Cr C Daley (Community Member)

IN ATTENDANCE

C Wessels (Audit NZ) and M Koekemoer (Audit NZ), D A Speirs (Chief Executive), D Peddie (Head of Finance and Risk), P A Thom (Group Manager – Community Development and Regulatory), A de Laborde (Group Manager – Service Delivery), N Ryburn (Communications and Corporate Services), E Whittenham (Finance Manager), J Hughes (Rates Team Leader), S McDonald (Health, Safety and Wellbeing Manager), M Radford (IT Manager) and G Wharerau (Council Secretary)

Meeting opening | Karakia timatanga

Mayor Adams opened the meeting with a karakia.

APOLOGIES | Te hunga kāore i tae**RESOLVED**

THAT the apology of Cr S Crooymans be received and sustained.

ARF26/92

Baxter/Adams

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS | Whāki Pānga

There were no late items.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS | Whakapuakitanga Whaipānga

There were no declarations of interests.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES | Te Whakaū i ngā Meneti

AUDIT, RISK AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES – 30-06-2026

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 30 June 2026 are received and confirmed as a true and correct record.

ARF26/93

Milner/Adams

CARRIED

Reporting (for decision) | Pūrongo me whakatau**Action Schedule - 4143976**

The Head of Finance and Risk provided an update on progress against action requests made by the Committee.

RESOLVED

THAT the Committee receives the report titled Action Schedule, (document number 4143976).

ARF26/94

Bates/Spicer

CARRIED**RESOLVED**

THAT the report be distributed to staff for action.

ARF26/95

Bates/Spicer

CARRIED**Action**

Staff to update action schedule as required.

Audit, Risk and Finance Work Programme - 4143969

The Head, Finance and Risk presented the forward work programme to the Committee for discussion and confirmation.

RESOLVED

THAT the Committee receives the report titled Proposed Work Programme, (document 4143969).

ARF26/96

Adams/Milner

CARRIED**Action**

Head of Finance and Risk:

- Add property leases to the regular items list on the right-hand side of the work programme.
- Add amalgamation/Head Start risk portfolio review (including partner councils' debt and asset deficits) to the work programme for ongoing discussion.

Reasons for Matters to be taken with the Public Excluded
Ngā take kia tū te hui o te Kaunihera anake

RESOLVED

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1	In Committee Action Schedule	Section 7(2)(b)(i) - Protect information where the making available of the information: Would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
2	AI Opportunities and Risks	Section 7(2) (j) – to prevent use of the information for improper gain or advantage	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

ARF26/97

Baxter/Spicer

CARRIED

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RESOLVED

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting and that the business in committee discussed be confirmed.

ARF26/101

Baxter/Adams

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.02am

The meeting was reconvened at 10.15am

confirmed

Reasons for Matters to be taken with the Public Excluded
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4	CoLAB Building Consent Checking Assistant	Section 7(2)(i) Prejudice to Commercial Position/Negotiations To enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
3	Cybersecurity	Section 7(2) (j) – to prevent use of the information for improper gain or advantage.	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
5	Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report	Section 7(2)(a) – Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

Item No.	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) Under Section 48(1) for the Passing of this Resolution
6	Rates and Revenue	Section 7(2)(b)(i) - Protect information where the making available of the information: Would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
7	Penalty Remission Application - Te Moananui	Section 7(2)(a) – Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
8	Water Leak Remission Application - Broadley	Section 7(2)(a) – Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
9	Current Capital and Operating Risk Report	Section 7(2)(f)(i) – Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through: (i) The free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority, or any persons to whom section 2(5) of this Act applies, in the course of their duty	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

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10	P-Card Report - January to June	Section 7(2)(f)(i) – Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through: (i) The free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority, or any persons to whom section 2(5) of this Act applies, in the course of their duty	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
11	Procurement of Internal Audits	Section 7(2)(f)(i) – Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through: (i) The free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority, or any persons to whom section 2(5) of this Act applies, in the course of their duty	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

ARF26/102

Adams/Baxter

CARRIED

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RESOLVED

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting and that the business in committee discussed be confirmed.

ARF26/120

CARRIED

Reporting (for information) | Ngā Pūrongo Whakamārama**Risk Report and Riskpool Update - 4043905**

The Head of Finance and Risk provided the opportunity to discuss various matters relating to Council Risk. It included the Council Risk Register and further information relating to Riskpool.

RESOLVED

THAT the Committee receives the report titled Risk Report and Riskpool update – August 2026, (document number 4143905).

ARF26/121

Bates/Milner

CARRIED

Action

Corporate Planning Consultant:

- To update the wording on the zero-carbon promise risk item to reflect it as an ongoing organisational focus (not "not a priority") and amend the risk register accordingly.

Committee Comparison Report - 4143464

The Corporate Planning Consultant presented the findings of a review of Audit, Risk and Finance Committee (or equivalent) arrangements across a selection of New Zealand councils, undertaken in response to an action arising from the Committee's 2025 self-effectiveness review.

RESOLVED

THAT the Committee receives the report titled Committee comparison, (document number 4143464).

ARF26/122

Baxter/Spicer

CARRIED

Action

Corporate Planning Consultant:

- To take all 7 Committee Comparison report suggestions to staff for investigation and possible incorporation into HDC's committee processes.

Chief Executive:

- Provide an estimate of staff time costs associated with the Head Start/simplifying local government process to include alongside the \$57,000 external cost figure.

Mayor:

Raise the Morgan Park buildings MOU formalisation process at the next Sport and Action Trust meeting.

Local Government Reforms update - 4142933

The Group Managers – Service Delivery and Community Development and Regulatory presented the Committee with updates on the identified risks for the Local Water Done Well (LWDW) programme, Resource Management Act reform and Local Government and Building reforms.

RESOLVED

THAT the Committee receives the report titled Local Government Reforms update, (document number 4142933).

ARF26/123

Baxter/Adams

CARRIED

Action

No action required.

Leave Balance Reporting – July 2026 - 4143944

The Head of Finance and Risk provided the Committee with an update on the leave balance information previously provided and sought the committee feedback on possible other leave metrics for future reporting.

RESOLVED

THAT the Committee receives the report titled Leave Report July 2026, (document number 4143944).

ARF26/124

Bates

CARRIED

Action

Group Manager – Service Delivery:

- To mandate annual leave plans for transferring staff over 300 hours leave balance.

Treasury Report as at 31 July 2026 - 4144243

The Head of Finance and Risk provided an update on Council's treasury position and compliance with the Liability Management Policy as at 31 July 2026.

RESOLVED

THAT the Committee receives the report titled Treasury Report as at 31 July 2026, (document number 4144243).

ARF26/125

Adams/Baxter

CARRIED**RESOLVED**

THAT the Committee notes Council's continued non-compliance with certain treasury policy parameters, as outlined in section 5 of the report, relating to interest rate hedging and loan maturity profile, and that these positions have been approved by Council as temporary during the transition to Waikato Waters Limited.

ARF26/126

Adams/Baxter

CARRIEDAction

Head of Finance and Risk:

- Extend BNZ liquidity facilities beyond 3 years to bring the maturity profile back into compliance (targeting 60% threshold), in consultation with PwC.

Council Leasing Update - 4142708

The Property Manager provided an update on leases which have been renewed, cancelled or are in progress.

RESOLVED

THAT the Committee receives the report titled Council Leasing Update (document number 4142708).

ARF26/127

Milner/Adams

CARRIEDAction

Group Manager – Service Delivery:

- Engage PGG Wrightson to complete valuations of grazing leases, Tandoori Chambers, and Plunket building; bring results back through the GLT/Property Committee before any market listing.
- Provide the Committee with a full updated list of all Council properties with current figures.

Meeting closing | Karakia whakamutunga

The mayor closed the meeting with a karakia at 2:12pm.

CONFIRMED

M Baxter
Chairperson

06 October 2026

confirmed

HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL**LAND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LAND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1 WILLIAM STREET, PAEROA ON THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 2026 COMMENCING AT 9.30AM****PRESENT**

Councillor Neil Gray, Brian Pirie (9.00am-12.15pm), Noel Challis, Gavin Laurich, Conall Buchanan, Craig Zydenbo, Rodney Edwards (9.00am-12.20pm) and Kevin Gillingham

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Toby Adams (9.00am-12.23pm), Joel Stott (Engineering Manager), (Reuben Mills (Waikato Regional Council – Land Drainage Manager), Kenny Growden (Waikato Regional Council – Team Leader – Hauraki & Coromandel), Campbell Moore (HDC - Infrastructure and Operations Manager), Adam Munro (HDC – Acting Land Drainage and Storm Water Manager) and C Black (Council Secretary)

Meeting opening | Karakia timatanga

Adam Munro opened the meeting with a karakia.

APOLOGIES | Te hunga kāore i tae**RESOLVED**

THAT the apology of Deputy Chair, Councillor Stephen Croymans, John Gasson and Roger Hunter be received and sustained.

LDC26/10

Caddy/Paterson

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS | Whākī Pānga

There were no late items.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS | Whakapuakitanga Whaipānga

There were no declarations in interest.

Confirmation of Minutes | Te Whakaū i ngā Meneti

Land Drainage Committee Minutes – 25-06-2026 - 4124980

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Land Drainage Committee held on Thursday, 25 June 2026 are confirmed and are a true and correct record.

LDC26/11

Buchanan/Gillingham

CARRIED

Reporting (for information) | Ngā Pūrongo Whakamārama**Chairperson's Report (verbal)**

Chair, Neil Gray provided an update on current matters of interest.

Issues and Actions Report – matters arising from previous meeting

Adam Munro presented the Issues and Actions report resulting from the previous meeting.

RESOLVED

THAT the Committee receives the report titled “Issues and Actions from previous meeting” (document number 4136366).

LDC26/12

Paterson/Pirie

CARRIEDLand Drainage Information “what you need to know” Pamphlet

Communications with landowners: members were advised that Council is developing information for ratepayers covering the drainage service, relevant rules and responsibilities. Members wanted the existing brochure reviewed and updated, with consideration given to farmer-facing channels and other communications. Farmers and contractors both need clearer information on what drainage work may be undertaken and when advice or approval is required.

Land Drainage Information “what you need to know” pamphlet and link to HDC and WRC websites be made available to Committee members.

Links to HDC and WRC information brochures:

[HDC-Land-Drainage-brochure.pdf](#)

[LandDrainageInformationBrochure.pdf](#)

Forward Work Programme - Maintenance Planning

There was strong concern that the proactive maintenance schedule was not yet available. Staff advised that the existing spreadsheets and records are being consolidated into a single forward programme covering priorities and cyclical maintenance. Members want this available for review at the next meeting.

Action:

Adam Munro to prepare the Land Drainage forward maintenance work programme and present to members at the October meeting and attach to the minutes.

Levels of Service

Members debated whether blocked or weed-filled drains could mean the network is technically not meeting its stated service standard while remaining vulnerable to a major rainfall event. The discussion reinforced the importance of inspections, service requests and a maintenance programme that can change priorities when field conditions warrant.

Pump monitoring: WRC described increasing use of electronic monitoring to detect pump cycling, weed blockages and other problems. This can support earlier intervention and better coordination between WRC and HDC rather than requiring an extensive pump-by-pump report at every meeting.

HDC Organisational Structure

Members requested hard copies of the organisational structure of Council's Land Drainage activity be provided to members at close of meeting.

Pukahu Road Pumpstation Feeder Drains

The upgrade remains potentially beneficial, but there was concern about doing the work well ahead of when WRC needs excavated material for stopbank works. The preference was to keep the project in long-term planning rather than lose sight of it, while retaining flexibility to bring it forward if required.

Canal West Road Stopbank Tie into SH25 opposite Waitakaruru School (Presentation #4150043)

The Engineering Manager, Joel Stott provided a PowerPoint presentation on Canal West Road Stopbank Tie into SH25 opposite Waitakaruru School.

A substantial discussion was held concerning the approximately 100-metre section beside Waitakaruru School. The proposed approach is a reinforced concrete foundation that initially raises protection to RL3 and can potentially accommodate additional protection later. The design seeks to preserve parking and vegetation while dealing with overhead power lines and other site constraints.

Committee members questioned whether a different design would be preferable if preserving the vegetation were no longer a constraint, and concerns were raised about the performance and testing of related stopbank works.

The Stormwater Land Drainage Manager to provide an update to the next meeting as part of the issues and Actions report.

Land Drainage and Stormwater Manager's Activity Report for the period 01 June 2026 – 31 July 2026

Adam Munro provided an overview of land drainage activities undertaken across the four-district drainage during this period 01 June 2026 – 31 July 2026.

RESOLVED

THAT the Committee receives the report titled "Land Drainage Activity Report", 1 June 2026 to 31 July 2026 (document number 4135932).

LDC26/13

Edwards/Paterson

CARRIEDWaikato Regional Council (WRC) Update on Work Programme and Key Activities Report

WRC staff representatives, Kenny Growden and Reuben Mills, were in attendance and updated on the maintenance programme and key activities of interest to the Committee.

A sluice-gate trial at Alexander's was reported as promising, including reduced pump operation and potential weed-management benefits. WRC also described work to improve coordination where HDC board drains interact with WRC assets.

RESOLVED

THAT the Waikato Regional Council updates report on the work programme and key activities be received.

LDC26/14

Edwards/Gillingham

CARRIED

Items for Next Meeting – 29 October 2026

The Land Drainage Manager provided an opportunity for the Committee to confirm agenda items for the next meeting on 29 October 2026.

- Report on recent stopbank surveys
- Communication strategy (proposed initiatives)
- Forward maintenance programme for mechanical cleaning
- Paeroa Rural Field trip following close of October meeting to visit sites of interest in and around Paeroa, including Opukeko and Rotokohu and Alexanders Pump Station. Members were requested to confirm attendance so arrangements can be finalised.

Opukeko Drainage District – WRC Spillway (slide 11 of Adam Munro's presentation)

Kenny Growden presented an update on the Opukeko spillway project.

An invitation was conveyed to Kenny Growden and Reuben Mills to attend the Paeroa Rural field trip following the October meeting.

Brian Pirie left the meeting at 12.07pm.

Member's Feedback on Drainage Matters in their Respective Areas**| Ko ngā korero a ngā mema mō nga take whakaheke wai i o raatau rohe**

- Brian Pirie – condition of network in his areas are working to expectations, supported that usual maintenance continue.
- Kevin Gillingham – no issues.
- Rodney Edwards – no issues.
- Peter Paterson – Maukoro (at Aitchison's property end) - asked about the purchase of the land from landowner and removal of the stopbank to address flooding issues. WRC advised that Sarah Muir, WRC Scheme Land Officer has been given permission to commence discussions with the landowner to review costs and impacts. Peter suggested that a small pump be installed at the end of the drain that goes to Pratt's property as there is access to power at that location.
- Conall Buchanan – advised that a contractor reported spending nearly two hours completing Council-requested health and safety procedures before being able to pump out an area, while water levels were rising towards house floors. Concerns were raised about whether the process could be addressed more quickly in such emergencies. Campbell Moore (Infrastructure and Operations Manager) will meet with Conall to discuss further following the meeting.
- Chair, Neil Gray – on behalf of John Gasson, requested that a meeting be arranged at Taramaire to consider that the stopbank heights be resurveyed. Concern that they may not provide effective protection in severe weather events. Also requested investigation be undertaken to see if other drains needed to be developed in the area and/or handed over to HDC to address water issues during severe weather events. On behalf of Roger Hunter, a landowner, has requested that the board drain along SH25 by the Kopuarahi Stream needs urgent attention.
- Noel Challis – requested further discussion on health and safety processes in emergency events – contractor unable to get on with work required. Agreed to speak to Campbell Moore (Infrastructure and Operations Manager) after the meeting. Mayor Adams emphasised the importance of adhering to health and safety requirements to protect Council staff and contractors working on Council

land/premises. Advised if members observe any issues these need to be communicated with Council.

- Craig Zydenbos – raised concern about subsidence of the road into the Rotokohu Canal between Mill Road and the floodgates onto the Ohinemuri River along Gerrard Road. From a roading infrastructure point of view and drainage, there needs to be some sort of plan worked on as to how to address the subsidence and ensure that the road stays up and the drain stays open. Chair suggested that this be included for inspection during the October site visit, with a plan to be developed for road and drain maintenance.
- Keven Caddy questioned why HDC could not clean the toe drain while undertaking nearby works, rather than WRC attending separately. WRC advised that the two councils are discussing ways to improve efficiencies in network maintenance.
- Gavin Laurich – Hopai Outlet – not getting level of service and requested investigation. Protection of road running to floodgate requires attention. In response to this matter raised, Reuben Mills stated that WRC relies on the network of farmers to log any requests for service into the WRC service requests system so that staff are aware of any issues.

unconfirmed

Ngā take kia tū te hui o te Kaunihera anake |
Reasons for Matters to be taken with the Public Excluded

RESOLVED

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

The general subject 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(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Item No.	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) Under Section 48(1) for the Passing of this Resolution
1	Formal Warning issued to a Landowner for unauthorised work on the Taramaire Drainage Outlet	Section 7(2)(a) – Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons. and Section 7(2)(g) – Maintain legal professional privilege.	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

LDC26/15

Buchanan/Challis

CARRIED

Rodney Edwards left the meeting at 12.20pm

confidential page 7 has been removed

RESOLVED

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting and that the business in committee discussed be confirmed.

LDC26/18

Caddy/Zydenbos

CARRIED

Adam Munro closed the meeting with a karakia at 1.00pm

CONFIRMED

N Gray
Chairperson

29 October 2026

unconfirmed

MŌ TE WHAKATAUNGA FOR DECISION



To Mayor and Councillors

Author Council Secretary

Meeting date Tuesday, 13 October 2026

File reference Document: 4182139
[Appendix A: - 2027 Meeting Schedule 4182141](#)

Subject **Adoption of 2027 Council and Committee Meeting Schedule**

1 TE WHAIKUPU | RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council

- a) Receives the report on the Council and Committee Meeting Schedule for 2027 (document number 4182139).
- b) Approves and adopts the Council and Committee Meeting Schedule for 2027.
- c) THAT the Council considers these decisions to be insignificant under its Significance and Engagement Policy 2020.

2 TE ARONGA | PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is for Council to consider and approve the attached schedule of Council and Committee meeting dates for the 2027 calendar year.

3 WHAKAPAPA | BACKGROUND

As per Cl. 19 (6) Schedule 7, LGA 2002, Council is required to adopt the meeting schedule for all meetings of Council and its Committees for the following calendar year.

4 WHAKAPAI | APPROVAL

Prepared by	Carol Black Council Secretary
Reviewed by	Michelle Cuttance Democracy and Customer Experience Manager
Approved by	Natasha Ryburn Group Manager – Communications and Corporate Services

Appendix A

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - 2027

Please note: scheduled meeting dates maybe be subject to change if /when required.

2027	COUNCIL	Policy, Planning and Emergency Management Committee (if required)	Regulatory Hearings Committee (if required)	Audit, Risk and Finance Committee	Land Drainage Committee	Council Management Committee	District Licensing Committee	Ward Forums/Hui
Membership	All elected members Quorum is 8 elected members.	Mayor Toby Adams (Deputy Chair) Cr. Anne Marie Spicer (Chair) Deputy Mayor Paul Milner Cr. Ray Broad Cr. Stephen Crooymans Cr. Des Tyler Cr. Austin Rattray Cr. Amanda Ryan Cr. Cynthia Bates Quorum 5 members	Cr. P Milner (Chair)Mayor Toby Adams Deputy Mayor Paul Milner (Chair) Cr. Austin Rattray (Deputy Chair) Cr. Anne Marie Spicer Cr. Stephen Crooymans Cr. Ray Broad Note: Members must be trained (or undertaking training) in accordance with section 39B of the RMA 1991. Quorum 2 members.	Max Baxter (Independent Chair) Toby Adams (Mayor) Paul Milner (Deputy Chair) Stephen Crooymans Cynthia Bates Anne Marie Spicer Carole Daley (community member) Quorum 4 members.	Cr. Neil Gray (Chair) Cr. Stephen Crooymans (Deputy Chair) Eleven members of the community that reside in and are elected to represent the following Drainage Areas: Western Plains Drainage Area – 4 community members Eastern Plains Drainage Area – 4 community members Paeroa Rural Drainage Area – 2 community members Taramaire Drainage District – 1 community members Quorum is half of the members. 1 quorum member must be an eelcted member of Council.	Mayor Toby Adams (Chair) Deputy Mayor Paul Milner (Deputy Chair) Cr. Anne Marie Spicer Cr. Neil Gray Quorum 3 members.	Deputy Mayor Paul Milner (Chair) Cr. Rino Wilkinson (co- Deputy Chairperson) Cr. Jo Tilsley (co-Deputy Chairperson) Five list members (to be appointed from the Council’s ‘list’ maintained under section 192 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012) Quorum is as per the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.	All elected members
Frequency	Monthly - second Wednesday of every month, commences at 9.00am	Bi-monthly meetings if required to be held on the third Wednesday of the month, starting in February 2027. Commences 9:00am.	Monthly meetings if /when required on the first Tuesday and/or third Tuesday in each month, starting in February 2027 commences at 9.00am.	Bi-monthly – last Tuesday, starting February 2027 Commences at 9:00am.	Last Thursday bi-monthly commencing at 9.30am.	Bi-monthly – last Tuesday, starting February 2027 - following the Policy, Planning and EM Committee meetings), and any additional meetings as required and set by the Mayor.	Meeting dates/times when required.	Dates/times to be determined by the Council Management Committee Plains, Paeroa and Waihi Wards Forums/Hui and Whiritoa Community Forum/Hui
January	No meeting	No meeting	No meeting	No meeting	No meeting	No meeting		
February	10th	17th	2nd and 16th	23rd	25th	17th		
March	10th	No meeting	2nd and 16th	No meeting	No meeting	No meeting		Whiritoa Community Forum/Hui
April	14th	21st	6th and 20th	27th	29th	21st		Plains Ward Public Forum/Hui Waihi Ward Public Forum/Hui Paeroa Ward Forum/Hui
May	12th	No meeting	11th and 25th	No meeting	No meeting	No meeting		
June	9th	16th	8th and 22nd	29th	24th	16th		
July	14th	No meeting	13th and 27th	No meeting	No meeting	No meeting		
August	11th	18th	10th and 24th	31st	26th	18th		
September	8th	No meeting	14th and 28th	No meeting	No meeting	No meeting		
October	13th	20th	5th and 19th	26th	28th	20th		Plains Ward Public Forum/Hui Waihi Ward Public Forum/Hui Paeroa Ward Forum/Hui
November	10th	No meeting	9th and 23rd	No meeting	No meeting	No meeting		
December	8th	15th	14th	7th	16th	15th		

MŌ TE WHAKATAUNGA FOR DECISION



To Mayor and Councillors

Author Lisa Moore
Manager – Projects

Terri Casey
Senior Project Manager

Elizabeth Whittenham
Management Accountant

Meeting date 13 October 2026

File reference Document: 4149075
Appendix A: Capital carry forwards – 2025/26 to 2026/27. 4181038

Subject **2025/26 Budget Carry Forwards – Capital and Operational**

1 TE WHAIKUPU | RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council

- a) Receives the report titled 2025/26 Budget Carry Forwards – Capital and Operational, (document number: 4149075).
- b) Approves Option 1: Approve the following as set out in this report:
 - 2025/26 capital carry forwards (appendix A)
 - 2025/26 overspends (tables 1 and 2)
 - 2026/27 budgets brought forward into 2025/26 (table 3)
 - amalgamated project budgets (table 4)
 - 2025/26 operational carry forwards (table 9)
 - 2025/26 better off funding carry forwards (table 10)

AND

- c) THAT Council approves project budget name changes, external funding amendments and budget amendments as set out in Appendix A.

AND

- d) THAT Council approves the capital budget brought forward from the 2034 Financial Year into the 2027 Financial Year for 1105_001 - WPDD (D) - Rawerawe Pump Station, of \$58,600 to a 2027 Financial Year budget of \$110,550, as set out in Appendix A.

AND

- e) THAT Council cease to fund the annual discretionary grant commitments (table 11), effective 30 June 2027, with the expectation that any organisation seeking ongoing funding apply to Council again or submit via the Long-Term Plan (LTP) process.

OR

- f) THAT Council continue to fund the annual discretionary grant commitments (table 11) from their existing budgets.

2 TE ARONGA | PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to:

- provide a summary of the 2025/26 capital programme delivery
- approve 2025/26 capital carry forwards, overspends and budgets brought forward,
- approve the 2025/26 operational carry forwards
- tidy up budgets / projects as advised by staff and elected members, and
- adjust the 2026/27 budget accordingly

3 TE WHAKARĀPOPOTANGA | SUMMARY

2025/26 Capital Programme

The 2025/26 capital budget was \$84M, with a delivery plan of \$51.6M. The delivery plan was established as the planned expenditure for the year, and accounts for the phasing of projects. For example, a multi-year project may have a budget sitting in 1 financial year, however the delivery plan accounts for the phasing of that spend across multiple years.

The actual expenditure for the year was \$44M, therefore putting the programme delivery at 85% of the delivery plan.

2025/26 Variances

Of the \$39M unspent budget; \$1.3M is on projects that were completed within budget and / or is budget that can be removed from the programme. A further \$4.2M can be removed for Ngātea South that will not be carried forward.

Given we are in year 3 of the 2024-34 LTP, you can expect budget to be removed again this year with large multi-year projects coming to an end. However these projects require carry forward to effectively manage risk.

Projects that required budgets to be brought forward from 2026/27 to cover spend in 2025/26 account for \$288K. A further 8 projects had relatively small overspends to a total of \$15K; the largest being the Kerepēhi Playground with an overspend of \$9K. Total overspends are 0.03% of capital expenditure for 2026/27.

There are 4 other projects reporting overspends that have been excluded from this total as they were essentially planned.

- The comprehensive stormwater discharge consent was anticipated and is covered by other stormwater projects
- The Morgan Park Toilet came from a decision to sell the original toilet which cannot be capitalised
- The Tetley Quarry Closure is project work covered by another budget not held within the capital programme
- Ridgeview Place Waihi utilises a footpath budget

These were all reported to Audit, Risk and Finance as part of the Capital Reporting.

4 WHAKAPAPA | BACKGROUND

The long term planning process determines the 10-year vision, priorities and budgets to guide investment, services and infrastructure in a sustainable and transparent way. This establishes what the projects are each financial year.

Each year, an annual planning process is undertaken to set budgets, activities, and rates for the coming year; aligning with the Long Term Plan (LTP); while responding to priorities or changing circumstances.

Following year end, Council looks at the delivery of projects against that plan, and determines what funds need carrying forward to continue delivering on the plan.

This report follows the annual cycle of bringing an overview of the delivery of projects, the overspends, the budgets brought forward and the project carry forwards to Council for transparency and decision.

2025/26 Capital Programme Carry Forwards

A number of last year's projects and programmes of work are still underway, and require budgets to be carried forward into this financial year; 2026/27. This can be for a multitude of reasons. We may have:

- Multi-year projects so a budget carry forward is required to continue,
- Projects in close-out that require completion,
- Projects we scheduled into 2026/27 in order to smooth workload or undertake a more efficient procurement process.

Projects may span over multiple financial years; may have incurred delays; or may have been prioritised into the next financial year due to resource constraints. The term 'resource' not only refers to staff availability, but the availability of potential contractors, suppliers, consent approval, and such.

Due to this, we expect to 'carry forward' funds from the previous financial year, into the current financial year to allow the project to continue or to start up; or we may need to defer funds in the current financial year to flag these funds are unlikely to be spent this year; however, will be required next year so the project can be undertaken / completed.

In relation to both the capital and operational projects that have been requested to be carried forward, the budget implications are timing issues as they have been provided for in the previous financial year.

Budget Overspends, Budgets Brought Forward and Budget Transfers / Changes

Some capital project budgets have change requests due to either:

- Overspends on projects.
- Utilising the budget on one project for another – these are projects that have a strong relationship or are the same project however needs the paperwork updated to reflect this. These are all noted in Appendix A.
- The funding is requested to be moved from one year into another to reflect when the work will be undertaken.
- External funding has been confirmed or clarified, therefore reflected in the 2026/27 budget. These have been noted in Appendix A.
- Alignment to other Council Resolutions and reporting. These have been noted in Appendix A.

Better Off Funding and Operational Budgets

There is Better Off Funding (BOF) and some operational projects that were scheduled to be delivered in the 2025/26 financial year, but due to timing issues, will be delivered in the

2026/27 financial year. Unlike capital expenditure projects we do not generally carry forward operational budgets that have been unspent.

5 NGĀ TAKE | ISSUES

The following sections outline the changes to budgets according to rationale for the change:

- Overspends
- Budgets brought forward
- Capital carry forwards
- Operational carry forwards
- Better Off Funding (BOF) carry forwards
- Discretionary funding

Staff seek Council's approval for all items within this section, and this is reflected in the resolutions accordingly.

5.1 2025/26 Capital Budget Overspends

The overspends for 2025/26 for decision are shown in Table 1 and 2 below.

Table 1: 2025/26 Capital Budget Overspends – **For Decision**

Description	Budget	Actual	Variance (Budget - Actual)	Notes
1112_001 - WPDD Mangawhero Flume Replacement	0	698	-698	
1411_001 - Waihi Event Centre: Sound System	15,000	15,972	-972	
1493_001 - Tūrua Domain fencing	0	155	-155	
1559_001 - Consols Reserve Dog Exercise Area	28,720	28,846	-126	
1562_001 - Paeroa Domain Ground Level Seating	17,000	17,164	-164	
1421_001 - District Flow Meter Renewals	26,922	27,484	-562	
1467_001 - Ngātea EPH Guttering	30,000	32,590	-2,590	
Kerepēhi Playground Total Projects	315,647	324,946	-9,299	
<i>1308_001 - Kerepēhi Playground - replacement modular playground</i>	<i>240,647</i>	<i>324,946</i>	<i>-84,299</i>	
<i>1478_001 - Plains - Rubber matting for playground resurface</i>	<i>75,000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>75,000</i>	
1219_001 - Morgan Park Toilet (formerly the Pātetonga Toilet)	139,529	225,832	-86,303	A decision made to sell the old toilet to offset costs however this could not be capitalised
Total Overspends	572,818	673,687	-100,869	

Table 2: 2025/26 Capital Budget Overspends Accommodated by Other Budgets – **For Decision**

Description	Budget	Actual	Variance (Budget - Actual)	Notes
1602_001 - Tetley's Quarry Closure	0	37,602	-37,602	Offset against another budget – not capital
1287_001 - Comprehensive stormwater discharge consents - district wide	14,904	55,792	-40,888	To be offset against other SW Budgets as part of carry forward process
1515_001 - Ridgeview Place Waihi – Urbanisation (utilizing FC's)	102,522	121,542	-19,020	To be offset against the Waihi Footpath project as part of carry forward process

Description	Budget	Actual	Variance (Budget - Actual)	Notes
1078_001 - Waihi Resource Consents	0	2,713	-2,713	To be offset against 1262_001 - Wastewater Consents (District wide)
1187_001 - Wastewater (Renewal) Paeroa Resource Consents	51,748	82,063	-30,315	To be offset against 1262_001 - Wastewater Consents (District wide)
1463_001 - Kerepēhi Raw Water Intake	229,962	369,349	-139,387	Was loaded incorrectly, noted in reporting earlier in the year, however within the Kerepēhi Raw Water Budget

5.2 2026/27 Budgets Brought Forward

The expenditure ahead of plan in 2025/26 required budgets to be brought forward from 2026/27. These are shown below.

Table 3: 20 /27 Capital Budgets Brought Forward – For Decision

Description	2025/26 Financial Year			2026/27 Financial Year		
	Budget	Actual	Variance (Budget - Actual)	Annual Plan Budget	New Budget	Notes
1545_001 - Elderly Peoples Housing Renewals - District	243,133	217,235	25,898	176,098	201,996	Refer to carry forwards and the amalgamation of budgets
1228_001 - Car Parks	0	0	0	5,215	5,215	
1163_001 - Plant Renewals	689,669	750,016	-60,347	673,500	613,153	
1157_001 - Plains - Renewals Recreation	5,784	10,071	-4,287	5,225	938	
1544_001 - Waste Management Infrastructure	632,362	695,359	-62,997	100,000	37,003	Resolution for external funding included in this report
1027_001 - District Treatment Asset Renewals	517,000	679,009	-162,009	548,980	386,971	
1029_001 - District Water Meter Renewals	218,165	199,902	18,263	232,100	250,363	
Total Budgets Brought Forward	2,306,113	2,551,592	-245,479	1,741,118	1,495,639	

5.3 Amalgamated Project Budgets

The budgets below in Table 4 are budgets we are requesting be amalgamated.

Table 4: Amalgamated Projects – **For Decision**

Description	2025/26 Financial Year			2026/27 Financial Year		Notes
	Budget	Actual	Variance (Budget - Actual)	Annual Plan Budget	New Budget	
1545_001 - Elderly Peoples Housing Renewals - District	243,133	217,235	25,898	176,098	201,996	Amalgamate together into 1545_001 - Elderly Peoples Housing Renewals - District
1545_001 - Elderly Peoples Housing Renewals - District	187,800	204,825	-17,025			
1466_001 - New joinery and double glazing Upper Moresby Ave Waihi	24,733	12,411	12,322			
1476_001 - Upper Moresby Ave Electrical switchboard replacements	30,600	0	30,600			
1001_001 - Minor Improvements (Levels of Service)	370,179	207,564	162,615	688,246	850,861	Amalgamate together into 1001_001 - Minor Improvements (Levels of Service)
1001_001 - Minor Improvements (Levels of Service)	162,527	207,564	-45,037			
1564_001 - Minor Improvements (Levels of Service)	207,652	0	207,652			
1565_001 - Minor Improvements (Renewals)	521,530	153,649	367,881	1,593,000	1,960,881	Amalgamate together into 1565_001 - Minor Improvements (Renewals)
1015_001 - Minor Improvements (Renewals)	0	0	0			
1565_001 - Minor Improvements (Renewals)	521,530	153,649	367,881			
<i>1171_001 - Miscellaneous Property Renewal</i>	<i>536,802</i>	<i>68,299</i>	<i>468,503</i>	<i>327,607</i>	<i>96,110</i>	<i>\$700K moved to depot</i>
1256_001 - Depot Upgrade and Rationalisation	439,000	262,387	176,613	0	876,613	Amalgamate together into 1256_001 - Depot Upgrade and Rationalisation. Includes \$700K from Property
1256_001 - Depot Upgrade and Rationalisation	430,861	262,387	168,474			
1528_001 - Hauraki House Garages and Bike Shed	8,139	0	8,139			
1231_001 - Waihi Museum Chimney and Electrical	431,457	375,469	55,988	0	12,000	

	2025/26 Financial Year			2026/27 Financial Year		
1231_001 - Waihi Museum Chimney and Electrical	431,457	368,295	63,162			Amalgamate together into 1231_001 - Waihi Museum Chimney and Electrical
1230_001 - Waihi Museum Replace Roof	0	7,174	-7,174			
1030_001 - District Wide Pipe Renewal Programme (Service Continuity)	1,273,031	750,572	522,459	1,027,570	1,550,029	Amalgamate together into 1030_001 - District Wide Pipe Renewal Programme (Service Continuity)
1030_001 - District Wide Pipe Renewal Programme (Service Continuity)	944,577	745,651	198,926			
1026_001 - District Cast Iron Pipe Renewal	115,971	4,921	111,050			
1282_001 - Concrete Pipe replacement	212,483	0	212,483			

5.4 2025/26 Capital Carry Forwards

The capital carry forwards for Council's consideration and decision, from the 2025/26 financial year to the 2026/27 financial year, are included as Appendix A to this report, and equate to \$33M.

Of the total carry forwards, some large projects account for \$21M of the \$33M. These are as follows.

Table 5: Top 9 Carry Forwards

Project	Carry Forward
1263_001 - Paeroa Upgrading WWTP	13,117,293
1490_001 - Morgan Park - Outdoor Recreation Hub (includes External Funding)	1,683,668
1341_001 - Paeroa Raw Water Main	1,629,008
1243_001 - Hauraki Rail Trail: Resurfacing and bridge approaches	1,279,538
1016_001 - Pavement Rehabilitation	1,163,642
1262_001 - Wastewater Consents (District wide)	738,589
1018_001 - Structures Component Replacement	677,847
1090_001 - Whiritoa Upgrading WWTP	600,262
1030_001 - District Wide Pipe Renewal Programme (Service Continuity)	522,459

5.5 2025/26 Completed or Near Completed Projects

Table 6: Completed Projects

Description	Budget	Actual	Variance (Budget - Actual)	Notes
1302_001 - Pools: Water pump renewals (District)	30,631	30,536	95	
1309_001 - Pools: Lane ropes renewals (District)	6,665	5,048	1,617	
1394_001 - Ngātea Pool Salt Chlorinator	78,616	56,455	22,161	
1395_001 - Ngātea Netball Courts Resurfacing	15,000	0	15,000	Could not be capitalised as we do not own the courts, however there was spend on the project (\$14K)
1446_001 - Waihi Hall Replace Hot Water Cylinder	2,040	2,007	33	
1436_001 - Pools: Paeroa - Sand Filter	350,272	128,071	222,201	
1555_001 - Brenan Field: Concrete Walkway	30,000	25,516	4,484	
1305_001 - Hauraki Rail Trail - Re construction Pipiroa Bridge to Kōpū	288,485	98,138	190,347	
1458_001 - WPDD (D) - Martinovich Pump Station	64,000	34,181	29,819	
1527_001 - Dog Pound - Paeroa	61,923	25,526	36,397	
1534_001 - Whiritoa Emergency Centre Asphalt Carpark	40,000	38,640	1,360	
1357_001 - Training lights for Hugh Hayward Domain	10,000	0	10,000	Were costs that were not capitalised (\$907)
1272_001 - Waihi Second Membrane	5,000	0	5,000	Were costs that were not capitalised (\$1,875)
Total Completed Projects	982,632	444,116	538,516	

Table 7: Projects Near Completion / Carry Forward to Close-out

Description	2025/26 Financial Year			2026/27 Financial Year	
	Budget	Actual	Budget to Carry Forward	Annual Plan Budget	Updated Budget
1413_001 - Waihi Hall Rear Access	20,000	0	20,000	0	20,000
1436_001 - Pools: Paeroa - Sand Filter	350,272	128,071	222,201	0	222,201
1443_001 - Paeroa Hall Replace Formica Bench in Toilets	5,100	0	5,100	0	5,100
1466_001 - New joinery and double glazing Upper Moresby Ave Waihi	24,733	12,411	12,322	0	12,322
1476_001 - Upper Moresby Ave Electrical switchboard replacements	30,600	0	30,600	0	30,600
1516_001 - Ngatitangata Rd Seal Extension RP 1221 - 1648	89,247	47,340	5,000	0	5,000
1170_001 - Hauraki House - Replace air conditioning units	18,738	5,180	13,558	16,380	29,938
1231_001 - Waihi Museum Chimney and Electrical	431,457	368,295	12,000	0	12,000
1536_001 - Hauraki House HVAC Work to Increase Fresh Air Supply to Hauraki House	12,943	4,372	8,571	0	8,571
1248_001 - Stormwater Criterion Bridge stormwater pump station upgrade	307,216	292,250	14,966	0	14,966
1258_001 - Kerepēhi sewer	364,779	69,444	295,335	0	295,335
1558_001 - Waihi WW Effluent Flowmeter Install	251,370	0	251,370	0	251,370
1463_001 - Kerepēhi Raw Water Intake	2,717,552	369,349	311,300	0	311,300
1279_001 - Raw water tank Kerepēhi		176,169			
1280_001 - Kerepēhi raw water main		1,580,708	6,050	0	6,050
1603_001 - Kaiaua Water Supply Tank capacity increase	50,000	43,367	6,633	0	6,633
Total of Near Completion Projects	4,674,007	3,096,956	1,215,006	16,380	1,231,386

Table 8: Projects that are Not Required

Description	2025/26 Financial Year		
	Budget	Actual	Variance (Budget - Actual)
1003_001 - New Footpaths - Plains	140,000	0	140,000
1005_001 - New Kerb Channel Stormwater Control - Plains	22,183	0	22,183
1566_001 - 2260: Minor Safety Works	51,714	0	51,714
1246_001 - Stormwater Rain Gauges - Whiritoa	2,026	0	2,026
1601_001 - Waihi WWTP Curtains Install	195,000	0	195,000
	410,923	0	410,923

5.6 2025/26 Operational Carry Forwards

The operational carry forwards for Council's consideration and decision, from the 2025/26 financial year to the 2026/27 financial year, are shown below.

Table 9: 2025/26 Operational Carry Forwards – **For Decision**

Description	GL	Operational Var 26	Carry forward amount 26	AP 26/27	Revised Forecast 27	Comments
Customer Services – Clothing	08540.0454.0655	3,503	3,503	4,182	7,685	The corporate uniform has been refreshed and rolling out replacement uniforms.
District Event Fund	06021.0454.0608	2,676	2,676	43,146	45,822	Funds in GL 06021.0454.0608 are allocated to the District Event Fund, which was established in 2023. A portion of the fund is ring-fenced for traffic management costs associated with specific events (GO Waihi Warm Up Party, Paeroa Highland Games and Tattoo, Ward Christmas parades and the Rotary Paeroa Classic and Vintage Car Show). The remaining funds are available to support community events through an application process. Community organisations can apply for funding for events that meet the fund's guiding principles and criteria and provide a benefit to the Hauraki community.

Description	GL	Operational Var 26	Carry forward amount 26	AP 26/27	Revised Forecast 27	Comments
Plains Ward Community Assistance Fund	06320.0424.0608	16,481	16,481	10,000	26,481	Funds in GL 06320.0424.0608 are allocated to the Plains Ward Community Assistance Fund. This fund is for the discretionary allocation of grants or donations towards activities, individuals, or groups within or benefiting the Plains Ward, as determined by the respective ward members and Council.
Paeroa Ward Community Assistance Fund	06310.0424.0608	13,908	13,908	10,000	23,908	Funds in GL 06310.0424.0608 are allocated to the Paeroa Ward Community Assistance Fund. This fund is for the discretionary allocation of grants or donations towards activities, individuals, or groups within or benefiting the Paeroa Ward, as determined by the respective ward members and Council.
District General Fund	06300.0424.0608	7,164	7,164	10,000	17,164	Funds in GL 06300.0424.0608 are allocated to the District General Fund. This fund is discretionary and available for general or more significant activities or projects that provide a benefit to more than one ward.
Insulation grants – Social Initiatives / Assistance / Donations and Grants	06210.0423.0608	6,578	6,578	12,300	18,878	The arrangement was finalised in 2025. Insulating 48-50 homes, 10-20% cost. We are proposing to carry forward the 2025/26 budget into 2026/27, to increase the impact of the programme.
Biodiversity	01410	88,394	88,394	31,250	119,644	Growth of fund to enable response to environmental issues as they arise including projects that support biodiversity, restoration, and resilience
Zero Carbon – Environmental initiatives	01400.0539.0402	63,736	63,736	36,756	100,492	Growth of fund to enable response to environmental issues as they arise including projects that support biodiversity, restoration, and resilience
Climate change adaption – Environmental initiatives	01440.0454.0402	12,214	12,214	20,420	32,634	Growth of fund to enable response to environmental issues as they arise including projects that support biodiversity, restoration, and resilience
Coast Care	01420.0543.0402 & 01421.0543.0402	37,274	37,274	35,735	73,009	Growth of fund to enable response to environmental issues as they arise including projects that support biodiversity, restoration, and resilience
Conservation & Heritage	01430.0535.0402	17,516	17,516	17,357	34,873	This activity requires what is left from this fund to be carried over to enable ongoing conservation and heritage initiatives projects to be funded.

Description	GL	Operational Var 26	Carry forward amount 26	AP 26/27	Revised Forecast 27	Comments
Forestry		101,739	101,739	90,444	192,183	Funds were previously carried forward for replanting; the plants have been sourced and are now ready.
Health and Safety	8710, 8712	163,017	163,017	84,027	247,044	Funds were budgeted in the AP26 for critical risk programme. That work is ongoing and will include contractor management, working at heights, contractor management, hazardous substances and chemicals, lone working and fatigue, psychosocial, violence, threats and aggression, working with suspended loads
Organisational Training	8706.0568	96,645	96,645	131,459	228,104	Costs were budgeted in 2025/26 was to create a leadership capability framework and deliver the training required once the training priorities were identified. This framework part is now done so we can now plan the training required and catch-up on priority L&D.
GIS Corporate	8371.0454	53,060	53,060	71,746	124,806	We were expecting to replace the Corporate GIS tools we use in the 25/26 FY but due to other priorities this did not happen. That budget is to be used for product licensing and external support to implement a new GIS software suite.
GM - Service Delivery Other Professional Fees	08010.0454	16,249	16,249	144,449	160,698	Remaining funds approved in last year's carry forward and council report for ongoing project
RMA Policy - Plan Reviews	01350.0462	407,347	137,000	185,340	322,340	We will need to carry over \$137k to enable finishing of our last Plan Change process; inserting the National Direction and out of scope changes to the District Plan and allowing funds towards Regional Spatial Plan work which is required now under the new RMA reform legislation.
Roading Emergency Works	0208.0300	209,922	209,922	-	209,922	C26/49 - THAT Council approves unbudgeted operating expenditure of \$818,000 in the Land Transport activity in the 2026 financial year, and that the unbudgeted expenditure be funded from rates.
Closed Landfill	2810,2815,2820,2820	63,688	63,688	211,748	275,436	Closed landfill sites were not mowed or grazed as budgeted in AP25/26 but is about to go ahead. Surplus pump was not purchased last year but has now been sourced.
Water Supply - Major Maintenance Districtwide - Desludging	03207.341	930,264	930,264	150,000	1,080,264	Used to desludge ponds at Waitakaruru WTP, Kerepēhi WTP (Tanners Ponds).

