



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 March 2026
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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will be held on Wednesday 25 March 2026
in the Council Chambers commencing at 9.00am**

A G E N D A

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Leave of Absence

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 Mihimihi | Acknowledgements

7 Public Forum

8 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

8.1 Ordinary Council – 25 February 2026

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 February 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

9 RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

9.1 Iwi Liaison Committee Meeting – 22 September 2025

Pgs. 7 - 9

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Iwi Liaison Committee meeting held on 22 September 2025 be received.

9.2 Iwi Liaison Committee Meeting – 18 February 2026

Pgs. 10 - 12

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Iwi Liaison Committee meeting held on 18 February 2026 be received.

9.3 Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting – 11 March 2026

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Regulatory and Services Committee meeting held on 11 March 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

10 RECEIPT OF REGIONAL MINUTES

10.1 Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee Meeting – 19 December 2025

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee meeting held on 19 December 2025 be received.

10.2 Regional Transport Committee – 20 February 2026

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 20 February 2026 be received.

10.3 Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group – 27 February 2026

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group meeting held on 27 February 2026 be received.

11 Her Worship the Mayor's Report (101400)

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Recommendation

That Her Worship the Mayor's report for the period Thursday 19 February 2026 to Wednesday 18 March 2026 be received.

12 Draft Plan Change 5 (Boundary Re-organisation) approval for community feedback (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (301014)

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Attached is a report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning covering the Draft Plan Change 5 (Boundary Re-organisation) approval for community feedback.

Recommendations

- 1. That the report "Draft Plan Change 5 (Boundary Re-organisation) approval for community feedback" be received.*
- 2. That Council approve one of the following options:*

Option 1 - Approve the draft for community feedback (preferred option)
Option 2 - Approve the draft for community feedback with amendments.

3. *That Council approves the engagement period being 27 March 2026 to 30 April 2026.*
4. *That Council authorises the Group Manager Regulatory and Planning to make any necessary minor drafting changes to the draft District Plan Change 5 to correct errors or omissions, or to reflect decisions made by Council, prior to final printing and publication.*

13 Local Governance Statement (Chief Executive Officer) (103000)

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Attached is a report from the Chief Executive Officer covering the Local Governance Statement.

Recommendations

1. *That the report "Local Governance Statement" be received.*
2. *That Council adopts the Local Governance Statement for the current triennium (2025-2028).*

14 Proposed Budget Overview for Annual Plan 2026/27 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (201600)

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Attached is a report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering the Proposed Budget Overview for Annual Plan 2026/27.

Recommendations

1. *That the report "Proposed Budget Overview for Annual Plan 2026/27" be received.*
2. *That Council advise of any amendments to the budget estimates, for inclusion in the Annual Plan Consultation Document 2026/27 which will be adopted at the Extraordinary Council meeting on 15 April 2026.*

15 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 25 February 2026**
2. **Update on Eastern Bay of Plenty Provisional Local Alcohol Policy**
3. **Onslow Street Renewal**

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 25 February 2026. 2. Update on Eastern Bay of Plenty Provisional Local Alcohol Policy. 3. Onslow Street Renewal	<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.

16 Re-admission of the Public

Recommendation

That Council resume an open meeting and that the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

17 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 25 February 2026
in the Council Chamber commencing at 9.04am**

Present: Her Worship the Mayor F K N Tunui
Deputy Mayor S Kingi
Councillor W Apiata
Councillor T Hill
Councillor B J Julian
Councillor G T Leokava-Taani
Councillor J Ross
Councillor A R Worsley

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 from Councillor Dowie were received.

**Councillor Julian / Deputy Mayor Kingi
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

The Chief Executive Officer gave the following meeting notice:

- *The Mayor's Report has been tabled.*
- *Due to Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Hill and Chief Executive Officer having to depart to Wellington there are time restrictions for today's meeting.*

- *Action Schedule is now in the Regulatory and Services Committee meeting agenda and will no longer be in the Ordinary Council agenda.*

6 Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements

No Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements were received.

7 Public Forum

No Public Forum were received.

8 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

8.1 Ordinary Council – 17 December 2025

Corrections:

- Add “(Leave of Absence approved 10 December 2025)” to Deputy Mayor Kingi’s Leave of Absence on page 1.
- On page 3 under Elected Members comments remove the word cost and replace with “Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning advised that if no owner is found we will try to recover cost...”.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 December 2025 with amendments be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Councillors Ross / Worsley
Councillor Kingi abstained from voting
CARRIED

9 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

9.1 Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting – 10 December 2025

Corrections:

- Reword item 3 – Leave of Absence to read “A Leave of Absence from Deputy Mayor Kingi was received for Wednesday 17 December 2025”.
- On page 7, reword the first sentence of bullet point three under *Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning Updates* to read: “An application for an exemption from the district plan was submitted”.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting held on 10 December 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Deputy Mayor Kingi / Councillor Hill
CARRIED

9.2 Risk and Assurance Committee Meeting – 2 February 2026

Resolved

That the minutes of the Risk and Assurance Committee Meeting held on 2 February 2026 be received.

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

9.3 Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting – 11 February 2026

Corrections:

- Include on page 19 that the contract with Horizon will be reviewed in 6 months.
- Reword the third bullet point under *Action Items* on page 19 to read “If support from Elected Members is required to engage with Bay of Plenty Regional Council around the water resource consent, Operations will inform the Governance table.”
- Add “A briefing date will be confirmed” to the end of the last action item on page 19.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting held on 11 February 2026 with amendments be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Deputy Mayor Kingi / Councillor Worsley
CARRIED**

10 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

10.1 Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee Meeting – 12 December 2025

Resolved

That the minutes of the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee Meeting held on 12 December 2025 be received.

**Councillors Julian / Worsley
CARRIED**

11 Her Worship the Mayor's Report (101400)

Resolved

That Her Worship the Mayor's report for the period Monday 5 January 2026 to Wednesday 18 February 2026 be received.

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

12 Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum Triennial Agreement 2025 – 2028 (Chief Executive Officer) (104040)

Council discussed the report on the Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum Triennial Agreement 2025 – 2028.

Chief Executive Officer Comments:

- The purpose of the Triennial Agreement is twofold. First it outlines the principles by which each Council within each Region will work with its colleagues, second basis of the triennial agreement is as the constitutive document of the Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum.
- The only change to the agreement is section 10 – Local Government Reform.
- The triennial agreement is used not only for governance but at an operational level. The Bay of Plenty CE Forum adhere to the same principles.

Elected Members Comment:

- Her Worship the Mayor advised that the Triennial Agreement is a statutory requirement.

Resolved

1. *That the report "Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum Triennial Agreement 2025 – 2028" be received.*
2. *That Council endorses the draft Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum Triennial Agreement 2025 – 2028 and delegates signing authority to Her Worship the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer.*

**Councillors Hill / Ross
CARRIED**

Elected Members Comments:

- Councillor Hill sought clarification on the term of the appointment. Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning confirmed appointment is four years (can be up to five years).

13 Annual Plan Performance for the six months ended 31 December 2025 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (110400)

Council discussed the report on the Annual Plan Performance for the six months ended 31 December 2025.

Chief Executive Officer Comments:

- A number of targets were changed to a more appropriate target when Council went through the last Long Term process.
- There has been a change across polling and survey companies where there has been a structural shift away from landlines. Now surveys are done through mobile, landlines, face to face and online links.

Resolved

That the report "Annual Plan Performance for the six months ended 31 December 2025" be received.

**Councillors Julian / Worsley
CARRIED**

14 Exclusion of the Public – 10.29am

Resolved

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

1. **Minutes for Confidential Meeting Held on 17 December 2025.**
2. **Mataatua Macadamias: Proposed MoU.**

**Councillor Ross / Deputy Mayor 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:

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1. Minutes for Confidential Meeting Held on 17 December 2025.	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.
2. Mataatua Macadamias: Proposed MoU		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.

15 Re-admission of the Public

Resolved

That Council resume an open meeting and that the public be re-admitted to the meeting at 11.05am.

**Councillor Ross / Deputy Mayor Kingi
CARRIED**

16 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi closed the meeting with a Karakia at 11.08am.

F K N Tunui

Mayor

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Minutes of the Iwi Liaison Committee
held on Monday 22 September 2025 in the Kawerau District Council Mayor's Office
Commencing at 10.00am

Present: Kahika | Mayor Faylene Tunui
 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

Kaitautoko | Mayoral Aide, Majeane Rogers opened the meeting with a Karakia | Prayer.

2. Apologies

Apologies from Koromatua Waha Tuara | Deputy Mayor Aaron Rangihika were received.

3. Confirmation of Minutes – 18 August 2025

That the Minutes of the hui | meeting held on Monday, 18 August 2025 be received..

4. Verbal Update on Cultural Mahi

4.1 Marukaa (Te Puna Wai me te Pā o Marukaa)

4.1.1 Proposed change of Reserve name

Tumu Whakarae | CEO Update:

- Requested that the Committee has an in-person hui | meeting with Ngati Tuwharetoa BoP Settlement Trust and their Kaumatua Kahui regarding the Committee's recommendation to rename the Dump Reserve 'Te Puna Wai me te Pā o Marukaa Reserve', in honour of the Chief Marukaa, his pa site and spring.
- Staff will work with the Community to ensure that the name 'Te Puna Wai me te Pā o Marukaa Reserve' is not referenced in any form as the Dump Site or Transfer Station.

4.1.2 Installation of QR Code on Marukaa Plaque

The Committee agreed to put the installation of the QR Code on hold until the name was confirmed with Ngati Tuwharetoa BoP Settlement Trust and their Kaumatua Kahui.

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

4.2.1 Waiata Lessons with Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora

Tumu Whakarae | CEO Update:

- Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora, Tumu Whakarae | CEO welcomed Council kaimahi | staff to join their morning waiata, that ran from Monday to Friday, 8.30am-9am.
- Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora Kaimahi | Staff, Nikorima and Rocky Broughton also offered to hold waiata lessons with Council kaimahi | staff.

Kahika | Mayor Faylene acknowledged the support from Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora.

4.2.2 Maori Language Week from 15-19 September

Iwi Liaison & Cultural Advisor, Te Haukakawa Te Rire Update:

Monday 15	Staff learnt their Pepeha and a short Mihi Greeting
Tuesday 16	Staff learnt Te Reo Maori through Waiata
Wednesday 17	Staff learnt words and numbers in Maori by playing Housie
Thursday 18	Staff attended Tohia o te Rangī Marae to learn about Marae Tikanga
Friday 19	Staff brought a kai to share and reflected on the week

Tumu Whakarae | CEO Morgan acknowledged Council's migrant staff that attended most sessions and have found ways to incorporate Maori phrases into their daily mahi | work.

Kahika | Mayor Faylene supported kaimahi | staff that wanted to incorporate Karakia, Mihi and Waiata into their mahi | work to enable them to grow in confidence in Te Reo.

4.3 Stoneham Park Proposed Housing Development Name

The Committee agreed to discuss this matter in-person with Ngati Tuwharetoa BoP Settlement Trust and their Kaumatua Kahui.

4.4 Hardie Avenue Housing Development - Ngōti Tūwharetoa Settlement Trust (NTST)

The Committee agreed to discuss this matter in-person with Ngati Tuwharetoa BoP Settlement Trust and their Kaumatua Kahui.

4.5 Water Services Delivery Plan

Tumu Whakarae | CEO Update:

- Council submitted its Water Services Plan to Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) to deliver water services via an internal business unit.
- Council received support for its submission from both Maori Investment Ltd and Ngati Tuwharetoa BoP Settlement Trust.
- Council is now waiting on a response from DIA.

4.6 Kawerau Cemetery Development

Kahika | Mayor Update:

Council continues to explore future Cemetery development options, one being the Reserve down Delamere Drive and the private land across from the Cemetery. Council's first option is to use its own land/reserves before purchasing private land.

4.7 EECA (Energy Efficiency & Conservation Authority) CDEM Marae facilities

Tumu Whakarae | CEO Update:

- EECA asked Council to identify Marae in the Kawerau district that will be used by the community for emergency preparedness.
- EECA will fund the installation of solar panels on the recommended Marae building.
- Hahuru Marae, a Marae of Ngati Tuwharetoa Iwi, already has solar panels.
- Rautahi Community Marae is undergoing renovations of their roof
- In consultation with Iwi Liaison & Cultural Advisor, Te Haukākawa Te Rire, Tohia o te Rangi Marae was recommended
- Kaumatua of Tohia o te Rangi Marae was notified and appreciated the recommendation to EECA
- Council staff are working through EECA's criteria for Tohia o te Rangi Marae

4.8 Upcoming Cultural Events

- Mihi Whakatau for Citizenship Ceremony, Wednesday 24 September at 3pm
 - Frank Portsmouth, England
 - Carlos Luengo, Argentina
 - Philip Milana, Phillipines
 - Leena Kumari, Indian
 - Commander Keith Wisnesky will be in attendance
 - Supporting Frank Portsmouth will be Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora
- Mihi Whakatau for Kawerau Young Achiever Awards, Friday 26 September at 4.30pm
 - There will be a total of 24 recipients receiving Awards at this year's Ceremony

- Mihi Whakatau for new Kaimahi | Staff, Justin Douglas, Monday 29 September
 - Staff will be invited to be part of Mihi Whakatau and support with a waiata
 - Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora will also be attending and supporting
- Swearing In Ceremony of newly Elected Members, Wednesday 29 October
 - Both the Powhiri and Swearing In Ceremony as well as the Initial Council Meeting will be held at Rautahi Marae.
- Mihi Whakatau for Launch of Economic Development Strategy, Thursday 13 November
 - Launch will commence with a Mihi Whakatau led by Koro Te Haukākawa
 - Local industries and businesses have been invited to attend
 - Guest Speaker is Peter Chrisp, former Kawerau resident and Norske Manager and current CE of New Zealand Trade & Enterprise.

5. Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements

Kahika | Mayor Faylene reflected over the last three years and the different ones that have supported Koro Te Haukākawa. She acknowledged the return of Lincoln Savage to the rohe who has been supporting Koro Te Haukākawa with Whaikorero classes with the aim of having more kaikorero to support the Pae of Tuwharetoa.

Koro Te Hau acknowledged the Iwi Liaison Committee and what he has learnt in his role as Iwi Liaison & Cultural Advisor, over the years with Council. He explained that the role has increased his understanding of Council mahi | work, making him more confident to provide cultural support and guidance where needed.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Kaitautoko | Mayoral Aide, Majeane Rogers closed the meeting with a Karakia | Prayer at 11.50am

F K N Tunui

Kahika | Mayor

**Minutes of the Iwi Liaison and Cultural Advisor Meeting
held on Wednesday 18 February in the Kawerau District Council Chamber
Commencing at 9.00am**

Present: Kahika | Mayor Faylene Tunui
Kahika Waha Tuara | Deputy Mayor Sela Kingi (Alternate)
Kaikaunihera | Councillor Waikite Apiata
Kaikaunihera | Councillor Mal Dowie
Kaikaunihera | Councillor Tracy Hill
Kaikaunihera | Councillor Gloria Leokava-Tani
Iwi Liaison and Cultural Advisor Te Haukakawa (Boycie) Te Rire

In Attendance: Tumu Whakarae | CEO Morgan Godfery
Kaiwhakahaere | Manager Tania Humberstone
Kaiawhina | Senior EA to Mayor and CEO Pari Maxwell
Kaitautoko | Mayoral Aide Majeau Rogers

1. Mihi and Karakia Timatanga | Welcome and Opening Prayer

Iwi Liaison and Cultural Advisor Te Haukakawa Te Rire gave a Mihi and opened the meeting with a Karakia | Prayer.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Whakawhanaungatanga | Introductions

Elected Members and staff introduced themselves by way of a Mihi and Pepeha.

Kahika | Mayor Faylene thanked everyone for their introduction. She welcomed the new Committee and looked forward to working together for the hāpori | community of Kawerau.

4. Reports on Cultural Mahi

4.1 Stoneham Park Proposed Housing Development Name

The Committee considered a report from Kaiwhakahaere | Manager Humberstone that sought guidance from the Committee on a development name, and names of streets and lanes or ways. She acknowledged Koro Te Hau for his blessing before the geotechnical work begun and noted that staff will seek his guidance on the Community Open Day.

Tumu Whakarae | CE Update:

- At the request of their Father, the Stoneham family asked that the name 'Stoneham' not be used in relation to a housing development. They were satisfied that their father's name was honoured through Stoneham Walk.
- A hui was held with Council's Iwi Liaison and Cultural Advisor, Ngati Tuwharetoa (BoP) Settlement Trust and their Kaumatua Kahui, to seek a recommended development name.
- A further hui | meeting will be held to confirm names for recommendation to the Iwi Liaison and Cultural Advisor Committee before recommending to Council.

Committee Comments:

- Kahika | Mayor Faylene acknowledged Kaiwhakahaere | Manager Glaspey for the Naming Policy that gives Council options to seek recommendations from Tangata Whenua as well as the Community.

Resolved**Deputy Mayor Kingi / Cr Dowie**

1. That the report 'Stoneham Park Residential Development' be received.
2. That the Committee recommends to Council to use its Naming Policy to re-name the land for development.
3. That the Committee continues to partner with Iwi and the Community on names for the development and streets within the development.
4. That the Committee confirms the Community Open Day for Wednesday, 25 March from 4.30pm-6.30pm.

CARRIED

Tumu Whakarae | CE Morgan Godfery and Kaiwhakahaere | Manager Tania Humberstone left the meeting at 11.30am

4.2 Establishing a Whare Tāpere for Kawerau Whanau

The Committee considered a proposal titled 'Whare Tāpere o Kawerau'

Committee Questions/Comments:

- Provision or Identification of a Suitable Space
 - Council has 'shared and neutral' facilities available that are paid for by ratepayers.
 - Would it be an art space and/or museum for Maori culture like ATEA or Te Puia
 - Would the facility be for both Maori and Non-Maori
 - A neutral, non-ceremonial, community-led space would be attractive to non-Maori.
 - Would the facility be a shared space or sole usage?
 - Rautahi was established as a Community Marae for all ethnicities so that they had somewhere to celebrate their cultures together.
- Would it be a business or a community group?
- Who will be kaitiaki | guardian and protector of the Whare Tāpere 100 years from now?
- Collaboration
 - Was there room for collaboration with another Provider/Organisation in Kawerau
 - Acknowledged Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora and the mahi that Lincoln Savage has been leading as well as supporting Koro Te Haukakawa with.
- Council Endorsement
 - Council engages mana whenua / tangata whenua for cultural matters.
 - Has the proposer sought support/endorsement from mana whenua / tangata whenua, Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora and/or Rautahi Marae.

Resolved**Deputy Mayor Kingi / Cr Dowie**

1. That the proposal 'Establishing a Whare Tāpere for Kawerau Whanau' be received.
2. That the Committee invites the proposer to a hui with the Iwi Liaison Chair, Deputy Chair and Cultural Advisor to gain more understanding of the proposal and feedback to the Committee.

CARRIED

5. Verbal Update on Cultural Mahi

5.1 Rangitunoa Black Book Sale – Te Kuia Turehu o te Po me Ana Mokokopuna

The Committee considered a request from Rangitunoa Black, seeking Council's interest to purchase copies of her book which is in Te Reo Maori with an intent to do an English version.

Mayoral Aide Update:

- The Library has purchased three books under their delegation and budget.

Committee Comments:

- Kahika | Mayor Faylene encouraged staff to seek guidance from Council's Iwi Liaison & Cultural Advisor, when purchasing books with intimate korero written in Te Reo Maori.

5.2 Marukaa (Te Puna Wai me te Pā o Marukaa)

5.2.1 Proposed change of Reserve name

Kahika | Mayor Update:

- An in-person hui | meeting was held with Ngati Tuwharetoa BoP Settlement Trust and their Kaumatua Kahui.
- It was agreed to only rename the Dump Reserve area near the Spring 'Te Puna Wai me te Pā o Marukaa Reserve', in honour of the Chief Marukaa, his pa site and spring.
- Kaiwhakahaere | Manager Glaspey will include that in her report to Council

5.3 Hardie Avenue Housing Development - Ngāti Tūwharetoa Settlement Trust (NTST)**Action Item:**

Kahika | Mayor Faylene requested the MOU be re-circulated to the Iwi Liaison Committee.

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

5.4.1 Waiata Lessons

Action Item:

Kahika | Mayor Faylene requested that Waiata Lessons with Koro Te Hau be included on the Elected Member briefing days.

5.4.2 Attending Powhiri as a Council

Action Item:

Kahika | Mayor Faylene requested that Koha be part of Council's Tikanga | Practice when attending Powhiri.

5.5 Preparation for Upcoming Cultural Meetings and/or Events

- Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group (TARSG) Hui – Friday 27th February
 - Kahika | Mayor Faylene explained that the TARSG was established under the Ngāti Rangitahi Claims Settlement Act 2022 to support, co-ordinate and promote the integrated restoration of the mauri of the Tarawera Awa | River.
 - Attending from Council will be Cr Waikite Apiata, joined by Koro Te Haukaka. Apologies from Mayor Faylene was submitted to Chair Comer, due to LGNZ All of Government and Rural & Provincial meetings. Cr Waikite will attend as an observer.
- LGNZ Conference will be held at the Rotorua Energy Events Centre 29-30 July 2026
 - Further details on the Powhiri and Conference will be shared with Elected Members.

6. Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer

Iwi Liaison and Cultural Advisor Te Haukaka Te Rire closed the meeting with a Karakia | Prayer at 1.30pm

**Minutes of the Regulatory & Services Committee
held on Wednesday 11 March 2026 commencing at 9.00am**

Present: Deputy Mayor S Kingi (Chairperson)
Her Worship the Mayor F K N Tunui
Councillor W Apiata
Councillor M Dowie
Councillor T Hill
Councillor B J Julian
Councillor G Leokava-Taani
Councillor J Ross
Councillor A R Worsley

In Attendance: Chief Executive Officer (Morgan Godfery)
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)
Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (R Nel)
Economic & Community Development Manager (L Barton)
Communications & Engagement Manager (T Humberstone)
Senior Executive Assistant to the Mayor and CEO (P Maxwell)
Mayoral Aide (M Rogers)

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi 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.

CE Godfery shared a notice that would be available for public who wished to speak at Public Forum, outlining standing orders for Public Forum, namely being courteous and respectful.

6 Action Schedule (Chief Executive Officer) (101120)

The Committee considered the Action Schedule from the Chief Executive Officer.

Chair Kingi explained that the Action Schedule had recently been lifted from the Council agenda to the Regulatory & Services Committee agenda to ensure Actions were monitored across both meetings. She explained that the Strategic Actions were connected to Governance matters and the Operational Actions were connected to the organisation's Operational matters.

Resolved

Councillors Ross | Dowie

That the Action Schedule be received.

CARRIED

PART A – REGULATORY**7 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 February 2026.

Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning Updates/Comments:

- Acknowledged contractor for providing additional cover in the Dog Control department due to staff shortage during the month of February.
- The Land Information Memorandum (LIM) applications were submitted from both public and land agents.
- Venues that sell alcohol and food must comply with their host responsibilities under the alcohol regulations.

Elected Member Comments

- Acknowledged public for submitting community dog control requests
- Acknowledged Senior Building Officer for assisting Rotorua Lakes Council with processing of building applications while they were short staffed – great example of shared services.

Resolved**Councillors Julian | Hill**

That the report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning for the month of February 2026 be received.

CARRIED**PART B – NON-REGULATORY****8 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 February 2026.

Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services Update/Comments:

- Internal loans have now been added to Item 6 – Loans.
- There were a few incidents at the Library with disturbing customer behaviour. Staff were offered full wrap-around support from Management and Vitae. Council has a Policy that can lead to a customer being trespassed from all Council facilities.

Elected Members Comments:

- Great to see that a local Digi-coach has been appointed and fully funded by Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa and Ministry of Social Development.

Action Items:

- Staff to explore ways to communicate and promote positive behaviours in the Library.
- Staff to add an Item to the Community Safety Meeting Agenda to monitor Health & Safety at the Library
- Staff to add rainfall graphs back into future reports to monitor weather patterns.

Resolved**Councillors Ross | Apiata**

That the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services for the month of February 2026 be received.

CARRIED

9 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 February 2026.

Group Manager, Operations and Services Updates/Comments:

- Page 18, section 1, paragraph 4 – Staff were working with BOP Regional Council on the new water take consent for Tarawera Bores and Pumphouse Springs.
- Page 23, section 8, paragraph 3 - the work expected to start on Monday, 9th March was extended to Monday, 16th March.

Elected Members Comments:

- Acknowledged staff for the quick turnaround response time relating to water quality, wastewater and stormwater complaints.

Resolved**Her Worship the Mayor Tunui | Councillor Worsley**

That the report from the Group Manager, Operations and Services for the month of February 2026 be received.

