



**KAWERAU
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Te Kaunihera ā rohe o Kawerau

TAONGA O TE WHENUA - TREASURE OF THE LAND

**The Ordinary Meeting of the
Kawerau District Council will be held
on Wednesday 25 June 2025
in the Council Chambers
commencing at 9.00am**

A G E N D A

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC FORUM AT MEETINGS

1. A period of thirty minutes is set aside for a public forum at the start of each Ordinary Council or Standing Committee meeting, which is open to the public. This period may be extended on by a vote by members.
2. Speakers may address meetings on any subject. However, issues raised must not include those subject to legal consideration, or be issues, which are confidential, personal, or the subject of a formal hearing.
3. Each speaker during the public forum is permitted to speak for a maximum of three minutes. However, the Chairperson has the discretion to extend the speaking time.
4. Standing Orders are suspended for the duration of the public forum.
5. Council and Committees, at the conclusion of the public forum, may decide to take appropriate action on any of the issues raised.
6. With the permission of the Chairperson, members may ask questions of speakers during the period reserved for public forum. Questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

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A G E N D A

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Leave of Absence

A Leave of Absence was received from Councillor Ross for Wednesday 9 July 2025.

4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Any member having a “conflict of interest” with an item on the Agenda should declare it, and when that item is being considered, abstain from any discussion or voting. The member may wish to remove themselves from the meeting while the item is being considered.

5 Meeting Notices

6 Nga Mihi | Acknowledgements

7 Public Forum

8 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

8.1 Ordinary Council – 30 April 2025

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 April 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

8.2 Ordinary Council – 28 May 2025

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 May 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

8.3 Extraordinary Council – 4 June 2025

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 4 June 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

8.4 Extraordinary Council – 11 June 2025

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 11 June 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

9 RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

9.1 Iwi Liaison Committee Meeting – 19 May

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Iwi Liaison Committee meeting held on 19 May 2025 be received.

9.2 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting – 9 June 2025

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 9 June 2025 be received.

9.3 Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting – 11 June 2025

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Regulatory and Services Committee meeting held on 11 June 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

10 Her Worship the Mayor's Report (101400)

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Recommendation

That Her Worship the Mayor's report for the period Thursday 22 May to Wednesday 18 June 2025 be received.

11 Action Schedule (101120)

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Recommendation

That the updated Action Schedule of resolutions/actions requested by Council be received.

12 Regional Economic Development Agency Trust exemption from the requirements of Auditing (Chief Executive Officer) (309102)

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Attached is a report from the Chief Executive Officer covering the Regional Economic Development Agency Trust exemption from the requirements of Auditing.

Recommendations

1. *That the report “Regional Economic Development Agency Trust exemption from the requirements of Auditing” be received.*
2. *That Council exempts the Eastern Bay of Plenty Regional Economic Development Trust (Toi-EDA) from the provision related to Council Controlled Organisations as provided under section 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, for a period of three years.*
3. *That Council review the exemption as part of the next Long Term Plan cycle.*

13 Pre-Election Report 2025 (Chief Executive Officer) (107000)

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Attached is a report from the Chief Executive Officer covering Pre-Election Report 2025.

Recommendations

That the report “Pre-Election Report 2025” be received.

14 Fees & Charges 2025/26 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (201600)

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Attached is a report from the Group Manager Finance and Corporate Services covering Fees & Charges 2025/26.

Recommendations

1. *That the report “Fees & Charges 2025/26” be received.*
2. *That Council confirms and adopts the fees ad charges (including GST) for 2025/26 as detailed in Appendix A.*

15 Adoption for Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (110553)

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Attached is a report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering the Adoption of Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034.

Recommendations

1. *That the report “Adoption of Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034” be received.*
2. *That Council resolves to pursuant to Section 93 of Local Government Act 2002, to adopt the Kawerau District Long Term Plan 2025-2034 as presented.*

16 Setting and Adoption of Rates for the 2025/26 Financial Year (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (209900)

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Attached is a report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering Setting and Adoption of Rates for the 2025/26 Financial Year.

Recommendations

That the report “Setting and Adoption of Rates for the 2025/26 Financial Year” be received.

SETTING OF RATES FOR THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR (CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER) **(209900)**

Following the adoption of the Long Term Plan 2025 -2034, Council is required to set the rates for the 2025/26 financial year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Council sets the following rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on the rating units in the district for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2025 and ending on 30 June 2026.

(a) Uniform Annual General Charge

A uniform annual general charge of **\$900.00** (including GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, set under section 15 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every rateable rating unit within the district.

(b) General Rate

A General Rate set under section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every rateable rating unit within the district, assessed on a differential basis as described below:

- A rate of **0.4884** cents in the dollar (including GST) of capital value on every rateable rating unit zoned "residential", "rural lifestyle" and "reserve" in terms of Council's operative District Plan.
- A rate of **2.9885** cents in the dollar (including GST) of capital value on every rateable rating unit zoned "Commercial" and "Industrial" in terms of Council's operative District Plan.

(c) Water Supply Rates

A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of **\$129.60** (including GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit to which water is connected (excluding those properties that are supplied by water meter).

A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of **\$0.41** (including GST) per cubic metre of water supplied to any rating unit on metered water supply.

(d) Wastewater Disposal Rate

A targeted rate for wastewater disposal, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of **\$219.40** (including GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that is connected to Council's wastewater disposal network.

(e) Refuse Collection Rate

Targeted rates for refuse collection set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for rating units to which refuse collection services are provided and assessed as described below:

- A rate of **\$301.70** (including GST) per 60 or 80 litre residual waste bin.
- A rate of **\$361.70** (including GST) per 120 litre residual waste bin.

DUE DATES FOR PAYMENT OF RATES

2. *That all rates (except metered water) will be payable in four equal instalments due on:*

<i>Instalment 1</i>	<i>22 August 2025</i>
<i>Instalment 2</i>	<i>21 November 2025</i>
<i>Instalment 3</i>	<i>20 February 2026</i>
<i>Instalment 4</i>	<i>22 May 2026</i>

The due dates for metered water are as follows:

	<u>Reading Date</u>	<u>Payment Due Date</u>
1.	30 September 2025	22 October 2025
2.	31 December 2025	21 January 2026
3.	31 March 2026	22 April 2026
4.	30 June 2026	22 July 2026

PENALTIES

3. *That Council, applies penalties to unpaid rates (apart from metered water) as follows:*

- (i) *A penalty of 5 percent on the amount of any instalment assessed between 1 July 2025 and 30 June 2026 and which is unpaid after the due date for that instalment, to be added on the following dates:*

Instalment 1 penalty added – 25 August 2025
Instalment 2 penalty added – 24 November 2025
Instalment 3 penalty added – 23 February 2026
Instalment 4 penalty added – 25 May 2026

- (ii) *A further penalty of 3 percent on any rates assessed before 1 July 2025 including previously applied penalties, which remain unpaid on 2 July 2025 to be added on the 3 July 2025.*

- (iii) *A further penalty of 3 percent on any rates to which a penalty has been added under (ii) above if the rates remain unpaid on 5 January 2026 to be added 6 January 2026.*
and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to add the penalties.

PAYMENT OF RATES

4. *That rates shall be payable at the Offices of the Kawerau District Council, Ranfurly Court, Kawerau between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.*

17 Adoption of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (104025)

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Attached is a report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning covering the Adoption of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan.

Recommendations

1. *That the report “Adoption of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan” be received;*

2. *That Council receives submissions; and*
3. *That Council deliberates on the submissions and recommends any changes;*
4. *That Council endorses and adopts the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan; and*
5. *That Council note that following the Local Government elections in 2025, the Eastern Bay Councils will need to consider project governance for any further review of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan and Sub-Regional Economic Development Strategy.*
6. *That Council note that the Independent Chair of PGG, being Vaughan Payne (in consultation with the Mayors and Chair) will forward a final copy of the adopted spatial plan to the Ministers of Transport, Housing and Urban Development, Regional Development, Local Government and Education and offer a briefing/tour the next time they are in the region; and*
7. *That Council note that:*
 - a) *The spatial plan sets out a long-term framework for collaborative implementation leading to positive changes for the Eastern Bay; and*
 - b) *Ongoing collaborative planning and implementation will be required to see these changes happen; and*
 - c) *The spatial plan aligns with iwi aspirations communicated to the project and engagement feedback received from the community; and*
 - d) *The spatial plan, implementation plan, and related investment decisions will need to adapt to changes and regular monitoring of indicators such as population and economic changes, decisions on infrastructure and planning, building consents approved, and capacity for residential development will enable this to happen.*
 - e) *Review the Spatial Plan and determines further consultation will be undertaken as part of the implementation process (District Plan Review).*
8. *That Council delegates authority to the Group Manager Regulatory and Planning to approve any final changes, including those set out and not yet implemented in the change register at Appendix B, to the following documents:*
 - a) *Appendix D: Our Places – The Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan.*
 - b) *Appendix E: Our Places – Short Story*

18 Exclusion of the Public

Recommendation

That the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. **Minutes for Confidential Meeting Held on 28 May 2025**
2. **Minutes for Confidential Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Held on 9 June 2025**

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded; the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Information & Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:

General Subject of the 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. Minutes for <i>Confidential Meeting Held on 28 May 2025</i> 2. Minutes for <i>Confidential Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Held on 9 June 2025</i>	<i>Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.</i>	<i>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 exists. Section 48 (1) (a) (i)</i>

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 7 (2) (b) (i) of that Act.

19 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer

M Godfery

Chief Executive Officer

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**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Kawerau District Council
held on Wednesday 30 April 2025
in the Council Chamber commencing at 9.00am**

Present: Her Worship the Mayor F K N Tunui
Deputy Mayor A Rangihika
Councillor C J Ion
Councillor R Andrews
Councillor W Godfery
Councillor B Julian
Councillor S Kingi
Councillor J Ross
Councillor R G K Savage

In Attendance: Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (R Nel)
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)
Communications & Engagement Manager (T Humberstone)
Economic and Development Manager (L Barton)
Administration Officer (L Kerei)
Amy Hayes (Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs Coordinator)
Rebecca Cole (Jones and Cole Director)

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi opened the meeting with a karakia | prayer.

2 Apologies

No Apologies were received.

3 Leave of Absence

No Leave of Absence were received.

4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Ross Declared a Conflict of Interest with item 15 – S17A Activity Review for the Aquatic Centre Service.

5 Meeting Notices

No Meeting Notices were received.

6 Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements

Her Worship the Mayor sends her aroha | love to all in the community that have lost loved ones and gives her well wishes to all on behalf of Council.

7 **Public Forum**

Andre van Schalkwyk raised the following concern:

- Andre is still facing issues with neighbouring dogs at his business. Mr van Schalkwyk attended the March Council meeting voicing this same concern. He was happy to see the dogs seized and taken off the property after the meeting but later in the week the dogs were returned as well as the disruption.

Elected Members thanked and acknowledged Mr van Schalkwyk for coming in and speaking in Public Forum and look forward to the update from Council staff.

Elected Members asked if Mr van Schalkwyk had advised Council and raised service requests. He confirmed only a text was sent to the Chief Executive Officer.

Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning advised that no complaints were received prior to the Easter and Anzac holidays. Manager requested for complaints to still be reported through to Council at the time of the barking as the Rangers must witness the barking.

Action Item:

- Acting Chief Executive Officer, Manager Butler, to follow up on the text the Chief Executive Officer received from Mr van Schalkwyk and to make contact with him about the follow up from the text.

Derek Speirs asked the following questions for the Chief Executive Officer:

- A request for these questions to be answered through email to Derek. "Does KDC have a timeframe in which to enable it to apply for an exemption to the provision of the Water Services Act 2021 Section 57? So that we can all once again enjoy ingesting toxin free water at the kitchen tap. And if not, why not?"

Action Item:

- Acting Chief Executive Officer, Manager Butler, to reply to the questions Mr Speirs raised.

8 **CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

8.1 Ordinary Council – 26 March 2025

Resolved

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 March 2025 is confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillors Julian / Savage
CARRIED**

8.2 Extraordinary Council – 9 April 2025

Resolved

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 9 April 2025 is confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Councillors Kingi / Ross
Councillor Ion abstained from voting
MAJORITY CARRIED

9 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

9.1 Iwi Liaison Committee Meeting – 17 February 2025

Correction:

- Page 13 – Item 4.4 – Change Street to Crescent.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Iwi Liaison Committee meeting held on 17 February 2025 be received.

Councillor Ion / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED

9.2 Iwi Liaison Committee Meeting – 24 March 2025

Resolved

That the minutes of the Iwi Liaison Committee meeting held on 24 March 2025 be received.

Councillors Julian / Godfery
CARRIED

9.3 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting – 7 April 2025

Elected Members gave the following acknowledgements:

- The installation of the bollards at the Skatepark.
- The in-person presence of Audit Director, Renè van Zyl.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 7 April 2025 be received.

Councillor Julian / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED

9.4 Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting – 16 April 2025

Correction:

- Communications and Engagement Manager attended the meeting via Zoom.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Regulatory and Services Committee meeting held on 16 April 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillors Ion / Kingi
CARRIED**

9.5 Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs 2024 – 2025: March 2025 Report

Amy Hayes and Rebecca Cole will join the meeting at a later time.

Resolved

That the Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs 2024 – 2025: March 2025 Report be received.

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Kingi
CARRIED**

10 RECEIPT OF REGIONAL MINUTES

10.1 BOP Mayoral Forum – 6 March 2025

Action Item:

- Chief Executive Officer to circulate to Elected members the Cross-Regional Waste Strategy Report that is mentioned on page 35 – item 4.2.

Resolved

That the minutes of the BOP Mayoral Forum meeting held on 6 March 2025 be received.

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Godfery
CARRIED**

10.2 BOP Civil Defence Emergency Management – 28 March 2025

Resolved

That the minutes of the BOP Civil Defence Emergency Management Committee meeting held on 28 March 2025 be received.

**Councillors Kingi / Savage
CARRIED**

11 Her Worship the Mayor's Report**Resolved**

That Her Worship the Mayor's report for the period Thursday 20 March 2025 to Wednesday 23 April 2025 is received.

**Her Worship the Mayor / Councillor Kingi
CARRIED**

12 Action Schedule (Chief Executive) (101120)**Resolved**

That the updated Action Schedule of resolutions/actions as updated and amended by Council is received.

**Councillors Andrews / Godfery
CARRIED**

13 Dog Registration Fees 2025/26 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (213100)

Council discussed the report on the Dog Registration Fees 2025/26.

Action Item:

- Elected Members noted and requested that in future reports Council acknowledges that it is **known** dog owners that fund a percentage of total costs.

Resolved

1. *That the report "Dog Registration Fees 2025/26" be received.*
2. *That Council sets the Dog Registration fees for 2025/26 as follows (2.5%):*

<i>Neutered Dog</i>	<i>\$43.00</i>
<i>Entire Dog</i>	<i>\$86.00</i>
<i>Late payment penalty-applied 2 August 2025</i>	<i>50% addition to the fee charged</i>
<i>Seizure Fee (at the Dog Control Officer's discretion)</i>	<i>\$97.00</i>
<i>Fee for first impounding</i>	<i>\$97.00</i>
<i>Fee for second impounding</i>	<i>\$133.00</i>
<i>Third and subsequent impounding</i>	<i>\$172.00</i>
<i>Sustenance Fee (Daily)</i>	<i>\$13.50</i>

<i>Microchipping Fee</i>	<i>\$18.50</i>
<i>Replacement Tag Fee</i>	<i>\$7.00</i>
<i>Rehoming Fee</i>	<i>\$13.50</i>

Councillors Savage / Kingi
CARRIED

14 Eastern Bay of Plenty Economic and Development Strategy Refresh (Economic and Community Development Manager) (309101)

Council discussed the report on the Eastern Bay of Plenty Economic and Development Strategy Refresh.

Economic and Community Development Manager Update:

- Opotiki District Council adopted the Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) document with no amendments.
- Whakatane District Council will be discussing the document tomorrow, Thursday 1 May.
- Bay of Plenty Regional Council will wait for the local Council's outcome before it is taken to Council.

Resolved

1. *That the report "Eastern Bay of Plenty Economic and Development Strategy Refresh" be received.*
2. *That delegation be granted to the Chief Executive Officer to enact editorial amendments to the Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) to reflect changes identified by Elected Members during the adoption discussion.*
3. *That the adopted REDS be provided to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) to supersede the draft REDS submitted as part of the Regional Deals Light-Touch proposal.*
4. *That the adopted REDS be circulated with the Kawerau-centric stakeholders.*
5. *That Council formalises the refresh of a local Kawerau-Centric Economic Development Strategy.*

Councillors Godfery / Ion
CARRIED

11.22am **Councillor Godfery** departed the meeting.
11.22am **Councillor Ross** departed the meeting.

15 S17A – Activity Review for the Aquatic Centre Service (Group Manager, Operations and Services) (408600)

Council discussed the report on the S17A – Activity Review for the Aquatic Centre Service.

11.24am **Councillor Godfery** returned to the meeting.

Action Item:

- Elected Members requested that in future reports Council acknowledge and name those that generously give sponsorship to Council.

Resolved

1. *That the report “S17A – Activity Review for the Aquatic Centre Service” be received.*
2. *That Council adopts the Maurie Kjar Memorial Aquatic Centre S17A review as proposed in the report and Appendix A.*
3. *That Council confirms that during the 2025/26 financial year a full review will be undertaken of the following:*
 - a) *fees and charges, including potential entry fees: and*
 - b) *the opening hours for delivering aquatic centre services, both of which will be reported back to Council.*

**Councillor Kingi / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

11.58am **Councillor Ross** returned to the meeting.

11.58am **Amy Hayes (Mayor’s Taskforce for Jobs Coordinator) and Rebecca Cole (Jones and Cole Director)** arrived at the meeting to speak on behalf of Agenda Item 9.5 - **Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs 2024 – 2025: March 2025 Report.**

9.5 Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs 2024 – 2025: March 2025 Report

Council received a presentation from Rebecca Cole about what Amy Hayes and Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) have done for her local business, Jones and Cole.

Ms Cole also circulated to Elected Members letters of feedback from her business Jones and Cole, River Kawerau, ISS Kawerau and Shelly Dale expressing gratitude and their views on successful delivery for MTFJ.

Elected Members thanked Ms Cole for coming in and speaking about all that Amy Hayes has done to place young people into work. Acknowledgements were also given to for the hard work she is doing in and for the wider community.

12.15pm **Amy Hayes and Rebecca Cole** departed from the meeting.

12.15pm **Councillor Ross** departed from the meeting.

16 Confirming Alternative Tap Arrangements (Group Manager, Operations and Services) (404000)

Council discussed the report on the Confirming Alternative Tap Arrangements.

Action Item:

- Elected Members suggested that there be an extra tap added at the Pumphouse as there is an increase volume of users of this tap.

Resolved

1. *That the report "Confirming Alternative Tap Arrangements" be received.*

**Councillors Godfery / Julian
CARRIED**

Resolved

2. *That Council approves to adopt Option 2 to reconfirm the Pumphouse Taps as chlorine- and fluoride-free AND reinstall chlorine removal filters system only for unchlorinated water at the New World car park.*

Councillors Julian / Godfery
Councillor Kingi voted against the resolution
MAJORITY CARRIED

12.47pm **Councillor Kingi** departed from the meeting.

17 Exclusion of the Public – 12.49pm

Resolved

That the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. **Minutes for Confidential Meeting Held on 26 March 2025**

**Councillor Julian / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded; the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Information & Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:

<i>General Subject of the matter to be considered</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
1. <i>Minutes for Confidential Meeting held on 26 March 2025.</i>	<i>Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.</i>	<i>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 exists. Section 48 (1) (a) (i)</i>

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 7 (2) (b) (i) of that Act.

18 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi closed the meeting with a karakia | prayer at 12.57pm.

F K N Tunui

Mayor

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Present: Her Worship the Mayor F K N Tunui
Deputy Mayor A Rangihika
Councillor C J Ion
Councillor R Andrews
Councillor W Godfery
Councillor B Julian
Councillor S Kingi
Councillor J Ross
Councillor R G K Savage – 9.22am

In Attendance: Chief Executive Officer (M Godfery)
Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (R Nel)
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)
Communications & Engagement Manager (T Humberstone)
Economic and Development Manager (L Barton)
Administration Officer (L Kerei)
Mayoral Aide (M Rogers)

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi opened the meeting with a prayer.

2 Apologies

Apologies for lateness from Councillor Savage were received.

3 Leave of Absence

No Leave of Absence were received.

4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Ion Declared a Conflict of Interest with Agenda Item 16 – Options for Handling Whiteware Containing Fluorinated Gases at the Transfer Station.