Description	GL	Operational Var 26	Carry forward amount 26	AP 26/27	Revised Forecast 27	Comments
Water Supply Headworks Asset Disposal Waitakaruru	03111.0402.0402	265,000	265,000	-	265,000	Costs for remediation of Waitakaruru Dam (Steen Road)
Water Supply Headworks Asset Disposal Paeroa	03095.0402.0402	399,587	399,587	-	399,587	Costs for remediation of Paeroa Dams (Old Reservoir Road)
	F24 carry forward	Variance	Carried forward levy to Spend	AP 26/27	Revised Forecast 27	
Waste Management Levy	179717.57	499,701	499,701	317,550	817,251	The rules around the waste levy allow for spending this budget across multiple years. There's a significant budget that will be utilised this year. Carry forward from prior year approved in C25/202

5.7 Better Off Funding Carry Forwards / Budget Remaining

Table 10: 2025/26 Better Off Funding Carry Forwards / Budgets Remaining – **For Decision**

Better Off Funding	Full Project Budget	Claims to Date	Funds Spent to 30/06/26	2026/27 Budget
Project Management Cost	\$140,000	\$90,346	\$90,346.38	\$49,654
Local Water Done Well	\$1,042,000	\$320,000	\$320,000	\$722,000
Partnership Model	\$459,000	\$222,873	\$222,872.99	\$236,127
Hauraki Plains Adaptation Plan	\$900,000	\$434,016	\$434,016.38	\$465,984
Community Placemaking	\$652,000	\$436,810	\$436,809.66	\$215,190
Reserve Management Plans	\$62,000	\$0	\$0	\$62,000
Paeroa Urban Streetscape	\$525,000	\$89,100	\$30,814.71	\$435,900
Total	\$3,780,000	\$1,593,145	\$1,534,860.12	\$2,186,855

5.8 Discretionary Fund Carry Forwards

During Long Term Plan (LTP) workshop discussions, it was raised that a decision needs to be made around the future of the current annual discretionary grant commitments that sit outside the 2024-2034 LTP funding commitments. These grants are provided to the organisations listed below.

Table 11: Discretionary Fund Carry Forwards – **For Decision**

Ward	Fund	2025/26 Carry Forward Amount
<i>Plains CAF</i>	Community organisations Water rates relief (estimate)	\$2,350.55
<i>Plains CAF</i>	HP College Prize giving Community Service Award	\$250.00
<i>Plains CAF</i>	HP Co-op Parish Community Garden (rate relief est)	\$ 841.45
<i>Plains CAF</i>	Ngātea Lions World Service Day Event Costs	\$500.00
<i>Paeroa CAF</i>	Paeroa College Prizegiving Sponsorship	\$217.39
<i>Waihī CAF</i>	Waihī College Prize giving	\$250.00

The consensus from the workshops was that, at the conclusion of the 2026/27 financial year, Council should either:

- discontinue the above commitments, with the expectation that the organisations reapply to Council for future funding through the appropriate funding processes, including the LTP; or
- continue supporting the organisations, with funding to be accommodated within existing annual operating budgets rather than as separate discretionary grant commitments.

6 WHAIWHAKAARO RAUTAKI O NGĀ TAKE | STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 Mana Whenua/Māori

Impacts to Mana Whenua/Māori are considered as part of the LTP process, and at the project level. Impacts have not been considered as part of this purposes of this report.

6.2 Strategic alignment

Strategic alignment has been considered as part of the LTP process and has not been considered for the purposes of this report.

6.3 Policy and bylaw consistency

Policies and bylaws are considered at the project level and have not been considered for the purposes of this report.

6.4 Climate change implications

Climate change implications are considered as part of the LTP process and has not been considered for the purposes of this report.

The decision will not be impacted by a changing climate.

6.5 Issue risks and mitigations

Risk		What is being done about the risk?
Financial/economic	The risk is the capacity to deliver the workprogramme, which will be influenced by staff, contractor, and materials availability. The risk is expected to be of major impact. The likelihood of the risk occurring is possible.	Staff have completed a review of the programme of works with this in mind. Staff create realistic forecasts with projects reported regularly to Council so deferrals or advancing projects can be discussed as these risks materialise.

6.6 Financial and resource implications of issue

In order to accommodate these costs there will need to be changes to the timing of budgets, however all projects have been previously approved and included in Annual Plans and LTPs.

7 NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA A MĀTOU | OPTIONS AVAILABLE

The following options have been identified for consideration:

- Option 1: Approve the requested carry forwards and overspends as set out in this report.
- Option 2: Approve, at Council's direction, *some* of the requested carry forwards, budget transfers, and overspends as set out in this report.

7.1 Option 1

Option 1: Approve the requested carry forwards, changes and overspends	
Provide a summary of option:	Option 1 involves Council's approval of the requested carry forwards, both operational and capital, from 2025/26 into 2026/27 together with the requests to bring forward future budgeted spend, other variations, amalgamations and changes in tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 and Appendix A.
Advantages:	Approval of the carry forward programme outlined in this report will allow projects to be delivered that will assist Council in achieving its agreed levels of service, as outlined in our LTP and Annual Plans.
Disadvantages:	If not approved, parts of the work programme will not be completed as planned.
Risk mitigation:	Approval of this option enables staff to undertake forecasting that can be used to determine our delivery plan for the current financial year. This information can go on to guide planning and programming discussions.
Financial costs:	• Capital costs: Capital costs have been provided for in the previous Annual Plan. • Ongoing annual operating: No impact as the 202 /27 Annual Plan was based on the premise that these projects were delivered in 2025/26.
Rates Impact:	Budget Carry Forwards have no impact on rates as the costs have already been accounted for in previous years.
Debt Impact:	The Carry Forwards will not impact debt as they have been accounted for in previous years. As project underspends are greater than the overspends, there will be a small positive impact of debt.
Option 1: Significance Assessment - Criteria	
Does the recommendation involve a transfer of ownership or control, or abandonment of a strategic asset?	No
Is there a legal requirement to engage with the community?	No
What is the level of financial consequence?	Low
What is the proportion of the community affected?	Low
What is the impact on the current and future social, economic, environmental, or cultural well-being of the district?	Low
What is the level of community interest?	Expected to be low

Option 1: Significance Assessment - Criteria	Level of significance
Are the likely consequences controversial?	Expected to be low
What is the level of consequence in relation to land or a body of water?	No significance
Does this recommendation trigger a break of one or more of Councils rates caps or debt caps?	No
What is the impact on the ability for Council to carry out any activity in the LTP?	High
Extent of community views already known on this recommended approach.	Low
Option 1 is considered to be of overall low significance.	

7.2 Option 2

Option 2: Approve, at Councils direction, <i>some</i> of the requested carry forwards, budget transfers, and overspends	
Provide a summary of option:	This option gives Council the opportunity to raise alternative priority's to those listed in this report.
Advantages:	Council takes the opportunity to revise priorities.
Disadvantages:	Approval of some of the carry forward programme will allow some projects to be delivered. However others will not be delivered which will hinder Council in achieving its agreed levels of service, as outlined in our plans.
Risk mitigation:	Staff have created realistic forecasts so projects can be deferred or advanced as these risks materialise or do not eventuate. Any changes made by Council will be reported back to staff.
Financial costs:	- Capital costs: Capital costs have been provided for in the previous Annual Plan. - Ongoing annual operating: No impact as the 2026/27 Annual Plan was based on the premise that these projects were delivered in 2025/26.
Rates Impact:	Rates impact will be dependent on which projects get approved as a part of this option.
Debt Impact:	The Carry forwards will not impact debt as they have been accounted for in previous years. As project underspends are greater than the overspends, there will be a small positive impact of debt.

Option 2: Significance Assessment - Criteria	Level of significance
Does the recommendation involve a transfer of ownership or control, or abandonment of a strategic asset?	No
Is there a legal requirement to engage with the community?	No
What is the level of financial consequence?	Low
What is the proportion of the community affected?	Low
What is the impact on the current and future social, economic, environmental, or cultural well-being of the district?	Low
What is the level of community interest?	Expected to be low
Are the likely consequences controversial?	Expected to be low
What is the level of consequence in relation to land or a body of water?	No significance
Does this recommendation trigger a break of one or more of Councils rates caps or debt caps?	No
What is the impact on the ability for Council to carry out any activity in the LTP?	High
Extent of community views already known on this recommended approach.	Low
Option 2 is considered to be of overall low significance.	

8 TE KOWHIRINGA MATUA | RECOMMENDED OPTION

Staff recommend proceeding with Option 1 - Approve the requested carry forwards, budgets brought forward and variations as set out in this report. Staff believe they have identified those projects that are required to be delivered in the 2026/27 financial year in order for Council to achieve the service level agreements it has with its community.

On assessing against the Council's [peer review criteria](#), the does not trigger an external peer review as the decision is not considered to carry a high/extreme level of risk, no peer review has been requested by leadership, the matter aligns with Council's risk appetite, no conflicts of interest identified, and it does not meet the threshold for high significance.

After the consideration of options, the recommendation is considered to be of overall low significance and as such the recommended form of engagement is to: not carry out any specific consultation or engagement.

9 KIA UIA KI TE HAPORI WHĀNUI ME NGĀ PĀPAHO | ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

The community has been consulted as part of Council's planning processes, therefore no further engagement or communication is required.

10 TE ARA KI MUA | NEXT ACTIONS

The table below sets out the next key steps:

Action	Responsibility	By When
If approved, staff will be informed of the programme of works for the 2026/27 financial year	Lisa Moore	End of September 2026
Progress against the approved programme will be reported to Council each month as required via the activity reporting.	Manager - Projects	Monthly
Council will be informed of any changes to the planned schedule of works.	Manager - Projects	As required

11 TUHUTORO | REFERENCES

Not applicable.

12 WHAKAPAI | APPROVAL

Prepared by	Lisa Moore Manager – Projects	Terri Casey Senior Project Manager
Reviewed by	Elizabeth Whittenham Management Accountant	
Approved by	Campbell Moore Acting Group Manager Service Delivery	

Appendix A: 2025/26 Carry Forwards

Project Budgets to Carry Forward

Activity	Description	2025/26 Financial Year			2026/27 Financial Year		
		Budget	Actual	Variance (Budget - Actual)	Annual Plan Budget	New Budget	Notes
Community Facilities	1139_001 - Pukerimu Cemetery Major Development	59,477	0	59,477	0	59,477	
Community Facilities	1214_001 - Waihi Casket Berm	6,120	0	6,120	0	6,120	
Community Facilities	1319_001 - Paeroa Ashes Garden	30,705	13,319	17,386	0	17,386	
Community Facilities	1329_001 - Waihi Ashes Garden	14,846	0	14,846	0	14,846	
Community Facilities	1359_001 - Pools: Heat Pump renewals (District)	141,400	18,727	122,673	0	122,673	On hold however possibly required so keeping the budget for now
Community Facilities	1412_001 - Waihi Hall Carpet	25,500	0	25,500	0	25,500	
Community Facilities	1416_001 - Victoria Park Toilets Windows	15,000	0	15,000	0	15,000	
Community Facilities	1428_001 - Miscellaneous Renewals - Public Toilets	10,095	0	10,095	55,225	65,320	
Community Facilities	1439_001 - Paeroa Hall Heating	20,000	0	20,000	0	20,000	
Community Facilities	1450_001 - Ngatea Hall Replace Fridge Dishwasher	5,100	0	5,100	0	5,100	
Community Facilities	1609_001 - Ngatea Pool: New Pool Membrane and Remedial Works	409,245	35,428	373,817	0	373,817	This will look like an overspend against the capital budget as all expenses will be coded here; as they are all capital expenses. However \$90K operational budget has been set aside from the 2026/27 opex budget as per June 2025 Council meeting. Council Resolution C26/101/1, Magiq # 4067494. And Council Resolution C25/217/1 Magiq # 3886561.
Community Facilities	1609_001 - Ngatea Pool: New Pool Membrane and Remedial Works	0	0	0			
Community Facilities	1546_001 - Ngatea Pool Remedial works	409,245	35,428	373,817			\$230K capex budget as per resolution from April 2026 Council meeting. \$180K capex + \$90K opex resolution from June 2025 Council meeting.
Community Facilities	1547_001 - Paeroa Hall Carpark	10,000	0	10,000	15,000	25,000	
Community Facilities	1548_001 - Turua Domain Carpark	10,000	0	10,000	30,653	40,653	
Community Facilities	1551_001 - Waihi Pool: New pool membrane	275,000	8,370	266,630	0	266,480	
Community Facilities	1551_001 - Waihi Pool: New pool membrane	80,000	8,370	71,630	0	71,630	
Community Facilities	1551_001 - Waihi Pool: New pool membrane - EXTERNAL	195,000	0	195,000	0	194,850	Trust Waikato (\$27,485) + One Foundation (\$7,156) + Waihi College (\$5,000) + Lotteries (\$155,209)
Community Facilities	1560_001 - Centennial Park Bollards renamed to 1560_001 - Centennial Park Carpark Rationalisation	35,000	7,332	27,668	0	27,668	Renaming of this project to Centennial Park Carpark Rationalisation, as scoping will determine if we continue with status quo, or go with curb and channel, CCTV or enforcement.
Community Facilities	1215_001 - Paeroa Casket Berm	9,153	0	9,153	0	9,153	
Community Facilities	1413_001 - Waihi Hall Rear Access	20,000	0	20,000	0	20,000	
Community Facilities	1443_001 - Paeroa Hall Replace Formica Bench in Toilets	5,100	0	5,100	0	5,100	
Community Facilities	1545_001 - Elderly Peoples Housing Renewals - District	243,133	217,235	25,898	176,098	201,996	
Community Facilities	1545_001 - Elderly Peoples Housing Renewals - District	187,800	204,825	-17,025			
Community Facilities	1466_001 - New joinery and double glazing Upper Moresby Ave Waihi	24,733	12,411	12,322			Move into EPH budget as work undertaken goes against that budget
Community Facilities	1476_001 - Upper Moresby Ave Electrical switchboard replacements	30,600	0	30,600			Move into EPH budget as work undertaken goes against that budget
Land Drainage	1114_001 - WPDD (F1) Miranda Pump Station	13,900	7,238	6,662	0	6,662	
Land Drainage	1117_001 - WPDD (F2) - Stopbank & Floodgate Renewals	512,903	100,318	412,585	103,900	516,485	
Land Drainage	1342_001 - Comprehensive Land Drainage Consent	216,119	87,932	128,187	0	128,187	
Land Drainage	1385_001 - WPDD (F1) - Primary SB Reconstruction	144,575	63,581	80,994	0	80,994	
Land Drainage	1386_001 - EPDD - Floodgate Renewals	40,380	0	40,380	20,780	61,160	
Land Drainage	1387_001 - KNDD - Floodgate Renewal	40,380	0	40,380	20,780	61,160	
Land Drainage	1388_001 - TRDD - Floodgate Renewal	40,220	0	40,220	20,780	61,000	
Land Drainage	1389_001 - Taramaire DD - Floodgate Renewal	30,285	0	30,285	15,585	45,870	

Activity	Description	2025/26 Financial Year			2026/27 Financial Year		
		Budget	Actual	Variance (Budget - Actual)	Annual Plan Budget	New Budget	Notes
Land Drainage	1105_001 - WPDD (D) - Rowerawe Pump Station	0	0	0	51,950	110,550	Can we please bring budget forward from 2034 in order to progress land acquisition to access a key land drainage asset, and the upgrade of the transformer so it can cope with the power useage during severe weather. This will mean we can maintain the level of service. We have land owner approval, we just have not yet progressed with the work.
Land Transport	1001_001 - Minor Improvements (Levels of Service)	370,179	207,564	162,615	688,246	850,861	
Land Transport	1001_001 - Minor Improvements (Levels of Service)	162,527	207,564	-45,037			
Land Transport	1564_001 - Minor Improvements (Levels of Service)	207,652	0	207,652			This project line can now be rolled up into the original as they are both now subsidised
Land Transport	1004_001 - New Footpaths - Waihi	265,462	235,226	30,236	104,300	134,536	Adjust the carry forward by the Ridgeview Place spend
Land Transport	1004_001 - New Footpaths - Waihi	162,940	113,684	49,256			
Land Transport	1515_001 - Ridgeview Place Waihi – Urbanisation (utilizing FC's)	102,522	121,542	-19,020			The overspend is covered by the footpath budget, as per Audit, Risk and Finance reporting
Land Transport	1006_001 - New Kerb Channel Stormwater Control - Paeroa	125,240	10,969	114,271	64,666	178,937	
Land Transport	1009_001 - Drainage Renewals	1,726,564	1,680,507	46,057	885,128	931,185	
Land Transport	1011_001 - Footpath Renewal - Paeroa	14,853	11,063	3,790	407,999	411,789	
Land Transport	1517_001 - Footpath Renewal - Paeroa - Western side of Arney St to be replace	220,380	12,398	207,983	0	207,983	
Land Transport	1012_001 - Footpath Renewal - Plains	52,649	0	52,649	157,999	210,648	
Land Transport	1013_001 - Footpath Renewal - Waihi	254,586	8,626	245,960	412,000	657,960	
Land Transport	1565_001 - Minor Improvements (Renewels)	521,530	153,649	367,881	1,593,000	1,960,881	
Land Transport	1015_001 - Minor Improvements (Renewals)	0	0	0			This project line can now be rolled up into the original as they are both now subsidised
Land Transport	1565_001 - Minor Improvements (Renewels)	521,530	153,649	367,881			
Land Transport	1016_001 - Pavement Rehabilitation	4,100,000	3,523,019	576,981	2,635,025	3,798,667	\$386,661 moved from traffic services renewals and \$200k from structure component replacement. Both due to not having sufficient works for this FY to complete.
Land Transport	1017_001 - Sealed Road Resurfacing	3,357,488	3,024,426	333,062	2,956,555	3,289,617	
Land Transport	1020_001 - Unsealed Roding Renewals	129,574	129,279	295	279,723	280,018	
Land Transport	1516_001 - Ngatitangata Rd Seal Extension RP 1221 - 1648	89,247	47,340	41,907	0	5,000	
Land Transport	1518_001 - Paeroa Off Street Car Park Renewals	54,775	14,078	40,697	20,860	61,557	
Land Transport	1519_001 - Plains Off Street Car Park Renewal	8,160	0	8,160	8,344	16,504	
Land Transport	1520_001 - Waihi Off Street Car Park Renewal	190,400	155,428	34,972	20,860	55,832	
Land Transport	1019_001 - Traffic Services Renewal	412,412	80,296	332,116	647,828	556,622	Due to allocation of Waihi streetlights not occurring the NZTA subsidy still available and moving budget to sealed road rehabilitation to complete SP3 Kaihere road. Structural Component Replacement Resolution C26/125/1, Magiq # 4085623.
Recreation	1604_001 - Waihi Main Street Flag Poles	210,000	20,025	189,975	0	189,975	Resolution C26/125/1, Magiq # 4085623
Land Transport	1018_001 - Structures Component Replacement	1,024,222	146,375	877,847	532,673	1,210,520	Due to getting very good contract rates this has left \$400k unable to be spent this FY due to the need for resource consenting needing to occur for next programme. And due to last year of funding block this is to be moved into Sealed Road Rehabilitation to compete SP3 Kaihere Road.
Land Transport	1225_001 - Waihi Urban Streetscape	8,243	0	8,243	0	43,043	As advised by Land Transport Activity Manager
Land Transport	1146_001 - Paeroa Urban Streetscape	1,560,686	19,758	1,540,928	1,460,000	1,540,928	AP budget included, however updated to reflect 2025/26 spend
Land Transport	1000_001 - Access and Mobility	133,926	0	133,926	50,000	183,926	As advised by Land Transport Activity Manager. Council Resolution C26/196/2 Magiq # 4115539

Activity	Description	2025/26 Financial Year			2026/27 Financial Year		
		Budget	Actual	Variance (Budget - Actual)	Annual Plan Budget	New Budget	Notes
Land Transport	1000_001 - Access and Mobility	50,926	0	50,926	0	50,926	
Land Transport	1000_003 - Waihi Pedestrian Crossing	83,000	0	83,000	50,000	133,000	Council Resolution C26/196/2 Magiq # 4115539
Property	1145_001 - Plains Community Hub	3,930,938	3,724,339	206,599	0	206,599	
Property	1171_001 - Miscellaneous Property Renewal	536,802	68,299	468,503	327,607	96,110	Can we please move \$700K into the depot budget?
Property	1256_001 - Depot Upgrade and Rationalisation	439,000	262,387	176,613	0	876,613	Includes \$700K from the Misc Property budget
Property	1256_001 - Depot Upgrade and Rationalisation	430,861	262,387	168,474			
Property	1528_001 - Hauraki House Garages and Bike Shed	8,139	0	8,139			Can we move this to the depot budget please?
Property	1285_001 - Ngatea South	4,222,574	62,135	4,160,439	1,865,500	1,865,500	Do not Carry Forward
Property	1531_001 - Paeroa Library and Waihi Library and Service Centre Storage Space	50,000	26,892	23,108	0	23,108	
Property	1537_001 - Plains Community Hub FF&E	450,000	220,219	229,781	0	229,781	
Property	1538_001 - Plains Community Hub Carpark Renewal	115,000	95,925	19,075	0	19,075	
Property	1166_001 - Ngatea North	200,000	109,959	90,041	0	90,041	Required to fund the fence, will not require the full \$74K however suggest calling this 'complete' in 2026/27 FY.
Property	1170_001 - Hauraki House - Replace air conditioning units	18,738	5,180	13,558	16,380	29,938	
Property	1231_001 - Waihi Museum Chimney and Electrical	431,457	375,469	55,988	0	12,000	Carry forward enough to cover close out
Property	1231_001 - Waihi Museum Chimney and Electrical	431,457	368,295	63,162			
Property	1230_001 - Waihi Museum Replace Roof	0	7,174	-7,174			
Property	1536_001 - Hauraki House HVAC Work to Increase Fresh Air Supply to Hauraki House	12,943	4,372	8,571	0	8,571	
Recreation	1150_001 - District Libraries: Book Renewals	159,509	134,102	25,407	156,300	181,707	
Recreation	1151_001 - Pools: Pool Toys renewals (District)	15,300	10,955	4,345	15,630	19,975	
Recreation	1153_001 - Karangahake Reserve development	81,902	3,037	78,865	0	78,865	
Recreation	1155_001 - Paeroa - Renewals Recreation	12,687	8,374	4,313	5,225	9,538	
Recreation	1159_001 - Pools: Miscellaneous renewals (District)	5,679	3,568	2,111	5,210	7,321	
Recreation	1160_001 - Waihi: Recreation Renewals	36,303	18,737	17,566	5,225	22,791	
Recreation	1238_001 - Hauraki Rail Trail - Waihi Extension	138,641	124,413	14,228	0	14,228	
Recreation	1243_001 - Hauraki Rail Trail: Resurfacing and bridge approaches	1,377,197	97,659	1,279,538	0	1,679,538	\$400K required to meet MBIEs contribution, potentially an option for further funding from MBIE if HDC can match this
Recreation	1243_001 - Hauraki Rail Trail: Resurfacing and bridge approaches	1,377,197	97,659	1,279,538	0	1,279,538	
Recreation	1243_00x - Hauraki Rail Trail - EXTERNAL					400,000	MBIE to confirm funding of \$400K once they have quotes from HDC for work. Will not be utilised unless a contract is in place.
Recreation	1354_001 - Paeroa Domain Playground - Replacement Modular Equipment	9,000	223	8,777	0	8,777	
Recreation	1356_001 - Whiritoa Playground - replacement modular playground	15,800	0	15,800	0	15,800	
Recreation	1409_001 - Waihi Event Centre: Replace Security Lighting	7,650	0	7,650	0	7,650	
Recreation	1410_001 - Training lights for Paeroa Domain	232,960	2,888	230,072	0	230,072	
Recreation	1410_001 - Training lights for Paeroa Domain	92,960	2,888	90,072		90,072	
Recreation	1410_002 - Training lights for Paeroa Domain - EXTERNAL	140,000	0	140,000		140,000	
Recreation	1424_001 - Pioneer Park - Replacement climbing frame	35,665	0	35,665	0	35,665	
Recreation	1427_001 - Hauraki Rail Trail: Section C geotech investigation and remedy	525,109	84,882	440,227	0	440,227	
Recreation	1430_001 - Hauraki Rail Trail: Waitakaruru to Kopu stopbank re-construction	30,600	0	30,600	31,290	61,890	For trail replacement following wet weather and WRC flood gate rationalisation projects. The geo-fabric appears to be having a positive impact so this budget has not been required yet.
Recreation	1431_001 - Waihi Event Centre: Carpet	81,600	0	81,600	0	81,600	
Recreation	1452_001 - Waihi Event Centre: Replace Hot Water Cylinder	5,100	5,000	100	0	100	
Recreation	1453_001 - Waihi Event Centre: Replace Ventilation Fans	40,800	0	40,800	0	40,800	
Recreation	1461_001 - Paeroa Domain Grandstand steps	31,618	0	31,618	0	31,618	

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Recreation	1477_001 - Paeroa - Rubber matting for playground resurface	76,425	243	76,182	0	76,182	
Recreation	1481_001 - Edwards playground swing set	25,475	252	25,223	0	25,223	
Recreation	1490_001 - Morgan Park - Outdoor Recreation Hub	2,490,515	806,847	1,683,668	618,000	2,301,668	
Recreation	1490_001 - Morgan Park - Outdoor Recreation Hub	1,298,618	806,847	491,771	468,000	959,771	
Recreation	1490_001 - Morgan Park - Outdoor Recreation Hub - EXTERNAL	1,191,897	0	1,191,897	150,000	1,341,897	
Recreation	1491_001 - Railway Reserve youth recreation space	39,117	0	71,852	0	71,852	
Recreation	1491_001 - Railway Reserve youth recreation space		0	6,900	0	26,852	
Recreation	1491_002 - Railway Reserve youth recreation space - EXTERNAL		0	45,000	0	45,000	April 2026 Council resolution for \$47K, however \$45K was obtained
Recreation	1491_001 - Moved over from the Flying Fox Budget		0	19,952	0		Split to Pioneer and Railway Reserve Bball courts C25/273 August 2025
Recreation	1492_001 - Ngatea seating installations	9,549	0	9,549	10,450	19,999	
Recreation	1495_001 - Clarke St Landscaping and Car Park Closure	29,507	28,210	1,297	0	1,297	
Recreation	1498_001 - Hauraki Rail Trail: Waihi to Waihi Beach Extension	44,097	5,946	38,151	0	38,151	
Recreation	1500_001 - Morgan Park: Kenny St car park	5,011	0	5,011	0	5,011	
Recreation	1502_001 - Hugh Hayward Domain walking track resurface	76,425	0	76,425	0	76,425	
Recreation	1506_001 - Railway Reserve new flying fox	31,745	3,841	27,904	0	0	This needs to be split to Pioneer and Railway Reserve Bball courts C25/273 August 2025
Recreation	1508_001 - Pioneer Park basketball court upgrade	40,760	5,541	16,411	0	16,411	
Recreation	1508_001 - Ward Grant from Plains Ward Community Recreational Facilities L	12,000	5,541	6,459	0	6,459	Council Resolution C23/338 Magiq # 3922552
Recreation	1508_002 - Pioneer Park basketball court upgrade - EXTERNAL		0	2,000	0	2,000	
Recreation	1508_001 - Moved over from the Flying Fox		0	7,952	0	7,952	Split to Pioneer and Railway Reserve Bball courts C25/273 August 2025
Recreation	1509_001 - Pioneer park new playground equipment	11,000	2,509	8,491	0	8,491	
Recreation	1510_001 - Gilmour Lake weir bridge	96,800	33,882	62,918	0	62,918	
Recreation	1512_001 - Seddon St poppet head lighting	10,000	553	9,447	0	9,447	
Recreation	1549_001 - Waihi Event Centre: Access/Carpark	15,000	0	15,000	0	15,000	
Recreation	1563_001 - Paeroa Domain Umpire Facility	440,000	0	440,000	0	440,000	
Stormwater	1126_001 - Stormwater Ngatea Upgrades	59,033	0	59,033	40,090	99,123	
Stormwater	1127_001 - Stormwater Paeroa Upgrades	205,990	18,989	187,001	15,825	202,826	
Stormwater	1128_001 - Stormwater Turua Upgrades	2,565	0	2,565	2,637	5,202	
Stormwater	1132_001 - Stormwater Kaiaua Renewals	12,528	0	12,528	3,165	15,693	
Stormwater	1133_001 - Stormwater Kerepehi Renewals	9,378	0	9,378	3,165	12,543	
Stormwater	1134_001 - Stormwater Ngatea Renewals	25,056	0	25,056	6,330	31,386	
Stormwater	1135_001 - Stormwater Paeroa Renewals	33,408	0	33,408	8,440	41,848	
Stormwater	1136_001 - Stormwater Turua Renewals	12,528	0	12,528	3,165	15,693	
Stormwater	1137_001 - Stormwater Waihi Renewals	26,123	0	26,123	8,440	34,563	
Stormwater	1294_001 - Stormwater - Wharf Street 3 Waters upgrade	95,627	0	95,627	0	95,627	
Stormwater	1327_001 - Stormwater Waihi Upgrades	74,364	0	74,364	96,005	170,369	
Stormwater	1287_001 - Comprehensive stormwater discharge consents - district wide	14,904	55,792	-40,888	0	38,627	50% of the carry forwards from the Treatment Upgrades Budgets has been assigned to this budget
Stormwater	1360_001 - Stormwater Treatment Upgrades - Paeroa	60,780	0	60,780	31,650	62,040	50% of carry forward assigned to 1287_001 - Comprehensive stormwater discharge consents - district wide
Stormwater	1361_001 - Stormwater Treatment Upgrades - Waihi	50,070	0	50,070	31,650	56,685	50% of carry forward assigned to 1287_001 - Comprehensive stormwater discharge consents - district wide
Stormwater	1362_001 - Stormwater Treatment Upgrades - Ngatea	32,342	0	32,342	31,650	47,821	50% of carry forward assigned to 1287_001 - Comprehensive stormwater discharge consents - district wide

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Stormwater	1363_001 - Stormwater Treatment Upgrades - Turua	4,104	0	4,104	0	2,052	50% of carry forward assigned to 1287_001 - Comprehensive stormwater discharge consents - district wide
Stormwater	1364_001 - Stormwater Treatment Upgrades - Kaiaua	4,617	0	4,617	0	2,309	50% of carry forward assigned to 1287_001 - Comprehensive stormwater discharge consents - district wide
Stormwater	1365_001 - Stormwater Treatment Upgrades - Whiritoa	5,065	0	5,065	0	2,533	50% of carry forward assigned to 1287_001 - Comprehensive stormwater discharge consents - district wide
Stormwater	1366_001 - Stormwater Treatment Upgrades - Kerepehi	2,052	0	2,052	0	1,026	50% of carry forward assigned to 1287_001 - Comprehensive stormwater discharge consents - district wide
Stormwater	1377_001 - Stormwater Whiritoa Renewals	30,650	0	30,650	3,165	33,815	
Stormwater	1129_001 - Stormwater Waihi - Secondary Flow Upgrades	102,045	0	102,045	0	102,045	
Support Services	1164_001 - Technology Renewals (including CCTV)	231,799	154,112	77,687	385,540	463,227	
Waste Management	1544_001 - Waste Management Infrastructure	632,362	695,359	-62,997	100,000	1,116,003	
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Waste Management	1544_001 - Waste Management Infrastructure - EXTERNAL					420,810	Resolution for funding included in October Council, Waste Management report. \$420,810 HDC Waste Levy.
Waste Management	1544_001 - Waste Management Infrastructure - EXTERNAL					658,190	Resolution for funding included in October Council, Waste Management report. \$658,190 Waste Minimisation Fund.
Waste Water	1057_001 - District Wide Pipe Renewals Condition	562,295	191,948	370,347	590,800	961,147	
Waste Water	1059_001 - District Wide Reactive Renewals Plants Pumpstations	479,871	382,933	96,938	212,161	755,194	Move budgets from 1320, 1460 and 1558 below. Resolution Number C26/249, Magiq # 4150866
Waste Water	1320_001 - Paeroa meters	94,500	0	94,500	0	0	Move budget to 1059_001. Resolution Number C26/249, Magiq # 4150866
Waste Water	1558_001 - Waihi WW Effluent Flowmeter Install	251,370	0	251,370	0	0	Move budget to 1059_001. Resolution Number C26/249, Magiq # 4150866
Waste Water	1460_001 - New rising main and pumpstation for Wellington SsPS				100,225	0	Move budget to 1059_001. Resolution Number C26/249, Magiq # 4150866
Waste Water	1060_001 - District Wide Replacement Pumpstation Cabinets etc.	98,991	68,532	30,459	79,125	109,584	
Waste Water	1061_001 - District Wide Sewer Pump Renewals	162,041	141,008	21,033	77,015	98,048	
Waste Water	1062_001 - Kerepehi Resource Consents	48,133	391	47,742	0	47,742	
Waste Water	1090_001 - Whiritoa Upgrading WWTP	723,371	123,109	600,262	369,250	969,512	
Waste Water	1259_001 - Pump Stations SCADA	89,821	53,954	35,867	50,640	86,507	
Waste Water	1261_001 - Paeroa northern sewer	911,409	463,482	447,927	0	447,927	
Waste Water	1262_001 - Wastewater Consents (District wide)	775,854	4,237	771,617	0	738,589	Includes 1078, 1187 below
Waste Water	1078_001 - Waihi Resource Consents	0	2,713	-2,713	0	0	Offset against the District Wide Budget (1262_001)
Waste Water	1187_001 - Wastewater (Renewal) Paeroa Resource Consents	51,748	82,063	-30,315	0	0	Offset against the District Wide Budget (1262_001)
Waste Water	1263_001 - Paeroa Upgrading WWTP	31,394,094	18,276,801	13,117,293	0	13,117,293	
Waste Water	1267_001 - Waitakaruru Resource Consents	11,134	10,899	235	0	235	
Waste Water	1296_001 - Wastewater - Wharf Street 3 Waters upgrade	35,830	0	35,830	0	35,830	
Waste Water	1370_001 - Future sewer connection Plains to Paeroa	60,000	57,113	2,887	0	2,887	
Waste Water	1457_001 - Kerepehi Upgrade WWTP	193,380	28,963	164,418	211,000	375,418	
Waste Water	1606_001 - Longridge Pump station and Gravity Main	857,230	459,404	397,826	0	397,826	
Waste Water	1258_001 - Kerepehi sewer	364,779	69,444	295,335	0	295,335	
Waste Water	1079_001 - Waitakaruru Prostep Onsite Set Renewals	45,000	0	45,000	0	45,000	Completed every second year, however carry forwards required for replacement / spare parts as required
Waste Water	1313_001 - Ngatea New Pumpstation	106,300	0	106,300	52,750	159,050	

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Waste Water	1616_001 - River Road and Karangahake Pressure sewer extension	300,000	18,720	281,280	0	281,280	Council Resolution C25/334/2 Magiq # 3935712
Water Supply	1021_001 - District Water Demand Management	30,390	14,483	15,907	15,825	31,732	
Water Supply	1028_001 - District Upgrading and Replacing of SCADA Equipment	5,065	0	5,065	2,637	7,702	
Water Supply	1030_001 - District Wide Pipe Renewal Programme (Service Continuity)	1,273,031	750,572	522,459	1,027,570	1,550,029	Amalgamate into one line
<i>Water Supply</i>	<i>1030_001 - District Wide Pipe Renewal Programme (Service Continuity)</i>	<i>944,577</i>	<i>745,651</i>	<i>198,926</i>			<i>Includes the \$606K from May 2026 Council Resolution C26/136 Magiq # 4078598</i>
<i>Water Supply</i>	<i>1026_001 - District Cast Iron Pipe Renewal</i>	<i>115,971</i>	<i>4,921</i>	<i>111,050</i>			
<i>Water Supply</i>	<i>1282_001 - Concrete Pipe replacement</i>	<i>212,483</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>212,483</i>			
Water Supply	1269_001 - Ventilation for membrane cell rooms MCC's etc.	30,000	0	30,000	0	30,000	
Water Supply	1295_001 - Water Supply - Wharf Street 3 Waters upgrade	107,411	0	107,411	0	107,411	
Water Supply	1297_001 - Plains & Paeroa Water connection	50,274	0	50,274	0	50,274	
Water Supply	1300_001 - 2nd intake for Paeroa(Resilience)	35,456	22,192	13,264	0	13,264	
Water Supply	1306_001 - Housing of Generator Kerepehi	47,601	0	47,601	0	47,601	
Water Supply	1341_001 - Paeroa Raw Water Main	1,657,212	28,204	1,629,008	6,057,212	7,686,220	
Water Supply	1345_001 - Steen Road Consent	180,655	54,882	125,773	0	125,773	
Water Supply	1372_001 - Cyanotoxin Treatment for the Waitakaruru WTP	400,000	23,851	376,149	0	376,149	
Water Supply	1379_001 - Paeroa Raw Water Pump Renewal	60,000	310	59,690	0	59,690	
Water Supply	1383_001 - Fencing of Water Supply Installations	174,420	90,874	83,546	0	83,546	
Water Supply	1400_001 - Waihou Intake Consents	102,600	46,237	56,363	105,500	161,863	
Water Supply	1406_001 - Paeroa Raw water main - AC samples for analysis	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000	
Water Supply	Kerepehi Raw Water Projects	2,717,552	2,126,227	591,325	0	317,350	In close out, the carry forward amount covers costs early 2026/27.
<i>Water Supply</i>	<i>1463_001 - Kerepehi Raw Water Intake</i>	<i>229,962</i>	<i>369,349</i>	<i>-139,387</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>311,300</i>	
<i>Water Supply</i>	<i>1279_001 - Raw water tank Kerepehi</i>	<i>309,217</i>	<i>176,169</i>	<i>133,048</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	
<i>Water Supply</i>	<i>1280_001 - Kerepehi raw water main</i>	<i>2,178,373</i>	<i>1,580,708</i>	<i>597,665</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>6,050</i>	
Water Supply	1603_001 - Kaiaua Water Supply Tank capacity increase	50,000	43,367	6,633	0	6,633	
Subtotal of Project (only those with Carry Forwards or changes)		80,177,418	40,937,509	39,253,837	26,215,401	61,001,613	
Subtotal External (excludes ward grants)		1,526,897	0	1,573,897	150,000	3,202,747	
Carry Forwards						33,307,212	

MŌ TE WHAKATAUNGA FOR DECISION



To Mayor and Councillors

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Meeting date 13 October 2026

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Appendix A: Profile of Ryan Johnston

Subject **Endorsement of Andy BuBear and Ryan Johnston as Tier 3 Local Controllers for Hauraki District Council**

1 TE WHAIKUPU | RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council

- a) Receives the report titled Endorsement of Andy BuBear and Ryan Johnston as Tier 3 Local Controllers for Hauraki District Council, (document number 4147349).
- b) Approves Option 1

Endorse Andy BuBear and Ryan Johnston as Tier 3 Local Controllers for Hauraki District Council **(recommended option)**

OR

- c) Approves Option 2

Not endorse Andy BuBear and Ryan Johnston as Tier 3 Local Controllers for Hauraki District Council.

2 TE ARONGA | PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of Andy BuBear and Ryan Johnston as Tier 3 Local Controllers for Hauraki District Council, in accordance with section 27 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 and the Waikato CDEM Group Controller Policy.

3 TE WHAKARĀPOPOTANGA | SUMMARY

Section 27(1) of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 enables a Civil Defence Emergency Management Group to appoint one or more Local Controllers. Local Controllers may carry out functions or duties directed or delegated by the Group Controller and may exercise Controller powers within the area for which they are appointed, including the powers set out in sections 86 to 94 of the Act.

The Waikato Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee at its meeting in June 2026 approved Andy BuBear as a Tier One Controller and Ryan Johnston as Tier 3 Local Controller for Hauraki, Matamata-Piako and South Waikato District Councils.

Council is now required to endorse Andy BuBear and Ryan Johnston to act as Local Controllers for Hauraki-DC. Should the endorsement of both Mr. BuBear and Mr. Johnston be successful, Hauraki-DC will have three Tier 3 Local Controllers, subject to availability, providing additional resilience should an event occur.

4 WHAKAPAPA | BACKGROUND

Hauraki District Council currently has only the one Local Controller which was identified as a concern should an event require more than one shift.

The Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 at section 64 states:

(1) A local authority must plan and provide for civil defence emergency management within its district.

(2) A local authority must ensure that it is able to function to the fullest possible extent, even though this may be at a reduced level, during and after an emergency.

The Waikato CDEM Group Controller Policy states that as a Group we must have sufficient Group Controllers and that all territorial authorities should appoint a Local Controller, and sets out the following steps for appointing Controllers:

1. The relevant authority's executive identifies a potential controller against a selection criterion;
2. A request is made by the Coordinating Executive Group (CEG) representative to initiate the process;
3. The potential candidate is interviewed by a panel made up of the Group Controller, a member of the Statutory Appointment Advisory Committee (STRAAC), a person who is qualified to consider the needs of local Māori/Iwi, a senior member of the Police and the Local Authority Executive;
4. The STRAAC has delegation to decide the suitability of candidates and will forward successful candidates to the Joint Committee for its consideration and approval;
5. Once the appointment is approved by the Joint Committee, the relevant Council can then formally endorse the candidate.

The Joint Committee has approved the appointments.

NOTE: Transitional Period to the Emergency Management Act 2026 (EM Act 2026) appointment process.

Section 9 of the new Emergency Management Act 2026 provides for transitional provisions set out in Schedule 1 having effect.

Clause 5 Transitional arrangements for Local Controllers and Local Recovery Managers appointments provide that Local Controllers appointed under Section 27 CDEM Act 2002 continue to apply as if the EM Act 2026 had not been enacted.

Previously appointed Local Controller appointments continue as if the person had been appointed by the Groups Emergency Management Committee and is subject to the direction that was in force prior to the commencement of this clause.

5 NGĀ TAKE | ISSUES

To support effective emergency response, the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee must appoint suitably qualified and experienced alternate Group Controllers and may appoint suitably qualified and experienced Local Controllers. These appointees may be directed to perform functions and duties required under the Act.

Following the Joint Committee's June 2026 approval, Council is now asked to endorse Andy BuBear and Ryan Johnston as Tier 3 Local Controllers for Hauraki-DC.

Andy BuBear's separate Tier 1 Group Controller approval enables him to support controller functions at a group level as well as for any District Councils' within the Waikato Region, but the decision sought through this report is limited to local endorsement for Hauraki-DC. It is also noted that Andy has been endorsed as a Local Controller for South Waikato District and Matamata-Piako District Councils' given the shared service arrangement. As part of that arrangement, Andy's priority will be to the shared service councils first where controller support is required.

Ryan Johnston's appointment as Tier 3 Local Controller for Matamata-Piako District Council and for the Waikato East Sub-Region CDEM Services Agreement Area, comprising Matamata-Piako, Hauraki and South Waikato District Councils was resolved (WCDEM23/31) at the 22 June 2026 meeting of the Waikato Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee.

6 WHAIWHAKAARO RAUTAKI O NGĀ TAKE | STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 Te Tākoha ki ngā Hua mō te Hapori me te here ki te whakakitenga o te Kaunihera | Contribution to Community Outcomes

Hauraki District Council's Community Outcomes are set out below:

The community outcomes most relevant to this report are: He wāhi kaingākau ki te manawa | A place with people at its heart, and He wāhi puawaitanga | A place to thrive.

This recommendation aligns with Council's community outcomes by supporting local emergency readiness, operational resilience and the ability to protect communities during and after an emergency.

6.2 Ngā take ā-ture, ā-Kaupapahere hoki | Legal and policy considerations

The Waikato CDEM Group Controller Policy sets out the regional process for appointing and endorsing Local Controllers.

The appointment of Local Controllers is provided for under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002, and the candidates have been approved in accordance with the Waikato CDEM Group Controller Policy. Andy BuBear's separate approval as a Tier 1 Group Controller is a Waikato CDEM Group Joint Committee decision.

6.3 Issue risks and mitigations

There is a risk to Council's reputation and operational continuity if Hauraki-DC does not have effective Local Controller capacity during an emergency. Endorsing Local Controllers with the required skills, competencies, experience and community standing helps minimise this risk.

6.4 Financial and resource implications of issue

There are no financial costs associated with this endorsement.

7 NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA A MĀTOU | OPTIONS AVAILABLE

The following options have been identified for consideration:

7.1 Option 1 - Endorse Andy BuBear and Ryan Johnston as Tier 3 Local Controllers for Hauraki District Council

Option 1 - Endorse Andy BuBear and Ryan Johnston as Tier 3 Local Controllers for Hauraki District Council	
Provide a summary of option:	This option is to endorse Andy BuBear and Ryan Johnston as Tier 3 Local Controllers for Hauraki District Council, following approval by the Waikato Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee.
Advantages:	Provides resilience for Hauraki-DC should an event occur by ensuring two endorsed Tier 3 Local Controllers are available for the district. Andy BuBear and Ryan Johnston bring local knowledge and operational experience that will support effective emergency response for Hauraki District Council.
Disadvantages:	There is a time commitment associated with maintaining controller readiness, training and availability. This will be managed through existing CDEM arrangements and the shared service model.
Risk mitigation:	Endorsing Local Controllers with the required skills, competencies, experience and community standing helps minimise this risk.
Financial costs:	There are no financial costs associated with this endorsement.

7.2 Option 2 - Not endorse Andy BuBear and Ryan Johnston as Tier 3 Local Controllers for Hauraki District Council

Option 2 - Not endorse Andy BuBear and Ryan Johnston as Tier 3 Local Controllers for Hauraki District Council	
Provide a summary of option:	This option is to not endorse Andy BuBear and Ryan Johnston as Tier 3 Local Controllers for Hauraki District Council.
Advantages:	There are no advantages in not endorsing Andy BuBear and Ryan Johnston, as this would reduce Hauraki-DC's local controller resilience.
Disadvantages:	Less resilience in the Local Controller role should an event occur. The approval process undertaken through the Waikato CDEM Group Joint Committee would not result in the intended local endorsement for Hauraki-DC.

8 TE KOWHIRINGA MATUA | RECOMMENDED OPTION

The recommended option is that Andy BuBear and Ryan Johnston be endorsed as Tier 3 Local Controllers for Hauraki District Council.

Having regard to the decision-making provisions in the LGA 2002 and Councils Significance Policy, a decision in accordance with the recommendations is assessed as having a low level of significance.

We have followed the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 and the Waikato CDEM Group Controller Policy and there are no further affected parties. No further consultation is required.

9 KIA UIA KI TE HAPORI WHĀNUI ME NGĀ PĀPAHO | ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

Based on the recommended form of engagement being inform the community, the proposed engagement and communication approach is: the community is informed via the publication of the minutes of the Council meeting.