CARRIED

10 Monthly Report - Economic and Community Development (Economic and Community Development Manager) (309005)

The Committee discussed a report from the Economic and Community Development Manager covering activities for the month of February 2026.

Economic and Community Development Manager Updates/Comments:

- The venue for the Swearing In Ceremony of the new Youth Council was changed to the Council Chamber and confirmed for Friday 13th March. No late applications were received
- Elected Members to confirm attendance to Hiring in Tauriko on 17th March, with staff

Elected Members Comments:

- Congratulated organisers of the local events held in Kawerau.
- Acknowledged staff for glowing comment from visitors on the cleanliness of the public toilets
- Acknowledged MTFJ Coordinator and wished her all the best going forward
- Acknowledged the Kawerau Civil Defence Team, and James Jefferson of Emergency BOP for preparation of the submission on the Emergency Management Bill. Mayor Tunui was honoured to present the submission on behalf of the Bay of Plenty region as Chair.

Resolved**Councillors Ross | Leokava-Taani**

That the report from the Economic and Community Development for the month of February 2026 be received.

CARRIED

11 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 February 2026.

Communications and Engagement Manager Updates/Comments:

- Consultation engagement for the Annual Plan will be carried out from 17th April to 18th May, comprising three meetings and some drop-in sessions.
- The three-yearly residents survey results will be available in September 2026
- Sport BOP's meeting on Monday, 9th March didn't have a huge turnout, but there were a number of RSVPs received, which Sport BOP will respond to.

Elected Members Comments:

- Acknowledged staff on the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan in particular communication to the 79 submitters.
- Acknowledged staff on the residential development update
- A number of coaches and schools raised their frustration of ineligibility for the Rural Travel Fund

Action Items:

- Staff to partner with Sport Bay of Plenty to advocate for the NZ Rural Travel Fund.

Resolved

Councillors Ross | Leokava Taani

That the report from the Communications and Engagement Manager for the month of February 2026 be received.

CARRIED

12 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi closed the meeting with a prayer at 11.05am

S Kingi

Chairperson and Deputy Mayor

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Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee

Open Minutes

- Commencing:** Friday, 19 December 2025, 1.00 pm
- Venue:** Ōpōtiki District Council Chambers, 108 St John Street, Ōpōtiki
- Chairperson:** Mayor Nándor Tánczos - Whakatāne District Council
- Deputy Chair:** Mayor Faylene Tunui – Kawerau District Council
- Members:**
- Mayor David Moore – Ōpōtiki District Council
 - Deputy Mayor Maude Maxwell - Ōpōtiki District Council
 - Deputy Mayor Julie Jukes- Whakatāne District Council
 - Cr Sarah Jane van der Boom – Bay of Plenty Regional Council
 - Cr Mawera Karetai – Bay of Plenty Regional Council
 - Cr Dr Tim Maltby – Bay of Plenty Regional Council
 - Cr Dr Iwi Te Whau – Bay of Plenty Regional Council
 - Cr Glenn Dougal – Bay of Plenty Regional Council
 - Cr Steve Nelson – Ōpōtiki District Council
- In Attendance:**
- Stace Lewer – Chief Executive, Ōpōtiki District Council
 - Morgan Godfrey – Chief Executive, Kawerau District Council
 - Steven Perdia – Chief Executive, Whakatāne District Council
 - Antoinette Campbell – General Manager Strategy and Development, Ōpōtiki District Council
 - Namouta Poutasi – General Manager Strategy & Science, Bay of Plenty Regional Council
 - Lee Barton – Economic & Community Development Manager, Kawerau District Council
 - Emlyn Hatch - General Manager People & Partnerships
 - Leny Woolsey - General Manager Strategy and Growth, Whakatāne District Council
 - Dan Smith – Growth Manager, Whakatāne District Council
 - Michael Fyrer – Strategy & Policy Manager, Ōpōtiki District Council
 - Chirese Viljoen – Governance Service Manager, Whakatāne District Council
 - Gae Finlay – Executive Assistant and Governance Lead, Ōpōtiki District Council
 - Ranjini Manoharan – Executive Support Officer, Ōpōtiki District Council
 - Maheesha Silva – Governance Support Officer, Ōpōtiki District Council
 - Majeane Rogers – Mayoral Aids, Kawerau District Council
- Apologies:**
- Cr Malcolm Campbell – Bay of Plenty Regional Council
 - Chair Matemoana McDonald – Bay of Plenty Regional Council
 - Deputy Mayor Sela Kingi - Kawerau District Council

1. Opening Karakia

Michael Fryer – Strategy and Policy Manager, Ōpōtiki District Council opened the meeting with a Karakia.

Stace Lewer – Chief Executive, Ōpōtiki District Council took the Chair.

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted for Cr Malcolm Campbell (BOPRC) and Deputy Mayor Sela Kingi (Kawerau District Council).

3. Public Forum

No requests received for Public Forum.

4. Items not on the Agenda

No further items added to the Agenda.

5. Order of Business

No Order of Business changed within the Agenda.

6. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No Conflict of Interest declared.

7. Minutes

7.1 Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee Minutes – 11 July 2025

Resolved

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee:

- 1 Receives the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee Minutes – 11 July 2025.

**Moore/Tunui
CARRIED**

8. Council Appointments to Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee, Verbal Item

Presented by Stace Lewer, Chief Executive, Ōpōtiki District Council

The Chair explained that there are some differences in how each council is currently represented on the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee. The purpose of the discussion was to look at these differences and consider whether the committee would like a more consistent approach to representation.

Current representation on the committee is as follows:

- Ōpōtiki District Council has two representatives.
- Kawerau District Council has one representative and one alternate.
- Whakatāne District Council has one representative and one alternate.
- Bay of Plenty Regional Council has three representatives.

Members noted that these arrangements are not the same across all councils. It was discussed that, depending on what is agreed, some councils may need to review their appointments and take this back to their own councils for a decision.

It was also noted that this discussion links closely to the next agenda item on the committee's Terms of Reference. The committee agreed that it would be helpful to discuss committee representation at the same time as the Terms of Reference, to make sure both are aligned.

9. Terms of Reference

9.1 Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee Terms of Reference 10-21

Presented by Namouta Poutasi, Group Manager of Strategy and Science, Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

It was noted that staff, working collaboratively across the councils and with the Group Manager of Strategy and Science, Bay of plenty Regional Council, had reviewed and updated the Terms of Reference to ensure they remain fit for purpose.

Key points:

- It was noted that staff working collaboratively across the councils and with the Group Manager of Strategy and Science, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, have reviewed and updated the Terms of Reference.
- The principal changes include inclusion of an Eastern Bay Spatial Plan within the remit of the Board Committee and addition of a clearer focus on economic development.
- The meeting was advised that:
The annual rotation of the chair of the secretariat will continue, consistent with current practice.
Existing provisions relating to chair rotation remain unchanged.
The provision confirming the chair does not have a casting/deciding vote is retained.
- It was noted that the Eastern Bay Spatial Plan has transitioned from development into an implementation phase.
- The previous committee structure included specific representation relevant to that phase.
- Members were advised that committee representation during the implementation phase may be considered in the future.
- Staff indicated they can undertake further consideration of representation arrangements and report back to the committee as appropriate.

Mayor Faylene Tunui sought clarification on the basis for representation and governance of the Eastern Bay Spatial Plan. Namouta Poutasi explained that the Plan had been developed by a separate, time-limited committee which has now been disestablished, with responsibility for implementation transferring to the Eastern Bay Joint Committee.

Mayor Tunui supported this approach, noting it provides clear oversight, and raised considerations regarding iwi representation, emphasising the need to respect existing relationships, mana, and co-design principles. It was noted that some implementation matters fall solely within territorial authority responsibilities, and the intent of the governance change is to support co-ordination without undermining established relationships.

Stace Lower sought confirmation of representation arrangements. Mayor Tunui advised that an appointment error by Kawerau District Council would be corrected following its 26 November resolution.

Resolved

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee:

- 1 Receives the report titled Updated Terms of Reference – Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee.**
- 2 Endorses the updated Terms of Reference as presented in Appendix 2.**
- 3 Notes that once endorsed the Terms of Reference will need to be adopted by all member Councils.**

Moore/ Tunui

CARRIED

10. Reports, Presentations and Verbal Updates**10.1 Administrative Matters****10.1.1 Election of Chair and Deputy Chair**

In accordance with the Terms of Reference, Mayor Tunui noted that the chairing role was due to rotate to Whakatāne District Council. The nomination of Mayor Nándor Tánczos was seconded by Mayor David Moore. Mayor Tanczos accepted the nomination, and with no further nominations, the appointment was confirmed.

Resolved

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee:

- 1 Selects system B as the voting system to elect the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.**
- 2 Elects Mayor Nándor Tánczos – Whakatāne District Council as the Chairperson for a term of one year.**

Tunui/ Moore

CARRIED

- 3 Elects Mayor Faylene Tunui - Kawerau District Council as the Deputy Chairperson for a term of one year.**

Moore/ Boom

CARRIED

Mayor Tánczos took the Chair.

10.2 Non- Council Funding**10.2.1 Shared Services, Verbal Update**

Presented by Stace Lewer – Chief Executive, Ōpōtiki District Council

Key point:

- This update is provided to advise that a range of reforms are in progress.

10.3 Community Safety**10.3.1 Eastern BOP Road Safety, Verbal Update**

Presented by Mayor David Moore, Opotiki District Council.

Key points:

- Members received an update on regional road safety initiatives delivered through the

Regional Transport Committee, noting the benefits of strong collaboration established during the previous term.

- Committees were reported as well aligned, particularly on road safety matters progressed to the Minister.
- A fatigue stop initiative was established along the river corridor in response to increased traffic volumes and a serious road safety incident in Rotomā.
 - The initiative aimed to support rangatahi and road users and improve wider community safety outcomes.
 - Officers, including Cr Gavin Dennis and Whakatāne District Council staff, worked with Gisborne stakeholders to progress the initiative, with additional support planned during peak periods.
- The committee acknowledged the leadership and contributions of Cr Gavin Dennis, Richard Hamer, and their teams, noting strong governance and effective outcomes.

Mayor Moore and Cr van der Boom raised concerns about recurring scheduling clashes between Regional Transport Committee meetings and other meetings, which limited participation.

Cr van der Boom advised the issue would be raised with the Regional Council and suggested earlier release of public meeting agendas to improve co-ordination.

10.4 Council Plans

10.4.1 EBOP Spatial Plan, Verbal Update

Presented by Namouta Poutasi – General Manager Strategy & Science, Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

Key points:

- The Eastern Bay Spatial Plan is a collaboratively developed project between Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Eastern Bay territorial authorities, iwi, and partners, providing a 30-year spatial framework to guide growth and development.
- The Spatial Plan supports well planned growth, housing choice, economic development, social and cultural wellbeing, integrated infrastructure provision, and protection of the natural environment, and has been formally adopted by all partner councils. Implementation is now underway.
- In Whakatāne District, key challenges include sea level rise, rising groundwater, and flood risk in the Whakatāne basin. Short term infill development is to continue where infrastructure capacity allows, with longer term growth directed inland, including Awakeri and Matatā Heights. Industrial and housing growth, including Māori land development, were identified as priorities.
- In Kawerau District, the Spatial Plan supports infill housing development and enables industrial growth through District Plan provisions. Industrial rezoning has allowed development, with projects currently underway, and aligns with emerging Central Government planning directions.
- In Ōpōtiki District, the primary growth area identified is Hukatāia for staged residential development, alongside coastal growth areas. Iwi economic and housing aspirations

are reflected in the Plan, with offshore aquaculture identified as a key economic factor influencing future growth.

- Implementation actions include District Plan changes, infrastructure planning, and growth sequencing. A regional stocktake is underway to support future regional spatial planning, with the Eastern Bay Spatial Plan forming a foundation for this work. Further work is required to respond to new planning and climate legislation, including environmental limits, infrastructure sequencing, and climate adaptation.

Mayor Faylene Tunui raised concerns regarding the impact of Resource Management Act reform announcements on the delivery of iwi aspirations within the Spatial Plan, as well as risks associated with more permissive planning settings and managing community expectations.

Cr van der Boom noted potential impacts of projected growth at the Port of Tauranga, which may increase freight volumes through the Eastern Bay, with implications for local infrastructure and roading.

In response to questions on iwi engagement at a regional planning level, Mayor Tunui advised that engagement with iwi and Māori entities in Kawerau occurs across multiple workstreams and emphasised the importance of maintaining local relationships and co-design approaches. She suggested iwi participation in relevant Joint Committee agenda items to support implementation.

10.5 Economic Development

10.5.1 Economic Development Strategy, Verbal Update

Presented by Stace Lewer – Chief Executive, Ōpōtiki District Council.

Key Points:

- It was noted that previous approaches prioritised local community direction, whereas current projects are being progressed within a national policy context.
- Kawerau District Council Chief Executive Officer Morgan Godfrey advised that a committee had been established to initiate development of a local plan. A business engagement event was held in November with a wide range of local businesses to gain buy-in and co-shape a local strategy.
 - Engagement with elected members is planned for early 2026, with some concrete steps expected. It was noted that government influence may affect council direction over the next 12 months; however, economic development remains a high priority.
 - Feedback on the Regional Economic Development Strategy was reported as positive, with businesses seeing their aspirations reflected, particularly in relation to sustainable and renewable energy and alignment with neighbouring districts. Momentum has been built, with sustaining this momentum identified as a challenge.
- Bay of Plenty Regional Council General Manager Strategy and Science Namouta Poutasi advised that the internal team had been reshaped to integrate tourism, events, and economic development, and that Maia Warren had been appointed to progress local economic development work following adoption of the regional strategy.
 - Key focus areas include those identified in the strategy and the Māori economy. Attendance at the Economic Development Conference in Auckland in November provided valuable insights and external learning.

It was noted that Regional Council staff plan to visit Tairāwhiti to learn from the reporting model used by Trust Tairāwhiti, with ongoing work occurring with partners on housing and workforce development initiatives.

The discussion acknowledged the District Council perspective while recognising the Regional Council's role in the economic development space.

10.6 Government Matters and Impacts

10.6.1 Local Government Reforms, Report

Presented by Michael Fryer, Strategy and Policy Manager, Ōpōtiki District Council.

Key Points:

- The presentation provided recommendations relating to the Local Government reforms report. The report was taken as read, with contextual background provided prior to discussion.
- It was acknowledged that this is a significant period across Central, Local, and Regional Government, with the next six months identified as a time of transition. The importance of maintaining motivation and a forward focus was emphasised.
- Local Government reform was described as part of a broader suite of reforms and policy proposals, with an emphasis on undertaking reform in a secure, considered, and integrated manner. The report was noted as providing a clear starting point.
- The proposed approach involves working in principle-based groups to navigate the reform process collaboratively. The approach includes multiple layers and allows work to commence despite uncertainties.
- The work is structured in phases, with review points at the end of each phase to assess progress, identify gaps, and determine next steps. The process is intended to result in either a refined reform vehicle or a record of actions and learnings.
- The Eastern Bay's history of collaboration, unique characteristics, and credibility were acknowledged, along with the need for commitment from members, staff, and the wider community.

Mayor David Moore emphasised the importance of including governance representatives in any working groups established, noting strong working relationships between Mayors and Chief Executives. Stace Lewer, Chief Executive of Ōpōtiki District Council, supported structured touchpoints between the working group and governance to ensure alignment prior to finalising any joint submission.

Mayor Faylene Tunui noted the challenging timeframes set by Central Government, particularly over the summer period, and referenced information circulated by the LGNZ interim CEO outlining reform timelines. She reiterated the importance of local decision-making.

Steven Perdia, Chief Executive of Whakatāne District Council, supported a regional approach of speaking with one voice while allowing individual council submissions, and welcomed the inclusion of governance touchpoints.

It was agreed that an extra ordinary or online meeting may be required before the early February 2026 submission deadline to agree on a joint statement, with the option of adding a provision to the Terms of Reference to enable an extra ordinary online meeting.

Michael Fryer clarified that the report identifies priorities rather than a hierarchy, and that most systemic reforms remain in consultation, with phase two between May and June providing further iterations and a review opportunity for Chief Executives.

In response to questions on joint submissions, Michael Fryer advised that a working group would prepare an initial draft for consideration by the Joint Committee or potential signatories, without precluding individual councils from making separate submissions.

Resolved

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee:

- 1 Receives the Local Government Reforms Report.**
- 2 Agrees to work together in giving effect to the phases of work.**
- 3 Agrees to adopt the proposed principles that will guide how all Councils will work together throughout this activity.**

**Tunui/Moore
CARRIED**

11. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Excludes the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting as set out below:

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

Item No.	Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution	When the item can be released into the public.
11.1	Public Excluded Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee Minutes – 11 July 2025	Withholding the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information or information from the same source, where it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.	48 (1) (a) (i) Section 7(2)(b)	To remain in public excluded.

**Tunui/ Moore
CARRIED**

Item No.	Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution	When the item can be released into the public.
11.2	Unlocking the Eastern Bay of Plenty: A vision of Housing and Employment Growth Paper – December 2025	Withholding the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information or information from the same source, where it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.	48 (1) (a) (i) Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(c)(i)	To remain in public excluded.

**Jukes/ Tunui
CARRIED**

12. Closing Karakia

Mayor Moore closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 2.49pm.

CONFIRMED

Mayor Nándor Tánczos
Chairperson, Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee

Regional Transport Committee

Open Minutes

- Commencing:** Friday 20 February 2026, 9.30 am
- Venue:** Regional House Chambers, 1 Elizabeth St, Tauranga and via Zoom (Audio Visual Meeting)
- Chairperson:** Cr Ken Shirley - Bay of Plenty Regional Council Toi Moana (BOPRC)
- Deputy Chairperson:** Cr John Scrimgeour - BOPRC
- Members:** Mayor Faylene Tunui - Kawerau District Council (KDC), Cr Berice Julian - Alternate, KDC, Mayor David Moore - Ōpōtiki District Council (ODC), Cr Curley Keno - Alternate, ODC (via Zoom), Mayor Tania Tapsell - Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC) (via Zoom), Mayor Mahé Drysdale - Tauranga City Council (TCC), Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular - TCC, Mayor James Denyer - Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC), Cr Grant Dally - Alternate, WBOPDC, Mayor Nándor Tánčzos - Whakatāne District Council (WDC), Susan Collins - Alternate, NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) (via Zoom), Ngaire Atmore - Alternate, NZTA (via Zoom)
- External Advisors:** Inspector Phil Gillbanks - NZ Police Road Safety Advisor, Marie Rutherford - NZ Automobile Association Advisor
- In Attendance:** BOPRC: Chair Matemoana McDonald, Cr Glen Dougall, Cr Tim Maltby, Cr Kate Graeme (via Zoom), Oliver Haycock - Director, Public Transport, Niki Carling - Team Leader, Transport Planning, Katri Harmoinen - Senior Transport Planner, Amanda Namana - Committee Advisor
External: Michelle McCormick - KiwiRail (via Zoom), Presenters - as listed in the minutes.
- Apologies:** Andrew Corkill - NZTA, Greg Pert - Freight Advisor, Dan Kneebone - Port of Tauranga Advisor

1. Apologies

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 **Accepts the apologies from Andrew Corkill, Greg Pert and Dan Kneebone tendered at the meeting.**

Scrimgeour/Moore

CARRIED

2. Chair's Statement

The Chair reminded all present that the meeting was being livestreamed and recorded, and would be made available on the Bay of Plenty Regional Council website following the meeting: [Regional Transport Committee - 20 February 2026](#).

3. Public Forum

3.1 Wayne Lowry - Chairman, Kaimai Omanawa Rural Ratepayers Association, supported by Deputy Mayor Margaret Murray-Benge (WBOPDC) and Cr Tracey Coxhead (WBOPDC)

Presentation: SH29 Safety - Keeping Kaimai Families Safe

Key Points:

- Presented on required safety improvements along State Highway 29 (SH29) from the bottom of the Kaimai Hill through to Old Kaimai Road
- The current road layout and speed limit posed a serious threat to turning drivers, with low cost solutions being available to address this
- Suggested the overtaking lanes be shortened and used to facilitate right turning bays into Thorn Road and Old Kaimai Road, which was achievable while maintaining a sufficient length of overtaking lane
- Improved signage was required to be placed before and after Kaimai School on SH29 as the current 'children present' signs were insufficient. Signage needed to clearly indicate that there was a school ahead and to reduce speed
- Ideally, the overtaking lane outside Kaimai School would be removed as by nature they encouraged vehicles to increase speed directly outside the school
- Played a video of Simeon Brown (speaking in the capacity of National Party MP and Transport Spokesperson) addressing the Kaimai community at a meeting held in the Kaimai School Hall on 23 May 2023: [Kaimai Community SH29 Roding Issues](#)
- The road was of strategic importance to the region and was a main freight road to the Port of Tauranga. Traffic volumes would continue to increase with future housing developments and growing populations
- Urged The Committee to lobby for rural road safety and work with NZTA to find a solution.

Key Points - Members:

- The community had been lobbying for safety improvements for over 20 years
- Recognised that it was the responsibility of NZTA to resolve the issues
- Obtaining funding for safety issues in rural communities had been substantially more difficult than in urban areas,

In Response to Questions - NZTA:

- Acknowledged the residents' concerns and were aware of them – some safety improvements had been undertaken over the past few years and additional minor improvements were underway. Considering further

measures for safety improvements would happen during the next planning cycle.

In Response to Questions - NZ Police:

- Any safety improvements to intersections was welcomed by police and a key issue in this area was traffic and freight volumes. In addition, vehicles needing to turn right had to slow and pull over to the left before crossing three lanes of high speed traffic
- Police enforcement focused on speed and driver behaviour, however drivers needed to be able to safely make turns in and out of the highway which was a major issue at this intersection.

In Response to Questions:

- Requested NZTA update the community with any plans or designs to address these issues, and a timeframe to expect progress/action.

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

5. Minutes

Minutes to be Received

5.1 Regional Transport Committee Minutes - 19 September 2025

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the Regional Transport Committee Minutes - 19 September 2025.**

**Denyer/Tunui
CARRIED**

6. Presentations

6.1 Introduction to Transport and Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) Briefing

Presentation: Introduction to Transport and the Regional Land Transport Plan

Presented by: Oliver Haycock - Public Transport Director
Niki Carling - Team Leader, Transport Planning
Katri Harmoinen - Senior Transport Planner

Key Points:

- Outlined the process of strategic transport planning and the transport challenge – influencing the movement of people and goods, not just vehicles
- Displayed the current transport objectives within the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) and the Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP)
- Overview of the RLTP, including the main two components being the strategic front end and the transport programme
- Although there was uncertainty around the implications the Resource Management Act (RMA) reforms would have on the RLTP, the requirement for RTCs to prepare them currently remained in place
- A draft of the next Government Policy Statement on land transport (GPS) was due to be released in May 2026, and the RLTP had to be consistent with this. NZTA took the RLTP and the GPS to formulate the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) – effectively the list of projects approved for funding. However, NZTA’s role was to take into account the content of the RLTP, whilst giving effect to the GPS
- Explained the importance of the policy lifecycle for RLTP development
- Provided an overview of wider changes in the operating environment influencing transport including
 - Upcoming national elections and legislative changes through reforms
 - Economic pressure
 - Balancing funding between growth and resilience projects
- Outlined the proposed development approach for the 2027 RLTP, which took into account outcomes from a review of the previous process undertaken which included feedback from elected members and the RAG
- Initial RLTP Workshops were scheduled to be held in May, August and November 2026.

Key Points - Members:

- Considered the previous RLTP process had been somewhat ambiguous and that RTC members involving their wider council would be beneficial to the process
- Encouraged members to refamiliarise themselves with the targets, outcomes and weightings in the current RLTP to be well positioned for the upcoming workshops.

In Response to Questions:

- Current RLTP funding had been affected by significant changes in direction of the GPS
- A shifting emphasis on Roads of National Significance (RoNS) projects left insufficient funding available for many other projects
- Emphasised that whilst projects submitted through the RLTP may not initially be funded, they stood a stronger chance of future funding if they were included on the prioritised projects list for the region e.g. Pekatahi Bridge
- It was the responsibility of the RAG to ensure projects were suggested for inclusion into the RLTP to enable the RTC to prioritise the projects as they saw fit. The responsibility of including these projects into council Long Term Plans sat with each TLA
- NZTA published suggested guidelines for how to develop an RLTP which were broadly followed by the RTC, providing some consistency in the process across the country
- The upcoming draft GPS was not expected to have any fundamental shifts, however it was advisable that the RLTP be as dynamic as possible to enable more flexibility for any unforeseen changes in policy or process

- BOPRC staff intended to present to each TLA on the process of developing the RLTP
- Following feedback received from the RTC around the RLTP development timeline, staff would endeavour to accelerate the development of the strategic front end of the document, in order to allow more time for the transport programme and project prioritisation
- All state highway improvements needed to be included in the State Highway Improvement Proposal (SHIP), which was developed by NZTA. If TLAs wanted specific state highway improvements in their district, they needed to work with NZTA to encourage inclusion.