5 Meeting Notices

Chief Executive Officer advised that the following is tabled:

- *BOPRC submission to the Long Term Plan*
- *The Long Term Plan summary and comprehensive consultation document*
- *An updated version of Her Worship the Mayor's report.*

6 **Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements**

No Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements were received.

7 **Public Forum**

Derek Speirs raised the following concerns:

- That in 2024 the primary reason behind the 12.2% rates increase was advice received from the president of Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) that advised all Council's to increase rates by 17%. Mr Speirs recommended that Kawerau District Council cancel its LGNZ membership to help stop the increase of rates and to relieve pressure for rate payers in the community.
- That the Financial Statements cannot be found online.

Her Worship the Mayor advised that it was not LGNZ that set the rates for the Kawerau District rather it is the Elected Members of the day. An in-depth process of consideration was made by Elected Members regarding setting of the rates.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) outlined that LGNZ is a membership organisation with no powers to direct Councils. The CEO also explained the process for setting rates which includes extensive public consultation with the community and then resolutions by Elected Members who determine the increase.

Action Item:

- Chief Executive Officer to email the link of the Financial Statements on the website to Derek Speirs.

Andre van Schalkwyk raised the following concern:

- Gave thanks to Council for repairing and doing maintenance on the stormwater drain and the kerb on Tamarangi Drive, outside of his business.
- Regarding the dog issue Andre has come in previously for, he has seen that some of the dogs have been removed from the neighbouring property which has resulted in the reduction of noise and should see his business returning to normal.
- Andre experienced a financial loss due to the dog issues and would like to know what the procedure is to claim for business interruptions.

Chief Executive Officer suggested to go through insurance to receive claims for business interruptions as Council does not pay out for business interruptions.

8 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

8.1 Ordinary Council – 30 April 2025

Corrections:

- Page 4 of the agenda – Item 10.1 – This should be marked as an action item.
- Page 5 of the agenda – Item 13 – Change from 'Key Point' to 'Action Item'.
- Page 7 of the agenda – Item 15 – Change from 'Key Point' to 'Action Item'.
- Include after the arrival time who Amy Hayes and Rebecca Cole are.
- Include and mention the local businesses and people that gave written feedback about Mayors Taskforce for Jobs

Resolved

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 April 2025 be deferred.

**Councillor Ion / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

8.2 Extraordinary Council – 14 May 2025

Resolved

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 14 May 2025 is confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillors Kingi / Andrews
CARRIED**

9 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

9.1 Kawerau Accessibility Group Meeting – 6 March 2025

Action Item:

- Chief Executive Officer to review terms of reference and membership composition of the Accessibility Group.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Iwi Liaison Committee meeting held on 17 February 2025 be received.

**Councillors Ion / Godfery
CARRIED**

9.2 Iwi Liaison Committee Meeting – 22 April 2025

Resolved

That the minutes of the Iwi Liaison Committee meeting held on 22 April 2025 be received.

Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Savage
CARRIED

9.3 Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting – 14 May 2025

Corrections:

- Page 19 of the agenda – Item 9 – Action Item – Change spelling for “Tree Statergy” to the correct spelling which should be “Tree Strategy”.
- Page 19 of the agenda – Item 10 – Action Item – Change spelling for “Vadar graph” to the correct spelling which should be “radar graph”.

Action Item:

- Include in the Meeting Update that Majeane Rogers joins Kawerau District Council as the new Mayoral Aide.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Regulatory and Services Committee meeting held on 14 May 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Councillors Ion / Julian
CARRIED

10 RECEIPT OF REGIONAL MINUTES

10.1 Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group – 9 May 2025

Action Item:

- Chief Executive Officer to circulate to Elected Members what is publicly available concerning the Kotuku agreements.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group meeting held on 9 May 2025 be received.

Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Kingi
CARRIED

10.2 Regional Transport Committee – 9 May 2025

Corrections:

- Elected Members requested that the time be double checked for when Mayor Drysdale entered the meeting.
- Page 31 of the agenda – Item 5.1 – If it can be stated that Cr Gavin Dennis did the presentation as the Eastern Bay of Plenty Road Safety Chair not as a Councillor for Whakatane District Council.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 9 May 2025 be received with suggested changes.

**Councillors Ross / Kingi
CARRIED**

11 Her Worship the Mayor's Report

Resolved

That Her Worship the Mayor's report for the period Thursday 24 April 2025 to Wednesday 21 May 2025 is received.

**Her Worship the Mayor / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

12 Action Schedule (Chief Executive) (101120)

Action Item:

- That the estimated dates be reviewed.

Resolved

That the updated Action Schedule of resolutions/actions as updated and amended requested by Council is deferred.

**Her Worship the Mayor / Councillor Kingi
CARRIED**

13 Confirming Local Government New Zealand Membership (Chief Executive Officer) (103100)

Council discussed the report on Confirming Local Government New Zealand Membership.

10.29am **Deputy Mayor Rangihika** departed from the meeting.

10.31am **Deputy Mayor Rangihika** returned to the meeting.

Resolved

1. *That the report "Confirming Local Government New Zealand Membership" be received.*
2. *That Council confirms its membership of Local Government New Zealand to March 2026.*

Councillor Ross / Kingi
CARRIED

10.40am **Meeting adjourned.**

11.02am **Meeting reconvened.**

11.02am **Eastern Bay of Plenty General Constituency Councillor Malcolm Campbell** joined the meeting in person and **Larrissa Cuff and Deven Ruwhiu-Edmonds from Sports BOP** joined the meeting via Zoom to speak on the submission to the Long Term Plan.

14 Receipt of Submissions to the Mahere Iwa Tau | Long Term Plan 2025-2034 (Communications and Engagement Manager) (110555)

Council discussed the report on the Receipt of Submissions to the Mahere Iwa Tau | Long Term Plan 2025-2034.

Council heard from the following submitters:

- Eastern Bay of Plenty General Constituency Councillor Malcolm Campbell
- Sport BOP General Manager Strategic Partnerships Larrissa Cuff and Sport BOP Locally Led Advisor Deven Ruwhiu-Edmonds

11.53am **Councillor Malcolm Campbell, Deputy Mayor Rangihika and Councillor Godfery** depart from the meeting.

11.54am **Chief Executive Officer** departed from the meeting.

11.55am **Deputy Mayor Rangihika** returned to the meeting

11.56am **Councillor Godfery** returned to the meeting

12.12pm **Chief Executive Officer** returned to the meeting

12.17pm **Larissa Cuff and Deven Ruwhiu-Edmonds from Sports Bop** departed from the meeting via Zoom.

Elected Members gave the following acknowledgement:

- To the Communications and Engagement Manager, CEO and the Senior Leadership Team for the availability and the variety of dates for the Community Engagement Meetings.

Resolved

1. *That the report "Receipt of Submissions to the Mahere Iwa Tau | Long Term Plan 2025-2034" be received.*
2. *That Council resolve to hear submitters who have indicated they wish to be heard and respond to submitters following deliberations and the adoption of the Mahere Iwa Tau | Long Term Plan 2025-2034 process on 25 June 2025.*

Councillors Kingi / Godfery
CARRIED

15 Solid Waste Assessment 2025 (Group Manager, Operations and Services) (406230)

Council discussed the report on the Solid Waste Assessment 2025.

12.49pm **Councillor Ross** departed from the meeting

12.53pm **Councillor Ross** returned to the meeting

Resolved

1. *That the report "Solid Waste Assessment 2025" be received.*
2. *That Council adopts the Solid Waste Assessment 2025 as proposed to initiate the Waste Management Minimisation Plan 2025.*

Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Julian
CARRIED

1.07pm **Deputy Mayor Rangihika** departed the meeting

1.07pm **Councillor Ion** departed from the meeting as a declaration of conflict of interest was received.

16 Options for Handling Whiteware Containing Fluorinated Gases at the Transfer Station (Group Manager, Operations and Services) (406240)

Council discussed the report on the Options for Handling Whiteware Containing Fluorinated Gases at the Transfer Station.

1.10pm **Deputy Mayor Rangihika** returned to the meeting.

Resolved

1. *That the report "Options for Handling Whiteware Containing Fluorinated Gases at the Transfer Station" be received.*

2. *That Council approves Option 2 – Council adopts a comprehensive service for accepting whiteware at the transfer station, with a user-pay fee of approximately \$47 per item that contains F-gases.*

Councillors Julian / Godfery
CARRIED

1.15pm **Councillor Ion** returned to the meeting.

17 Proposed Policy Reviews of (1) Communications by Elected Members in the Pre-Election Period and (2) Council Policy on Election Signs (Communications and Engagement Manager) (101287)

Council discussed the report on the Proposed Policy Reviews of (1) Communications by Elected Members in the Pre-Election Period and (2) Council Policy on Election Signs.

Action Item:

- Confirmation of dates for the post-election period as a query was raised about when does the incumbent Council become void.

Resolved

1. *That the report “Proposed Policy Reviews of (1) Communications by Elected Members in the Pre-Election Period and (2) Council Policy on Election Signs” be received.*
2. *That the policies be adopted relating to the upcoming 2025 triennial elections comprising:*
 - i. Communications by Elected Members in the Pre-Election Period and*
 - ii. Council Policy on Election Signs*

Councillors Ion / Godfery
CARRIED

18 Annual Plan Performance for the nine months ended 31 March 2025 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (110400)

Council discussed the report on the Annual Plan Performance for the nine months ended 31 March 2025.

Action Item:

- Additional comments to be added on page 235 of the update agenda, about the on-going economic work and partnership with other Council's in the Eastern Bay and the progress in the Economic Development area.
- Add that it is Horizon Networks that repair the Streetlights for Kawerau, on page 242 of the updated agenda.

- All the other halls and facilities that are available for hire to be included in the Public Halls and Facilities section on page 256 of the update agenda.

1.55pm **Councillor Ion** departed from the meeting.

Resolved

That the report “Annual Plan Performance for the nine months ended 31 March 2025” be received.

Councillor Kingi / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED

19 Exclusion of the Public – 2.00pm

Resolved

That the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- 1. Minutes for Confidential Meeting Held on 30 April 2025**
- 2. Agreement to grant an easement**

Councillors Ross / Kingi
CARRIED

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded; the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Information & Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:

General Subject of the 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. Minutes for Confidential Meeting held on 30 April 2025. 2. Agreement to grant an easement	Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.	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 exists. Section 48 (1) (a) (i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 7 (2) (b) (i) of that Act.

2.01pm **Councillor Kingi** departed the meeting.

20 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi closed the meeting with a Karakia at 2.28pm.

F K N Tunui

Mayor

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**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Kawerau District Council
held on Wednesday 4 June 2025
commencing at 9.01 am**

Present: Councillor C J Ion – Chairperson
Councillor R Andrews
Councillor W Godfery
Councillor B Julian
Councillor S Kingi – via Zoom
Councillor J Ross
Councillor R G K Savage

In Attendance: Chief Executive Officer (M Godfery)
Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (R Nel)
Communications and Engagement Manager (T Humberstone)
Administration Officer (L Kerei)
Mayoral Aide (M Rogers)

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi opened the meeting with a karakia | prayer.

2 Apologies

Apologies from Her Worship the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Rangihika were received.

**Councillors Julian / Ross
CARRIED**

3 Leave of Absence

No Leave of Absence were received.

4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No Declarations of Conflict of Interest were received.

5 Meeting Notices

No Meeting Notices were received.

6 **Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements**

Chief Executive Officer gave acknowledgement to those who were honoured in the King's Birthday Honours List, released on Monday. Special acknowledgments to Sarah Walker of Cambridge and Kawerau.

7 **Public Forum**

No Public Forum

8 **Confirmation of Council's Preferred Options for the Mahere Iwa Tau | Long Term Plan 2025-2034 (Chief Executive Officer) (110555)**

Council discussed the report on the Confirmation of Council's Preferred Options for the Mahere Iwa Tau | Long Term 2025-2034.

Resolved

1. *That the report "Confirmation of Council's Preferred Options for the Mahere Iwa Tau | Long Term 2025-2034" be received.*
2. *That the Council confirms the Long Term Plan 2025-2034 is finalised based on the strategies, supporting policies, performance framework and assumptions as adopted for the Long Term Plan Consultation Document;*

**Councillors Kingi / Savage
CARRIED**

Resolved

3. *That Council resolves for the Timeframe to Transition to targeted water and wastewater rates (as per consultation topic one of the Long Term Plan Consultation Document) is Option 1 – 9 year transition*

**Councillors Godfery / Savage
CARRIED**

4. *That Council resolves for the Funding of Depreciation for strategic assets (roading, water and wastewater networks and infrastructure) as per consultation topic two of the Long Term Plan Consultation Document is Option 1 – Remain at 65% funding levels in 2025-2026 (and then 3% each year for the next 12 years).*

**Councillors Ross / Julian
CARRIED**

5. *That Council resolves for consultation topic three of the Long Term Plan 2025-2034 to incorporate the \$60,000 budget for concept plans for a Community Library and Research Centre into the next Long Term Plan in 2027-2028.*

**Councillors Julian / Andrews
CARRIED**

12 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi closed the meeting with a karakia | prayer at 9.32am.

C J Ion

Councillor

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**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Kawerau District Council
held on Wednesday 11 June 2025
commencing at 11.12 am**

Present: Her Worship the Mayor F K N Tunui
Deputy Mayor A Rangihika
Councillor C J Ion
Councillor R Andrews
Councillor W Godfrey
Councillor B Julian
Councillor S Kingi
Councillor J Ross
Councillor R G K Savage

In Attendance: Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (R Nel)
Communications & Engagement Manager (T Humberstone)
Economic and Community Development Manager (L Barton)
Administration Officer (L Kerei)
Mayoral Aide (M Rogers)

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Pastor Dinal McMillian opened the meeting with a karakia | prayer.

2 Apologies

No Apologies were received.

3 Leave of Absence

No Leave of Absence were received.

4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No Declarations of Conflict of Interest were received.

5 Meeting Notices

No Meeting Notices were received.

6 Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements

No Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements were received.

7 Public Forum

No Public Forum

8 **Receipt of Submissions for the Draft Gambling Venue Policy (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (320400)**

Council discussed the report on the Receipt of Submissions for the Draft Gambling Venue Policy.

Council heard from the following submitters:

- Renee Bolkowy, Dr Jody Huxford (GP & Public Health Medicine Registrar) and Soifua Pearson (Pasifika Oranga) from Health New Zealand, Te Whatu Ora
- Andrea Funde and Madelaine Cullen from Problem Gambling Foundation (PGF) Services
- Ben Hodges and Jo Salisbury from New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT)

Elected Members queried how is PGF funded to where representatives of PGF explained the services for prevention and minimisation of gambling harm are provided through a gambling levy which is a levy on the four main operators of gambling in New Zealand. This means the four operators, which are Casino, Lotto, Class 4 Gambling and TAB, must pay a levy and that goes to fund all services that prevent and minimise gambling harm, research and the strategy that is provided from Te Whatu Ora.

12.37pm **Deputy Mayor Rangihika** departed from the meeting.

12.39pm **Deputy Mayor Rangihika** returned to the meeting.

12.52pm **Councillor Godfery** departed from the meeting.

12.54pm **Councillor Godfery** returned to the meeting.

Action Items:

- The strategy from Te Whatu Ora to be circulated to Elected Members.
- Clause 7 is to be reworded as the decision is to have no TAB venues.
- Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning to look into or receive legal advice if the wording should be will or must for 8.4 under Relocation Venues instead of 'Council may consider the following...'.

Resolved

1. *That the report "Receipt of Submissions for the Draft Gambling Venue Policy" be received.*
2. *That Council receive the written and oral submissions to the consultation documents for the draft Gambling Venues Policy.*
3. *That Council consider the submissions, deliberate and provide direction for any amendments to the draft Gambling Venues Policy.*

Councillors Ross / Kingi
CARRIED

1.41pm **Councillor Kingi** departed from the meeting.

9 Event Costs and Funding for Kawerau Christmas in the Park – Saturday 13 December 2025 (Chief Executive Officer) (309305)

Council discussed the report on the Event Costs and Funding for Kawerau Christmas in the Park – Saturday 13 December 2025.

1.44pm **Councillor Kingi** returned to the meeting.

Resolved

1. *That the report Event Costs and Funding for Kawerau Christmas in the Park – Saturday 13 December 2025” be received.*
2. *That Council approves funding applications for the Kawerau Christmas in the Park (CITP) 2025 be prepared and submitted to:*
 - *Trust Horizon for \$10,000*
 - *Lion Foundation for \$65,000*
 - *Bay Trust for \$10,000*
 - *Lotto for \$24,000*
 - *Four Winds for \$90,000*
 - *New Zealand Community Trust for \$20.000*

**Councillors Julian / Ion
CARRIED**

10 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer

Her Worship the Mayor closed the meeting with a karakia | prayer at 1.53pm.

F K N Tunui

Mayor

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Minutes of the Iwi Liaison Committee
Held on Monday 19th May 2025
Commencing at 2pm
In the Kawerau District Council Mayor's Office

Present: Kahika | Mayor Faylene Tunui
Koromatua Waha Tuara | Deputy Mayor Aaron Rangihika
Iwi Liaison and Cultural Advisor Te Haukakawa (Boycie) Te Rire
Tumu Whakarae | CEO Morgan Godfery
Kaiawhina | Senior EA to Mayor and CEO Pari Maxwell
Kaitautoko | Mayoral Aide Majeane Rogers

1. Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Te Haukakawa Te Rire opened the meeting with a Karakia | Prayer.

2. Apologies

None

3. Mihi Whakatau | Welcome

Kaitautoko | Mayoral Aide Majeane Rogers was welcomed to the hui | meeting and given the opportunity to share his pepeha | introduction of himself.

4. Confirmation of Minutes – 22 April 2025

That the Minutes of the hui | meeting held on Tuesday, 22 April 2025 be received.

5. Verbal Update on Cultural Mahi

5.1 Te Marukaa (Te Puna Wai me te Pā o Marukaa) – proposed change of Reserve name

- Koro Te Haukakawa was still seeking feedback from other Tūwharetoa kaumatua on the Draft korero | information provided.
- Tumu Whakarae | CEO Godfery explained that the Committee that considers and approves the change of Reserve names was meeting in September. Staff will submit a report to Council seeking permission to change the name.
- The Committee agreed to progress the change of the name to Te Marukaa Reserve and will provide the finalised korero | information to be included in the report.

5.2 Te Reo, Waiata, Powhiri, Poroporoaki, Cultural Awareness and Organisation Karakia

- Waiata Lessons – Tumu Whakarae | CEO Godfery was waiting for Kererua Savage, the new CEO of Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora to settle into his mahi, before requesting if Council Kaimahi | staff can join their waiata lessons.
- Manawatia a Matariki – Staff were still gathering event information from community groups, schools and organisations and will create a Matariki calendar to share on Council's website and social media platforms. Kahika | Mayor Tunui informed of two Creative Communities applications that received funding for their Matariki events. She was also supportive of Council providing some resources for other Community-Led Matariki events.

ACTIONS:

CE Godfery to reach out to incoming CE of Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora requesting if KDC staff can join in on their waiata lessons.

Senior EA Maxwell to create a Matariki calendar to share on Council's website and social media platforms.

5.3 Local Body Elections – Information Days and Nights

- A report was going to the 21 May Council Briefing (Workshop) titled 'Proposed Policy Reviews of Communications by Elected Members in the Pre-Election Period and Council's Policy on Election Signs'. The Briefing will be attended by Council's Electoral Officer, Dale Ofoske of Election Services.
- Two public information evenings will be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 28 May in the Concert Chamber and Tuesday, 24 June at Rautahi Marae.
- The Information evenings were an opportunity to share with the Community the process of General Ward, Maori Ward and At Large.

5.4 Stoneham Park Proposed Housing Development Name

- Koro Te Haukaka was going to follow up with tangata whenua about alternate development names.
- Tumu Whakarae | CEO Godfery provided the draft MOU between Council and Ngati Tūwharetoa BoP Settlement Trust for peer review and feedback from Committee.
- Once the draft MOU was confirmed by Council, it would go back to the Settlement Trust and a date for signing will be coordinated.

ACTION: Staff to report to Council to formalise consultation with the Community on a proposed Development Name, pending other suggested names from Tangata Whenua.

5.5 Long Term Plan and Local Water Done Well Consultations

- Kahika | Mayor Tunui, Koromatua Waha Tuara | Deputy Mayor Rangihika, Te Haukaka, Tumu Whakarae | CEO Godfery and Kaitautoko | Mayoral Aide Rogers discussed the recent Bay of Plenty (BOP) Mayoral Forum, Local Water Done Well powhiri and Department of Internal Affairs presentation to Councils and BOP Iwi that was held on Monday 12 May in Rotorua. Te Haukaka enjoyed hearing korero from other Iwi reps and that we need to make our connections strong.