10 TE ARA KI MUA | NEXT ACTIONS

The table below sets out the next key steps:

Action	Responsibility	By When
Advise CEG and the Joint Committee of Council's decision	Chief Executive	November 2026

11 TUHUTORO | REFERENCES

- Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002
- Waikato CDEM Group Controller Policy
- Local Government Act 2002 (LGA 2002)
- Councils Significance Policy

12 WHAKAPAI | APPROVAL

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Reviewed by	John McIver Community Growth Manager
Approved by	Peter Thom Group Manager Community Development and Regulatory

13 TĀPIRITANGA | APPENDIX A : PROFILE RYAN JOHNSTON

Ryan Johnston is the Pou Whakamaru Hapori, Tūtohu | Community Protection & Compliance Manager at Matamata-Piako District Council, leading regulatory functions including animal control, environmental health, building compliance, licensing, and bylaw enforcement.

He brings over 20 years of experience with New Zealand Police, where he developed strong investigative skills, operational leadership, and a practical, solutions-focused approach to managing complex incidents and community safety challenges. Ryan transitioned to local government to continue serving communities in a regulatory and public safety capacity.

A keen problem solver, Ryan takes a balanced and pragmatic approach to compliance, with a focus on supporting frontline teams and achieving fair, effective community outcomes.

Alongside his regulatory responsibilities, Ryan has developed significant capability in emergency management and Civil Defence. He has completed Civil Defence training, participated in numerous emergency management exercises, and undertook Incident Management Team and Controller responsibilities during both exercises and real-world events.

As a Civil Defence Controller, he has led response activities, coordinated multi-agency decision-making, and worked closely with response and recovery partners to support community resilience and wellbeing during emergencies.

Ryan believes emergency management is strongest when councils work collaboratively across district boundaries and is committed to contributing his experience and leadership to support the wider Waikato Civil Defence Emergency Management Group.

Ryan is passionate about continuous improvement, building capable response teams, and strengthening Waikato's collective emergency management capability. He is committed to fostering strong relationships across agencies and ensuring communities are well prepared, supported, and able to recover when emergencies occur.

MŌ TE WHAKATAUNGA FOR DECISION



To Mayor and Councillors

Author Rebecca Jenks
Community Development Advisor (Economic)

Meeting date 13 October 2026

File reference Document: 4171273
Appendix A: 3276785 - Current approved mobile trader locations
Appendix B: 4151679 - Guidelines - Mobile food and beverage operators on Council reserves

Subject **Mobile Trader Locations**

1 TE WHAIKUPU | RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council

- a) Receives the report titled Mobile Trader Locations, (document number 4171273).
- b) Approves Option 1 – approve the use of the Karangahake Recreation and Ōhinemuri reserves for use by mobile traders in line with Council’s Traffic and Parking Bylaw (in association with approved resource consent and Council’s Reserve Management Plan),

OR

- c) Approves Option 2 – declines the use of the Karangahake Recreation and Ōhinemuri reserves by mobile traders.

2 TE ARONGA | PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information on two proposed sites for mobile traders and seek their approval of the sites under the Traffic and Parking Bylaw.

3 TE WHAKARĀPOPOTANGA | SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval, under the Traffic and Parking Bylaw, for mobile traders to operate from two reserve locations: the Ōhinemuri Reserve (Bottle Park) and Karangahake Recreation Reserve. These sites have already received land-use consent approval and the necessary NZTA approvals, where required, as well as taking into consideration the Reserve Management Plan.

Identified risks relating to competition with existing businesses, health and safety, parking demand, compliance, and waste management are considered low and should be mitigated through licence terms and conditions, operational guidelines, and site management measures.

Staff recommend Council approve the use of Ōhinemuri Reserve and Karangahake Recreation Reserve by selected mobile traders, enabling the pilot programme to proceed and providing an opportunity to support small businesses, activate reserve spaces, and assess the long-term viability of expanding mobile trading opportunities within the district.

4 WHAKAPAPA | BACKGROUND

Every year, particularly in summer, Council receives a number of applications from mobile traders (or hawkers) to trade in the district. Currently, the only places they can trade without resource consent is in the Town Centre zone in Paeroa and Waihi (in the locations Council approved at the 28 September 2022 Council Meeting in Appendix A) and during an event on reserves.

Under Council's Traffic and Parking bylaw:

The Council may by resolution:

- a) prohibit or permit the occupation of stands or stalls (including vehicles used as stalls) by hawkers, pedlars, and keepers of mobile or travelling shops (subject, in the case of a state highway, to the prior consent of Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and to any conditions imposed by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency)
 - I. in roads, public places, and state highways as the relevant road controlling authority thinks fit; or
 - II. in specified roads or state highways or parts of specified roads or state highways; or
 - III. in any public place adjoining specified roads or state highways or parts of specified roads or State highways if the presence of the stall or stand is likely to cause an obstruction or a danger to traffic.

Under the Hauraki District Plan, mobile traders/hawkers are permitted to trade only in the Town Centre zone. Trading along state highways requires prior consent of NZTA.

The Reserve Management Plan also needs to be considered in this work. Section 4.3.6 *Commercial Use* of this Plan states:

Policies

1. Council will only consider authorising commercial use on those reserves specified in Part 5 as having the potential to provide for commercial activity.
2. Any proposed commercial use of a reserve will be assessed in accordance with authorisation policy 4.3.5 and consider whether the activity:
 - a. will activate the reserve and/or assist in the public use and enjoyment of the reserve, and not disadvantage other users
 - b. is compatible with or will avoid or mitigate any potential adverse effects on neighbours, and
 - c. will not adversely affect the general character and amenity of the reserve.
3. Council may grant concessions to approved commercial operators, which will:
 - a. specify the nature of the activities the concession operator can provide
 - b. define the area within which the activity is to be carried out
 - c. specify the times (over the year and during the day) during which the concession can operate

- d. define the signage (if any) permitted in association with the concession
 - e. specify the fee and/or bond amount, and
 - f. will not be transferable to another operator.
4. Concessions may provide for the exclusive use of any part of a reserve.
 5. The commercial operator will be responsible for ensuring that they fully comply with any statutory requirements, the District Plan and any relevant bylaws.

The reserves where commercial activity could be permitted in this Plan are:

- Centennial Park
- Karangahake Recreation Reserve
- Ōhinemuri Reserve (Bottle Reserve)
- Paeroa Domain
- Railway Reserve
- Gilmour Reserve
- Morgan Park
- Victoria Park
- Whiritoa Sports Recreation Reserve
- Hugh Hayward Domain / Pioneer Park
- Mangatarata Reserve
- Tūrua War Memorial Hall Recreation Reserve

Council staff will provide the approval for the use of the reserves under the Reserve Management Plan.

Taking all these different plans and bylaws into consideration, a land-use consent application was submitted in March 2024. This consent sought approval for mobile traders to use the following sites:

1. Ōhinemuri Reserve (Bottle Park) – by application
2. Te Aroha Road west of Criterion Bridge – first in first served
3. Karangahake Reserve – by application
4. Kenny Street pull in bay by Rocket Park – first in first served

Site 1 and 3 were approved for use by one mobile trader each. The land-use decision sheet it states that the sites are to be allocated by expression of interest or similar. NZTA approval was received as part of the consent application.

5 NGĀ TAKE | ISSUES

Site 1 (Ōhinemuri Reserve) and site 3 (Karangahake Reserve) require approval from Council to be used by mobile traders, as stated in the Traffic and Parking Bylaw.

If Council approve these two sites, an expression of interest for this new 'Hauraki Business Opportunity' will be promoted. This would be a pilot running from December 2026 – June 2027 to test the model.

If successful, Council could consider expanding the model to enable more economic benefit on reserves going forward, as well as receiving additional revenue (the vendors would be required to pay a fee to use the sites).

The guidelines for use by the approved mobile traders, including maps of the locations, is in Appendix B.

6 WHAIWHAKAARO RAUTAKI O NGĀ TAKE | STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 Mana Whenua/Māori

During the development of the land-use consent application, the proposal was discussed with Hauraki District Council's Iwi Liaison Officer.

Their view was:

That this application is taking steps to improve safety of mobile trading in the district and allow for the safe and controlled distribution of kai and other goods in the district.

This new system should also help reduce the environmental impact of this activity by having renewed fit for purpose guidelines.

6.2 Strategic alignment

This project aligns with the action in the Manaaki Toiora Action Plan action: *Identify processes that need updating to be fit for purpose with the end goal is they are rewritten/redeveloped to be transparent, easy to understand and align with all regulatory requirements.*

The project also aligns with the community outcome – *strong economy*, as it is currently very difficult as a mobile trader to trade in the Hauraki District.

6.3 Policy and bylaw consistency

Policies and bylaws applicable to the issue include:

- Traffic and Parking Bylaw – this report is seeking, through this report, approval from Council for the occupation of stands or stalls (including vehicles used as stalls) by hawkers, pedlars, and keepers of mobile or travelling shops (subject, in the case of a state highway, to the prior consent of Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and to any conditions imposed by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency).
- This project has taken into consideration the Hauraki District Plan (reason for land-use consent)
- The Hauraki District Council Reserve Management Plan has also been taken into consideration, as it outlines which reserves can be used for commercial activity.

6.4 Climate change implications

The decision will result in a no or negligible change in greenhouse gas emissions.

The decision will not be impacted by a changing climate.

6.5 Issue risks and mitigations

Risk		What is being done about the risk?
Financial/economic	The risk is other business in the area might complain about these businesses being able to operate from the two reserves.	This is one of the reasons for a licence fee being charged for the use of the sites. It means the businesses are contributing to the operational costs associated with the reserves.

Risk		What is being done about the risk?
	The risk is expected to be of insignificant impact. The likelihood of the risk occurring is possible.	
Health and safety	The risk is that the mobile trader does not follow the rules and creates an unsafe environment for visitors to the reserve and customers. The risk is expected to be of minor impact. The likelihood of the risk occurring is possible.	The licensee for the site will receive a guideline document, as well as a licence agreement, which will outline the terms and conditions of use, insurance requirements (including public liability) and health and safety.
Operations	The risk is that the activity may create additional demand for parking in already busy locations. The risk is that the activity may increase enforcement and compliance workload. The risk is expected to be of minor impact. The likelihood of the risk occurring is possible.	Mobile traders can only have signage on their vehicle, not leading up to the location. Ideally this will mean the traders are catering mostly to those who would have stopped at the reserve anyway. Mobile traders will be provided with a guidance and licence agreement, which will outline the terms and conditions of using the sites. Signage will be erected on site to reserve the approved location for the licensed mobile trader and include 'no parking' signs, in the case of the Ōhinemuri Reserve, to stop other traders operating from the adjacent site.
Environment	The risk is that there is increased waste/litter on site. The risk is expected to be of minor impact. The likelihood of the risk occurring is possible.	Traders are required to provide their own wastebins for their customers and need to remove these from site daily.

6.6 Financial and resource implications of issue

The exact financial and resource implications of this project are unknown at this stage and is the reason this is being run as a pilot in the first instance. The pilot will allow us to identify increases in operational costs including waste removal and enforcement. The aim is that the licence fee covers these additional costs.

7 NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA A MĀTOU | OPTIONS AVAILABLE

The following options have been identified for consideration:

- Approve the use of the reserves.
- Decline the use of the reserves.

7.1 Option 1

Option 1: Approve the use of the reserves	
Provide a summary of option:	In this option, Council approves the use of the Karangahake Recreation and Ōhinemuri reserves by approved mobile traders. This will be in line with the Traffic and Parking Bylaw, Reserve Management Plan and land-use consent conditions.
Advantages:	• Supports mobile traders operating in the district – could help with the growth of a small business. • Enables economic use of two Council reserves. • Could create a new revenue stream for Council if expanded. • Allows Council to pilot the project and see if it should continue/expand. • Creates approved safe sites for mobile traders.
Disadvantages:	• There could be push back from other local businesses. • Other non-approved traders may still try to park on these sites.
Risk mitigation:	If the approved mobile traders follow the guidelines, many of the risks identified in 6.5 should be addressed. The perception of other businesses should be addressed by the chosen operator paying a licence fee to use the site.
Financial costs:	This particular decision to approve the use of these sites by mobile traders (as also permitted through the approved resource consent), does not have a cost associated with it. The full project will have a cost but will be covered from within existing budgets and will hopefully be recovered through the licence fee.
Rates Impact:	There is no expected change to forecast rates as there are no costs directly associated with this decision.
Debt Impact:	There is no change to forecast debt, as there are no costs directly associated with this decision.
Option 1: Significance Assessment - Criteria	
Does the recommendation involve a transfer of ownership or control, or abandonment of a strategic asset?	No
Is there a legal requirement to engage with the community?	No
What is the level of financial consequence?	Low
What is the proportion of the community affected?	Low
What is the impact on the current and future social, economic, environmental, or cultural well-being of the district?	Low

Option 1: Significance Assessment - Criteria		Level of significance
What is the level of community interest?		Expected to be low
Are the likely consequences controversial?		Expected to be low
What is the level of consequence in relation to land or a body of water?		Low significance
Does this recommendation trigger a break of one or more of Councils rates caps or debt caps?		No
What is the impact on the ability for Council to carry out any activity in the LTP?		Low
Extent of community views already known on this recommended approach.		Medium
Option 1 is considered to be of overall low significance.		

7.2 Option 2

Option 2: Decline the use of reserves		
Provide a summary of option:	In this option, Council declines the use of the Karangahake Recreation and Ōhinemuri reserves by mobile traders.	
Advantages:		
Disadvantages:	• No additional approved sites – unapproved usage will likely continue due to lack of sites. • Pilot project cannot continue – no opportunity to test the project. • An opportunity to support small businesses in the district isn’t realised. • An opportunity to increase the economic value of these reserves is missed.	
Risk mitigation:	This option mitigates risks in 6.5 by sticking with the status quo and not trying something new.	
Financial costs:	No costs associated with this option.	
Rates Impact:	There is no expected change to forecast rates, as this is the status quo option.	
Debt Impact:	There is no change to forecast debt, as this is the status quo option.	
Option 2: Significance Assessment - Criteria		Level of significance
Does the recommendation involve a transfer of ownership or control, or abandonment of a strategic asset?		No

Option 2: Significance Assessment - Criteria	Level of significance
Is there a legal requirement to engage with the community?	No
What is the level of financial consequence?	Low
What is the proportion of the community affected?	Low
What is the impact on the current and future social, economic, environmental, or cultural well-being of the district?	Low
What is the level of community interest?	Expected to be low
Are the likely consequences controversial?	Expected to be low
What is the level of consequence in relation to land or a body of water?	Low significance
Does this recommendation trigger a break of one or more of Councils rates caps or debt caps?	No
What is the impact on the ability for Council to carry out any activity in the LTP?	Low
Extent of community views already known on this recommended approach.	Medium
Option 2 is considered to be of overall low significance.	

8 TE KOWHIRINGA MATUA | RECOMMENDED OPTION

Staff recommend proceeding with option 1 – approve the use of the reserves. This will mean that Council approves the use of the Karangahake Recreation and Ōhinemuri reserves for use by mobile traders under the Traffic and Parking Bylaw. The way these sites can be used is laid out in the land-use consent decision sheet (which includes details from the relevant NZTA bylaws) and in the Reserve Management Plan.

On assessing against the Council's [peer review criteria](#), the decision does not trigger an external peer review as the decision is not considered to carry a high/extreme level of risk, no peer review has been requested by leadership, the matter aligns with Council's risk appetite, no conflicts of interest identified, and it does not meet the threshold for high significance.

After the consideration of options, the recommendation is considered to be of overall low significance and as such the recommended form of engagement is to: inform the community.

9 KIA UIA KI TE HAPORI WHĀNUI ME NGĀ PĀPAHO | ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

Based on the recommended form of engagement being inform the community, the proposed engagement and communication approach is: inform the community via the Council minutes.

If the recommended option is approved, an expression of interest form and communications will go out to the community about the project.

10 TE ARA KI MUA | NEXT ACTIONS

The table below sets out the next key steps:

Action	Responsibility	By When
If approved, publicise the EOI.	Rebecca Jenks/David Locke/Communications team	Week of 12 October

11 WHAKAPAI | APPROVAL

Prepared by	Rebecca Jenks Community Development Advisor (Economic)
Reviewed by	John McIver Community Growth Manager
Approved by	Peter Thom Group Manager – Community Development & Regulatory

Appendix A

Mobile traders/hawkers Guidelines



Subject: Trading locations for mobile traders/hawkers that have been approved by Council

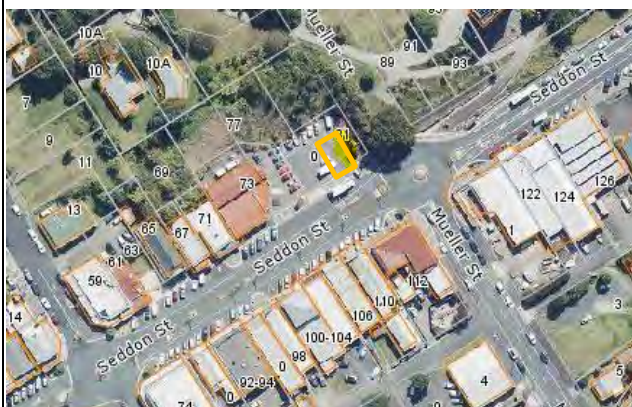
The Council has, under its Traffic and Parking Bylaw, approved one parking spot in each location below for trading by a registered mobile trader/hawker. To park in these locations, you must be a registered mobile trader/hawker with Hauraki District Council.

Users of these sites must not restrict pedestrian access to footpaths or block entranceways or roads. It is expected that the area you trade in will be left in the same condition or better than you found it when you leave at the end of the day.

You need to remove your vehicle/stand from the site at the end of each day. Each site will be occupied on a 'first in, first served' basis each day.

Location	Details and restrictions
Wharf Street, Paeroa 	This location cannot be confirmed long term due to upgrades happening in the future. This location can be used from Monday – Saturday. No coffee or café food can be sold from this location.
Outside the Paeroa Library on Willoughby Street, Paeroa 	This location can be used Monday – Sunday. Please do not park in the mobility parking spaces. The allocated space is in front of these parks. Please face the customer serving part of your business towards the footpath so that traffic is not restricted.

Seddon Street, Waihi

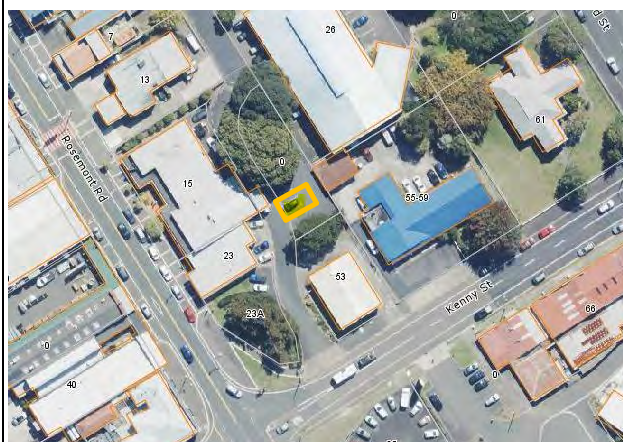


Trading location is the parallel carpark next to the digger.

This location can be used Monday – Sunday.

No coffee, bakery or café foods, or butchery products. Ice cream and fresh fruit and vegetables are acceptable.

Carpark next to the Waihi Events Centre



This location can be used Monday – Sunday.

Do not restrict access to loading zone.

Carpark behind BP, Waihi



This location can be used Monday – Sunday.

No coffee or café food can be sold, but ice creams and fresh fruit and vegetables would be appropriate.

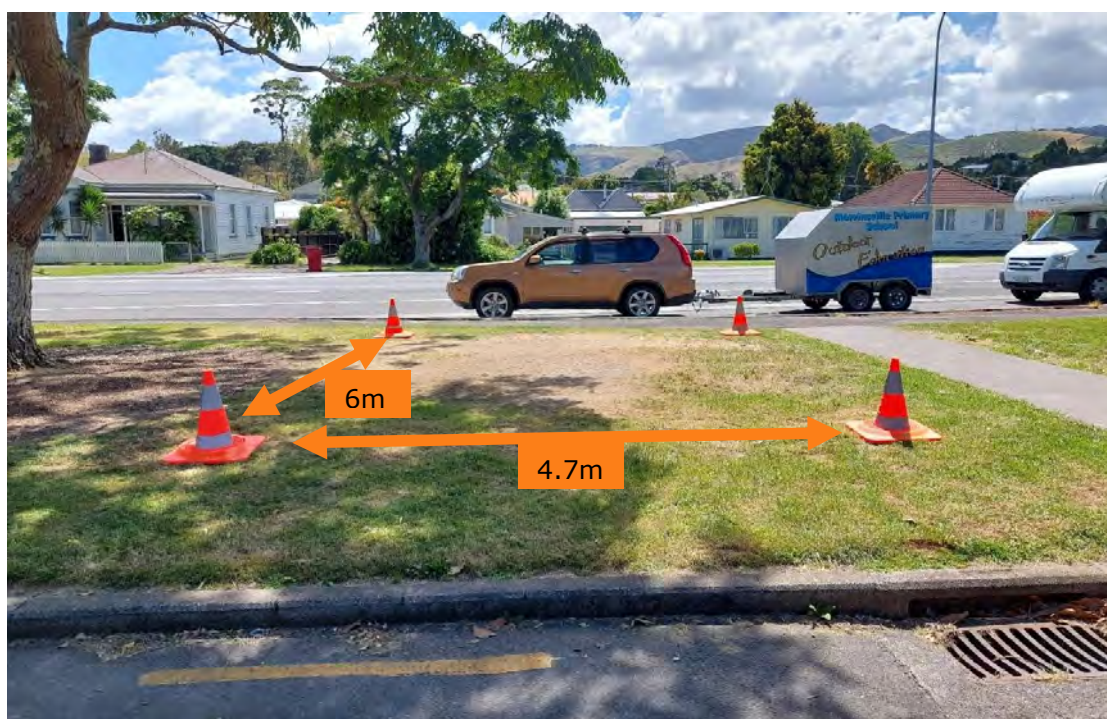
Appendix B

Guidelines

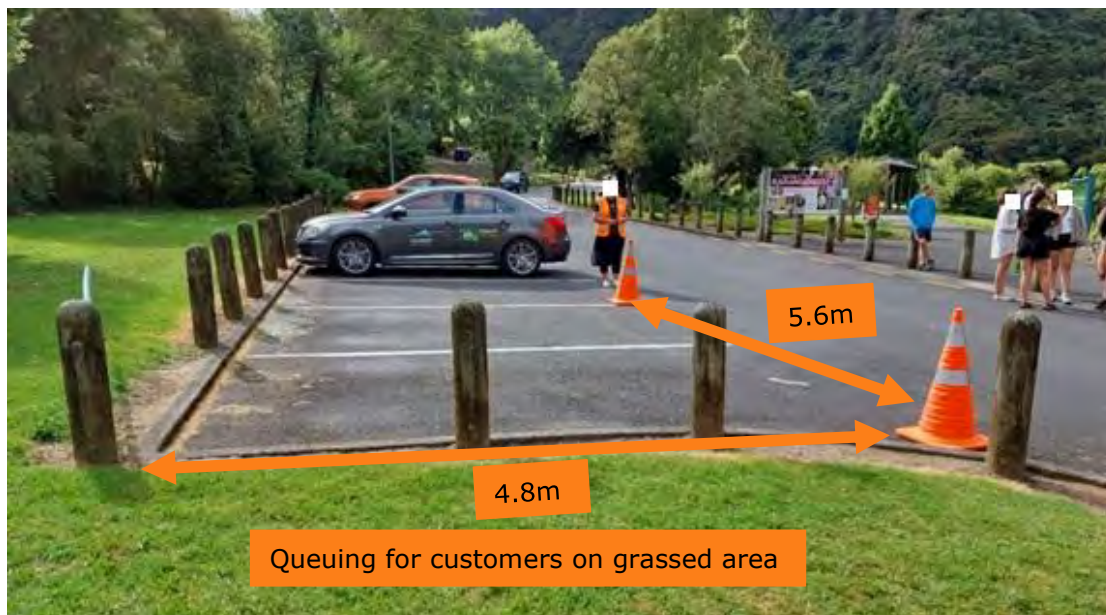
Mobile food and beverage operators on Council reserves



The Council has, through a land-use consent, opened up two reserves for use by one approved mobile trader each and will be assigned through an Expression of Interest process.

Site 1 – L&P bottle area (Ōhinemuri Reserve), SH2, Paeroa

Site 2 – Karangahake Recreation Reserve Carpark, Paeroa



Conditions of use:

1. The sites are only permitted for use by one approved mobile trader – the designated site will be marked out (including signage).
2. The trader must have a Hauraki District Council Hawker's Licence to operate from either of the sites.
3. The trader operating from the Ōhinemuri Reserve must have a [Roadside Vendor Licence](#) from New Zealand Transport Agency to operate from this site.
4. That signage is limited to the vehicle itself and is to be in compliance with the [Hauraki District Plan](#) and [New Zealand Transport Agency Bylaw](#) (Ōhinemuri Reserve).
5. That the sites are only to be occupied by mobile trader vehicles during daylight hours (sunrise to sunset) unless special permission is obtained from Council and NZTA (Ōhinemuri Reserve) for a longer period.
6. Mobile trader vehicles must be removed from the site at the end of each day.
7. Customer vehicles must not obstruct the use of the road carriageways. At Site 3, customer queuing must be confined to the grassed area adjoining the allocated carparks.
8. All mobile trader activity will need to be self-contained and provide their own potable water, and power, and dispose of their wastewater off site.
9. Wastebins will need to be provided by the mobile trader licence holder and be removed from the site daily.

MŌ TE WHAKATAUNGA FOR DECISION



To Mayor and Councillors

Author Leigh Robcke
Senior Project Planner

Meeting date 13 October 2026

File reference Document: 4164600

Subject **Quanta of Waihi Mining Bonds for 2026/27**

1 TE WHAIKUPU | RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council

- a) Receives the report titled Quanta of Waihi Mining Bonds for 2026/27, (document number 4164600),
 - b) Approves 'Option 1: Confirm the outcome of the annual review of the bond quanta and increase the bonds accordingly' (this is the recommended option),
- OR
- c) Approves 'Option 2: Ignore the outcome of the annual review of the bond quanta and do not increase the bonds',
- AND, assuming Option 1 is preferred by the Council
- d) That the Waihi Gold Mines Rehabilitation Bond quantum under the Extended Martha Mineral Area (EMMA) consent, subsequent underground mine consents, Project Martha and the Waihi North Project, be confirmed as \$87.5 million for the 2026/2027 year.
 - e) That the Waihi Gold Mines Capitalisation Bond quantum under the Extended Martha Mineral Area (EMMA) consent, subsequent underground mine consents, Project Martha and the Waihi North Project, be confirmed as \$10.4 million for the 2026/2027 year.
 - f) That the Council considers these decisions to be insignificant under its Significance and Engagement Policy 2023.
 - g) Advise OceanaGold of Council's resolutions.

2 TE ARONGA | PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Council to enable it to set quanta for the Rehabilitation and Closure Bond and the Capitalisation Bond associated with OceanaGold (NZ) Limited (OceanaGold) mining activities at Waihi for the 2026/27 year.

3 TE WHAKARĀPOPOTANGA | SUMMARY

For the 2025/26 period Hauraki District Council and Waikato Regional Council set the Rehabilitation and Closure Bond at \$75.4 million. For the 2026/27 period the Councils are recommending, based upon information supplied by OceanaGold, that the Rehabilitation and Closure Bond amount be set at \$87.5 million. Staff of both councils are again recommending that the Capitalisation Bond quantum be set at \$10.4 million.

4 WHAKAPAPA | BACKGROUND

As a condition of the Extended Martha Mineral Area (EMMA) consent (and equivalent Waikato Regional Council consents), subsequent consents for underground mines, including Project Martha (Martha Underground) and, more recently, the Waihi North Project, the consent holder is required to provide and maintain in favour of the Councils (Hauraki District Council and Waikato Regional Council) a rehabilitation and closure bond (the Rehabilitation Bond) and a capitalisation bond (the Capitalisation Bond). Both bonds are required to be reviewed and updated annually.

The Rehabilitation Bond

The Rehabilitation Bond covers the costs of all rehabilitation and closure works required for the OceanaGold mining sites in Waihi. The bond would enable the Councils to undertake all the rehabilitation works identified in the Rehabilitation and Closure Plan to achieve "closure" of the sites if OceanaGold exited on 30 June the following year (in this case 30 June 2027).¹

Review of the Rehabilitation Bond is part of a wider process involving annual review (by OceanaGold) of the Rehabilitation and Closure Plan and preparation of an Annual Work Programme (both of which are reviewed by the Councils) and subsequent preparation of bond review documents (a bond review letter and an updated model).

It is important to note that the final closure criteria for the overall site will remain under development if/while additional consents are granted, additional mining works are undertaken and rehabilitation works completed. The Rehabilitation and Closure Plan is updated annually (currently version 27) to take account of these changes.

Closure will be achieved when all the works scheduled in the Rehabilitation and Closure Plan at the cessation of mining have been completed to the required standard. Completion of these works (and aftercare) is estimated to be 13 years after the cessation of mining. As Project Martha (which includes the Martha Underground) is expected to be operational for around another 6 years, and the Waihi North Project (currently being developed) is expected to be operational until 2042, actual closure, including flooding of the pit, is still many years away.

For the 2023/24 period the Councils set the Rehabilitation Bond at \$64.16 million. For 2024/25 OceanaGold recommended that the Rehabilitation Bond be set at \$75.4 million (a 17.5% increase), and this was the quantum that was approved by both Councils. For the 2025/26 period the same bond quanta was set as for 2024/25 (i.e. \$75.4 million).

¹ In addition to the Rehabilitation Bond/s held by the Councils, there is a separate \$500,000 rehabilitation bond held by LINZ for OceanaGold rehabilitation activities associated with land that is owned by LINZ within Martha Pit. There is also a water rights bond of \$2.772m (cash, accruing interest) held by the WRC (with the Public Trust as administrators, guaranteed by the NZ Government) that would be surrendered to WRC should OceanaGold abandon the project, or refunded back to OGNZL upon expiry of the consents, provided all conditions were met.

Details regarding OceanaGold's existing Rehabilitation and Closure bond (2025) are set out below. In summary, bond deeds are held across two banking entities (Hong Kong and Shanghai banking Corporation and Westpac NZ Ltd). Both banks have maintained stable credit ratings over many years and having two banks involved helps spread the risk should anything unforeseen occur within the finance/banking system.

Institution Held with	Quantum (NZ \$)	Expiry Date	Beneficiary
HongKong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd M: 3915285	\$16.547m	19/12/2027	HDC and WRC or OGC (if not called upon)
HongKong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd M: 3915289	\$17.108m	1/7/2027	As above
Westpac NZ Ltd M: 3915291	\$41.743m	1/8/2027	As above

For the current 2026/27 period OceanaGold have calculated that the Rehabilitation and Closure Bond should be set at \$87.5 million, \$12.1 million (or 16%) more than the value set by the Councils for 2025/26.

The main reason for the proposed increase is rehabilitation efforts that would be required associated with exercise of the Waihi North consent – removal of surface infrastructure (buildings and roads, etc.), decommissioning the collection pond, backfilling the initial decline, backfilling the vent shaft and covering it with a concrete cap, placing soils and then grassing and fertilising all of the disturbed areas including the soils stockpile and noise bund(s), etc. There are also costs carried over for rehabilitation of the latest crest raise on TSF1A.

Increased operational costs associated with rehabilitation and closure (diesel, machinery, etc.) have been taken into account by OceanaGold when recommending the bond amount to the Councils.

If the Council agrees to set the Rehabilitation and Closure Bond at \$87.5 million then an additional surety (for \$12.1 million) will need to be raised by OceanaGold.

The Capitalisation Bond

The Capitalisation Bond is intended to capitalise the Martha Trust once mining operations have ceased in Waihi and the site/s have achieved 'closure'. OceanaGold's existing bond quanta for the Capitalisation Bond is set at \$10.4 million and comprises:

Institution Held with	Quantum (NZ \$)	Expiry Date	Beneficiary
HongKong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd M: 3915278	\$10.400m	1/7/2027	HDC and WRC or OGC (if not called upon)

In 2019/20 the Councils set the capitalisation bond at \$10.4 million, with OceanaGold recommending a bond quantum of \$7.1 million. Since this time OceanaGold have consistently recommended that the capitalisation bond be set at a lower amount (between \$6.6 million and \$7.08 million), but the Councils have continued to set the bond at \$10.4 million.

For the 2026/27 year OceanaGold have proposed that the capitalisation bond be set at \$7.84 million (an increase of \$760k) due to increased long term surveillance costs associated with achieving low 'potential impact classification' for the tailings storage facilities.

As was the case last year staff are again recommending, after discussion with counterparts at the Waikato Regional Council, that the Capitalisation Bond quantum be set at \$10.4 million, mainly due to unresolved matters relating to insurance requirements/costs (i.e. would the Martha Trust be able to purchase the required level of insurance at the cost estimate provided?). OceanaGold is accepting of this continued stance.

5 NGĀ TAKE | ISSUES

5.1 OceanaGold

OceanaGold is a mid-tier global company within the gold and copper mining and exploration industry with four working mines and other prospects on their books. The working mines are Waihi, Macraes, Haile in the USA and Didipio in the Philippines. At the time of writing this report OceanaGold had announced that it was pursuing the purchase of a fifth working mine, the Katanning Gold Project in Western Australia.

Other mining and exploration interests are in Southeast Asia, South America and New Zealand. OceanaGold also has interests in Canadian based companies associated with exploration activities in Canada and the USA and is involved in the Reefton Mine (NZ) that is currently undergoing rehabilitation and closure.

OceanaGold is no longer listed on the New Zealand or the Australian share market but remains listed on the Toronto stock exchange and recently listed on the New York stock exchange. As such, OceanaGold is required to regularly report on its activities to specified financial standards.

5.2 Current Activities on Site

Apart from care and maintenance work, over the last year there has been very little activity within Martha Pit – the one exception being the continued storage (and use) of waste rock in the bottom of the Pit, accessed via an underground portal, initiated in 2023.

Resource consents for Project Martha were granted late in 2018 and 'development' of the Martha Underground Mine (MUG) is ongoing with MUG producing currently gold and silver. Very limited narrow vein mining is also occurring within Correnso.

On 18 December 2025 OceanaGold received approval for the Waihi North Project from an expert panel via the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024. The approval included development of surface facilities at Willows Road (earthworks, buildings and other infrastructure), development of tunnels and an underground mine at Wharekirauponga, a new tailings storage facility, the Gladstone open pit, the northern rockstack and an upgrade of elements of the processing plant at Baxter Road. During 2026 work was initiated to implement the Waihi North consent and this work continues to proceed at pace.

As is required by the various resource consents, OceanaGold has prepared an annual Rehabilitation and Closure Plan (June 2026, Revision 27) and an Annual Work Programme for the July 2026 – June 2027 period. These plans have been reviewed by staff of both the Waikato Regional Council and the Hauraki District Council. Information from the Rehabilitation and Closure Plan is used by OceanaGold to feed into the Annual Work Programme and to calculate/adjust the amount required in the Rehabilitation Bond.

I have been on site several times over the last year and can confirm that activities on site, and those that are planned over the next year, are consistent with what I have observed or which are described within the documents that have been submitted to Hauraki District Council (i.e. significant earthworks and building development at Willows Road, a lift to Tailings Storage Facility 1A, a significant upgrade of several components of the processing plant, continued waste rock storage in the bottom of Martha Pit).

5.3 Looking to the Future

As noted above, development and mining in Martha Underground is ongoing and OceanaGold has consent, and is expected to extract and process ore, until at least 2032.

At the same time, OceanaGold are currently undertaking works at the top of Willows Road to establish surface facilities and infrastructure (earthworks, roads, buildings, etc.) to support an underground mine at Wharekirauponga. A portal has been established and initial tunnelling works have commenced (currently approx. 300m from the portal entrance) which are planned to continue for several years.

The Waihi North Project is expected to extend mining operations in Waihi until around 2042 and whilst there are elements of complexity and risk associated with developing tunnels and an underground mine in new/largely unknown ground, there are detailed engineering designs and planning/environmental protections in place to manage risk.

In relation to Martha Pit, OceanaGold have consent (as part of Project Martha) to remediate the north wall which would enable re-establishment of the haul road and, subsequently, development of Martha Pit, Phase 4. OceanaGold have advised they have no immediate plans (i.e. 5-10 years) to re-activate mining in the Martha Pit.

Information currently available indicates there is little likelihood of operations ceasing at the Waihi 'site' within the short-term (i.e. the next 5 years) and even less likelihood of operations ceasing within the next 12 months.

On top of this, whilst the price of gold and silver has fluctuated to some degree over the last 20 years, the overall trend of high gold and silver prices remains compared to prices 20 years ago (see the graphs below).



Information from: <http://GoldPrice.org> (dated 24/9/2026)



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In terms of its financial position, OceanaGold released its second quarter Operating and Financial Results for 2026 in May (in \$US) and noted (in summary) the following:

- On track to achieve full year production, cost and capital guidance, with production expected to increase and costs to decrease in the second half of 2026.
- Produced 138,800 ounces of gold and 2,700 tonnes of copper, an increase in gold production of 7% from the prior quarter.
- Revenue of \$647 million at an average realized gold price of \$4,433 per ounce.
- Net profit of \$222 million
- Generated strong quarterly Operating Cash Flow of \$314 million.
- Free Cash Flow of \$130 million, and \$385 million year to date.
- Cash balance increased by 6% to \$655 million with no debt and revolving credit facility undrawn.
- Returned \$78 million to shareholders in the quarter, via dividends and share buybacks.
- Completed \$58 million in share buybacks during the quarter and \$134 million year to date, with up to \$350 million approved for 2026.
- Listed on the New York Stock Exchange ('NYSE') on April 7, 2026, with trading volumes increasing.
- Reported additional high-grade drill results at Haile, highlighting the ongoing success of drilling to support resource growth and conversion.
- Development of the decline towards Wharekirauponga commenced in May 2026, progressing to plan.
- Macraes produced its 6 millionth ounce of gold in July 2026, since beginning production in 1990.

In the unlikely event of operations ceasing at the site over the next 12 months, OceanaGold would still need to undertake rehabilitation and closure of the site. In this instance it would be unlikely that the Rehabilitation Bonds would be called upon as the Company would still exist and be required to complete all rehabilitation and closure obligations – calling upon the bonds would be a scenario the Company would likely want to actively avoid.

Currently two scenarios exist where the bonds would be called by the Councils. These are if the Company was adjudged bankrupt or if the Company remains but in effect is a shell Company and does not complete the rehabilitation and closure requirements despite relevant RMA processes (e.g. enforcement action).

It is considered that these two scenarios are only likely to occur if the price of gold drops dramatically or if the Company is unable to obtain funding from banks for existing and new mining activities.

As the above graphs show, the price of gold and silver has fluctuated to some degree over the last few years, but not dramatically downward when looking at the longer-term trend. In the case of both gold and silver, current prices remain near record highs.

In terms of the potential for bankruptcy, there is a risk for any business if too much debt exists or if an existing resource (in this case a mine) soaks up all available equity. As was noted earlier, OceanaGold is a mid-tier company within the mining and exploration scene with four working mines and other prospects on their books. The working mines are Waihi, Macraes, Haile in the USA and Didipio in the Philippines – all of which have reported potential for continued production.

Given the above factors, it is considered unlikely that the Company will look to cease operations at the site within the short term (i.e. 5-10 years) and certainly not within the next 12 months. If OceanaGold were to leave the site then the most likely scenario is that the Company would sell the site as a going concern, in which case all obligations would fall to the new owner.

6 WHAIWHAKAARO RAUTAKI O NGĀ TAKE | STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 Strategy, Planning, Policy and bylaw alignment

Strategy, Planning, Policy, and bylaws applicable to the issue include:

- The Rehabilitation Bond and the Capitalisation Bond are requirements of various authorisations and resource consents granted by Hauraki District Council, Waikato Regional Council and an Expert Panel via the Fast-track Approvals Act (the conditions of which are implemented by the relevant authorities).

6.2 Strategic matters

- Not applicable – the setting of bond quanta is an operational/consent implementation matter.

7 NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA A MĀTOU | OPTIONS AVAILABLE

The following options have been identified for consideration:

- Option 1: Confirm the outcome of the annual review of the bond quanta and increase the bonds accordingly
- Option 2: Do nothing – ignore the outcome of the annual review of the bond quanta and do not increase the bonds

7.1 Option 1: Confirm the outcome of the annual review of the bond quanta and increase the bonds accordingly

Option 1: Confirm the outcome of the annual review of the bond quanta and increase the bonds accordingly	
Provide a summary of option:	This option represents the status quo whereby the Council undertakes an annual review of the bond quanta, in accordance with resource consent conditions and the District Plan, and subsequently sets the bonds.
Advantages:	Council has an obligation to review the bond quanta on an annual basis in accordance with resource consent conditions and the District Plan.

	It is in Council's and the community's interest to ensure the bond quanta are up-to-date and adequate. Adequate information has been provided to the Council to enable review of the bond quanta.
Disadvantages:	To do anything other than review the bond quanta on an annual basis would be contrary to Council obligations under resource consents and the District Plan.
Risk mitigation:	If OceanaGold were to suddenly leave Waihi there would be adequate funds available to complete rehabilitation and closure.
Financial costs:	Not applicable – operational matter with actual and reasonable costs recovered.
Rates Impact:	Not applicable – operational matter with actual and reasonable costs recovered.
Debt Impact:	Not applicable – operational matter with actual and reasonable costs recovered.

Option 1: Significance Assessment - Criteria	Level of significance
Does the recommendation involve a transfer of ownership or control, or abandonment of a strategic asset?	No
Is there a legal requirement to engage with the community?	No
What is the level of financial consequence?	Low
What is the proportion of the community affected?	Low
What is the impact on the current and future social, economic, environmental or cultural well-being of the district?	Low
What is the level of community interest?	Expected to be low
Are the likely consequences controversial?	Expected to be low
What is the level of consequence in relation to land or a body of water?	Low significance
Does this recommendation trigger a break of one or more of Councils rates caps or debt caps?	No
What is the impact on the ability for Council to carry out any activity in the LTP?	Low
Extent of community views already known on this recommended approach	Low
Option 1 is considered to be of overall low significance.	

7.2 Option 2 - Do nothing – ignore the outcome of the annual review of the bond quanta and do not increase the bonds

Option 2: Do nothing – ignore the outcome of the annual review of the bond quanta and do not increase the bonds	
Provide a summary of option:	This option would be a break from the status quo whereby the Council undertakes an annual review of the bond quanta, in accordance with resource consent conditions and the District Plan, and subsequently sets the bond quanta.
Advantages:	None identified (to do anything other than review the bond quanta on an annual basis would be contrary to Council obligations under resource consents and the District Plan).
Disadvantages:	Council has an obligation to review the bond quanta on an annual basis in accordance with resource consent conditions and the District Plan. It is in Council's and the community's interest to ensure the bond quanta are adequate. Adequate information has been provided to the Council to enable review of the bond quanta.
Risk mitigation:	Undertake an annual review of the bond quanta and set the bonds accordingly via Option 1.
Financial costs:	Under Option 2, if OceanaGold were to suddenly leave Waihi, there is a risk there would not be adequate funds available to complete rehabilitation and closure meaning costs may fall on the Council/community.
Rates Impact:	Not applicable.
Debt Impact:	Not applicable.
Option 2: Significance Assessment - Criteria	
Does the recommendation involve a transfer of ownership or control, or abandonment of a strategic asset?	No
Is there a legal requirement to engage with the community?	No
What is the level of financial consequence?	Medium
What is the proportion of the community affected?	Medium
What is the impact on the current and future social, economic, environmental or cultural well-being of the district?	Medium
What is the level of community interest?	Expected to be low
Are the likely consequences controversial?	Expected to be moderate
What is the level of consequence in relation to land or a body of water?	Medium significance
Does this recommendation trigger a break of one or more of Councils rates caps or debt caps?	No

Option 2: Significance Assessment - Criteria	Level of significance
What is the impact on the ability for Council to carry out any activity in the LTP?	Low
Extent of community views already known on this recommended approach.	Low
Option 2 is considered to be of overall medium significance.	

8 TE KOWHIRINGA MATUA | RECOMMENDED OPTION

Staff recommend proceeding with Option 1: Confirm the outcome of the annual review of the bond quanta and increase the bonds accordingly.

After the consideration of options, the recommendation is considered to be of overall low significance and as such the recommended form of engagement based on the recommended option is to: not carry out any specific consultation or engagement.

9 TE ARA KI MUA | NEXT ACTIONS

The table below sets out the next key steps:

Action	Responsibility	By When
Prepare a joint letter (WRC/HDC) officially setting the bond quanta	Leigh Robcke	Mid-October
Continue to monitor mining and rehabilitation activity at Waihi mine sites	Leigh Robcke	Ongoing

10 TUHUTORO | REFERENCES

Rehabilitation and Closure Plan 2026-2027 (4149247), Annual Work Programme July 2026 – June 2027 (4149246), and 2026-2027 Bond Review Letter and Updated Model (4164944).

11 WHAKAPAI | APPROVAL

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MŌ TE WHAKATAUNGA FOR DECISION



To Mayor and Councillors

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Strategic Planner

Meeting date 14 October 2026

File reference Document: 4170192

Subject **Council Controlled Organisation exemption for Destination Hauraki Coromandel Trust (2026).**

1 TE WHAIKUPU | RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council

- a) Receives the report titled Council Controlled Organisation exemption for Destination Hauraki Coromandel Trust (2026), (document number 4170192).
- b) In accordance with section 7(3) of the Local Government Act 2002, exempt the Destination Hauraki Coromandel Trust from being a council-controlled organisation.

2 TE ARONGA | PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to review the current exemption of Destination Hauraki Coromandel from being a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) and determine if the exemption is still appropriate.

3 WHAKAPAPA | BACKGROUND

Section 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) lets a council exempt a small organisation that is not a council-controlled trading organisation from CCO accountability requirements. The council must review the exemption within three years and may revoke it at any time.

Destination Hauraki Coromandel was established as a CCO in December 2011. Council has exempted the Trust from CCO status since 2012, and the last exemption was 2023.

Without the exemption, the Trust would need to:

- prepare an LGA statement of intent;
- make Board decisions consistent with the statement and the Trust's constitution;
- prepare prescribed half-year and annual reports covering:

- (i) a comparison of actual performance with the statement of intent;
 - (ii) an explanation of material variances; and
 - (iii) required financial and performance information.
- have Audit New Zealand audit and report on its annual report.