In Response to Questions - NZTA:

- Projects in the RoRS were an NZTA programme delivered on the state highway network rather than local roads, as were the RoNS. These were specific programmes of work and did not signify the only projects with priority
- The majority of RoNS and RoRS projects were focused on new road development or major improvements/resilience.

10.40 am – The meeting **adjourned**.

10.58 am – The meeting **reconvened**.

6.2 Eastern Bay of Plenty Road Safety Update

Presented by: Cr Gavin Dennis - Whakatāne District Council and Richard Hamer - Eastern Bay of Plenty Road Safety Co-ordinator

Key Points:

- Cr Dennis had been the Chairman of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Road Safety Group since 2017
- Motorcycle campaigns and workshops had been held and the group worked with members of the community to learn basic handling skills and assist in obtaining their learner licences
- Working together with local police and other parts of the community was critical to success
- Changes and inconsistencies in funding support was an ongoing challenge to delivering outcomes, and caused a reduction in projects being undertaken. The group had to adapt and rely on community organisations for funding
- Fatigue stops at Matatā had been in place for approximately nine years to support young drivers travelling back from the Rhythm and Vines concert. An additional fatigue stop was then set up at Ōpōtiki in conjunction with the Fire Service, Lions Club and other local businesses which was also successful and showed a dramatic reduction in crashes at this time of year
- Played a video extract from One News on the evening of 1 January 2026: [One News - EBOP Fatigue Stops New Years Day 2026](#)
- Programmes in schools held with NZ Police at Whangaparoa and Te Kaha had also been well received
- A successful E-bike library had been set up with funds from NZTA

- Advocated for safety upgrades for cyclists at Matakerepu roundabout.

Key Points - Members/Advisors:

- Police appreciated the road safety group's efforts with fatigue stops and acknowledged the impact this had on safer travel
- Clarified that BOPRC discontinued funding specifically for road safety promotions, due to NZTA informing that they wanted consistent road safety messaging across the country.

In Response to Questions:

- Electric bike and scooter safety issues were escalating in many areas. Police were working with communities to assist them in addressing this problem.

6.3 Appleton Road/ Paerata Ridge Road Safety Concerns

Presentation: Call for Action - Appleton/Paerata Road Safety

Presented by: Cr Gavin Dennis - Whakatāne District Council on behalf of Maree Scammell

Key Points:

- Displayed a map of the area to the West of Ōpōtiki to highlight the specific issues
- The area contained the Ōpōtiki Surf Club, Paerata Ridge Road, a motor camp and housing subdivisions
- Horticulture and agriculture machinery traffic travelled through regularly, along with motorists, with it being the main route to the East Coast
- Vehicular accidents occurring at this site had nearby residents being first on the scene to assist, causing significant trauma
- Safety issues which needed addressing were:
 - A recurring pothole which was exacerbated by an underground spring
 - Palm tree foliage frequently dropping onto the road
 - Dangerous bus stop location
 - Limited visibility
 - Narrowness and angles of the road - these also caused trucks to cross the centreline to get around the corner
- Suggested actions to improve safety included:
 - Double yellow lines be put in place
 - Covered drainage for stormwater
 - Redesign the entry to Paerata Ridge Road for better visibility
 - Install turning bays on the Ōpōtiki approach side - residents approved using land to facilitate this
 - SH2 currently had a 100 kilometre per hour (km/hr) speed limit at this location - requested speed limit reduction to 80 km/hr, reduced to 65 km/hr for the bend
 - Signage installed warning of the dangerous corner, bus stop and high crash rate
 - Including funding in the RLTP to widen the road.

In Response to Questions - NZTA:

- NZTA and their safety engineer had been engaging with the local community regarding these concerns.

6.4 NZ Transport Agency Quarterly Update

Presentation: NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi Quarterly Update

Presented by: Ngaire Atmore – NZTA Regional Advisor, System Design (Waikato and Bay of Plenty)

Key Points:

- Noted that NZTA would no longer provide a written report for the RTC quarterly update, but would submit presentation slides for inclusion in each meeting agenda
- Projects submitted in the RLTP needed to have council funding allocated through Long Term Plans to ensure this was available for their local share
- The SHIP outlined NZTA's proposed investment in the state highway network and was their bid for funding under the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF). The new SHIP would have a ten year outlook, with a three to six year programme for RLTP development
- The NLTP was the three year programme that set out the activities which would be funded by the NLTF
- Funding Assistance Rates (FAR) were expected to be released in August 2026 to assist councils in planning for the 2027-2030 NLTP
- The National Ticketing System (NTS) roll-out was underway in greater Christchurch with other regions phased for roll-out over the next year
- Strategic transport planning work included future plans to consider SH29 Kaimai safety issues
- Provided an update on RoNS projects Takitimu North Link (TNL) Stage One - completion expected in 2028, TNL Stage Two and Tauriko West
- Advised of recovery efforts in the region following the January 2026 severe weather events.

7. Reports

7.1 Chairperson's Report

Presented by: Oliver Haycock – Public Transport Director

Key Points - Members:

- A discussion was held regarding the presentations at the start of the meeting which correlated with Attachment 1 of the report and members agreed to write a letter to NZTA which would address both issues raised.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Chairperson's Report;**

- 2 **Writes a letter to CEO of NZTA, copied to the Chair of the NZTA Board, highlighting the safety concerns on State Highway 29 and State Highway 2;**
- 3 **Delegates responsibility to the RTC Chair to sign a letter on behalf of the committee, in conjunction with the Mayor Denyer and Mayor Moore.**

**Shirley/Scrimgeour
CARRIED**

Decision Required

7.2 Confirmation of External Advisors

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 **Receives the report, Confirmation of External Advisors;**
- 2 **Confirms Greg Pert as the Freight Advisor to the Regional Transport Committee;**
- 3 **Confirms Dan Kneebone as the Port of Tauranga Advisor to the Regional Transport Committee;**
- 4 **Confirms Marie Rutherford as the NZ Automobile Association Advisor to the Regional Transport Committee;**
- 5 **Confirms Logan Marsh as the New Zealand Police Road Safety Advisor;**
- 6 **Notes the currently vacant role of Environmental Sustainability Advisor.**

**Drysdale/Moore
CARRIED**

8. Verbal Update Opportunity from Committee Members and Advisors

Key Points - Michelle McCormick - KiwiRail (via Zoom)

- Work had commenced to prepare the Rail Network Investment Programme, which was included in the NLTP and suggested an update be provided to the Committee at an upcoming meeting, given the significance of the region in this work.

Key Points - Phil Gillbanks, NZ Police Road Safety Advisor:

- There were 33 road fatalities recorded in the region in the past year, one less than the previous year
- The majority of fatal or serious injury accidents were due to driver behaviour, including speed, distraction and impairedness
- Oral drug testing would be rolled out in the region in May/June 2026 and would target all road users, rather than specific members of the community
- Intelligence was being gathered on main causes and victims of road fatalities, for which an update may be provided to the next meeting

- The Road Policing Investment Programme funded this work and there was a national push to identify what the primary target should be. A more intelligence driven approach to how road safety was policed was underway and included in depth data gathering of sub-regions e.g. The Eastern Bay saw a higher proportion of people with drugs in their system, where other areas of the region had speed or intersections as the primary factors.

12.50 pm - the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED

Cr Ken Shirley
Chairperson, Regional Transport Committee

Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group

Ngā Meneti Open Minutes

Commencing: Friday 27 February 2026, 9:35am

Venue: Mataatua Room, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, 5 Quay Street, Whakatane and via Zoom (Audio visual meeting)

Heamana

Chairperson: Leith Comer - Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust

Heamana Tuarua

Deputy Chairperson: Dr Pouroto Ngaropo - Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa

Ngā Kopounga

Members:

Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC):

Cr Anna Grayling, Cr Malcolm Campbell (Alternate)

Ngāti Mākino Iwi Authority:

Awhi Awhimate, Via Zoom: Nicki Douglas (Alternate)

Ngāti Tūwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust:

Sandie Rota (Alternate)

Rotorua Lakes Council:

Cr Gregg Brown

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust (TMONRT):

Tiipene Marr (Alternate)

Whakatane District Council:

Mayor Nándor Tanczos, Cr Lesley Immink (Alternate)

Te Hunga i Tae Ake

In Attendance:

BOPRC: Chris Ingle - GM Integrated Catchments, Kataraina O'Brien - GM Strategic Engagement, Stephen Lamb - Natural Resources Policy Manager, Herewini Simpson - Kaihautu, Te Amorangi, Sharon Ainsworth - Project Manager, Nassah Rolleston-Steed - Principal Advisor, Policy & Planning (Via Zoom), Kerry Brown - Kaitohutohu Taiao Matua - Senior Advisor, Te Amorangi, Shari Kameta - Committee Advisor
Kawerau District Council: Cr Waikite Apiata, Kaumatua Te Haukakawa Te Rire - Cultural Advisor

Guests: Cyrus Hingston - Chair, Ngāti Tarāwhai Iwi Trust, Deliah Balle - Trustee, Tūhourangi Tribal Authority

TMONRT: Darcy Stoneham - Assistant Environmental Manager

Presenters: As listed in the minutes

Ngā Hōnea Apologies:

Manu Glen - Alternate, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa
Jade King-hazel - Department of Conservation
Mayor Faylene Tunui - Kawerau District Council
Deputy Mayor Sela Kingi - Alternate, Kawerau District Council
Jim Schuster - Ngāti Tūwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust
Early departure: Nicki Douglas - Alternate, Ngāti Makino Iwi
Authority, Sandie Rota - Ngāti Tūwharetoa (BOP)
Settlement Trust, Cr Lesley Immink - Whakatāne District
Council, Cyrus Hingston - Ngāti Tarāwhai Iwi Trust

1. Karakia Whakatuwhera Opening Karakia

A karakia and mihi of welcome was provided by Pouroto Ngaropo, followed by a mihi of reply from Tiipene Marr.

2. Order of Business

Due to the expiry of the Chair and Deputy Chair's terms of appointment, Chris Ingle, General Manager Integrated Catchments (Committee Champion) assumed the chair to facilitate the appointment of the Chair prior to consideration of other items. Once appointed, the Chair would assume the chair to conduct the remaining business.

Resolved

That the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group:

- 1 Accepts a change to the order to consider Agenda Item 10.1, Change of Membership and Appointment of the Chairperson and Deputy Chair next on the Agenda.**

**Ngaropo/Brown
CARRIED**

3. He Pūrongo Report

3.1 Change of Membership and Appointment of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

Presented by: Chris Ingle, General Manager Integrated Catchment

Key Points:

- Noted the following amendments in the report:
 - Page 17 of the agenda: Recommendations 3(b) and 39(d) had omitted alternate members Manu Glen and Sandie Rota
 - Table on page 18 of the agenda: Bay of Plenty Regional Council member should read Cr Anna Grayling (not Cr Sarah McCorkindale)
- Noted the recommended voting system and process for the appointment of the Chair and Deputy.

Nominations for Chairperson

Leith Comer was nominated by Pouroto Ngaropo and the nomination was seconded by Awhi Awhimate.

As no further nominations were received, **Leith Comer** was unanimously declared appointed as the Chairperson.

Leith Comer **assumed** the Chair.

Nominations for Deputy Chairperson

Pouroto Ngaropo was nominated by Leith Comer and the nomination was seconded by Cr Anna Grayling.

As no further nominations were received, **Pouroto Ngaropo** was unanimously declared appointed as the Deputy Chairperson.

The appointments of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson became part of the substantive motion that was put and **CARRIED**.

Key Points - Chairperson:

- Expressed thanks to Strategy Group members for their confidence, noting that the Strategy Group and Tarawera catchment were a huge priority for Ngāti Rangitihī
- Welcomed and acknowledged:
 - Members on their elections to their organisations and subsequent appointment onto the Strategy Group
 - Cr Waikite Apiata and Kaumatua Boycie Te Rire for their attendance on behalf of Kawerau District Council
 - Tūhourangi Tribal Authority Trustee Deliah Balle and Ngāti Tarāwhai Iwi Trust Chair Cyrus Hingston as key stakeholders of the Tarawera Awa Iwi Collective
- Acknowledged the late Phill Thomass who had been a member and passionate advocate on the Strategy Group for the environment and his community
- Sought acknowledgement for Ngāti Tarāwhai Iwi Trust and Tūhourangi Tribal Authority representatives to be represented on the Strategy Group. Noted that while they had not been included in the grouping under Ngāti Rangitihī's Settlement Claims Act, they had the same interest in the Tarawera Awa catchment as other members of the Iwi Collective.

MOTION

Moved: Ngaropo

Seconded: Rota

Acknowledges the representation of Cyrus Hingston of Ngāti Tarāwhai Iwi Trust and Deliah Balle of Tūhourangi Tribal Authority on the Strategy Group.

The motion was **CARRIED** and became part of the substantive motion.

Key Points - Staff:

Acknowledged Chair Leith Comer for being recognised in the 2026 New Year's Honours as a Companion of the NZ Order of Merit for his services to Māori, governance and education.

Resolved

That the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group:

- 1** **Receives the report, Change of Membership and Appointment of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;**
- 2** **Selects System B to elect a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;**
Awhimate/Grayling
CARRIED
- 3** **Appoints Leith Comer as the Chairperson of TARSG for a term of two years pursuant to Part 2, Subpart 9, clause 126 of the Ngāti Rangitihi Claims Settlement Act 2022;**
Ngaropo/Awhimate
CARRIED
- 4** **Appoints Pouroto Ngaropo as the Deputy Chairperson of TARSG for a term of two years pursuant to Part 2, Subpart 9, clause 126 of the Ngāti Rangitihi Claims Settlement Act 2022.**
Comer/Grayling
CARRIED
- 5** **Notes the appointments of the following members:**
 - (a) Cr Anna Grayling as the appointed member for Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Cr Malcolm Campbell as the alternate member;**
 - (b) Mayor Faylene Tunui as the appointed member for Kawerau District Council and Deputy Mayor Sela Kingi as the alternate member;**
 - (c) Cr Gregg Brown as the appointed member for Rotorua Lakes Council;**
 - (d) Mayor Nandor Tánczos as the appointed member for Whakatāne District Council and Cr Lesley Immink as the alternate member;**
 - (e) Nicki Douglas as the alternate member for Ngāti Mākino Iwi Authority, replacing Laurance Tamati;**
- 6** **Notes the reappointment of the following members:**
 - (a) Leith Comer as the member and Tiipene Marr as the alternate member for Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust;**
 - (b) Pouroto Ngaropo as the member and Manurere Glen as the alternate member for Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa;**
 - (c) Awhi Awhimate as the member for Ngāti Mākino Iwi Authority;**
 - (d) James Schuster as the member and Sandie Rota as the alternate member for Ngāti Tūwharetoa (Bay of Plenty) Settlement Trust;**
Awhimate/Ngaropo
CARRIED
- 7** **Acknowledges the representation of Cyrus Hingston of Ngāti Tarāwhai Iwi Trust and Deliah Balle of Tūhourangi Tribal Authority on the Strategy Group.**
Ngaropo/Rota
CARRIED

4. Ngā Hōnea Apologies

Resolved

That the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group:

- 1 Accepts the apologies from Mayor Faylene Tunui, Deputy Mayor Sela Kingi, Jade King-hazel, Manu Glen and Jim Schuster, and for early departure: Cr Lesley Immink, Sandie Rota and Cyrus Hingston tendered at the meeting.

Grayling/Tánczos
CARRIED

5. Raupapa o Ngā Take Order of Business

The Chair sought a change to the order to receive Agenda item 10.2, TARSG Project Team Update and Item 10.3, Budget and Expenditure Report to be discussed in the Public Excluded section of the meeting.

Resolved

That the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group:

1. Accepts a change to the order of items and to transfer Item 10.2, TARSG Project Team Update and Item 10.3, Budget and Expenditure Report and Guidelines into the Public Excluded section of the meeting on the following grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987:
 - a. S48(1)(a)(i) Section 7(2)(c)(ii): Withholding is necessary to protect information, which is subject to an obligation of confidence, where the making available of the information would be likely to otherwise to damage the public interest.

Comer/Awhimate
CARRIED

6. Whakapuakanga o Ngā Take Whai Taha-Rua Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None were declared.

Action for Staff Follow-up:

The Chair requested that members provide a list of any conflicts of interest to be recorded in the Strategy Group's conflict of interests register.

7. Ngā Meneti Minutes

**Kia Whakaūngia Ngā Meneti
Minutes to be Confirmed**

7.1 Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group Minutes - 8 August 2025

Resolved

That the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group:

- 1 Confirms the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group Minutes - 8 August 2025 as a true and correct record.

Brown/Immink
CARRIED

8. Ngā Pūrongo Reports

Hei Pānui Anake Information Only

8.1 Draft Submission on the Proposal to Simplify Local Government

Presented by: Jane Kirk - Co-Governance Secretariat

Key Points:

- The draft submission had been prepared on behalf of the co-governance committee iwi partners after a meeting of several iwi co-governance members and Regional Council's Chairperson
- The submission sought that the commitments within the respective Treaty Settlements be upheld and Māori representation be retained at all decision-making levels
- The final submission had now been signed by all parties and could be circulated to members for their information.

In Response to Questions:

- The option to speak to the submission had not been provided in the select committee process
- Submission references to the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group were focused at the higher level of the Treaty Settlement's framework
- Confirmed the expectation of the inclusion of Māori representation on the proposed Combined Territories Board (CTB).

Key Points - Members:

- Commended Regional Council's Chair for calling co-governance iwi members together that lead to the development of the submission
- Concerned about the potential impact of the proposal on co-governance committees
- Noted the Iwi Collective's concerns with the Government's reforms hence their desire for the strategic objectives to provide surety that iwi were not being ignored
- Anticipated that the select committee recommendations would be released by Ministers in late March 2026.

Resolved

That the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group:

- 1 Receives the report, Draft Submission on the Proposal to Simplify Local Government.**

**Ngaropo/Rota
CARRIED**

8.2 Annual Plan and Long Term Plan Amendment Consultation

Presented by: Merehine Waiari – Senior Advisor, Te Amorangi (Via Zoom)

Key Points:

- Council would be consulting on its draft Annual Plan 2026-2027 (AP) and Long Term Plan (LTP) 2024-2034 amendment from March to the end of April 2026
- Feedback was being sought on the following key focus topics:
 - How to structure its \$3 billion investment portfolio
 - Setup of a one-off \$20m Regional Benefit Fund for large-scale infrastructure projects in the 2026/27 financial year
 - Investing in indigenous biodiversity
- Council invited direct engagement from iwi authorities, co-governance entities and Māori leaders to ensure council decisions reflected key aspirations of the region
- A ‘friend of the submitter’ service would be available to assist submitters with their submissions. Staff and councillors would be attending community events to engage with the public and two online hui were scheduled on 13 and 16 March that would cover key topics and kaupapa Māori initiatives
- Hearing of submissions were scheduled for 20–23 April 2026 with Tuesday 21 April to be held at Huria Marae
- Encouraged feedback and submissions from iwi/tangata whenua.

In Response to Questions

- Regarding the Regional Benefit Fund:
 - Council was seeking submissions on funding criteria/parameters to achieve the best impact for regional benefit, rather than submissions on specific projects
 - Council would decide the funding criteria at the end of June 2026
 - If adopted, the fund would become available in the 2026/27 financial year
- Council was using a variety of tools to engage on its AP/LTP amendment (i.e. rates database, Māori networks, community events, [Participate](#) page, online hui) but were open to receiving feedback to enhance engagement.

Key Points - Members:

- Council was focused on delivering outcomes for the region and wished to secure its \$3b investment portfolio equitably to benefit the whole region
- Suggested councils and co-governance committees align their submissions where possible and for the Strategy Group to make a submission.

Items for Staff Follow Up:

- Coordinate Regional Council’s AP/LTP presentation to be provided to the Strategy Group at the next available opportunity

- Clarify Regional Council's criteria for deciding parameters for the Regional Benefit Fund.

Resolved

That the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group:

- 1 Receives the report, Annual Plan and Long Term Plan Amendment Consultation.**

**Ngaropo/Rota
CARRIED**

9. Ngā Whakamārama a Ngā Rōpū Update from Partners

9.1 Ngāti Rangitihi

- Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust had made a submission to the Resource Management (RM) system reform and Planning and Natural Environment Bills on behalf of the Tarawera Awa Iwi Collective to seek bespoke mechanisms and priority engagement with the Crown to ensure the Strategy Document was given equivalent strength and effect in the new system.

9.2 Ngāti Mākino

- No update to provide.

9.3 Ngāti Tūwharetoa (Bay of Plenty) Settlement Trust

- Had made a submission to the RM system reform and supported the submission made on behalf of the Tarawera Awa Iwi Collective.

9.4 Te Runanga o Ngāti Awa

- Had made a submission to the RM system reform and Bills and the Government's Simplifying Local Government proposal
- Supported Ngāti Rangitihi's submission on behalf of the Tarawera Awa Iwi Collective, which was a reflection of Ngāti Awa's submissions to the reform.

9.5 Rotorua Lakes Council

- Tarawera sewerage scheme was progressing with approximately 30 properties that RLC had not been able to be communicate with
- Freshwater gold clams was still a major concern and risk with work still to be done on finding a solution.

9.6 Kawerau District Council

- No update to provide.

9.7 Whakatāne District Council (WDC)

- Had made strong representation on the Simplifying Local Government proposal to ensure Māori participation was not lost via a council submission and submissions made by the BOP Mayoral Forum and Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee
- The Matatā wastewater scheme was progressing well

- Investigating feasibility of a shared water services entity with Kawerau and Ōpōtiki District Councils and Rotorua Lakes Council – options analysis would consider impacts on community wastewater schemes to inform WDC’s decision to establish a joint entity or retain the existing standalone approach.

9.8 Bay of Plenty Regional Council Toi Moana

- Had made submissions to the RM system reform and Simplifying Local Government proposal and were undertaking a review of Regional Council’s critical functions. Would work with partner agencies to determine which functions needed to be performed at the local, regional and/or national level
- Annual Plan 2026-2027 and Long Term Plan 2024-2034 amendment consultation.

9.9 Ngati Tarāwhai Iwi Trust

- Shared the same concerns as other iwi partners regarding the RM system reform
- Proposed changes to DOC legislation and potential acquisition of reservation land from private interests
- Risk of freshwater gold clam was a key focus
- Appreciated the opportunity to be at the meeting.

9.10 Tūhourangi Tribal Authority

- Considering how to respond to the RM reform, i.e. plan reviews, and suggested working together with the Strategy Group.

10. Wāhanga Tūmataiti Public Excluded Section

Resolved

Resolution to exclude the public

- 1 Excludes the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting as set out below:

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

Item No.	Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution	When the item can be released into the public
10.1	Public Excluded Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group Minutes - 8 August 2025	As noted in the relevant Minutes.	As noted in the relevant Minutes.	To remain in public excluded.
10.2	Tarawera Awa Iwi Collective - Crown	Withholding the information is necessary		

	Engagement, Strategy Document Objectives and Iwi Collective Resourcing	to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest.	48(1)(a)(i) Section 7 (2)(c)(ii).	On the Chief Executive's approval.
10.2	TARSG Project Team Update			
10.3	Budget and Expenditure Report and Guidelines			

- 2 That Cr Waikite Apiata, Deliah Balle and Cyrus Hingston be permitted to stay in the public excluded section of the meeting due to their affiliation with the matters under discussion.**

**Ngaropo/Rota
CARRIED**

11. Karakia Kati Closing Karakia

A karakia was provided by Tiipene Marr.

1:35pm - the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED

Leith Comer
Chairperson
Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group

Meeting Council

Meeting Date: 25 February 2026

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, 19 February 2026 to Wednesday 18 March 2026.