5.6 Four Winds Application

- Kahika | Mayor Tunui informed Four Winds Manager, David Stones that the Committee supported Four Winds' decision to decline the application, given that the applicant was out of the Kawerau district.

5.7 LGNZ Maruata Hui

- Kahika | Mayor Tunui and Te Haukaka attended Day 1 of the Maruata Hui in Taupo on Thursday, 3 April which included a korero | discussion on Elections referendum, followed by guest speaker Lauren Fletcher who discussed partnership between local hapū Turangitukua and Taupo District Council. Te Haukaka enjoyed his korero | discussion with Danny Loughlin regarding Tuwharetoa.
- Tumu Whakarae | CEO Godfery joined Kahika | Mayor Tunui on Day 2 of the Maruata Hui in Taupo on Friday 4 April which included a tour of Tapuaeharuru, Te Hono o Tūwharetoa and Pūkawa. The Hui concluded with an RMA reform presentation by Tina Porou.

5.8 ANZAC Dawn Service

- Koromatua Waha Tuara | Deputy Mayor Rangihika acknowledged Commander Keith Wisnesky for his speech, that was well received by the Community.
- Commander Wisnesky also made himself available to attend the upcoming Citizenship Ceremony, explaining that Citizenship Ceremonies were very important to the Navy.

5.9 Letter of Support

- Tumu Whakarae | CEO Godfery provided a draft letter of support for the Rautahi Marae Committee's funding application for the rebuild of their ablution and shower facilities.
- The Committee were asked to peer review the letter and provide feedback.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Te Haukakawa closed the meeting with a Karakia | Prayer at 3.40pm

F K N Tunui

Kahika | Mayor

**Kawerau District Council Minutes of an
Audit and Risk Committee held on 9 June 2025
commencing at 1.00pm**

Present: Philip Jones – P J Associates (Chair)
Her Worship the Mayor – F K N Tunui
Deputy Mayor – A Rangihika
Councillor C Ion
Councillor B J Julian

In Attendance: Chief Executive Officer (M Godfery)
Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (R Nel)
Administration Officer (L Kerei)
Mayoral Aide (M Rogers)

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Chief Executive Officer opened the meeting with a karakia | prayer.

2 Apologies

No Apologies were received.

3 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No Conflicts of Interest were received.

4 CONFIRMATION OF AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

4.1 Audit and Risk Committee – 7 April 2025

Resolved

That the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 7 April 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillor Julian / Her Worship the Mayor
CARRIED**

5 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report for period – 1 April 2025 to 31 May 2025 (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (509500)

Committee discussed the report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning covering Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report for period – 1 April 2025 to 31 May 2025.

Resolved

That the report “Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report for period – 1 April 2025 to 31 May 2025” be received.

**Councillor Ion / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

6 Treasury Report to 31 March 2025 and 30 April 2025 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (110551)

Committee discussed the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering Treasury Report to 31 March 2025 and 30 April 2025.

Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services advised:

- Options for the timeframe, term and the interest rates for Council’s borrowing were considered by Council. The timeframe was the most cost effective at that time based on the information at hand.

Resolved

That the report “Treasury Report to 31 March 2025 and 30 April 2025” be received.

**Councillor Julian / Chair Jones
CARRIED**

7 Audit Management Report for the Long Term Plan Consultation Document 2025-2034 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (201000)

Committee discussed the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering Audit Management Report for the Long Term Plan Consultation Document 2025-2034.

Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services advised:

- That the term ‘unqualified audit opinion’ mentioned on page 20 and the term ‘unmodified audit opinion’ mentioned on page 24 are one and the same.

Resolved

That the report “Audit Management Report for the Long Term Plan Consultation Document 2025-2034” be received.

**Councillor Julian / Her Worship the Mayor
CARRIED**

8 Proposed Timetable for Annual Report for 30 June 20252026 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (110400)

Committee discussed the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering Proposed Timetable for Annual Report for 30 June 2025.

Resolved

That the report “Proposed Timetable for Annual Report for 30 June 2025” be received.

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Ion
CARRIED**

9 Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034 Update (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (110555)

Committee discussed the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034 Update.

Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services advised:

- FIS and rates resolution are currently with the solicitors to obtain their legal opinion.

Resolved

That the report “Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034 Update” be received.

**Her Worship the Mayor / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

10 Audit and Risk Review Timetable from June 2025 to April 2026 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (101300)

Committee discussed the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering Audit and Risk Review Timetable from June 2025 to April 2026.

Resolved

That the report “Audit and Risk Review Timetable from June 2025 to April 2026” be received.

**Councillors Julian / Ion
CARRIED**

11 Annual Plan Performance for the nine months ended 31 March 2025 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (110400)

Committee discussed the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering Annual Plan Performance for the nine months ended 31 March 2025.

Resolved

That the report “Annual Plan Performance for the nine months ended 31 March 2025” be received.

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Ion
CARRIED**

12 Exclusion of the Public – 1.43pm**Resolved**

That the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. Local Water Done Well – updated risk profile for 2025.

**Her Worship the Mayor / Chair Jones
CARRIED**

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded; the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Information & Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:

<i>General Subject of the matter to be considered</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>1. Local Water Done Well – updated risk profile for 2025.</i>	<i>Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.</i>	<i>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 exists. Section 48 (1) (a) (i)</i>

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 7 (2) (b) (i) of that Act.

13 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer

Chief Executive Officer closed the meeting with a karakia | prayer at 2.29pm.

P Jones

Chairperson

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**Minutes of the Regulatory & Services Committee
held on Wednesday 11 June 2025
commencing at 9.00am**

Present: Councillor C J Ion (Chairperson)
Her Worship the Mayor F K N Tunui
Deputy Mayor A Rangihika
Councillor R Andrews
Councillor W Godfrey
Councillor B Julian
Councillor S Kingi
Councillor J Ross
Councillor R G K Savage

In Attendance: Chief Executive Officer (M Godfery)
Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (R Nel)
Communications & Engagement Manager (T Humberstone)
Economic and Community Development Manager (L Barton)
Administration Officer (L Kerei)
Mayoral Aide (M Rogers)

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Pastor Dinal McMillan opened the meeting with a prayer.

2 Apologies

No Apologies were received.

3 Leave of Absence

No Leave of Absence were received.

4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No Declarations of Conflict of Interest were received.

5 Public Forum

No Public Forum were received.

PART A – REGULATORY**6 Monthly Report - Regulatory and Planning Services (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (340000)**

The Committee discussed a report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning covering activities for the month of May 2025.

Elected Members gave the following acknowledgements:

- Congratulations to Ian Lamb for his certificate and medal for 15 years membership with the Building Officials Institute of New Zealand.
- Acknowledgement to Meagan Edhouse, Kawerau District Council's Emergency Management Advisor and the work she has done in Civil Defence for Kawerau.

Action Item:

- An update on regulations for Hairdressers to be given once Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning receives an update.

Resolved

That the report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning for the month of May 2025 is received.

**Councillors Julian / Kingi
CARRIED**

7 Monthly Report – Finance and Corporate Services (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (211000)

The Committee discussed a report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering activities for the month of May 2025.

Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services update:

- There has been no update on the total rainfall as the data is still not available.

Elected Members gave the following acknowledgement:

- Acknowledgement for all service requests that have come through from the community through the different channels.

Action Item:

- Chief Executive Officer to make contact with the Fletcher Trust Governance Board.

Resolved

That the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services for the month of May 2025 is received.

**Councillor Savage / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

8 Monthly Report - Operations and Services (Group Manager, Operations and Services) (440000)

The Committee discussed a report from the Group Manager, Operations and Services covering activities for the month of May 2025.

Group Manager, Operations and Services Update:

- Manager highlighted that the drainage designs has been completed for Hardie Avenue. An update to the Hardie Avenue and Julian Road residents will be given towards the end of June after Council has received an update from NZTA regarding the finalised designs.
- There has been an increase in vandalism which is outlined on page 16 of the agenda.

Action Item:

- Group Manager, Operations and Services to update the residents of Hardie Avenue and Julian Road on the drainage progress.

Resolved

That the report from the Group Manager, Operations and Services for the month of May 2025 is received.

**Her Worship the Mayor / Councillor Andrews
CARRIED**

9 Monthly Report - Economic and Community Development (Chief Executive Officer) (309005)

The Committee discussed a report from the Chief Executive Officer covering Economic and Community activities for the month of May 2025.

Economic and Community Development Manager Update:

- That 'BOP' be added in the name for 'Ngāti Tūwharetoa Settlement Trust' on page 21 of the agenda.

10.06am **Chief Executive Officer** departed from the meeting.

Action Item:

- Economic Development Steering Group to reach out to Taupō District Council's current Chief Executive Officer and Ngāti Tūwharetoa BOP Settlement Trust.

Resolved

That the report on Economic and Community Development for the month of May 2025 be received.

**Councillor Kingi / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

10 Monthly Report – Communications and Engagement (Communications and Engagement Manager) (340100)

The Committee discussed a report from the Communications and Engagement Manager covering activities for the month of May 2025.

Resolved

That the report from the Communications and Engagement Manager for the month of May 2025 is received.

**Councillors Savage / Godfery
CARRIED**

11 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer

Pastor Dinal McMillan closed the meeting with a prayer at 10.42am.

C J Ion

Chairperson

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Meeting Council

Meeting Date: 25 May 2025

Subject: Her Worship the Mayor's Report

File No. 101400

1 **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to outline meetings, functions and events that I have hosted, attended and/or participated in for the period Thursday, 22 May to Wednesday 18 June 2025.

<u>May</u>	
Mon 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to incoming CEO of Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora, Kererua Savage, and outgoing change manager, Janet McLean, held in the Mayor's office. • Meeting with Lisa Flavell (resident) re: Kawerau South School concerns for her mokopuna, held in the Mayor's office.
Tue 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended an LGNZ Zoom meeting on council performance benchmarks covering financial performance and staffing budgets and numbers, drafted by the Department of Internal Affairs, following the LGNZ conference in 2024.
Wed 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinary Council Meeting – Council Chamber. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Mayor's Report. ◦ Action Schedule. ◦ Confirmation of Local Government Membership. ◦ 2025 Solid Waste Assessment. ◦ Options for Managing Whiteware with Fluorinated Gases at the Transfer Station. ◦ Receipt of Submissions on the Long-Term Plan 2025–2034 (Mahere Iwa Tau) ◦ Review of Proposed Policies: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elected Members' Communications During Pre-Election Period. 2. Council Policy on Election Signs. • www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/sites/www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/files/documents/event-calendar/council_agenda_2025.05.28-compressed.pdf • Apologies tabled for the Citizenship Ceremony held in the Council Chambers. Acknowledged Deputy Mayor Aaron Rangihika for taking the lead and special guests, East Coast MP Dana Kirkpatrick and Commander Keith Wisnesky for their attendance. • Met with Minister of Social Development Louise Upston, CEO Debbie Power, Deputy CE Viv Rickard, Regional Commissioner Jacob Davies, and Ōpōtiki Mayor David Moore to discuss proposed changes to the 2025/2026 Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs and Community Employment Programme, held at the Armitage Hotel in Tauranga.
Thur 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion with Ōtorohanga Mayor Max Baxter re: Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs. • Meeting with Veros and BOP Regional Councillor Malcolm Campbell to discuss progress on the Stoneham Park Housing Development.
Fri 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EBOP meeting in Whakatāne with Minister Simon Watts, East Coast MP Dana Kirkpatrick, Mayor Victor Luca, Mayor David Moore, Regional Council Chair Doug Leeder, and DIA representative Warren Ulusele re: Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs, Local Water Done Well, and Regional Deals in Whakatāne on Friday 30.
Sat 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the 70th Anniversary celebration of the Kawerau Bowling Club, with Cultural Advisor Te Haukakawa Te Rire and Chair Carolyn Ion.

<u>June</u>	
Tue 03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with Pat Condon to discuss community issues including irrigation, pool access, pest control, housing, and CCTV in town, held in the Mayor's office.
Fri 06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended the Eastern Bay of Plenty Road Safety Operational Group meeting with Councillor Julian, held in the Council Chambers. Discussion about Mayors Taskforce for Jobs with LGNZ member, Gary Kircher, Mayor of Waitaki.
Mon 09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit & Risk Committee Meeting, held in the Council Chambers, Chaired by Phillip Jones (Independent Member) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation of Audit & Committee minuets. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report for period – 1 April 2025 to 31 May 2025. Treasury Report to 31 March 2025 and 30 April 2025. Audit Management Report for the Long-Term Plan Consultation Document 2025-2034. Proposed Timetable for Annual Report to 30 June 2025. Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034 Update. Audit and Risk Review Timetable from June 2025 to April 2026. Annual Plan Performance for the nine months ended 31 March 2025. <p>www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/sites/www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/files/documents/event-calendar/audit_risk_agenda_-_25.06.09.pdf</p>
Wed 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulatory & Services Meeting, held in the Council Chambers, chaired by Cr Ion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly Report - Regulatory and Planning Services. Monthly Report - Finance and Corporate Services. Monthly Report - Operations and Services. Monthly Report - Economic and Community Development. Monthly Report – Communication and Engagement. Extraordinary Meeting, held in the Council Chambers, chaired by Mayor Tunui. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receipt of Submissions for the Draft Gambling Venue Policy. Event Costs and Funding for Kawerau Christmas in the Park – Saturday 13 December 2025. <p>www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/sites/www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/files/documents/event-calendar/regulatory_%20services_agenda_2025.06.11.pdf</p> <p>www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/sites/www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/files/documents/event-calendar/extraordinary_2025.06.11-compressed.pdf</p>
Thu 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies noted for the Local Leadership Group Meeting held at Ngāti Tūwharetoa BoP Settlement Trust Office with Tangata Whenua, Council, and Government Agency representatives. Attended the LGFA Taituarā Local Government Excellence Awards with CE Godfery – held at Tākina Exhibition Centre, Wellington. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council was nominated for the Porritt Glade Housing Development. Placed second in the category of Excellence in Collaborating for Results. Congratulations to joint winners Wairoa DC, Hastings DC, and Hawke's Bay RC for their Post-Cyclone Buy Out Scheme.
Mon 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iwi Liaison Committee Hui, held in the Mayor's office. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toa Te Poono of Ngā Maunga Whakahi Eastern Bay of Plenty Māori Wardens re: status of Māori Wardens in the Community. Proposed renaming of the Dump Reserve to Te Puna Wai me te Pā o Marukaa. Proposed waiata wānanga with tangata whenua and community groups. Planning for Mānawatia a Matariki community and council events. Upcoming Local Body Elections in October 2025.

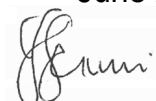
Tue 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with Jacob Kajavala, Chief Servant of Kajavala Forestry Ltd (KFL) and Chair of Industrial Symbiosis Kawerau (ISK) re: business updates and maintaining a strong working relationship with ISK.
Wed 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extraordinary meeting, held in the Council Chamber, chaired by Mayor Tunui <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submissions and deliberations for the Local Water Done Well consultation and confirmation of preferred structure for the Draft Water Services Delivery Plan Adoption of the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025 for public consultation www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/sites/www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/files/documents/event-calendar/extraordinary_2025.06.18-compressed.pdf Elected Member Briefing, held in the Council Chamber, chaired by Mayor Tunui <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on the Long-Term Plan 2025 – 2034 document

2 **Mayoral Correspondence**

- 26/5 Invitation to attend Mayors Taskforce for Jobs 25 years celebration on Wednesday 16 July at Ilex Café, Christchurch
- 27/5 Email from Tauranga City Council's Mayor Mahe Drysdale re: Tauranga City Council's Remit Application to the LGNZ AGM on Wednesday 16 July
- 29/5 Letter from Hon Chris Bishop, Minister Responsible for RMA Reform re: national direction under the Resource Management Act (RMA) 1991
- 5/6 Invitation from Olivia Campbell, to join the global Plant Based Treaty campaign.
- 6/6 Invitation from Tania Hawkins, Learning Experience Manager, LGNZ seeking input into the Mayoral Induction 2025
- 10/6 Joint letter from the Eastern Bay of Plenty Mayors to congratulate recipients of the Kings Honours – Sarah Walker for services to BMX and Sports Governance, Robert Edwards for services to Community and Governance, Gavin Dennis for services to Fire and Emergency New Zealand and the Community, Rosemary Sloman for services to the Community, and Diane Turner for services to Governance, Seniors and Maori.
- 13/6 Letters of congratulations to Te Whata Tau ō Pūtauaki students, Turiana Waititi who placed first in the 2025 Manu Korero competition for the Senior English – Te Korimako section and Hinei-Pare Olsen-McGarvey who placed second in the 2025 Manu Korero competition for the Senior Maori – Pei Te Hurinui Jones section.
Letters of congratulations to Tarawera High School students, Sidney Waiari and Monica Nathan who both participated in the 2025 Manu Korero competition.
- 16/6 Joint letter from the Eastern Bay of Plenty Mayors and Chair re: Economic Development Strategy Refresh for the Eastern Bay of Plenty.
Letter to Director, Civil Defence Emergency Management National Emergency Management Agency on behalf of Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group as joint committee Chair re: targeted consultation on further issues relating to our offshore Islands and the membership of Minister of Local Government on the EMBOP Committee.

3 **RECOMMENDATION**

That Her Worship the Mayor's report for the period Thursday, 22 May to Wednesday 18 June 2025 be received.



Faylene Tunui
Kahika | Mayor

Action Schedule

Meeting Date	Resolution / Action Requested	Action	Status	Comments	Estimated Date
OC 26.06.24	<p>Activity Review for Economic Development</p> <p>Staff to return the report with additional information including the return on investment that Council makes to external partners and agencies.</p>	ECDM	In Progress	<p>Activity Review will be returned back to Council as part of Long Term Plan (LTP) process, with additional information as requested.</p> <p>Currently working through final stages and dates of EBOP Economic Development Strategy with neighbouring Councils. Aim is to have final draft tabled with EBOP Elected Members during April – May</p> <p><u>Update (18/06/2025)</u></p> <p>EBOP Economic Development Refresh now adopted by all partner authorities.</p> <p>Internal KDC Economic Development steering group formed, including:</p> <p>CEO - M Godfery E&CDM - L Barton C&EM - T Humberstone MA – M Rogers SNR EA – P Maxwell</p> <p>Steering group will meet regularly and develop options and an ED plan for future consideration by Elected Members.</p>	September 2025

OC 26.06.24	<p>Activity Review for Pensioner Housing</p> <p>Staff to return the report with additional information including history of the partnership between Council and Kawerau Social Services Trust (that operates Mountain View) and further detail on the implications of any future expansion plans.</p> <p><u>R&S 16.10.24</u></p> <p>Staff to provide a timeline for all Housing Developments.</p>	C&EM	Timetable for upcoming workshop	<p>Activity Review will be returned back to Council as part of Long Term Plan (LTP) process, with additional information as requested by Elected Members.</p> <p>Suitable timeframe for the activity review to be returned tbc.</p> <p>Timeline for the history of the housing development leading to Porritt Glade, will be provided as part of the S17A Activity Review for Pensioner Housing.</p> <p>An additional report will be provided with the history of other Council-led housing developments comprising Central Cove, Bell Street and Hine Te Ariki and Stoneham Park.</p>	<p>LTP process commences October 2024</p> <p>September 2025</p> <p>September 2025</p> <p>September 2025</p>
OC 27.11.24	<p>Adoption of Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village Performance Report for year ended 30 June 2024</p> <p>Page 31 – Depreciation – Paragraph 5 – Elected Members have requested the correct spelling for “derecognised” in the Performance Report.</p> <p>Elected Members to be refreshed on Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village reporting and accounting principles through a meeting with Audit New Zealand.</p>	C&EM GM, F&CS	<p>Completed</p> <p>In Progress</p>	<p>Correct spelling has been added to the report.</p> <p>Working with Auditors when they are likely to be at KDC on site.</p>	<p>September 2025</p>