The Trust remains accountable under other laws, including the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and Charities Act 2005, and under its deed and rules.

4 NGĀ TAKE | ISSUES

Both Thames Coromandel and Hauraki District Councils must approve the exemption and review it every three years.

Council must decide whether the reasons for the 2012, 2015, 201, 2020 and 2023 exemptions still apply.

Before granting an exemption, Council must consider:

- the nature and scope of the organisation's activities; and
- the exemption's costs and benefits for Council, the CCO and the community.

Thames-Coromandel District Council reviewed and continued the Trust's CCO exemption at its September 2026 meeting.

4.1 Nature and scope of activities of the Trust

Destination Hauraki Coromandel is a charitable sub-regional tourism organisation funded by Thames-Coromandel and Hauraki District Councils. Its core purpose is to

- Promote and market the Hauraki-Coromandel as a leading tourist and visitor destination and;
- Support the tourism sector to delivery higher value, more sustainable tourism experiences,

The Trust promotes Hauraki Coromandel as a visitor destination through brand and product development and domestic and international marketing. It also supports projects that create tourism jobs and improve community wellbeing.

Grants from Thames-Coromandel and Hauraki District Councils provide most of the Trust's income. Hauraki District Council contributes up to 25% of programme spending on sub-regional tourism.

4.2 Costs and Benefits

Operating as a CCO would add administrative, reporting and audit costs. These include a prescribed statement of intent, more financial reporting and an Audit New Zealand audit.

Council estimates the extra cost at more than \$30,000 a year. The Trust is unlikely to have funds for these requirements. As a not-for-profit charity funded largely by councils, the extra costs would probably fall to councils and the community.

Council can oversee the Trust outside the CCO regime through the trust deed and service-level agreements. The Trust files financial reports to maintain its charitable status, and Council can

request them. Each council also receives the Trust's business plan, annual report and six-monthly funding reports.

5 WHAIWHAKAARO RAUTAKI O NGĀ TAKE | STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 Strategy, Planning, Policy and bylaw alignment

Strategy, Planning, Policy, and bylaws applicable to the issue include:

- The exemption helps the Trust contribute to the connected people and strong economy community outcomes. The exemption will ensure that additional financial pressure is not put onto the Trust so they can move forward in promoting the district as a visitor destination by collaborating with local authorities and supporting local business to increase the opportunity for employment

5.2 Strategic matters

There are no climate change implications in granting this exemption.

6 NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA A MĀTOU | OPTIONS AVAILABLE

The following options have been identified for consideration:

- Retaining the status quo – Continue the CCO exemption for Destination Hauraki Coromandel Trust.
- Decline the CCO exemption for Destination Hauraki Coromandel Trust.

6.1 Option 1

Option 1: Retaining the status quo – Continue the CCO exemption for Destination Hauraki Coromandel Trust.	
Provide a summary of option:	Council considers the reasons to exempt the Trust from being a CCO and resolves to continue the exemption.
Advantages:	The Trust avoids additional financial cost and reporting requirements.
Disadvantages:	There are no disadvantages identified.
Risk mitigation:	Granting the exemption will ensure the Trust is not faced with additional costs arising from ongoing administrative and reporting requirements.
Financial costs:	There are no financial costs associated with this option.
Option 1: Significance Assessment - Criteria	
Does the recommendation involve a transfer of ownership or control, or abandonment of a strategic asset?	No
Is there a legal requirement to engage with the community?	No

Option 1: Significance Assessment - Criteria	Level of significance
What is the level of financial consequence?	Low
What is the proportion of the community affected?	Low
What is the impact on the current and future social, economic, environmental or cultural well-being of the district?	Low
What is the level of community interest?	Expected to be low
Are the likely consequences controversial?	Expected to be low
What is the level of significance in relation to land or a body of water?	No significance
Does this recommendation trigger a break of one or more of Councils rates caps or debt caps?	No
What is the impact on the ability for Council to carry out any activity in the LTP?	Low
Extent of community views already known on this recommended approach	Low
Option 1 is considered to be of overall low significance.	

6.2 Option 2

Option 2: Decline the CCO exemption for Destination Hauraki Coromandel Trust	
Provide a summary of option:	Council consider the reasons to exempt the Trust and do not exempt the Trust from operating as a CCO.
Advantages:	There are no advantages to declining the CCO exemption.
Disadvantages:	The Trust would be required to meet all requirements of a CCO including increased financial reporting and resource an annual audit undertaken by Audit New Zealand at significant cost.
Risk mitigation:	If the exemption is declined there is no mitigation of the financial/economic risk.
Financial costs:	If the exemption is declined it is anticipated the financial cost to the Trust, which in turn is likely to be a cost to Council, would be a minimum of \$30,000 per annum.
Option 2: Significance Assessment - Criteria	Level of significance
Does the recommendation involve a transfer of ownership or control, or abandonment of a strategic asset?	No
Is there a legal requirement to engage with the community?	No

Option 2: Significance Assessment - Criteria	Level of significance
What is the level of financial consequence?	Low
What is the proportion of the community affected?	Low
What is the impact on the current and future social, economic, environmental or cultural well-being of the district?	Low
What is the level of community interest?	Expected to be low
Are the likely consequences controversial?	Expected to be low
What is the level of significance in relation to land or a body of water?	No significance
Does this recommendation trigger a break of one or more of Councils rates caps or debt caps?	No
What is the impact on the ability for Council to carry out any activity in the LTP?	Low
Extent of community views already known on this recommended approach.	Low
Option 2 is considered to be of overall low significance.	

7 TE KOWHIRINGA MATUA | RECOMMENDED OPTION

Staff recommend proceeding with option one – Continue the CCO exemption for Destination Hauraki Coromandel Trust.

After the consideration of options, the recommendation is considered to be of overall low significance and as such the recommended form of engagement based on the recommended option is to: not carry out any specific consultation or engagement.

8 KIA UIA ki TE HAPORI WHĀNUI me ngā pāpaho | ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

Based on the recommended form of engagement being not to carry out any specific consultation or engagement, the proposed communication approach is: to inform Thames-Coromandel District Council and Destination Hauraki Coromandel Trust of the outcome.

9 TE ARA KI MUA | NEXT ACTIONS

The table below sets out the next key steps:

Action	Responsibility	By When
Update Thames-Coromandel District Council and Destination Hauraki Coromandel Trust	Strategic Planning	October 2026

10 TUHUTORO | REFERENCES

n/a

11 WHAKAPAI | APPROVAL

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MŌ TE WHAKATAUNGA FOR DECISION



To Mayor and Councillors

Author Hillary Hodges
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Meeting date 14 October 2026

File reference Document: 4168904

Subject **2026 Hauraki Rail Trail Council Controlled Organisation exemption**

1 TE WHAIKUPU | RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council

- a) Receives the report titled 2026 Hauraki Rail Trail Council Controlled Organisation exemption, (document number 4168904).
- b) In accordance with section 7(3) of the Local Government Act 2002, exempt the Hauraki Rail Trail Trust from being a council-controlled organisation.

2 TE ARONGA | PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to review the current exemption for the Hauraki Rail Trail Charitable Trust (the Trust) under section 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 and seek Council's decision on whether the exemption from council-controlled organisation status remains appropriate.

3 WHAKAPAPA | BACKGROUND

Section 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) allows a council, by resolution, to exempt a small organisation that is not a council-controlled trading organisation from the accountability requirements that would otherwise apply to a council-controlled organisation (CCO). An exemption must be reviewed within three years after it is granted and may be revoked at any time.

The Trust is the governance entity for the cycleway known as the Hauraki Rail Trail (HRT). Hauraki, Matamata-Piako and Thames-Coromandel District Councils are settlors to the Trust Deed. The Trust fits the legal definition of a CCO under the LGA because the councils have the right to appoint 50% or more of the trustees.

The Council has granted the Trust an exemption from being a CCO since 16 November 2011. The exemption has been reviewed periodically since that date, in line with the requirement that an exemption be reviewed within three years after it is granted.

The exemption recognises that the Trust is a small, non-trading entity and that applying the full accountability requirements for CCOs may be disproportionate to the scale, nature and risk profile of its activities. Reviewing the exemption allows Council to consider whether those circumstances remain current.

3.1 CCO requirements under the LGA

If the Trust were not exempt, it would need to comply with the relevant CCO requirements under the LGA, including:

- Development of a statement of intent in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the LGA.
- Development of a constitution
- Development of a prescriptive half- yearly report and annual report including-
 - A comparison of the performance of the organisation and its subsidiaries with the statement of intent, and
 - An explanation of any material variances between the performance and the statement of intent, and
 - Other specific financial and performance information.
- Audit New Zealand report on the Trust's annual report.
- Section 17a reviews apply to any arrangement or agreement under which a CCO undertakes any responsibility on behalf of a local authority.

4 NGĀ TAKE | ISSUES

For the Trust to be exempt from being a CCO each Council must exempt the Trust and undertake three yearly reviews of the exemption. The exemption is now due. The Council needs to consider if the reasons for granting the Trust an exemption are still valid.

The Council has exempted the Trust from being a CCO in 2011, 2014, 2017, 2020 and 2023.

The Council may exempt an organisation from being a CCO, but it must consider:

- The nature and scope of the activities provided by the organisation; and
- The costs and benefits, if an exemption is granted, to the Council, the CCO and the community.

4.1 Nature and Scope of Activities of the Trust

The nature and scope of the Trust's activity are set out in the Trust Deed and Management Agreement.

The deed was originally executed on 2 March 2012 and superseded with amendments on 26 February 2019. The Trust Deed allows the Trust to own, operate, maintain, repair, develop and facilitate the use and enjoyment of a rail trail within the region. This includes;

- leasing and/or licensing land from any of the Settlers or any other party for use by the Cycleway.
- developing and constructing extensions and additions to the Cycleway.
- maintaining all of the cycleway to the standard required for it to be included in the Ngā Haerenga National Cycleway Network.
- raising money by conducting fundraising activities and receiving grants.

In carrying out its purpose, the Trust must take reasonable steps to protect any areas of spiritual and cultural significance to mana whenua on the land where the Cycleway operates.

The Hauraki District Council has constructed and has ownership of many of the HRT assets and owns, or has rights and obligations to, the land on which the HRT is formed within the Hauraki District. Currently the Council provides project management and maintenance services to the Trust.

The Trust deed stipulates the Trust must produce an annual report containing:

- a copy of the Trusts most recent annual return filed with the Charities Commission.
- the Trust's proposed budget for the financial year, and
- the Trust's proposed work programme for the following financial year.

4.2 Costs and benefits

If the Trust operates as a CCO this will impose additional costs on the Trust arising from ongoing administration and reporting costs, including producing a statement of intent and increased financial reporting. Based on Councils previous experience with other CCOs these additional costs are estimated to be a minimum of \$30,000 per annum.

It is unlikely the Trust will have the funds to meet the cost of additional reporting requirements imposed on CCOs. Given that the trust is a charity, not a profit-making organisation and the Councils underwrite much of the revenue, the additional costs associated with being a CCO would likely need to be met by the Council and therefore the community.

In addition, the Trust is subject to sufficient oversight and control outside the CCO regime under the terms of the Trust Deed and Management Agreement. The Trust provides financial reports to the Charitable Commission to maintain its status as a charitable organisation, meaning there is still public transparency regarding its financial position. Audit New Zealand audits the Trust's annual report.

5 WHAIWHAKAARO RAUTAKI O NGĀ TAKE | STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 Strategy, Planning, Policy and bylaw alignment

Strategy, Planning, Policy, and bylaws applicable to the issue include:

- Contributes to strong economy and supporting local business in reducing compliance costs.
- Community recreation services include the maintenance of cycle ways which includes HRT.

5.2 Strategic matters

- There are no implications.

6 NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA A MĀTOU | OPTIONS AVAILABLE

The following options have been identified for consideration:

- Retaining the status quo – continue with the Trust's CCO exemption
- Do not exempt the Trust.

6.1 Option 1

Option 1: Retaining the status quo – continue with the exemption	
Provide a summary of option:	In this option Council will continue to exempt the Trust as a CCO.
Advantages:	No additional reporting requirements and costs for the Trust.
Disadvantages:	None identified
Risk mitigation:	Hauraki Rail Trail Trust is able to continue in accordance with its Trust Deed.
Financial costs:	No financial implications.
Option 1: Significance Assessment - Criteria	Level of significance
Does the recommendation involve a transfer of ownership or control, or abandonment of a strategic asset?	No
Is there a legal requirement to engage with the community?	No
What is the level of financial consequence?	Low
What is the proportion of the community affected?	Low
What is the impact on the current and future social, economic, environmental or cultural well-being of the district?	Low
What is the level of community interest?	Expected to be low
Are the likely consequences controversial?	Expected to be low
What is the level of significance in relation to land or a body of water?	No significance
Does this recommendation trigger a break of one or more of Councils rates caps or debt caps?	No
What is the impact on the ability for Council to carry out any activity in the LTP?	Low
Extent of community views already known on this recommended approach	Low
Option 1 is considered to be of overall low significance.	

6.2 Option 2

Option 2: Do not exempt the Trust.

Provide a summary of option:	In this option Council will not continue with the CCO exemption for the Trust.
Advantages:	None identified
Disadvantages:	Significant compliance costs to the Trust (and potentially Council and the community) Increased reporting requirements
Risk mitigation:	This option does not mitigate any risks.
Financial costs:	Potentially more funding could be sought from Council to help the Trust meet additional compliance costs.
Option 2: Significance Assessment - Criteria	
Does the recommendation involve a transfer of ownership or control, or abandonment of a strategic asset?	No
Is there a legal requirement to engage with the community?	No
What is the level of financial consequence?	Low
What is the proportion of the community affected?	Low
What is the impact on the current and future social, economic, environmental or cultural well-being of the district?	Low
What is the level of community interest?	Expected to be low
Are the likely consequences controversial?	Expected to be low
What is the level of significance in relation to land or a body of water?	No significance
Does this recommendation trigger a break of one or more of Councils rates caps or debt caps?	No
What is the impact on the ability for Council to carry out any activity in the LTP?	Low
Extent of community views already known on this recommended approach.	Low
Option 2 is considered to be of overall low significance.	

7 TE KOWHIRINGA MATUA | RECOMMENDED OPTION

Staff recommend proceeding with option one – Continue with the Trust’s CCO exemption.

After the consideration of options, the recommendation is considered to be of overall low significance and as such the recommended form of engagement based on the recommended option is to: not carry out any specific consultation or engagement.

8 KIA UIA ki TE HAPORI WHĀNUI me ngā pāpaho | ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

Based on the recommended form of engagement being not to carry out any specific consultation or engagement the proposed communication approach is: update the other councils and the Trust.

9 TE ARA KI MUA | NEXT ACTIONS

The table below sets out the next key steps:

Action	Responsibility	By When
Update the Trust, Thames-Coromandel District Council and Matamata-Piako District Council of outcome	Strategic Planning	October 2026

10 TUHUTORO | REFERENCES

N/a.

11 WHAKAPAI | APPROVAL

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MŌ TE WHAKATAUNGA FOR DECISION



To Mayor and Councillors

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Meeting date 13 October 2026

File reference Document: 4072815

Subject **Paeroa Domain training lighting**

1 TE WHAIKUPU | RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council

- a) Receives the report titled Paeroa Domain training lighting, (Document #4072815).
- b) Approves Option 1 Status Quo: retain existing halide sports field lighting at Paeroa Domain,
OR
- c) Approves Option 2a: Replace light heads on Paeroa Domain fields 1 and 2 with LEDs, fully funded by HDC at a cost of \$122,000 (of which \$100,000 is pre-approved, leaving a shortfall of \$22,000).
OR
- d) Approves Option 2b: Replace light heads on Paeroa Domain fields 1 and 2 with LEDs, at a cost of \$122,000, jointly funded by Hauraki District Council \$100,000 (pre-approved) and up to \$22,000 shortfall funded via a commitment in principle from Sport Waikato.
OR
- e) Approves Option 3: Replace light heads on Paeroa Domain fields 1 and 2 and the netball courts with LEDs at a total cost of \$200,700, jointly funded by Hauraki District Council up to \$100,000, \$50,000 from Sport Waikato (committed on the principle that the remaining funding is secured) and up to \$50,700 through community contributions,
(RECOMMENDATION).
AND
- f) That any application for community funding be supported by a formal letter of support from the Chief Executive.

2 TE ARONGA | PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present to Council options for consideration regarding the future of the sports field lights at Paeroa Domain.

3 TE WHAKARĀPOPOTANGA | SUMMARY

Paeroa Domain supports a range of community sports and events, including evening training and seasonal competitions. The existing metal halide lighting on fields 1 and 2 are approaching the end of their serviceable life. The lights are becoming increasingly unreliable and costly to operate and maintain, while replacement bulbs are becoming difficult to source. This creates a growing risk that the lighting could become unusable.

This report considers options ranging from retaining the existing lighting through to replacing the light fittings on fields 1 and 2 and the netball courts with LEDs. LED lighting would provide greater reliability, energy efficiency and lighting control, while reducing ongoing operating and maintenance requirements.

Council has \$100,000 allocated to the project, of which approximately \$9,000 has been spent on professional services to date. The remaining funding is proposed to be carried forward to 2026/27 (as a separate item on this agenda). The project was intended to be jointly funded, with a further \$100,000 sought from community grants and other external sources. Sport Waikato have recently provided a commitment in principle of \$50,000 towards the renewal of the lighting at the Domain. If the lighting at the Domain and netball courts was to be approved, this leaves \$50,700 to be sought externally through grant applications.

Staff recommend upgrading the lighting on fields 1 and 2 (firstly) and the netball courts through a combination of Council funding and community contributions. Delivering the work as one coordinated project is expected to achieve economies of scale and a better outcome for the community. On the proposed funding basis, no additional Council contribution beyond its original \$100,000 allocation is sought via the recommendation, however the upgrade remains dependent on securing the outstanding external funding.

4 WHAKAPAPA | BACKGROUND

The Paeroa Domain supports a range of community sporting activities and events, including evening training and seasonal competitions.

Council allocated \$200,700 to the project in the 2024/25 year through the Long Term Plan 2024–34. In 2025/26 this funding was subsequently deferred to 2025/26 and reduced to \$100,000. This reduction was made alongside the decision that it was anticipated that the field 1 and 2 lighting project would need to be jointly funded with the community, whether that be by grant applications or corporate sponsorship. The project estimates therefore include a further \$100,700 to be sought from external funding sources.

A deferral to 2026/27 is proposed through the separate capital carry-forward report included on this agenda. Of the \$100,000 allocated in 2025/26, close to \$9,000 has been spent to date. \$91,000 remains unspent.

5 NGĀ TAKE | ISSUES

The field 1 and 2 lighting system at Paeroa Domain consists of seven metal halide sports field lights. The lights are approaching the end of their serviceable life. They are becoming

increasingly unreliable, costly to operate and maintain, and require replacement bulbs that are becoming difficult to source.

Due to their age and condition, there is a growing risk that the lights could become unusable, affecting evening for sports training and events.

LED lighting has become the preferred option for sports facilities nationally and globally. Compared with traditional metal halide lighting, LED systems provide greater energy efficiency, a longer operating life, improved reliability, lower maintenance requirements and reduced environmental impacts. They also provide more consistent lighting and greater control over light levels.

When the initial budget was prepared pre-2024, consideration was given to relocating the field 1 and 2 training-light poles and their foundations. The project scope has since been refined, with the proposed work now focused on replacing the existing light fittings rather than relocating the poles. As such, this report proposes a series of options surrounding the upgrade of various parts of the Paeroa Domain lighting to LED.

To support a cost-effective project and maximise potential economies of scale, the report proposes that consideration be given to replacing both the field and netball court lights as part of a single project, noting that Council does not own the netball court lights. A coordinated, multi-use approach is also likely to be viewed more favourably by community funding organisations because it demonstrates collaboration and delivers benefits across multiple sporting codes and community groups.

5.1 Grant funding and eligibility

Considerable conversations have been held with potential community funders in the lead up to this report preparation. It is of note that in preparing the option analysis a staged implementation approach was considered, however is not considered to be a favourable option.

A staged approach was considered to enable the rugby field lighting to be installed before winter. Proceeding in advance of a funding decision could also strain Council's relationship with the external funder, particularly if an application were seen as seeking retrospective funding.

It is worth Council noting that a condition of any Sport Waikato funding is that HDC provide evidence of increased participation outcomes for rangitahi being met through this project.

6 WHAIWHAKAARO RAUTAKI O NGĀ TAKE | STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 Mana Whenua/Māori

This proposed project is an upgrade to existing infrastructure and has no identified cultural, land, or water impacts.

6.2 Strategic alignment

The proposal supports the Long-term Plan by maintaining fit-for-purpose community sports facilities and ensuring continued access to recreational infrastructure.

6.3 Policy and bylaw consistency

The proposal is consistent with existing parks, reserves, and sports ground management policies. No bylaws are adversely affected.

6.4 Climate change implications

Replacing metal halide lights with LED technology is expected to decrease electricity consumption by around 50–75%. This aligns with Council's Zero Carbon commitment by improving energy efficiency in Council-owned assets.

The decision will result in a low decrease in greenhouse gas emissions and will not be impacted by a changing climate.

6.5 Issue risks and mitigations

Risk		What is being done about the risk?
Financial/economic	The risk is escalating maintenance and operating costs if the metal halide system is retained. The risk is expected to be of insignificant impact. The likelihood of the risk occurring is almost certain.	Recommendation to replace with a more efficient LED technology.
Political reputation	The risk is the inability to support night games and key community events. The risk is expected to be of moderate impact. The likelihood of the risk occurring is almost certain.	Recommendation to upgrade to a reliable modern lighting infrastructure.
Environment	The risk is inefficient energy use from halide bulbs. The risk is expected to be of insignificant impact. The likelihood of the risk occurring is almost certain.	Recommendation to replace with a more efficient LED technology.

7 NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA A MĀTOU | OPTIONS AVAILABLE

The installation of LED lights is the simplest and most economical solution to improving the training lighting at the Paeroa Domain as it makes use of the current lighting infrastructure and essentially functions as an enhancement to the lighting heads. As such, the following options have been identified for consideration that are based on the installation of LED lighting:

- Retaining the status quo.
- Replace existing light heads on fields 1 and 2 with LEDs, fully funded by HDC at a cost of \$122,000.
- Replace existing light heads on fields 1 and 2 with LEDs, jointly funded by HDC and community grants at a cost of \$100,000 to Council.

- Replace existing light heads with LEDs on fields 1 and 2 and the netball courts, jointly funded by HDC and community grants at a cost of \$100,000 to Council. (Recommended option, within existing budgets)

7.1 Option 1

Option 1: Retaining the status quo	
Provide a summary of option:	No upgrade is undertaken and the existing metal halide system remains in place.
Advantages:	There are no immediate capital cost requirements, however there are no other known advantages.
Disadvantages:	The disadvantages include: - A high risk of lighting failure due to bulb unavailability. - Escalating and unplanned maintenance costs. - Loss of night-time training and event capability. - Metal halide systems emit light in all directions and can lose 15-30% through reflectors and optics, contributing to light waste and spill. - Metal halide lamps can lose 20-50% of their output during their lifespan while still consuming full power and can take several minutes to reach full brightness. - The current system has no usage monitoring capabilities and relies on manual operation on-site by key holders.
Risk mitigation:	Option 1 does not adequately mitigate the identified risks.
Financial costs:	Extent of failures is unknown
Rates Impact:	There is no expected change to forecast rates, as funding for this option is provided for in existing budgets.
Debt Impact:	There is no expected change to forecasted debt, as funding for this option is provided for in existing budgets.
Option 1: Significance Assessment - Criteria	
Does the recommendation involve a transfer of ownership or control, or abandonment of a strategic asset?	No
Is there a legal requirement to engage with the community?	No
What is the level of financial consequence?	Low
What is the proportion of the community affected?	Low
What is the impact on the current and future social, economic, environmental, or cultural well-being of the district?	Low
What is the level of community interest?	Expected to be low
Are the likely consequences controversial?	Expected to be moderate

Option 1: Significance Assessment - Criteria	Level of significance
What is the level of consequence in relation to land or a body of water?	No significance
Does this recommendation trigger a break of one or more of Councils rates caps or debt caps?	No
What is the impact on the ability for Council to carry out any activity in the LTP?	Low
Extent of community views already known on this recommended approach.	Medium
Option 1 is considered to be of overall low significance.	

7.2 Option 2a

Option 2a: Replace existing light heads on fields 1 and 2 with LEDs, fully funded by HDC	
Provide a summary of option:	Replace the seven existing metal halide light heads with LED light heads on Fields 1 and 2, retaining existing poles and footings, entirely funded by HDC.
Advantages:	LED lighting: When compared with the metal halide lighting, LED lighting can offer the following improvements: – A lifespan of around 65,000 operating hours (around 20 years at typical use). – LEDs typically use 50-70% less energy than equivalent metal halide systems. – LEDs deliver significantly higher lumens per watt, producing around twice as much light per unit of energy. – Less energy is wasted as heat, improving overall system efficiency. – LEDs provide more precise light distribution, enhancing visibility on the grounds while minimising impact on nearby residents. – LEDs maintain their brightness over time. – LEDs switch on and off instantly. – The proposed system includes a smart control platform that enables remote operation via a secure network, adjustable lighting levels for different activities, individual field control, and detailed usage tracking (including operator, run times, and estimated energy consumption). – LEDs eliminate routine bulb replacements, with maintenance reduced to annual inspections and periodic cleaning (approximately every three years). This lessens the need for scissor lift hire and minimises staff and contractor costs. Cost: – Full funding by HDC would mean the project can proceed immediately.
Disadvantages:	– Through the 2025/26 Annual Plan \$100,000 was approved for the lighting at Paeroa Domain field 1 and 2, with \$140,000 to be sought from the community as a jointly funded project. As such, this

	option for Council to fully fund, does not align with this previous decision. It is of note the budget estimates have since been refined with the change in scope, and the overall project cost is \$200,700, not \$240,000.
Risk mitigation:	– Reduces the risk of lighting failure due to bulb unavailability. – Improves reliability and service continuity for night-time sports, training and events. – Lowers long-term financial and health and safety risks through reduced operating and maintenance costs. – Reduces reputational risk by ensuring Council can continue to provide fit-for-purpose sports infrastructure.
Financial costs:	The field 1 and 2 lights replacement project is estimated at \$122,000. Existing budget is in place of \$100,000 (with \$9,000 already spent).
Rates Impact:	This option results in a 0.002% increase in non-water rates. This option results in a \$0.10 increase per district ratepayer.
Debt Impact:	This option results in a \$22,000 increase in debt.

Option 2: Significance Assessment - Criteria	Level of significance
Does the recommendation involve a transfer of ownership or control, or abandonment of a strategic asset?	No
Is there a legal requirement to engage with the community?	No
What is the level of financial consequence?	Low
What is the proportion of the community affected?	Low
What is the impact on the current and future social, economic, environmental, or cultural well-being of the district?	Low
What is the level of community interest?	Expected to be low
Are the likely consequences controversial?	Expected to be low
What is the level of consequence in relation to land or a body of water?	No significance
Does this recommendation trigger a break of one or more of Councils rates caps or debt caps?	No
What is the impact on the ability for Council to carry out any activity in the LTP?	Low
Extent of community views already known on this recommended approach.	Low

Option 2 is considered to be of overall **low** significance.

7.3 Option 2b

Option 2b: Replace existing light heads on fields 1 and 2 with LEDs, joint funded by HDC and Sport Waikato	
Provide a summary of option:	As per option 2, but \$22,000 funding is sought through Sport Waikato.
Advantages:	– As per Option 2a, but \$22,000 of funding via Sport Waikato. – No further increase to rate requirements.
Disadvantages:	– At the time of writing this report, the commitment by Sport Waikato was in principle only. Final confirmation is required depending on the chosen by option by Council. – This option does limit the potential funding for the installation of the netball court lighting. – Sport Waikato have committed \$50,000 in principle and are keen to work with Council to achieve an outcome that would otherwise not have been met without their contribution. This option does not address this without the inclusion of the netball lighting.
Risk mitigation:	As per option 2.
Financial costs:	Existing budget allows for \$100,000 for field 1 and 2 lighting. The remainder would be funded by Sport Waikato.
Rates Impact:	There is no expected change to forecast rates, as funding for this option is provided for in existing budgets.
Debt Impact:	There is no change to forecast debt, as funding for this option is provided for in existing budgets.
Option 2: Significance Assessment - Criteria	
The significance assessment has not been duplicated for option 2a, as is identical to the significance assessment for Option 2.	Low

7.4 Option 3 – recommended option

Option 3: Replace existing light heads with LEDs on fields 1 and 2 and the netball courts, jointly funded by HDC, Sport Waikato and community grants (recommended option)	
Provide a summary of option:	As per option 2, however with Council contributing \$100,000 to the project (of which \$9,000 has been spent to date), and \$50,000 being committed in principle by Sport Waikato, and \$50,000 being sought from community grant applications.
Advantages:	– As per option 2. – Less financial contribution required by Council than fully funding the project. – A one -joined up, multi-purpose project could be deemed more attractive for potential granting funding. Given the netball

	contribution component isn't included in the Long-term Plan, any application would need to be supported by a letter from the Mayor or Chief Executive. – It has been indicated that the joined-up project would provide some cost savings through economies of scale and efficiency with project management costs and contractor installation costs. It is estimated these are in the vicinity of approximately 3% of the overall project cost of both the netball courts and field 1 and 2.	
Disadvantages:	– As per option 2. – Applications for grants open January 2027 with a decision being made in April 2027. If successful, the build would not be realistically able to take place until mid-late winter, taking into account the time it takes for materials to arrive following ordering. This may mean installation would take place at the end of the 2027 winter season rather than before.	
Risk mitigation:	– As per option 2.	
Financial costs:	The estimate for both field 1 and 2, and the netball courts is a total of \$200,700, which includes materials, light head purchase and installation, switch board upgrades, project management and contingency. This is \$100,700 more than currently budgeted by Council alone, however, is included in the Long Term Plan budget via external funding (\$140,000 has been included).	
Rates Impact:	There is no expected change to forecast rates, as funding for this option is provided for in existing budgets.	
Debt Impact:	There is no change to forecast debt, as funding for this option is provided for in existing budgets.	
Option 3: Significance Assessment - Criteria		Level of significance
The significance assessment has not been duplicated for option 3, as is identical to the significance assessment for Option 2.		Low

8 TE KOWHIRINGA MATUA | RECOMMENDED OPTION

Staff recommend proceeding with option 3, with replacing existing light heads with LEDs on fields 1 and 2 and the netball courts, jointly funded by HDC, Sport Waikato and community grant applications. This option responds to the identified community need while reducing the amount required to be funded by ratepayers.

On assessing against the Council's [peer review criteria](#), the does not trigger an external peer review as the decision is not considered to carry a high/extreme level of risk, no peer review has been requested by leadership, the matter aligns with Council's risk appetite, no conflicts of interest identified, and it does not meet the threshold for high significance.

After the consideration of options, the recommendation is considered to be of overall low significance and as such the recommended form of engagement is to: inform the community.

9 KIA UIA KI TE HAPORI WHĀNUI ME NGĀ PĀPAHO | ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

Based on the recommended form of engagement being inform the community, the proposed engagement and communication approach is to advise the community of installation plans once determined.

10 TE ARA KI MUA | NEXT ACTIONS

The table below sets out the next key steps:

Action	Responsibility	By When
Confirm final scope and pricing	Project Manager	October/November 2026
Secure external funding	Community Advocacy Advisor	January 2026 – April 2027
Procure LED lighting supplier	Project Manager	April – May 2027
Install and commission lighting	Contractor	May – July 2027

11 TUHUTORO | REFERENCES

Quotes for installation of lighting.

12 WHAKAPAI | APPROVAL

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MŌ TE WHAKATAUNGA FOR DECISION



To Mayor and Councillors

Author Kim Donnelly
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Meeting date 13 October 2026

File reference Document: 4172774
Appendix A: Letter from Waihi Arts Centre and Museum Association
Incorporated, 24 July 2026 (4172843)

Subject **Vesting of the Waihi Arts Centre and Museum Property**

1 TE WHAIKUPU | RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council

- a) Receives the report titled Vesting of the Waihi Arts Centre and Museum Property, (document number 4172774)
- b) Approves Option 2 - transfer the land and all Council-owned buildings and improvements at 54 Kenny Street, Waihi, being Section 257 Block XV Ohinemuri Survey District (Record of Title SA28B/507), to Waihi Arts Centre and Museum Association Incorporated, subject to the conditions in this resolution.

AND

- c) Requires the transfer documentation to provide, as appropriate, for continued public access and heritage use; compliance with the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga listing and District Plan controls; the Association's responsibility for future rates, insurance, maintenance, renewals and statutory compliance; restrictions on disposal or material change of use; and a suitable reversion or first-option mechanism if the Association ceases to exist or the approved community use ends.

2 TE ARONGA | PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek a Council decision on the request from Waihi Arts Centre and Museum Association Incorporated to take ownership of the entire property at 54 Kenny Street, Waihi. The report considers retaining Council ownership and transferring the land, buildings and improvements to the Association, and recommends transfer subject to appropriate legal and public-interest protections.

3 TE WHAKARĀPOPOTANGA | SUMMARY

The property has served a continuous community purpose for more than a century: first as the Waihi Manual Training and Technical School and, since 1962, as the Waihi Arts Centre and Museum. Council owns the land and buildings, while the incorporated society operates the museum and gallery.

- On 24 July 2026, the Association formally confirmed its interest in taking over the land and buildings. Its committee has considered future rates and insurance costs and states that it can meet these substantially over the long term through fundraising and careful budgeting.
- Option 2 is recommended. It aligns ownership with the organisation that has occupied, operated and cared for the facility for more than 60 years; provides long-term security; transfers future property liabilities away from Council; and enables the Association to pursue eligible external heritage and community funding directly. Eligibility for any grant remains subject to the rules of the relevant fund and is not guaranteed by ownership alone.

4 WHAKAPAPA | BACKGROUND

Technical education began in Waihi in temporary premises around 1908. The plastered-brick technical school at Kenny Street was constructed during 1911-1913, opened in 1913 and closed in 1959. It provided cooking instruction for girls and woodwork and metalwork instruction for boys.

- In 1962, local residents formed the museum and arts centre organisation and promoted conversion of the vacant school. Historical accounts record that Waihi Borough Council bought the property from central government after the purchase price was reduced to recognise money originally raised by the Waihi community towards construction. The property passed to Hauraki District Council when Waihi Borough Council was absorbed into the new district council in 1989.

- The property is legally described as Section 257 Block XV Ohinemuri Survey District and is recorded in published heritage information under Record of Title SA28B/507. It includes the principal former technical school, an attached former jail structure and portable extensible classrooms at the rear. The exact title interests, encumbrances, statutory history, chattels, fixtures and boundaries of the proposed transfer require confirmation before settlement.

- The principal building and portable classrooms are listed by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga as Historic Place Category 2, List No. 4661, and are scheduled in the Hauraki District Plan as HAU017, Category A. The main building has previously been assessed below 34% New Building Standard. Council investigated strengthening options and has funded design, risk-reduction, reroofing and chimney-strengthening work. Heritage obligations and known building risks must be expressly acknowledged in the transfer agreement.

- The Association's letter is attached as Appendix A.

5 NGĀ TAKE | ISSUES

Council owns a heritage property that delivers community cultural benefits but does not produce significant property income. Continued ownership leaves Council responsible for rates, insurance, maintenance, renewals, statutory compliance and the financial consequences of an ageing and earthquake-prone heritage building.

The operating organisation has limited security while it does not own the property. Although some funders will accept evidence of owner support, direct ownership can strengthen the Association's control of projects and its ability to pursue eligible community and heritage grants. Retaining the status quo continues the separation between the party responsible for the property and the party delivering the service.

6 WHAIWHAKAARO RAUTAKI O NGĀ TAKE | STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 Mana Whenua/Māori

The property is land with a long-standing public, educational and cultural purpose. No specific mana whenua views on the proposed transfer have been identified in the information reviewed for this report.

6.2 Strategic alignment

The proposal supports the cultural, social and economic well-being of Waihi by providing long-term security for a community museum, gallery, research resource and educational facility. It also reduces Council's direct exposure to future property costs, subject to the transfer terms.

The decision must be assessed against the current Long-term Plan, Revenue and Financing Policy, Significance and Engagement Policy, Asset Management Policy and any policy governing disposal of Council land. Legal review must confirm whether the property is a strategic asset and whether the decision requires a Long-term Plan amendment or a particular consultation process.

The recommended option contributes to vibrant communities, responsible asset stewardship and intergenerational preservation of local heritage. It places responsibility with the community organisation whose charitable purposes are specifically directed to a Waihi regional history museum, public gallery and meeting place.

6.3 Policy and bylaw consistency

Policies and bylaws applicable to the issue include:

- Local Government Act 2002; Public Works Act 1981; Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014; Hauraki District Plan historic heritage provisions; Council's Significance and Engagement Policy; Revenue and Financing Policy; Asset Management Policy;

6.4 Climate change implications

The decision will result in a no or negligible change in greenhouse gas emissions.

The decision will not be impacted by a changing climate.

6.5 Issue risks and mitigations

The principal risks are legal non-compliance, loss of the property's public purpose, inadequate future financial capacity, heritage deterioration, insurance gaps and uncertainty over building and collection

ownership. These risks are managed through due diligence, evidence of organisational capacity and binding transfer conditions.

Risk		What is being done about the risk?
Financial/economic	Association may not sustain lifecycle, insurance or compliance costs. Council also faces disposal accounting and unquantified transaction costs. Impact: major; likelihood: possible.	Review audited financial information, budgets, fundraising record, insurance quotations and an asset-management plan. Finance to confirm accounting, rates and budget impacts before settlement.
Health and safety	The heritage building has known seismic risk and future owners and users must understand the building's condition. Impact: major; likelihood: possible.	Provide all condition and seismic information; obtain written acknowledgement; require continued statutory compliance and appropriate risk management.
Legal compliance	Transfer may be constrained by title interests, statutory offer-back, consultation, heritage or Long-term Plan requirements. Impact: major; likelihood: possible.	Obtain current title, property history and specialist legal advice; complete all statutory processes before settlement.
Political reputation	The community may perceive the transfer as loss of a public asset or inadequate protection of heritage. Impact: moderate; likelihood: possible.	Explain the rationale and safeguards; undertake proportionate engagement; retain public-purpose, disposal and reversion protections.
Operations	Unclear responsibility at handover could disrupt maintenance, access or museum operations. Impact: moderate; likelihood: unlikely.	Use a detailed transition plan, asset schedule, condition record, insurance confirmation and settlement checklist.
Information and collections	Land, fixtures, chattels, archives, artworks and loaned objects may have different owners. Impact: major; likelihood: possible.	Complete separate property, fixture, chattel and collection ownership schedules; preserve donor and lender conditions.
Environment and heritage	Insufficient maintenance or inappropriate work could damage nationally listed heritage fabric. Impact: major; likelihood: possible.	Require compliance with heritage controls, conservation planning and planned maintenance; consult Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga as required.
Financial/economic	Association may not sustain lifecycle, insurance or compliance costs. Council also faces disposal accounting and unquantified transaction	Review audited financial information, budgets, fundraising record, insurance quotations and an asset-management plan. Finance to confirm accounting,

Risk		What is being done about the risk?
	costs. Impact: major; likelihood: possible.	rates and budget impacts before settlement.

6.6 Financial and resource implications of issue

Under the status quo, Council remains responsible for ongoing property expenditure and future capital decisions. Under Option 2, future rates, insurance, maintenance, renewals and compliance costs would transfer to the Association from settlement. Council will incur one-off staff, legal, valuation and conveyancing costs; these have not yet been quantified and must be reported or approved in accordance with delegations before commitment. The accounting treatment, asset write-off or disposal result, rates treatment, and any existing budgets must be confirmed by Finance.

7 NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA A MĀTOU | OPTIONS AVAILABLE

The following options have been identified for consideration:

Option 1 - retain the status quo: Council continues to own the land and buildings and the Association continues to occupy and operate the museum and gallery.

Option 2 - transfer the entire property: Council transfers the land and all Council-owned buildings and improvements to Waihi Arts Centre and Museum Association Incorporated, subject to due diligence and protective transfer terms.

7.1 Option 1

Option 1: Retaining the status quo	
Provide a summary of option:	Council retains ownership of the land and buildings. The Association continues to operate the museum and gallery under the existing occupancy arrangement.
Advantages:	No material advantages have been identified in the context of the Association's request and willingness to assume ownership responsibilities.
Disadvantages:	Council continues funding a building that does not produce significant property income. Council retains responsibility for insurance, maintenance, renewals, compliance and future capital decisions for an ageing heritage building. Ownership and operational responsibility remain separated. The Association has less long-term security and control over renewal projects and direct funding applications.
Risk mitigation:	Existing risks remain with Council and would require continued asset planning, inspections, insurance and budget provision.
Financial costs:	Ongoing operating and capital costs continue. Exact future costs depend on condition, seismic decisions and the adopted Long-term Plan; no new figures are asserted in this report.

Rates Impact:	No immediate change to forecast rates from this decision, but existing and future Council property costs continue to be funded through Council budgets.	
Debt Impact:	No immediate change to forecast debt. Future capital work could affect debt if not funded from existing budgets or external sources.	
Option 1: Significance Assessment - Criteria		Level of significance
Does the recommendation involve a transfer of ownership or control, or abandonment of a strategic asset?		No
Is there a legal requirement to engage with the community?		No
What is the level of financial consequence?		Low
What is the proportion of the community affected?		Low
What is the impact on the current and future social, economic, environmental, or cultural well-being of the district?		Low
What is the level of community interest?		Expected to be low
Are the likely consequences controversial?		Expected to be low
What is the level of consequence in relation to land or a body of water?		No significance
Does this recommendation trigger a break of one or more of Councils rates caps or debt caps?		No
What is the impact on the ability for Council to carry out any activity in the LTP?		Low
Extent of community views already known on this recommended approach.		Low
Option 1 is considered to be of overall low significance.		

7.2 Option 2

Option 2: Transfer the entire property to the Association	
Provide a summary of option:	Transfer Section 257 Block XV Ohinemuri Survey District and all Council-owned buildings and improvements at 54 Kenny Street to Waihi Arts Centre and Museum Association Incorporated, subject to due diligence and protective transfer terms.
Advantages:	Aligns ownership with the organisation that has operated the museum and gallery since 1962. Provides long-term security and control for conservation, renewal and development planning.

	Transfers future rates, insurance, maintenance, renewal and compliance responsibilities from Council at settlement. Enables the registered charity to pursue eligible Lottery, heritage, community and philanthropic funding directly, subject to each fund's rules. Protects a continuous community-led educational, arts and heritage use. Reduces Council's exposure to future operating and capital costs.	
Disadvantages:	No material disadvantages have been identified, provided that legal due diligence is completed and binding protections preserve public access, heritage values and the approved community purpose.	
Risk mitigation:	Due diligence and transfer conditions address legal, financial, heritage, public-purpose, insurance, collection-ownership and organisational-capacity risks.	
Financial costs:	Council will incur one-off legal, valuation, staff and conveyancing costs, not yet quantified. From settlement, the Association would assume agreed ongoing property costs. Finance must confirm disposal accounting, rates and budget effects.	
Rates Impact:	No quantified rates impact is stated until Finance completes its review. The option is expected to remove future Council property costs from settlement, subject to the agreed transfer terms and treatment of existing budgets.	
Debt Impact:	No quantified debt impact is stated. Any impact will depend on disposal accounting, existing debt attribution and transaction terms and must be confirmed by Finance.	
Option 2: Significance Assessment - Criteria		Level of significance
Does the recommendation involve a transfer of ownership or control, or abandonment of a strategic asset?		No
Is there a legal requirement to engage with the community?		No
What is the level of financial consequence?		Low
What is the proportion of the community affected?		Low
What is the impact on the current and future social, economic, environmental, or cultural well-being of the district?		Low
What is the level of community interest?		Expected to be low
Are the likely consequences controversial?		Expected to be low
What is the level of consequence in relation to land or a body of water?		No significance
Does this recommendation trigger a break of one or more of Councils rates caps or debt caps?		No
What is the impact on the ability for Council to carry out any activity in the LTP?		Low

Option 2: Significance Assessment - Criteria	Level of significance
Extent of community views already known on this recommended approach.	Medium
Option 2 is considered to be of overall low significance.	

8 TE KOWHIRINGA MATUA | RECOMMENDED OPTION

Staff recommend Option 2 - transfer the entire property to Waihi Arts Centre and Museum Association Incorporated. The Association has delivered the museum and arts service from the site since 1962, is a registered charity, and has formally accepted the future rates and insurance implications. Aligning ownership and operational responsibility provides long-term security, improves accountability for lifecycle decisions and enables the Association to pursue eligible external funding directly.

After the consideration of options, the recommendation is considered to be of overall low significance and as such the recommended form of engagement is to: not carry out any specific consultation or engagement.

9 KIA UIA KI TE HAPORI WHĀNUI ME NGĀ PĀPAHO | ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

Based on the recommended form of engagement being inform the community, the proposed engagement and communication approach is: Inform the community.

10 TE ARA KI MUA | NEXT ACTIONS

The table below sets out the next key steps:

Action	Responsibility	By When
Resolve to vest Museum to Association	Councillors	13 October 2026
Oversee transfer of property to Association	Property and Facilities Team	31 January 2026

11 TUHUTORO | REFERENCES

12 WHAKAPAI | APPROVAL

Prepared by	Kim Donnelly Property and Facilities Manager
Reviewed by	Campbell Moore Manager – Infrastructure and Operations

Approved by	Campbell Moore Acting Group Manager Service Delivery
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Hauraki District Council
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24 July 2026

Dear Mayor Toby Adams and David Speirs

This letter is to confirm our interest in taking over the Waihi Arts Centre & Museum (Waihi Technical School) land and building, as verbally discussed with yourself and councillors. The committee has looked at the expected financial implications of covering future rates and insurance costs and are confident we can cover these costs substantially long term with some careful fundraising and budgeting.

It would give the organisation great long term security and allow us to focus on preserving Waihi's history and providing a hub for the community to explore shared interests.

We would also like to take this opportunity to formally thank Hauraki District Council for its long term support to date and for recent repairs completed on the building.