February 2026	
Thu 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Four Winds Director, David Stone and Economic and Community Development Manager Lee Barton re: latest updates on grants and applications for the Kawerau district, held in the Mayor's office. • In-person meeting with Mataatua Macadamia Ltd Director Hemana Waaka re: future economic development summit opportunity, held in the Mayor's office. • Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee Online Zoom re: joint submission on Simplifying Local Government reforms, held in the Mayor's office. • Meeting with Kawerau MSD Manager for Client Service Delivery, Bobby Nyman and Kawerau Case Manager Jaz Savage re: planned Health and Wellbeing expo for MSD, held in CE Godfery's office.
Fri 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travelled and attended with Cr Julian to the Regional Transport Committee meeting, held at BOP RC in Tauranga. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional Transport Committee Minutes - 19 September 2025 ○ Briefing - Introduction to Transport and the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) ○ Eastern Bay of Plenty Road Safety Update ○ Appleton Road / Paerata Ridge Road Safety Concerns ○ NZ Transport Agency Quarterly Update ○ Chairperson's Report ○ Confirmation of External Advisors <p>https://infocouncil.boprc.govt.nz/Open/2026/02/RTC_20260220_AGN_5045_AT.PDF</p>
Sat 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended in-person to Senior Fire and Emergency member Fred Dykes 50 Years Service Celebration, held at the Kawerau Bowling Club with Cr Julian.
Mon 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Waters Working Group Meeting with Deputy Mayor Kingi, Manager Humberstone and Manager Nel, held at the Ōpōtiki District Council chambers.
Tue 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation received and apologies tabled for the EBOP Trustees meet and greet and Te Teko racecourse tour from BOPRC Councillor Sarah McCorkindale.
Wed 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinary Council Meeting, Chaired by Mayor Tunui, held in the Council Chambers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Confirmation of Council Minutes ○ Receipt of Committee Minutes ○ Receipt of Regional Minutes ○ Her Worship the Mayor's Report ○ Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum Triennial Agreement 2025 – 2028 ○ Appointment of Eastern Bay of Plenty District Licensing Committee ○ Annual Plan Performance for the six months ended 31 December 2025

	<p>https://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/sites/www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/files/document/s/event-calendar/council_agenda_2026.02.25_0.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travelled from Kawerau to Wellington for LGNZ All of Government conference in Wellington with Cr Hill and Ōpōtiki Mayor David Moore with a special acknowledgement to Māori Investments Limited for McKee Road permit.
Thu 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended the LGNZ All of Government Conference with Cr Hill, held at the Parliament Building in Wellington.
Fri 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended the LGNZ Rural and Provincial Sector meeting with Cr Hill, held at the Parliament Building in Wellington. Online ZOOM to the Parliamentary Governance and Administration Sub-Committee, providing the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Joint Committee submission on the Emergency Bill, held in Wellington. Travel from Wellington to Kawerau with Cr Hill and Ōpōtiki Mayor David Moore with a special acknowledgement to Māori Investment's Limited for the McKee Road permit.
March 2026	
Mon 02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet and greet alongside CE Godfery with Quayside Chair Mark Wynne and CEO Lyndon Settle, held in the Committee room. Scheduled meeting with Bruza Groves re: Art Deco event proposal for Kawerau. Mr Groves was unavailable to attend the meeting. Constituent meeting with Sue Frewen, Neville Frewen and Operations and Services Manager Nel re: boundary fencing concerns, held in the Mayor's office.
Tue 03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended an Aviation Fuel opportunity / proposal alongside Iwi Liaison / Cultural Advisor Te Haukākawa Te Rire, CE Godfery and Manager Barton re: CNI Stakeholder Engagement hui with Raukawa, Ngāti Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau and Kawerau Business operators, held at the NZ Institute for Bio-economy science limited offices in Rotorua. Joined online hui with the Parliamentary Commissioner, Simon Upton re: simplifying local government reforms, enroute from Rotorua to Kawerau.
Wed 04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elected Member Briefing – chaired by Cr Julian. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Water Done Well Update with attendance from Independent Advisor and former Ōtorohanga Mayor, Max Baxter. Funding of Depreciation Budget Review for Annual Plan 2026/27 Hardie Avenue Dewatering Update and Further Recommendations Paora Street Drainage Improvement Project
Thu 05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting alongside Manager Barton with Chair of Toi-EDA David Glover and Trustee Charelle Stevenson re: updates and briefing on future involvement with the programme and catching up on latest regional economic development initiatives, held in the Mayor's office. Online ZOOM with MTFJ re: Mayoral De-brief update on Community Employment programmes, chaired by Mayor of Gore, Ben Bell.
Mon 09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hui with Nikorima and Rocky Broughton re: Kaumātua Emergency Ambassadors, held in the Mayor's office.
Tue 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catch-up with BOP Regional Councillor Malcolm Campbell re: BOPRC annual plan presentation and general catch up, held in the Mayor's office. In-person meeting alongside Iwi Liaison Te Haukākawa Te Rire and Māori Ward Councillor Waikite Apiata with Heemi Hill and Te Rina Ransfield re: Te Whare Tapere proposal, discussed in the Iwi Liaison / Cultural Advisor meeting on 18 February 2026, held in the Mayor's office.
Wed 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulatory and Services Meeting – Chaired by Chair / Deputy Mayor Kingi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Schedule Monthly Report – Regulatory and Planning Services Monthly Report – Finance and Corporate Services

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly Report – Operations and Services ○ Monthly Report – Economic and Community Development ○ Monthly Report – Communication and Engagement ● Elected Member Briefing – Chaired by Cr Julian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Plan Change 5 – Kawerau District Plan ○ BOPRC presentation and update on their Annual Plan for 2026-2027 ● Informal Youth Committee Meeting – Chaired by Cr Ross ● One on One catch up with Chair Ross re: He Hāpori Ora Thriving Community Committee, held in the Mayor's office.
Thu 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BOP Mayoral Forum meeting – held at BOPRC offices on Elizabeth Street, Tauranga. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appointment of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for the 2025-2028 Triennium ○ Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum Triennial Agreement 2025-2028, Terms of Reference and Protocol for RMA Policy and Plans ○ Shared Services in Bay of Plenty Region ○ Regional Spatial Planning ○ Waikato and Bay of Plenty Cross Regional Waste Strategy and Waste Infrastructure Project ○ Local Government Reform - Submission by Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum to Simplifying Local Government Proposal ○ Cadence of reorganisation – Verbal update Mayor Drysdale ○ Homelessness Strategy: Proposal for a Mayors Taskforce for Homeless – Verbal update Mayor Tapsell
Fri 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Catch-up meeting with ISK Chair Jacob Kajavala, held at the ISK office. ● Meeting alongside Deputy Mayor Kingi with Melissa Ross from Oranga Tamariki re: planning for the Working Together to Support Kawerau Rangatahi and Community Safety workshop held on 31 March 2026, held in the Mayor's office. ● Meet and greet meeting with new Police Superintendent for the BOP region Will Loughrin, held in the Mayor's office. ● Attended the 2026 Kawerau Youth Council Swearing in Ceremony, held in the Council Chambers.
Sat 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attended the Te Arawa Regional Kapa Haka competition with Cr Trevor Maxwell and Kawerau Christmas in the Park MC, Howie Morrison Jnr, held at the Rotorua Internation Stadium.
Sun 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attended alongside Mayor of Tauranga Mahe Drysdale, Mayor of Ōpōtiki David Moore, Mayor of Western Bay of Plenty James Denyer and BOP Regional Councillor Glenn Dougal, attending the T201 Double Header Cricket competition, held at Bay Oval, Tauranga.
Tue 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting with General Manager for Kawerau Enterprise Agency Kevin Power, held in the Mayor's office. ● Attended the launch of the NZ Geothermal Strategy by Minister for Regional Development, Minister Shane Jones, held at the Howard Morrison Centre in Rotorua.
Wed 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Iwi Liaison / Cultural Advisor Meeting – Chaired by Mayor Tunui. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Establishing a Whare Tapere ○ Stoneham Park Proposed Housing Development Name ○ Hardie Avenue Housing Development ○ Te Reo, Waiata, Powhiri, Poroporoaki and Cultural Awareness ○ Preparation for upcoming meetings and/or events ● Attended the KDC Civil Defence Emergency Management Sub-Committee meeting with Deputy Mayor Kingi, Cr Ross, Cr Apiata, Cr Leokava-Taani, CE Godfery, Manager Barton Civil Defence Emergency Management Officer Justin Douglas and administrator Courtney Cox, held in the Council Chambers.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Special meeting of the Finance and Infrastructure meeting with Deputy Mayor Kingi, Chair Julian, Cr Worsley, Cr Hill and CE Godfery, held in the Council Chambers.
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2 Mayoral Correspondence

<u>February</u>	
Thu 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email received from Anita Taylor from the Public Service Commission re: Minister for Seniors Hon Casey Costello, visiting Whakatāne and presenting the Better Life Action Plan. • Email received from the CEO of LGNZ Scott Necklen re: update to LGNZ members on the visit and meeting held with Prime Minister Christopher Luxon at Parliament. • Email received from Councillor for Hamilton City Council and Chair for Zone 2, Angela O’Leary, requesting Mayor Tunui to chair for Zone 2 meeting on 27 February 2026.
Fri 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email received from Peter McKinley, providing his submission on the Simplifying Local Government Proposal reform.
Tue 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email received from LGNZ president Rehette Stoltz re: national council strategies and fees for new political landscape. • Email received from Taumata Arowai re: update on drinking water, new emergency numbers, oversight on NZ wastewater system and support and compliance pathways.
Wed 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email received from Mayoral Aide Rogers on behalf of Edwina O’Brien re: Update and summary of the recent Tarawera Ultra Marathon Event held on Saturday 14 February. <p><u>Email from Edwina Obrien:</u></p> <p><i>This was held on Saturday 14 February run by Ironman. Sue Walker and I are contracted to run the Kawerau side through the Tarawera Forest.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue Walker Course Support - Trail Maker / Mapping / Tail End Charlies • Edwina O'Brien Tarawera Forest Operations Manager <p>Saturday 14 February <i>100Miler (163km) starts in Rotorua at 4AM - approximately 550 competitors (starts at Te Puia - Puarenga, Rotokakahi, Buried Village, Isthmus, Rerewhakaaitu, Okahu, Hawea, Outlet, Otamuri, Rotoiti, Okataina, Millar Rd, Tikitapu, Redwoods, Finish at the Lakefront Rotorua.</i></p> <p><i>102km - starts at Firmin Field at 7AM - approximately 990 competitors -Tarawera Forest, Titoki, Outlet, Otamuri, Rotoiti, Okataina, Millar Rd, Tikitapu, Redwoods.</i></p> <p><i>This event incorporates the true meaning of Kawerau with around 60 local volunteers in the forest from 5AM through to 6AM Sunday morning. Each of the groups running a station receive a koha gift from Ironman for their club / group. (Kawerau Harriers, Kawerau Gravity Sports, Kawerau Athletic Club, Kawerau Rotary, etc)</i></p> <p><i>All the food consumables for all the stations were supplied by Kawerau New World.</i></p> <p>We have 5 stations: <i>Okahu - Hawea - Titoki – Tarawera Outlet - Otamuri</i></p> <p>4 Forest Roamers - <i>pickup injured runners, setup stations, deliver equipment.</i></p>

	<p>Waterhouse St Bridge - Security is run by our local hunting club Ngā Kaitiaki o Pokohu Hunting Club</p> <p>Traffic Management - setting up of all cones, barriers - Al & Monty</p> <p>Maori Investments Ltd - Les Russell</p> <p>The last competitor left our forest at 04:30am Sunday morning.</p> <p>https://tarawera.utmb.world/</p>
Thu 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email received from Executive Regional Director for Health New Zealand Cath Cronin re: Obstetrics and Gynaecology services being brought back to Whakatāne hospital on Monday 13 April 2026 and then operating 24/7.
Fri 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email received from Tuia representatives Te Rehia Lake-Perez and Jo Bradley re: update and scheduled Tuia mentoring programme on March 9th in Hamilton. Email received from Jim Boulton CNZM, Patron for the Child Cancer Foundation re: Child Cancer Foundation's Street Appeal fundraiser held from March 13-14.
Mon 02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation received from Mayor of Tauranga Mahe Drysdale re: T201 Double Header in Tauranga on Sunday 15 March 2026.
Fri 06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email received from MTFJ Programme Manager Maree Bannigan re: expressions of interest for the Mayor's Taskforce Trust being newly setup, strengthening the national platform that supports local leadership to improve outcomes for young people across Aotearoa New Zealand.
Mon 09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation received from Minister for Regional Development and Resources Hon Shane Jones re: launch of the geothermal strategy for New Zealand, held on 17 March in Rotorua. Email received from Peter McKinlay re: LGNZ resurrected document. Invitation received re: Kawerau Youth Council swearing in Ceremony held in the Council Chamber on Friday 13 2026.
Thu 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation received from LGNZ re: online ZOOM meeting with Minister of Local Government, Simon Watts, held on 17 March.
Fri 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation received from Mayor of Rotorua Tania Tapsell re: Online Forum for Mayoral Taskforce for Homelessness and Housing 2026. Email received from Peter McKinley re: 'An Exciting New Beginning for Local Government' document. Invitation received from Imogen Brophy from 1XX re: interview request about graffiti, Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre and Foresta.
Mon 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation sent out to community members, business and community organisations re: ANZAC Day 2026 held at Rautahi marae from 5:45am – 7:45am.
Tue 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation received from John Mercer, Conference Director of Brightstar re: NZ Emergency Management and Catastrophic Event Planning Conference – requesting as a keynote speaker at the conference.

3 RECOMMENDATION

That Her Worship the Mayor's report for the period Thursday, 19 February 2026 to Wednesday 18 March 2026.



Faylene Tunui

Meeting: Council

Meeting Date: 25 March 2026

Subject: **Draft Plan Change 5 (Boundary Re-organisation) approval for community feedback**

File No.: 301014

1 **Purpose**

This report seeks approval to adopt the draft Plan Change 5 for community feedback.

2 **Background**

Plan Change 5 relates to the boundary re-organisation between Whakatāne District Council and Kawerau District Council. In April 2024 the Local Government Commission approved the boundary re-organisation transferring from 4 Areas (some with multiple land blocks) into the Kawerau District.

This Plan Change 5 commenced as a full District Plan review back in 2021. However, with the changing resource management environment Council has had to change its approach over the years:

- November 2021 – District Plan review placed on hold with new bills (Natural and Built Environment and Spatial Planning) indicated for early 2022
- February 2023 – Adopted Proposed Plan Change 4 (Stoneham Park Residential Growth Precinct) for public consultation
- June 2023 – Hearing for Proposed Plan Change 4
- August 2023 - Natural and Built Environment Act and Spatial Planning Act received royal assent
- September 2023 - Re-commenced the full District Plan Review (10 year implementation timeframe for new Acts) with a reduced focus and needed to update our District Plan).
 - Regional wide plan not expected to seek to completely overhaul district plans where plan rules are fit for purpose, so reduced scope to address key provisions and enable to plan to meet changing needs:
 - the housing crisis;
 - the national direction to provide for increased urban development; and
 - the need to consider how Kawerau will manage increasing demand for additional residential density.
- October 2023 – Approved Plan Change 4 (Stoneham Park Residential Growth Precinct) to become operative on 6 November 2023
- December 2023 – Natural and Built Environment Act and Spatial Planning Act was repealed, and new Government indicated a further review.
- December 2023 – Continued full review again as required under the Resource Management Act 1991

- April 2024 – Local Government Commission approved the Government Re-organisation Implementation Scheme for the boundary re-organisation transferring land into the Kawerau District effective from 1 September 2024.
- March 2025 – Government announced plans to replace the Resource Management Act 1991 with a Planning Act and Natural Environment Act.
- July 2025 - Government announced the 'Stop Plan' legislation which required all work to cease on District Plans unless under an exception.
- September 2025 – Application submitted for an exemption to continue the boundary re-organisation.
- December 2025 – Exemption approved by the Minister responsible for RMA Reform (Hon Chris Bishop) noting this would rectify inaccuracies and align with government priorities.
- December 2025 - Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill introduced and put out for public consultation.

The scope of the District Plan Change is limited to re-zoning land transferred in the boundary re-organisation, a new Māori purpose zone and recognising the significant nature areas that came into the District from Whakatāne.

3 Current Situation

The new zoning maps have been drafted to align with their landowners' preferences. Where the landowners are uncertain on preference, the land will be zoned Rural Lifestyle being the most like zone compared to their current zone. All affected landowners have been notified and are aware of the process. Engagement with affected landowners will continue throughout this process.

Council is looking to introducing a new Māori Purpose Zone for applicable landowners to use their land in a manner that supports their aspirations. A draft has been prepared through reviewing other District Māori Purpose zones and also through getting an understanding of the landholders' aspirations for their land now and into the future.

The Māori Purpose Zone, while set out differently, is in line with national planning standards setting out the objectives, policies, rules and standards. This zone provides for the use and development of Māori land which can support the social, cultural and economic aspirations of tangata whenua and enable a range of cultural and economic activities to be undertaken. The zone permits a wide range of activities including:

- Māori Purpose Activities
- Commercial
- Agriculture, horticulture, greenhouses
- Conservation and recreation
- Small scale renewable electricity generation activities

This does not provide endless scope as activities are governed by the rules of the zone which include but are not limited to:

- Maximum Building heights

- Height in relation to boundary (daylighting)
- Setbacks – from road and side/rear boundaries
- Greater distances where adjoining Residential Zones
- Site coverage – 50%
- Noise levels

Consents are also required for activities that may have a large impact on the environment for example:

- Offensive trades (Health Act)
- Intensive indoor primary production (mushroom, poultry farms)
- Larger scale renewable electricity generation activities
- Industrial activities (new definition)

The government is developing National Environmental Standards for Papakainga (NES-P) which are signalled to apply to Māori Purpose Zones, so the zone does not directly speak to Papakainga, but it is intended to be covered through the NES-P. The NES-P is signalled to be released later in 2026, and we are watching this, for any changes.

A draft replacement for Appendix C:A of the District Plan has also been prepared to list the Significant Natural Areas previously referred to as Natural Heritage Sites. This is to recognise the areas already in the Kawerau District and incorporate the four areas that have been transferred with land from Whakatāne District Council. A map has been prepared to show the location of all significant nature areas.

The draft zoning maps have been prepared to represent the proposed zoning of the new areas within Kawerau District.

4 **Options**

There are three options available:

Option one (preferred option): Approve the draft for community feedback.

This option will provide the community with an opportunity to feedback on the draft Plan Change 5.

Option two: Approve the draft for community feedback with amendments.

This option enables you to make minor changes to the proposed draft. With the proposed consultation period commencing soon after the decision, any significant changes will delay commencement of the community feedback period.

5 **Risks**

There are no considered risks in obtaining community feedback on the draft Plan Change 5.

6 Legal Considerations

The proposed Plan Change 5 is required under the Local Government Re-organisation Implementation Scheme.

The draft Plan Change 5 meets Council's legal obligations to zone all land within the Kawerau District.

Once community feedback has been received, the plan change will follow the consultation and notification requirements in accordance with schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

6 Financial Considerations

There is an existing budget for the district plan review, so no new budget is required.

7 Significance and Engagement

Consultation has been undertaken with the registered landowners of all land parcels which were part of the boundary re-organisation between Whakatāne and Kawerau District Council. This includes consultation with Ngāti Tūwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust on the Māori Purpose Zone.

Engagement has been undertaken since January 2025 with some earlier conversations during the initial boundary re-organisation process. Each of the Landowners have had an opportunity to meet with Council and discuss the options available.

Initial conversations proposed the option of developing a Māori Purpose Zone. Those involved in the boundary re-organisation provided their goals and aspirations for their land, and this information was used to help develop the draft Māori Purpose Zone for the Kawerau District.

Further consultation was held with the landowners to enable early feedback of the draft Māori Purpose Zone and provide an opportunity to select their preferred zone for the individual land blocks.

Consultation with all landowners is ongoing and will continue throughout this process to enable them to make an informed decision in regard to the zoning for their individual blocks.

Council has confirmed the initial preference for most land blocks, and we will continue to speak with landowners to provide some certainty moving forward.

Community consultation will provide the community with the opportunity to provide feedback into the draft Plan Change prior to formal consultation being undertaken.

8 **Next Steps**

The next steps are set out below to provide an overview of the process.

- 27 March 2026 - Commence community consultation
- April/May - Review and consider feedback
- 27 May 2026 - Council adopts Section 32 report adopting Plan Change 5 for notification
- 29 May 2026 - Commence public notification (minimum 20 working days)
- Mid July - Public notification of Submission Summary and enable further submissions (10 working days)
- August 2026 - Prepare section 42A report for hearing
- September 2026 - Provide section 42A report to submitters and Notify hearing
- October 2026 - RMA Hearing
- November 2026 - Adopt Hearing Commissioner recommendations and publicly notify District Plan Change
- November/December 2026 - Appeals period
- 16 December 2026 - If no appeals – Council accept any final amendments and make Plan Change 5 Operative

9 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the report “Draft Plan Change 5 (Boundary Re-organisation) approval for community feedback” be received.
2. That Council approve one of the following options:
 - Option 1 - Approve the draft for community feedback (preferred option)
 - Option 2 - Approve the draft for community feedback with amendments.
3. That Council approves the engagement period being 27 March 2026 to 30 April 2026.
4. That Council authorises the Group Manager Regulatory and Planning to make any necessary minor drafting changes to the draft District Plan Change 5 to correct errors or omissions, or to reflect decisions made by Council, prior to final printing and publication.



Michaela Glaspey
Group Manager, Regulatory & Planning

Attachments

1. Appendix 1 – Draft Zoning Maps
2. Appendix 2 – Draft Māori Purpose Zone
3. Appendix 3 – Draft Appendix C:A Significant Natural Area Section
4. Appendix 4 – Plan Change Overview
5. Appendix 5 – Feedback Form

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Māori Purpose Zone

MPZ - Māori Purpose Zone

Overview

The Kawerau District contains a significant area of Māori ancestral land and Treaty settlement land. It is recognised that this legal and governance framework for Māori land provides for a unique situation for tangata whenua.

The Māori Purpose Zone recognises and provides for the relationship of Māori with:

- Māori customary land or Māori freehold land as defined in the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993;
- Treaty Settlement Land including Cultural and Commercial redress land owned by iwi or hapu through Treaty Claims Settlement legislation; and
- Land held by or on behalf of an iwi or hapū if the land was transferred from the Crown, a Crown body, or a local authority with the intention of returning the land to the holders of the tangata whenua over the land.

The zone provides for the use and development of Māori land which can support the social, cultural and economic aspirations of tangata whenua and enable a range of cultural and economic activities to be undertaken.

Council has responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Te Ture Whenua Māori Act to provide for the on-going use and development of Māori land.

National Environmental Standards (NES) in New Zealand are regulations made under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) that set consistent rules for environmental matters across the country. The National Environmental Standards for Papakainga (NES-P) contains regulations (rules) for papakainga and some ancillary activities. Those regulations apply in the Māori Purpose Zone. [NOTE – the NES-P is to be released in 2026]

Owners and Trustees of Māori land can use the provisions of the NES-P and Māori Purpose Zone as relevant to proposed use and development.

Objectives

Objectives	
MPZ-O1	The Māori Purpose zone enables a range of social, cultural and economic development opportunities that support the occupation, use, development and ongoing relationship of tangata whenua with their lands.
MPZ-O2	Provide for partnership between tangata whenua and Council in decision making processes that affect land within the Māori Purpose Zone.

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Policies

Policies	
MPZ-P1	Tangata whenua are represented in decision-making processes where an activity requires a resource consent in the Māori Purpose Zone. Where a consent application is publicly notified, a suitability qualified representative will be included on a hearing panel.
MPZ-P2	Enable a range of activities compatible with the purpose of the Māori Purpose Zone.
MPZ-P3	Avoid activities which are likely to be incompatible with the purpose of the Māori Purpose Zone, unless a cultural impact assessment endorsed by the relevant iwi organisation demonstrates that the effects on the cultural values are acceptable or can be mitigated.
MPZ-P4	Where reticulated water, wastewater and stormwater networks are not available, ensure the scale and intensity of development can be serviced by on-site water supply, non-reticulated wastewater and stormwater disposal methods.
MPZ-P5	<p>Provide for the use of Development Management Plans to provide for comprehensive or mixed-use development on a land block or adjoining blocks within the Māori Purpose Zone. The plans are to contain the level of detail necessary to ensure that comprehensive, coordinated and efficient development occurs, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A description of activities, buildings and structures existing, or b. proposed to be established within the development area; c. Integrated planning of cultural and economic development of the whenua. d. The bulk and location of any buildings and structures; e. How adverse effects resulting from proposed activities and development works, in particular at zone boundaries, will be avoided, remedied or mitigated; f. The provision of sufficient infrastructure to service the needs of all activities proposed to be established; g. The management of natural hazard risk at the site; and h. The protection of the mauri of any identified features potentially affected by any activities, buildings or structures proposed to be established.
MPZ-P6	<p>Manage the effects of land use activities in the Māori Purpose Zone that require resource consent to address the following matters, where relevant to the proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the location, scale, bulk and height of buildings and structures; b. noise, light spill, traffic effects and signage; c. any setbacks, fencing, screening or landscaping required to address potential conflicts the boundary with other zones or other land uses; d. managing reverse sensitivity effects on adjacent land uses;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. the adequacy and capacity of available or planned development infrastructure to accommodate the proposed activity, or the capacity of the site to cater for on-site infrastructure associated with the proposed activity; f. managing risk from natural hazards; g. adverse effects on areas with indigenous biodiversity values or sites of significance to Māori.
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Rules

Advisory Notes:

- Refer to the National Environmental Standards for Papakainga (NES-P) for regulations for papakainga development in the Māori Purpose Zone. [*NOTE – the NES-P is to be released in 2026*]
- The Traffic Management provisions of this District Plan apply to activities in the Māori Purpose Zone.