Meeting Date	Resolution / Action Requested	Action	Status	Comments	Estimated Date
R&S 11.12.24	<p>Monthly Report - Economic and Community Development</p> <p>Item 2 – Staff to provide clear communication to the community about how the permits for the Tarawera Falls work and that it is Māori Investments Limited that have made it available for access not Kawerau District Council.</p> <p>Staff to keep Elected Members updated on the outside basketball courts and skatepark progress.</p> <p><u>OC – 26.03.25</u></p> <p>Staff to provide designs created by the previous Youth Council for the skatepark and basketball area. This will be added to and developed on.</p>	ECDM	Completed	Comms went out to the public on how permits for Tarawera Falls work and who makes it accessible.	July 2025
			In Progress	Staff coordinating with Tarawera High dates for tech software workshops for young people to produce concept designs	July 2025
			In Progress	<p>Elected Members were sent a copy via email of the proposal for the Recreation Centre.</p> <p><u>Update 18/06/2025</u></p> <p>Youth Projects Officer, ECDM and Sports BOP are meeting to combine youth and community engagement data, and compile a report and presentation for Elected Members.</p>	July 2025
R&S 11.12.24	<p>Monthly Report – Communications and Engagement</p> <p>Staff to confirm whether the Porritt Glade AGM is open to the public.</p> <p>Staff to post a 'How to do a Request for Service to Council' on Council's social media as a refresher for the community.</p>	C&EM	Completed	This process has been communicated via social media and in the Council Newsletter.	Ongoing
			In Progress	The process for the community to request for service has been added to the regular rotation of messaging.	Ongoing

Meeting Date	Resolution / Action Requested	Action	Status	Comments	Estimated Date
R&S 14.05.25	Monthly Report – Operations and Services Item 3 Rooding – Staff to provide Elected Members with a Tree Strategy	GM O&S	In Progress	A report was considered at the 4 June Briefing and a final report will go to Council for adoption.	July 2025
R&S 14.05.25	Monthly Report – Economic and Community Development Page 61 under Highlights – Staff to query the data in the wellbeing radar graph on the economic profile 2024 provided by Infometrics.	ECDM	In Progress	<p>Infometrics provided a summary explanation with ECDM and arranged an online meeting to demonstrate where data is sourced and what the indicators are for Wellbeing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The radar diagram indicates that compared with the national average, Kawerau underperforms on all nine Wellbeing domains.</i> <i>Comparing Kawerau with the national average is unfair, because it includes metro areas that generally do better on many wellbeing indicators. Comparing Kawerau with all rural areas, Kawerau does well on environmental and income/consumption indicators</i> <i>The nine wellbeing domains shown in the radar diagram are made up of several indicators. The overall score for each domain is an average of the indicators.</i> <i>Kawerau does well on indicators such as emissions per capita, drinking water quality, housing affordability, home ownership rate, average earnings, workplace injury rate, and internet access rate.</i> <i>Kawerau does poorly on a range of other indicators.</i> <i>Wellbeing data is sourced from a wide range of sources. The data sources can be found on the Infometrics dashboard. Paid subscribers have access to compare with each other TA.</i> 	Ongoing

				<ul style="list-style-type: none">The data in the Wellbeing framework gives a broad understanding of different aspects of wellbeing. It's a useful resource but wellbeing is difficult to measure and there are aspects of wellbeing we have been unable to include in the framework due to a lack of data. <p>Infometrics have also offered to provide Elected members with a 30-minute overview of the functionality of the Infometrics dashboard.</p> <p>A public URL link to the dashboard is on the KDC's website homepage, any member of the public can access this data.</p> <p>https://rep.infometrics.co.nz/kawerau-district</p>	October 2025
OC 28.05.25	Kawerau Accessibility Group Meeting – 6 March 2025 Staff to review the Terms of Reference and membership composition of the Accessibility Group.	CEO	In Progress	Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Group will be reviewed as part of a suite of TORs	
OC 28.05.25	Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group Hui – 9 May 2025 Staff to circulate to Elected Members what is publicly available concerning the Kotuku agreements.	CEO	In Progress	An email was sent to the administering Council and TARSG Project Team enquiring about what information is available to the public. Awaiting response to email.	
OC 28.05.25	Annual Plan Performance for the nine months ended 31 March 2025 Page 235 of updated agenda - Staff to include additional comments about the on-going partnership with other Councils in the Eastern Bay and the progress in the Economic Development area.	GM, F&CS	In Progress	The additional comments will be added to the Annual Plan Performance for the year to 30 June 2025	September 2025
	Page 242 of updated agenda - Staff to add that it is Horizon Networks that repair the Streetlights for Kawerau.		In Progress	The additional comments will be added to the Annual Plan Performance for the year to 30 June 2025	September 2025

	Page 256 of updated agenda – Staff to include all the other halls and facilities that are available for hire into the Public Halls and Facilities section.		In Progress	The additional comments will be added to the Annual Plan Performance for the year to 30 June 2025	September 2025
R&S 11.06.25	Monthly Report – Regulatory and Services Staff to provide an update on regulations for Hairdressers once it is available.	GM, R&P	Pending	Awaiting further information.	
R&S 11.06.25	Monthly Report – Operations and Services Staff to update the residents of Hardie Avenue and Julian Road on the drainage progress.	GM, O&S/ C&EM	Pending	Awaiting feedback from NZTA regarding the engineering plans which are currently being reviewed. Once this feedback is received, Council will organise a letter to the residents in the area to advise status and timeframes of proposed work.	Pending NZTA review information
R&S 11.06.25	Monthly Report – Economic and Community Development Economic Development Steering Group to reach out to Taupō District Council's current Chief Executive Officer and Ngāti Tūwharetoa BOP Settlement Trust.	ECDM	In Progress	ECDM is exploring options to attend in person the Geothermal week in Taupo. The Economic Development Agency for Taupo, Amplify are the lead to organise the weeklong event. The NZ Geothermal week is 28/07-2/08/2025 and comprise a series of presentations, seminars and site visits.	August 2025
EC 11.06.25	Receipt of Submissions for the Draft Gambling Venue Policy Staff to circulate Te Whatu Ora Strategy to Elected Members.	GM, R&P	Completed	Te Whatu Ora Strategy was emailed to Elected Members.	19 June 2025
	Staff to reword Clause 7 as the decision was to have no TAB venues.		In Progress	An amended report will go to the July Council for adoption.	July 2025
	Staff to look into or receive legal advice if the wording should be 'will' or 'must' for 8.4 under Relocation Venues instead of 'Council may consider the following....'				

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OC: Ordinary Council EC: Extraordinary Council A&R: Audit & Risk Committee R&S: Regulatory & Services Committee
 GMF&CS: GM, Finance & Corporate Services GMR&P: GM, Regulatory & Planning
 C&EM: Communication & Engagement Manager ECDM: Economic & Community Development Manager

Completed Items

OC 30.04.25	BOP Mayoral Forum – 6 March 2025 Page 35, Item 4.2 – Staff to circulate to Elected members the Cross-Regional Waste Strategy Report	The report has been circulated to Elected Members.
OC 30.04.25	Dog Registration Fees 2025/26 Elected Members noted and requested that in future reports Council acknowledges that it is known dog owners that fund a percentage of total costs.	Staff will include in future reports an acknowledgement that it is the known dog owners that fund a percentage of total costs.
OC 30.04.25	S17A – Activity Review for the Aquatic Centre Service Elected Members requested that in future reports Council acknowledge and name those that generously give sponsorship to Council.	Staff will include in future reports an acknowledgement of those that generously give sponsorship to Council
OC 30.04.25	Confirming Alternative Tap Arrangements Elected Members suggested that there be an extra tap added at the Pumphouse as there is an increase volume of users of this tap.	Staff have evaluated the request, and conclude that the congested parking area will not allow for an additional tap.
OC 28.05.25	Public Forum – Derek Speirs Staff to email the link of the Financial Statements on Council's website to Derek Speirs.	An email was sent to Mr Derek Speirs on Wednesday 28 May with the link to Council's Financial Statements.
OC 28.05.25	Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting Include in the Meeting Update that Majeau Rogers joins Kawerau District Council as the new Mayoral Aide	The Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting has been update with the inclusion of the introduction of Majeau Rogers as Kawerau District Council's new Mayoral Aide.
OC 28.05.25	Action Schedule Staff to review the estimated dates.	Estimated Dates have been updated on all Actions
OC 28.05.25	Proposed Policy Reviews of (1) Communications by Elected Members in the Pre-Election Period and (2) Council Policy on Election Signs Staff to confirm dates for the post-election period as a query was raised about when does the incumbent Council become void.	<p>The Policies were adopted 28 May 2025. The pre-election period is 11 July to 11 October 2025 (a three-month period).</p> <p>Following the election on 11 October – the Declaration of Election Results (and the poll) is expected to be published on Friday, 17 October 2025. Elected members take up office the day after the official results have been declared by public notice. However, elected members cannot act until they have been sworn in at the first meeting of the Council (Inauguration is planned for Wednesday, 29 October 2025).</p> <p>For further information and the legislation relating to incumbent elected</p>

		<p>members who are not reelected please see the link to the legislation here which outlines that members take up office the same day as those not elected leave office (the day after the official results are announced)</p> <p>Local Electoral Act 2001 No 35 (as at 01 April 2025), Public Act 116 When members leave office – New Zealand Legislation</p> <p>There is further guidance that reinforces this above via SOLGM Part19-2015.pdf</p> <p>Contact has been made with Fletcher Trust.</p>
R&S 11.06.25	Monthly Report – Finance and Corporate Services Staff to make contact with the Fletcher Trust Governance Board.	

Meeting: Council

Meeting Date: 25 June 2025

Subject: **Regional Economic Development Agency Trust exemption from the requirements of Auditing**

File Number: 309102

1 Purpose

Under section 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 Councils can resolve to exempt their Council-Controlled Organisations (CCOs) from auditing requirements. This report recommends Council continue exempting the Eastern Bay of Plenty Regional Economic Development Trust (Toi-EDA) from these requirements in order to:

1. Recognise Toi-EDA is in an operational hiatus; and
2. Align with the exemption resolutions passed by our partner Councils Whakatāne District Council, Ōpōtiki District Council, and Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

2 Background

Toi-EDA takes its name from the eponymous ancestor Toitehuatahi (or Toikairākau) whose people were Te Tini o Toi (the multitudes of Toi).

In 2004/2005 central government undertook a reform drive to encourage “regionalising” economic development functions. The reform drive was a recognition that economic links do not neatly map to territorial authority boundaries. In response to this reform, and in recognition of the Eastern Bay of Plenty’s role as a cohesive economic unit, the Kawerau, Whakatāne, and Ōpōtiki District Councils resolved to establish an economic development agency in the form of a Trust. The Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa (on behalf of the Mataatua Iwi Forum) were also settlers to the Trust recognising the important roles of regional planning and tangata whenua respectively.

On 25 September 2024, Council formally resolved to withdraw its funding of Toi-EDA. The decision recognised the cost of living remained high, and Council was seeking to maximise value from every dollar spent. In October 2024, Ōpōtiki District Council also resolved to withdraw its funding of Toi-EDA citing the high cost of living and the need to maximise value. The Whakatāne District Council and Bay of Plenty Regional Council also withdrew their funding as well. The table below outlines each Council’s funding contribution to 30 June 2024.

COUNCIL	CONTRIBUTION TO 30 JUNE 2024
Whakatāne District Council	\$211,500
Ōpōtiki District Council	\$53,250
Kawerau District Council	\$25,000
Bay of Plenty Regional Council	\$10,000

Toi-EDA falls within the definition of a CCO as per section 6(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002:

6 Meaning of council-controlled organisation and council organisation

(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—
council-controlled organisation means a council organisation that is—

- (b) an entity in respect of which 1 or more local authorities have, whether or not jointly with other local authorities or persons,—
 - (i) control, directly or indirectly, of 50% or more of the votes at any meeting of the members or controlling body of the entity; or
 - (ii) the right, directly or indirectly, to appoint 50% or more of the trustees, directors, or managers (however described) of the entity

The requirements of a CCO under the Local Government Act 2002 include (but are not limited to):

- Preparing a Statement of Intent;
- Preparing audited Annual Reports; and
- Maintaining a policy on the appointment and remuneration of directors.

The requirement to produce audited Annual Reports is a significant administrative requirement carrying a financial burden.

2.1 Relevant legislation

Under section 7(3) of the Local Government Act 2002 a local authority can resolve to exempt a CCO from the requirements of the Act. The section reads:

7 Exempted organisations

(3) A local authority may, after having taken account of the matters specified in subsection (5), exempt a small organisation that is not a council-controlled trading organisation.

The matters specified in subsection (5) are “the nature and scope of the activities provided by the organisation” (i.e. is it non-profit and non-trading) and “the costs and benefits, if an exemption is granted, to the local authority, the council-controlled organisation, and the community”.

Essentially, subsection 5 provides the power to exempt where the CCO is non-profit and where the costs of compliance (e.g. auditing) outweigh the benefits.

2.2 Reasons for the exemption

In 2010, Council and its partners considered the compliance requirements of the Act were too onerous for a small organisation with the costs outweighing the benefits. The costs of producing audited Annual Reports was a particular concern. Therefore, in accordance with section 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council resolved to exempt Toi-EDA.

Under the Act Council must renew (or revoke) this exemption every 3 years. The exemption is due for renewal in 2025.

Staff recommend a renewed exemption for a further 3-year period.

This recommendation is based on the following factors:

- **Toi-EDA is in hiatus pending a strategic review:** In the 2024/25 financial year the Kawerau, Whakatāne, and Ōpōtiki District Councils resolved to withdraw their funding for Toi-EDA. This means there are no major transactions to audit or no activity to report against. Ongoing work streams – for example the Regional Economic Development Strategy – were taken in-house and completed in a direct partnership between the respective Councils.
- **Toi-EDA is a non-profit entity.** Toi-EDA maintains registration with the Charities Service meaning it does not return a profit to its Settlers (i.e. shareholding Councils and iwi). The Office of the Auditor-General notes the section 7 exemption was designed to accommodate non-profit entities where the cost of compliance outweighs the benefits.
- **Income from Settlers to 30 June 2024 was \$299,750.** At 30 June 2024, Toi-EDA's income from its Settlers was \$299,750. Given the organisation's size, the administrative and financial requirements of the Act are disproportionate to its income.

3 **Policy and Plan Considerations**

Toi-EDA is included as a CCO in Council's Long Term Plan (LTP) with disclosure that it is an exempt CCO. To ensure this disclosure remains accurate across the lifespan of the LTP Council must resolve to renew the exemption.

With Toi-EDA in operational hiatus Council continues to deliver its economic development functions by:

- Establishing its own internal structure in the form of an Economic Development Steering Group (reported to the Regulatory and Services Committee meeting of 11 June 2025);
- Setting an attendance target for Industrial Symbiosis Kawerau meetings;
- Collaborating directly with Whakatāne District Council and Ōpōtiki District Council (e.g. in the completion of the Regional Economic Development Plan).

4 **Significance and Engagement**

The decision to renew Toi-EDA's exemption is not considered significant under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. Consultation is not required.

In the 2024/25 financial year Council's partners to the Toi-EDA Trust Deed resolved to continue the exemption. No consultation took place. See the table below:

COUNCIL	RESOLUTION DATE
Whakatāne District Council	12 December 2024
Ōpōtiki District Council	4 February 2025
Bay of Plenty Regional Council	13 February 2025

5 Financial Considerations

The adoption of the recommendation will mean that Council does not incur additional audit fees that would be required if the exemption was not approved.

6 Legal Considerations

Any statutory or legal obligations are included in section 2 of this report.

7 Risks

Granting an exemption carries no significant risks and this is a continuation of current arrangements.

Allowing the exemption to lapse would require the partner Councils to either incur additional fees (e.g. to produce audited Annual Reports) or “wind up” the Trust establishing Toi-EDA. Neither option is recommended. Toi-EDA is in hiatus with the Board and its partners intending to undertake a strategic review in time. This is deemed the appropriate time to revisit the exemption.

8 Strategic Context

With Whakatāne, Ōpōtiki and Regional Council resolving to extend the exemption for Toi-EDA it follows that Kawerau District Council would remain in unison with its partners.

The renewed exemption also creates a pathway for Toi-EDA to reset its strategic priorities and operating model to better align with the priorities of its Settlor Councils.

In order to remain aligned with our partner Councils “Resolution 2” in this report has been adopted from the resolution passed by Ōpōtiki District Council on 4 February 2025.

9 Conclusion

This report recommends Council renew its exemption to Toi-EDA as per section 7 of the Local Government Act 2002. The exemption will run for a period of 3 years.

10 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the report “Regional Economic Development Agency Trust exemption from the requirements of Auditing” be received.
2. That Council exempts the Eastern Bay of Plenty Regional Economic Development Trust (Toi-EDA) from the provision related to Council Controlled Organisations as provided under section 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, for a period of three years.
3. That Council review the exemption as part of the next Long Term Plan cycle.



Morgan Godfery
Chief Executive Officer

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Meeting: Council

Meeting Date: 25 June 2025

Subject: Pre-election Report 2025

File No: 107000

1 **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to inform councillors of the “Pre-election Report” which the Chief Executive is required to produce, pursuant to section 99A of the Local Government Act 2002, at least 2 weeks prior to nomination day (1 August 2025).

2 **Background**

The Local Government Act 2002 was amended in 2010, and the amendment introduced a number of changes, which were designed to provide greater transparency and accountability. One of these changes was the requirement to produce a pre-election report prior to the nomination date for Council elections. The purpose of the pre-election report is to give the community and potential candidates, information concerning the Council's financial performance and also what is intended for the future.

As the Kawerau district has a resident population of less than 20,000, Council is able to adopt the reduced reporting requirements permitted by section 99A of the Local Government Act 2002.

The pre-election report is not intended to be a promotion (or criticism) document for the current council.

Following adoption by Council the report will be available to potential candidates and be put on the website.

3 **Summary of Pre-Election Report**

The following are the main components of the Pre-election report:

3.1 **Rates, rate increases, borrowing and return on investments**

This statement compares these figures with the limits that are in the financial strategy for 2025/26. Council adopts the financial strategy as part of the Long Term Plan.

3.2 **Funding Impact Statement**

The funding impact statement, which is required for both the Annual Report and the Long Term Plan is the principal means of measuring financial performance. The figures are taken from Council's Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034.

3.3 Statement of Financial Position

The statement of financial position shows Council's anticipated financial position for 2025/26, as well as 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29 (from the 2025 – 2034 LTP).

3.4 Major Projects Planned

These include the capital projects for the next four years which have been identified in Council's 2025-2034 Long Term Plan for the subsequent years.

4 Appendix

Appended to this report is Council's 2025 Pre-Election Report.

5 RECOMMENDATION

That the report "Pre-election Report 2025" be received.



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Chief Executive Officer

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KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL

Pre-election Report 2025



What is a pre-election report?

The pre-election report provides information to the community concerning the Council's anticipated financial performance and financial position for 2025/26 and the three subsequent financial years.

The pre-election report must include the major projects planned for 2025/26 as well as the following 3 years. Also, the report includes information on: total rates, the rate increases, borrowing (including any limits) and return on investment, compared to the amounts that Council has specified in its Financial Strategy.

As Kawerau District Council is a local authority which has a resident population of less than 20,000 people, this pre-election report includes the information that is required in clauses 36(1)(b) & (c) and 37 of schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2002.

However, if anyone requires any further financial information or explanation of the figures in this report they should contact Lee-Anne Butler, Group Manager Finance and Corporate Services, Kawerau District Council.

Rates, rate increase, borrowing and return on investments (compared to the financial strategy)

The following table lists the total amount of rates, the rate increase, borrowing and investment returns along with the limits specified in Council's Financial Strategy for 2025/26 (as per Council's Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034) compared with the two previous years:

	Annual Report	Annual Plan	Long Term Plan
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Total rates:	\$13,057,847	\$14,583,750	\$15,811,210
Rate Increase limit (%) (Inflation plus 2%)	8.8%	5.2%	5.0%
Rate Increase actual (%)	7.4% **	12.2%	8.5%
Rates as % of total revenue (limit 88%)	72.1%	65.3%	68.4%
Total borrowing for year excluding leases*	\$4,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$8,000,000
Borrowing limit (< 50% of total assets)	<\$59,753,000	\$72,505,200	<\$71,533,500
Investment return	\$81,650	\$52,000	\$85,500
Investment return (%)	2.5%	1.7%	2.6%

** Actual rates increase

NB. Council has finance leases for photocopiers and telephones. Council intends to borrow a further \$4 million over the following 3 years (2026/27 – 2028/29) to fund the on-going replacement of all steel and AC water pipes. Total borrowing will be well within Council's borrowing limit.