Please advise what next steps would be and what would be required from the committee to advance this process.

Regards,

Pam Keall

Chairperson

on behalf of the Waihi Arts Centre and Museum Committee

MŌ TE WHAKATAUNGA FOR DECISION



To Mayor and Councillors

Author Kim Donnelly
Property and Facilities Manager

Meeting date 13 October 2026

File reference Document: 4172735

Subject **Bradford Street, Waihi – Road Reserve Legalisation - Lot 6 Deposited Plan South Auckland 87703**

1 TE WHAIKUPU | RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council

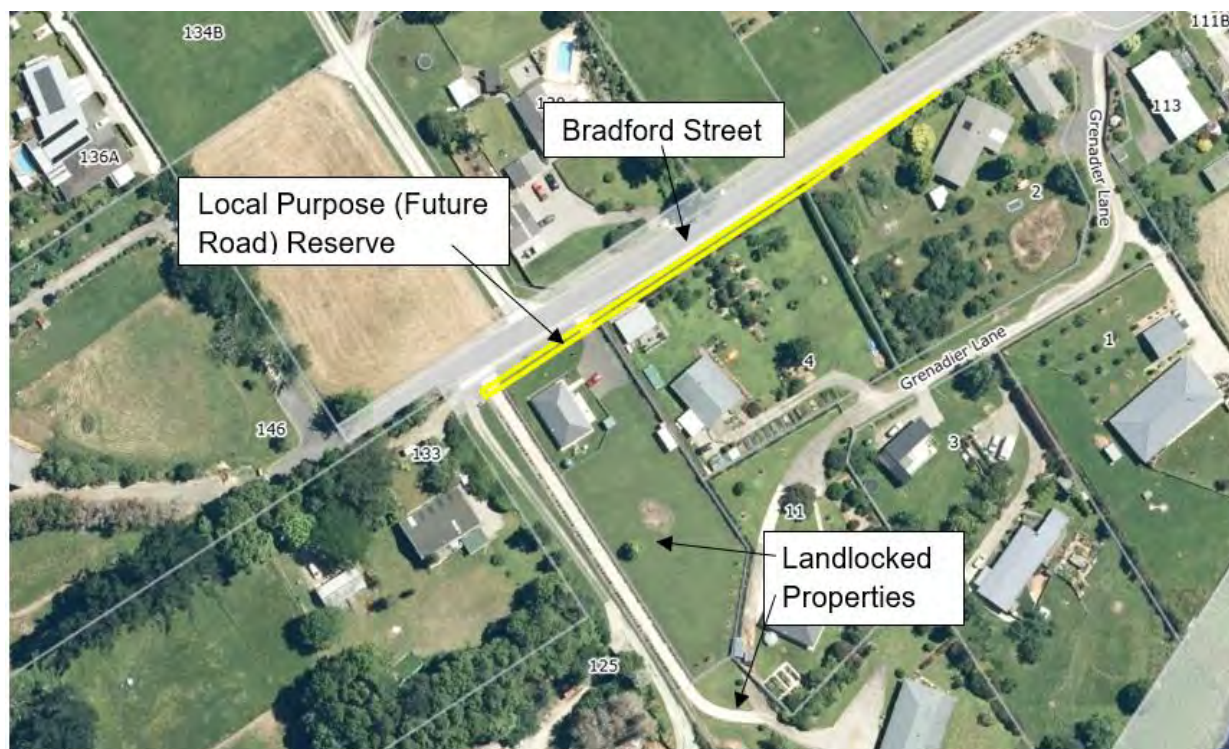
- a) Receives the report titled **Bradford Street, Waihi – Road Reserve Legalisation - Lot 6 Deposited Plan South Auckland 87703**, (document number 4172735).
- b) Approves Option 1 Retain the Status Quo – Do not Convert the Local Purpose (Future Road) Lot 6 DPS 87703 to Road Reserve,
- OR
- c) Approves Option 2 Resolve to dedicate as a road the Local Purpose (Future Road) Reserve comprising 243m² more or less and legally described as Lot 6 DPS 87703, held in Record of Title SA69C/135 pursuant to section 111(1) Reserves Act 1977.

2 TE ARONGA | PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the opportunity to dedicate as a road the Local Purpose (Future Road) Reserve comprising 243m² more or less and legally described as Lot 6 DPS 87703, held in Record of Title SA69C/135 pursuant to section 111(1) Reserves Act 1977.

3 WHAKAPAPA | BACKGROUND

At the time and as part of the subdivision of upper Bradford Street, Waihi in 2002 Lot 6 Deposited Plan South Auckland 87703 was vested in Council as Local Purpose (Future Road) Reserve. This reserve is a narrow strip of land (highlighted yellow below) between legal road and four properties, effectively landlocking two of them, being Lot 1 DP 560714 and Lot 3 DP 560714, as depicted in the plan below.



It is appropriate that this reserve become legal road. The Local Purpose (Future Road) Reserve can be converted to road by dedication under section 111 Reserves Act 1977. Section 111(1) Reserves Act 1977 provides:

“Where any land is vested in the Crown or in any local authority for the purposes of a road reserve and the land is required for the purposes of a road, the land may be dedicated as a road by notice under the hand of the Minister or, as the case may be, by resolution of the local authority, and lodged with the Registrar-General of Land.”

A Council resolution to dedicate the land as road is required, and then the land is dedicated as road by gazettal.

4 NGĀ TAKE | ISSUES

A Council resolution is required to dedicate the land as road. Without this resolution Lot 1 DP 560714 and Lot 3 DP 560714 will remain landlocked due to a legislative process that only Council can complete.

5 WHAIWHAKAARO RAUTAKI O NGĀ TAKE | STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 Strategy, Planning, Policy and bylaw alignment

Strategy, Planning, Policy, and bylaws applicable to the issue include:

- This proposal is being dealt with pursuant to section 111 of the Reserves Act 1977

5.2 Strategic matters

- Not applicable.

6 NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA A MĀTOU | OPTIONS AVAILABLE

The following options have been identified for consideration:

- Retain the Status Quo – Do not Convert the Local Purpose (Future Road) Lot 6 DPS 87703 to Road Reserve,
- Resolve to dedicate as a road the Local Purpose (Future Road) Reserve comprising 243m² more or less and legally described as Lot 6 DPS 87703, held in Record of Title SA69C/135 pursuant to section 111(1) Reserves Act 1977.

6.1 Option 1

Option 1: Retain the Status Quo – Do not Convert the Local Purpose (Future Road) Lot 6 DPS 87703 to Road Reserve	
Provide a summary of option:	Retain the Status Quo – Do not Convert the Local Purpose (Future Road) Lot 6 DPS 87703 to Road Reserve
Advantages:	None
Disadvantages:	Lot 1 DP 560714 and Lot 3 DP 560714 will remain landlocked due to a legislative process that only Council can complete.
Risk mitigation:	Risk of not completing a legislative process is not mitigated.
Financial costs:	None.
Option 1: Significance Assessment - Criteria	
Does the recommendation involve a transfer of ownership or control, or abandonment of a strategic asset?	No
Is there a legal requirement to engage with the community?	No
What is the level of financial consequence?	Low
What is the proportion of the community affected?	Low
What is the impact on the current and future social, economic, environmental or cultural well-being of the district?	Low
What is the level of community interest?	Expected to be low
Are the likely consequences controversial?	Expected to be low
What is the level of significance in relation to land or a body of water?	No significance

Option 1: Significance Assessment - Criteria	Level of significance
Does this recommendation trigger a break of one or more of Councils rates caps or debt caps?	No
What is the impact on the ability for Council to carry out any activity in the LTP?	Low
Extent of community views already known on this recommended approach	Low
Option 1 is considered to be of overall low significance.	

6.2 Option 2

Option 2: Resolve to dedicate as a road the Local Purpose (Future Road) Reserve comprising 243m2 more or less and legally described as Lot 6 DPS 87703, held in Record of Title SA69C/135 pursuant to section 111(1) Reserves Act 1977.	
Provide a summary of option:	Resolve to dedicate as a road the Local Purpose (Future Road) Reserve comprising 243m2 more or less and legally described as Lot 6 DPS 87703, held in Record of Title SA69C/135 pursuant to section 111(1) Reserves Act 1977.
Advantages:	Lot 1 DP 560714 and Lot 3 DP 560714 will gain access to road off of their properties. Council will complete a legislative process.
Disadvantages:	None
Risk mitigation:	The declaration of Lot 6 DPS 87703 as road will enable Council to meet the road access standards of its District Plan in regard to Bradford Street.
Financial costs:	Budgeted legal and professional fees will be used for this transaction. \$4,500
Option 2: Significance Assessment - Criteria	Level of significance
Does the recommendation involve a transfer of ownership or control, or abandonment of a strategic asset?	No
Is there a legal requirement to engage with the community?	No
What is the level of financial consequence?	Low
What is the proportion of the community affected?	Low
What is the impact on the current and future social, economic, environmental or cultural well-being of the district?	Low
What is the level of community interest?	Expected to be low
Are the likely consequences controversial?	Expected to be low

Option 2: Significance Assessment - Criteria	Level of significance
What is the level of significance in relation to land or a body of water?	No significance
Does this recommendation trigger a break of one or more of Councils rates caps or debt caps?	No
What is the impact on the ability for Council to carry out any activity in the LTP?	Low
Extent of community views already known on this recommended approach.	Low
Option 2 is considered to be of overall low significance.	

7 TE KOWHIRINGA MATUA | RECOMMENDED OPTION

Staff recommend proceeding with option 2: Resolve to dedicate as a road the Local Purpose (Future Road) Reserve comprising 243m² more or less and legally described as Lot 6 DPS 87703, held in Record of Title SA69C/135 pursuant to section 111(1) Reserves Act 1977.

After the consideration of options, the recommendation is considered to be of overall low significance and as such the recommended form of engagement based on the recommended option is to: not carry out any specific consultation or engagement.

8 KIA UIA ki TE HAPORI WHĀNUI me ngā pāpaho | ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

Based on the recommended form of engagement being inform the community, the proposed engagement and communication approach is: Not to engage with the community on this matter.

9 TE ARA KI MUA | NEXT ACTIONS

The table below sets out the next key steps:

Action	Responsibility	By When
Council resolution	Councillors	13 October 2026
Oversee gazettal process	Property and Facilities Manager	30 November 2026

10 TUHUTORO | REFERENCES

None.

11 WHAKAPAI | APPROVAL

Prepared by	Kim Donnelly Property and Facilities Manager
Reviewed by	Campbell Moore Manager Infrastructure and Operations
Approved by	Adrian de Laborde Group Manager Service Delivery

MŌ TE WHAKATAUNGA FOR DECISION



To Mayor and Councillors

Author Duncan Peddie
Head of Finance and Risk

Meeting date 13 October 2026

File reference Document: 4180241
Appendix A: to be distributed

Subject **Adoption of the 2025/26 Annual Report**

1 TE WHAIKUPU | RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council

- a) Receives the report titled Adoption of the 2025/26 Annual Report, (document number 4180241
- b) approves Option 1: adopt the draft 2025/26 Annual Report.
- c) Receives the Audit Opinion from Audit New Zealand.
- d) Adopts the Audit Opinion for inclusion in the 2025/26 Annual Report.
- e) Adopts and makes publicly available, as amended, the audited 2025/26 Annual Report (including the Audit Opinion) for the year ended 30 June 2026, in accordance with Section 98 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- f) Notes that a Summary Annual Report will be prepared and made publicly available within one month of adoption of the Annual Report, in accordance with Section 98(4) of the Local Government Act 2002.
- g) Authorises staff to correct any minor administrative errors or omissions in the 2025/26 Annual Report prior to it being made publicly available.

OR

- h) That Council approves Option 2 – Delay the adoption of the 2025/26 Annual Report.

2 TE ARONGA | PURPOSE

To present the draft 2025/26 Annual Report for Council's consideration and adoption in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002, and to note the legislative requirement to make a Summary Annual Report publicly available within one month of adoption.

3 TE WHAKARĀPOPOTANGA | SUMMARY

All local authorities must prepare and adopt an Annual Report within four months of the end of each financial year (Section 98(3) LGA). The 2025/26 Annual Report must therefore be adopted by 31 October 2026.

The Annual Report is a backward-looking document that sets out Council's financial and non-financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2026. It demonstrates accountability to the community by comparing actual results with those set out in the Long-Term Plan (LTP) and Annual Plan.

The Audit and Risk Committee reviewed the draft report on 6 October 2026 and recommended its adoption, **subject** to final audit adjustments.

Audit New Zealand is expected to issue verbal clearance prior to the Council meeting, with the final audit opinion to be tabled for adoption at the meeting.

Key financial results

Council reported an operating deficit of \$8.9 million, compared with the budgeted surplus of \$4.5 million. However, most of the difference came from three events outside Council's control. If these are set aside, Council's day-to-day operating result was a \$7.2 million surplus.

The three events were:

- \$9.9 million less income from section sales than budgeted. This is mainly a timing issue, as Council still owns the sections and expects the sections to be sold in future years.
- \$3.3 million more in roading depreciation following an updated valuation, mainly because the market cost of roading work has increased. This is an accounting adjustment, not a cash payment.
- A \$2.9 million accounting loss was recorded for assets damaged in the January 2026 weather event. This is also an accounting adjustment, not a cash payment.

Overall, if these three events are excluded, Council achieved an underlying operating surplus of \$7.2 million.

When comparing Council's balance sheet, because of the revaluation of our assets last year, Council was \$173 million better off overall at 30 June 2026 than we had budgeted

A late change was recommended by the auditors relating to the valuation of LGFA borrower notes. Staff will distribute the Annual report when this change has been incorporated. This change has been reflected in the results summarised in this report.

Detailed variance explanations are contained in the Annual Report under the Notes that relate to each part of the financial statements.

A Summary Annual Report must also be prepared and made publicly available within one month of adoption (Section 98(4) LGA). The summary does not require formal Council adoption.

4 WHAKAPAPA | BACKGROUND

Section 98 and Part 3 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 set out the requirements for Annual Reports. The report must:

- Compare actual performance with targets in the LTP and Annual Plan.
- Include an Auditor-General report on compliance.
- Report on Council-Controlled Organisations; and
- Be adopted by 31 October and made public within one month thereafter.

The Summary Annual Report must fairly represent the information contained in the full report and must not introduce new material.

Audit New Zealand's audit of the 2025/26 Annual Report was substantially complete at the time of writing. Verbal clearance is expected prior to the meeting, with the final opinion issued following Council's formal adoption.

5 NGĀ TAKE | ISSUES

To meet legislative requirements, Council must pass its resolutions in the following order:

- Adopt the draft Annual Report.
- Receive the Audit Opinion.
- Adopt the audited Annual Report (including the opinion).

Failure to adopt by 31 October would constitute non-compliance with the LGA.

6 NGĀ HUA PUTEA | FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

More information on the variances below is available in the Annual Report in the Note that relates to each item.

6.1 Statement of comprehensive revenue and expense

Rates Revenue - \$1.2M increase

This is higher primarily due to higher-than-expected water consumption

Subsidies and Grants - \$2.6M increase

Roading subsidies from Waka Kotahi (NZTA) were \$1.5M higher. Council also received \$0.8M of income for work on the Hauraki Rail Trail.

Other Revenue – \$9.4M decrease

\$11.2M of reduced revenue due to section sales that were expected during the year that did not occur. These sections will be sold in future years.

Offsetting this reduction was unbudgeted forestry sales of \$1.2M

Personnel Costs - \$1.3M decrease

With the proposed transition of Waters activities to Waikato Waters Ltd, some staff have left early, and vacancies have not been filled where possible in preparation for the transition.

Depreciation and amortisation - \$2.9M increase

Increase from the latest roading valuation that was driven by contractor market cost increases.

Other expenses - \$6.6M increase

The main contributors to this variance were:

- Loss on disposal of assets - (\$3.2 million) above budget. This figure is inherently difficult to forecast, as it is determined by the asset's cost less accumulated depreciation and any proceeds received. In many cases Council does not receive proceeds when assets are retired, for example due to unforeseen breakages or weather events. Losses can also appear larger where the accounting value of an asset had increased before it was disposed of. For these reasons, only a nominal amount is included in the budget.
- Reduction in fair value of Forestry- (\$1.5 million). This reflects the harvesting of Council's main forest block as well as other movements in forest values.
- Additional Grants made, mostly in relation to the Hauraki Rail Trail - (\$0.3 million)
- Waters Transition costs that were not budgeted - (\$0.3 m)
- Water reticulation and treatment reactive repairs were higher than budget- (\$0.3 million)
- External contractors and planning consultants to cover vacancies and undertake projects - (\$0.8 million)

6.2 Statement of financial position

Cash and cash equivalents - \$6.5M increase

This variance primarily reflects Council prefunding upcoming loan maturities.

Property, plant and equipment - \$142M increase

The budget for property, plant and equipment (PPE) was based on an opening balance of \$913 million, which was \$163 million lower than the actual opening balance. The opening balance was significantly higher than what was estimated in the 2025/26 Annual Plan due to revaluations causing large increases in asset values and this information was not available at the time of the 2025/26 Annual Plan being finalised and therefore relied on estimated closing balances.

This movement was partially offset by depreciation being higher than budget, which was also due to the revaluation in the prior year creating a larger depreciation expense due to the increase in asset values. Additions were also \$14.7 million less than budgeted. This variance

reflects that Council delivered 75% of the capital works programme budgeted for 2025/26. In addition, \$3.2 million of asset disposals occurred that were not budgeted, as the budget assumed all disposals would have a nil net book value.

Borrowings - \$24.6M decrease

This reflects the difficulty in delivering the \$58 million 2025/26 capital programme together with carried forward capital projects from 2024/25.

7 WHAIWHAKAARO RAUTAKI O NGĀ TAKE | STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

7.1 Mana Whenua/Māori

There are no adverse effects or implications for Māori. This decision does not relate to land or significant body of water.

7.2 Strategic alignment

The annual report compares the actual activities and actual performance of the Council compared to the annual plan and long term plan for the relevant financial year

7.3 Policy and bylaw consistency

Policies and bylaws applicable to the issue include:

- There are no relevant policies and bylaws applicable to the adoption of the annual report.

7.4 Climate change implications

The decision will result in a no or neglible change in greenhouse gas emissions.

The decision will not be impacted by a changing climate.

7.5 Issue risks and mitigations

Risk		What is being done about the risk?
Legal compliance	The risk is if the annual report is not adopted by 31 October 2026 we will be in breach of legislative deadlines. The risk is expected to be of insignificant impact. The likelihood of the risk occurring is unlikely.	Weekly progress reports from Audit New Zealand are being undertaken with staff.

Risk		What is being done about the risk?
Political reputation	The risk is if the annual report is not adopted by 31 October 2026, it may cause some loss of confidence among parts of the community, may also perceive our transparency to be lacking. The risk is expected to be of insignificant impact. The likelihood of the risk occurring is unlikely.	As above. No indication the adoption will occur after 31 October 2026.

7.6 Financial and resource implications of issue

There are no additional financial and resource implications to adopting the annual report. Should the annual report require further significant amendments or the adoption be delayed there will be additional financial cost and staff resourcing required.

8 NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA A MĀTOU | OPTIONS AVAILABLE

The following options have been identified for consideration:

- Adopt the 2025/26 Annual Report
- Delay the adoption of the 2025/26 Annual Report.

8.1 Option 1

Option 1: Adopt draft 2025/26 annual report and summary	
Provide a summary of option:	This option asks Council to consider adopting the draft annual report at this meeting of 13 October 2026.
Advantages:	The Annual report would be adopted and made available to the public within legislative requirements
Disadvantages:	No known disadvantages.
Risk mitigation:	The political and legal risks of not meeting our statutory deadlines (as identified in section 6.5) would be addressed by this option.
Financial costs:	There are no expected additional financial costs.
Rates Impact:	There is no expected change to forecast rates, as funding for this option is provided for in existing budgets.

Debt Impact:	There is no change to forecast debt, as funding for this option is provided for in existing budgets.
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Option 1: Significance Assessment - Criteria	Level of significance
Does the recommendation involve a transfer of ownership or control, or abandonment of a strategic asset?	No
Is there a legal requirement to engage with the community?	No
What is the level of financial consequence?	Low
What is the proportion of the community affected?	Low
What is the impact on the current and future social, economic, environmental or cultural well-being of the district?	Low
What is the level of community interest?	Expected to be low
Are the likely consequences controversial?	Expected to be low
What is the level of significance in relation to land or a body of water?	No significance
Does this recommendation trigger a break of one or more of Councils rates caps or debt caps?	No
What is the impact on the ability for Council to carry out any activity in the LTP?	Low
Extent of community views already known on this recommended approach	Low
Option 1 is considered to be of overall low significance.	

8.2 Option 2

Option 2: Postpone the adoption of the draft 2025/26 annual report and summary	
Provide a summary of option:	This option involves Council deciding to postpone the adoption of the annual report, for some reason, to a date later than 31 October 2025.
Advantages:	There are no advantages if the annual report is adopted after 31 October 2025.
Disadvantages:	If the adoption of the annual report is delayed later than 31 October 2025 we will be in breach of our legislative requirements.
Risk mitigation:	The political and legal risks of not meeting our statutory deadlines (as identified in section 6.5) would only be addressed by this option if adoption occurs by 31 October 2025.

Financial costs:	If postponement is the result of further work to be undertaken with Audit NZ then there is the potential that this will incur further costs.	
Rates Impact:	There is no expected change to forecast rates, as funding for this option is provided for in existing budgets.	
Debt Impact:	There is no change to forecast debt, as funding for this option is provided for in existing budgets.	
Option 2: Significance Assessment - Criteria		Level of significance
Does the recommendation involve a transfer of ownership or control, or abandonment of a strategic asset?		No
Is there a legal requirement to engage with the community?		No
What is the level of financial consequence?		Low
What is the proportion of the community affected?		Low
What is the impact on the current and future social, economic, environmental or cultural well-being of the district?		Low
What is the level of community interest?		Expected to be low
Are the likely consequences controversial?		Expected to be low
What is the level of significance in relation to land or a body of water?		No significance
Does this recommendation trigger a break of one or more of Councils rates caps or debt caps?		No
What is the impact on the ability for Council to carry out any activity in the LTP?		Low
Extent of community views already known on this recommended approach.		Low
Option 2 is considered to be of overall low significance.		

9 TE KOWHIRINGA MATUA | RECOMMENDED OPTION

Staff recommend proceeding with Option One – adopt the 2025/26 Annual Report.

On assessing against the Council's peer review criteria, the decision does not trigger an external peer review as the decision is not considered to carry a high/extreme level of risk, no peer review has been requested by leadership, the matter aligns with Council's risk appetite, no conflicts of interest identified, and it does not meet the threshold for high significance.

After the consideration of options, the recommendation is considered to be of overall low significance and as such the recommended form of engagement is to: not carry out any specific consultation or engagement.

10 KIA UIA KI TE HAPORI WHĀNUI ME NGĀ PĀPAHO | ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

Based on the recommended form of engagement being inform the community, the proposed engagement and communication approach is: to inform the community the Annual Report has been adopted. Updates will be made via our website, e-newsletter mail out and copies will be available at our service centres and libraries.

11 TE ARA KI MUA | NEXT ACTIONS

The table below sets out the next key steps:

Action	Responsibility	By When
Distribute adopted 2025/26 Annual Report and the Annual Report Summary.	Strategic Planning	One month after adoption

12 TUHUTORO | REFERENCES

n/a

13 WHAKAPAI | APPROVAL

Prepared by	Hillary Hodges Strategic Planner
Reviewed by	Nina Murphy Strategic Planning Manager
Approved by	Duncan Peddie Head of Finance and Risk

FOR INFORMATION NGĀ MŌHIOTANGA



To Mayor and Councillors

Author David Speirs
Chief Executive

Meeting date 14 October 2026

File reference Document: 4145718

Subject **Chief Executive's Monthly Report – October 2026**

1 TE WHAIKUPU | Recommendations

Recommendation:

- a) THAT Council Receives the report titled Chief Executive's Monthly Report (document number: 4145718)

2 TE ARONGA | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on issues that are not contained in other reports but that the Chief Executive wishes to bring to the attention of elected members.

3 FOR INFORMATION

3.1 Waikato Waters Transition progress update

Staff are currently working with WWL on several tasks in preparation for our transfer on 1 July 2027. A priority at the moment is working through the property list with Waikato Waters for their due diligence and compilation of the access and easement list.

Other schedules in progress are contracts, fleet plant and equipment and resource consents.

Once Waikato Waters has reviewed these we will work through any issues in late October with a view to bringing the first transferring schedules to the GLT in November and December for approval.

We are due to sign our transferring schedules as part of the Transfer Agreement in February 2027. Once the Transfer Agreement is mostly complete and signed, we must submit it to the Commerce Commission.

3.2 Local Government Systems Improvement Act 2026

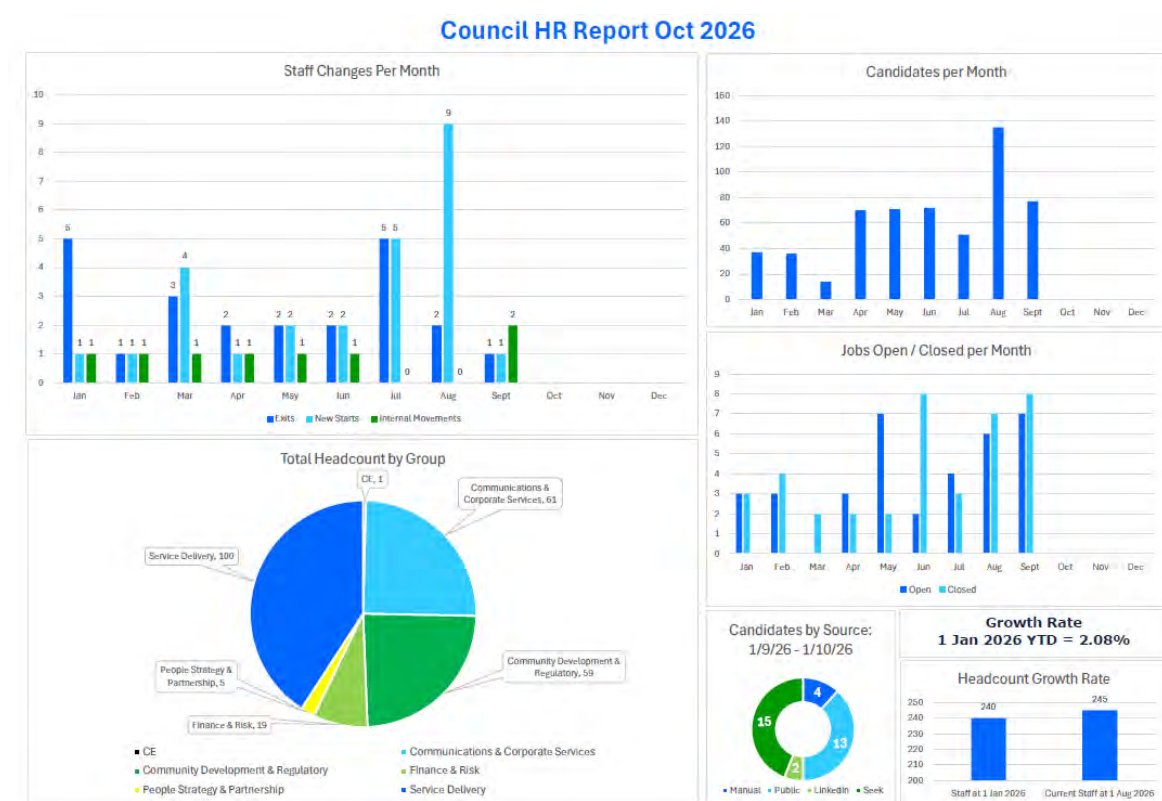
The Local Government (Systems Improvement) Act 2026 received Royal Assent on 17 September 2026. Council had an update on the Act at its last LTP workshop and there are

several actions staff need to take as a result of the amendments made to the Local Government Act 2002.

One change is that the definition of 'public notice' is repealed from s.5 of the LGA. This means it is no longer mandatory for a public notice under the LGA to be in a district wide newspaper or on our website. We can still do this, but it is no longer mandatory. Staff would like some direction from the Council on this. I will provide information on the number and costs of public notices to council at the upcoming meeting.

3.3 Staffing Update

Overall, our workforce is stable with modest growth of approximately 1.6% since the start of the calendar year. Service Delivery remains the largest group with 99 staff while Communications & Corporate Services and Community Development & Regulatory each have 60. Recruitment has remained steady with good applicant numbers for most vacancies and overall, staffing, turnover, and recruitment activity are stable and manageable.



3.4 Hauraki Rail Trail review

Following direction from Council in 2025, an independent review of the Governance, Management and Delivery of the Hauraki Rail Trail has been completed and will be circulated to Councillors and the Hauraki Rail trail staff and Board prior to the October Council meeting.

The review will be a subject of discussion at the upcoming November HRT board meeting.

The review was undertaken in a similar vein to a section 17A service delivery review under the Local Government Act 2002 with the intention to evaluate options relating to governance, funding, and delivery of the service, recognising the investment made by the community and the three Councils towards the operation and maintenance of the trail.

3.5 System Improvements - Resolve Meeting Management Tool

As previously reported, implementation of our new meeting management tool, Resolve, has progressed well and it will be in use at the Council meeting in October.

FOR INFORMATION NGĀ MŌHIOTANGA



To Mayor and Councillors

Author Campbell Moore
Infrastructure and Operations Manager

Meeting date 14 October 2026

File reference Document: M 4123303
Appendix A: M 4174025

Subject **Infrastructure and Operations Activity Report for Q1 2026**

1 TE WHAIKUPU | RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council Receives the report titled Infrastructure and Operations Activity Report for Q1 2026, (document number M 4123303).

2 TE WHAKARĀPOPOTANGA | SUMMARY

This report summarises performance and issues in the Infrastructure and Operations team. The body of the report refers to the First Quarter 2026 (July 2026 – September 2026).

3 TE ARONGA | PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the Infrastructure and Operations performance for the quarter, including progress against approved work programmes, levels of service and budget.

4 WHAKAPAPA | BACKGROUND

This report provides a summary of Infrastructure and Operations activities and performance for the reporting period.

5 NGĀ TĀTAI AHUMONI | FINANCIAL MEASURES

Due to the Carry Forwards report and the Business Unit Labour Costings still pending final approvals, the financials for Quarter 1 of this Activity Report cannot be provided.

Comments on project status' have been included in the Appendix A for reference.

6 HAUORA ME TE HAUMARU | HEALTH & SAFETY

Incidents and risks have been recorded and are being appropriately managed and monitored through the Damstra (formerly Vault) system.

7 NGĀ WHAKAHAERE TAONGA | ASSET MANAGEMENT

Since the June reporting period, capitalisation activities for completed projects have been finalised, with asset creation documentation, financial reconciliations and end-of-financial-year asset recognition completed in accordance with accounting requirements. Asset insurance schedules have also been reviewed and submitted, ensuring newly capitalised assets are appropriately captured.

The migration of community assets from Univerus Assets (Assetfinda) and SPM Assets into Asset & Work Manager (AWM) remains in progress. Data cleansing, validation and asset auditing continue as part of this work to improve data quality, strengthen asset information and support consistent asset management practices across Council's asset portfolio. This work will continue over the coming reporting periods as remaining assets are migrated, and data integrity is further refined.

8 NGĀ PĀKA ME NGĀ WHENUA RĀHUI | PARKS & RESERVES

The role of Parks and Reserves Manager has been filled with the new person starting with Council from the middle of October.

The Parks and Reserves activity has been working through the process of developing internal and external messaging regarding the strain of Bird Flu (HPAI) recently found in Aotearoa NZ. This is to ensure that Council staff who may be responsible for attending a site with dead or dying birds are aware of MPI guidance and the correct processes to follow.

Remedial work is ongoing along sections of the Hauraki Rail Trail, following the storm events at the beginning of the year. This will be an ongoing programme of work, with priority areas of the trail being addressed first. All work is dependent on insurance and available funding and will be scheduled according to available budget.

Site visits are being undertaken at our major reserves in order to develop a forward works programme for each site. This will allow for any maintenance concerns to be addressed and scheduled accordingly over the coming financial year. This includes the scoping of works at Hugh Hayward Domain in Ngātea to resurface the number one playing field.

The future focus for the Parks and Reserves Activity is:

- Continue to work through and address service requests as they are received.
- Begin the handover and onboarding process for the new Parks and Reserves Manager.
- Continue reviews and forward works programming for our major reserves.

9 TE WHAKAAWA WHENUA | LAND DRAINAGE

The first quarter of the 2026/27 financial year has been a relatively quiet period (weather wise) for the land drainage activity. This is due to much lower rainfall falling over the plains during the winter months than usual. There are currently no known major issues, and all schemes continue to perform well.

Since the last report, staff have been focusing on:

- Preparing reports for and attending the Land Drainage Committee meeting on 27 August, including follow up actions

- Supporting the application for a comprehensive Land Drainage consent, which is currently seeking engagement with iwi
- Providing ongoing input into the Regional Coastal Plan appeal and attending the mediation session on 6 July in Hamilton
- Informing the 2027 Long Term Plan, including preparation of a business case, updating the Activity Management Plan, Infrastructure Strategy and associated budgets.
 - Undertaking routine and ongoing drainage activities including responding to customer service requests.

Focus for next reporting period:

- Preparing for the next Land Drainage Committee Meeting on 29 October, which will include site visits with WRC around Paeroa
- Supporting the 2027 Long Term Plan, including the Infrastructure Strategy
- Progressing the multi-year sole supplier contract for land drainage maintenance activities
- Concluding the Regional Coastal Plan appeal.

Financial Position:

- Being early in the new financial year, expenditure to date is on track.

10 WAIĀWHĀ | STORMWATER

Like land drainage, the first quarter of the 2026/27 financial year has been a relatively quiet period (weather wise) for the stormwater activity. This is due to much lower rainfall falling over the plains during the winter months than usual. There are currently no known major issues.

Staff have been focused on:

- Responding to customer service requests
 - This includes triaging to identify where immediate work is required and assign funds
- Reviewing website content and preparing a stormwater information guideline
- Informing the 2027 Long Term Plan, including preparation of a business case, updating the Activity Management Plan, Infrastructure Strategy and associated budgets.

Focus for next reporting period:

- Support the progression of the 2027 Long Term Plan, including the Infrastructure Strategy
- Commence the preparation of a Stormwater Network Management Plan (a requirement of the Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025)
- Submitting on Taumata Arowai's Stormwater Engagement Paper (due by November 2026).

Financial Position:

- Being early in the new financial year, expenditure to date is on track.

11 PARA MANA WHAKAHAERE | WASTE MANAGEMENT

11.1 Jul 2025 to June 2026 Volumes from Kerbside to Landfill

From July 2025 to the end of June 2026, Council received 1110.76 MT waste from kerbside collections. Kerbside volumes received for the same period from 2024 to 2025 was 1015.52 MT. This shows a slight upward trend again of 95.24 MT compared. On average, kerbside volumes

received during this period (July 2025 to the end of June 2026) was 92.56 MT per month, compared to the previous year’s average of 84.63 MT per month. This represents an increase of 10.61 MT per month.

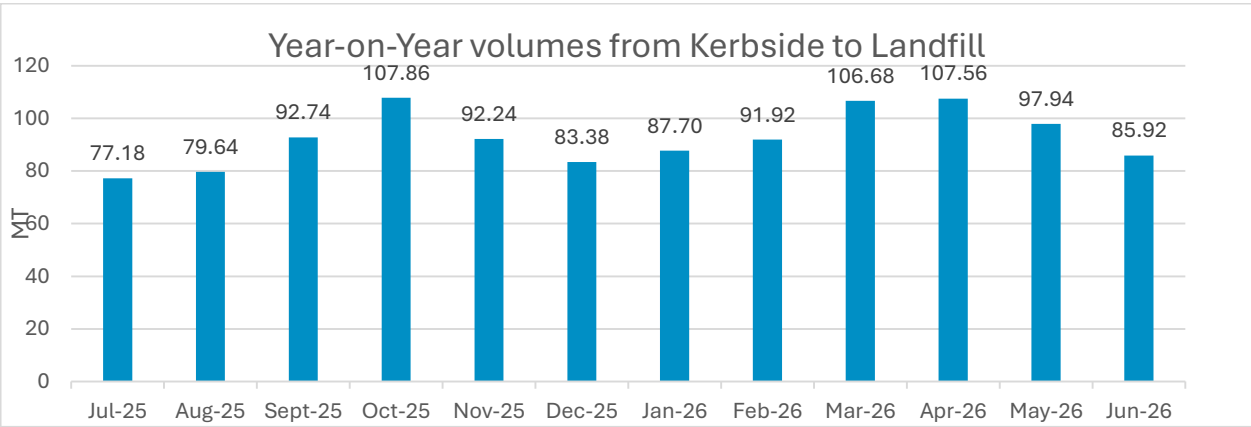


Table 1: District Kerbside Volumes

11.1 Financial Year 2025/26 Volumes from Transfer Stations to Landfill

The average volume from Transfer Stations to Landfill from July 2025 to the end of June 2026 was 2,906.44 MT. The volume for the same period of 2024 to 2025 was 3342.86. This is an overall reduction of 436.42 MT. This equates to an average of 242.20 MT per month.

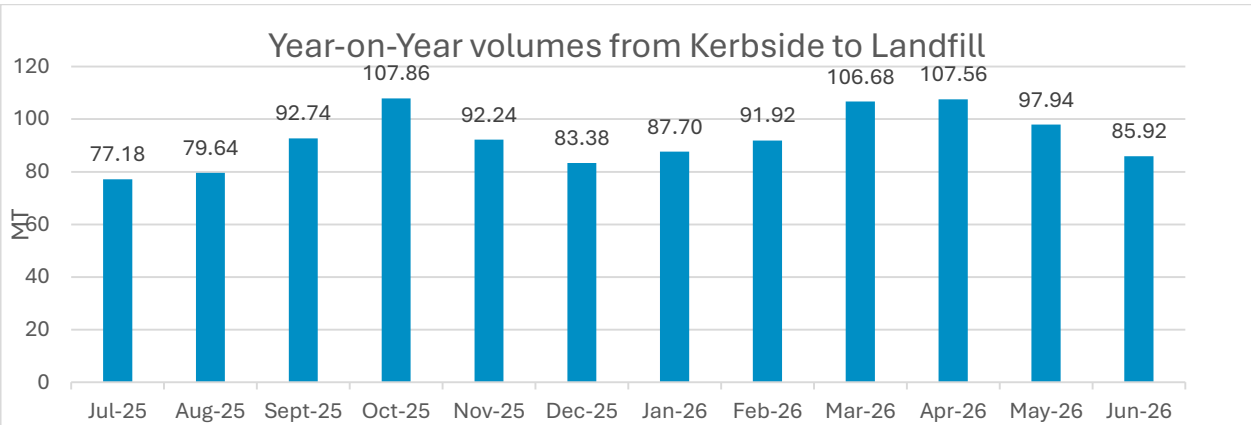
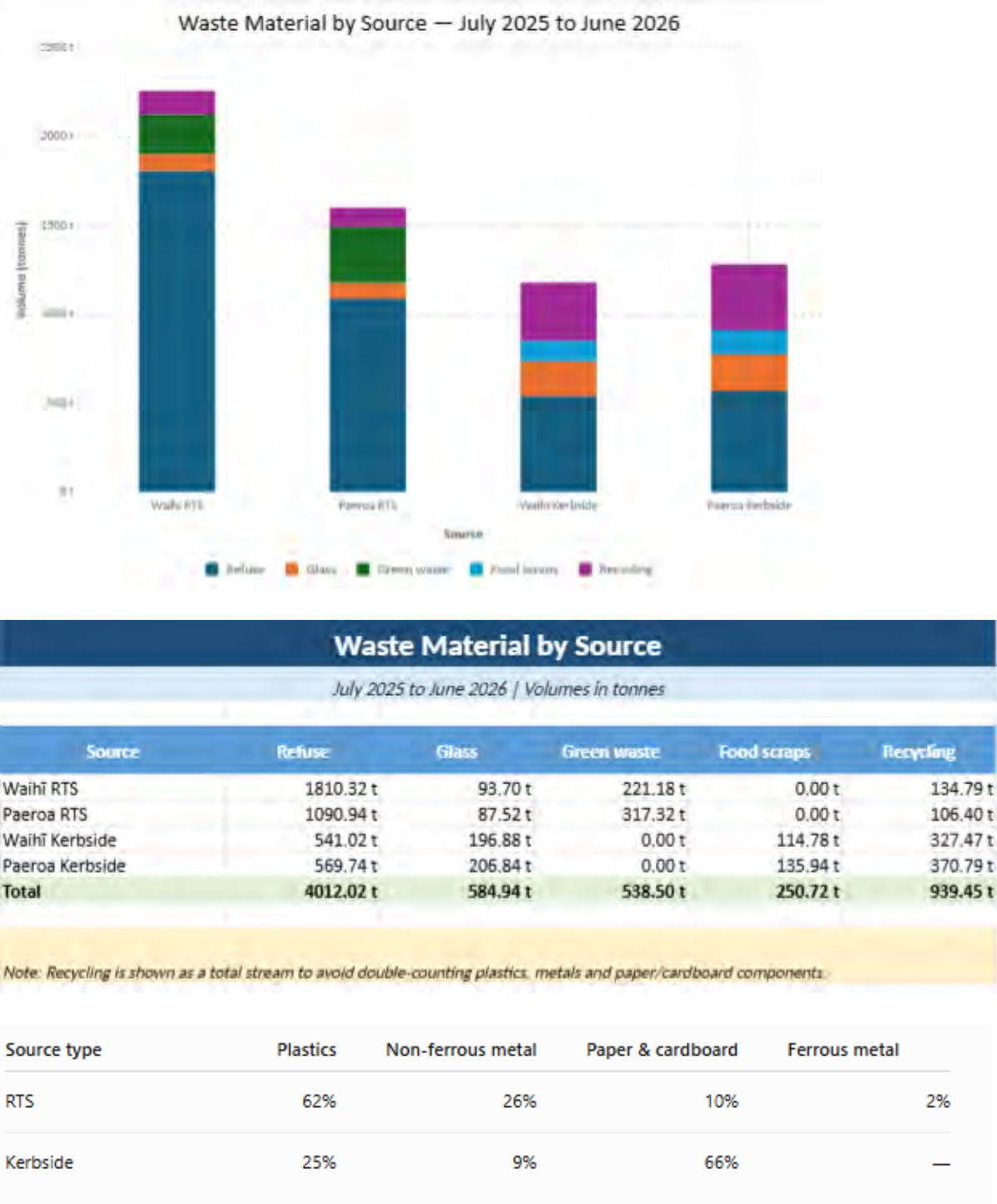


Table 2: District transfer Station Volumes

11.2 Recycling

The graph below informs about recycling volumes received either at kerbside or at the transfer stations.



11.3 Transfer Stations

The purpose of monitoring customer origin is to provide Council with a clear understanding of who is using the transfer stations and the extent to which the facilities are servicing customers from outside the district.

This is particularly relevant when considering operational demand, site capacity, cost recovery and the appropriate balance between ratepayer funding and user charges.

Between January and September 2026, the two transfer stations recorded 29,273 customer visits, of which 19,257, or approximately 66%, were from out-of-district customers.

The proportion varies considerably between the two sites:

- Paeroa RTS: 4,985 out-of-district customers, representing approximately 51% of total customer visits.
- Waihi RTS: 14,272 out-of-district customers, representing approximately 73% of total customer visits.

The data demonstrates the usage of at Waihi RTS provides a significant level of service to customers who live outside the Hauraki District.

HDC In / OD Customers - 01 Jan 2026 to 28 Sep 2026					
Site	Date	In-district customers numbers	Out-of-district customers numbers	% of income received from Out-of-district customers %	Total number of customers
PAEROA RTS	Jan-26	519	929	64	1448
	Feb-26	509	597	54	1106
	Mar-26	577	524	48	1101
	Apr-26	525	535	50	1060
	May-26	637	528	45	1165
	Jun-26	433	449	51	882
	Jul-26	498	490	50	988
	Aug-26	492	492	50	984
	Sept-26	537	441	45	978
	Total	4727	4985	51	9712
WAIHI RTS	Jan-26	520	2461	83	2981
	Feb-26	531	1913	78	2444
	Mar-26	520	1617	76	2137
	Apr-26	489	1192	71	1681
	May-26	705	1679	70	2384
	Jun-26	585	1345	70	1930
	Jul-26	631	1362	68	1993
	Aug-26	663	1363	67	2026
	Sept-26	645	1340	68	1985
	Total	5289	14272	73	19561
Total		10016	19257	66	29273

11.5 Waste Minimisation and Education

Council has continued to progress waste minimisation and education initiatives across the district. This work has focused on improving public education and awareness, supporting correct recycling practices, and identifying opportunities to improve waste minimisation and resource recovery.

Key activities include:

- Refreshing Council's waste and recycling website information to provide clearer, more accessible information.
- Hosted/Attended the Central North Island Waste Hui on 29 July 2026, including a visit to Tirihoa Landfill.
- Undertaking a waste audit with Paeroa College on 5 August 2026 to identify opportunities for improved waste separation and diversion.
- Undertaking an internal waste audit at the HDC Paeroa office on 12 August 2026 to identify opportunities to improve recycling practices.
- Supporting community education and engagement through the Op Shop event on 14 August 2026.
- Progressing the separation of paper and cardboard at the Refuse Transfer Stations and Recycling Centre.
- Launching the Kerbside Recycling Right process to the community 1 September 2026, with an education-first approach to improving kerbside recycling practices.

Over the coming months the emphasis will be on:

- Continuing to support the implementation of the Kerbside Recycling Right process and monitor its effectiveness.
- Continuing community education and engagement to improve understanding of waste minimisation and recycling.
- Building on the findings from recent waste audits to identify further opportunities for waste reduction and resource recovery.
- Progressing waste minimisation initiatives that support Council's wider waste minimisation objectives.
- Finalising Council's waste and recycling website information to provide clearer, more accessible information.

12 WHAKARĀPOPOTANGA O NGA MAHI | PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The Infrastructure and Operations Team continues to meet agreed performance standards. Capital works, operational delivery and asset management have been undertaken as planned, with performance and risks actively monitored to ensure ongoing service reliability.

13 HAIKUPU | RECOMMENDATION

That the monthly report be received.