For the purposes of Rule MPZ-R2, 'Māori Purpose Activities' means:

The use of land and/or buildings for a range of activities for Māori cultural, community and living purposes, and/or integrated Māori development, including, but not limited to, the following activities:

- *marae/pā;*
- *visitor accommodation for manuhiri;*
- *urupā;*
- *wānanga;*
- *mahinga kai;*
- *customary activities;*
- *pou whenua;*
- *sale of produce, mahi toi and other products grown or manufactured on site;*
- *arts and cultural centres;*
- *health and medical centres;*
- *cultural education and research facilities;*
- *Māori cultural activities;*
- *Cultural tourism activities;*
- *childcare services, kohanga reo;*
- *events, markets and festivals;*
- *education and kura (schools);*
- *whare karakia (Māori church).*

MRZ-R1	New buildings or structures; extensions or alterations to existing buildings or structures; and accessory buildings	
Māori Purpose Zone	Activity status: Permitted	Activity status where compliance not achieved with PER-1: Restricted Discretionary
	Where:	

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	<p>PER-1</p> <p>The building or structure, or extension or alteration to an existing building or structure complies with standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPZ-S1 - Maximum height; • MPZ-S2 - Height in relation to boundary; • MPZ-S3 – Setbacks from road boundaries ; • MPZ-S4 – Setbacks from side and rear boundaries • MPZ-S5 - Site coverage; • MPZ-S6 - Services. • MPZ-S7 – Maximum noise levels • MPZ-S8 – Noise insulation standards for all noise sensitive activities • MPZ-S9 - Relocated buildings 	<p>Matters of discretion are restricted to:</p> <p>a. The matters of discretion of any infringed standard in relation to PER-1.</p>
MPZ-R2	Māori Purpose Activities	
Māori Purpose Zone	<p>Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>Where: PER - 1</p> <p>1. The building for the activity does not exceed 500m² in size or the addition to any existing building does not result in a building that exceeds 500 m² in size.</p> <p>Note: Rule MRZ-R1 also applies to buildings for the activity.</p> <p>PER-2</p> <p>1. The outdoor storage of materials, plant or equipment is screened from public view and other properties.</p> <p>2. All manufacturing, altering, repairing, dismantling or processing of any materials or articles associated with an activity is carried out within a building.</p>	<p>Activity status where compliance not achieved with PER-1 or PER-2: Restricted Discretionary</p> <p>Matters of discretion are restricted to:</p> <p>a. Compliance with any Development management plan in place for the site;</p> <p>b. Management of access, parking and traffic generation;</p> <p>c. Hours of operation;</p> <p>d. Noise management and lighting;</p> <p>e. Landscape measures.</p> <p>f. Provision of on-site infrastructure; and</p> <p>g. Potential reverse sensitivity effects on any adjoining activities.</p>

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MPZ-R3	Urupa	
Māori Purpose Zone	<p>Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>1. The Urupa is under Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 and private cemeteries under the Burial and Cremation Act 1964.</p>	<p>Activity status where compliance not achieved: Discretionary</p>
MPZ-R3A	Commercial activities	
Māori Purpose Zone	<p>Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>1. The activity does not include any offensive trade, waste disposal or commercial composting.</p> <p>‘Offensive trade’ means the activities listed as offensive trades in Schedule 3 of the Health Act 1956.</p>	<p>Activity status where compliance not achieved: Discretionary</p>
MPZ-R4	Agricultural and Horticultural activities, excluding intensive indoor primary production	
Māori Purpose Zone	<p>Activity status: Permitted</p>	<p>Activity status where compliance not achieved: Not applicable</p>
MPZ-R5	Conservation and Recreational activities	
Māori Purpose Zone	<p>Activity status: Permitted</p>	<p>Activity status where compliance not achieved: Not applicable</p>
MPZ-R6	Greenhouse activities	
Māori Purpose Zone	<p>Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>For the purpose of this rule, ‘greenhouse activities’ means: <i>the growing of plants inside structures that are predominantly enclosed by glass or other transparent material, regardless of reliance on the soil resources of the land. Excludes intensive indoor primary production.</i></p> <p>Where: PER-1</p>	<p>Activity status where compliance not achieved with PER-1: Restricted Discretionary</p> <p>Matters of discretion are restricted to:</p> <p>a. The matters of discretion of any infringed standard in relation to PER-1.</p>

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	<p>The greenhouse structures comply with standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPZ-S1 - Maximum height; • MPZ-S2 - Height in relation to boundary; • MPZ-S3 – Setbacks from road boundaries; • MPZ-S4 – Setbacks from side and rear boundaries • MPZ-S5 - Site coverage 	
MPZ-R7 Intensive indoor primary production		
Māori Purpose Zone	<p>Activity status: Restricted Discretionary</p> <p>For the purpose of this rule, 'intensive indoor primary production' means:</p> <p><i>primary production activities that principally occur within buildings and involve growing fungi, or keeping or rearing livestock (excluding calf-rearing for a specified time period) or poultry. Excludes greenhouse activities.</i></p> <p>Matters of discretion are restricted to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Compliance with any Development Management Plan in place for the site; b. Bulk and location of buildings; c. Management of traffic and parking; d. Landscape measures; f. Any impacts on the production values of the surrounding land; g. Effects on visual amenity and rural character; and h. Methods of water supply and effluent and stormwater treatment and disposal. <p>Advisory Note: Odour is managed by Bay of Plenty Regional Council. Refer to the Regional Natural Resources Plan for relevant air quality rules.</p>	<p>Activity status where compliance not achieved: Not applicable</p>

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MPZ-R8	Small scale renewable electricity generation activity attached to buildings or structures (new and upgrading)	
Māori Purpose Zone	<p>Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>PER-1 The renewable electricity generation structure does not exceed the permitted maximum height standard for the zone by more than 3m.</p>	<p>Activity status where compliance not achieved with PER-1: Restricted Discretionary</p> <p>Matters of discretion are restricted to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> visual domination, overshadowing, traffic, loss of privacy on adjoining sites, noise; loss of access to sunlight and daylight on adjoining sites; and the location and proximity of residential units and their associated outdoor areas on adjoining sites.
MPZ-R9	Free standing small scale renewable electricity generation activity (new and upgrading) including wind turbines	
Māori Purpose Zone	<p>Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>PER-1 No structure, including any attachments or turbine blades, exceed a maximum height above ground level of 20m.</p> <p>PER-2 All structures occupy no more than a total area of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 50m² where the lot size is 3,000m² or less. 150m² where the lot size is greater than 3,000m². <p>PER-3 Any structure is setback at least three times the height of the structure from the boundary of any other site and is not within the notional boundary of any other site.</p> <p>PER-4 The setback from a road is at least three times the height of</p>	<p>Activity status where compliance not achieved with PER-1, PER-2, PER-3, PER-4, PER-5, PER-6 or PER-7: Restricted Discretionary</p> <p>Matters of discretion are restricted to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> adverse effects resulting from the increase in the scale of the building or structure; adverse effects on any area with cultural values or natural values, vegetation clearance; visual domination, overshadowing, loss of privacy on surrounding sites; loss of access to sunlight and daylight on adjoining sites; the location and proximity of residential units and their associated outdoor areas; effects on the existing, planned or future use of the road or infrastructure; adverse effects on the natural character of the site or surrounding area; and

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	<p>the structure and is not within the boundary of any other site.</p> <p>PER-5 Compliance is achieved with NZS 6808:2010 Acoustics - Wind farm noise for any proposal involving wind generation.</p> <p>PER-6 Where the site adjoins the General Residential Zone or a sensitive activity, the boundary with the adjoining site is landscaped, fenced or otherwise screened to a minimum height of 1.8m.</p> <p>PER-7 Written notice is provided to Council at least two weeks prior to the installation of the structure, or the upgrade of an existing structure. The written notice shall detail the location of the activity, details of ownership and management responsibilities.</p>	<p>i. shadow flicker and glare on surrounding sites, private and public roads.</p>
MPZ-R10	Temporary buildings or structures ancillary to construction of renewable energy generation site or geothermal bore drilling and testing	
Māori Purpose Zone	<p>Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>PER-1 The temporary building or structure is located on the same site as the associated construction or testing activity.</p> <p>PER-2 The temporary building or structure is removed from the site upon completion of the associated construction works, or within 12 months from the date it was located on the site, whichever is the lesser.</p> <p>PER-3 The temporary building or structure must comply with the maximum</p>	<p>Activity status where compliance not achieved: Discretionary</p>

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	height, height in relation to boundary, setback and coverage rule standards.	
MPZ-R11	Temporary monitoring masts (new and upgrading) associated with renewable energy generation	
Māori Purpose Zone	<p>Activity status: Permitted Where:</p> <p>PER-1 The height of the mast does not exceed 80m.</p> <p>PER-2 No more than three masts are installed at any one time within a site.</p> <p>PER-3 A mast must be removed within 5 years of placement and the site remediated.</p> <p>PER-4 The building or structure is setback at least a distance equal to the height of the mast from the boundary of any other site.</p> <p>PER-5 Written notice is provided to Council at least 1 month prior to the installation of the building or structure, and any subsequent relocation of any mast. The written notice shall detail the location of the activity, details of ownership and management responsibilities.</p>	<p>Activity status where compliance not achieved with PER-1, PER-2, PER-3, PER-4 or PER-5: Restricted Discretionary</p> <p>Matters of discretion are restricted to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. adverse effects resulting from the scale of the mast; 2. adverse effects on any area with historical or cultural values, natural values, or coastal values; 3. adverse effects on any waterbody ; 4. adverse effects on the values and purpose of any esplanade or marginal strip area; 5. adverse effects on planned or future use of the unformed public road; 6. vegetation clearance; and 7. colour scheme of buildings or structure(s), landscaping or screening.
MPZ-R12	Community scale or larger renewable electricity generation activity (new and upgrading)	
Māori Purpose Zone	<p>Activity status: Discretionary</p> <p>Assessment Criteria: For wind generation activities, compliance with NZS 6808:2010 Acoustics - Wind farm noise for any proposal involving wind generation.</p>	<p>Activity status where compliance not achieved: Not applicable.</p>
MPZ-R13	Other activities (not otherwise identified in other rules)	

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Māori Purpose Zone	Activity status: Discretionary	Activity status where compliance not achieved: Not applicable
Rules MPZ-R1 to MPZ-R13	<p>Notification</p> <p>An application for resource consent for a Restricted Discretionary activity in the Māori Purpose Zone will be considered without public notification or limited notification, unless the Council decides that special circumstances exist under the Resource Management Act 1991.</p>	

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Standards

MPZ-S1	Maximum height	
	<p>The maximum height of a building or structure, or extension or alteration to an existing building or structure is 12m above ground level.</p> <p>This standard does not apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Solar and water heating components not exceeding 0.5m in height above the building envelope on any elevation. ii. Chimney structures not exceeding 1.2m in width and 1m in height above the building envelope on any elevation. iii. Satellite dishes and aerials not exceeding 2m in height above the building envelope and/or diameter on any elevation. iv. Architectural features (e.g. finials, spires) not exceeding 1m in height above the building envelope on any elevation. 	<p>Where the standard is not met, matters of discretion are restricted to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The distance of any building from the boundary. 2. The bulk of the building in relation to the bulk of the buildings in the immediate vicinity. 3. The potential for the building or structure to overshadow or overlook other buildings. 4. The visual appearance of building(s) and any proposed landscape mitigation.
MPZ-S2	Height in relation to boundary (daylighting)	
	<p>1. No part of the building or structure shall project beyond a 45° recession plane 2.7 metres above the ground from the shortest horizontal distance between that part of the building and the nearest site boundary as shown in Diagram MPZ-1 below.</p> <p>Except where the site boundary adjoins a lawfully established accessway or access lot serving a rear site, the measurement shall be taken</p>	<p>Where the standard is not met, matters of discretion are restricted to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. loss of privacy to adjoining sites, including potential loss in relation to vacant sites; 2. shading and loss of access to sunlight to adjoining sites, including buildings and outdoor areas.

Commented [RF1]: Changed height from 10m to 12m to provide for greenhouses as per NTST discussion. Any future buildings above 12m would be RDA. 12m is a reasonable balance to permit known types of buildings (e.g. greenhouses). Could potentially go to 14m (as per current Commercial 1 and 2 zone height). 20m is the permitted height in the Industrial Zone - but industrial activities on MPZ need a consent (and should be in the Industrial Zone away).

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	<p>from the furthest boundary of the accessway or access lot.</p> <p>This standard does not apply to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Solar and water heating components not exceeding 0.5m in height above the building envelope on any elevation. ii. Chimney structures not exceeding 1.2m in width and 1m in height above the building envelope on any elevation. iii. Satellite dishes and aerials not exceeding 2m in height above the building envelope and/or diameter on any elevation. iv. Architectural features (e.g. finials, spires) not exceeding 1m in height above the building envelope on any elevation. 	
MPZ-S3	Setbacks from road boundaries	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where the site adjoins the Residential Zone, the minimum distance between any building or structure and the front boundary of the site is 5m. 2. The minimum distance from the boundary with State Highway 34 is 13m. 3. The minimum distance between any building or structure and the front boundary of the site in any other situation is 10m. <p>Standard MPZ-S3 does not apply to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Open fire escapes. b. Decks, terraces and porches where the floor 	<p>Where the standard is not met, matters of discretion are restricted to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Visual effects including bulk, scale and location of the building; and (b) The provision of daylight and sunlight into neighbouring buildings; and (c) Effects on surrounding properties, character and amenity; and (d) Ability to soften the visual impact of the building from nearby properties and adjoining road boundaries, including retention of any existing mature trees and landscaping; and (e) Potential reverse sensitivity effects on any adjoining activities; and (f) Parking, manoeuvring and access; safety and efficiency, including the provision of sufficient off-street parking and the effects of traffic generation; and (g) Site and topographical constraints.

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	is not higher than 0.6m above ground level.	
MPZ-S4	Setbacks from side and rear boundaries	
	<p>The minimum setback for buildings from side and rear boundaries is:</p> <p>For buildings used for Māori Cultural Activities, 5m from a boundary with any other Zone.</p> <p>For buildings used for any other activity:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 25m from the boundary with the Residential Zone. 2. 5m from boundary with any other Zone. <p>The side and rear setback distance can be reduced subject to the written consent of the owner of land whose boundary is affected. In the case of an access under shared ownership written consent shall be required from all persons having legal interest in the access.</p> <p>Standard MPZ-S3 does not apply to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Open fire escapes. b. Decks, terraces and porches where the floor is not higher than 0.6m above ground level. 	<p>Where the standard is not met, matters of discretion are restricted to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Visual effects including bulk, scale and location of the building; and (b) The provision of daylight and sunlight into neighbouring buildings; and (c) Effects on surrounding properties, privacy, character and amenity; and (d) Ability to soften the visual impact of the building from nearby residential properties and adjoining road boundaries, including retention of any existing mature trees and landscaping; and (e) Potential reverse sensitivity effects on any adjoining activities.
MPZ-S5	Site Coverage	
	<p>The maximum area of a site covered by all buildings must not exceed 50% of the net site area.</p>	<p>Where the standard is not met, matters of discretion are restricted to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The provision of adequate service infrastructure. 2. Any potential adverse visual cumulative effects. 3. Stormwater management and the ability for on-site disposal.
MPZ-S6	Services	
	Water Supply	Matters of discretion are restricted to:

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where a connection to Council's reticulated water supply systems is available, development must connect; 2. Where a connection to Council's reticulated water system is not available the development must provide an independent potable water supply for activities on the site; 3. All new development must have access to sufficient water supplies for fire fighting consistent with the SNZ PAS 4509:2008 New Zealand Fire Service Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice. This includes the location of fire hydrants in relation to proposed building platforms. <p><u>Stormwater Management</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All development shall be provided, within their site area, with a means for the disposal of collected stormwater from the roof of all potential or existing buildings and from all impermeable surfaces, in such a way so as to avoid or mitigate any adverse effects of stormwater runoff on receiving environments, including downstream properties. This shall be done for a rainfall event with a 10% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP). 2. All stormwater management shall be in accordance with Whakatane District Council Engineering Code 	<p><u>Water supply</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. adequacy of the supply of water to every building and activity; 2. adequacy of water supplies, and access for fire fighting purposes; and 3. the standard of water supply infrastructure installed and the capacity of the system. <p><u>Stormwater Management</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. control of water-borne contaminants, litter and sediments; 2. the capacity of existing and proposed stormwater disposal systems (refer also to the Council's various urban stormwater management plans and any relevant Bay of Plenty Regional Council stormwater discharge consents); 3. the effectiveness and environmental impacts of any measures proposed for avoiding or mitigating the effects of stormwater runoff, including low impact design principles; 4. the location, scale and construction of stormwater infrastructure; and 5. measures that are necessary in order to give effect to any stormwater catchment management plan that has been prepared for the area. <p><u>Wastewater management</u></p> <p>Note - Compliance with regional rules on wastewater discharge is required.</p>
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	<p>or Practice 2008 (or most recent version).</p> <p><u>Wastewater management</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where a connection to Council owned reticulated wastewater scheme is available, all development must connect; 2. Where connection is not available, all development shall be provided with a means of disposing of wastewater within the site that complies with regional plan requirements; and 3. All wastewater disposal to Council's reticulated systems shall be in accordance with Whakatane District Council Engineering Code or Practice 2008 (or most recent version). <p><u>Exemptions</u> This standard does not apply to activities for which water supply, wastewater disposal or stormwater management is not necessary.</p>	
MPZ-S7	<p>Maximum noise levels</p> <p>The noise level arising from any activity measured with the boundary of any Residential Zone site or at the notional boundary of any Rural Lifestyle site, other than from the Māori Purpose Zone where the noise is generated, shall not exceed the following limits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) 7.00 am to 10.00pm - 50dBA LA_{eq} b) 10.00pm to 7.00am - 40dBA LA_{eq} 	<p>Matters of discretion if compliance not achieved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ambient noise levels and any special character noise from any existing activities, the nature and character of any changes to the sound received at any receiving site and the degree to which such sounds are compatible with the surrounding activities; 2. type, scale and location of the activity in relation to any noise sensitive activities;

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	c) 10.00pm to 7.00am - 65dBA LA _{max}	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. hours of operation, frequency and duration of activity; 4. the temporary or permanent nature of any adverse effects; 5. the ability to internalise and/or minimise any conflict with adjacent activities; and 6. any mitigation proposed, in accordance with the best practicable option approach (e.g. site layout and design, design and location of structures, buildings and equipment and the timing of operation); and 7. Where an educational facility is affected by the proposed activity, the effects on the learning environment and instruction from caregivers or teachers, interference with speech communications and mental activity.
MSZ-S8	Noise insulation standards for all noise sensitive activities	
<p>Within 40m of SH34</p> <p>Adjacent to Commercial and Industrial zones</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any habitable room in a new building used for a noise sensitive activity, or an alteration to an existing building that changes its use to a noise sensitive activity, must be designed, constructed, and maintained to achieve a maximum internal noise limit of 40dB LAeq(24h); 2. Any bedroom within a new building used for a noise sensitive activity, or an alteration to an existing building that changes its use to a noise sensitive activity, must be designed, constructed, and maintained to achieve a maximum internal noise limit of 35dB LAeq(24h); 3. Compliance with (1) above shall be achieved based 	<p>Matters of discretion are restricted to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. effects in the ability of existing or permitted activities to operate or establish without undue constraint; 2. mitigation of noise achieved through other means; 3. any topographical or other site constraints; 4. any alternative solutions proposed by a suitably qualified acoustic engineer to achieve appropriate amenity for present and future residents of the site; 5. any existing noise generating activities and the level of noise that will be received within any noise sensitive building; 6. the primary purpose and the frequency of use of the activity; and 7. the ability to design and construct buildings accommodat

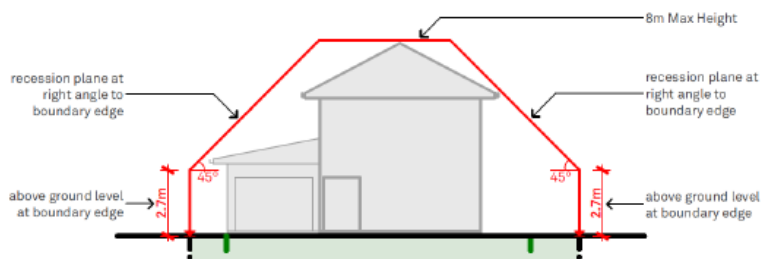
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	<p>on an existing noise level with a 2 decibel addition allowing for future traffic increase;</p> <p>4. Compliance with (1) above shall be achieved if, prior to the construction of any building containing a habitable room, an acoustic design certificate from a suitably qualified acoustic engineer is provided to the Council stating the design will achieve compliance with this standard. The building shall be designed, constructed, and maintained in accordance with the design certificate. The design certificate shall also state the required HVAC design noise levels that are to be included in the ventilation design as well as any relevant assumptions; or</p> <p>5. Where design external noise levels in (2) above are greater than 55 dB LAeq(24h). Compliance with this clause shall be achieved if, prior to construction of any habitable room, a ventilation and HVAC design certificate is provided by a suitably qualified practitioner.</p>	<p>ing noise sensitive activities with sound insulation and/or other mitigation measures to ensure the level of noise received within the building is minimised particularly at night.</p>
MPZ-S9	Relocated buildings	

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The building must be located on permanent foundations approved by a building consent, no later than 2 months from the building being moved to the site. 2. Any relocated dwelling must be accompanied by a building inspection report that confirms the suitability of the building for use as a dwelling and identifies all reinstatement work required to the exterior of the building. 3. All work required to reinstate the exterior of any relocated building must be completed within 12 months of the building being moved onto the site. 	<p>Where the standard is not met, matters of discretion are restricted to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The timeframe for completion of any work.
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Diagram MPZ-1 – Height to boundary (daylighting)



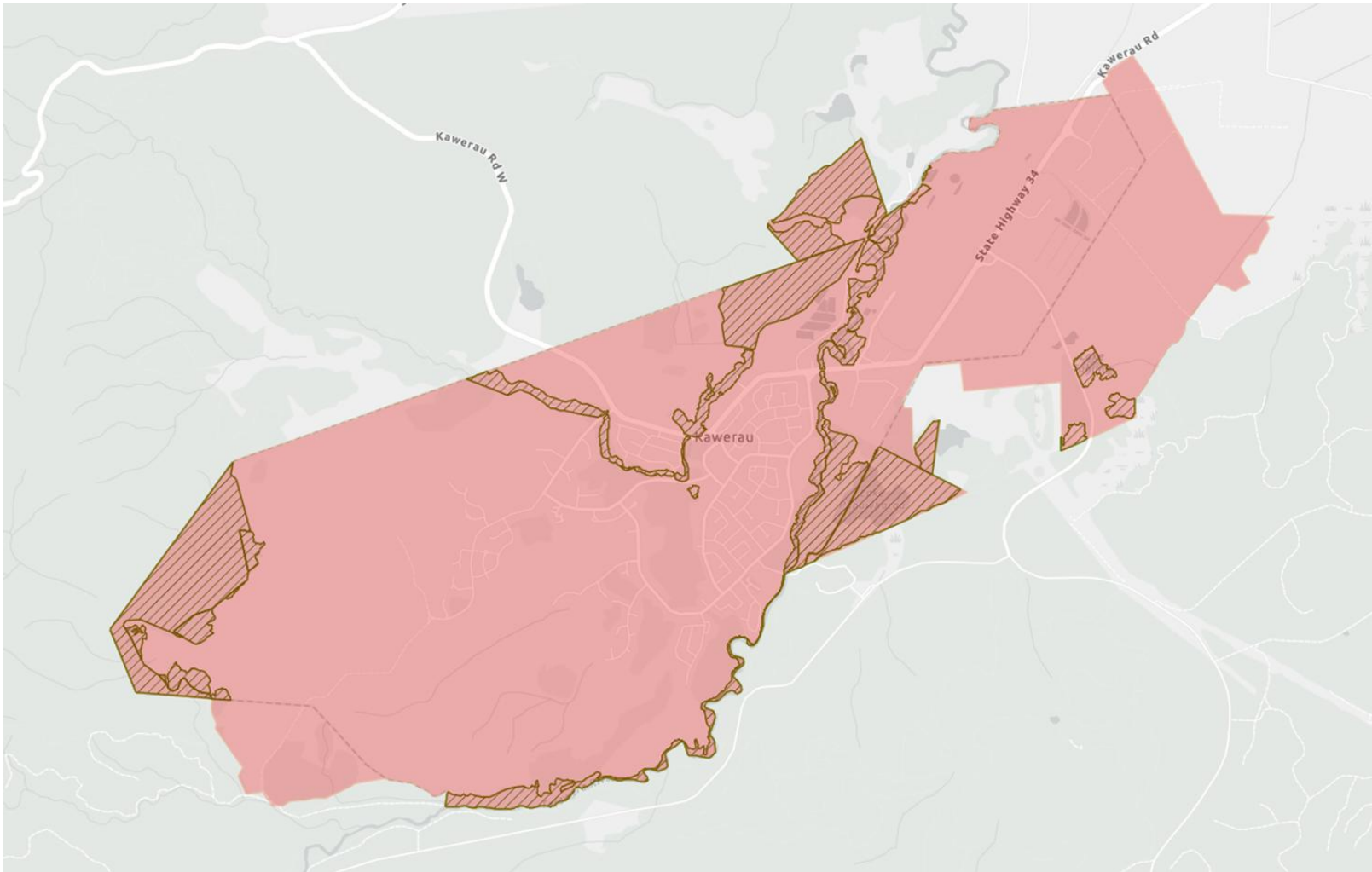
Replacement for Appendix C: A – A List of Natural Heritage Sites (Areas)