Long Term Plan 2025/26 \$	FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT	Long Term Plan		
		2026/27 \$	2027/28 \$	2028/29 \$
	SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDS			
14,083,970	General rates, UAGC and rate penalties	14,207,730	14,562,530	14,691,460
1,727,210	Targeted rates	2,020,350	2,456,530	2,983,870
455,460	Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	465,190	480,630	506,190
2,247,230	Fees and charges	2,287,110	2,350,050	2,404,580
85,500	Interest and dividends from investments	87,420	81,490	75,790
391,560	Fuel tax, fines, infringements and other receipts	364,980	367,060	398,260
18,990,930	TOTAL OPERATING FUNDING (A)	19,432,780	20,298,290	21,060,150
	APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING			
15,974,390	Payment to staff and suppliers	16,209,920	16,594,080	17,166,110
460,500	Finance costs	499,000	607,300	666,800
0	Other operating funding applications	0	0	0
16,434,890	TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING (B)	16,708,920	17,201,380	17,832,910
2,556,040	SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) OF OPERATING FUNDING (A-B)	2,723,860	3,096,910	3,227,240
	SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
3,018,020	Subsidies and grants for capital purposes	780,920	499,240	505,600
0	Development and Financial contributions	0	0	0
1,982,200	Increase/(decrease) in debt	1,982,200	1,982,200	47,180
0	Gross proceeds from sale of assets	0	0	0
0	Lump sum contributions	0	0	0
1,100,000	Other dedicated capital funding	2,930,000	2,126,520	1,056,520
6,100,220	TOTAL SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING (C)	5,693,120	4,607,960	1,609,300
	APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDS			
	Capital expenditure:			
1,146,430	- to meet additional demand	602,850	161,220	876,150
0	- to improve level of service	1,072,460	0	0
5,247,590	- to replace existing assets	6,112,490	6,024,610	5,570,760
(517,330)	Increase/(decrease) in reserves	(562,970)	1,272,260	(2,844,220)
2,779,570	Increase/(decrease) of investments	1,192,150	246,780	1,233,850
8,656,260	TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING (D)	8,416,980	7,704,870	4,836,540
(2,556,040)	SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) OF CAPITAL FUNDING (C-D)	(2,723,860)	(3,096,910)	(3,227,240)
0	FUNDING BALANCE ((A-B)+(C-D))	0	0	0

Long Term Plan		Long Term Plan		
2025/26		2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
\$		\$	\$	\$
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION				
ASSETS				
Current assets				
3,117,720	Cash and other financial assets	3,197,425	3,550,715	300,937
2,564,490	Trade and other receivables	2,568,340	2,543,970	2,510,480
5,211,290	Inventories	3,322,199	2,086,521	2,817,330
0	Other Financial Assets	0	0	0
10,893,500	Total current assets	9,087,964	8,181,206	5,628,747
Non-current assets				
131,674,677	Property, plant and equipment	134,736,477	151,220,777	152,440,137
112,500	Intangible assets	118,620	124,900	131,000
386,250	Investment in CCOs	486,250	586,250	586,250
132,173,427	Total non-current assets	135,341,347	151,931,927	153,157,387
143,066,927	TOTAL ASSETS	144,429,311	160,113,133	158,786,134
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
4,029,580	Trade and other payables	5,046,150	4,352,961	4,082,510
7,997,650	ORA – Refundable Occupancy	7,757,721	7,524,989	7,299,239
976,180	Employee benefit liabilities	1,008,650	1,036,820	1,064,020
17,800	Borrowings/Leases	17,800	15,410	20,650
13,021,210	Total current liabilities	13,830,321	12,930,180	12,466,419
Non-current liabilities				
136,397	Provisions/Deferred Revenue	130,940	125,703	120,675
66,820	Employee benefits	69,050	70,970	72,840
8,051,010	Borrowings/Leases	10,033,210	12,015,410	12,062,590
8,254,227	Total non-current liabilities	10,233,200	12,212,083	12,256,105
21,275,437	TOTAL LIABILITIES	24,063,521	25,142,263	24,722,524
EQUITY				
40,395,342	Retained earnings	41,783,422	41,199,867	42,803,814
81,396,148	Other reserves	78,582,368	93,771,003	91,259,796
121,791,490	TOTAL EQUITY	120,365,790	134,970,870	134,063,610

MAJOR PROJECTS PLANNED	Long Term Plan			
	2025/26 \$	2026/27 \$	2027/28 \$	2028/29 \$
Road and Carpark Resealing	191,398	195,478	249,350	250,957
Footpath Renewals and Kerb Replacement	142,100	145,690	186,150	188,600
Street Light Renewals	40,500	41,270	90,230	90,230
Road Pavement Treatment	76,700	78,050	131,180	131,180
Audio, Seating, Lighting and Bins	32,479	33,459	39,935	41,034
Stormwater – Catch pit renewals	60,000	61,080	66,770	72,810
Water Reticulation Renewals	2,213,000	3,969,142	2,781,470	2,824,650
UV Tube Replacement	15,840	16,410	16,940	17,470
Sewerage Pipe, Pump and Plant Renewals	1,742,400	1,963,070	1,797,540	1,371,260
Transfer Station Renewals	0	10,725	16,609	11,420
Library Collection Renewals	79,090	81,180	83,270	85,140
Library/Museum building/fixtures renewals	73,820	21,570	15,140	13,480
Swimming complex renewals	111,000	163,416	42,306	11,059
Halls/Public Toilet renewals	17,770	57,987	130,688	27,210
Sportsfields, Reserves and Playground renewals	111,010	85,120	87,310	95,806
Council Buildings	39,240	41,820	39,370	52,520
Vehicle and Plant Replacement	157,493	136,276	160,940	139,064
IT and Communication Equipment Replacement	101,450	52,850	58,702	118,240
Other Capital Projects – Economic Development	42,300	12,560	12,910	13,220
Stoneham Park Development (Infrastructure)	1,146,430	602,847	161,220	876,150
Total	6,394,020	7,770,000	6,168,030	6,431,500

Meeting: Council

Meeting Date: 25 June 2025

Subject: Fees & Charges 2025/26

File Number: 201600

1 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to consider and adopt the fees and charges for the 2025/26 financial year. The fees and charges are part of the underlying budgeted revenue for year one of the Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034.

2 Background

Council must adopt its fees and charges at the beginning of each financial year apart from those that are determined by legislation (such as infringements). The fees and charges reflect the contributions that are paid by the users of a service as identified in Council's Revenue and Financing policy. This policy identifies the portion of the activity's cost that is paid by users and the remaining portion that is paid by ratepayers.

The fees and charges do not have to be consulted on with the community, however, some fees and charges must be advertised, such as the dog fees.

Council historically has kept its fees to users low so as to make its facilities affordable for the community. Kawerau District Council's fees and charges are among the lowest in the country, which means that ratepayers have to fund a greater portion of the amenity costs. Also, Council has not made significant increases to fees if it was thought to result in negative behaviour from the community. For example not registering dogs if the fees were considered unaffordable, or illegal dumping of rubbish to avoid landfill fees.

Council previously resolved that it would increase fees and charges by inflation each year to avoid significant increases. The annual inflation rate to 31 March 2025 was 2.5%, which is the basis of the fee increase for the majority of the Fees and Charges for 2025/26 as detailed in this report.

The Draft Revenue and Financing Policy was adopted for consultation with the community as part of the Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034 consultation process. Council has confirmed this policy for inclusion in the Long Term Plan 2025-2034. The Revenue and Financing Policy identifies for each activity the percentage to be paid by users (private beneficiaries) and ratepayers (public benefit) as a percentage range. The recommendations for higher fees increases for 2025/26 in some areas is to ensure the users (with private benefits) are paying a fair rate.

3 Fees and Charges – 2025/26

Attached to this report in Appendix A are the proposed fees and charges for 2025/26 for Council's consideration and adoption.

For the majority of the Fees and Charges an increase for inflation of 2.5% has been applied. The proposed fees and charges have been rounded for both customer and administrative ease. Also, with inflation at 2.5% some increases are not of significant dollar value yet updating systems to accommodate a small price increase, costs more than what is likely gained. Therefore, for some lower priced services, no increase is recommended (such as for photocopying, Library and Museum fees).

There are some fees and charges that are proposed to increase more than inflation as follows:

- Cemetery – The Funeral Directors have asked if a fixed rate could be considered for weekend or public holiday burials, as this provides whānau with certainty regarding the burial costs. The recommended set fee for 2025/26 is \$325.00.
- Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre - At the Council meeting on 30 April 2025, Council adopted the S17a Activity Review for the Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre service and confirmed that during the 2025/26 financial year a review will be undertaken of the fees and charges including potential entry fees. Following this review Council can adopt changes to the fees and charges.

The recommended fees and charges for implementation from 1 July 2025 until the review is completed are included in the appendix. The following is a summary of the recommended fee amendments:

- There are bulk bookings for fitness and health based activities, which while they are essentially the same as a private booking with use outside of normal operation hours, a discount rate of \$20 is recommended to reflect the regular bulk bookings by these fitness and health based activities.
 - There have been private bookings in the last year, for large events during normal operating hours. These bookings must have prior approval by the CEO as hire is during normal operating hours and excludes the public from use of the facility. The recommended rate is \$300 per hour, which includes the provision of lifeguards during normal opening hours. It is also recommended that this option is unavailable on statutory holidays.
 - There is no recommended increase in the BBQ hire charges as these had a good increase in 2024/25, from \$6 to \$10 for the small BBQ and \$12 to \$20 for the large BBQ.
- Hall and Facilities – For the Rangi Delamere Centre, it is recommended to remove the half day rate to simplify options, for each of the facility options.
- Solid Waste – For many of the solid waste fees the pricing has been amended to be based on weight, as this is the most accurate measure and way to charge, especially as this is how Council is charged for the disposal of the refuse. Council is to provide additional recycling options which are free, however this is based on sorted recycling.

Council is now part of the Tyre Wise stewardship programme, so tyres can be disposed of at no cost (except for tractor tyres). Also, a new fee for the disposal of fridges, freezers, air-conditioners/dehumidifiers has been added.

For the sale of mulch and compost the sale price has been converted from by the m³ to by the tonne, as this is the most accurate way to calculate the volume sold.

The actual replacement cost for the wheelie bins is \$71.35 for 80L, \$77.80 for 120L bins and \$82.50 for 240L bins. Ideally, the amount charged should be actual costs, however there are concerns that if the price is too high there will be other issues and negative impacts. A phasing in of increasing to actual cost over a number of years was recommended and agreed for the 2024/25 year. The \$18.00 is 25% of the replacement cost, it is recommended moving to a replacement cost share of 35% which would be \$25.00 for 80L, \$27.00 for 120L and \$29.00 for green 240L.

- Building Fees - Following reviews of these charges they are comparatively very low compared with other Councils, and when compared to Council's Revenue and Financing Policy. It is recommended an increase of 20% would be a step closer to a fairer user pays system.

All building deposits have been increased, as it is more cost effective to collect the fees at the beginning and this better reflects the costs of building services provided.

Council's hourly charge for inspectors is understated and does not adequately reflect the cost of building services, or the benefit this provides to the user, therefore an hourly rate of \$190.00 is recommended.

To assist with cost recovery, it is recommended the Residential LIM is set at \$260.00 and the Project Information Memorandum at \$120.00.

For the Accreditation levy the recommended increase is to \$3.00 per \$1,000 of building work >\$20,000 in value (2024/25 = \$2.00), which is to reflect the increase in the accreditation costs incurred by Council. There has also been an increase in the Building Authority auditing fees ranging from 31% to 54% in different elements.

- Food Registration Plans – Due to increasing administrative costs with the management of Food Premises registrations, new registration fees and the hourly rate are recommended to increase.
- Resource consents - Increasing the level of the deposits paid is recommended, as resource consent processing can be over an extended period, so a higher deposit ensures Council recovers more of the costs upfront, as it is more cost effective to collect earlier in the process. The deposits recommended are still relatively low compared to other Councils.
- Powered Sites Connections – Recommended that there is a daily power charge of \$12, with a \$40 refundable bond for the power key. Also, following the review of the Freedom Camping By-Law the new application fees for a prior consent application for an exemption have been included.

4 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the report “Fees & Charges 2025/26” be received.
2. That Council confirms and adopts the fees and charges (including GST) for 2025/26 as detailed in Appendix A.



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Appendix A

FEES AND CHARGES – 2025/2026

Cemetery	2024/2025	2025/2026
<u>Purchase of Plots</u>		
Adults		
Purchase of each plot 2.45mx 1.25m with Right of Burial in perpetuity	\$1,460.00	\$1,500.00
Children (under 10 years)		
Purchase of each plot 1.52mx 1.37m with Right of Burial in perpetuity	\$730.00	\$750.00
Stillborn Infants/Ashes		
Plot 1.25m x 1.90m provided	\$220.00	\$225.00
RSA		
Plots in the RSA section of the Cemetery are provided free of charge	No charge	No charge
<u>Burial Fees</u>		
Adults	\$580.00	\$595.00
Children (under 10 years)	\$260.00	\$265.00
Stillborn Infants	\$115.00	\$120.00
Second Interment	\$580.00	\$595.00
Ashes	\$115.00	\$120.00
RSA	\$580.00	\$595.00
Weekend or Public Holiday (minimum plus additional per hour).	\$145.00 per hour	\$325.00 (set fee)
Miscellaneous		
Exhumation of Casket from the Cemetery	\$1,000.00	\$1,025.00
Re-interment of any Casket in the Cemetery (which excludes the plot, there is an additional cost as above)	\$500.00	\$515.00
Purchase Niche in Wall of Remembrance	\$85.00	\$90.00
Purchase of Plaque with the Standard Inscription	\$224.00	\$230.00

Administration Fees	2024/2025	2025/26
Annual Plan (per copy)	\$24.00	\$25.00
Annual Report (per copy)	\$24.00	\$25.00
Long-Term Plan (LTP - per copy)	\$24.00	\$25.00
NB: These charges only apply to non-residents who are not ratepayers		
Staff Administration Fee		
Time spent by staff searching for relevant material, abstracting and collating, copying and transcribing where the total time involves in excess of 30 minutes shall be charged out at \$60.00 per hour or part thereof. This excludes the cost of photocopying charges which will be per photocopy charges.	\$60.00 per hour (after first 30 minutes)	\$62.00 per hour (after first 30 minutes)
Photocopying Charges		
Photocopying/Printing (per page) A4 – B&W (per copy)	\$0.20	\$0.20
Photocopying/Printing (per page) A4 – Colour (per copy)	\$1.00	\$1.00
Photocopying/Printing (per page) A3 – B&W (per copy)	\$0.40	\$0.40
Photocopying/Printing (per page) A3 – Colour (per copy)	\$2.00	\$2.00
Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre	2024/2025	2025/26
School and Fitness Activity Bookings during normal operational hours (per hour fee) which includes the Kawerau Amateur Swimming Club	\$8.00	\$10.00
Fitness and Health Activity Private booking (per hour) for bulk bookings		New fee \$20.00 per hour
Private Booking (per hour)	\$50.00	\$55.00
Large Private Bookings during normal operational hours (fee includes cost of provision of Lifeguards) * Bookings only following approval by the Chief Executive and not available on Statutory Holidays.		New fee \$300.00 per hour
Bond for Private Booking	\$300.00	\$300.00
BBQ Hire (per BBQ) – Small (portable) for 2 hours	\$10.00	\$10.00
BBQ Hire (per BBQ) – Large (Fixed) for 2 hours	\$20.00	\$20.00

Public Hall Facilities for Hire	2024/2025	2025/26
<u>Boyce Park</u>		
Casual Hire (per day)	\$24.00	\$25.00
<u>Concert Chamber</u>		
Discounted		
Casual Hire (per hour)	\$14.00	\$15.00
Bulk Hire (20 hours or more – per hour)	\$7.00	\$8.00
Not Discounted		
Casual Hire (per hour)	\$47.00	\$48.00
Bulk Hire (20 hours or more – per hour)	\$23.00	\$24.00
<u>Firmin Field</u>		
Casual Hire	26.00	\$27.00
<u>Prideaux Park</u>		
Casual Hire (per day)	\$24.00	\$25.00
Cricket Pavilion (per hour)	\$12.00	\$13.00
<u>Tarawera Park</u>		
Casual Hire (per field per day)	\$24.00	\$25.00
<u>Toilets</u>		
Service Fee (per toilet block)	\$48.00	\$50.00
<u>Town Hall</u>		
Discounted		
Casual Hire (per hour)	\$16.00	\$17.00
Bulk Hire (20 hours or more – per hour)	\$8.00	\$9.00
Kitchen Hire (per hour)	\$24.00	\$25.00
<u>Town Hall</u>		
Not Discounted		
Casual Hire (per hour)	\$54.00	\$55.00
Bulk Hire (20 hours or more – per hour)	\$27.00	\$28.00
Kitchen Hire (per hire/day)	\$84.00	\$86.00
<u>Recreation Centre</u>		
Discounted		
Casual Hire (per hour)	\$24.00	\$25.00
Bulk Hire (20 hours or more – per hour)	\$13.00	\$13.00
Not Discounted		
Casual Hire (per hour)	\$82.00	\$84.00
Bulk Hire (20 hours or more – per hour)	\$38.00	\$40.00
<u>Rangi Delamere Centre</u>		
<u>Whole facility</u>		
Casual Hire (per hour)	\$20.00	\$21.00
Full day Hire (for 8 hours hire)	\$140.00	\$144.00

<i>Public Hall Facilities for Hire (Cont'd)</i>	2024/2025	2025/26
<u>Central Room (includes Kitchen)</u>		
Casual Hire (per hour)	\$17.00	\$18.00
Full day Hire (for 8 hours hire)	\$116.00	\$120.00
<u>Changing Rooms & Toilet Block only</u>		
Casual Hire (per hour)	\$15.00	\$16.00
Full day Hire (for 8 hours hire)	\$100.00	\$105.00
<u>Meeting Room only</u>		
Casual Hire (per hour)	\$15.00	\$16.00
Full day Hire	\$100.00	\$105.00
<u>Bert Hamilton Hall</u>		
Day Hire (Up to 4 hours)	\$16.00	\$17.00
Night Hire – from 5:00 pm	\$26.00	\$27.00
<u>Firmin Lodge</u>		
Main Hall & Kitchen - Casual Booking	\$325.00	\$335.00
Sole occupancy per nights booked		
• One night	\$1,150.00	\$1,180.00
• Subsequent nights	\$950.00	\$975.00
<i>Library Fees</i>	2024/2025	2025/26
Interloan Requests (per item)	\$3.50	\$3.50
Lost Book Fee	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Replacement Library Cards (per card)	\$2.50	\$2.50
Photocopying/Printing (per page) A4 – B&W (per copy)	\$0.20	\$0.20
Photocopying/Printing (per page) A4 – Colour (per copy)	\$1.00	\$1.00
Photocopying/Printing (per page) A3 – B&W (per copy)	\$0.40	\$0.40
Photocopying/Printing (per page) A3 – Colour (per copy)	\$2.00	\$2.00
<u>Admin Fee</u>		
Administration Fee (for lost items/per item) **	\$6.00	\$6.00
<u>Withdrawn Library Items for Sale</u>		
Hardback Books	\$1.00	\$1.00
Softback Books	\$0.50	\$0.50
Children's Books	\$0.50	\$0.50
Magazines	\$0.50	\$0.50
DVDs	\$2.00	\$2.00

<i>Museum Fees</i>	2024/2025	2025/26
Photocopies (per copy):		
Black and White A4	\$1.00	\$1.00
Colour A4	\$2.00	\$2.00
Black and White A3	\$2.00	\$2.00
Colour A3	\$4.00	\$4.00
Laminated photocopies (per copy):		
Black and White A4	\$3.50	\$3.50
Colour A4	\$4.50	\$4.50
Black and White A3	\$4.50	\$4.50
Colour A3	\$8.00	\$8.00
Images for publication (per image):		
Local History/Education	\$12.00	\$12.00
Commercial	\$60.00	\$60.00
Digital Scan (per image & includes CD):		
First Image	\$30.00	\$30.00
Additional Images (same CD)	\$24.00	\$24.00
Commercial prints (Black & White/Colour):		
6x4	\$12.00	\$12.00
5x7	\$15.50	\$15.50
6x8	\$17.50	\$17.50
8x10 & 8x12	\$20.00	\$20.00
12x18	\$20.00	\$20.00