14 WHAKAPAI | APPROVAL

Prepared by	Adam Munro - Acting Land Drainage and Storm Water Manager, Julia Stringer - Asset Management Systems Administrator, Renée Wentzel - Waste Manager, Sophie Green - Acting Parks and Reserves Manager
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Reviewed by	Campbell Moore Infrastructure and Operations Manager
Approved by	Campbell Moore Acting Group Manager Service Delivery

APPENDIX A – CAPITAL PROJECTS INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS



Please note, the budgeted amounts displayed in this report do not include carry forwards.

1 RECREATION – SUMMARY OF PROJECTS

1.1 DISTRICT WIDE

8100_088 - Better off Funding - Reserve Management Plan Individual Plans

Status: Scoping

26/27 Budget: \$62,000 - Better off Funding (BOF)

This project involves the development of individual reserve plans for Paeroa Domain and Gilmour Reserve, which will sit under the Reserve Management Plan. Funding is provided from the Better Off Fund which is due to expire in March 2027.

CAPITAL RENEWALS

These budgets will be used as and when required. As assets fail or need renewing, work is undertaken.

- 1150_001 – District Libraries: Book Renewals
- 8100_011 – Hauraki Rail Trail Maintenance

PROJECTS ON HOLD

- 1243_001 - Hauraki Rail Trail: Resurfacing and bridge approaches

1.2 PLAINS

1482_001 – Hugh Hayward Domain car park lighting

Status: Scoping

26/27 Budget: \$78,375

This project requires further discussion to define scope and a lighting plan that aligns with the budget.

1492_001 – Ngātea Seating Installations

Status: Start-Up

26/27 Budget: \$9,549

The Plains Ward have indicated they'd like Council to pay for the naming plates. The seats have been ordered and stored at the depot. The costs are recovered on installation.

1494_001 – Tūrua Playground shade cover

Status: Start-Up

26/27 Budget: \$36,575

A project charter is being drafted.

1502_001 – Hugh Hayward Domain Walking Track Resurface

Status: Scoping

26/27 Budget: \$76,425

This project is to provide a renewal to the 1.2km path that goes around the Hugh Hayward Domain. Some further scoping will be done to better align the requirements with the budget.

1508_001 – Pioneer Park Basketball Court Upgrade

Status: Start-Up

26/27 Budget: \$40,760 (made up of ward funding and external funding)

A basketball hoop at the Ngātea Netball Courts will be installed, in liaison with the Ngātea Netball Association to achieve a multi-purpose facility. The project charter is being developed.

1509_001 – Pioneer Park New Playground Equipment

Status: Scoping

26/27 Budget: \$11,000

The project charter is being drafted.

CAPITAL RENEWALS

These budgets will be used as and when required. As assets fail or need renewal, work is undertaken.

- 1157_001 – Plains – Renewals Recreation
- 1492_001 – Ngātea seating installations

PROJECTS ON HOLD

- 1244_001 – Plains – Minor Reserve – Carpark renewals

PROJECTS COMPLETED THIS FINANCIAL YEAR

- 1308_001 – Kerepēhi Playground – Replacement Modular Playground



1.3 PAEROA

1153_001 – Karangahake Reserve Development

Status: Scoping

26/27 Budget: \$81,902

This project is for the construction of a walkway from the Cornes Paddock carpark down to the hall area.

1354_001 – Paeroa Domain Playground – Replacement Modular Equipment

Status: Scoping

26/27 Budget: \$9,000

The project charter is currently being updated.

1410_001 – Training Lights for Paeroa Domain

Status: Scoping

26/27 Budget: \$92,960 and additional \$140,000 external funding

This project involves replacing the light heads on fields 1 and 2 with modern LED lights, and potentially the replacement of the netball lights as well. A separate report is going to Council on this matter. External funding is being sought.

1423_001 – Edwards Reserve – replacement modular playground

Status: Start Up

26/27 Budget: \$36,575

Project charter is being developed.

1477_001 – Paeroa – Rubber matting for playground resurface

Status: Scoping

26/27 Budget: \$76,425

A project charter is being developed. *N.B. All playground equipment projects and respective charters to be merged into one.*

1481_001 – Edwards Playground Swing set

Status: Scoping

26/27 Budget: \$25,475

A project charter is being developed.

1491_001 – Railway Reserve Basketball Court

Status: Procurement

26/27 Budget: \$55,605

This project involves the construction of a D-shaped basketball court and footpath leading to basketball court at Railway Reserve.

1506_001 – Railway Reserve New Flying Fox

Status: Awaiting Construction Season

26/27 Budget: \$35,000

This work will be completed in house and is expected to be completed by the end of October. The budget will be moved to the basketball D court projects as per Council Resolution C25/273 in August 2025.

1560_001 – Centennial Park Bollards (Centennial Park Carpark Rationalisation)

Status: Scoping

26/27 Budget: \$35,000

This project is to review and rationalise the parking at the Centennial Park carpark in Paeroa. Originally, the project was for the installation of bollards. However, staff are reviewing this and other options to ensure the maximum number of parking spaces are instated. A report will be taken to Council for decision on the recommended solution before being assigned back to the Project Management Team for delivery.

CAPITAL RENEWALS

These budgets will be used as and when required. As assets fail, work is undertaken.

- 1155_001 – Paeroa – Renewals Recreation

PROJECTS ON HOLD

- 1241_001 – Paeroa – Minor Reserve – Carpark renewals
- 1429_001 – Wharf Street wharf concreting
- 1433_001 – Hauraki Rail Trail: Trail entrance by Ngahutoitoi Marae
- 8100_043 – Wharf Street add-ons
- 8100_057 – Leach Field walkways

1.4 WAIHĪ

1238_001 - Hauraki Rail Trail - Waihi Extension

Status: Close-Out

26/27 Budget: \$138,641

The project works are largely complete. Victoria St footpath to be undertaken utilising footpath budget.



1427_001 – Hauraki Rail Trail: Section C Geotech Investigation and Remedy

Status: Scoping

26/27 Budget: \$525,109

Purchase of land from private property owner to ensure resilience of the Rail Trail.

1356_001 - Whīritoa Playground - Replacement Modular Playground

Status: Scoping

26/27 Budget: \$15,800

Project charter updated.

1479_001 – Waihi – Rubber matting for playground resurface

Status: Start-Up

26/27 Budget: \$78,375

Project underway.

N.B. All playground equipment projects and respective charters to be merged into one.

1485_001 – Morgan Park – Perimeter Walkway

Status: Scoping

26/27 Budget: \$214,225

Project scoping underway.

1490_004 – Morgan Park – Skate Park

Status: Scoping

26/27 Budget: External to be sought.

No funding allocated from Council. Some staff time allowed for. Geotech investigation undertaken; awaiting report. Project planning and scoping commenced.

1490_007 - Morgan Park – Relocated Building Renovation (Bowling Club)

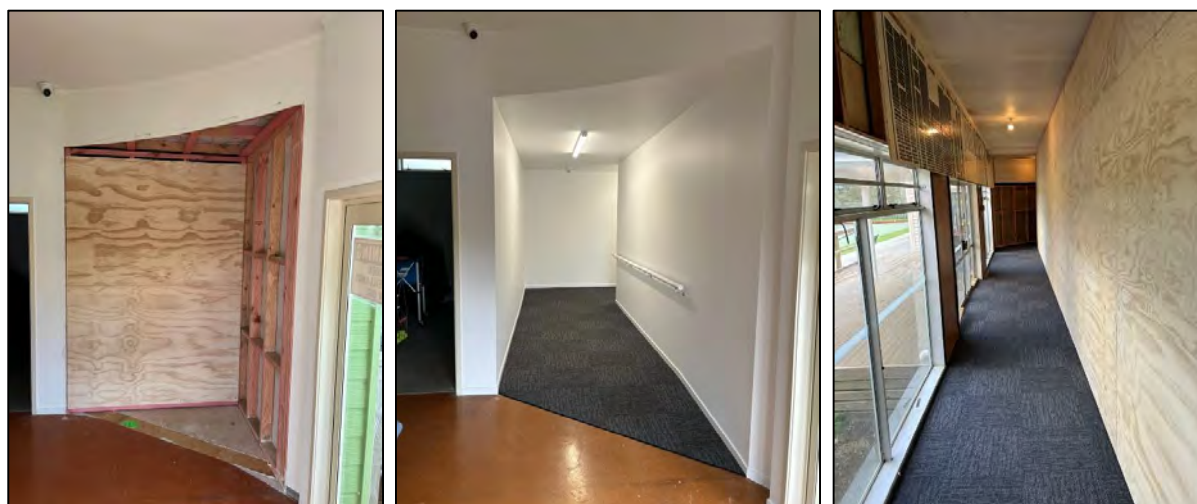
Child project of 1490_001 – Morgan Park: Outdoor Recreation Hub

Status: Close-Out

26/27 Budget: \$615,000

Renovation of the relocated bowls building to include Stage 3 area, which is complete. Stage 4 area (extension, showers, changing rooms, external areas) will be a new project. Scope, time and cost for Stage 4 is to be determined.

Originally a budget of \$450,000 – however due to several unforeseen expenses that were required to obtain consent, the budget for the project was adjusted to \$615,000. The total spend for this project was \$619,000. The budget for the Morgan Park programme of works however remains on track.



1490_008 - Morgan Park: Sportsfields and Lighting

Child project of 1490_001 – Morgan Park: Outdoor Recreation Hub

Status: Procurement

26/27 Budget: \$450,000

Renovation and extension of main field, reshape bank, create practice area from old bowling greens. Uncertainties remain regarding the cost of lighting until pricing is received.



1490_012 - Morgan Park: Squash Building Renovation

Child project of 1490_001 – Morgan Park: Outdoor Recreation Hub

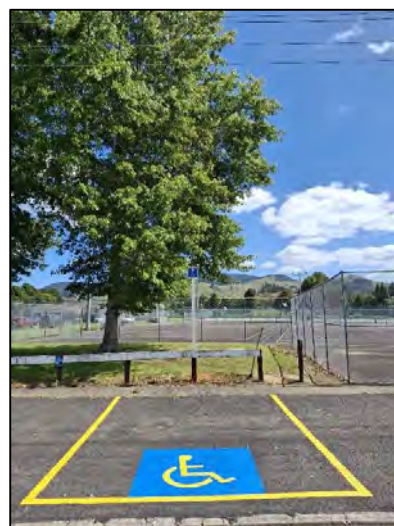
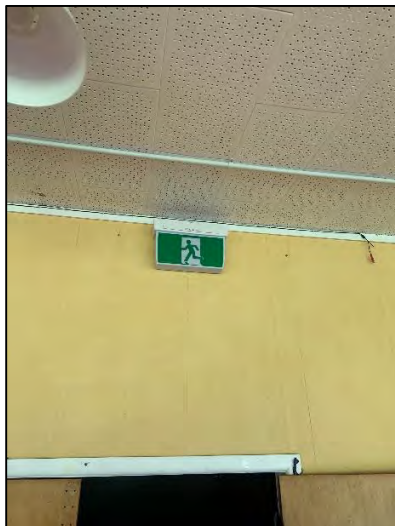
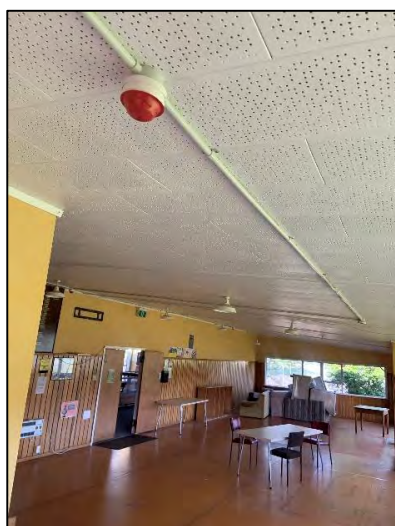
Status: Close-Out

26/27 Budget: \$85,000

Compliance uplift of building to a Building Warrant of Fitness (BWF) standard - Type 4 Fire Detection system, emergency lights, accessibility upgrades, weathertightness and very minor aesthetic improvements.

Due to several unforeseen expenses that were required to obtain consent, the original budget has been exceeded – the total spend was \$127,000.

However, the building passed its final consent inspection on 22 Sept 2026. Application is underway for the Code of Compliance Certificate. The budget for the Morgan Park programme of works however remains on track.



1490_014 - Morgan Park: Netball Building Renovation

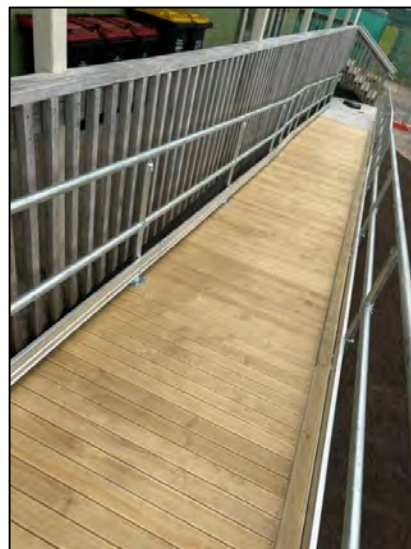
Child project of 1490_001 – Morgan Park: Outdoor Recreation Hub

Status: Construction

26/27 Budget: \$81,000

The building compliance upgrade includes a Type 2 fire detection system, emergency lighting, accessibility improvements, an upgraded deck ramp and new deck stairs. The project is nearly complete. However, building consent compliance issues required an

amendment to the building consent, and the additional compliance requirements have resulted in the original budget being exceeded by \$42,000.



1495_001 - Clarke Street Landscaping and Car Park Closure

Status: Start Up

26/27 Budget: \$29,507

Bollards, fencing and surface work are currently being organised.

1510_001 - Gilmour Lake Bridges

Status: Construction

26/27 Budget: \$96,800

Replace weir bridge to 1.5m with extended handrails to meet health and safety requirements.



1511_001 - Seddon Street historical information signs

Status: Start Up

26/27 Budget: \$20,900

Project initialised. Waiting for the new Parks & Reserves Manager to commence the position before developing scope.

1512_001 - Seddon Street Poppet Head Lighting

Status: Scoping

26/27 Budget: \$10,000

Currently being scoped.

CAPITAL RENEWALS

These budgets will be used as and when required. As assets fail, work is undertaken.

- 1160_001 – Waihi: Recreation Renewals

PROJECTS ON HOLD

- 1347_001 – Waihi: Adult Fitness Equipment (Joint funding)
- 1490_013 (and 1500_001) – Morgan Park: Kenny Street Carpark
- 1496_001 – Gilmour Lake Footpath extension
- 1498_001 – Hauraki Rail Trail: Waihi to Waihi Beach Extension

PROJECTS COMPLETED THIS FINANCIAL YEAR

- 1490_006 – Morgan Park – Dog Exercise area fencing



2 LAND DRAINAGE - SUMMARY OF PROJECTS

2.1 DISTRICT WIDE

1342_001 – Comprehensive Land Drainage Consent

Status: Resource Consent

26/27 Budget: \$216,119

Consent application for maintenance work on HDC land drains is being compiled. This project will include iwi engagement.

2.2 PLAINS

1105_001 – WPDD (D) – Rawerawe Pump Station

Status: Scoping

26/27 Budget: \$51,950

Investigating to develop scope.

1117_001 – WPDD (F2) – Stopbank and Floodgate Renewals (Maukoro Canal Stopbank)

Status: Construction

26/27 Budget: \$103,900

Extending stopbank in Canal West Road, in front of school. Construction to commence mid-October 2026.

1385_002 – Foreshore Stopbank

Status: Scoping

26/27 Budget: \$110,000

Stopbank surveys are being carried out for planning purposes to raise stopbank levels.

CAPITAL RENEWALS

These budgets will be used as and when required. As assets fail, work is undertaken.

- 1385_003 - Karito Stopbank
- 1386_001 - EPDD - Floodgate Renewals
- 1389_001 - Taramaire DD - Floodgate Renewal

PROJECTS ON HOLD

- 1099_001 - WPDD Capital contribution to WRC Muggeridge Pump Project
- 1112_001 - WPDD Mangawhero Flume Replacement

2.3 PAEROA

CAPITAL RENEWALS

These budgets will be used as and when required. As assets fail, work is undertaken.

- 1387_001 - KNDD - Floodgate Renewal
- 1388_001 - TRDD - Floodgate Renewal

PROJECTS ON HOLD

- 8100_064 - Pukaku Road Pump Feeder Drain Planning

3 STORMWATER – SUMMARY OF PROJECTS

3.1 DISTRICT WIDE

1287_001 – Comprehensive Stormwater Discharge Consents – District Wide

Status: Resource Consent

26/27 Budget: TBC

Renewal of stormwater consent for the whole District. WRC replied to the application, providing three options and an extension to 2028, given the pending government reforms.

3.2 PLAINS

CAPITAL RENEWALS

These budgets will be used as and when required. As assets fail, work is undertaken.

- 1124_001 – Stormwater Kaiaua Upgrades
- 1125_001 – Stormwater Kerepēhi Upgrades
- 1126_001 – Stormwater Ngātea Upgrades
- 1128_001 – Stormwater Tūrua Upgrades
- 1132_001 – Stormwater Kaiaua Renewals
- 1133_001 – Stormwater Kerepēhi Renewals
- 1134_001 – Stormwater Ngātea Renewals
- 1136_001 – Stormwater Tūrua Renewals
- 1362_001 – Stormwater Treatment Upgrades - Ngātea
- 1363_001 – Stormwater Treatment Upgrades - Tūrua
- 1364_001 – Stormwater Treatment Upgrades - Kaiaua
- 1366_001 – Stormwater Treatment Upgrades – Kerepēhi

3.3 PAEROA

1294_001 – Stormwater – Wharf Street 3 Waters Upgrade

Status: Design

26/27 Budget: \$95,627

Investigations are underway to identify a solution to the stormwater ponding adjacent to the RSA building. The overall project is currently being re-scoped.

CAPITAL RENEWALS

These budgets will be used as and when required. As assets fail, work is undertaken.

- 1127_001 - Stormwater Paeroa Upgrades
- 1135_001 - Stormwater Paeroa Renewals
- 1360_001 - Stormwater Treatment Upgrades – Paeroa

PROJECTS COMPLETED

- 1248_001 - Stormwater Criterion Bridge Stormwater Pump Station Upgrade



3.4 WAIHĪ

CAPITAL RENEWALS

These budgets will be used as and when required. As assets fail, work is undertaken.

- 1130_001 - Stormwater Whīrītoa Upgrades
- 1137_001 - Stormwater Waihi Renewals
- 1327_001 - Stormwater Waihi Upgrades
- 1361_001 - Stormwater Treatment Upgrades - Waihi
- 1365_001 - Stormwater Treatment Upgrades - Whīrītoa
- 1377_001 - Stormwater Whīrītoa Renewals

4 WASTE MANAGEMENT – SUMMARY OF PROJECTS

4.1 DISTRICT WIDE

PROJECTS ON HOLD

- 1544_005 - Reseal of the bin approach - Renewal

4.2 PAEROA

1544_013 – Paeroa RTS Stormwater Inlet

Child project of 1544_001 – Waste Management Infrastructure

Status: Scoping

26/27 Budget: TBC

This project involves addressing the existing stormwater infrastructure issues and identifying a suitable long-term solution within the available project budget. The existing pipe requires full replacement. Alternative solutions are being investigated to determine an option that can be delivered within the available budget. Wetland-based stormwater treatment and management options are currently being explored as a potential alternative.

1544_014 – Paeroa RTS: Construction of concrete pad (Steel and green waste)

Child project of 1544_001 – Waste Management Infrastructure

Status: Scoping

26/27 Budget: TBC

Applying for funding.

4.3 WAIHĪ

1459_001 – Waihi Landfill Leachate Connection

Status: Scoping

26/27 Budget: \$52,300

This project is for a new connection to pump leachate from the Waihi landfill to Bulltown Road to reduce pump costs and impacts on the existing system.

1544_009 – Create a New Recycle Area – LoS – New Growth

Child project of 1544_001 – Waste Management Infrastructure

Status: Design

26/27 Budget: TBC

Upgrade of the Waihi Refuse Transfer Station (RTS) and development of a new recycle drop off point (RDOP) to improve the site layout, functionality and waste management operations. Ministry for Environment funding was approved in September 2026. Hauraki District Council is contributing \$420,810 (excl. GST), approximately 39% of the total project cost, with the remaining \$658,190 funded through the Waste Minimisation Fund. Layout design is currently being progressed.

1612_001 – Waihi Closed Landfill: Remediation of Closed Landfill

Status: Scoping

26/27 Budget: \$300,000

The project manager is currently developing the scope.

NGĀ MŌHIOTANGA FOR INFORMATION



To Mayor and Councillors

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Meeting date 14 October 2026

File reference Document: 4170229

Subject **Hauraki Gulf Forum Update – October 2026**

1 TE WHAIKUPU | RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council

- a) Receives the report titled Hauraki Gulf Forum Update – October 2026, (document number 3440781).

2 TE WHAKARĀPOPOTANGA | SUMMARY

The Hauraki Gulf Forum meetings in June and September 2026 focused on protecting and restoring the health of the Hauraki Gulf. Key issues discussed included climate change impacts, marine litter, declining shellfish and seabird populations, invasive marine pests, and marine habitat protection. Updates showed positive progress in implementing new marine protection measures, improving fisheries management, restoring habitats, and strengthening biosecurity programmes.

The Forum also endorsed the State of Our Gulf 2026 report, which found that while the Gulf's environmental health remains under pressure, significant restoration work is being undertaken by mana whenua, community groups, councils, and government agencies. The Forum approved its 2027-2029 Work Plan, with priorities including advocacy, restoration projects, biodiversity recovery, youth engagement, and seabird conservation.

3 TE ARONGA | PURPOSE

This report provides an update from recent meetings of the Hauraki Gulf Forum.

4 WHAKAPAPA | BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Formed under the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000, the Hauraki Gulf Forum (HGF) is a statutory body, which promotes and facilitates the protection and enhancement of the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana. The Hauraki Gulf Forum meets quarterly to examine issues related to the integrated management of the Hauraki Gulf.

There are 12 representatives from local and regional councils on the HGF; including seven from Auckland Council, and one each from Waikato Regional Council, and Matamata Piako, Waikato, Thames Coromandel and Hauraki District Councils. There are also six Tangata Whenua representatives and representatives of the Ministers of Conservation, Fisheries and Māori Development.

The HGMP is New Zealand's first marine park. It covers 1.2 million hectares from Te Arai in the north to Waihi in the south. It includes the Waitematā Harbour, Gulf Islands, Firth of Thames and the east coast of the Coromandel Peninsula.

The HGF is required to identify and prioritise issues within the Gulf/Tikapa Moana. It is currently focusing on three priority areas:

1. Improving integrated management through collaborative planning, informed decision-making and action.
2. Restoring water quality values by addressing land use activities that degrade those values.
3. Recognising those critical marine values and ecosystems through advocating for protection, restoration and enhancement.

The forum is required to present an annual report on the exercise of its powers, the carrying out of its functions, and progress towards achieving its purposes to the House of Representatives by 31 August every year.

The forum reports on:

- how it exercises its powers;
- how it carries out its functions;
- the progress towards achieving its purposes.

The HGF is also to produce a triennial assessment of the state of the Hauraki Gulf and the responsiveness of agencies to strategic issues (State of our Gulf Reports)

5 PROGRESS UPDATE

5.1 29 June 2026 HGF Meeting

The meeting was held at the Thames Sailing Club. The agenda, minutes and associated attachments for this meeting can be found on the Auckland Council website¹.

5.1.1 PUBLIC FORUM

5.1.1.1 Sea Cleaners - Captain Hayden Smith

- Key issues raised included marine litter (around 2,000L collected daily), aquaculture debris, and tourism impacts on the environment.
- The discussion focused on improving collaboration between regional and district councils, developing sustainable funding models, supporting environmental education programmes that reach 30,000 children annually, addressing maintenance challenges for community initiatives, and exploring partnership opportunities, including support from the Sea Cleaners Forum.

5.1.1.2 EcoQuest - Dr Thomas Everth

- The research highlights that climate change, sea level rise, and more frequent storm events are likely to significantly impact the Pūkoro/Miranda reserve, its coastal ecosystems, and critical shorebird habitats, reinforcing the need for ongoing monitoring, adaptation planning, and habitat protection.
- The research has examined wetland greenhouse gas emissions (methane and carbon dioxide), water quality and chemistry, vegetation and benthic invertebrate communities, shorebird populations, behaviour, and habitat use, geomorphology and mapping of the reserve, roost pond and shell spit environments and temperature extremes affecting intertidal shellfish habitats.

- Shorebird Habitat Concerns
 - o The reserve provides important feeding and roosting habitat for migratory and coastal birds, including the Kuaka (Bar-tailed Godwit) and other shorebird species.
 - o Research indicates that storm events and flooding are reducing available high-tide roosting habitat, creating a potential tipping point where suitable roosting space may be lost.
- Coastal Change and Climate Impacts
 - o Mapping and monitoring show the shoreline and shell spit are highly dynamic and vulnerable to storm damage.
 - o Cyclone impacts in 2026 demonstrated how rapidly coastal landforms can change.
 - o Sea level rise projections indicate increasing inundation risks for the reserve and surrounding coastal areas, including Kaiaua.

5.1.2 REPORTS

5.1.2.1 Co-Chairs' report

The report highlighted recent advocacy, environmental initiatives, and policy responses aimed at restoring the health of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park. Key points included:

- Celebrating collaboration between mana whenua, communities, councils, and agencies to protect and restore the Gulf.
- The release of the eighth State of Our Gulf 2026 report.
- Support of stronger fisheries management, including rock lobster protections and temporary shellfish harvesting closures.
- Opposition of bottom trawling in the Gulf and advocacy for more sustainable fishing practices.
- Welcomed \$10 million of government investment in predator-free conservation projects across the Gulf region.
- Raised concerns about proposed legislative reforms that may weaken environmental protections or reduce the influence of local communities and iwi.
- Reaffirmed the Forum's commitment to integrated management and long-term restoration of the Gulf's mauri and environmental health.

5.1.2.2 Constituent Party Reports

Fisheries NZ & Department of Conservation: Revitalising the Gulf Update

The report provided a progress update on the Government's Revitalising the Gulf programme, which is being delivered by DOC and FNZ to improve the health of the Hauraki Gulf. Key points included:

- DOC has implemented the new Hauraki Gulf Tikapa Moana Marine Protection Act, with extensive ranger patrols, public education, compliance activity, signage, CCTV installation, and biodiversity monitoring across the Marine Park.
- Public engagement has been significant, reaching around 15,000 people directly and generating over 1.9 million social media impressions. Non-compliance with marine protection rules has declined since the Act came into force.
- DOC is undertaking long-term monitoring of fish, reefs, kōura, scallops, and marine habitats, while also engaging with mana whenua on biodiversity objectives for protected areas.
- FNZ continues work on the Hauraki Gulf Fisheries Plan, shellfish management, rock lobster recovery, seabird protection, scallop management, and research to support ecosystem-based fisheries management.

- Progress includes proposed shellfish harvesting controls, large rock lobster closures to address kina barrens, a Northern scallop management strategy, and research into impacts of fishing on marine ecosystems.
- Planning is underway for future fisheries management decisions, including temporary fisheries closures and reviews of key fish stocks such as Tarakihi and Ling.

Auckland Council

The report provided an update on Auckland Council's policy, environmental, and biosecurity work relevant to the Hauraki Gulf. Key points included:

- Auckland Council has made submissions on central government on planning reforms, endorsed a national Clean Vessel Plan for marine biosecurity, and supported stronger shellfish harvesting restrictions in the Auckland-Coromandel area.
- The Council is involved in the Nature Positive Auckland programme and welcomed the \$10 million investment in predator-free initiatives across Gulf islands and surrounding mainland areas.
- Research highlights included reports on stream temperatures and habitat mapping in the Matakana Estuary, supporting environmental management and restoration efforts.
- Significant work continues to combat the spread of invasive Exotic Caulerpa, with new infestations detected at several locations including Waiheke Island, Tawharanui Marine Reserve, and Takapuna. Surveillance, monitoring, control trials, and mana whenua led projects are underway.
- Marine biosecurity programmes have inspected more than 2,100 vessel hulls and undertaken extensive public education activities. Awareness of marine pests among boaties has improved significantly since 2019.
- The Council's island biosecurity programme continues to reduce pest risks through detection dogs, industry partnerships, pest-free warrants, and biosecurity education across freight and transport operators servicing Gulf islands

5.1.2.3 Hauraki Gulf / Tīkapa Moana Marine Protection Act 2025 implementation, monitoring and reporting – Kirsty Prior Department of Conservation

The presentation provided an update on how the new marine protection legislation has been implemented since coming into force in October 2025. Key points included:

- A dedicated marine district has been established with 19 permanent and 15 temporary staff to support implementation, education, monitoring, and enforcement.
- Initial efforts focused on education and awareness, including over 15,000 public interactions, more than 500 boat patrols, distribution of approximately 100,000 information flyers, extensive engagement with businesses, fishing clubs, iwi, and community groups.
- A major digital and communications campaign generated around 1.9 million social media impressions and 163,000 website visits, supported by signage, media advertising, and CCTV installation.
- Enforcement activity has now shifted to targeting repeat offenders, with more than 380 alleged offences recorded and 110 cases under investigation.
- A full enforcement approach will be introduced before summer, including warnings, infringements, and prosecutions where required.
- Future priorities include a \$20 million reef restoration programme, biodiversity objective development, additional monitoring and CCTV, boundary markers, and a 10-year environmental monitoring programme covering reefs, kōura, scallops, and exotic caulerpa.

5.1.2.4 Executive Officers Report

The report provided an update on the Hauraki Gulf Forum's activities over the last quarter, focusing on advocacy, policy submissions, communications, and future planning. Key points included:

- The Executive Officer attended national environmental and aquaculture events and met with MPs to raise awareness of the Forum's work.
- Significant effort was directed towards submissions on major government reforms, including the Fisheries Amendment Bill 2026, shellfish harvesting proposals, temporary fisheries closures, and the Conservation Amendment Bill 2026. The Forum generally advocated for ecosystem-based management and stronger protections for the Gulf.
- A new decision-making framework was developed to guide how the Forum provides support, endorsements, and funding.
- Work is underway to enhance the Forum website and develop video storytelling content to accompany the State of Our Gulf 2026 report and showcase community and mana whenua restoration efforts.
- The Forum is being asked to approve the purchase of historic artwork by Dave Gunson (\$5,000) and a \$5,000 grant to the Northern Seabird Trust for seabird identification guides.
- Planning is beginning for the Forum's 2027-29 Workplan, with an online workshop proposed for August.

5.1.2.5 State of the Gulf Report 2026

- Pattle Delamore Partners presented a near final draft State of our Gulf Report 2026 to the members for approval, subject to the Co-Chairs' review of the items noted at the meeting.

5.2 14 September 2026 HGF Meeting

The meeting was held at the Auckland Town Hall. The agenda, minutes and associated attachments for this meeting can be found on the Auckland Council website².

5.2.1 PUBLIC FORUM

5.2.1.1 Spotted Shag - Katina Conomos

- The spotted shag (parekareka) population in the Hauraki Gulf is declining rapidly and is now estimated at fewer than 900 birds, including around 300 breeding pairs. Nest numbers have fallen from 300 in 2015 to 150 in 2025, and if this trend continues, the population could disappear from the Gulf within the next decade.
- Research has identified set-net fishing as a key threat. Tracking studies confirmed two bird deaths from set-net entanglement, while both commercial fishing data and community surveys showed significant overlap between shag foraging areas and set-net activity.
- The population is especially important because it is genetically distinct from spotted shag populations elsewhere in New Zealand. Remaining breeding and roosting sites are now largely confined to Tarahiki Island (Shag Rock) and nearby areas around eastern Waiheke.
- Other concerns include uncertainty around the availability of key prey species, such as anchovies and sardines, and the emerging risk of bird flu. Fisheries management options are available under the Fisheries Act, and Fisheries New Zealand is currently assessing fisheries overlap data to help identify potential management solutions.

5.2.1.2 Southern Seabirds Trust - Janice Molloy

The HGF has funded outreach on the Coromandel for the past two summers, expanding into Auckland last summer with a larger team. Key achievements include:

- Coromandel outreach, engaging fishers at boat ramps, wharves, schools, and marinas, and successfully securing a permanent marina information sign.
- Auckland outreach was delivered by Isabel, who contacted 737 boatloads of fishers, engaged retail outlets, and developed a concise education approach well suited to busy boaties.
- Engagement with Auckland fishing clubs was more challenging, with only one club presentation completed despite contacting 15 clubs.
- A new Auckland Council boat-ramp signage programme has emerged directly from the outreach work.
- Floating keyrings proved to be a popular and effective reminder tool.

A key finding was the lack of reliable data on recreational seabird bycatch. However, previous research suggested around 25% of recreational fishers surveyed had accidentally caught or entangled a seabird within the previous year.

Unlike commercial fisheries, where bycatch is often fatal, recreational captures are frequently live releases. As a result, education on safe bird handling and release techniques was identified as a critical gap and a priority area for future outreach efforts.

5.2.2 REPORTS

5.2.2.1 Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries, Jenny Marcroft MP

The Government is prioritising shellfish management, fisheries compliance, and marine environmental issues, while balancing conservation goals with economic and industry interests.

- Shellfish protection: Existing Hauraki Gulf shellfish closures remain in place and are being actively monitored, but stronger enforcement tools are needed. More shellfish protection proposals are awaiting Ministerial decisions.
- Bottom trawling: Government is not committing to a phase-out, citing economic, employment, and iwi rights considerations. Instead, it is encouraging lower-impact fishing methods and offshore fishing to reduce conflicts.
- Mahurangi wastewater impacts: Sewage overflows have significantly affected oyster farmers. Watercare has provided compensation and is accelerating infrastructure upgrades.
- Niagara wreck: Marcroft highlighted the wreck as a major environmental risk and supports a survey to assess the potential for a future oil spill.
- Fast-track reforms: Concerns were raised that planning reforms could weaken environmental protections, but no specific assessment of impacts on fisheries has been undertaken.
- Aotea fisheries: A request was made for progress on the Aotea Local Fisheries Management Plan before the election, and Marcroft agreed to raise it with the Minister.

5.2.2.2 Co-Chairs Report

The report highlights the Forum's recent work, key achievements, and priorities for the coming years. Key points include:

- Seabird conservation remains a major focus, with the Forum noting that 86% of breeding seabird species in the Hauraki Gulf are threatened or at risk. Public presentations at the meeting showcase research, monitoring, advocacy, and recovery efforts aimed at reversing these declines.
- The Forum has published the State of Our Gulf 2026 report, which finds that the overall health (mauri) of the Gulf remains under pressure, while also highlighting positive

restoration efforts led by mana whenua, communities, councils, researchers, and environmental groups. A series of accompanying short films has been released to promote stories of restoration and conservation occurring across the Marine Park.

- The Forum has completed its Annual Report 2025-26, documenting progress on marine protection advocacy, mana whenua-led restoration initiatives, community partnerships, environmental reporting, public engagement, and integrated management across the Gulf.
- The Forum submitted formal support for the Aotea Local Fisheries Management Plan, backing local efforts to rebuild marine abundance through collaboration between mana whenua, communities, and government agencies.
- Looking ahead, the draft 2027-2029 Work Plan focuses on strengthening advocacy, increasing rangatahi engagement, supporting restoration projects, building partnerships to restore marine abundance and giving greater attention to seabird conservation and emerging environmental issues.

5.2.2.3 Bird Flu (HPAI) update to the Forum - Suliana Teasdale and Dave Smith DOC

- New Zealand remains in a monitoring phase, with only three confirmed H5 detections and no evidence of widespread transmission or mass wildlife deaths. Investigations are ongoing.
- Recent detections in Australian fur seals and sea lions highlight the risk to similar marine mammal species found in New Zealand.
- Agencies are responding through a One Health approach, with MPI, DOC, health agencies, councils, and iwi/hapū working together.
- The public is encouraged to report three or more sick or dead birds, seals, or sea lions to MPI and avoid handling animals.
- A targeted vaccination programme is being used for highly threatened species, including takahē, shore plover, and potentially tara iti, to reduce extinction risk.
- DOC is monitoring several vulnerable Gulf species, with gannet colonies considered particularly susceptible to outbreaks.
- Some conservation and visitor sites, such as the Rangitoto red-billed gull colony, may be temporarily closed during an outbreak.
- DOC discourages backyard bird feeding, as it can increase disease transmission between birds.
- MPI plans a larger public awareness campaign this summer as New Zealand's bird flu situation evolves.

5.2.2.4 Constituent Party Reports

Department of Conservation and Fisheries New Zealand: Revitalising the Gulf Update

Department of Conservation (DOC)

- Most signage for the new marine protected areas (MPAs) has now been installed, with remaining boundary markers to be completed where appropriate.
- DOC is correcting a longstanding boundary-marking issue at the Cape Rodney to Okakari Point Marine Reserve (Leigh) by removing inaccurate markers and relying on official marine mapping for boundaries.
- Additional summer rangers are being recruited to support public education, compliance, and enforcement. After an initial education-focused year, DOC will take a stronger compliance approach over summer 2026/27.
- DOC is working with mana whenua to develop biodiversity objectives for the new protected areas, incorporating both scientific knowledge and mātauranga Māori.
- The Minister of Conservation is still considering the proposed Waiheke marine reserve application from Friends of the Hauraki Gulf.

Fisheries New Zealand (FNZ)

- FNZ continues implementation of the Hauraki Gulf Fisheries Plan, working collaboratively with mana whenua and stakeholders.
- Nearly 2,000 submissions were received on proposed shellfish harvesting changes, with decisions now awaiting ministerial consideration.
- New two-year customary shellfish closures have been approved at Umupuia Beach, Te Mātā, Waipatukahu, and Waiheke Island.
- Consultation has recently closed on proposed rock lobster management measures for Aotea/Great Barrier Island aimed at rebuilding local stocks.
- Proposed sustainability measures for fish species including tarakihi and ling are also under consultation.
- Investment continues in fisheries research, including recreational scallop monitoring, intertidal monitoring, ecosystem research, and studies to support kina and ecosystem recovery.
- FNZ, DOC, and Seafood New Zealand are investigating concerns about spotted shag bycatch in the Gulf and considering management responses.

Auckland Council

- Central Interceptor completed (presentation): Auckland's major wastewater project is now operational and, alongside future upgrades, will progressively reduce wastewater overflows and improve water quality.
- Island restoration successes:
 - Aotea/Great Barrier has seen significant progress in ant, rat, and feral cat control.
 - Waiheke has removed over 25,000 pest animals, resulting in increased native bird populations and the first kiwi chick born on the island.
- Marine biosecurity: More than 2,100 vessels were inspected, with ongoing work to prevent pest spread and respond to new exotic caulerpa detections.
- Regional Pest Management Plan (2030-2040): Proposed measures include mandatory cat desexing and microchipping, restrictions on cats on offshore islands, predator-free initiatives, and strengthened marine biosecurity. Public consultation is planned for 2027.
- Other key work: Council is responding to resource management reforms and has adopted a long-term Sediment Roadmap 2100 to improve catchment and marine environmental outcomes.

Matamata-Piako District Council

- Matamata-Piako District Council highlighted its role in managing the Waihou, Piako, and Waitoa river catchments, which ultimately flow into the Firth of Thames and influence the health of the Hauraki Gulf.
- Riparian planting and restoration continue across the district, supported by community groups and council funding. These efforts aim to improve water quality, reduce sediment runoff, and protect marine habitats. Funding and resourcing remain a challenge.
- The council is undertaking wastewater treatment plant upgrades and renewals in Matamata, Morrinsville, and Te Aroha to improve reliability, treatment efficiency, and environmental outcomes.
- Wastewater master planning and network assessments are focused on reducing wastewater overflows and improving the resilience of water infrastructure.
- New stormwater and wastewater discharge consents have been lodged with Waikato Regional Council, including measures to improve discharge quality, monitor water quality, and manage erosion risks.
- An Inflow and Infiltration Strategy is being implemented to reduce stormwater entering the wastewater network and contributing to overflows.

- Responsibility for water and wastewater services will transfer to Waikato Waters Limited from 1 October 2026.
- The council has completed the first stage of flood modelling for its main urban areas to support growth planning, infrastructure resilience, and emergency management.

5.2.2.5 Executive Officers Report

- The State of Our Gulf 2026 report and the Annual Report 2025/26 have been completed and published, with member feedback helping shape the Forum's future work programme. The Report is accompanied by three short films now being screened on Waiheke and in Thames/Coromandel.
- Since the last meeting, the Forum:
 - Provided a letter of support to Sea Cleaners.
 - Granted \$10,000 to the New Zealand Seabird Trust to develop seabird identification resources for recreational fishers.
 - Preserved and relocated historic forum artwork by Dave Gunson.
- The Executive Officer attended the launch of Auckland's Central Interceptor, recognising it as a major project that will help reduce wastewater discharges and improve water quality in the Gulf.
- The Hauraki Gulf Marine Park has been nominated for Blue Park status, reflecting the growth of marine protection in the Gulf, including 25 protected areas and internationally recognised conservation sites.
- The latest Port of Auckland report shows continued good compliance with the voluntary Bryde's whale ship-speed protocol, which aims to reduce whale strikes.
- The Forum remains active in advocacy, having made six public policy submissions in the past eight months, including support for the Aotea Local Fisheries Management Plan.

5.2.2.6 Draft Work Plan 2027-2029

The Forum received and approved the Draft Work Plan 2027-2029.

5.2.2.7 Schedule of meetings for 2027

The Forum agreed the schedule of meeting dates for 2027 as follows

- 1 March 2027
- 31 May 2027
- 16 August 2027
- 15 November 2027

6 TE ARA KI MUA | NEXT ACTIONS

The table below sets out the next key steps:

Action	Responsibility	By When
November meeting of the Forum	CD Advisor (Social)	30 Nov 2026
Quarterly HGF Update Report to Council	CD Advisor (Social)	Jan 2026

7 TUHUTORO | REFERENCES

1. [Hauraki Gulf Forum – Open Agenda and Minutes Monday 29th June 2026](#)
2. [Hauraki Gulf Forum – Open Agenda and Minutes Monday 14th September 2026](#)

8 WHAKAPAI | APPROVAL

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Subject	Community Growth Quarterly Update

1 TE WHAIKUPU | RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council

- a) Receives the report titled Community Growth Quarterly Update, (document number 4034012).

2 TE WHAKARĀPOPOTANGA | SUMMARY

The Community Growth Team continues to deliver a broad range of community, social, economic, and library initiatives across the district. Funding has supported community organisations, facilities, events, and operational grants, with significant funds still available through district-wide community and recreational development funds. Social programmes are progressing well, including the Warmer Kiwi Homes insulation programme, the EECA Community Resilience Programme, and the Creative Communities Scheme. Council-funded organisations such as Life Education Trust, Paeroa & District Historical Society, Waihi Arts Centre & Museum, and Creative Waikato continue to provide valuable services and remain financially stable.

Economic development activities have focused on regional partnerships, business support, tourism promotion, and community enhancement projects. Initiatives such as the mobile trader pilot, Mackaytown fibre expansion, visitor information signage, and Paeroa beautification projects are progressing. While Hauraki's GDP grew by 2.8%, outperforming the national average, indicators such as tourism expenditure, traffic volumes, and house values show a mixed

economic picture. Gr8 Job Hauraki has secured funding for 2026/27 and continues to support rangatahi into employment despite lower referral numbers and recent contract delays.

Library services delivered 86 programmes and events during the quarter, engaging 873 participants through holiday programmes, digital learning support, reading initiatives, and community activities. Digital services and online resources continue to see strong growth, while the opening of the new Hauraki Plains Library and Community Centre has been a major success, attracting more than 1,000 visitors in its first week and driving increases in memberships, participation, and borrowing.

Looking ahead, priorities include community resilience projects, business and tourism support, funding advocacy, summer event preparation, and continued growth in library engagement and services.

3 TE ARONGA | PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on Community and Economic Initiatives and Library Services Activity over the past quarter.

4 WHAKAPAPA | BACKGROUND

Council undertakes a range of activities to assist with community development and wellbeing in the Hauraki District. The Community Growth Team lead a number of these activities, with the key areas being grants and donations, social initiatives, advocacy and funding, economic development/business support, events, Gr8 Job Hauraki (Mayors Taskforce for Jobs funded initiative) and district library services.

5 COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

5.1 Grants and Donations

The following tables and lists identify grants that are already committed for the 2026/27 term, as well as unallocated funds available for allocation.

The 2026/27 budgets (reflected in unallocated balances) are made up of annual budgets as well as carry forwards.

6320: Plains Ward Community Assistance Fund

Organisation Activity	Amount Granted
*C23/409/1: Community organisations Water rates relief (estimate) - Ngātea Kindergarten, HPC Field, Ngātea Playcentre. <i>Community Growth Manager reviewing</i>	\$2,350.55
*C05/422;C22/745;C23/21;C23/409/1: Thames Valley Turf Trust 20yr replacement of turf	\$11,100.00
*C23/409/1: HP College Prize giving Community Service Award	\$250.00
*C23/409/1: HP Co-op Parish Community Garden (rate relief - estimate)	\$ 841.45
*CPC23/56/3: Ngātea Lions World Service Day Event Costs	\$500.00
*C24/194: HP Community Hub Operational costs YR3 (3 of 3)	\$5,000.00

TOTAL COMMITTED	\$20,042.00
UNALLOCATED	-\$7,852.53

Table 1: Plains CAF Commitments 2026-27. Available balance for allocation at the start of the 26/27 FY was \$12,189.47.
* Ongoing Annual Commitments

6310: Paeroa Ward Community Assistance Fund

Organisation Activity	Amount Granted
*C19/20/2; C23/409/1: Skate & Leisure Centre YR7 (7 of 10)	\$12,000.00
*C23/409/1: Paeroa College Prizegiving Sponsorship	\$217.39
*C24/192: Paeroa & Dist Hist Society Operational costs YR3 (3 of 3)	\$2,000.00
TOTAL COMMITTED	\$14,217.39
UNALLOCATED	\$9,690.44

Table 2: Paeroa CAF commitments 2026-27. Available balance for allocation at the start of the 26/27 FY was \$23,907.83 before commitments. * Ongoing Annual Commitments.