Appendix C: A - Significant Natural Areas

Site ID	Name	Site Type and Values	Geothermal or Wetland SNA
SNA 1	Rotoma Conservation Area	<p>Indigenous forest. Rimu-northern rātā-tawa-kohekohe-kāmahi forest. Northern rātā-tawa-kohekohe-kāmahi forest. Rimu-northern rātā-tawa-kāmahi forest. Rimu-miro-tawa-kāmahi-tawari forest. Rimu-northern rātā-tawa-rewarewa-mangeao-kāmahi forest. Rewarewa-kāmahi forest.</p> <p>Part of a corridor of indigenous vegetation from Matata to Mount Tarawera.</p>	
SNA 2	Parimahana Scenic Reserve including Te Kauahiwi O Tirotirowhetu Scenic Reserve	<p>Thermal vegetation. Contains Nationally significant geothermal features (Wildlands, July 2016).</p>	Geothermal
SNA 3	Rotoma Conservation Area Extension	<p>Indigenous forest. Pukatea/tawa-pukatea forest.</p>	
SNA 4	Tarawera River Margin (i)	<p>Indigenous vegetation. Kanuka-mingimingi scrub and forest (understorey dominated by indigenous species including whauwhaupaku, mingimingi, Phymatosorus pustulatus, turutu, and moss); local crack willow along river margins, Kanuka-rewarewa forest (with local wheki ponga).</p>	
SNA 5	Ruaruanga Stream and Ruaruanga Stream Protective Covenant	<p>Part of larger protected area of indigenous forest. Conservation value for indigenous fish species.</p>	
SNA 6	Tarawera River Margins (ii)	<p>Indigenous vegetation.</p>	

Site ID	Name	Site Type and Values	Geothermal or Wetland SNA
		Protective buffer for Tarawera River and wildlife corridor.	
SNA 7	Lake Pupuwaharau	Wetland. Wetland vegetation and habitat for rare avifauna.	Wetland
SNA 8	Kawerau Township	Geothermal vegetation and features Geothermal features - identified as Regionally significant (Wildlands, July 2016)	Geothermal
SNA 9	Parts of Part Kawerau A8D Block	Indigenous vegetation.	
SNA 10	Tukiri Block (part)	Wetland Manuka, reedland, grass-rushland, herbfield vegetation.	Wetland
SNA 11	Tarawera Road Shrubland	Indigenous vegetation – shrubland.	
SNA 12	Tarawera Road Wetland	Wetland Reedland wetland vegetation.	Wetland
SNA 13	Lake Tahuna Wetland (part)	Wetland and forest vegetation Forest, reedland, sedgeland, shrubland, scrub, wetland vegetation.	Wetland

Map of Significant Natural Areas



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Draft Plan Change 5 - boundary adjustment matters

Boundary adjustment

In April 2024 the Local Government Commission approved the boundary reorganisation transferring land from Whakatane District to Kawerau District.

Council is progressing Plan Change 5 because:

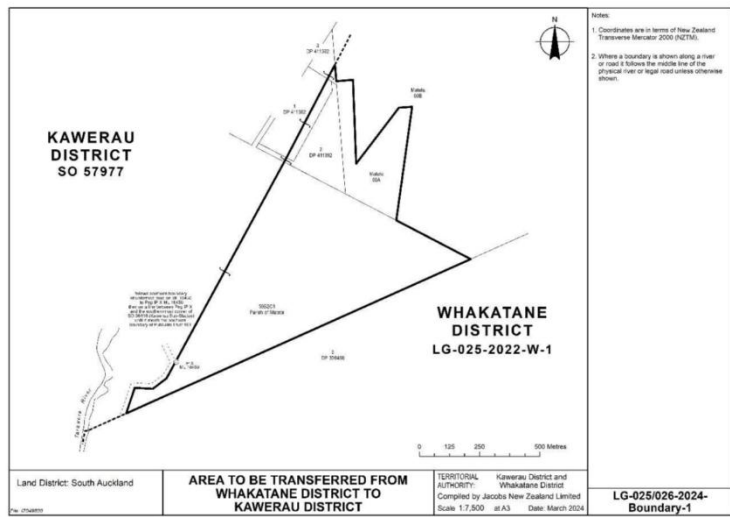
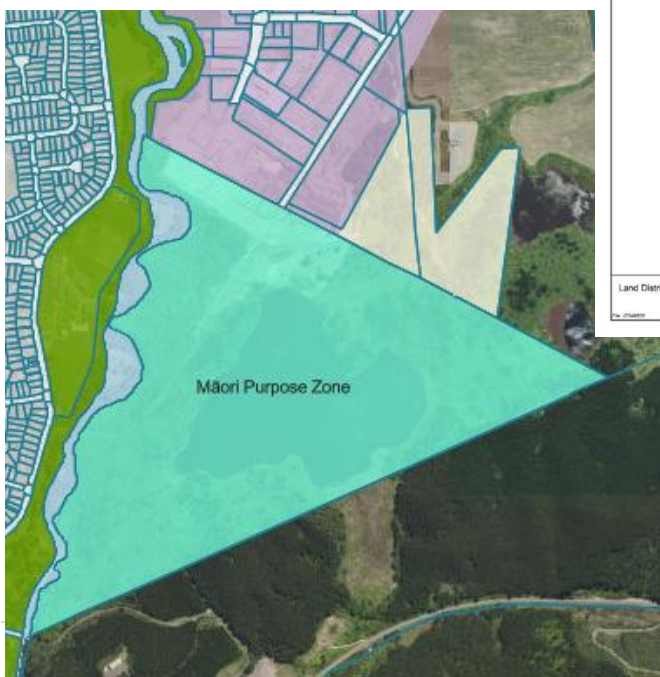
- ▶ It is legally required to rezone land to zones in the Kawerau District Plan by September 2026.
- ▶ To include Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) from the Whakatane District Plan affected by boundary adjustment.

Government’s ‘plan stop’ direction

In August 2025, Government directed councils to stop work on district plan reviews and plan changes due to the upcoming replacement of the RMA. However, Council applied for an exemption to the plan stop requirements. The Minister approved exemption on 3 December 2025.

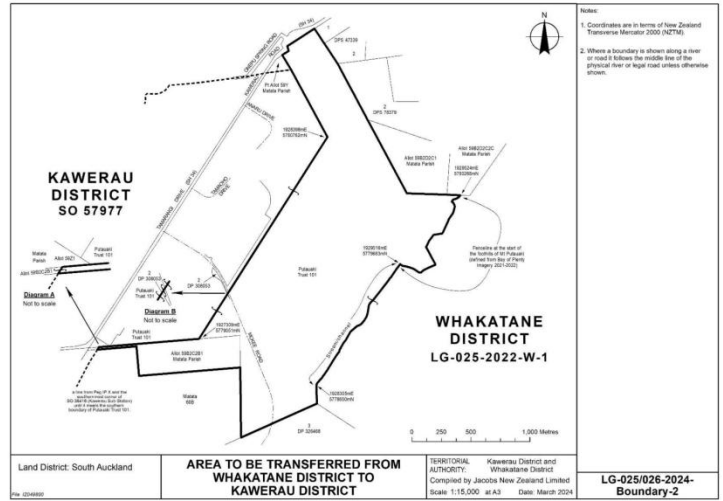
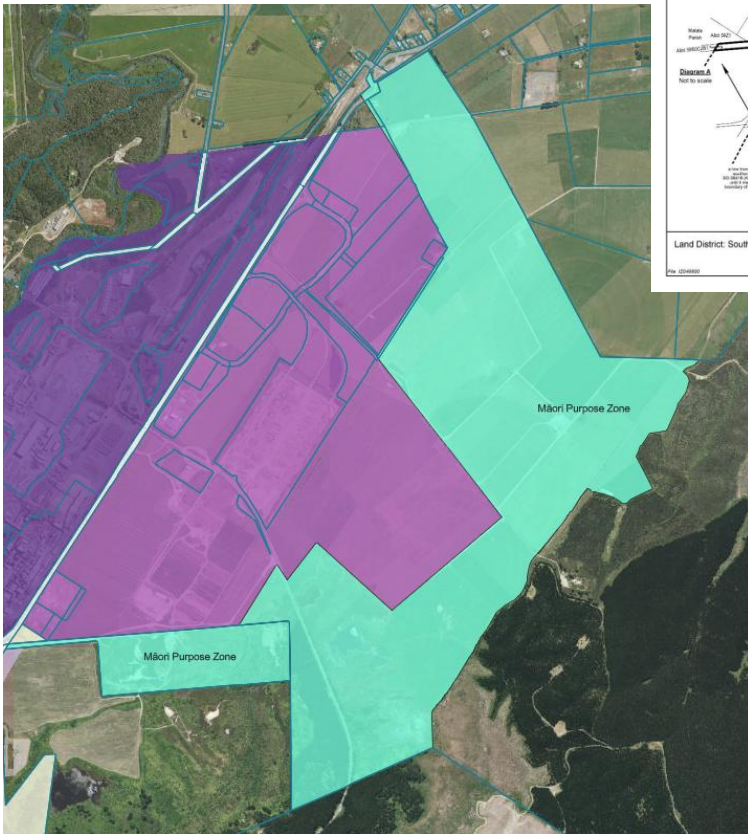
What is being changed by Plan Change 5?

Areas to be rezoned

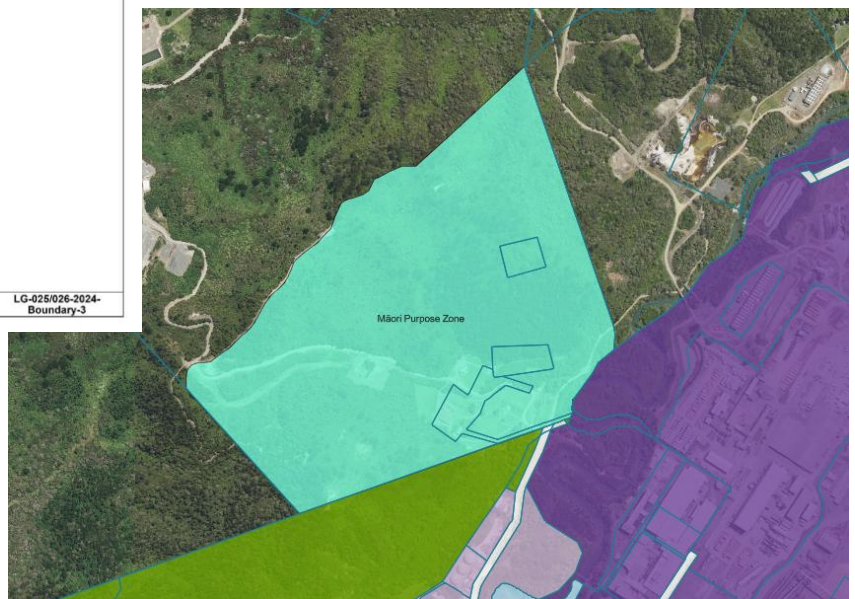
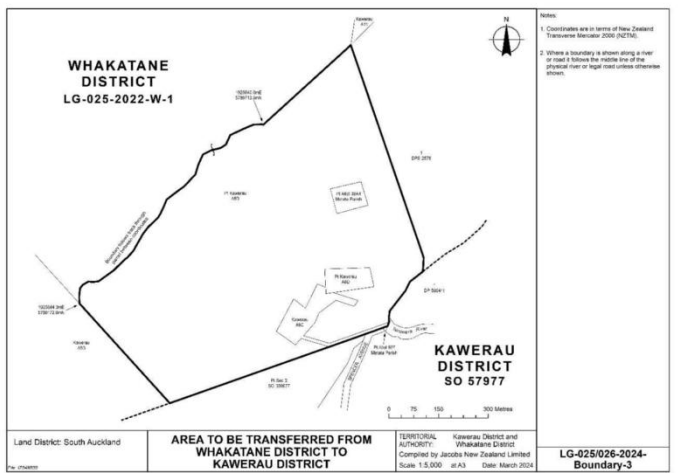


Area 1 - Mixture of Rural Lifestyle and Māori Purpose

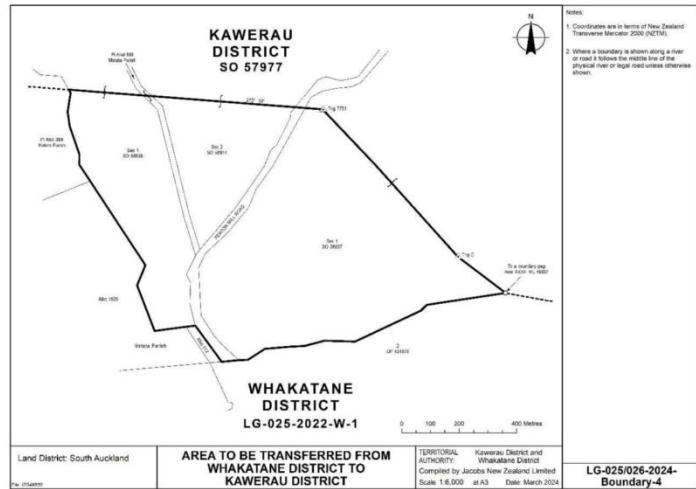
Area 2 - Mixture of Industrial, Māori Purpose and Rural Lifestyle



Area 3 - Māori Purpose zone



Area 4 - Rural Lifestyle Zone



(new) Māori Purpose Zone

New chapter for District Plan, includes rules to permit a wide range of activities.

Provides for the use and development of Māori land which can support the social, cultural and economic aspirations of tangata whenua and enable a range of cultural and economic activities to be undertaken

The formatting and terms used in the MPZ chapter are different from current District Plan:

- ▶ Modernised
- ▶ Uses standards and definitions from National Planning Standards
- ▶ More rules for specific activities but still permissive
- ▶ Consistent with other recent district plans

The National Environmental Standards for Papakainga (NES Papakainga) will apply to development of papakainga (expected to be released later in 2026).

Significant Natural Areas

Replacement for Appendix C: A of Natural Heritage Sites District Plan. Now called Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) as this is the terminology now used.

Existing significant natural areas in District Plan and significant natural areas from Whakatane District brought in through boundary adjustment. No new significant natural areas.

Plan Change 5 Process

Public consultation on draft Plan Change 5 - only those matters being changed in the District Plan (informal consultation process)

Documents and maps are finalised after informal consultation.

Then Council formally adopts PC5 for public notification. This is the formal process under RMA for submissions and hearing.

Feedback Form

Draft Kawerau District Plan Change 5

1. Have Your Say On Draft Kawerau District Plan Change 5

Council is seeking your opinion on draft Plan Change 5 which includes rezoning of the land blocks transferred into Kawerau District from the boundary reorganisation, a (new) draft Māori Purpose Zone chapter and updating the natural heritage site appendix (now significant natural areas) . Any person or organisation is welcome to provide feedback on draft Plan Change 5. The consultation period will begin on 27 March 2026 and conclude on 30 April 2026.

The Council will consider all feedback prior to finalising Plan Change 5.

Once the Plan Change 5 is finalised, Council approves Plan Change 5 for public notification and formal submissions. Council will consult again on the Proposed District Plan Change 5 as part of the submissions process.

Feedback forms and copies of the draft District Plan Change 5 are available:

- Online at the Council's website: www.kaweraudc.govt.nz
- At the Council Offices and Library
- By phoning (07) 306 9009 and requesting a copy.

There are many different ways you can tell us what you think.

Feedback can be made:

Online: Visit our website - www.kaweraudc.govt.nz and use our online submission form.

Emailed to: submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz

Please use subject heading – *Draft District Plan Change 5 – Feedback*

Posted to: Kawerau District Council
Attn: Draft District Plan Change 5 - Feedback
Private Bag 1004
Kawerau 3169

Dropped in to: Kawerau District Council
2 Ranfurly Court
Kawerau

Key Dates:

Feedback Opens	27 March 20256
Feedback Closes	30 April 2026

Please note Kawerau District Council must receive any feedback by **5.00pm** on **Thursday 30 April 2026**.

If you would like to talk directly to our planner regarding the draft District Plan Change 5, or would like more copies of the draft, please contact Council on 07 306 9009.

Feedback Form (please provide feedback by 30 April 2026)

Name/Organisation _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

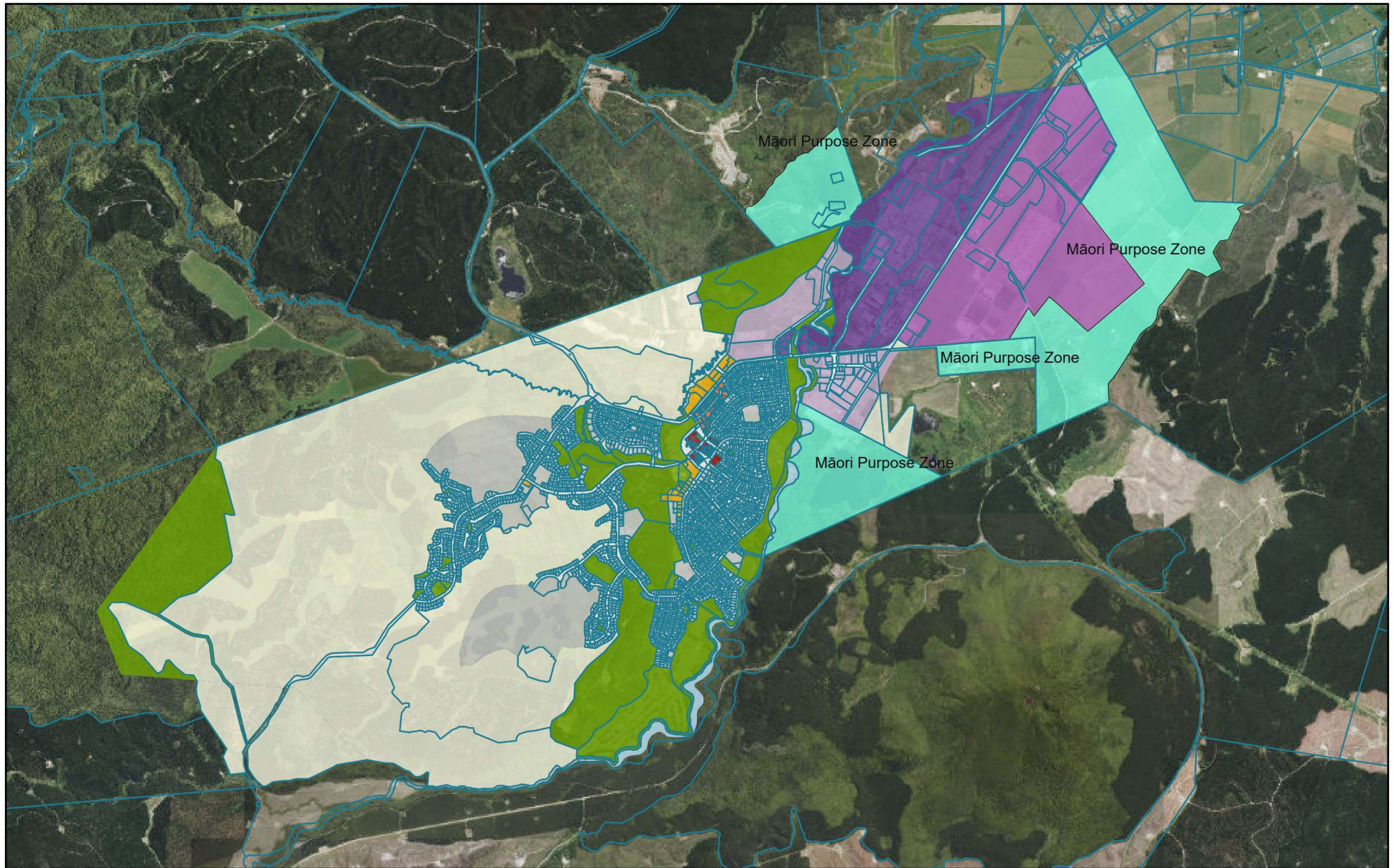
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1. What we'd like to know

Council has drafted the District Plan Change 5, to incorporate the land moving into Kawerau District as a result of the Boundary Reorganisation. This includes the requirement to zone the land and recognise any significant natural areas currently on those land blocks. In addition, Kawerau District Council is looking at introducing a new Māori Purpose Zone to applicable land owners to use their land in a manner that supports their aspirations.

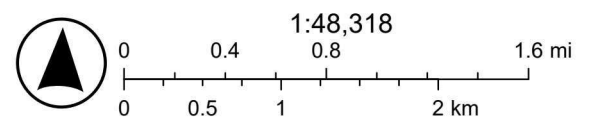
Please provide your feedback on the draft District Plan Change 5 (if you can please provide reasons with your feedback this will help staff assess the information received):

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| Commercial 1 | Industrial Area 2 | Rural Lifestyle |
| Commercial 2 | Industrial Area 3 | _Hydro |
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Meeting Date: 25 March 2026

Subject: Local Governance Statement

File No: 103000

1 **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to adopt Council's "Local Governance Statement" (as drafted). This document is required to be adopted within six months of each triennial election.

2 **Background**

A Local Governance Statement is a collection of information about the processes that Council uses to engage with the district's residents, as specified in Section 40 of the Local Government Act 2002.

It outlines how Council makes decisions and shows how residents can influence those processes. It also promotes local democracy by providing the public with information on ways it can influence local democratic processes.

3 **Summary of Local Governance Statement**

The following are the areas covered in the Local Governance Statement:

- Council's Functions, Responsibilities and Activities
- Local Legislation and Bylaws
- Electoral Systems
- Representation Options
- Roles and Conduct of Elected Members and Chief Executive Officer
- Governance structures and processes, membership and delegation
- Conduct of Meetings
- Consultation Policy
- Policies for liaising with, and memoranda or agreements with, Māori
- Management Structure and relationship between management and elected members
- Equal Employment Opportunities Policy
- Key Approved Planning and Policy Documents
- Systems for Public Access and Participation
- Requests for Official Information

4 **Appendix**

Appended to this report is Council's Local Governance Statement.

5 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the report "Local Governance Statement" be received.
2. That Council adopts the Local Governance Statement for the current triennium (2025-2028).



Morgan Godfery
Chief Executive Officer

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Council Statement

Local Governance Statement

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1 What is a Local Governance Statement?

A Local Governance Statement is a collection of information about the processes that Council uses to engage with the District's residents.

It outlines how Council makes decisions and shows how residents can influence those processes. It also promotes local democracy by providing the public with information on ways it can influence local democratic processes.

Council's local governance statement is a requirement under Section 40 of the Local Government Act 2002. Council is required to produce a new local governance statement within six months following each triennial election.

2 Council's Functions, Responsibilities and Activities

The purpose of the Kawerau District Council (hereafter referred to as Council), as outlined in the Local Government Act 2002, is to enable democratic local decision making and action by, and on behalf of, communities and to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. The Council has overall responsibility and accountability for the proper direction and control of the Council's activities in pursuit of community outcomes. This responsibility includes:

- Formulating the District's strategic direction in conjunction with the community - the Long Term Plan (LTP).
- Determining the services and activities to be undertaken.
- Managing the principal risks.
- Administering various regulations and up-holding the law.
- Monitoring the delivery of the LTP and Annual Plan.
- Ensuring the integrity of management control systems.
- Safeguarding the public interest.
- Ensuring effective succession of elected members.
- Reporting to the community.