Solid Waste	2024/25	2025/26
<u>Refuse</u>		
Bags (maximum bag size of 60 litres)	\$6.50 (\$18.00 max)	\$7.00 per bag & no bag limit
Cars	\$19.00	\$334.00/t
All other vehicles (including trailers)	\$19.00 /or \$334.00/ t	\$334.00/ t
<u>Mixed Recycling (not sorted)</u>		
Bag (maximum bag size of 60 litres)	\$3.50 (\$10.50 max)	\$7.00 per bag & no bag limit
Cars	\$10.50	\$334.00/t
All other vehicles (including trailers)	\$6.50/m ³	\$334.00/t
<u>Recycling Sorted (Newly added)</u>		
Paper	New	Free
Cardboard	New	Free
Aluminium	New	Free
Tin Cans	New	Free
Other Scrap Metal – <i>except Fridges, Freezers, Air-Conditioners & Dehumidifiers</i>	New	Free
LPG Bottles	New	Free
Tyres	\$15.50	Free
Tyres – Tractor	Not Accepted	Not Accepted
Mixed Plastic	New	Free
Glass Separated – Brown/Clear/Green	New	Free
<u>Green Waste</u>		
Bag (maximum bag size of 60 litres)	\$3.50	\$4.00 per bag
All other loads	\$16.00/m ³	\$82.00/t
<u>Other Material</u>		
Fridges, Freezers, Air-Conditioners/Dehumidifiers	New	\$47.00
Soil and broken concrete	\$68.00/t	\$70.00/t
Wood waste – Treated/Untreated	\$334.00/t	\$334.00/t
Construction and Demolition Material	\$334.00/t	\$334.00/t
Asbestos	Not Accepted	Not Accepted
<u>For Sale (was worded Collection)</u>		
Soil and Crushed Concrete	\$20.00/ m ³	\$21.0/t
Wood NB: Untreated Wood is for use as firewood and untreated wood for re-purpose use only.	Free	Free
Mulch	\$10.00/ m ³	\$40.00/t
Compost when available	\$20.00/ m ³	\$40.00/t

Miscellaneous		2024/25	2025/26
Rubbish Bin Hire (set of 5 bins per event)			
Serviced		\$89.00	\$92.00
Residual Refuse Bin Charges		2024/25	2025/26
<i>Residual Refuse Bin upgrade to 120-litre (NB Difference between targeted rates for 60/80 litre & 120 litre bin)</i>			
Month Requested	Months Chargeable	Pro Rata Cost	Pro Rata Cost
July	12	\$60.00	\$60.00
August	11	\$55.00	\$55.00
September	10	\$50.00	\$50.00
October	9	\$45.00	\$45.00
November	8	\$45.00	\$45.00
December	7	\$35.00	\$35.00
January	6	\$30.00	\$30.00
February	5	\$25.00	\$25.00
March	4	\$20.00	\$20.00
April	3	\$15.00	\$15.00
May	2	\$10.00	\$10.00
June	1	\$5.00	\$5.00
Replacement Bin Charges		2024/2025	2025/26
120-litre residual wheelie bin *		\$18.00	\$27.00
80-litre residual wheelie bin *		\$18.00	\$25.00
240-litre green wheelie bin *		\$18.00	\$29.00
60-litre recycle crate *		\$18.00	\$20.00

Annual Premises Licence and Registration Fees	2024/25	2025/26
Hairdresser's Registration (per annum)	\$140.00	\$145.00
Offensive Trade Registration (per annum)	\$140.00	\$145.00

Abandoned vehicles	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Private Swimming Pool inspection	\$73.00	\$75.00
Services not otherwise listed	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Specific expertise	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Building	2024/225	2025/2026
Solid Fuel Heater – Free Standing	\$296.00	\$355.00
Solid Fuel Heater – In built	\$369.00	\$445.00
Marquee – Public Use	\$435.00	\$525.00
Marquee – Private Use	\$435.00	\$525.00
Garage/Carport	\$435.00 Deposit	\$445.00 Deposit
Garage/Carport – Specific Design	\$578.00 Deposit	\$590.00 Deposit
Conservatory (Deck in situ)	\$436.00	\$525.00
Conservatory (New Deck)	\$650.00	\$780.00
Wet area shower	\$435.00 Deposit	\$445.00 Deposit
Dwelling Alterations - Minor	\$650.00 Deposit	\$780.00 Deposit
Dwelling Alterations - Complex	\$1,350.00 Deposit	\$1,620.00 Deposit
Relocated Dwelling	\$860.00 Deposit	\$1,030.00 Deposit
New Dwelling	\$1,822.00 Deposit	\$2,190.00 Deposit
Commercial	\$2,913.00 Deposit	\$3,500.00 Deposit
Industrial	\$3,900.00 Deposit	\$4,680.00 Deposit
Industrial Commercial - Alterations	\$1,074.00 Deposit	\$1,290.00 Deposit
Certificate of Acceptance	Cost of consent + \$492	Cost of consent + \$535.00
Amendment	\$215.00 Deposit	\$260.00 Deposit
Exemption	\$104.00	\$125.00
Exemption (Discretionary)	\$197.00	\$240.00
Compliance Schedule	\$140.00	\$170.00
Certificate of Public Use – with building consent	\$86.00	\$105.00
Certificate of Public Use - lodged after building consent	\$160.00	\$195.00

Building (Cont'd)	2024/2025	2025/2026
Extension of time	\$55.00	\$65.00
Extension of time – with inspection	\$122.00	\$162.00
Waiver and Modification	\$179.00	\$195.00
Notice to Fix	\$140.00	\$180.00
Swimming Pool Fencing	\$140.00	\$150.00
BWOF audit – 3 yearly	\$179.00	\$195.00
Processing and Inspection Fee (per hour)	\$140.00	\$190.00
Land Information Memorandum		
- Residential	\$179.00	\$260.00
-- Commercial/Industrial	\$320.00	\$330.00
Project Information Memorandum	\$73.00	\$120.00
Accreditation Levy	\$2.00 per \$1,000 of building work >\$20,000 in value	\$3.00 per \$1,000 of building work >\$20,000 in value

Building Infringement Offences and Fees

Council will also impose infringements, offenses and fees (as specified in the Building Regulations 2007) for failing to comply with the following provisions in the Building Act:

Sections 40, 42, 85(1), 85(2)(a), 85(1)(b), 101, 108(5)(aa), 108(5)(a), 108(5)(b), 108(5)(c), 116B(1)(a), 116B(1)(b), 124, 128A(2), 162E, 168(1AA), 168(1), 314(1), 362D(4), 362F(4), 362T(4), 362, 367, 368, 133AU(1), 133AU(2), 133AU(3) and 133AU(5)

Note: Fines and penalties imposed for an offence created by statute are not subject to GST.

Dog Registrations	2024/25	2025/26
- Refer to separate resolution		

Trading in Public Places Fees	2024/25	2025/26
Food Premises:		
Registration Fee – Food Plan	\$280.00	\$360.00
Renewal Registration Fee – Food Plan	\$180.00	\$185.00
Registration Fee – National Programme	\$280.00	\$360.00
Renewal Registration Fee – National Programme	\$180.00	\$185.00
Verification Fee – Food Plan (per hour)	\$140.00	\$175.00
Compliance and Monitoring Fee (per hour) – Food Plan	\$140.00	\$175.00
Hawkers Licences (issued per Bylaws)	\$37.00	\$38.00
Mobile Shops Bylaw Licence (per annum):		
- If trading within the Kawerau District more than once a fortnight on average.	\$344.00	\$355.00
Mobile Shops Bylaw Licence (per annum)	\$148.00	\$150.00
Mobile Shops Bylaw Licence (per month)		
- If trading within the Kawerau District less than once a fortnight on average.	\$12.50	\$13.00
<u>Miscellaneous Fees</u>		
Event Fees and Charges:		
Amusement Device Permit	\$14.00	\$14.50
Additional Device (each)	\$3.00	\$3.00
NB: The devices certificate of registration must be provided.		
Food Sale Licence (each)	\$12.50	\$13.00
Marquee Building Consent (exceeding 100m ²)	\$71.00	\$75.00
<u>Noise Control</u>		
Impounded stereo release fee	\$123.50	\$125.00
<u>Stock Impounding Fees</u>		
Impounding costs	Actual Costs	Actual Costs

Resource Management Activity	2024/25	2025/26
Land Use Consent:	Deposit*	Deposit*
Notified application (ex cost of advertisement)	\$3,072.00*	\$5,000.00*
Limited notified	\$1,536.00*	\$3,000.00*
Non-notified	\$639.00*	\$2,000.00*
Boundary Activity – approved by neighbours	\$246.00*	\$270.00*
Change or cancellation of conditions (S127)	\$639.00*	\$700.00*
Extension of approval period (S125)	\$639.00*	\$700.00*
Review of consent conditions (S128)	\$639.00*	\$700.00*
Cost of commissioning report and other costs	Actual cost	Actual cost
Compliance monitoring (per inspection)	\$160.00 per hour	\$175.00 per hour
Certificates of Compliance (S139)	\$160.00 per hour	\$175.00 per hour
Existing use certificate	\$160.00 per hour	\$175.00 per hour
Subdivision Consents:	Deposit*	Deposit*
Notified application (ex cost of advertisement)	\$3,072.00*	\$5,000.00*
Limited notified	\$1,536.00*	\$3,000.00*
Non-notified	\$639.00*	\$2,000.00*
Each additional lot	\$62.00	\$65.00
Company leases, cross leases, unit title plans	\$639.00*	\$655.00*
Certification of survey plans (S223)	\$160.00*	\$165.00*
Issue of compliance certificate (S224(c))	\$246.00*	\$250.00*
Combined survey plans and compliance certificates	\$309.00*	\$315.00*
Inspections to confirm compliance with conditions S224(c) or S224(f)	\$160.00 per hour	\$165.00 per hour
Extension, re-approval or variation of scheme plan or land transfer plan	\$639.00*	\$655.00*
Certificate under S226	\$160.00 p/hour	\$165.00 per hour
Preparation of bond documents, consent notices, other legal	Actual cost*	Actual cost*
Engineering plan checking and inspection	\$160.00 per hour	\$165.00 per hour
Right of way	\$639.00*	\$655.00*
Plan Changes, Designations, Heritage Orders	Deposit*	Deposit*
Request for plan change	\$4,916.00*	\$5,040.00*
Notice of requirement for designation/heritage order	\$4,916.00*	\$5,040.00*
Alteration, review, renewal of designation/heritage order	\$984.00*	\$1,010.00*
Waiver of requirement for Outline Plan	\$394.00	\$405.00

Resource Management Activity (Cont'd)	2024/2025	2025/2026
Miscellaneous Charges	Deposit*	Deposit*
Planning certificate sale of liquor	\$319.00*	\$325.00*
Overseas investment certificate	\$148.00*	\$150.00*
Certificates requiring Council Seal	\$67.00*	\$70.00*
Requests for Information	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Processing and Inspection Fees (Council Staff)	\$184.00 p/h	\$190.00 p/h

*Additional charges may apply

Powered Sites Connections (Firmin Lodge/Prideaux Park)	2024/25	2025/26
Refundable Key Bond (power box and key**)	\$6.50	\$40.00
Power Charges	\$12.00 (after 3 nights)	\$12.00 power charge per night
Prior Consent Application Fee for Exemption from Freedom Camping By-Law		
- Single		\$45.00
- Group		\$80.00

* Bond is refundable upon return of key, any outstanding power charges and no reports of damage.

Meeting: Council

Meeting Date: 25 June 2025

Subject: Adoption of Long Term Plan 2025 - 2034

File No.: 110553

1 Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the Long Term Plan 2025 - 2034.

2 Background

Council is required to produce and adopt a Long Term Plan every three years, and an Annual Plan is required for the years in between. Council completed an Enhanced Annual Plan for 2024/25, an option provided by the Government, given all the uncertainties with the new Local Water Done Well Legislation that was still to come into effect at that time. Therefore, Council has prepared a nine year Long Term Plan for 2025 – 2034.

For well over a year, Council and staff have been working through the steps to develop the Kawerau District Council Long Term Plan 2025 - 2034. This has included reviewing, adopting and consulting on the following:

- Performance framework (including targets)
- Financial and Infrastructure Strategies
- Revenue and Financing Policy
- Significance and Engagement Policy
- Investment and Liability Management Policy
- Rates Remission Policies
- Financial Contributions Policy
- Asset management plans and underlying information
- Significant Forecasting Assumptions
- Long Term Plan Consultation Document – consultation period 11 April to 12 May 2025.

All of the above key strategies, policies and supporting documents have been developed in accordance with required statutory procedures and incorporate recommendations from Council's auditors, Audit NZ.

Council heard submissions to the Long Term Plan on 28 May 2025, with deliberations and confirmation of the consultation topics confirmed at the Extraordinary Council meeting on 4 June 2025.

At the Extraordinary Meeting of 4 June 2025, Council confirmed:

1. The Long Term Plan 2025-2034 is finalised based on the strategies, supporting policies, performance framework and assumptions as adopted for the Long Term Plan Consultation Document;
2. The Timeframe to Transition to targeted water and wastewater rates is a 9 year transition.
3. The Funding of Depreciation for strategic assets (roading, water and wastewater networks and infrastructure) remains at 65% funding levels in 2025-2026 and then increasing by 3% each year for the next 12 years.
4. To incorporate the \$60,000 budget for concept plans for a Community Library and Research Centre into the next Long Term Plan in 2027-2028.

3 Long Term Plan 2025 - 2034

Attached to this report is the Long Term Plan 2025- 2034 document.

Staff have updated the Long Term Plan 2025 - 2034 to reflect the decision confirmed by Council during the development process. This includes the budget requirements to continue to deliver the same levels of service to the community, programmed renewals and capital expenditure, funding decisions and the inclusion of all policies and strategies that have been reviewed by Council and consulted on with the community.

Both the Long Term Plan Consultation Document and the full Long Term Plan 2025-2034 have been subject to review and scrutiny by Audit NZ and meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002.

At the time of writing this report, Council's auditors had not fully completed their final checks of the Long Term Plan. The 'Hot Review' by the Controller and Auditor General's Office is also underway, therefore some amendments may still be required prior to adoption. The final fully audited copy of the Long Term Plan will be tabled at the meeting.

4 Policy and Plan Considerations

The Long Term Plan is Council's principal planning document. It reflects and is consistent with the provisions of a number of underlying policies and plans including Council's Infrastructure Strategy, Financial Strategy, Significant Forecasting Assumptions, Significance and Engagement Policy, Asset Management Plans and Funding and Financial Policies.

5 **Financial Considerations**

The cost of developing the Long Term Plan has been prepared within the existing budget.

6 **Legal Considerations**

The Long Term Plan has been developed according to and audited for compliance with the Local Government Act 2002.

7 **Significance and Engagement**

The Long Term Plan Consultation Document 2025 - 2034 and supporting strategies and policies were consulted on with the community between 11 April and 12 May 2025. Engagement included a number of external events with Council's valued stakeholders and community members. In total 23, formal submissions were received, and two submitters presented their submission at the Long Term Plan Hearing on 28 May 2025. Council considered and deliberated on all submissions and the confirmed decisions have been incorporated into the Long Term Plan 2025 - 2034 with the policies, strategies and assumptions as presented.

8 **Conclusion**

Council has been engaged for several months in the process of preparing the Long Term Plan 2025 - 2034. The Long Term Plan, Consultation Document and Council's underlying policies, strategies and assumptions have all been subject to a rigorous audit process.

Council is presented with the Long Term 2025 – 2034 for adoption.

9 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the report "Adoption of Long Term Plan 2025 - 2034" be received.
2. That Council resolves pursuant to Section 93 of the Local Government Act 2002, to adopt the Kawerau District Council Long Term Plan 2025-2034 as presented.



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Group Manager Finance and Corporate Services

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Meeting: Council

Meeting Date: 25 June 2025

Subject: Setting and Adoption of Rates for the 2025/26 Financial Year

File No.: 209900

1 **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is for Council to set the rates for the 2025-2026 financial year.

2. **Setting of Rates**

Following the adoption of the Long Term Plan 2025 - 2034, Council is required to set the rates for the 2025/26 financial year. Each recommendation in the resolution details the specific sections for the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, that the rate is set under.

3. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the report "Setting and Adoption of Rates for the 2025/26 Financial Year" be received.
2. That Council resolve the recommendations as attached.



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SETTING OF RATES FOR THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR (CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER) (209900)

Following the adoption of the Long Term Plan 2025 -2034, Council is required to set the rates for the 2025/26 financial year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *That Council sets the following rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on the rating units in the district for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2025 and ending on 30 June 2026.*

(a) Uniform Annual General Charge

*A uniform annual general charge of **\$900.00** (including GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, set under section 15 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every rateable rating unit within the district.*

(b) General Rate

A General Rate set under section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every rateable rating unit within the district, assessed on a differential basis as described below:

- *A rate of **0.4884** cents in the dollar (including GST) of capital value on every rateable rating unit zoned "residential", "rural lifestyle" and "reserve" in terms of Council's operative District Plan.*
- *A rate of **2.9885** cents in the dollar (including GST) of capital value on every rateable rating unit zoned "Commercial" and "Industrial" in terms of Council's operative District Plan.*

(c) Water Supply Rates

*A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of **\$129.60** (including GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit to which water is connected (excluding those properties that are supplied by water meter).*

*A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of **\$0.41** (including GST) per cubic metre of water supplied to any rating unit on metered water supply.*

(d) Wastewater Disposal Rate

*A targeted rate for wastewater disposal, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of **\$219.40** (including GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that is connected to Council's wastewater disposal network.*

(e) Refuse Collection Rate

Targeted rates for refuse collection set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for rating units to which refuse collection services are provided and assessed as described below:

- *A rate of **\$301.70** (including GST) per 60 or 80 litre residual waste bin.*
- *A rate of **\$361.70** (including GST) per 120 litre residual waste bin.*

DUE DATES FOR PAYMENT OF RATES

2. *That all rates (except metered water) will be payable in four equal instalments due on:*

<i>Instalment 1</i>	<i>22 August 2025</i>
<i>Instalment 2</i>	<i>21 November 2025</i>
<i>Instalment 3</i>	<i>20 February 2026</i>
<i>Instalment 4</i>	<i>22 May 2026</i>

The due dates for metered water are as follows:

	<u>Reading Date</u>	<u>Payment Due Date</u>
1.	30 September 2025	22 October 2025
2.	31 December 2025	21 January 2026
3.	31 March 2026	22 April 2026
4.	30 June 2026	22 July 2026

PENALTIES

3. *That Council, applies penalties to unpaid rates (apart from metered water) as follows:*

- (i) *A penalty of 5 percent on the amount of any instalment assessed between 1 July 2025 and 30 June 2026 and which is unpaid after the due date for that instalment, to be added on the following dates:*

Instalment 1 penalty added – 25 August 2025
Instalment 2 penalty added – 24 November 2025
Instalment 3 penalty added – 23 February 2026
Instalment 4 penalty added – 25 May 2026

- (ii) *A further penalty of 3 percent on any rates assessed before 1 July 2025 including previously applied penalties, which remain unpaid on 2 July 2025 to be added on the 3 July 2025.*
- (iii) *A further penalty of 3 percent on any rates to which a penalty has been added under (ii) above if the rates remain unpaid on 5 January 2026 to be added 6 January 2026. and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to add the penalties.*

PAYMENT OF RATES

4. *That rates shall be payable at the Offices of the Kawerau District Council, Ranfurly Court, Kawerau between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.*

Meeting: Council

Meeting Date: 25 June 2025

Subject: Adoption of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan

File No.: 104025

1 **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to seek the adoption of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan.

2 **Background**

Since late 2022, Local Authorities and iwi Authorities in the Eastern Bay of Plenty have been working collaboratively with Government agencies to develop a spatial plan for the region. The process used to develop the plan has sought to capture and reflect partners' goals and aspirations for the rohe.

Spatial plans are about the places communities live in and how they want them to grow and change over time so that future generations and the environment can continue to thrive. A spatial plan provides a road map for the future of spaces and places, and an agreed evidence base and direction to align other strategies, planning processes and investment decisions, towards common outcomes.

The plan will be used to inform Council long-term plan processes, future district plan reviews, influence Government infrastructure investment decisions and Regional Deals, and support the aspirations of iwi, hapū, and communities.

A Spatial Plan is needed for the Eastern Bay, so that it can make room for 5,500 more homes (and house up to 11,000 more people), provide more business land and support job growth, while also enabling primary industries to grow, enhancing the natural environment, and living with a range of natural and climate change hazards.

2.1 **Purpose and Objectives of the Eastern Bay Spatial Plan project**

In 2023, formal project structures were agreed for the delivery of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan. These included a confirmed project scope and purpose, project plan and budget, project governance, and a joint project team resourced from partner Councils.

The confirmed purpose of the project was to “determine a joint Spatial Plan, focused on delivering wellbeing outcomes through planning appropriately for priority growth pressures on Whakatāne, Kawerau and Ōpōtiki Districts, including the Rangitāiki Plains from Whakatāne/Ōhope urban areas to Kawerau and Ōpōtiki urban environment and east of Ōpōtiki town with a lens to the wider district areas”.

The project's objectives were to develop a spatial plan that:

- Enables well planned growth in the context of a changing climate and evolving economy.