6330: Waihi Ward Community Assistance Fund

Organisation Activity	Amount Granted
*C23/409/1: Waihi College Prize giving	\$250.00
*C24/190: Waihi Community Patrol Operational Costs YR3 (3 of 3)	\$1,000.00
*C24/193: Waihi Art Centre & Museum Operational Costs YR3 (3 of 3)	\$2,000.00
*C24/197: Waihi Community Resource Centre Op Costs YR3 (3 of 3)	\$10,000.00
TOTAL COMMITTED	\$13,250.00
UNALLOCATED	-\$24,027.44

Table 3: Waihi CAF commitments 2026-27. Available balance for allocation at the start of the 26/27 FY was -\$10,777.44 before commitments. * Ongoing Annual Commitments.

6300: District General Fund

Organisation Activity	Amount Granted
*C05/422;C22/745;C23/21;C23/409/1: TVTT 20yr replacement of turf	\$11,100.00
*C24/189: Life Education Trust Operational Costs YR3 (3 of 3)	\$5,000.00
*C24/199: Creative Waikato Operational Costs YR3 (3 of 3)	\$5,000.00
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	\$21,100.00
UNALLOCATED	-\$3,936.32

Table 4: District General Fund commitments 2026-27. Available balance for allocation at the start of the 26/27 FY was \$17,163.68 before commitments. * Ongoing Annual Commitments.

19550: Community Recreational Facilities Development Funds (CRFDF)

9557: District Community Recreational Facilities Development Fund (DCRFDF)

- This fund has **\$24,020.13** available for allocation.

9558: Plains Community Recreational Facilities Development Fund (PCRFDF)

- This fund has **\$125,468.84** available for allocation.

9559: Paeroa Community Recreational Facilities Development Fund (PAECRFDF)

- This fund has **\$81,582.56** available for allocation.

9560: Waihi Community Recreational Facilities Development Fund (WCRFDF)

- This fund has **\$172,222.30** available for allocation.

9561: District Community Projects Assistance Fund (DCPAF)

- This fund has **\$203,949.86** available for allocation.

6200: District Social Strategy Fund [SSF] (2021/22 Budget)

- This fund has **\$15,474.00**, available for allocation.

6023: Community Development Grant

Organisation Activity	Amount Granted
C26/220/1: Paeroa Business Association Admin Support	\$6,750.00
C26/220/1: Go Waihi Inc Christmas decorations, monthly BA5s, admin support, and website update	\$7,000.00
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	\$13,750.00
UNALLOCATED	\$24,595.13

Table 5: Community Development Grant commitments 2026-27. Available balance for allocation at the start of the 26/27 FY was (\$38,345.13).

The Community Development Grant opened on 14 September to the wider community and closed on 9 October.

6021: District Event Fund

- This fund has **\$45,822.37** available for allocation.

5.2 Social Initiatives

Better Futures Hauraki (BFH)

A meeting of the Forum was held on Thursday the 20th of August (*Appendix A*), with 16 in attendance from social agencies across Hauraki.

The group confirmed that the priority areas identified at the previous meeting remain relevant: youth wellbeing, support and engagement; cost of living pressures, food insecurity and financial hardship; loneliness and social isolation, particularly among older residents; and access to health services. Participants agreed that these issues are closely interconnected and should be addressed through a coordinated approach.

Discussion highlighted the need to reduce social isolation, strengthen parenting support and education, improve awareness of available services and opportunities, and encourage community events and early intervention activities that foster connection and resilience. Participants also explored the opportunities and challenges associated with technology and AI,

while emphasising the importance of promoting respect, positivity and understanding within communities.

Broader concerns included increasing financial hardship within the community, healthcare workforce shortages, digital exclusion, limited employment opportunities, the impacts of methamphetamine use and family violence, and the capacity of support services to meet growing demand. Community preparedness for emergencies and seasonal risks was also identified as an area requiring greater attention

Staff are developing a community network and meetings matrix to identify gaps, duplication, and opportunities for collaboration, while also working with local providers to strengthen existing community information platforms such as the Hauraki Citizens Advice Bureau directory.

Concerns were also raised about the forum's purpose and effectiveness. Staff and elected members are reviewing its role to ensure it remains relevant and valuable, with a survey planned to gather member feedback on how the forum can best support future community priorities and initiatives.

Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority (EECA) Warmer Kiwi Homes

As of 30 June 2026, a total of 49 homes have been insulated through the programme since July 2025 (9 since May), expending \$21,530.10 of our \$24.6K. With \$12,300 for the 26/27 year, we expect a further 20-25 homes to be completed during this period.

EECA Community Resilience Programme

The procurement process for this project has now been completed, and the contract has been awarded. The project completion is targeted for Nov 26' at the earliest, June 2027 at the latest.

Total Mobility Scheme

Since the last update from Waikato Regional Council (WRC) in June, there have been an additional 129 trips taken in Hauraki as below:

Month	Trips Taken
June 26	67
July 26	65
Aug 26	64

Creative Communities Scheme

The most recent funding round has now closed, with 11 applications received from across the district. Following the September assessment meeting, funding was allocated to eligible groups and individuals whose projects met the Creative New Zealand funding criteria.

To support applicants, staff held community drop-in sessions across the district. Attendance was strongest in Waihi, with eight people participating, while no attendees were recorded at the Paeroa and Ngatea sessions.

Staff will continue offering these sessions and explore ways to increase awareness of both the funding scheme and support opportunities through an upcoming promotional campaign. This will also include highlighting past funding recipients, showcase the assessment panel, and share behind-the-scenes insights into projects.

Whanau Day Out

Staff are once again working to support Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki with their Whanau Day Out event in Paeroa. Due to organisation availabilities, the event will be held in Feb/March of next year. We are looking at potentially moving the event to the Domain and collaborating with other community organisations.

Citizenship Ceremonies

The most recent ceremony on the 12th of August saw 16 new citizens welcomed in a very emotional event. The next ceremony will be on Wednesday the 11th of November, with 3 candidates currently on the list.

LTP Funding

As part of Council LTP funding, organisations are required to report to Council about their activities every six months and annually. Attached for your information are annual accountability reports from the Life Education Trust, the Paeroa & District Historical Society, Waihi Art Centre & Museum Waihi and Creative Waikato. Main points in the reports are summarised below:

Life Education Trust (Appendix B)

The report demonstrates that Life Education Trust Waikato East continues to successfully deliver its programmes throughout the Hauraki District, maintains strong levels of external funding, and is meeting the objectives of its funding agreement with Council.

While the organisation faces challenges relating to its mobile classroom, volunteer recruitment, and securing ongoing sponsorship, it remains operationally and financially stable and continues to provide valuable health and wellbeing education to local schools.

Paeroa & District Historical Society (Appendix C)

The Paeroa & District Historical Society Inc continues to make a valuable contribution to preserving and promoting local heritage through museum operations, research, and community engagement.

The organisation is financially sound, has successfully secured external funding for significant building improvements, and continues to grow its collection and visitor engagement. However, volunteer recruitment, succession planning, compliance requirements, and long-term funding sustainability remain key areas of focus.

Waihi Art Centre & Museum Waihi (Appendix D)

The reporting period saw Waihi Arts Centre and Museum build on its strong community presence through increased visitation, enhanced exhibitions, collection development, and completion of key building improvements. Despite ongoing volunteer recruitment challenges, the organisation remains well positioned to support heritage, learning, and community connection across the district.

Creative Waikato (Appendix E)

Creative Waikato continues to provide valuable regional leadership, advocacy, and capacity-building support for the creative sector, including artists and organisations within the Hauraki District.

The organisation remains financially stable, maintains strong external funding sources, and has continued to strengthen relationships with Council and local creatives. Its work contributes to increased access to arts opportunities, creative skills development, and the promotion of Hauraki's creative community

5.3 Community Advocacy and Funding

Since the last report, 22 community groups, clubs and educational facilities have received direct funding advice.

The Hauraki Funding Table 2026 and Charts 2025-2026 (*Appendix F*), indicates confirmed funding for the Hauraki District in 2026 as well as comparative charts for 2025 and 2026. Some funders are yet to publish results for 2025.

A recent funding success for a grant of \$47,000 has been awarded to the Waihi Volunteer Fire Brigade from The Lion Foundation towards the construction of a new water tanker shed. The tanker is used throughout the Hauraki and neighbouring districts to attend rural fires to distribute drinking water at times of water disruption.

The awaited changes to the Lottery Grants Board funding structure came into effect on 1 July 2026, with the previous 11 regional and six specialist distribution committees replaced by six regional committees and one national committee. In addition, a new subcommittee of the national committee will be established to distribute proceeds from online casino gambling. DIA announced a revised framework through four annual funding rounds across four grant categories: Operational Costs, Community Projects, Community Facilities, and Equipment for People with Disabilities. There is strong focus on applicants demonstrating how projects build strong, sustainable communities through community wellbeing, participation, environmental outcomes, arts and heritage, or sport and recreation. This update has been distributed by the CAO to the database of community organisations in the Hauraki District and detail can be located via the webpage: <https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/lottery-fund>.

The Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) has published its 2025 Pokie Grants Overview 'Granted', with total grants distributed across Aotearoa amounting to \$340 million, \$1.2 million of which is attributed to Hauraki. However, Grassroots Trust has advised that the DIA's 'Granted' data does not allocate funding by the percentage attributable to each Territorial Local Authority (TLA) and therefore some larger grants provided per region may appear in just one TLA. Grassroots have raised this issue with the DIA on several occasions and confirmed that only 1.4% of the value awarded to Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty shown as the largest funding in 2025 is assigned to the Hauraki District. An excerpt from the published data is provided in *Appendix G – DIA Granted Results 2025*, with interactive data available through the Granted website at <https://www.granted.govt.nz/dashboard>.

6 ECONOMIC INITIATIVES

6.1 Economic Development and Business Support

Regional and District Relationships

Waikato Screen

At the Council meeting in June 2026, Council agreed to fund Waikato Screen an additional \$18,500 + GST from unspent 2025/26 funds subject to Waikato Screen having other Council funders as part of their financial model. They have since provided us with an updated budget for this financial year, which shows sufficient funds from both local government and non-local government sources to operate effectively this year, and the additional funds have been paid.

Waikato Screen has provided us with their Annual Stakeholder report (*Appendix H*), which outlines their activity between April 2025 and March 2026. There has been a significant increase in activity in the past year, with a 34% increase in enquiries on the year before, with a total of 43 productions or projects supported in the 2025/26 financial year. This is an estimated value of close to \$6.5m. The key project for the Hauraki District was the Toyota commercial.

Waikato Screen have also formalised the Waikato Screen Charitable Trust. The Charitable Trust will focus on:

- Training and mentoring
- Scholarship and practical pathways
- Cultural storytelling and community outreach
- Education and workforce development
- Future philanthropic and government funding opportunities

Waikato Regional Economic Development Group

Hauraki District Council hosted the August 2026 Regional Economic Development Hui. Oceana Gold presented on their operations, the Waihi North Project as well as employment and other economic opportunities. They also provided us with a tour up to the Willows Road site. Gr8 Job Hauraki also presented to the group.

One of the topics Oceana Gold raised was the business opportunities in Waihi associated with the development e.g. more employees and contractors in town. Staff will further this conversation with Oceana Gold to get a greater understanding of the long-term increase in workers and residents and the needs of these people as a part of the review of how we promote the district for investment project. This will help identify if Council needs to be involved or not.

Focus of the Waikato Regional Economic Development group currently is developing a map of the Waikato highlighting opportunities in each of the districts for investors.

Destination Hauraki Coromandel

The Destination Hauraki Coromandel AGM was held on 17 August at the Tasman Holiday Park in Pūkoro Miramira. Jason Hill remains in his role as Chair.

Destination Hauraki Coromandel has provided Council with its six-monthly report to 30 June 2026 (*Appendix I*). They continue to achieve their KPIs, except for the KPI relating to their website - *number of referrals to tourism product, hospitality and events listings (from DHC website to participants website) increases 10% YOY*. They note that there has been a 46% reduction in outbound clicks and that there was a change in the webcam embed set-up.

Destination Hauraki Coromandel has identified the following opportunities and challenges for the Hauraki Coromandel in their report:

- Hauraki Coromandel remains well aligned to prevailing national and global trends, particularly demanding nature based, coastal and restorative experiences. The region continues to benefit from:
 - Strong Australian, Europe and North American visitation.
 - Increasing interest from Asian markets as connectivity and visa settings improve.
 - Ongoing demand for iconic experiences (e.g. Cathedral Cove, Hot Water Beach), alongside emerging interest in lesser-known locations.
- However, structural challenges remain:
 - Limited hotel-grade accommodation restricts ability to capture premium growth segments.
 - Infrastructure constraints (including access, resilience and visitor pressure at key sites).
 - Highly seasonal demand profile, with continued concentration in peak summer.
- Domestic travel softening presents an additional risk, particularly for small operators reliant on local and regional visitors.
- Several clear opportunities are emerging for the region:
 1. Premium and experience-led product development
 - Continued growth in high-value international segments creates opportunity for boutique, eco-luxury and hosted accommodation.
 - Development of guided, small-group experiences (e.g. nature interpretation, cultural storytelling, soft adventure) to meet demand for depth and authenticity.

2. Shoulder-season and year-round product

- Expansion of wellness, dark-sky, and off-peak nature experiences.
- Packaging of multi-day itineraries to encourage longer stays and reduce seasonality.

3. Dispersal and place-based storytelling

- Leveraging lesser-visited parts of the district to relieve pressure on iconic sites.
- Expansion of thematic trails (e.g. heritage, conservation, food) to broaden the visitor offer.

4. Digital and distribution capability

- Increasing importance of AI-assisted trip planning and online discovery highlights the need for strong digital presence, book ability, and connected itineraries.

5. Sustainability and regeneration

- Growing global demand for sustainable travel presents an opportunity to position the region as a national leader in regenerative tourism, including conservation-linked experiences and community partnerships.

Visitor Information Services

Paeroa Information Hub

The funding accountability report to 30 June 2026 is in *Appendix J*. The key points include:

- The weather events and war in the Middle East impacted the number of visitors significantly, especially due to the Hauraki Rail Trail closures.
- A number of new residents have been using their service to get information on local services and groups etc.
- They have noticed that a number of food and accommodation providers are closing or scaling back their offering.

Waihi isite

The funding accountability report to 30 June 2026 is in *Appendix K*. The key points include:

- The weather events and war in Middle East have contributed to an approximate 20% reduction in visitor numbers to the isite in comparison to the same time last year.
- The visitor split to the isite is approximately 75% domestic and 25% international.
- The Hauraki Rail Trail continues to be a major attractor for the Hauraki district and wider region, and they continue to receive a large number of enquiries and requests for information about the Trail. Even months after the reopening of the Trail, the isite receives a number of enquiries regarding the trail status, confirming the impact of the event on visitor perceptions.

Business Promotion and Support

Mobile trader project

The mobile trader project is making progress towards implementation. The expression of interest and guidelines documentation for the pilot is currently being developed. The plan is to have one mobile trader allocated to each site (Karangahake and Ōhinemuri Reserves) by mid-November, ready for a December start. The pilot is being framed as a new business opportunity in the Hauraki District. If the pilot is successful, this project could become an ongoing initiative. A report seeking approval from Council for the use of the reserves (in line with the Traffic and Parking Bylaw) is also coming to this Council meeting.

Other Initiatives

Chorus Fibre Project

The project is progressing, with Chorus identifying approximately 70 eligible residents in Mackaytown, aiming for an 80% uptake. Staff are working with Chorus to develop a resident communication process, with the next key milestone to sign off on the draft communications and progress the resident engagement process.

Visitor Information Signage

A visitor information sign "Follow your heart through Hauraki - Whaia tō hihiri ki Hauraki" will be installed at the L&P bottle site (Ohinemuri Reserve) promoting other attractions in the Hauraki District. Smaller scale versions will be made available for other businesses around Paeroa for maximum visitor reach. These signs match the ones used on the Plains located at GAS Kaiaua and before its closure, at the Corner Stone Café.

Paeroa Pots Partnership Project

Staff continue to support Paeroa Rotary and Paeroa Business Association to realise their plan of installing up to 15 large plant pots in Paeroa town centre (to be funded through the Community Development Grant). An MOU is currently being finalised.

Business Awards

Judging has been completed with all finalists being visited in person by the judges. Winners will be announced at the gala night on 15 October 2026. Tickets for the event have sold out.

Infometrics Quarterly Report (Appendix L)

Economic growth is strong, with GDP growing 2.8% over the year to June, compared with 1.7% nationally. Mining was the largest contributor to this growth. However, activity across the wider local economy is more mixed. Traffic flow fell 6.1% over the year compared with growth of 0.8% nationally. Guest nights increased 12%, ahead of the national increase of 3.6%, even though tourism expenditure remained flat. The unemployment rate was unchanged from the year before, at 5.6%.

There are signals of future investment. Electric vehicle registrations increased 211% and housing consents increased 63.3%. In contrast, real estate listings (-7.8%) and house values (-3.3%) continue to decline with both indicators performing weakly compared with the Waikato as a whole and New Zealand.

Hauraki's economic growth is positive, but the benefits are not being reflected across all indicators. Mining is driving the GDP growth however, less traffic flows, flat tourism spending and a declining housing market show that growth isn't contributing to the local economy.

The Karangahake Gorge closures and maintenance are also important context and would contribute to the drop in traffic flow and increase in guest nights.

6.2 Events

Event Support

Summer event preparation is underway with the following events receiving support from staff:

- Shorebird Coast Run, Paeroa Santa Parade, Ngātea Santa Parade, Summer Nights in the Domain, Arts in Town.

Once details are confirmed, events are posted on the council website.

6.3 Gr8 Jobs Hauraki – Programme Update

MTFJ Contract

After a wait of approximately two and a half months, Gr8 Job Hauraki has now received its 2026/27 contract from Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ). The delay has made it difficult to plan effectively for the year ahead and has created some uncertainty around programme delivery. We have also experienced a noticeably slow rate of referrals through MSD, which we believe has been influenced, at least in part, by the uncertainty surrounding the continuation and terms of the programme.

While there have been some challenges, there are also several positive aspects to the new contract.

Key Contract Points

- Funding: Funding remains at the same level as F25/26, at \$280,000, to be paid in two tranches of \$140,000.
- Placement target: The target has increased from 35 to 37 placements.
 - 30 placements must be MSD main benefit clients, *preferably* aged 18–24 years.
 - 7 placements must be clients *preferably* aged 18–24 years who are Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET), or at risk of becoming NEET.
- Flexibility around age: The inclusion of the word "*preferably*" represents a positive softening of the previous language around the 18–24 age requirement. We hope this provides some scope to work with clients outside this age group where appropriate, particularly if referral numbers within the preferred age range remain low.
- 12-week support period: There has also been some welcome flexibility around the previously stated 12-week support period for each client. Council can now request an extension to the 12 weeks from MTFJ, where considered necessary. This provides greater scope to continue supporting clients who may require additional time to achieve a sustainable employment outcome.

Current Outcomes

To date, Gr8 Job Hauraki has placed seven young people into employment, with one of these young people currently completing a trial period.

This represents a positive start, particularly given the uncertainty surrounding the programme over recent months and the lower-than-expected number of referrals received. The team remains focused on ensuring that the young people referred to the programme receive meaningful support and that placements are sustainable and appropriate for both the young person and employer.

Kei A Koe Te Tikanga – Work Ready Skills Programme

Gr8 Job Hauraki is also working alongside MSD to deliver a three-day Kei A Koe Te Tikanga Work Ready Skills Programme in October.

The programme will focus on developing the soft skills and confidence young people need to successfully enter the workplace. The three days will culminate in an opportunity for participants to meet and engage directly with employers, giving them the chance to put their skills into practice in an environment that reflects the experience of being interview-ready.

This programme is an important part of our wider approach to helping rangatahi become confident, capable and better prepared for sustainable employment.

Looking Ahead

With the contract now confirmed, Gr8 Job staff are poised and ready to focus on achieving the best possible outcomes for rangatahi. While the delayed start and low referral numbers have presented challenges, the greater flexibility within the new contract provides some encouragement for the year ahead.

Our focus will remain on building strong relationships with MSD, employers and our local community, supporting young people to overcome barriers to employment, and creating opportunities that lead to meaningful and sustainable employment outcomes.

7 LIBRARY SERVICES

7.1 Community Programmes and Activities

Holiday Programmes

- The Autumn Holiday Programme attracted 174 tamariki across 20 sessions, featuring 3D printing, crafts, collage activities, card-making, and art stations. Special sessions were delivered for the Carehouse Holiday Programme group.
- The Winter Holiday Programme's Dr Seuss Escape Room was highly successful, with 154 participants, many sessions fully booked, and strong collaboration with Thames Library. Additional themed craft sessions were also well received.

Displays and Reading Promotion

- Regular themed displays promoted fiction, non-fiction, teen, and children's collections.
- Displays aligned with seasonal themes, national events, reading challenges, and awareness campaigns including Matariki, NZ Music Month, National Poetry Day, NZ Book Awards, and Anti-Bullying initiatives.
- Adult, teen, and children's reading challenges continued to generate strong engagement, with the adult challenge particularly popular.

Regular Programmes

- Book Chats continue to grow, particularly at Hauraki Plains where attendance has doubled.
- Staff provided significant digital assistance, supporting around 130 people over approximately 22.5 hours.
- The Digital Volunteer programme expanded across branches, providing specialised support for complex digital enquiries.
- Scavenger Hunts remained a popular ongoing activity, with one cat-themed hunt attracting over 90 entries.
- Monthly Senior Film Sessions were well attended.
- Story Time sessions continue to attract local kindergarten groups, with over 45 children attending sessions at HPLCC.
- Genealogy support, family history groups, writers' groups, and literacy programmes all maintained strong community participation.
- The Read to Kūri programme achieved notable success, with therapy dogs Connie and Merlot helping build reading confidence among tamariki and attracting regular attendees.

Community Education

- Cyber safety sessions for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren provided valuable support for a vulnerable sector of the community and were expanded due to demand.
- The Rug Up and Read Bingo challenge encouraged reading through themed activities and prize incentives.

Overall Impact

- Across the quarter, libraries delivered 86 programmes, activities, and events, with a total of 873 participants.

7.2 Digital Services and Online Resources and Collections

Library App

- The HDC Library Mobile App recorded 2,288 launches in Q4 and 9,452 launches for FY2025/26.
- Usage increased 2.8% from the previous quarter and 53.15% compared with the same period last year, reflecting strong uptake of the redesigned, more user-friendly app.

Ancestry

- Ancestry recorded 325 launches in Q4 and 963 launches across FY2025/26.
- Usage continues to vary based on genealogy workshops and volunteer-led sessions, with Q4 usage 12% higher than previous periods.

Beamafilm

- Beamafilm achieved 335 views in Q4 and 1,596 launches for FY2025/26.
- Usage increased 3.88% from the previous quarter, although it remains below the same period last year.

BorrowBox

- Hauraki District participates in a regional consortium, enabling shared collections and cost savings.
- Active users increased from 360 to 370 during Q4.
- Circulation increased from 1,687 to 1,748 loans in Q4.
- Promotion of digital collections remains ongoing to encourage further usage.

Wheeler's ePlatform

- Through a wider regional consortium, the library continues to benefit from shared resources and reduced costs.
- Active users increased from 407 to 444 in Q4.
- Circulation rose significantly from 1,701 to 2,009 loans.
- Continued promotion is supporting growth in digital borrowing.

Overall

- Digital services remain well used, with growth across most platforms.

7.3 Communications, Engagement and School Outreach

Communications and Marketing

- The Library Connect newsletter grew to 680 subscribers, an increase of 45 from the previous quarter. The newsletter is distributed both digitally and in print, promoting programmes, events, book reviews, and library resources.
- The library website recorded strong usage, with 43,539 users, 47,504 sessions, 18,249 engaged sessions, and 67,013 page views. The online catalogue was accessed 4,051 times.

Social Media

- Facebook activity remained consistent with 71 posts during Q4, increasing followers to 1,047. Overall reach was 16,357 and content generated 51,598 views.
- Instagram featured 52 posts during Q4, maintaining 268 followers, with 140 accounts reached and 1,146 views.

School and Community Engagement

- Libraries hosted a range of school and homeschool visits, including activities such as zine creation, Dewey Decimal learning, scavenger hunts, reading sessions, arts and crafts, and 3D printing workshops.
- Regular visits continued from schools and early learning centres across the district, including Waihi Central School, Te Wharekura, Ngātea Primary, Waitakaruru School, Hauraki Plains College, and Ngātea Early Learning Centre.
- Relationships with schools were further supported through ongoing outreach and communications promoting holiday programmes and library events.

Overall

- Library communications channels continue to support strong community engagement, with growing newsletter subscriptions, high website traffic, active social media promotion, and regular educational partnerships with schools and learning groups across the district.

7.4 Other Community Engagements

- Libraries supported a variety of community initiatives, including Arts in Town Waihi craft activities, Electoral Commission voter registration sessions, and performances by Paeroa College music students, which were very well received by library visitors.
- July and August featured several local art and history displays from schools and community contributors, including Matariki-themed works and an exhibition exploring local connections to the Anglo-Boer War.
- Author Robyn Tucker launched her new book at Waihi Library, attracting approximately 40 attendees and providing an engaging event for tamariki.
- HDC hosted the Community Libraries' Interest Group Meeting at He Pātaka Korero, where community libraries shared updates and strengthened connections with remote communities. Positive progress was reported on the new Tūrua library, and the meetings continue to provide valuable engagement opportunities for volunteer-run libraries.

Community partnerships and outreach initiatives continued to deliver strong benefits across Hauraki's libraries and service centres.

- The *A Friends Place* musical group performed a Mother's Day concert at the Waihi Service Centre, providing an enjoyable community event.
- Weekly Justice of the Peace sessions at all three libraries remain highly popular, with library staff supporting visitors through printing, photocopying, and scanning services.
- The Citizens Advice Bureau continued its weekly three-hour clinic at Paeroa Library.
- Through the Skinny Jump programme, 15 internet modems were distributed during the quarter and a further 9 during July and August 2026. The programme has provided 58 modems over the year and is expected to expand to Hauraki Plains Library. The partnership with Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa continues to support digital inclusion in the district.
- The opening of Hauraki Plains Library was a significant success, attracting over 1,000 visitors in its first six days. A range of community events, including craft activities, STEM workshops, Story Time sessions, and an author visit, generated strong public participation and informed future programme development.
- Following the positive response, a range of regular programmes have been established, including Story Time, Read to Kuri, Book Chat, and Senior Movie sessions. New initiatives such as the STEM Discovery Club, Community Craft Circle, and Family History Group have also proven popular and are being considered for rollout to Paeroa and Waihi libraries.

7.5 Statistics

Visitor Numbers (Gate Counts)

- Libraries recorded 21,694 visits in Quarter 4, an increase of 473 visits from the previous quarter but 624 fewer than the same period last year.
- Paeroa and Waihi libraries experienced strong growth from the previous quarter, with combined visits increasing by 454 people.
- Total library visits for the 2025/26 financial year reached 87,562.
- A further 17,618 visits were recorded during July and August 2026, including 4,275 visits to the new Hauraki Plains Library following its reopening.

Membership

- 141 new members joined during Quarter 4, bringing the annual total to 582 new members.
- July and August saw an additional 196 new members, with 103 joining Hauraki Plains Library after reopening.

Active Users

- Active users decreased slightly compared with both the previous quarter (-1.54%) and the same quarter last year (-3.46%).
- Despite this, library membership remains significantly higher than three years ago, growing from 12,018 active users in 2022/23 to 15,189 in 2025/26, an increase of 3,171 users.
- August recorded a notable increase in active users following the opening of Hauraki Plains Library and Community Centre.

Physical Item Circulation

- Total lending of physical items declined slightly compared with the previous quarter (-0.86%) and the same period last year (-7.44%).
- Nevertheless, 27,406 items were issued during Quarter 4 and 109,817 items across the full financial year.
- Hauraki Plains Library showed particularly strong growth, with August circulation increasing 63.67% compared to August 2025.

Front Counter and Self-Service Lending

- Front counter transactions decreased marginally from Quarter 3 (-0.36%) and by 9.16% year-on-year.
- Self-service kiosk usage decreased by 2.33% from the previous quarter and 2.41% year-on-year, partly due to a temporary kiosk outage in Paeroa during May.
- Self-service usage at Hauraki Plains Library has increased significantly since reopening.

Digital Services

- APNK public computer usage increased 14.56% from the previous quarter and remained virtually unchanged year-on-year (-0.23%).
- Wi-Fi usage declined by 12.35% from Quarter 3 and by 6.85% compared to the same period last year, although Paeroa continues to have the highest usage levels, particularly among students.

Overall Assessment

The 2025/26 financial year saw libraries deliver a wide range of successful programmes, events, and services while continuing to provide accessible reading and information resources for the community. The opening of the new Hauraki Plains Library and Community Centre has generated very positive results, with July and August 2026 showing strong growth in community engagement and library usage.

The library's immediate focus is on embedding the new Hauraki Plains facility, building community participation, and supporting staff development, while maintaining sustainable collection growth and promoting services across the district.

8 LOOKING FORWARD: FOCUS FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

Staff will focus on allocating available grant funding, supporting community groups to access both Council and external funding opportunities, and monitoring funds with limited or oversubscribed balances. Promotion of community funding programmes and assistance with funding applications will continue.

Key social priorities include progressing the EECA Community Resilience Programme, delivering further Warmer Kiwi Homes installations, reviewing the future direction of Better Futures Hauraki, and strengthening collaboration across community organisations. Planning will also continue for citizenship ceremonies, Whānau Day Out, and promotion of future Creative Communities Scheme funding rounds.

Community advocacy will remain a priority, with ongoing support for local organisations seeking external funding and assistance to secure funding for community and Council-led projects that contribute to community wellbeing and resilience.

Economically, priorities include business support, mobile traders project and the Mackaytown fibre project. Gr8 Job Hauraki has secured funding for 2026/27 and will work towards reaching its target for the financial year. Preparations are underway for summer events and district promotion.

Over the next two quarters, library services will focus on strengthening community engagement and outreach across the district, with particular emphasis on supporting the successful establishment and growth of the new Hauraki Plains Library and Community Centre. Priorities include training and integrating new staff, building participation in programmes and events, and continuing to develop strong relationships with local schools, community groups, and residents.

Over the next one to two years, the focus will be on maintaining sustainable collection development while carefully managing budgets, promoting library services through a diverse range of programmes and community activities, and monitoring developments associated with the Head Start process and regional library service initiatives. Libraries will continue to adapt and expand services to meet community needs while fostering lifelong learning, literacy, digital inclusion, and community connection across the Hauraki District.

Ko te pae tawhiti, whāia kia tata; ko te pai tata, whakamaua kia tina.

9 WHAKAPAI | APPROVAL

Prepared by	Community Growth Team
Reviewed by	John McIver Community Growth Manager
Approved by	Peter Thom Group Manager Community Development and Regulatory

Footnote: The Library Services report was summarised using CoPilot AI.

APPENDIX A - BETTER FUTURES HAURAKI MINUTES 20.08.26

Better Futures Hauraki Forum

OPEN MINUTES



Minutes of a meeting of the Better Futures Hauraki Forum held in the Paeroa Memorial Hall, Normanby Road Paeroa on Thursday 20 August 2026, at 9.00am.

PRESENT

Mark Ambler	Family Relationship Services Trust
Nicola Poutu	Gr8 Jobs Hauraki
Max McLean	Hato Hone St John Waihi
Pam Dilnott	Hauraki CAB
Cr Anne Marie Spicer (Chair)	Hauraki District Council
Katie McLaren	Hauraki District Council
Sally Christie	Hauraki Family Violence Intervention Network
Liz Sydney	Ministry of Social Development
Gina Battisti	Ministry of Social Development
Nikki Tyrell-Baxter	Order of St John
Bryce Millar	Paeroa Baptist Church
Nehemiah Williams	Paeroa College
Wanda Leadbeater	Rural Support Trust
Rob Corkill	Sport Waikato
Melanie Wilson	Te Wananga o Aotearoa
Louise West	Te Whatu Ora

Meeting Open | Karakia timatanga: Cr. Anne-Marie Spicer

Welcome and Introductions

Those in attendance provided introductions and highlighted anything front of mind for their organisations.

Issues from last BFH Meeting

Council staff provided an update on the key issues identified at the BFH meeting held on 17 October 2024 and the progress made against agreed actions.

The primary issues raised at the previous meeting were:

- Youth wellbeing, support, and engagement.
- Cost of living pressures, food insecurity, and financial hardship.
- Loneliness, isolation, and lack of social connection, particularly among older residents.
- Health and access to health services.

Additional concerns included housing and public transport.

Progress on previous Actions

- Community event promotion and connections: Council continues to promote community events as opportunities arise and connects groups with resources, funding opportunities, and relevant local, regional, and national organisations when requested.
- Centralised social services information: While a number of community service directories exist, there is currently no single comprehensive database that captures all available support services across the district.
- Community Open Days/Service Showcases: Council has partnered with Te Korowai to deliver successful Whānau Days in Waihi and Paeroa, providing opportunities for social service organisations to inform residents about available support and services.
- Paeroa Community Garden: Discussions and work relating to the Community Garden initiative remain ongoing.

Next Steps

The Chair invited participants to discuss these priority issues in groups, focusing on:

- Whether the issues remain relevant.
- Practical actions that could be taken over the next 6 to 12 months.
- Opportunities for increased collaboration between agencies and organisations.
- Development of clear, achievable actions to address community needs.

Breakout session

Summary of Discussion

Participants agreed that the four key priorities are interconnected and need to be addressed collectively rather than in isolation. A strong sense of place, identity, and belonging was identified as the foundation for community wellbeing, with the view that strengthening community connections makes it easier to address wider social challenges.

Key themes raised included:

- Social isolation and loneliness, particularly in rural communities and among older people.
- The importance of parenting support and education programmes.

- The opportunities and challenges created by technology and AI, including benefits for children and communities, concerns about job displacement, and the need for responsible use.
- The value of community events and early intervention activities that bring people together, build relationships, and strengthen local networks.
- A need for better information sharing, as many people are unaware of available services, groups, events, and support.
- The importance of promoting respect, positivity, and understanding, particularly in a climate where blame can sometimes outweigh accountability.

The discussion also highlighted significant social and economic pressures affecting communities, including:

- Rising cost of living pressures and increasing financial hardship.
- Growth in KiwiSaver hardship withdrawals and food insecurity.
- Limited access to healthcare due to staffing shortages.
- Youth and older residents experiencing a sense of hopelessness regarding employment and future opportunities.
- Challenges associated with methamphetamine use, family violence, and barriers to employment due to drug testing requirements.
- Ongoing issues of digital exclusion, particularly for older populations.
- General concerns about workforce capacity across support services.

There was also discussion about community preparedness for future events, including concerns that people may not be taking seasonal risks and emergency preparedness messaging seriously.

Actions

Katie

- Investigate and map existing community groups, meetings, networks, and initiatives across the district.
- Complete a stocktake of current community services and activities meetings, identifying gaps and opportunities for better coordination.
- Explore options for a centralised source of information on community groups, services, events, and support available across the district.
- Receive and promote information from organisations about community initiatives and events through appropriate Council channels.

Council - BFH

- Explore opportunities to hold both district-wide and localised BFH/community meetings with greater structure and information sharing.
- Consider supporting smaller, community-based hui in locations such as Paeroa, Ngatea, Waihi, and other rural communities.
- Investigate ways to improve face-to-face engagement opportunities, recognising limitations of newsletters, emails, websites, and social media.
- Continue strengthening information-sharing mechanisms between agencies, organisations, and communities.
- Consider how Council can assist in venue provision, meeting facilitation, and community connection activities.

Community and Agency Partners

- Share information on programmes, services, and community events to support wider promotion and awareness.

- Explore opportunities for **Whānau Days** and similar initiatives, including delivery within smaller communities where possible.
- Investigate partnership opportunities with organisations such as the **Hauraki Māori** Trust Board and other local groups.
- Promote positive messaging, inclusion, and respectful community dialogue while encouraging accountability rather than blame.

Future Considerations

- Improve community awareness of available employment, social, financial, and health support services.
- Explore strategies to address isolation, food insecurity, digital exclusion, and barriers to employment.
- Strengthen community preparedness and engagement around seasonal and emergency planning.
- Develop a clearer understanding of current service staffing capacity and emerging community needs.

Wrap up/next steps

- Undertake a stocktake of existing community groups and networks across Hauraki, including what groups currently meet, their purpose, and who they serve, to identify any gaps, overlaps, or opportunities for collaboration.
- Investigate existing community information platforms and directories for social services and support and explore opportunities to strengthen or build on these rather than creating something new. Examples discussed included:
 - o Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)
 - o Here2Help
 - o Hauraki PHO
 - o Other relevant local service directories and platforms.
- Review the purpose and role of the BFH forum to ensure it remains relevant, adds value for members, and effectively supports collaboration, information sharing, and action across the district.

These actions will help establish a clearer picture of existing community resources, improve access to information for residents, and strengthen coordination between agencies, organisations, and community groups.

Meeting Close | Karakia whakamutunga: Cr. Anne-Marie Spicer. 11.15am.

Next Meeting: TBC

APPENDIX B - LIFE EDUCATION TRUST ANNUAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT 25-26

**ANNUAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT**

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date received

14.08.26

Date acknowledged

14.08.26

Annual funding amount

\$ 5,000

Committee

Council

Organisation name

Life Education Trust Waikato East

Reporting period (e.g. July 2021 to June 2022)

July 2025-June 2026

Progress against milestones (refer Letter of Agreement for details)

Event/activity	Status (e.g. on track, delayed, completed) and description
Life Education Trust Waikato East website info https://www.lifeeducation.org.nz	On track -The new committee will be updated at the AGM
Promotion/advertising of social services and events	On track-we have recently held a Wear Yellow For Harold awareness day.
Activity meeting with HDC Community Development Advisor (Social)	We are in contact with council staff when needed
Reporting to Council (Manaaki Toiora Committee)	We are willing to report in person on request



Progress against performance targets ([refer s4.0 Letter of Agreement](#) for details)

Measures	Targets	Actuals
Financial sustainability – percentage of annual budget from non-Council sources	Growth from 2024-2025 percentage	97% This major increase is due mainly to change in HDC grant amount.
Financial management	Balanced budget	See attached ledger report
Deliver school teaching programmes within the Hauraki District	>90% of schools within the Hauraki District visited biennially(>60% annually), with >80% students involved in teaching programmes	Hauraki district has 21 schools we visit over a 2 year cycle. Most of these are seen annually. The Ministry of Education statistics show that numbers are similar for 2025 and thus far for 2026.

Progress against latest performance review recommendations (if applicable)

Review recommendation	Status (e.g. on track, delayed, completed) and description
n/a	



Budgeted and actual income

Provide details for the full most recent financial year

Income source	Budgeted amount (\$)	Actual amount (\$)
Hauraki District Council	5000	5000
Other grants and donations	97844	99262
Earned income (including interest)	48500	47785.56
Total income	151344	152047.56

Budgeted and actual operational expenditure

Provide details for the latest period only

Expenditure item	Budgeted amount (\$)	Actual amount (\$)
Wages/salary	97000	103144.38
Rent or lease, rates		
Other operational costs	16400	14051.68
Event-related costs	30200	36177.42
Miscellaneous		
Total expenditure	143600	153373.48

Capital expenditure (on assets)

Provide details of any significant capital expenditure over the past year and how this was funded

Capital items	Amount (\$)	Funding source/s
Computer	2000	2500





Key achievements

Briefly summarise 'good news' stories and key achievements of your organisation in the community over the past year

Event/activity	Description
"Good news" letter received from a visitor to the classroom.	See attachments

Key challenges and risks

Briefly summarise key challenges and risks for your organisation over the past year

Challenge/risk	Description
Issues with mobile classroom	This is top of our list for replacement as it continues to have issues. We have received quotes and are working through the process
Moving the classroom	The Hauraki area roading offers challenges to moving this. And we rely on kindness of businesses to move it.
Enlisting volunteers	We have changes in our trustees and we are looking at ways to extend our volunteer base with specific skills needed
Sponsors and funders	We have lost some long-term ones so are seeking new avenues for funding





Checklist

Organisations in receipt of \$10,000 or more annual funding must also submit the following:

- . Reviewed financial statements
- ☐ Chair's Report to the Annual General Meeting

Declaration

We the undersigned declare the following:

- We have acknowledged the receipt of Hauraki District Council funding in our organisation's accounts or a note in our organisation's Annual Report
- If requested by Hauraki District Council, we will provide any files or records that relate to the expenditure of this funding for inspection
- We acknowledge that if this funding has been misappropriated and no appropriate remedial action taken then Hauraki District Council may recover the funding and may deem our organisation to be ineligible for further funding
- The details we have given in all sections of this report are true and correct to the best of our knowledge, and reasonable evidence has been provided to support our accountability report.