3 Local Legislation and Bylaws

In addition to the legislation that applies to all local authorities, the Kawerau District Council has adopted a number of local bylaws which apply specifically to the district. These are as follows:

Alcohol Control Bylaw 2022

Dog Control Bylaw 2019

Freedom Camping Bylaw 2019

General Bylaw:

General Bylaw Part 1: Introductory 2009 (Amended 2012)

General Bylaw Part 2: Public Places 2013 (Amended 2019)

General Bylaw Part 3: Trading in Public Places 2009

General Bylaw Part 5: Advertising Signs 2013

General Bylaw Part 7: Control of Stock, Poultry and Bees 2019

General Bylaw Part 8: Wastewater Drainage 2010

General Bylaw Part 9: On-site Wastewater Disposal Systems 2010

General Bylaw Part 10: Trade Waste 2010

General Bylaw Part 11: Solid Waste 2010

General Bylaw Part 12: Cemetery 2010

General Bylaw Part 13: Leisure and Recreation Facilities 2010

Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2011

Water Supply Bylaw 2009

4 Electoral Systems

The Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024 specify the conduct of elections and the electoral systems available to councils:

4.1 “First Past the Post” and “Single Transferable Vote” Systems

The Council currently operates its elections under the “First Past the Post” (FPP) electoral system. Electors vote by indicating their preferred candidate(s) and the candidate(s) who receives the most votes is declared the winner, regardless of the proportion of votes that candidate(s) obtained.

The other option permitted under the Local Electoral Act 2001 is the “Single Transferable Vote” system (STV). Electors rank candidates in order of preference. The number of votes required for a candidate to be elected (called the quota) depends on the number of positions to be filled and the number of valid votes.

The number of candidates required to fill all vacancies is achieved:

- First by the counting of electors' first preferences
- Then by a transfer of a proportion of votes received by any candidate where the number of votes for that candidate is in excess of the quota
- Then by the exclusion of the lowest polling candidates and the transfer of these votes in accordance with voters' second preferences.

4.2 Deciding on changing which Electoral System to use

Under the Local Electoral Act 2001 there are the following options to change the voting system:

- Council can resolve to change the electoral system to be used at the next two elections.
- Council can conduct a binding poll of eligible electors on which electoral system to use.
- Electors can demand that a binding poll be undertaken.

A poll can be initiated by at least five per cent of eligible electors signing a petition demanding that a poll be held. Once changed, an electoral system must be used for at least the next two triennial general elections, i.e. the electoral system cannot be changed for one election and then changed back for the next election.

4.3 The Voting System for Council's Triennial Elections

If voters want to change the voting system for the Council election, this is allowed under Section 27 of the Local Electoral Act, provided that any change is made not later than 12 September in the year that is two years before the year in which the next triennial general election is to be held. If a change is made it must remain in effect for the following two triennial elections.

5 **Representation Arrangements**

5.1 Electoral Representation and Boundary Review

Council is required to review its representation arrangements at least once every six years. This review must include the following:

- The number of Elected Members (within the legal requirement to have a minimum of six and a maximum of thirty members, including the Mayor).
- Whether the Elected Members (other than the Mayor) shall be elected by the entire District, or whether the District will be divided into wards for electoral purposes, or whether there will be a mix of 'at large' and 'ward' representation.

- If election by wards is preferred, the boundaries and names of those wards and the number of members that will represent each ward.
- Whether or not to have separate wards for electors on the Māori roll.
- Whether to have Community Boards and if so, how many, their boundaries and membership and whether to subdivide a community for electoral purposes.

Council must follow the procedure set out in the Local Electoral Act 2001 when conducting this review and should also follow guidelines published by the Local Government Commission. The Act stipulates Council must consult with its community with regard to the representation review and gives people the right to make written submissions to Council and the right to be heard in support of their written submissions if they wish. People also have the right to appeal any decisions on the above to the Local Government Commission, which will make a binding decision on the appeal.

Further details on the matters that Council must consider in reviewing its membership and the basis of election can be found in the Local Electoral Act 2001.

Council resolved for the 2025 elections that:

- “First past the Post” electoral system would be used.
- The existing number of members, namely nine (9) will provide fair and effective representation for individuals and the Kawerau community generally, with membership being
 - Mayor
 - Eight Councillors
- That Council would establish Māori ward(s) for the 2025 elections
- The election of the Councillors representation would include:
 - Two “At Large” (District-Wide)
 - Three Councillors from the Kawerau General Ward
 - Three Councillors from the Kawerau Māori Ward
- There would be no communities and community Boards.

The introduction of Māori Wards in 2024 meant Council was required to undertake a representation and electoral system review prior to the 2025 elections.

The introduction of the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024 stipulated that any district that had not held a binding poll or referenda for the introduction of Māori Wards would need to hold a poll at the 2025 Local Body Elections.

Kawerau District Council conducted a binding poll at the 2025 Local Body Elections asking if electors wished to retain or remove Māori Wards. Results of the binding poll held at the 2025 Local Body Elections were in favour of retaining Māori Wards.

As per the Local Government Amendment Act 2024, this means, Māori Wards will remain in place for the Kawerau District for the 2028 and 2031 Local Body Elections.

The next Representation Review for Kawerau District Council must be held prior to the 2031 elections.

5.2 Changing the District's Boundaries or Functions

The Local Government Act 2002 sets out procedures that must be followed during proposals to:

- Make changes to the boundaries of the District.
- Create a unitary authority, e.g., transfer all of the functions of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council to Council, or vice versa.
- Transfer a particular function or functions to another Council.

Proposals for a boundary alteration or transfer of functions from one Council to another are considered by the Local Government Commission. The Local Government Commission will also deal with proposals for the establishment of a new District, abolition of Council or the creation of a unitary authority.

Further information on these requirements can be found in the Local Government Act 2002 (in particular Schedule 3).

The Local Government Commission has also prepared guidelines on procedures for local government reorganisation.

6 **Roles and Conduct of Elected Members and Chief Executive Officer**

The roles and conduct of the Mayor and Councillors are outlined in the Code of Conduct, which was adopted by Council on 26 November 2025. Council's elected members are responsible for:

1. Representing the Community

- Making decisions on the promotion of community well-being.
- Keeping in contact with the Community, ascertaining its views and putting these to Council.
- Advocating for the community with other bodies such as central government or private sector bodies (e.g. the major employer in the district).
- Explaining Council decisions to affected parties.

2. Setting Policy

What activities should the Council engage in and why, what regulatory intervention should the Council make and why etc. This policy setting takes place within a framework of:

- Things that the Council must do by law and things that it is prohibited from doing by law.
- Community needs and preferences.

The rule of thumb is that the Council decides what it should be doing, staff provide policy advice on issues and carry out the decisions and Council reviews the performance of the organisation in achieving those objectives.

3. Monitoring and Review

Monitoring involves evaluating a policy or performance during a particular project. Review is about evaluating performance at a predetermined time.

The most visible review mechanism is Council's Annual Report, which sets out the performance of the Council against its objectives over the preceding year.

4. Role and Powers of the Mayor

The role of the Mayor is to provide leadership to:

- the other members of council, and
- the people of the Kawerau district

It is the role of the Mayor to lead the development of Council's plans, policies and budgets for consideration by councillors.

The Mayor has the following powers:

- to appoint the deputy Mayor
- to establish committees for Council
- to appoint the chairperson for each committee of Council

7 Governance

Councillors are elected by the community and given responsibility for the overall governance of the District, which includes setting the long-term direction and ensuring that Council acts in the best interests of its community.

Section 39 of the Local Government Act 2002 outlines the governance principles for local authorities, which are:

- “(a) a local authority should ensure that the role of democratic governance of the community, and the expected conduct of elected members, is clear and understood by elected members and the community; and
- (b) a local authority should ensure that the governance structures and processes are effective, open, and transparent; and
- (c) a local authority should ensure that, so far as is practicable, responsibility and processes for decision-making in relation to regulatory responsibilities is separated from responsibility and processes for decision-making for non-regulatory responsibilities; and
- (d) a local authority should be a good employer; and
- (e) a local authority should ensure that the relationship between elected members and management of the local authority is effective and understood.”

Council has a Mayor and eight Councillors that are elected; Two from the District as a whole (“At Large”), Three from the Kawerau General Ward and Three from the Kawerau Māori Ward.

NAME	PHONE
Mayor Kahika F K N Tunui (Faylene)	306 9009 (office) 022 320 8840 faylene.tunui@kaweraudc.govt.nz
At Large Ward	
Cr S Kingi (Sela) - Deputy Mayor	020 439 3395 sela.kingi@kaweraudc.govt.nz
Cr B J Julian (Berice)	323 9190 (res) berice.julian@kaweraudc.govt.nz
Kawerau General Ward	
Cr T Hill (Tracy)	027 924 1686 tracy.hill@kaweraudc.govt.nz
Cr J Ross (Justin)	027 862 2237 justin.ross@kaweraudc.govt.nz
Cr A R Worsley (Anthony)	021 250 8974 anthony.worsley@kaweraudc.govt.nz
Kawerau Māori Ward	
Cr W Apiata (Waikite)	022 061 5837 waikite.apiata@kaweraudc.govt.nz
Cr M Dowie (Mal)	020 4088 0624 mal.dowie@kaweraudc.govt.nz
Cr G Leokava Taani (Gloria)	027 901 7680 gloria.taani@kaweraudc.govt.nz

Standing Committees

Council may create one or more committees of Council. A committee chairperson is responsible for presiding over meetings of the committee and ensuring that the committee acts within the powers delegated by Council. A committee chairperson may be removed from office by resolution of Council.

Council has established three standing committees:

- the Regulatory and Services Committee
- the Risk and Assurance Committee and
- the Hearing Committee

The Regulatory and Services Committee comprises the Mayor and all Councillors. The Deputy Mayor is Chair of the Regulatory and Services Committee and the Deputy Chair is Councillor Julian

The Risk and Assurance Committee comprises the Mayor, Councillors: Julian and Worsley, as well as Mr Philip Jones (external appointee). Mr Jones is the Chair of the Risk and Assurance Committee and the Deputy Chair is the Mayor.

The Hearing Committee comprises three elected members, being the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Julian. The Chair of the Hearings Committee is Councillor Julian and the Deputy Chair is the Mayor.

The respective responsibilities of Council and the committees are as follows:

Council

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| • Rating | • Democracy |
| • Making By-laws | • Governance |
| • Long Term Plan | • Strategic Plan |
| • Annual Plan | • Strategic Issues |
| • Annual Report | • Audit |
| • Funding Policy | • Property acquisition/disposal |
| • Borrowing money | • Consultation/Relationship with Māori |
| • Civil Defence in accordance with legislation | |

Regulatory and Services Committee

Regulatory Services	Community and Infrastructure Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Management • District Plans • Submissions on Regional Plans • Resource Consents • Subdivisions • Health • Building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming Pool • Parks & Reserves • Economic Development • Roading including CBD • Footpaths • Library / Museum • Council Facilities

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plumbing ● Drainage ● Sale of Liquor ● Dangerous Goods ● By-Laws ● Dog Control ● Noise Control ● Stock Control ● Civil Defence ● Economic and Community Development ● Youth Development ● Consultation and Engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Water ● Storm Water ● Wastewater ● Refuse / Zero Waste ● Asset Management ● Investments ● Plant ● Loans ● Accounting ● Cemetery ● Grants ● Retirement Village ● Conveniences (e.g. public toilets etc.) ● Leases & Rentals
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Risk and Assurance Committee

The purpose of the Risk and Assurance Committee is to oversee the following key areas:

- Monitor Council's external and internal audit processes
- Review the effectiveness of Council's internal control environment, including information systems security and controls.
- Monitor the development and effectiveness of Council's risk management policies and frameworks
- Consider matters referred by the Chief Executive Officer, Council, or other committees.
- Review the appropriateness of Council's accounting policies and practices.

Meeting Cycle

Council and Committee Meetings are scheduled on a monthly cycle. The following is the timetable for 2026:

	REGULATORY & SERVICES COMMITTEE	ORDINARY COUNCIL	RISK & ASSURANCE COMMITTEE
	MEETING TIME: 9.00AM	MEETING TIME: 9.00AM	MEETING TIME: 1.00PM
	MEETING DATE	MEETING DATE	MEETING DATE
FEBRUARY 2026	11	25	2
MARCH 2026	11	25	30
APRIL 2026	15	29	
MAY 2026	13	27	
JUNE 2026	10	24	8
JULY 2026	15	22	
AUGUST 2026	12	26	3
SEPTEMBER 2026	16	30	
OCTOBER 2026	14	28	12
NOVEMBER 2026	11	25	
DECEMBER 2026	9	16	7

8 Conduct of Meetings

The legal requirements for Council meetings are set down in the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). All Council and Committee meetings must be open to the public unless there is reason to consider some item 'in committee' (i.e., these items are deemed to be confidential, and members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting until discussion on the item has been completed). Although meetings are open to the public, members of the public do not have speaking rights except during the public forum section of the meeting.

A period of thirty minutes is set aside for a public forum at the start of each Ordinary Council and the Regulatory and Services Committee meetings which is open to the public. This period may be extended by a vote by members. 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.

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. Standing orders are suspended for the duration of the public forum. Council and committee, at the conclusion of the public forum, may decide to take appropriate action on any of the issues raised. 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.

The LGOIMA contains a list of the circumstances where Council may consider items with the public excluded. (These circumstances generally relate to protection of personal privacy, professionally privileged or commercially sensitive information and the maintenance of public health, safety and order.)

The Council agenda is a public document, although parts of it may be withheld if the above circumstances apply. The Mayor or committee chairperson is responsible for maintaining order at meetings and may, at his or her discretion, order the removal of any member of the public for disorderly conduct, or remove any member of Council who does not comply with standing orders. Minutes of meetings must be kept as evidence of the proceedings of the meeting. These must be made publicly available, subject to the provisions of the LGOIMA.

For an ordinary meeting of Council, at least fourteen days' notice of the time and place of the meeting must be given. Extraordinary meetings generally can be called on three working days' notice. During meetings, the elected members must follow standing orders (a set of procedures adopted by Council for conducting its meetings). Council may suspend standing orders by a vote of seventy five per cent of the members present and voting.

9 Significance and Engagement Policy

Council is required by the Local Government Act 2002, to have a Significance and Engagement Policy. Council adopted the Significance and Engagement Policy prior to the adoption of the 2025 – 2037 Long Term Plan. The policy comprises the following:

9.1 Policy Purpose

The policy purpose is to let both the Council and community identify the level of significance of engagement for proposals, matters or decisions. The policy will help the community understand when and how they will be engaged in decision-making.

- To enable Council and the community to identify the degree of significance attached to particular issue, proposal, decision, matters, assets and activities;
- To inform Council from the beginning of a decision-making process about the level and form of engagement required; and
- To provide clarity about how and when communities can expect to be engaged in decisions made by Council.

9.2 Principles

Council's approach to engagement is that engagement will be:

- Meaningful – based on open mind and willingness to listen
- Respectful – with the aim of building Council-community relationships

- Supported by the provision of information, which is balanced, sufficient and in plain language
- Inclusive and endeavour to reach all those impacted/affected.
- Flexible and tailored to the needs of those who are being engaged.
- Coordinated across Council departments to minimise duplication, engagement fatigue and make sure no misinformation is going out to the community
- Pragmatic, efficient and value for money

These principles align with LGA 2002 principles, ensuring Council meet their statutory responsibilities.

9.3 Policy Statement

The Policy is applied in two steps

1. Determining the significance of the proposal, decision or matter
2. Determining the requirement to engage or not, and if there is a requirement to engage, what the level of engagement should be.

Where Council makes a decision that is significantly inconsistent with this policy, the steps identified in section 80 of the LGA 2002 will be applied.

There may be occasions when Council may not follow this policy, for example where failure to make a decision urgently would result in unreasonable or significant damage to property, risk to people's health and safety, or the loss of a substantial opportunity to achieve Council's strategic objectives.

9.3.1 Significance

Council will take into account the following matters when determining the level of significance of a proposal or decision:

- Whether there is a legal requirement to engage with the community and what that requirement is
- Whether the proposal or decision affects the level of service of a significant activity
- The level of financial consequence of the proposal or decision
- Whether the proposal or decision affects a large part of the community, and the extent to which they are affected
- The likely impact on the future and present interests of the community, recognising Tangata Whenua and their relationship to the land and water
- Whether community interest in the proposal or decision is high, and/or there are divided community views
- Whether community views are already known from previous engagement processes
 - Whether the decision is reversible

Please refer to the full policy on the Council website for further information regarding the factor relevant to assessing against these criteria are set out in Appendix 4 [Appendix 4 Determining and assessing significance].

9.3.2 Engagement

Council acknowledges that community engagement occurs across a spectrum at differing levels and is broader than consultation. Engagement is a process that involves all or some of the community and can be focused on sharing information, generating ideas, decision-making, and/or problem solving.

Council staff will consider existing information on the community's views and perceptions related to a proposal before undertaking any further community engagement.

The engagement approach (platform, questions, audiences, tactics, analysis, reporting) and associated communications, will be outlined by Council staff in a communications plan specific to the proposal.

Each Council communications plan will be informed by the proposal details. Council may use a variety of engagement techniques based on a range of factors, including history and public awareness of the issue/proposal, stakeholder involvement, and timing related to other events and budgets as relevant to the significance. [see the council website for the full policy, definitions and process chart].

There are times when it will not be appropriate to engage with the community on certain issues proposals, decisions, or matters. Examples of this include organisational decisions such as staff changes or matters that do not materially reduce or affect a level of service. [refer to the full policy online for other examples, such as under emergency, or for the protection of privacy and safety of individuals, confidentiality].

Use of Special Consultative Procedure

The Special Consultative Procedure will be used as set out in s83 LGA 2002 or the principles of consultation as set out in s82 LGA 2002.

10 Management Structures and Relationships

Council is supported by a professional corporate organisation, led by the Chief Executive Officer. Officers provide policy advice and are responsible for implementing policies to achieve the results that Council wants.

The Chief Executive Officer and staff are responsible for managing day-to-day issues and implementing Council's decisions and policies. The organisation is structured into six departments. They are:

1. Operations and Services
2. Finance and Corporate Services
3. Regulatory and Planning
4. Economic and Community Development
5. Communication and Engagement and Residential Development
6. People and Culture

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

The Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to employ a Chief Executive Officer whose responsibilities are to employ other staff on behalf of the Council, implement decisions and provide advice. Under the Local Government Act 2002, the Chief Executive Officer is the only person who may lawfully give instructions to a staff member. Any complaint about individual staff members should therefore be directed to the Chief Executive Officer, rather than the elected members.

Morgan Godfery is Council's Chief Executive Officer.

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Kawerau District Council
Private Bag 1004
KAWERAU 3169

Email: morgan.godfery@kaweraudc.govt.nz
Telephone: 07 306 9009

10.2 Management and Staff Structure

Chief Executive Officer

(Morgan Godfery)

- Chief Executive Officer's Secretary
- Managerial staff (below)

→ Group Manager, Finance and Corporate & Services (Lee-Anne Butler)

- Administration Staff
- Finance Staff
- Customer Services Staff
- Information Technology Staff
- Library/Museum Staff

→ Group Manager, Operations and Services (Riaan Nel)

- Water and Wastewater Staff
- Roading Staff
- Parks and Reserves Staff
- Cleaning Staff
- Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre Staff
- Solid Waste

→ Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (Michaela Glaspey)

- Environmental Health Staff
- General and Building Inspectorate Staff
- Dog Control Staff
- Health and Safety Staff

→ Economic and Community Development Manager (Lee Barton)

- Site and Facilities Staff
- Youth Development Staff
- Emergency Management Staff

→ Communications and Engagement Manager; Residential Developments (Tania Humberstone)

- Communication Staff

→ People and Culture Manager (Sandra Collins-Rieger)

10.3 Primary Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer and the Individual Managers

Chief Executive Officer – M Godfery, LLB

Responsible to the Council to plan, lead, organise and manage the operations of the Council in the most cost efficient manner having due regard for the policies of the Council, the law and social responsibilities.

Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services – L Butler BMS C.A

Responsible to the Chief Executive Officer for the efficient management of the Council's Library and Museum activities as well as the financial, administrative and customer service operations in accordance with established policy, objectives, targets and the directives of the Chief Executive Officer.

Group Manager, Operations and Services – R Nel BTech (Mech), BSc Hons

Responsible to the Chief Executive Officer for the efficient management of the Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste, Roading, Halls, Public Toilets, Cemetery, Parks & Reserves and Pool operations of the Council in accordance with established policy, objectives, targets and the directives of the Chief Executive Officer.

Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning – M Glaspey LLB

Responsible to the Chief Executive Officer for the efficient management of all of the Council's Regulatory and Planning (includes environmental health, building and dog control) activities in accordance with established policy, objectives, targets and the directives of the Chief Executive Officer.

Economic and Development Manager – L Barton

Responsible to the Chief Executive Officer for the efficient management of the Council's economic development activity as well as emergency management, community wellbeing, youth development, council facilities, I-site activities.

Communication & Engagement Manager; Residential Developments – T Humberstone

Responsible to the Chief Executive Officer for the efficient management and delivery of council's communication and engagement activities. Also manage council's investment properties including the Porritt Glade Lifestyle Retirement Village and residential developments as well as the electoral requirements.

People and Culture Manager – S Collins-Rieger

Responsible to the Chief Executive Officer for the efficient management and delivery of employment life cycle, staff relationships, performance appraisal, training and development.

11 Equal Employment Opportunities (EEO) Policy

The Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to act as a 'good employer'.

Council operates an Equal Employment Opportunity policy. This policy states that:

"The Employer is committed to the principle of equal opportunity in the recruitment, employment, training and promotion of its employees. The Employer will provide a positive environment and will implement a purposeful programme of action to ensure that its activities are carried out with an awareness of, and intent to eliminate discrimination in the areas of race, colour, ethnic or national origin, gender, religion, political beliefs, marital status, family responsibilities, sexual orientation, disability or age".

12 Key Approved Planning and Policy Documents

The following have been identified as key Council planning and policy documents. To view or find out more about these plans, reports, policies and strategies, please contact the Council.

12.1 The Long Term Plan (LTP)

The Long-Term Plan (LTP):

- Sets out Council's priorities over the medium to longer term (covers the next ten years).
- Sets out how Council intends to contribute to the Community Outcomes

The purpose of the LTP is to:

- Describe the activities of Council.
- Describe the Community Outcomes.
- Provide integrated decision-making and co-ordination.
- Provide a long-term focus for the Council.
- Provide a basis for accountability of Council to the Community.

In accordance with the legislative requirements, Council produced a Long Term Plan for 2025 - 2034.

12.2 Council's Annual Plan

The Annual Plan includes information on Council's policies, actions and funding that are to be undertaken over the coming financial year compared to what was proposed in the Long Term Plan for that year.

The Annual Plan is Council's main means of communicating its projects and programmes to the public in the years that a Long Term Plan is not produced. If the Annual Plan includes significant or material differences from what was in the Long Term Plan for the financial year, then the special consultative procedure must be used prior to the adoption of the Annual Plan which stipulates that the public must be given a minimum of one month to make submissions. Council then considers the submissions before adopting its approved Annual Plan and confirming the rates for the next financial year.

The Annual Plan must include:

- The nature and scope of the significant services to be undertaken.
- The performance measures and other measures used to monitor, measure and review Council's performance.
- An outline of the indicative costs (i.e., of proposed expenditure) and the sources of funds.
- An outline of Council's funding and financial policies.
- Forecast financial statements for the year, including:
 - An estimated and forecast statement for the beginning and end of the financial year.
 - An operating statement (reflecting forecast revenues and expenses).
 - A statement of cash flows.
- An explanation of changes (variations) between the Annual Plan and the Long Term Plan.

12.3 Council's Annual Report

After the end of the financial year, Council publishes an Annual Report which contains audited accounts for the previous financial year. The Annual Report must:

- Compare the actual performance with the proposed performance set out in the Plan.
- Comment on the performance of all organisations included in the Annual Plan.
- Be produced and adopted within four months of the end of the financial year.
- Contain an audited financial statement, set of accounts and annual financial report which assesses Council's financial performance against its budget.

12.4 Funding and Financial Strategies/Policies

The following strategies and policies are included in Council's Long Term Plan:

Financial Strategy

Council must as part of the Long Term Plan, prepare a Financial Strategy for the years covered by the Long Term Plan. The purpose of the Financial Strategy is to:

- Facilitate prudent financial management by Council by providing a guide to consider proposals for funding and expenditure against, and
- Provide a context for consultation on Council's proposals for funding and expenditure

Infrastructure Strategy

The Infrastructure Strategy is intended to help Council and the community make informed decisions about the major infrastructure decisions and investments which need to be made over the next 30 years.

The strategy outlines:

- The key infrastructure issues which must be addressed over the next 30 years
- The main options for dealing with those issues
- The implications of those options for residents and businesses in terms of cost and service delivery; and
- Council's preferred scenario for managing the issues and implications.