- Defines well-functioning urban environments that meet the changing needs of our communities, including well planned and connected growth.
- Delivers housing choices (including Papakāinga developments, mixed-use spaces and eco villages) and levers to support housing affordability across the housing continuum.
- Guides the development of a future urban growth to support integrated planning, Māori land tenure provisions, investment, and efficient delivery of infrastructure, necessary to support our communities.
- Improves community social and cultural well-being.
- Protects and enhances our natural environment.
- Strengthens and gives effect to active cooperation between iwi, local and central government.

In addition to a range of technical work (to understand the sub-region's growth-related constraints, opportunities, risks and issues), partnership with iwi, significant engagement with Government agencies, and community consultation have all been important in the development of the Spatial Plan.

2.2 Partnership with iwi

From inception of the project, working in genuine partnership with iwi was identified as critical, at all stages of the spatial planning process. This reflected the Councils' ongoing commitments to partner with iwi and recognised that Māori make up a large percentage of the sub-region's population, are amongst the most significant landowners across the rohe, are major investment partners, and have important perspectives relating to a long-term vision for the way the Eastern Bay grows and changes. It has been particularly critical to have iwi at the decision-making table, as part of the Project Governance Group.

The process to develop the Spatial Plan provided an opportunity to understand iwi aspirations and strategies and to make provision for them within the plan. Recognising this, the project has sought to weave the aspirations of iwi into the project and ensure decision-making forums included iwi representation.

2.3 Working with Government Agencies

The spatial plan has implications for Government agencies that deliver transport, housing and urban development, regional development and critical services (such as health and education) that will be needed to meet the expected growth and change across the Eastern Bay of Plenty and deliver on partner aspirations.

To ensure that the project and funding implications arising from the spatial plan can be implemented, the Spatial Plan has been developed collaboratively with Government agencies including NZTA, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Kāinga Ora, the Ministry of Education, and Ministry of Health.

2.4 Community and stakeholder engagement

The Spatial Plan will also influence decisions that impact a wide range of communities across the sub-region, in the short term to long term. This includes the longer-term settlement pattern for the region (the location of new housing and urban

development), and some of the important “key moves” needed to enable growth and change.

Communities and stakeholders have differing needs and aspirations, and their feedback has been sought as the Spatial Plan has been developed. Formal public consultation took place from 14 October 2024 through to 17 November 2024, providing an opportunity to hear directly from communities about their thoughts and aspirations for the future of the Eastern Bay.

Over 550 points of feedback were received, including 60 written submissions, (32 hard copy/email and 28 online), 125 comments through an online engagement tool, and 300 attendees at in person events. Approximately 30% of comments were supportive of the changes outlined in the consultation document, 35% provided suggestions for improvements, 25% expressed concerns about various aspects of the project and 10% were opposed to the proposed changes.

Key themes from the public consultation included:

- Strong desire for well maintained and efficient infrastructure that can support communities' needs and future development.
- Strong desire for balanced and thoughtful development that enhances the area's liveability and economic prospects.
- Community commitment to preserving its way of life while supporting thoughtful and sustainable development.
- The importance of integrating environmental considerations into all aspects of urban planning to ensure a sustainable and resilient community.
- Need for balanced economic development that includes job creation, support for local businesses and consideration of environmental and social factors.

Key reasons for opposing proposed changes related to potential disruption of small-town character, concerns about infrastructure, costs to ratepayers, environmental concerns, and lack of support for existing residents that needs addressing before planning for new growth.

Feedback from iwi/hapū, Government agencies, stakeholders and communities has been carefully considered and is reflected in the final growth scenario, key moves and implementation actions contained in the Spatial Plan. These can be viewed in the Engagement Summary Report found in Appendix C. The further consultation undertaken by Kawerau District Council is not included as part of the Engagement Summary Report.

On 14 May 2025, Kawerau District Council commenced a second round of community consultation for the period 14 May 2025 and 9 June 2025. Three submissions were received during this consultation period as summarised below.

2.5 Submissions Received

A full set of submissions is included at Appendix A.

A total of three submissions were received. The first submission is categorised as not relating to the Spatial Plan, requesting Kawerau District Council focus on getting the basics right.

The two other submissions are categorised as positive. An outline of these two submissions are set out below:

Submission 2 – Ngāti Tūwharetoa (BoP) Settlement Trust

Ngāti Tūwharetoa (BoP) Settlement Trust requested the Spatial Plan reflect Te Tiriti o Waitangi and support Iwi aspirations, including their aspirations to recreate geothermal hot pools, develop papakāinga housing, residential housing, industrial lots, and commercial hot houses. These developments would provide housing, support economic growth and provide local jobs. They also encouraged recognition of cultural landscapes, protection of wāhi tapu and integrate tikanga Māori into development frameworks. The full submission is available at Appendix A and A/1.

Based on this submission it is recommended to include Ngāti Tūwharetoa (BoP) Settlement Trust aspirations into the Iwi and Hapū Aspirations Map contained within the Spatial Plan. This proposed amendment has been incorporated into the change register at Appendix E.

Submission 3 - Firstgas

Firstgas provided a letter outlining their operational assets throughout the Eastern Bay of Plenty and supporting the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan. While no recommendations were made to amend the Spatial Plan, Firstgas requested assurance they would be consulted when development is planned within the proximity of their gas transmissions lines, to ensure technical expertise is obtained at the early stage to prevent risk to gas pipelines. The full submission is available at Appendix A and A/2.

There is no proposed amendments required based on the Firstgas submission. Firstgas was included in the earlier engagement process and their infrastructure is identified in the Spatial Plan. Each Council has been notified of this request that Firstgas is engaged early in proposed development within the proximity of their gas lines. Firstgas has been included in Kawerau District Council's list of interested parties in relation to the District Plan and local development.

2.6 Change Register

Any changes identified since the final documents were prepared for Council, including any consequential changes due to the submissions received, have been included in the change register. Delegation is sought from Council to the Group Manager Regulatory and Planning being part of the Project Control Group, to undertake the changes included in the change register and any other changes provided they are minor in nature.

A change register has been included at Appendix B, which sets out the proposed changes. Any further changes requested by Council will be approved in the same manner.

3 Current Situation

To adopt the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan is a significant milestone within a work programme that includes a number of connected collaborative projects, such as the sub-regional Economic Development Strategy. The Spatial Plan provides a regionally agreed evidence base, goals, high-level future growth scenario, key moves and implementation priorities for shaping and enabling growth and change in the Eastern Bay over the next 30 years.

The Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan provides a framework to help communities grow in a sustainable way. It focuses on improving amenities, protecting the environment, offering better transport options, and providing housing that meets the needs of the rohe's diverse and growing population. The plan emphasises the importance of safeguarding the natural environment and significant cultural sites. The plan recognises the need for resilient communities, including managing climate change risks and building strong partnerships with iwi and hapū.

By encouraging investment and economic development, the spatial plan aims to support the local economy. Overall, the spatial plan offers a long-term vision for coordinated planning and decision-making across the Eastern Bay.

The critical elements of the Spatial Plan are summarised in the following sections, with the full Spatial Plan and short story (for public story-telling about the Plan) are attached to this report as Appendices C and D.

3.1 **Goals of the Spatial Plan**

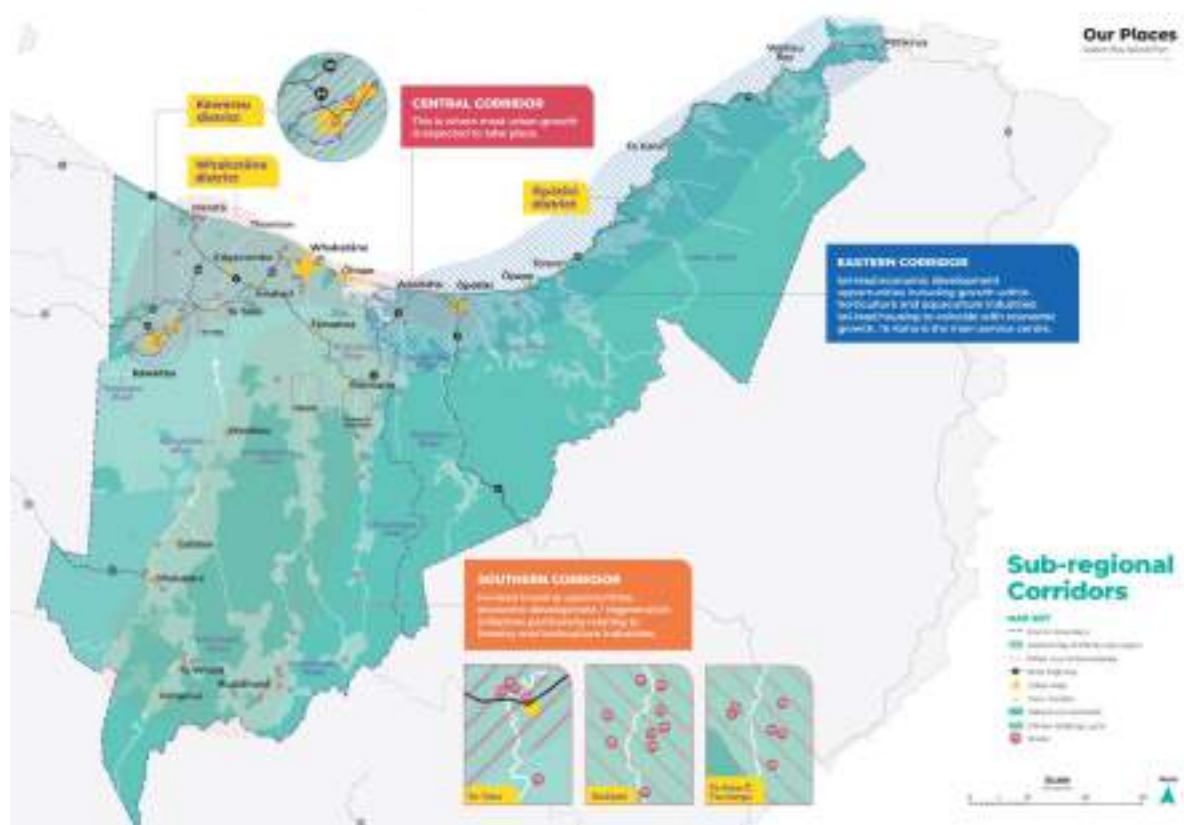
To provide high-level direction, and a clear outcome focus for the Spatial Plan, three overarching Goals were defined by the Project Governance Group. These synthesise and align with the Long-Term Plan visions and community outcomes across the sub-region, prior engagements and consultations, and considering iwi values and aspirations.



3.2 Development corridors and future growth locations

At its heart, the Spatial Plan describes how new housing, business and urban development could be accommodated across the sub-region, based on the projected population and employment requirements, technical assessment of different locations, and feedback through engagement.

The plan segments the Eastern Bay into three corridors with different characteristics. Each corridor facilitates movement, economic activity, and sustainable growth, ensuring both urban and rural areas thrive. For each corridor, priority growth areas are identified where additional planning and investments will be needed to enable desired growth and change.



1. **Urban Central Corridor:** including the townships of Kawerau, Whakatāne and Ōpōtiki and extending along the coast to Matatā, capturing main rail routes to the Port of Tauranga and connection to State Highway 2. It is expected to see the most development activity.

As the area with the largest projected urban growth, the Central Urban Corridor also contains the large-scale priority growth areas that are expected to accommodate most new housing and urban development. Those areas are shown in Table 1.

In addition to the key growth areas, Kawerau's urban growth is supported through the Stoneham Park Development and infill throughout the district over time.

Table 1: Priority growth areas in the central corridor

Area	Timing	Notes
Awakori	Short-Medium term	Develop into an urban township of more than 2,000 dwelling units
Whenua Māori West of Coastlands	Medium term	Explore opportunities based on Land Trust and Hapu interests, with substantial potential for development of 190ha
Matatā	Medium-Long term (Infill) Long term (Expansion)	There is existing zoned capacity requiring centralised wastewater treatment to be realised, and a long-term opportunity to expand eastward
Putuaki (Industrial Growth Area)	Ongoing	Continued ongoing development
Hukutala	Ongoing	Develop into an urban community of 2,000 dwellings
Whakatāne (Kopeapeo Infill)	Ongoing	Ongoing infill of Whakatāne township in locations safe from natural hazards

Note: Long term (10-30 years), Medium term (3-10 years), Short term (0-3 years)

2. **Rural Southern Corridor:** including the large southern extent of the Whakatāne district including the villages of Tāneatua, Waiōhau, Galatea, Waimana, Murupara, Minginui and Ruatāhuna with linkage to Rotorua from State Highway 38. This corridor emphasises Iwi-led housing and development opportunities to support rural communities, forestry and horticulture industries.
3. **Coastal Eastern Corridor:** including the coastal strip extending east from Ōpōtiki township to Pōtikirua. The Coastal Eastern Corridor has a focus on Iwi-led housing and economic initiatives.

3.3 Key Moves and Implementation Priorities

While the three overarching Goals focus on the long-term outcomes for the Eastern Bay, the Spatial Plan also contains a set of Key Moves that explain what needs to be done to achieve the goals. Each Key Move also has implementation priorities.

The Spatial Plan's nine Key Moves are:

1. Collaboratively shape the future - We will work together, with stakeholders, and the community to deliver the spatial plan.
2. Nurture strong and effective Iwi and Hapū partnerships - Involve Iwi and Hapū in decisions about their rohe and support achieving housing and wider aspirations.
3. Build climate resilient communities - Ensure vulnerable communities and new growth areas are safe and resilient to natural hazard risk and the long-term effects of climate change.
4. A prosperous, high productivity sub-region - Create a resilient and competitive economic environment through strategic economic development, infrastructure enhancement, and market engagement.
5. Enough housing and business land to meet demand - Ensure zoned, serviceable, and connected land to enable more housing and business land at the locations defined in this plan.
6. Great places for people to live for generations - Develop and improve community places and facilities to enhance quality of life as communities change over time.
7. Connect people with opportunities, and freight with markets - A well-functioning transport system that enables future growth, provides access to social, recreational, housing and economic opportunities.

8. Improve biodiversity and ecosystem health - Use integrated environmental management practices to enable a full range of ecosystems to be restored to a healthy functioning state.
9. Clear and consistent sub-regional funding priorities - Use available and new funding methods to facilitate the key moves and implementation priorities.

Individual districts, and sub-regional partners will now take the Spatial Plan forward, and move to local planning, engagement and implementation activities. For Kawerau District Council this involves completing the Stoneham Park development and the current District Plan review. This will:

- Provide for future housing needs;
- Enable growth through infill opportunities;
- Support the growth of Putauaki Trust (Industrial Growth Area).

4 **Options**

The Council's options are as follows:

4.1 **Option 1: Endorse and Adopt the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan – Recommended Option**

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a platform for sub-regional collaboration to jointly manage growth and change through partnership. • Enables each district to move forward with local growth planning, engagement and implementation. • Supports future sub-regional collaboration with partners on growth and change planning, investment and partnerships. • Supports joint advocacy for regional development and infrastructure investment to Government agencies and Ministers. • Supports attraction of new private sector investment in businesses, housing and urban development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No disadvantages have been identified.

4.2 **Option 2 – Do not adopt the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan**

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No advantages have been identified. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would hamper local growth planning, engagement and implementation. • Impedes future sub-regional collaboration with partners on growth and change planning, investment and partnerships. • Prevents joint advocacy for regional development and infrastructure investment to Government agencies and Ministers.

Advantages	Disadvantages
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hampers attraction of new private sector investment in businesses, housing and urban development. • Leads to weaker partnerships outcomes.

5 **Policy and Plan Considerations**

No inconsistencies with any of the Council's policies or plans have been identified in relation to this report.

6 **Legal Considerations**

There are no legal implications.

7 **Financial Considerations**

There are no known significant budget considerations associated with the recommendations of this report, however there will be some modest costs associated with the Project Governance Group getting repurposed and maintained to oversee future reviews and implementation of the Eastern Bay Spatial Plan and Sub-Regional Economic Development Strategy.

8 **Significance and Engagement**

The decisions and matters of this specific report are assessed to be of low significance in accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. While the Spatial Plan does not highlight any significant changes that have not already been consulted on for Kawerau District – (Putauaki Industrial Area, Stoneham Park and the District Plan with consultation commencing), there may be interest in the greater sub-regional context.

Previous engagement, as outlined above, was undertaken in October and November 2024, and feedback was used to form the final scenario that is the Spatial Plan.

Iwi across the Eastern Bay have been engaged throughout this process via their respective partner Councils. Each Iwi was also invited to sit on the Project Governance Group.

While Ngāti Tūwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust was invited to sit on the Project Governance Group, representation was not available at the time. A meeting was held with Ngāti Tūwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust on 13 May 2024 to discuss the Spatial Plan and associated District Plan and we have since received a submission as attached.

Engagement with project partners will be ongoing beyond the scope of this project and into the future as we look to implement the Spatial Plan.

9 **Risks**

There are a number of implementation risks associated with the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan.

Risk	Description	Mitigation
Partnerships	There is a risk that partnerships needed to deliver sub-regional outcomes, and the key moves do not happen because the plan is not implemented.	Establish sub-regional governance group for spatial plan, economic development strategy and other broad scale initiatives (e.g., regional deals, responding to Government policy changes) with terms of reference delegating authority to work on behalf of Councils and other partners, appropriately resourced. Note that the existing Project Governance Group (PGG) could be repurposed for this function.
Population Growth	Population may be lower or higher than the selected most likely population scenario, which could affect commercial viability for development and funding sources.	Monitor population change and adapt investment timing.
Commercial Feasibility	There is a risk that development areas are not commercially viable due to infrastructure costs, and housing or business land does not get developed, and housing and economic development outcomes are curtailed.	Encourage viability by de-risking development in priority areas with enabling planning frameworks, providing structure plans that set out urban form and infrastructure requirements, ensuring natural hazard risk information is available and mitigations are well understood, ensuring enabling infrastructure projects are outlined in Long Term Plans and other funding planning to enable development to proceed in a timely manner.
Infrastructure Funding and Affordability	There is a risk that infrastructure costs are unaffordable for Councils, and priority development areas or related place making and economic development activities cannot be delivered.	Employ investment thresholds, explore the use of private investments into public projects, ensure required infrastructure projects are in the Long Term Plans and infrastructure strategies to enable appropriate development contributions. Prioritise/sequence investment into development locations.
Climate Change & Natural Hazards	Natural hazard risks exist and may become worse through climate change; this affects existing communities.	In priority growth areas with existing recognised risks such as Ōpōtiki and Whakatāne townships, natural hazard risk assessments should be undertaken to consider risk management options.

10 **Attachments**

The following documents are attached:

- Appendix A: Table of Submissions - The Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan
- Appendix A/1: Submission- Ngāti Tūwharetoa (BoP) Settlement Trust
- Appendix A/2: Submission - Firstgas
- Appendix B: Change Register
- Appendix C: Engagement Summary Report
- Appendix D: Our Places - The Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan
- Appendix E: Our Places – Short Story

11 **Next Steps**

Council meetings are organised to consider the adoption of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan and Short Story. The dates for each Council are set out below:

- 18 June 2025 - Bay of Plenty Regional Council
- 25 June 2025 - Kawerau District Council

- 26 June 2025 - Ōpōtiki District Council
- 26 June 2025 – Whakatāne District Council -
Whakatāne Council's Environment, Energy, and Resilience Committee has approved a recommendation that their Council adopt the spatial plan at the 26-June-2025 meeting.

If adopted, each partner to the Spatial Plan will lead the relevant actions in the implementation plan and/or associated activities.

Following the Local Government elections in 2025, the Eastern Bay Councils will need to consider project governance for any further review and coordination of risk management and implementation of both the Eastern Bay Spatial Plan and Sub-Regional Economic Development Strategy.

12 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report “Adoption of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan” be received;
2. That Council receives submissions; and
3. That Council deliberates on the submissions and recommends any changes;
4. That Council endorses and adopts the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan; and
5. That Council note that following the Local Government elections in 2025, the Eastern Bay Councils will need to consider project governance for any further review of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan and Sub-Regional Economic Development Strategy.
6. That Council note that the Independent Chair of PGG, being Vaughan Payne (in consultation with the Mayors and Chair) will forward a final copy of the adopted spatial plan to the Ministers of Transport, Housing and Urban Development, Regional Development, Local Government and Education and offer a briefing/tour the next time they are in the region; and
7. That Council note that:
 - a) The spatial plan sets out a long-term framework for collaborative implementation leading to positive changes for the Eastern Bay; and
 - b) Ongoing collaborative planning and implementation will be required to see these changes happen; and
 - c) The spatial plan aligns with iwi aspirations communicated to the project and engagement feedback received from the community; and
 - d) The spatial plan, implementation plan, and related investment decisions will need to adapt to changes and regular monitoring of indicators such as population and economic changes, decisions on infrastructure and planning, building consents approved, and capacity for residential development will enable this to happen.
 - e) Review the Spatial Plan and determines further consultation will be undertaken as part of the implementation process (District Plan Review).
8. That Council delegates authority to the Group Manager Regulatory and Planning to approve any final changes, including those set out and not yet implemented in the change register at Appendix B, to the following documents:

- a) Appendix D: Our Places – The Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan.
- b) Appendix E: Our Places – Short Story



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APPENDIX A

Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan Submissions



Thank you to all three submitters.