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Daytime phone number	Email address
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Position (e.g. Chair, Director)	
Trustee-Funding	
Signature	Date
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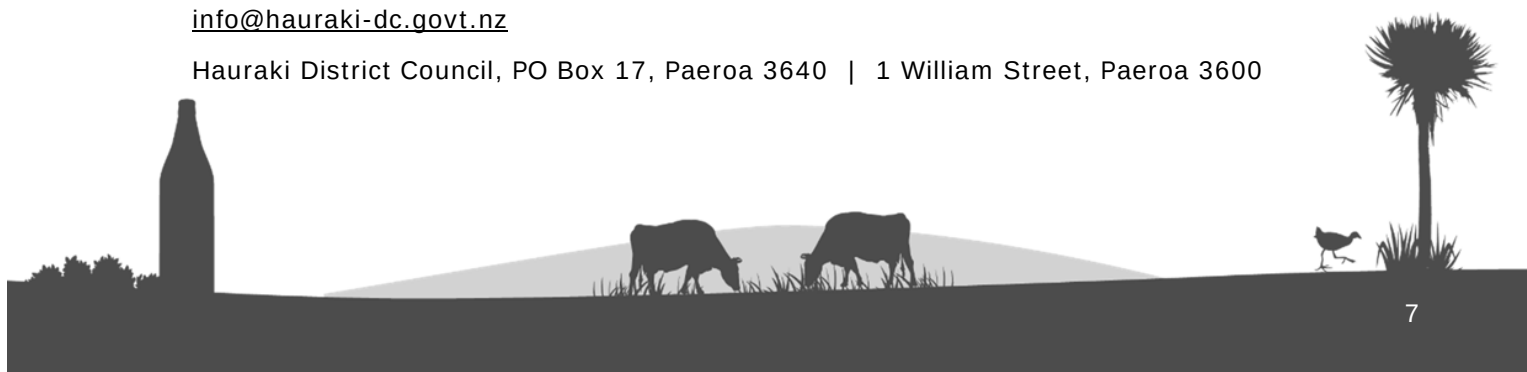
Submit your form

Please submit your completed accountability form by email, post or in person to:

Attn: Community Development Administrator

info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Hauraki District Council, PO Box 17, Paeroa 3640 | 1 William Street, Paeroa 3600



Actuals to June 2026 - Taken from Ledger Printouts. GST Exclusive figures.													
Life Education Trust	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	YTD Total
Income													
School Income	3,113.00	1,501.87	3,468.00	1,744.50	1,611.50	2,733.48		154.00	2,931.50	412.50	1,204.50	2,051.50	20,926.35
Harold Club Membership				8.70					17.40	21.75			47.85
Donations Received	163.00			590.00		100.00			3,580.00	2,825.00	2,200.00		9,458.00
Fundraising													-
Interest Received	21.74	23.91	19.70	11.69	4.64	16,389.35	2.07	1.29	916.58	6.84	6.18	6.64	17,410.63
Merchandise Sales	(321.62)	77.39		169.57		17.39							(57.27)
Total Other Income	2,976.12	1,603.17	3,487.70	2,524.46	1,616.14	19,240.22	2.07	155.29	7,445.48	3,266.09	3,410.68	2,058.14	47,785.56
Grants Received													
Hauraki District Council						2,500.00					2,500.00		5,000.00
Matamata Piako District Council		15,000.00											15,000.00
Thames Coromandel D	12,562.00												12,562.00
Waikato District Council													-
COGS Grant	3,500.00												3,500.00
Waikato Farmers Trust							10,000.00						10,000.00
Lion Foundation									30,000.00				30,000.00
Other Grants Received													-
Gallagher Trust & Foundation											11,000.00		11,000.00
One Foundation													-
Pub Charity				2,850.00						2,850.00			5,700.00
NZ Lotteries													-
DV Bryant Trust				1,500.00									1,500.00
Valder Trust						10,000.00							10,000.00
Total Grants Received	16,062.00	15,000.00	-	4,350.00	-	12,500.00	10,000.00	-	30,000.00	2,850.00	13,500.00	-	104,262.00
Total Income	19,038.12	16,603.17	3,487.70	6,874.46	1,616.14	31,740.22	10,002.07	155.29	37,445.48	6,116.09	16,910.68	2,058.14	152,047.56
Expenses													
Wages & PAYE	10,902.02	9,136.40	9,136.40	7,923.06	6,628.01	10,516.11	9,213.26	7,923.02	7,923.06	7,920.00	7,961.52	7,961.52	103,144.38
Blocks & Sheds							2,500.00						2,500.00
Motor Vehicle Fuel & M	492.25	577.98	933.74	659.40	652.38	786.51	89.11	707.69	661.55	932.51	464.46	392.27	7,349.85
Educators Accommodati	2,533.53	1,323.33	2,843.69	9.00	80.66	512.17	1,527.35	(121.43)	2,978.37	208.06	1,003.02	3,997.22	16,894.97
General Repairs & Maintenance		57.50	433.91		134.21	2,591.73		228.26					3,445.61
ACC Levies		196.86											196.86
Ads / Printing / Station	48.02							148.68	7.82				204.52
Bank Charges							65.00	35.00					100.00
Educational Supplies	618.64	913.02	625.65	32.52	2,562.94	344.10	199.13	67.05	1,563.91	541.69	1,157.95	822.00	9,448.60
Conference Expenses	1,310.09												1,310.09
Audit Fees	900.00					950.00							1,850.00
General expenses													-
Dinner Expenses	1,173.91												1,173.91
Telephone & Tolls	57.99	60.43	60.43	60.60	60.60	63.44	60.43	60.43	62.58	60.43	250.86	60.86	919.08
Charities Annual Fee	44.44												44.44
Gifts	229.57					654.73				86.96	86.96		1,058.22
Insurance	1,071.55		4,062.12								1,099.28		6,232.95
Total expenses	19,382.01	12,265.52	18,095.94	8,684.58	10,118.80	16,418.79	13,654.28	9,048.70	13,197.29	9,749.65	12,024.05	13,233.87	155,873.48
Cash Surplus / Deficit	(343.89)	4,337.65	(14,608.24)	(1,810.12)	(8,502.66)	15,321.43	(3,652.21)	(8,893.41)	24,248.19	(3,633.56)	4,886.63	(11,175.73)	(3,825.92)
Cheque Account	75,459.38	81,564.94	67,159.98	32,026.61	27,216.76	26,384.95	19,673.62	10,544.76	83,291.87	78,936.98	83,643.33	72,145.80	
Term Deposits	245,592.90	245,592.90	245,592.90	245,592.90	245,592.90	288,896.88	288,896.88	288,896.88	240,091.34	240,091.34	240,091.34	240,091.34	
Credit Card	(1,025.77)	(776.15)	(1,443.13)	(795.71)	(871.99)	(763.09)	(1,027.58)	(932.62)	(974.81)	(462.82)	(336.23)	(497.58)	
Total Cash in Bank	320,026.51	326,381.69	311,309.75	276,823.80	271,937.67	314,518.74	307,542.92	298,509.02	322,408.40	318,565.50	323,398.44	311,739.56	

APPENDIX C - PAEROA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT



SIX-MONTHLY FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date received	12.08.26	Date acknowledged	12.08.26
Six-monthly amount	\$ 2,000	Committee	Council

Organisation name

Paeroa & District Historical Society Inc

Reporting period (e.g. July to December 2024)

Jan to June 26

Progress against milestones (refer Letter of Agreement for details)

Event/activity	Status (e.g. on track, delayed, completed) and description
Networking & relationship building	On track again - We have had planning meetings to arrange visits to other museums and have interaction with The NZ History Federation who is going to hold their annual conference in Paeroa
Facebook	On track - fairly regular input of photos and info
Promo/advertising	On track with facebook
Additions to the collection	On track - we have regular additions and have recently had a model train (Karangahake mining) donated
Membership is kept up to date with operations	On track - quarterly newsletters
Activity meeting with HDC CDA	
Reporting to Council	On track but a little late



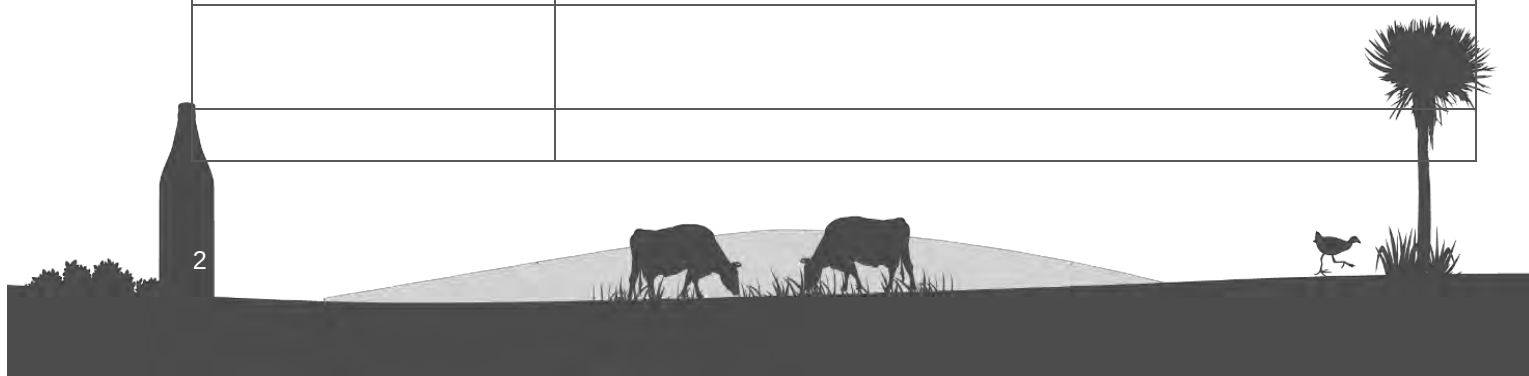


Progress against performance targets (refer to point 4. Letter of Agreement for details)

Measures	Targets	Actuals
Financial Sustainability	Growth on previous years	We continue to have both overseas & local visitors & clubs visiting overall steady. We have had a couple of wins in funding applications and continuous donations of time and money. We encourage donations for our research. We had a substantial donation from a member for the internal repair of the water damage and to help with earthquake proofing the building
Facebook	5% increase	Continue to have increased following
Information provided to enquirers is up to date	Zero complaints	No complaints but plenty of praise for our museum & our research both from locals, NZ wide and further. We have had some lovely feed back about the extent of our research and generosity of time but some have given donations for this
Membership & visitor numbers	Visitor numbers increase	Visitor numbers were down over 2025 but we have started to see and increase along with an increase in membership. Groups are visit
Financial management	Balanced budget	We are still continuing to find ways to keeping costs down

Progress against latest performance review recommendations (if applicable)

Review recommendation	Status (e.g. on track, delayed, completed) and description
	Didn't have any in fact no one got back to me with any feedback at all





Budgeted and actual income for the period

Provide details for the latest period only

Income source	Budgeted amount (\$)	Actual amount (\$)
Hauraki District Council		0.00
Other grants and donations		62485.20
Earned income (including interest)		1820.74
Total income		64305.94

Budgeted and actual operational expenditure for the period

Provide details for the latest period only

Expenditure item	Budgeted amount (\$)	Actual amount (\$)
Wages/salary		0.00
Rent or lease, rates		686.05
Other operational costs		1548.38
Event-related costs		0.00
Miscellaneous		19575.04
Total expenditure		21809.47

Capital expenditure (on assets) for the period

Provide details of any significant capital expenditure over the latest period and how this was funded

Capital items	Amount (\$)	Funding source/s
Re roof main building	10,000	NZCT
Ramp for code of compliance	4600	Donations
Kick Plates/Painting toilet	330	Donations





Key achievements for the period

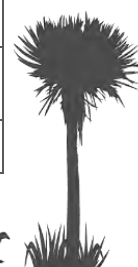
Briefly summarise 'good news' stories and key achievements of your organisation in the community over the past period

Event / activity	Description
Re-roofing the main part of the building	We now don't need pots pans and buckets to catch the rain water
Grant applications	Successful grant application to repair the remaining roof which is completed. The journal is underway
Racecourse	Continued support for the former Racecourse with donations which in turn we help them out with history of the racing club
Display	We have been gifted a train set that depicts the Karangahake mining scene. We have received delivery of this and were fortunate to have a generous donation to be able to achieve delivery which was difficult because of it's size and weight. We are now in the process of re-assembling it and then look forward to being able to have it running

Key challenges and risks for the period

Briefly summarise key challenges and risks for your organisation over the past period

Challenge / risk	Description
Volunteers	To keep the museum open requires volunteers which is a challenge and also volunteers for research
Code of Compliance for the extension	On-going but we are getting closer
Recruiting younger members	A challenge to do this. We have an aging membership/committee members
Displays/accessioning	Getting enough people to help with setting new displays and getting the accessioning up to date
Funding	Rising costs are a challenge and funding is harder to get





Declaration

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First name	Last name
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Daytime phone number	Email address
0272 972102	paeroamuseum@gmail.com
Position (e.g. Chair, Director)	
Treasurer	
Signature	Date
K Petch	11 th August 2026

Submit your form

Please submit your completed accountability form by email, post or in person to:

Attn: Community Development Advisor (Social)

info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Hauraki District Council, PO Box 17, Paeroa 3640 | 1 William Street, Paeroa 3600



APPENDIX D - WAIHI ART CENTRE & MUSEUM ANNUAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT 25-26



ANNUAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date received	01/07/26	Date acknowledged	01/07/26
Annual funding amount	\$ 2,000.00	Committee	Council

Organisation name

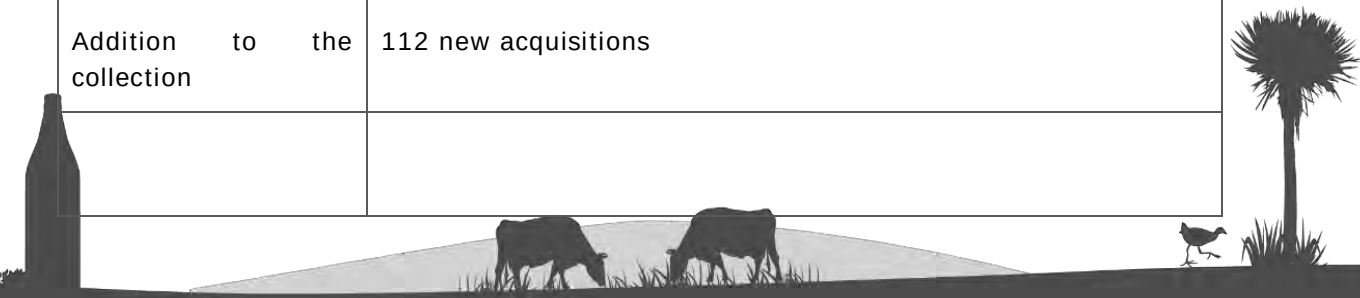
Waihi Arts centre and Museum

Reporting period (e.g. July 2024 to June 2025)

July 2025 to June 2026

Progress against milestones (refer Letter of Agreement for details)

Event/activity	Status (e.g. on track, delayed, completed) and description
Networking and relationship building	On track Talk given to local Greypower group
Facebook and website	On track Website regularly updated. Facebook used regularly
Promotion and advertising	On track Advertisements in the Local phone directory. Local map pad. Video at the I-site Board by railway station Upgraded new signage. Facebook Promoted by I-site
Addition to the collection	112 new acquisitions





Progress against performance targets (refer s4.0 Letter of Agreement for details)

Measures	Targets	Actuals
Financial sustainability- percentage of annual budget from non-council sources increases each year	Growth on previous years	
		2026 2025
		Group visits 1650 877
		Research 574 496
		Subscriptions 396 343
		Other grants 8780 1542
Financial management	Balanced budget	Yes
Facebook hits per annum	5% increase on previous 12 months	Yes
Website visits per annum	Growth on previous years	2024: 2.4K 2025: 2.5k 2026: 2.8k
Information provided to enquirers is up-to-date	Zero complaints	Yes. No complaints
Visitor numbers, trends and satisfaction surveys	Visitor numbers increase per annum	2025 2024
		2460 1989
		(Annual visitor numbers)
		Closed for new roof installation 2026

Progress against latest performance review recommendations (if applicable)

Review recommendation	Status (e.g. on track, delayed, completed) and description
N/A	



Budgeted and actual income

Provide details for the full most recent financial year

Income source	Budgeted amount (\$)	Actual amount (\$)
Hauraki District Council	\$2000	\$2000
Other grants and donations	\$8000	\$8780
Earned income (including interest)	\$18000	\$24378
Total income		\$35158

Budgeted and actual operational expenditure

Provide details for the latest period only

Expenditure item	Budgeted amount (\$)	Actual amount (\$)
Wages/salary	0	0
Rent or lease, rates	\$50	\$50
Other operational costs	\$20950	\$33585
Event-related costs		
Miscellaneous		
Total expenditure		\$33635

Capital expenditure (on assets)

Provide details of any significant capital expenditure over the past year and how this was funded

Capital items	Amount (\$)	Funding source/s





Key achievements

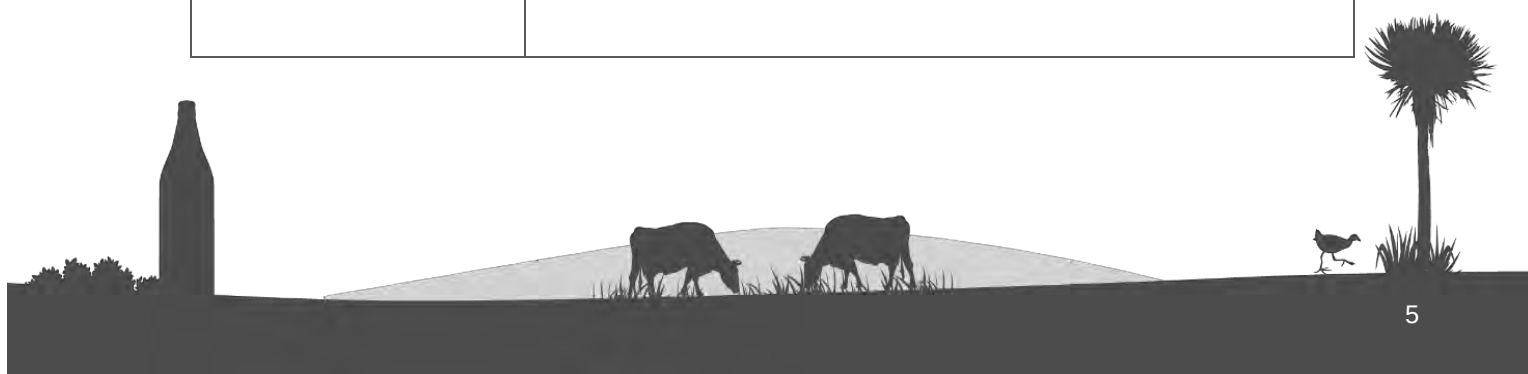
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Event/activity	Description
Exhibition	From Chalk to Chrome
Exhibition	Fibre Crafts Expo
Minerals cabinet	Opening glass front. Tidy up of items on display.
New roof installed	Also installation which has warmed up areas.

Key challenges and risks for the quarter

Briefly summarise key challenges and risks for your organisation over the past year

Challenge/risk	Description
Number of volunteers	Had some changes in volunteer numbers- less than usual available.





Checklist

Organisations in receipt of \$10,000 or more annual funding must also submit the following:

- ☐ Reviewed financial statements
- ☐ Chair's Report to the Annual General Meeting

Declaration

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Administrator	
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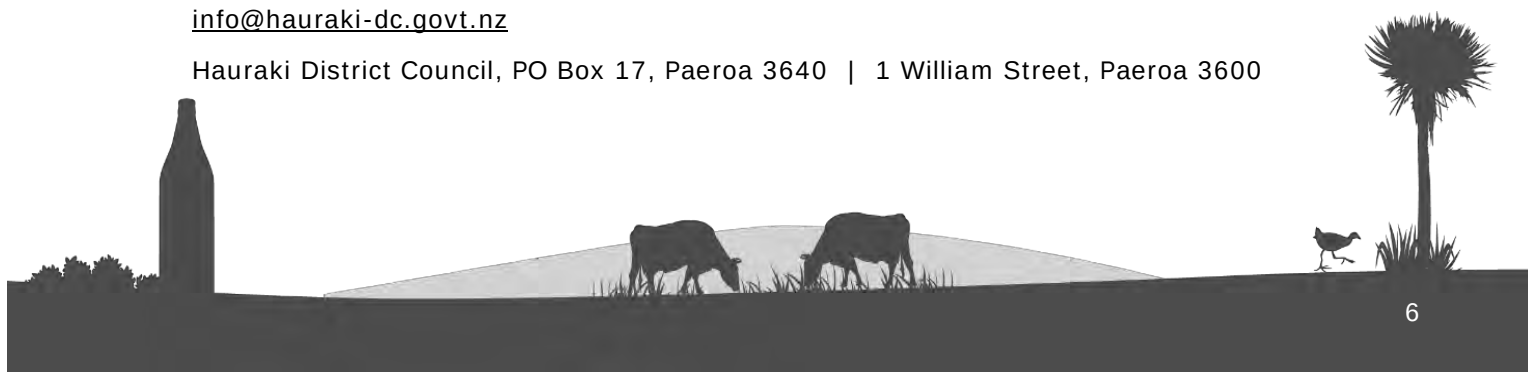
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APPENDIX E - CREATIVE WAIKATO ANNUAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT 25-26

ANNUAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date received	21/07/26	Date acknowledged	21/07/26
Six-monthly amount	\$5,000.00	Committee	Council

Organisation name

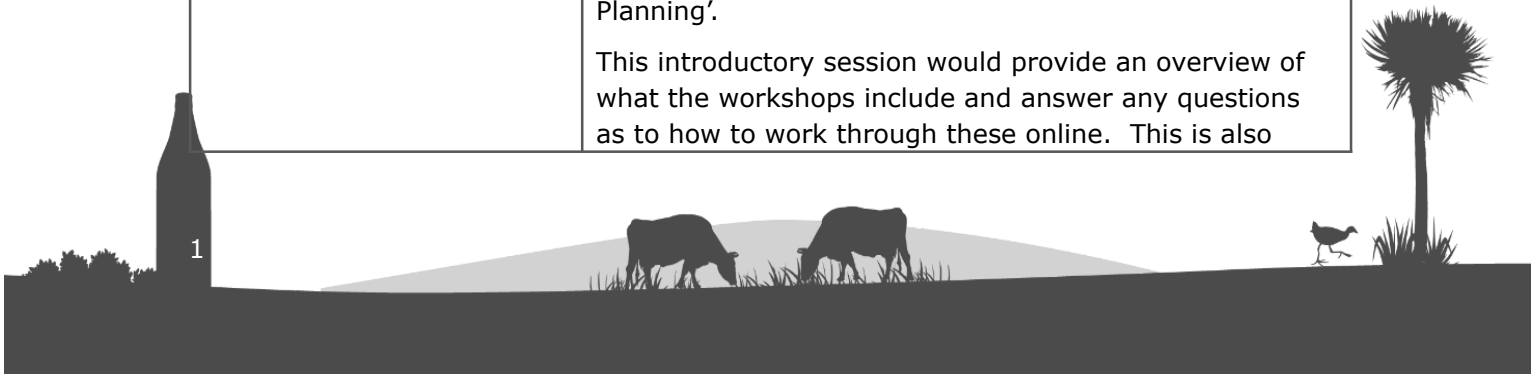
Creative Waikato

Reporting period (e.g. July to December 2024)

1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

Progress against milestones (refer Letter of Agreement for details)

Event/activity	Status (e.g. on track, delayed, completed) and description
Capability building support	Provide Elevate, Creativity Every Day, ArtReach and other relevant programmes to the people and communities of the Hauraki District. 3% of users utilising our online platform that hosts our 11 ArtReach capability building workshops are located in the Hauraki District as of July 14 2026. This is in proportion to district populations. Our users in Hauraki District continue to grow in small numbers as groups and organisations find time to navigate upskilling with the demands of hands-on mahi. ArtReach workshop ‘tasters’ We have been in discussions with HDC Community Development Advisor, Katie McLaren regarding the possibility of showcasing a couple of ArtReach capability building workshops as potential ‘tasters’ for the Hauraki creativity community i.e., ‘Governance’ and ‘Strategic Planning’. This introductory session would provide an overview of what the workshops include and answer any questions as to how to work through these online. This is also





referred to as an activity under 'HDC Community Development Advisor' below.

Toi Maaori

18 February 2026

Kereama Clarke, our Kaiwhakahaere i nga mahi toi/Regional Maaori Arts Developer had a hui with artists Ngākoma (Koma) and Walter from Hauraki about a toi Maaori programme (Walter) is doing. This programme is tailored to rangatahi interested in mahi toi and has been delivered for the past 7 years.

Koma is restarting a music program that he developed that is more centered around rangatahi who are interested in rapping. Koma asked about funding options that could be beneficial and Kerama sent him links to potential funding on our website as well as more information about our ArtReach (free online capability building programme).

CCS Administrator's meeting

4 May 2026

Creative Waikato hosted a CCS Administrator's meeting, which was an opportunity for CCS administrators from around the Waikato region to come together to share their experiences in running CCS in their districts. We also shared Creative Waikato resources. Rebecca Kunin and staff from Creative New Zealand also shared updates on upcoming initiatives.

At the end of this meeting everyone was given a tour of the new BNZ theatre.

Kaitiakitanga - Commission Opportunity

8 June 2026

With funding from Len Reynolds Trust and Trust Waikato, we held an expression of interest to commission 20 Waikato creatives to create original work in response to climate change.

<https://creativewaikato.co.nz/news/kaitiakitanga-futures-through-creativity-call-for-proposals>

This expression of interest saw interest from a majority of our 10 districts, with 1.4% of applications from Hauraki.





Digital channels	Live relevant and maintained. Social media has included highlighting how Creative Waikato is out in our region connecting with communities. Creativity Lives in Waikato continues to be a popular collection of celebrating Waikato creatives which feature 3 Hauraki based artists. https://kotahitangagallery.nz/creativity-lives-in-waikato We have recently collaborated with Waikato District Council to now add organisation profiles, which created more longform storytelling about the mahi happening in communities, there is an opportunity for us to work with Hauraki District Council on commissioning these types of stories if that is of interest: https://kotahitangagallery.nz/creativity-lives-in-waikato/organisations
Promotion/advertising of services and events available to Hauraki creatives	Co-ordinated. We continue to share and highlight opportunities that benefit all creatives in our region including Hauraki. This includes access to capability building resources such as ArtReach, funding workshops, relevant new stories and our E-newsletters (CW News and Things To Do).
Activity meeting with HDC Community Development Advisor	3 September 2025 Creative Waikato attended the online public launch of <i>'The Hauraki Opportunity: Research and Results'</i>. A useful study of wellbeing measurements that can support robust decision-making moving forward. 9 September 2025 Had a good catch-up with Katie, discussion focused on the following: Possibility to reach out to other groups in district i.e; Paeroa Little Theatre and Waihi Drama Society and some Maaori group and organisations, and information about some upcoming arts events. We also discussed the possibility to work together to garner groups' interest for 'ArtReach' taster. I'll send Katie the CW 'ArtReach' article once its done.



Strategic considerations

Manaaki Toi Ora Strategy - Katie will look at actions and more pathways for arts and culture (committee). Other potential avenues:

Placemaking Plans - art into entrances, roadways

Public Art Policy

17 March 2026

Hauraki DC 'Public Art Tour' Hamilton CBD

Creative Waikato hosted Katie and some staff from Hauraki District Council on a public art tour of the Hamilton CBD.





	Moving forward Creative Waikato and Katie look forward to touching base in the next few months to discuss some joint achievable outcomes moving forward.
Reporting to Council (Maanaki Toiora Committee)	This completed report template is in satisfaction of this.





Progress against performance targets (refer to point 4. Letter of Agreement for details)

Measures	Targets	Actuals
Financial sustainability - percentage of annual budget from non-Council sources increases each year	Growth on previous years	Annual budget is primarily sourced from a community funder and is based on a 3-year funding cycle.
Financial management	Balanced budget	Balanced budget
Information provided to clients is relevant and is up-to-date	Zero complaints	Zero complaints
Maintain a network of trained staff to facilitate community support	Sufficient staff are provided to support programmes and initiatives	Sufficient staff are provided to support programmes and initiatives
Provide evidence of numbers of people helped in Hauraki for the services provided for each six-month period	Current numbers are maintained or improved upon within each 6-month period and >90% are satisfied with this service	Programme engagement is through digital platforms and bespoke delivery (as outlined in previous sections). Our core focus has been on strategic work that has a broad scope of sector support.

Progress against latest performance review recommendations (if applicable)

Review recommendation	Status (e.g. on track, delayed, completed) and description
NA	





Budgeted and actual income for the period April 2025 to March 2026

Provide details for the latest period only

Income source	Budgeted amount (\$)	Actual amount (\$)
Hauraki District Council	5,000	5,000
Other grants and donations	920,000	835,000
Earned income (including interest)	423,522	44,720
Total income	1,348,522	884,720

Budgeted and actual operational expenditure for the period

Provide details for the latest period only

Expenditure item	Budgeted amount (\$)	Actual amount (\$)
Wages/salary	731,814	613,220
Rent or lease, rates	80,838	82,496
Other operational costs	253,024	149,215
Event-related costs	42,000	1,541
Miscellaneous	127,200	4,683
Total expenditure	1,234,876	851,155

Capital expenditure (on assets) for the period

Provide details of any significant capital expenditure over the latest period and how this was funded

Capital items	Amount (\$)	Funding source/s
nil	nil	





Key achievements for the period

Briefly summarise 'good news' stories and key achievements of your organisation in the community over the past period

Event/activity	Description
Capability building	Our capability and capacity building programmes continue to be available and accessed by creatives and organisations of Hauraki District. Some of this is through web-based open access, but in our specific programmes like ArtReach suite (11 workshops provided online) show 3% of users are located in the Hauraki District as of July 14 2026. Working with local artists on bespoke support and opportunities for skills development and networking. As stated in our conversations with Katie McLaren, there may be an opportunity to provide a workshop 'taster' for our ArtReach capability building suite, so that local creatives can understand what this is and how these may assist them.
Hauraki creatives featured	Our Creativity Lives in Waikato campaign features 3 artists from the Hauraki district which aims to shine a spotlight on the diverse range of artists and creatives in our region. This campaign covered 10 districts and highlighted 42 different creatives. https://kotahitangagallery.nz/creativity-lives-in-waikato https://creativewaikato.co.nz/news/celebrating-waikatos-creative-hidden-gems This campaign includes an online platform, posters that creatives can use in their hometown and a range of different merch opportunities that will launch later this year.
Things To Do events listed	Events listed, approved and promoted via Things To Do.
Relationship with HDC Community Development Advisor	It has been great working with Katie McLaren, who is not only an asset for the council, but does a lot for her community due to her passion for arts, culture and creativity. We look forward to working further with her to develop ways, both within the council and in the community, to strengthen capability further.





Key challenges and risks for the period

Briefly summarise key challenges and risks for your organisation over the past period

Challenge/risk	Description
Local government reform	Creative Waikato acknowledges that local government is currently undergoing its most significant structural change since 1989. We appreciate the council is consulting with its communities to seek feedback on significant issues that are important to them as well as potential models moving forward. Creative Waikato offers its support in assisting with these changes, where appropriate, moving forward.
Economic volatility	The arts, culture and creative sectors continue to be vulnerable in the current economic climate. As stated previously, there are smarter ways in which councils can embed arts, culture and creativity within their own processes which can achieve broad impact. An example of this is the establishment of an 'Art in Infrastructure Policy'. Council's public art policy or planning documents may be a starting point to considering how to consider including art at the beginning of infrastructure projects resulting in potentially less cost and significant outcomes for communities and visitors.
Sustainability of community groups	Sustainability of arts groups continues to be an issue.
National government elections	Creative Waikato will continue to advocate for our communities through our 'People Make Place' campaign, which reminds our communities that they can have a say in the shape of their place. It is about putting people at the heart of decision-making.

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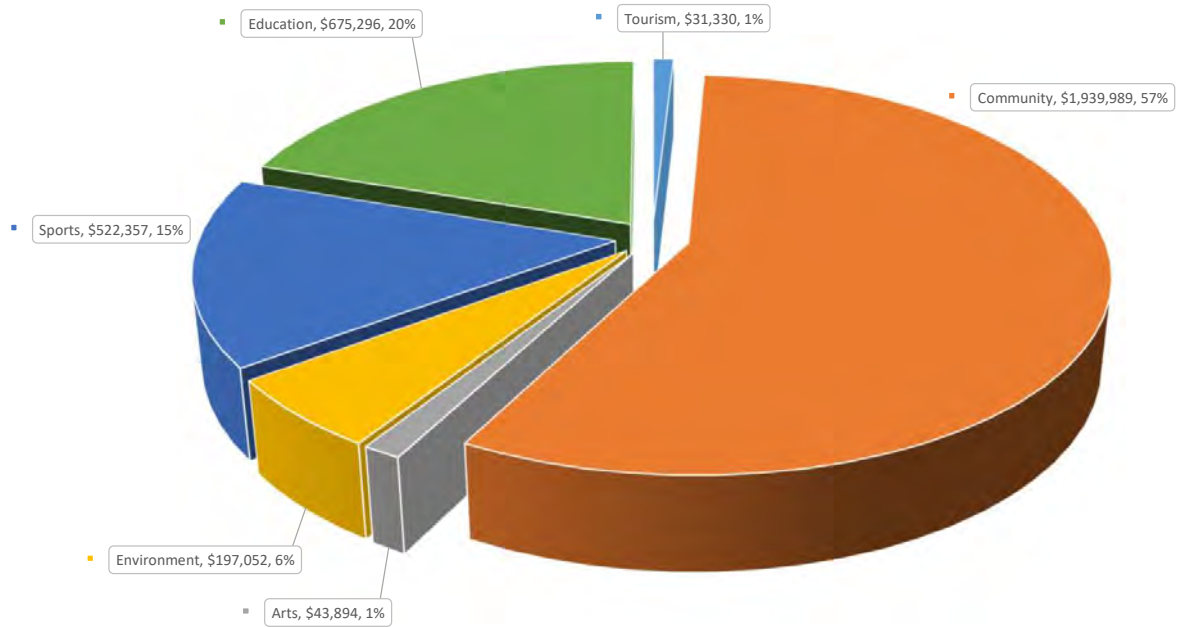
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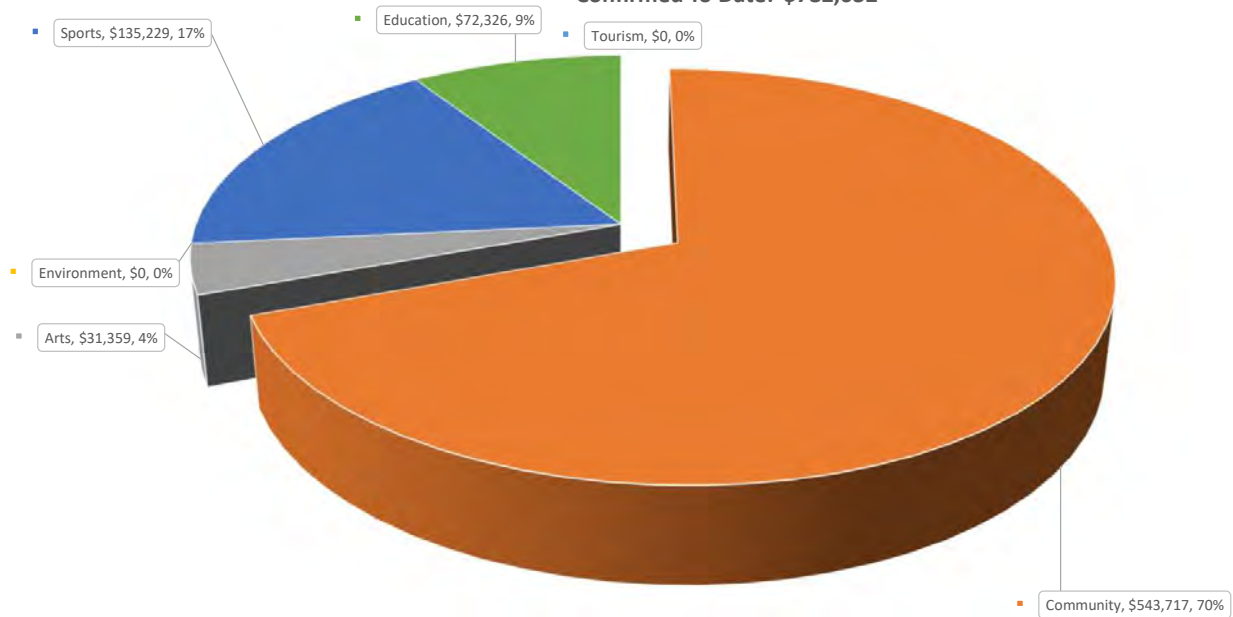
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2025 External Funding By Category
Annual Funding Confirmed : \$3,391,318



2026 External Funding By Category
Confirmed To Date: \$782,632



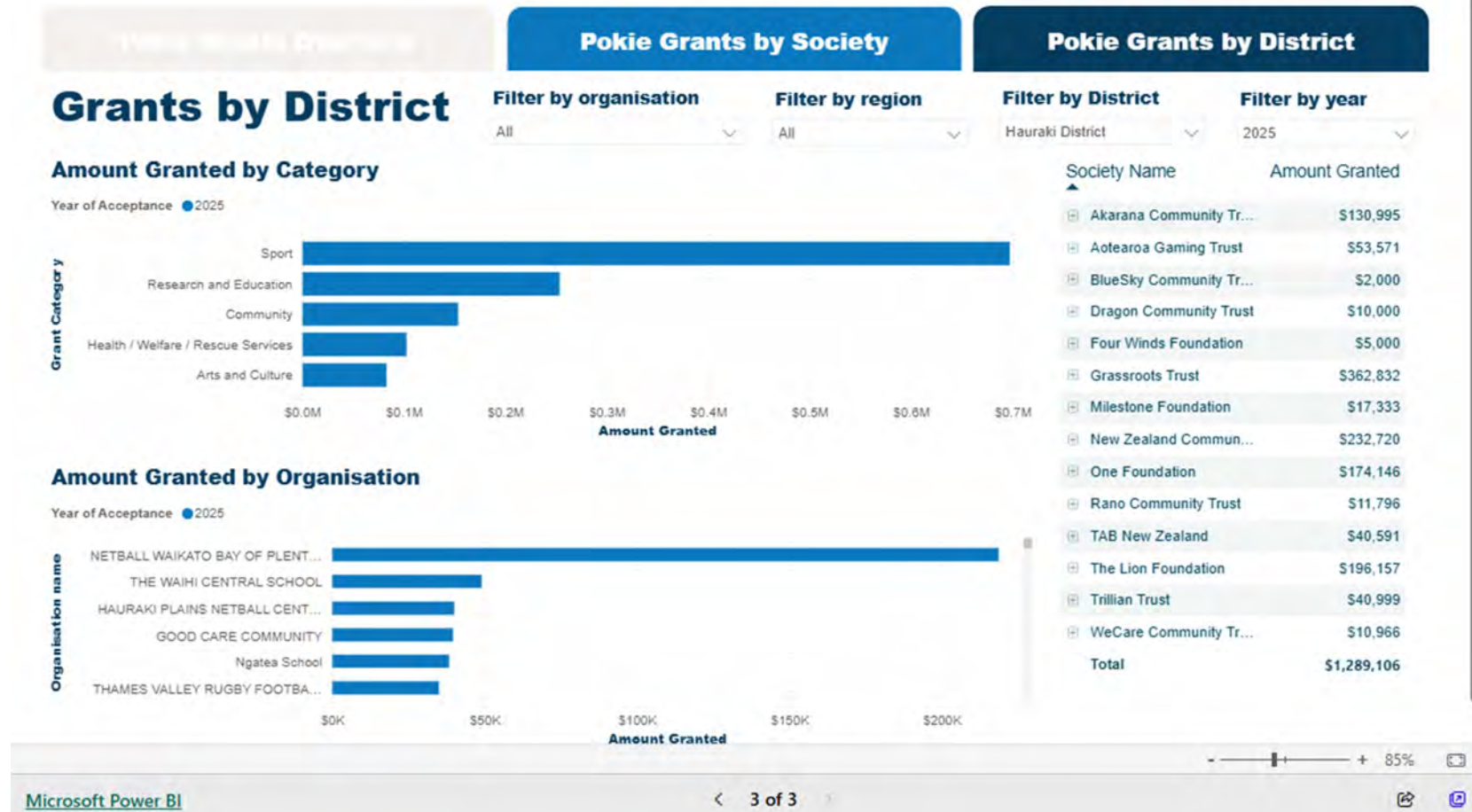
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Appendix D : DIA Granted Results 2025



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APPENDIX H - WAIKATO SCREEN ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26



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WAIKATO SCREEN NZ

Regional Film Office

Annual Stakeholder Report 2025/26

Reporting period: 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026

**Growing screen opportunity, regional
visibility and practical pathways
across the Waikato.**

Prepared June 2026

**Nine Districts.
One Connected Regional Screen Destination.**



Executive Summary



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Waikato Screen NZ has continued to strengthen the Waikato as a visible, prepared and film-friendly screen destination. Across 2025/26, the Regional Film Office supported production attraction, location facilitation, local workforce connection, regional visibility, screen tourism opportunities, education pathways and community development across the screen sector.

The year delivered measurable activity and continued momentum: 55 production and screen-related enquiries, 43 productions and screen projects supported, and 32 confirmed projects across documentaries, short films, commercials, corporate and event content, music videos, series, tourism, news, social media, podcast, video game and major international production activity. Estimated production spend supported, facilitated or tracked through Waikato Screen totalled \$6,481,525 across the region.

2025/26 Headline Results

55

Total enquiries
34% increase on 2024/25

43

Productions / projects
23% increase on 2024/25

32

Confirmed projects
Approx. 74% confirmation

\$6.48m

Estimated production
spend supported by
Waikato Screen

\$75.72

District council ROI
Returned per \$1 invested

\$27.51

Total council ROI incl.
WRC
Returned per \$1 invested

These results reflect the productions and screen-related activity that came through Waikato Screen for support, facilitation, connection or tracking. Filming activity continues to grow across the wider region, and these figures represent the measurable portion of activity where Waikato Screen had direct visibility or involvement.

Our Role as the Regional Film Office

- Attract national and international productions to the region
- Facilitate logistical support and location guidance
- Connect productions with local crew, talent, suppliers and businesses
- Showcase locations, infrastructure and film-friendly capability
- Support responsible filming and production impact management
- Coordinate enquiries across multiple districts
- Build the location library, crew directory and preferred supplier / business directory
- Develop pathways for local talent, community participation and sector growth
- Represent Waikato in national and international screen sector conversations



Year-on-Year Growth Regional Momentum

The 2025/26 year reflects a maturing Regional Film Office model, with more productions, agencies, creatives, councils, businesses and sector partners recognising Waikato Screen as the central point of connection for filming in the region.

Filming activity is growing across the wider Waikato. These statistics reflect the productions and enquiries that required Waikato Screen support, coordination or facilitation, and provide a strong indicator of increasing regional screen activity.

Measure	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Change / Story
Production enquiries	39	41	55	Growing year-on-year
Productions / projects supported	31	35	43	Continued increase
Confirmed projects	—	—	32	New reporting measure
Estimated production spend	\$3.225m*	\$6.586m	\$6.482m	Sustained above \$6.4m for two years
District council investment	\$77,381	\$70,000	\$85,600	Increased district participation
Waikato Regional Council investment	\$275,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	Three-year foundation funding
Total council investment incl. WRC	\$352,381	\$220,000	\$235,600	Ongoing stakeholder investment

* The 2023/24 production spend figure reflects six notable productions where spend data was available, rather than the full regional screen spend. Waikato Screen has continued improving production-spend tracking and reporting for stakeholders.

The increase in enquiries demonstrates growing awareness of Waikato as a film-friendly region. The increase in supported productions shows this awareness converting into practical activity, local coordination and production outcomes. 32 confirmed projects from 43 supported projects represents a confirmation rate of approximately 74%, delivering direct economic impact and community benefits.

Production Activity by Type

Type	No.	Type	No.
Documentary	5	Music	3
Short Film	8	Series	2
Commercial	12	Video Game	1
Corporate / Event	3	Tourism	2
Major International	3	Indie	1
Social Media	1	News	1
Podcast	1	Total	43



Production Spend & ROI

2025/26 regional return

A key measure of Waikato Screen's value is the direct production spend generated across the region through screen activity supported, facilitated or tracked by the Regional Film Office. For 2025/26, Waikato Screen recorded an estimated \$6,481,525 in production spend across the Waikato region.

Measure	Investment	Spend	Return
District council investment	\$85,600	\$6,481,525	\$75.72 per \$1
District councils + WRC	\$235,600	\$6,481,525	\$27.51 per \$1

Council investment supports production activity that flows into accommodation, catering, hospitality, transport, crew, talent, equipment, locations, services, local businesses and visitor activity. Production spend data is commercially sensitive and difficult to capture in full; Waikato Screen will continue improving reporting and data collection.

Production Spend by District

District / Measure	Investment	Spend	ROI
Hamilton	\$10,000	\$135,500	\$13.55
Hauraki District	\$7,500	\$526,500	\$70.20
Matamata-Piako	\$0	\$43,100	N/A
Ōtorohanga	\$3,000	\$137,000	\$45.67
South Waikato	\$4,600	\$2,500	\$0.54
Thames-Coromandel	\$15,500	\$378,050	\$24.39
Waikato District	\$28,500	\$2,536,000	\$88.98
Waipā District	\$10,000	\$2,715,375	\$271.54
Waitomo District	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$1.15
District Council Total	\$85,600	\$6,481,525	\$75.72
Waikato Regional Council	\$150,000	—	As below,inclu
Total Council Investment	\$235,600	\$6,481,525	\$27.51

Production activity often crosses district boundaries, so district-level ROI should be read as a conservative indicator of recorded local spend rather than the full regional benefit of each council's contribution.



2025/26 Trading Income

Financial position and funding alignment

For the year ended 31 March 2026, Waikato Screen NZ Limited recorded total trading income of **\$356,879.81**.

This reflects a mix of council investment, regional support, community grant funding and stakeholder contributions.

Of this, **\$295,403** relates to council, regional council and listed grant support received during the reporting period.

A further **\$54,086.75** was funding carried forward from the previous financial year to support 2025/26 delivery and align with council funding cycles.

Waikato Screen continues to grow and diversify its support base through councils, Wel Energy Trust, Trust Waikato and other community grant opportunities.

\$356,879.81

Total trading income
Year ended 31 March 2026

\$295,403

Council, regional council
and listed grant support

\$54,086.75

Grants applied in advance
from previous FY

2026/27

Clear direction, regional
support and forward
momentum

Together, this demonstrates a stable and developing regional model. Waikato Screen continues to deliver direct value back to councils, communities, businesses and the wider Waikato economy. Alongside council support, Waikato Screen continues to grow and diversify its funding base through regional and community partners including Wel Energy Trust, Trust Waikato and other community grant opportunities.

Funding Confidence

Waikato Screen enters the 2026/27 year with a stronger industry reputation, growing stakeholder confidence and a clear role as the region's trusted point of connection for screen production.

As more productions, agencies and sector partners work with Waikato Screen, the region is increasingly recognised as film-friendly, responsive and efficient to work in. This reputation matters. It gives producers confidence that filming in the Waikato can be well supported, well coordinated and commercially practical.

Council funding remains an important part of Waikato Screen's wider stakeholder support base, enabling the Regional Film Office to continue delivering production attraction, location facilitation, council coordination, industry development, regional visibility and measurable economic return.

Alongside council support, Waikato Screen continues to diversify its funding base and build confidence with community and regional funding partners, including Wel Energy Trust, Trust Waikato and other community grant opportunities. The formalisation of the Waikato Screen Charitable Trust further strengthens the wider Waikato Screen ecosystem, creating dedicated pathways for education, mentoring, scholarships, training, community programmes and future philanthropic and government funding opportunities.

Together, this demonstrates a stable and developing regional model — one that is building industry respect, growing support and positioning Waikato Screen to enter 2026/27 with confidence, credibility and momentum.

Detailed financials:

The full 2025/26 Profit and Loss Report is available as a supporting financial appendix for stakeholders requiring detailed income, expenditure and reporting information.

[Link: 2025/26 Profit and Loss 25 26 FY Profit and Loss Report](#)



Production Activity

Major releases, visibility and future pipeline

The 2025/26 year included a broad range of production activity across the region. Commercial production remained a strong contributor, while documentaries, short films, tourism content, series and independent activity continued to show the breadth of the Waikato screen pipeline.

Many productions require confidentiality during scouting, development and filming, so some Waikato Screen work remains behind the scenes until projects are released. When they reach the screen, it gives us the opportunity to celebrate the region's role and build visibility for Waikato.

Major Releases and Visibility

- Minecraft launch premiere in April 2025 created strong regional visibility and destination potential
- Chief of War premiere and NZFC industry event strengthened national screen relationships
- Predator: Badlands demonstrates the importance of remaining prepared, film-friendly and visible to major production partners

Significant 2025/26 Production Activity

- Waka Kotahi Commercial — Mercer
- Molenberg Bread TVC — Ohinewai / Maramarua
- Spark Commercial — multiple rural Waikato locations
- Toyota Commercial — Paeroa and surrounding districts
- East of Eden — Thames and Pokeno
- Umami / confidential production code — Wharepapa South and Waipā / Ōtorohanga
- Ruby Tui Documentary — Hamilton / Raglan
- 2113 Short Film — Hamilton / Raglan
- Farah Khan tourism content — Hamilton Gardens, Ruakuri Caves and Hobbiton
- Fieldays Commercial — Cambridge
- Collective Force Commercial — Lake Karapiro
- Danish Travel Programme — Waitomo
- A Confidential Production: Obsidian Feature Film

Non-Financial Enquiries and Future Pipeline

- Māori filmmaker connection and pathway enquiries
- University of Waikato actor pathways converting into 2026/27 partnership outcomes
- NZ presenter and media connections; career pathway enquiries; specific crew requests
- Casting calls; iwi and RFONZ connections; commercial location enquiries
- Major international production enquiries, Pokémon game enquiry, Minecraft 2 enquiry and BBC Great Railway Journey enquiry



Sector Development

Partnerships and regional profile

A strong Regional Film Office is not only measured by production spend. It is also measured by the relationships it builds, the rooms it is present in, the pathways it creates, the visibility it generates for the region and the confidence it gives productions, councils, creatives, funders, iwi, businesses and communities.

Major Industry Engagement and Representation

- Big Screen Symposium July 2025
- Women in Film and Television Awards
- New Zealand Screen Awards and TV Awards, Auckland, Nov 2025
- Minecraft launch premiere, April 2025
- Chief of War premiere and industry
- Pike River premiere and Waikato Screen-hosted Q&A in Hamilton with Rob Sarkies and the real women of Pike River
- Indian film industry event in Auckland; career developers event in Hamilton
- Meeting with Minister Paul Goldsmith
- US Exec Producers, presenting Waikato to US-based studios and producers including Netflix and Amazon
- Regional Film Offices New Zealand Hui in Auckland, March 2026

Māori Filmmakers Hui and Indigenous-Led Screen Development

- Waikato Screen supported Māori screen development and connection through the Māori Filmmakers Hui and related industry engagement, welcoming Nga Aho Whakaari .
- Māori Careers Day with the University with Nga Aho Whakaari and Mike Johnathan.
- Hosted Mike Jonathan and Piripi Curtis for conversations around film opportunities, screen development and regional pathways
- The Studio West purchase by Jason Momoa, Taika Waititi and Cliff Curtis through Āriki Group signals a major moment for Indigenous-led screen development in Aotearoa

Regional Film Offices New Zealand Hui

- Connected Waikato with NZ's 11 regional film offices, national screen agencies and industry leaders, including Netflix Executive.
- Focus on production attraction, screen tourism, Māori engagement, AI, non-traditional platforms, policy and global positioning
- Ensures Waikato remains connected to production pipelines, national advocacy and shared RFO knowledge