Revenue and Financing Policy

Council provides a wide range of services that need to be funded. This policy outlines who pays for each activity and why.

Rating Policy

This policy specifies the rating tools that Council uses to fund the activities it undertakes.

12.5 Other Policies

Council is required to consult with the community before adopting the following policies:

Development or Financial Contributions Policy

This policy outlines in what circumstances development or financial contributions will be required from developers.

Rates Remission and Postponement Policies

These policies outline circumstances in which Council will consider rates relief for property owners and include:

- Rate remission and Postponement for Māori Freehold Land
- Rate Remission for Farming Property

- Rates Remission Boundary Reorganisation Properties
- Rate Relief for Development
- Rate Penalty Remission
- Rate Remission for Sport, Recreation and Community Organisations Leasing Council Land

12.6 Asset Management Plans

In recognition of the importance of the assets that Council manages on behalf of the community, plans, to ensure that these assets will continue to provide the same level of service to the community well into the future, have been developed.

The four asset management plans are:

- 1) Water Supply
- 2) Wastewater
- 3) Stormwater
- 4) Roading

These plans ensure that Council can continue to meet the levels of service required for essential services in the future.

13 **Systems for Public Access and Participation**

(a) Contact details for Council:

Kawerau District Council
 Private Bag 1004
 KAWERAU 3169
 Telephone: 07 306 9009
 E-mail: info@kaweraudc.govt.nz
 Website: www.kaweraudc.govt.nz

(b) System for requesting Council service

Requests for Council service can be made by visiting, website, telephoning or writing to (including emails) the Council offices and using the Antenno app.

(c) Opportunities for participation in Council activities

Council offers numerous opportunities for the community to participate in the decision-making processes throughout the year, as well as in the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan submission processes. The projects and programmes outlined in the consultation document for either the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan are a result of ongoing public input and consultation with the community.

Many of the engagement processes undertaken form part of legislative Special Consultative Procedures (SCP) that Council must undertake when seeking community input to significant decisions. Kawerau District Council strives to ensure that engagement is delivered to all areas of the community and is targeted to consultation partners as appropriate.

In addition, many of Council's key plans and policies are developed using community input. Council will inform residents (through newsletters and other media) when key plans and policies are being developed/reviewed that require community input or feedback.

14 Requests for Official Information

The purposes of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 are:

- To make information held by local authorities more readily available.
- To promote more open conduct of meetings.
- To promote the right of access to information.
- To protect information where it is in the public interest and for the sake of personal privacy.

All local authorities are covered by official information legislation.

Who can request information?

Anyone - even non-New Zealand citizens or those living outside the country. Community organisations, pressure groups, the media and businesses have the same rights as individuals.

How can requests be made?

By the person or organisation telephoning or writing to the local authority concerned. The request must be reasonably specific. No reason has to be given by the person or organisation making the request unless the information is wanted urgently.

What is the maximum allowable response time?

Twenty working days is the maximum allowable response time. This deadline can be extended, but only if there are good reasons. If the delay is unreasonable, a complaint can be made to the Ombudsman's Office. There will be many situations where information can be supplied the same day it is requested. Requests should be responded to as quickly as reasonably possible.

What duty is there to assist?

Every local authority has a duty to assist people in making requests for information. If the local authority does not have the information, but believes another local authority, organisation, or government department might, your request must be passed on.

What charges can be made?

Any charge levied by Council for supplying official information must be reasonable (personal information cannot be charged for).

Council's Policy is that when Council is providing organisations and individuals with detailed financial and non-financial information, they are charged the actual costs of producing the information.

Normally the charge is for the time involved in extracting the information and the cost of photocopying.

The Ombudsman can also investigate the costs charged for any information supplied.

What if the request is refused?

The information must be made available unless there is a reason under the Act for not releasing it. The reasons for refusal must be given. The person or organisation's right to appeal Council's decision to withhold the information to the Ombudsman must also be explained. Where a decision is made (whether to release or refuse to release official information), the Ombudsman has the function to investigate and review that decision. The jurisdiction of the Ombudsman extends to all decisions concerning official information (including any information that comes into the category of personal information).

For what reasons could a request be refused?

Reasons could (for example) include:

- The release of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law.
- The information, if released, would be likely to endanger any person.
- To protect a trade secret or the commercial activities of the local authority.
- To protect personal privacy.

The only reasons which can be advanced for refusal to supply official information are those specified in the legislation.

Sections 6 & 7 of the Act contain most of the reasons permissible. Some of the reasons the Act refers to must be weighed against "other considerations which render it in the public interest, to make the information available".

What about personal information?

An individual has the right to ask for any information about himself/herself without charge. This includes requests by members of staff.

Special rules govern the right of access to personal information. There are fewer reasons for withholding personal information.

Meeting: Council

Meeting Date: 25 March 2026

Subject: **Proposed Budget Overview for Annual Plan 2026/27**

File Number: 201600

1 **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to outline the Proposed Budget Overview for inclusion in the Annual Plan 2026/27 Consultation Document.

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. The Long Term Plan was to start from 1 July 2024, however due to the Government reforms on the Three Waters Legislation on 10 April 2024, Council resolved to prepare an enhanced Annual Plan for 2024/25 and a nine year Long Term Plan 2025 to 2034. Hence there is only two years between the preparation of the Long Term Plans. The next Long Term Plan is due next year being 2027 to 2037, which is to realign all Councils back to the same timeframes.

Key decisions made in the Long Term Plan 2025 -2034 following consultation with the community were for the increased funding of depreciation to be over 12 years at 3% each year and that Council would gradually transition the increase in the uniform charges for water and wastewater over 9 years. The budget has been prepared on the basis of these key decisions.

Council requires a set amount of rates funding each financial year to deliver services to the community. What drives rates increases is any increase in expenditure to deliver the services, if there are no other funding sources to meet the increased costs or if there is a reduction in non-rates revenue.

3 **Proposed Budget for 2026/27**

The preparations for the 2026/27 budget began in October 2025, with the initial budget framework being based on year two of the Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034. From this starting point the budgets go through a number of reviews by the Senior Leadership Team and Finance team.

Senior Leadership Team go line-by-line to identify:

- Where costs are increasing (e.g. mandatory KiwiSaver increases);
- What changes are occurring in revenue (e.g. fees and charges);
- Any relevant updates to the capital expenditure programme in the next year; and

- Any relevant savings opportunities

In reviewing the budget 2026/27, amendments are made to account for increased costs that staff are aware of (e.g. KiwiSaver increase), any changes in revenue and updates to the capital expenditure programme for next year. In October 2025's initial budget, if no changes were made, the preliminary draft budget resulted in a proposed rates increase of 8.6% for 2026/27. However, further reviews have then been undertaken by the Senior Leadership Team, in order to make savings across Council's activities to reduce the rates increase. After identifying savings across personnel, sundry budgets, depreciation, and other activities the proposed rates increase for 2026/27 is presented to Elected Members at 5.8%.

The table below shows the proposed budget for 2026/27 with comparisons to the 2025/26 budget.

<u>Operating Statement</u>	<u>Estimate 2025/26</u>	<u>Estimate 2026/27</u>	<u>Movement</u>	<u>%</u>
<u>Revenue</u>				
General Rates	14,083,990	14,714,760	630,770	4.5%
Separate Rates				
Water Supply	421,720	529,500	107,780	25.6%
Wastewater	555,080	699,420	144,340	26.0%
Refuse Collection	750,410	775,430	25,020	3.3%
<i>Total Rates</i>	15,811,200	16,719,110	907,910	5.8%
Government Grants & Subsidies	3,473,480	2,060,400	-1,413,080	-40.7%
Interest Revenue	85,500	34,430	-51,070	-59.7%
Fees and Charges	2,275,830	2,287,740	11,910	0.5%
Other Revenue	1,462,970	3,294,980	1,832,010	125%
<i>Total Revenue</i>	23,108,980	24,396,660	1,287,680	5.6%

	<u>Estimate</u> <u>2025/26</u>	<u>Estimate</u> <u>2026/27</u>	<u>Movement</u>	<u>%</u>
<u>Operating Expenditure</u>				
Personnel costs	7,792,040	8,095,760	303,720	3.9%
Depreciation	4,634,610	5,168,630	534,020	11.5%
Finance Costs	460,500	499,010	38,510	8.4%
Other Expenses	9,032,370	11,649,230	2,616,860	29.0%
<i>Total Expenditure</i>	21,919,520	25,412,630	3,493,130	15.9%
<u>Operating Surplus/(Shortfall)</u>	1,189,460	(1,015,970)		
<u>Rate Increase</u>	8.5%	5.8%		
Capital & Reserves Funding Requirement				
<u>Capital Expenditure</u>				
Asset Renewals	6,394,020	7,811,890		
Loan Repayments	159,725	182,680		
Net Purchase of investments	0	0		
<i>Total Funding Required</i>	6,553,745	7,994,570		
<u>Funded By:</u>				
Transfers from:				
- Loan	2,000,000	2,700,000		
- Sale Proceeds	0	0		
- Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	1,189,460	(1,015,970)		
- Depreciation Reserves	1,279,975	4,024,670		
<i>Total Funding</i>	4,469,435	5,708,700		
<i>Shortfall (Surplus)</i>	2,084,310	2,285,870		
<i>Depreciation Not Funded</i>	2,084,310	2,285,870		

The operational surplus in 2025/26 was mainly due to the projected Government grants to be received to fund the Stoneham Park Residential Development. Once Council has certainty regarding the Stoneham Park Residential Development key construction dates, the revenue, grants and subdivision expenditure will be updated to reflect the revised project timelines.

Council would normally expect to have an operating deficit, as Council does not fully fund depreciation. The projected deficit for 2026/27 is \$1.015m (the actual operating deficit for 2024/25 was \$1.75m due to Council not fully funding depreciation).

3.1 Analysis of proposed rate increase for 2026/27

The budget estimates for 2026/27 equates to a 5.8% rates increase. Listed below are the main factors contributing to the increase in rates for 2026/27:

Description	Amount	% of Rates Increase
Personnel Costs	\$303,720	1.9%
Depreciation Expense (net funded)	\$332,460	2.1%
Finance Costs (interest expense)	\$38,510	0.2%
Other Expenses		
• Audit Fee for Long Term Plan (triennial)	\$106,590	0.7%
• Project Revamp (net of Grants funding)	\$40,000	0.3%
• RAMM Review	\$40,000	0.3%
• Refuse disposal fees	\$36,000	0.2%
• Roading increased cleaning costs	\$30,000	0.2%
• Local Water Done Well (& Commerce Commission)	\$28,000	0.2%
• Water Testing	\$20,000	0.1%
• Reduction in District Plan & Spatial Plan	(\$60,000)	(0.4%)
• Reduction in Building Audit Fees (biennial)	(\$34,000)	(0.2%)
• Stoneham Park development expenditure increases by \$2.3m however this is offset by income from sale proceeds (no impact on rates although timing of expenditure impacts on cashflows)		
• There are various other movements with increases and decreases across all activities	\$26,630	0.2%
	\$907,910	5.8%

3.2 Explanation of variances in operating statement

Government Grants

The majority of the Government Grants for 2026/27 relate to the Stoneham Park Residential Development Better-off funding grant. The budget for this will be reviewed to align with the project timeline and the key construction dates once confirmed. This does not impact the rates requirement however it does impact the overall operating deficit and cashflows for 2026/27.

Interest Revenue

As the interest rate received on Council's investments has dropped to below 1.5%, the anticipated interest income has been reduced.

Other Revenue

The majority of Other Revenue relates to section sales for Stoneham Park Residential Development. Like Government Grants, this budget will be reviewed to align with the project timeline once key dates are confirmed. While this does not impact the rates requirement, it does impact the overall operating deficit and cashflows for 2026/27.

Personnel Costs

Personnel costs have increased \$303,720 (1.9%) compared to 2025/26, which is due to anticipated cost increases for salaries and wages and increased KiwiSaver contributions, which were introduced by the Government to a minimum of 3.5% from 3% for employer contributions.

Depreciation Expense

Council's assets are required to be revalued every three years, the result of the revaluation to 30 June 2025, was that Council's assets increased by \$29.9m. For the 2026/27 budget the depreciation expense has been projected at \$5,168,630 an increase of \$534,020 (11.5%). Council's reported actual depreciation expenditure for 2024/25 was \$4,744,406 compared to a budget of \$4,338,620 (which is prior to the full impact of the revaluation).

Funding Depreciation

Council consulted with the community through the Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034 (LTP) process on the timeframe options for increasing the level of depreciation funding. The adopted option in the LTP was to have a gradual increase in the level of depreciation funding of 3% each year over 12 years instead of 5% per year over 7 years. The Annual Plan has been prepared on this basis, with a gradual increase in depreciation funding. The increased depreciation funding excludes roading and non-strategic assets which are not fully funded.

The level of depreciation expenditure not funded in the draft budget for 2026/27 by activity is:

Activity	2025/26	2026/27
Economic Development	\$216,980	\$234,500
Roading	\$978,420	\$1,093,970
Stormwater	\$192,000	\$170,600
Water Supply	\$245,800	\$238,500
Wastewater	\$234,500	\$220,290
Solid Waste	\$6,200	\$8,930
Leisure & Recreation	\$210,410	\$285,260
Sundry		\$33,820
Total Depreciation not funded	\$2,084,310	\$2,285,870

Summary of depreciation impact on rates increase:

Total	2025/26	2026/27	Increase in rates
Depreciation Expense	\$4,634,610	\$5,168,630	\$534,020
Depreciation not funded	(\$2,084,310)	(\$2,285,870)	(\$201,560)
Net Depreciation funded	\$2,550,300	\$2,882,760	\$332,460

Other Expenses

Other expenses include all other operational costs for a wide range of expenses across all Council activities. The table above details the significant areas of increases and decreases in operating costs for 2026/27. This also includes the expenditure for Stoneham Park Residential Development which is funded from Government Grants and section sales.

3.3 Council Activities

Attached in Appendix 1 is a summary of the rates requirement for 2026/27 for each of Council's activities and includes further explanations for major changes from 2025/26 to 2026/27. In summary, the most significant increases in rates funding by significant activities are:

Activity	Increase	%
Wastewater *	\$247,630	11.2%
Water Supply *	\$243,720	10.7%
Roading	\$194,900	15.6%

* Contributing to the Water and Wastewater rates requirement is the transfer of direct personnel costs to these activities, as part of ring-fencing water expenditure.

3.4 Rates Affordability

Council has set its rates affordability benchmarks as:

- Total rates will not exceed 88% of total revenue and
- The annual rates increase will not exceed the average rate of inflation plus 2%

The following table shows the annual rates increase compared to the limit:

	2025/26	2026/27
Budgeted Increase	8.5%	5.8%
Rates Limit	4.7%	5.1%
Estimated Inflation	2.7%*	3.1%*

* Consumer Price Index inflation to 31 December 2025

The proposed rates requirement does exceed the 'underlying rate of inflation (3.1%) for Council costs plus 2 percent', which sits at a 5.8% rates increase for 2026/27. If Council decides to keep the overall rates increase as budgeted (above), an explanation will be included in the Annual Plan as to why it is exceeding the "rates affordability" limits for 2026/27.

Total rates income in the proposed draft budget equates to 68.5% of Total Revenue, which is within the rate (income) affordability limit of 88%.

3.5 Capital Expenditure

A summary of the capital expenditure by each activity planned for 2026/27 is attached in Appendix 2.

3.6 Loan Funding

Over the last four years Council has raised loans through the Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) of \$2m per annum for the water reticulation renewal programme, totalling \$8m to 30 June 2026. When borrowing through LGFA, Council is required to reinvest part of the loan into Debenture Stock with LGFA (5% of the total loans value). The result is Council has only received net cash of \$7,600,000 from loans, while the other \$400,000 is invested with LGFA debenture stock. The debenture stock will be used when the loan is repaid.

For the proposed budget for 2026/27 to balance Council's liquidity (cashflows) with the debenture stocks investments and fund 2026/27 water reticulation renewals expenditure, the Annual Plan proposes a loan of \$2.7m be uplifted. This is proposing bringing forward loan funding, not increasing the total planned loan of \$12m. With the current lower interest rates, the debt servicing costs are projected to be within the interest cost expenditure forecasted in the Long Term Plan 2025-2034.

4 Options for 2026/27

Council has the following options regarding the overall rates increase for 2026/27:

- Keep the proposed rate as drafted and consult with the community.
- Review and amend some levels of service to reduce costs and the rates increase for 2026/27.

5 Significance and Engagement

The proposed budget as presented will be the basis for the preparation of the Annual Plan Consultation Document which will be consulted on with the community, as required by the Local Government Act 2002. The following is the timeframe for the consultation and adoption of the Annual Plan 2026/27:

- Adoption of Annual Plan Consultation Document 2026/27 – 15 April 2026
- Consultation period – 17 April 2026 to 18 May 2026
- Hearings, consideration and deliberations of submissions – 3 June 2026
- Adoption of Annual Plan 2026/27 – 24 June 2026

6 Financial Considerations

Development of the Kawerau District Council Annual Plan 2026/27, including the process of the special consultation procedure, can be met within existing estimates.

7 Conclusion

Council is presented with the proposed 2026/27 budget for inclusion in the Annual Plan Consultation Document that will be adopted by Council on 15 April 2026.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report "Proposed Budget Overview for Annual Plan 2026/27" be received.
2. That Council advise of any amendments to the budget estimates, for inclusion in the Annual Plan Consultation Document 2026/27 which will be adopted at the Extraordinary Council meeting on 15 April 2026.



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Appendix 1 – Rates Funding by Activity

Activity	2025/26 \$	2026/27 \$	Movement \$	%
Democracy (A)	991,500	1,044,490	52,990	5.3%
Economic Development				
Economic Development (B)	649,630	692,355	42,725	6.6%
Community Development	80,450	82,610	2,160	2.7%
Pensioner Housing	21,290	21,560	270	1.3%
Commercial Rentals (C)	57,480	67,770	10,290	17.9%
Firmin Lodge	111,700	116,435	4,735	4.2%
Information Centre	275,610	283,490	7,880	2.9%
Retirement Village	0	0	0	0%
Total Economic Development	1,196,160	1,264,220	68,060	5.7%
Environmental Services				
Resource Management (D)	186,570	128,730	-57,840	-31.0%
Building Control (E)	325,000	277,220	-47,780	-14.7%
Environmental Health (F)	326,460	353,720	27,260	8.4%
Dog Control	471,780	479,510	7,730	1.6%
Dog Registration	-	-	-	-
Emergency Management (G)	175,470	207,290	31,820	18.1%
Total Environmental Services	1,485,280	1,446,470	-38,810	-2.6%
Roading (H)	1,247,090	1,441,990	194,900	15.6%
Stormwater (I)	166,050	233,090	67,040	40.4%
Water (J)	2,280,370	2,524,090	243,720	10.7%
Wastewater (K)	2,220,300	2,467,930	247,630	11.2%
Solid Waste (L)	2,563,370	2,687,630	124,260	4.8%
Leisure & Recreation				
Library (M)	723,970	748,090	24,120	3.3%
Museum (N)	328,490	350,855	22,365	6.8%
Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre	1,235,640	1,251,220	15,580	1.3%
Halls & Public Toilets (O)	594,330	654,755	60,425	10.2%
Parks & Reserves (P)	2,301,190	2,152,670	-148,520	-6.5%
Total Leisure & Recreation	5,183,620	5,157,590	-26,030	-0.5%
Vandalism & Graffiti (Q)	51,360	36,000	-15,360	-30.0%
Sundry & Eliminations	- 1,573,900	- 1,584,390	-10,490	0.7%
Total	15,811,200	16,719,110	907,910	5.7%

Further explanations of activity movements above:

- (A)** Democracy – increase for additional personnel support (\$34k) and operational costs including the community survey (\$20k).
- (B)** Economic Development - For “Project Revamp” there is a budget of \$80k included for project feasibility cos. The \$80k is to be funded by \$40k from external grants income and \$40k is rates funded.
- (C)** Residential Property Development – for this activity the increase is to fund rates expenditure for Council’s development properties.
- (D)** Resource Management, there has been a reduction in the budget for the District Plan of \$40k from the 2025/26 budget and there was a budget of \$20k for the Eastern Bay Spatial Plan that was adopted in June 2025.
- (E)** Building Control – Building control bi-annual audit fee, will not be incurred in 2026/27 as expense is every two years, a saving of \$36k.
- (F)** Environmental Health - increased personnel costs and overheads.
- (G)** Emergency Management – additional personnel support and overheads.
- (H)** Roading – has a significant increase due to the following:
 - Additional depreciation being funded increasing the rates by \$54K
 - There is a decrease in fees and charges of \$23k for lease that ends.
 - There is expenditure for the RAMM Review that is required of \$40k
 - Increased operational costs, include road cleaning (\$30k), (Rates \$14k), personnel costs (\$16k), Road Safety (\$5) and overheads (\$16k)
- (I)** Stormwater – increase in net depreciation expenditure funding of \$80k, offset by \$10k reduction in resource consent expenditure.
- (J)** Water – has a significant increase due to the following increased costs
 - Personnel costs that can be directly attributed to water have been reallocated from overheads – to allow for ring-fencing of costs as part of the internal business unit for water services delivery under Local Water Done Well reforms (\$137k).
 - Funded depreciation expenditure increased by \$50k.
 - Finance costs due to new loan funding the water reticulation renewals (\$38k).
 - Increased operational costs, including regular water testing and quarterly compliance testing and rates (\$20k).
- (K)** Wastewater – has a significant increase due to the following increased costs
 - Personnel costs that can be directly attributed to water have been reallocated from overheads – to allow for ring-fencing of costs as part of the internal business unit for water services delivery under Local Water Done Well reforms (\$98k).
 - Funded depreciation expenditure increased by \$33k.
 - Increased operational expenditure for Local Water Done Well expenses (\$28k), additional rates charges (\$34k) and overheads (\$23k).
- (L)** Solid Waste – has an increase in refuse disposal costs (\$36k), personnel costs (\$36k), rates (\$18k), major maintenance (\$10k), and depreciation expense (\$8k).
- (M)** Library – increased personnel costs (\$17) and overhead (\$5k).
- (N)** Museum – increased depreciation (\$12k) and personnel costs (\$8k).
- (O)** Halls & Public Toilets – additional major maintenance Concert Chambers (\$16k) and increased depreciation (\$43k).
- (P)** Parks & Reserves – operational savings have been identified which have reduced the rates requirement by \$26k for 2026/27.
- (Q)** Vandalism – this budget has been reduced to more closely reflect actual expenditure over the last two years. Actual expenditure for 2024/25 = \$11,576 and for 2023/24 = \$22,718, while 2022/33 was high at \$44,974. The year to date for 7 months = \$26k

Appendix 2 - Capital Expenditure

The following table lists the capital expenditure items for 2026/27.

Activity	Asset	2026/27
Economic Development	Firmin Lodge & i-site	\$12,560
	Stoneham Park Development - Infrastructure	\$602,850
Roading	Kerb Replacement	\$86,530
	Street Light Upgrade	\$41,270
	Reseals	\$139,130
	Pavement Treatment	\$78,050
	Footpath Repairs	\$59,160
	Roading Drainage	\$965,400
	Stormwater Catch-pit renewal	\$61,080
	Reseal Carparks & Islington Parking	\$102,000
	Rubbish bins / seating /music system / Xmas Lights / Signs / CCTV / town centre lights	\$33,030
	Total Roothing	\$1,565,650
Water Supply	Pipework Renewals	\$2,144,930
	Tobies	\$5,000
	UV Tube Replacement	\$16,410
	UV Plant	\$516,930
	Refurbish Pump	\$17,800
	Data Logger & Extractor Fan	\$14,650
	Chlorine Dosing	\$64,350
	Total Water Supply	\$2,780,070
Wastewater	Wastewater pipework	\$1,157,780
	Pumping Station	\$64,660
	Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$740,630
	Total Wastewater	\$1,963,070
Solid Waste	Retaining Wall, Bund and Drainage	\$60,000
	Fencing and POS System	\$10,720
Leisure & Recreation	Library stock, furniture	\$92,030
	Library Building – Roof and Air Con	\$38,220
	Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre - Pool Floor/Clubrooms	\$103,600
	- Steam Bore and Heat Exchange Unit	\$45,820
	- Filtration System	\$24,000
	Recreation Centre – Building	\$87,380
	Town Hall speakers & furniture	\$15,130
	Concert Chambers – Building and Air Con	\$22,680
	Rangi Delamere Centre	\$3,800
	Field Amenity Buildings	\$21,080
	Passive Reserves fences, sprinklers, carparks	\$59,920
	Playgrounds renewals	\$4,120
Total Leisure & Recreation	\$507,780	
Overheads	Computers	\$52,850
Plant	Vehicles	\$136,280
Buildings	Depot & District Office	\$120,060
	Total	\$7,811,890