Council asked the community for feedback or comments on Our Places – Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan

#	NAME	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
01	Andre van Schalkwyk	Lets get the basics right - ensure the huge grudge against Council building in town for not enforcing their own Dog policy bylaws. It is to remove these little thorns from peoples flesh to move forward.
#	NAME	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
02	Ngāti Tūwharetoa (BoP) Settlement Trust	<p>Introduction</p> <p>We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Eastern Bay Spatial Plan. Our Iwi Settlement Trust is committed to improving the wellbeing of our people, creating sustainable development, and contributing to the future prosperity of Kawerau. We ask that the Spatial Plan recognises and supports the following current and future Iwi-led developments:</p> <p>Recreation of Geothermal Hot Pools on the Iwi Reserve</p> <p>The revitalisation of the geothermal hot pools on our Iwi Parimahana Reserve is a culturally and economically significant development. This project will reconnect our people with the whenua, support local employment, and become a key visitor attraction. We ask that the Spatial Plan provide clear and supportive</p>

	<p>provisions for geothermal-based recreation and cultural activities on Iwi-owned land.</p> <p>Iwi Papakāinga Housing Development - 33 Rental Homes</p> <p>We are progressing plans to build 33 rental homes as part of a papakāinga housing solution. These homes will address severe housing shortages for whanau and support social cohesion. We request that the Spatial Plan explicitly enable papakāinga developments within urban and rural areas, streamline consenting, and remove unnecessary barriers to communal housing models.</p> <p>Development of New Housing on 6 Residential Sections</p> <p>The Trust owns six residential sections earmarked for new housing. These developments will provide affordable homes and opportunities for home ownership. The Spatial Plan should include provisions that support housing intensification, affordability, and fast-track pathways for Iwi housing initiatives.</p> <p>Spencer Avenue Property Development</p> <p>The Iwi-owned Spencer Avenue property presents a key opportunity for economic, cultural, and environmental development. We are exploring a mix of options and we request the Council recognise this area as a priority zone for Iwi-led development in the Spatial Plan.</p> <p>Development of Hot Houses on Otarahanga Farm</p> <p>We are progressing plans to establish hot houses on Otarahanga Farm to support food sovereignty, employment, and economic growth. We ask that the Spatial Plan enable horticultural infrastructure development on Māori land with flexible zoning and reduced red tape.</p> <p>Council's Role – Be a Partner and Enabler</p> <p>All of these projects are designed to uplift the wellbeing of Iwi beneficiaries, stimulate Kawerau's economy, and enhance the district's attractiveness to investors. We strongly encourage the Kawerau District Council to take a partnership approach that is enabling, flexible, and future-focused. We ask for provisions in the Spatial Plan that actively support Maori development, reduce compliance costs, and accelerate timeframes for projects that deliver clear social and economic benefits.</p>
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		<p>Additional Comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Spatial Plan should reflect Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations and support Iwi aspirations to exercise tino rangatiratanga over our whenua and developments. 2. We encourage planning provisions that recognise cultural landscapes, protect wahi tapu, and integrate tikanga Māori into development frameworks. 3. We recommend dedicated Council staff or a unit to work directly with Iwi on planning matters, consent processes, and infrastructure needs to support our developments. <p><u>Conclusion</u></p> <p>Our Iwi-led projects are essential for the future of Kawerau - they offer solutions to housing, healthcare, employment, and economic resilience. We urge Council to ensure the Spatial Plan is a living document that enables this vision to become reality.</p>
#	NAME	SUBMITTERS' RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION TOPICS
03	Firstgas	<p>Given the predicted growth of the three districts and potential increased residential intensification and development within proximity to the gas pipelines increases the potential for reverse sensitivity effects and may make accessing our assets for maintenance, upgrade and operational requirements more challenging.</p> <p>This submission seeks assurance that Firstgas is consulted when development or re-zoning/re-development is planned within proximity to the gas transmission pipelines. Such consultation would ensure that Firstgas are able to provide technical expertise at an early stage and assess whether proposed developments present a risk to gas pipelines which may threaten the safety of people, property and the pipeline.</p> <p>Overall, Firstgas supports the concept of the Spatial Plan and collaborative approach by the four Councils (Bay of Plenty Regional Council, and Whakatāne, Kawerau, and Opōtiki District Councils) as it provides a degree of certainty and consistency in terms of future growth, provided that the Spatial Plan carefully considers existing infrastructure (gas transmission pipelines) and provides for region's future energy needs (including but not limited to renewable energy).</p>

Eastern Bay Spatial Plan Submission

Supporting Key Tūwharetoa mai Kawerau ki te Tai Settlement Trust Developments in Kawerau

Introduction

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Recreation of Geothermal Hot Pools on the Iwi Reserve

The revitalisation of the geothermal hot pools on our Iwi Parimahana Reserve is a culturally and economically significant development. This project will reconnect our people with the whenua, support local employment, and become a key visitor attraction. We ask that the Spatial Plan provide clear and supportive provisions for geothermal-based recreation and cultural activities on Iwi-owned land.

Iwi Papakāinga Housing Development – 33 Rental Homes

We are progressing plans to build 33 rental homes as part of a papakāinga housing solution. These homes will address severe housing shortages for whānau and support social cohesion. We request that the Spatial Plan explicitly enable papakāinga developments within urban and rural areas, streamline consenting, and remove unnecessary barriers to communal housing models.

Development of New Housing on 6 Residential Sections

The Trust owns six residential sections earmarked for new housing. These developments will provide affordable homes and opportunities for home ownership. The Spatial Plan should include provisions that support housing intensification, affordability, and fast-track pathways for Iwi housing initiatives.

Spencer Avenue Property Development

The Iwi-owned Spencer Avenue property presents a key opportunity for economic, cultural, and environmental development. We are exploring a mix of options and we request the Council recognise this area as a priority zone for Iwi-led development in the Spatial Plan.

Development of Hot Houses on Otarahanga Farm

We are progressing plans to establish hot houses on Otarahanga Farm to support food sovereignty, employment, and economic growth. We ask that the Spatial Plan enable horticultural infrastructure development on Māori land with flexible zoning and reduced red tape.



Council's Role – Be a Partner and Enabler

All of these projects are designed to uplift the wellbeing of Iwi beneficiaries, stimulate Kawerau's economy, and enhance the district's attractiveness to investors. We strongly encourage the Kawerau District Council to take a partnership approach that is enabling, flexible, and future-focused. We ask for provisions in the Spatial Plan that actively support Māori development, reduce compliance costs, and accelerate timeframes for projects that deliver clear social and economic benefits.

Additional Comments

1. The Spatial Plan should reflect Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations and support Iwi aspirations to exercise tino rangatiratanga over our whenua and developments.
2. We encourage planning provisions that recognise cultural landscapes, protect wāhi tapu, and integrate tikanga Māori into development frameworks.
3. We recommend dedicated Council staff or a unit to work directly with Iwi on planning matters, consent processes, and infrastructure needs to support our developments.

Conclusion

Our Iwi-led projects are essential for the future of Kawerau – they offer solutions to housing, healthcare, employment, and economic resilience. We urge Council to ensure the Spatial Plan is a living document that enables this vision to become reality.

Ngā mihi nui,



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Our Places Eastern Bay Spatial Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on Our Places Eastern Bay Spatial Plan (Whakatāne, Kawerau, and Ōpōtiki District Councils).

1. Background

Firstgas Limited ('Firstgas') owns and operates approximately 2500km of high-pressure natural gas transmission pipelines throughout the North Island and is also a Requiring Authority under the Resource Management Act 1991 ('RMA'). Firstgas' ownership includes the ancillary above and below ground infrastructure required to operate the gas network. Collectively this system is known as the Gas Transmission Network.

In addition to the Gas Transmission Network, Firstgas also operates more than 4,800kms of gas distribution networks across the North Island.

Within Whakatāne, Kawerau, and Ōpōtiki Districts, Firstgas owns and operates the following components of the Gas Transmission Network:

Whakatāne District:

- Transmission Pipeline – Line ID 500 - Te Awamutu - Kinleith – Kawerau
- Transmission Pipeline – Line ID 502 - Edgecumbe Lateral
- Transmission Pipeline – Line ID 507 - Whakatāne Lateral

Kawerau District

- Transmission Pipeline – Line ID 502 - Edgecumbe Lateral

Ōpōtiki District

- Transmission Pipeline – Line ID 505 – 505 – Kawerau - Gisborne
- Transmission Pipeline – Line ID 506 - Ōpōtiki Lateral
- Transmission Pipeline – Line ID 507 - Whakatāne Lateral

Firstgas' assets in the area are illustrated in **Figures 1-1, 1-2, 1-3 and 1-4** below.



Figure 1-1: Firstgas Ltd transmission pipelines within Whakatāne, Kawerau, and Ōpōtiki Districts.

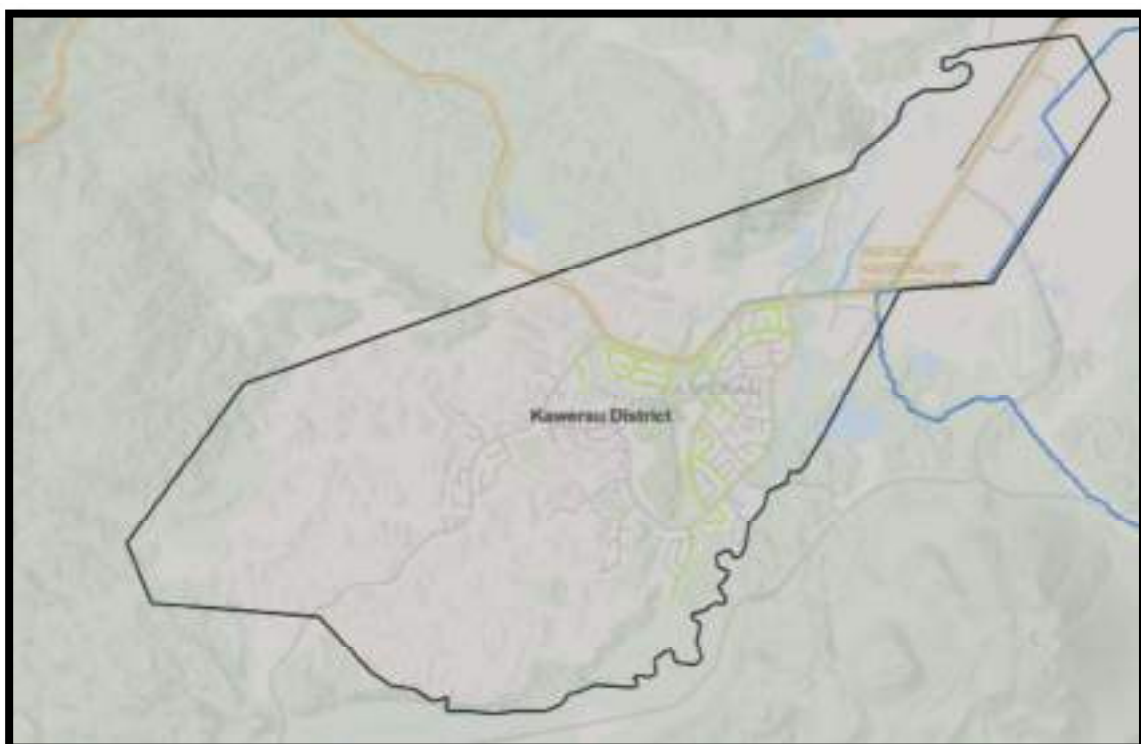


Figure 1-2: Firstgas Ltd transmission pipelines within Kawerau District.



Firstgas' gas network is regionally and nationally significant infrastructure in that it delivers significant benefits to people and communities social and economic well-being, as well as providing for their health and safety.

Firstgas is required to ensure the protection and integrity of the pipeline is maintained to ensure the safety of the public, property and the environment. Pipelines are required to meet the safety and operational requirements of the Health and Safety in Employment (Pipelines) Regulations 1999 and the operating code Standard AS2885 Pipelines – Gas and Liquid Petroleum (AS2885).

Third party interference is one of the main risks to the safety and integrity of the underground pipelines. Activities which may affect the Gas Transmission Network need to take into account the location and protection requirements of the pipelines and other infrastructure. Activities in the vicinity of the Gas Transmission Network need to be carried out in a way which does not compromise the safe and efficient operation of the network, including the ability to legally and physically access the network with the necessary machinery to undertake works.

Additionally, changes to pipelines and above ground assets, requires careful management and planning due to the safety, economic and environmental considerations required for planning and execution of any realignment, upgrading or recoating.

2. Submission

Given the predicted growth of the three districts and potential increased residential intensification and development within proximity to the gas pipelines increases the potential for reverse sensitivity effects and may make accessing our assets for maintenance, upgrade and operational requirements more challenging.

This submission seeks assurance that Firstgas is consulted when development or re-zoning/re-development is planned within proximity to the gas transmission pipelines. Such consultation would ensure that Firstgas are able to provide technical expertise at an early stage and assess whether proposed developments present a risk to gas pipelines which may threaten the safety of people, property and the pipeline.

Overall, Firstgas supports the concept of the Spatial Plan and collaborative approach by the four Councils (Bay of Plenty Regional Council, and Whakatāne, Kawerau, and Ōpōtiki District Councils) as it provides a degree of certainty and consistency in terms of future growth, provided that the Spatial Plan carefully considers existing infrastructure (gas transmission pipelines) and provides for region's future energy needs (including but not limited to renewable energy).

Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss this submission further.

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Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan

Change register: adoption version of spatial plan and short story

This document lists changes that will be made to the final version of the spatial plan and short story after Councils, forming part of the adopted version. Changes have been proposed by iwi, project team members, received during consultation undertaken by Kawerau District Council, or through final editorial reviews of the documents. Through delegated authority these changes have been approved by Vaughan Payne as the Independent Chair of the Project Governance Group (PGG). Resultantly, the changes will form part of the adoption version of the spatial plan and/or short story for approval by Council.

#	Change requested (where shown: green text is an addition and red-strikethrough text is a deletion)	Rating	Source	Affects
1	<p>Add a new implementation action. This aligns with recent changes to SmartGrowth implementation planning and the Rotorua FDS implementation plan:</p> <p>Coordinate the mapping of the pathway to an integrated regional spatial plan</p> <p>Map the development of a single, integrated regional spatial plan, including through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinating a stocktake of existing spatial planning information (including any updated information) and reviewing direction provided in the Eastern Bay Spatial Plan Testing alignment between existing Eastern Bay Spatial Planning Initiatives and RM Reform direction; Understanding how to incorporate National Policy Requirements; Engagement with Iwi and Hapū, and Stakeholders. <p>BOPRC led activity, support from WDC, KDC, ODC</p>	Minor	BOPRC project team members	Spatial plan

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2	<p>Change to Part 3 - Our Growth Plan, Southern Rural Corridor, Iwi Aspirations Section:</p> <p><i>“Ngāti Manawa aim to uplift health and wellbeing in Murupara by supporting economic development and creating a thriving community that acts as the service hub for the Southern Rural Corridor. This includes establishing a service centre on SH38, revitalizing the town centre, improving community infrastructure, progressing the housing development at Miro Drive and developing housing at Evans Park: progressing the housing development at Miro Drive and developing housing at Evans Park. The Miro Drive Development is through the consenting stage and ready to progress to construction. It is an important starting point to providing housing for descendants of Ngāti Manawa and will serve as a blueprint for future housing developments Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa undertake in Murupara. The Evans Park development will require work to be undertaken to return the land to Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa.”</i></p>	Minor	larau Ltd, on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa	Spatial plan
3	<p>Part 3: Our Growth Plan, Central Urban Corridor, Matata, Where to Next? Pg 3-19:</p> <p><i>“It is an important gateway to the eastern bay from the west with SH 2 and the East Coast Main Trunk rail line passing through the town.”</i></p>	Minor	larau Ltd, on behalf of Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi	Spatial plan
4	<p>Part 3: Our Growth Plan, Central Urban Corridor, Matata, Pg 3-20 – Where to next? Add the following as a new final paragraph:</p> <p>The legislative requirement to restore Te Awa o te Atua is included as part of the Ngāti Rangitahi Claims Settlement Act 2022. The completion of the current wastewater project and the creation of a flow through Te Awa o Te Atua are essential elements of the restoration plan. The Tarawera Awa is the most likely source of that flow. Both of these developments will positively influence the growth of Matatā. Restoration of the mauri of Te Awa o Te Atua can be a catalyst to creating economic growth and employment opportunities.</p>	Minor	larau Ltd, on behalf of Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi	Spatial plan
5	<p>Part 4: Infrastructure Considerations, Transport and accessibility for priority growth areas, Matatā, Pg 4-13. Make the following additions.</p> <p><u>“Resilience</u></p>	Minor	larau Ltd, on behalf of Te	Spatial plan

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	State Highway 2 and the East Coast Main Trunk rail line west of Matata are vulnerable to landslides, localised flooding and coastal inundation. With the road and rail susceptible to closures that affect the ability of people and goods to access key destinations, KiwiRail and New Zealand Transport Agency will need to investigate options to improve resilience along this route.”		Mana o Ngāti Rangitīhi	
6	Part 3 – Our Growth Plan, Central Urban Corridor, Matatā, Pg 3-19. Make the following changes: “The Tarawera Awa River Strategy Group are developing plans to return the nearby Tarawera River to its natural watercourse. The lower catchment area also drains into the Te Awa o Atua and the Tarawera River and is subject to coastal processes. Iwi are leading efforts to restore the mauri of the Tarawera Awa to Te Awa o Te Atua and out to te Mihinimāriro. ”	Minor	Iarau Ltd, on behalf of Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitīhi	Spatial plan
7	Part 3 - Our Growth Plan, Southern Rural Corridor, Iwi Aspirations, Pg 3-20. Change wording: Ngāti Whare have goals for Minginui and Te Whaiti which support self-sufficiency and include sustainable waste and water management, upgrading homes, developing papakāinga, renewable energy projects, ecotourism, revitalising the town centre, and strengthening educational facilities. “Ngāti Whare are working towards a vision of self-sufficiency and sustainable development in their rohe, which includes the Minginui Village and Te Whaiti Settlement. The iwi have aspirations, including improved infrastructure, environmental management, housing solutions, economic opportunities, and strengthened social and cultural wellbeing.”	Minor	Iarau Ltd, on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare	Spatial plan
8	Part 3 - Our Growth Plan, Southern Rural Corridor, What does the future hold? Minginui and Te Whaiti, Pg 3-32. Add a new paragraph: “By 2055, increased Māori housing and papakāinga will support the growth of Ngāti Whare descendants living within the Minginui and Te Whaiti communities. Marae and surrounding areas will be prepared as emergency hubs. Minginui will grow sustainably, providing for whānau	Minor	Iarau Ltd, on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare	Spatial plan

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	needs and creating a central recreation area and essential services accessible to the Ie Whaiti community. Minginui and Te Whaiti can support a greater tourism offering in Whirinaki and the wider Eastern Bay of Plenty. With support in developing into a sustainable and self-sufficient settlement, Minginui could build on what it currently has to offer as a rural escape for those seeking to immerse themselves in the natural environment and activities of Whirinaki.”			
9	Part 3 Our Growth Plan, page 21, correction: “Home to around 4,700 650 residents, it serves as a key gateway to the Eastern Bay, with SH 2 and the East Coast Main Trunk rail line running through the town.”	Minor	Project Technical Working Group	Spatial plan
10	Ngāti Tūwharetoa have identified projects to add to the Iwi and Hapu aspirations mapping including the following ones. These are designed to uplift the wellbeing of iwi beneficiaries, stimulate Kawerau’s economy, and enhance the attractiveness of the district to investors. These projects will be added to the spatial plan maps and a brief description of the proposals may be included. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revitalisation of geothermal hot pools on Parimahana Reserve - Papakāinga housing development – 33 rental homes in urban and rural areas around Kawerau - Spencer Avenue property development for priority economic, cultural, and environmental activities - Development of hot houses on Otarahanga Farm to support food sovereignty and economic outcomes 	Minor change	Kawerau District, submission re: Tūwharetoa mai Kawerau ki te Tai Settlement Trust Developments in Kawerau	Short story Spatial plan