



**CENTRAL
HAWKE'S BAY**
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, 21 September 2023

9.00am

Council Chambers,

28-32 Ruataniwha Street, Waipawa

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- 1 **WELCOME/ KARAKIA/ NOTICES**
- 2 **APOLOGIES**
- 3 **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**
- 4 **STANDING ORDERS**

RECOMMENDATION

That the following standing orders are suspended for the duration of the meeting:

21.2 Time limits on speakers

21.5 Members may speak only once

21.6 Limits on number of speakers

And that Option C under section 22 *General Procedures for Speaking and Moving Motions* be used for the meeting.

Standing orders are recommended to be suspended to enable members to engage in discussion in a free and frank manner.

- 5 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Ordinary Council Meeting held 17 August 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 August 2023 as circulated, be confirmed as true and correct.

**MINUTES OF CENTRAL HAWKES BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 28-32 RUATANIWHA STREET, WAIPAWA
ON THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST 2023 AT 9.00AM**

UNCONFIRMED

PRESENT: Mayor Alex Walker
Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand
Cr Brent Muggeridge
Cr Tim Aitken
Cr Jerry Greer
Cr Gerard Minehan
Cr Pip Burne
Cr Exham Wichman

IN ATTENDANCE: Doug Tate (Chief Executive)
Nicola Bousfield (Group Manager, People and Business Enablement)
Brent Chamberlain (Chief Financial Officer)
Dennise Elers (Group Manager Community Partnerships)
Dylan Muggeridge (Group Manager Strategic Planning & Development)
Alison Bell (Strategic Communications Advisor)
Ben Swinburne (Project Development & Engineering Manager)
Annelie Roets (Governance Lead)

1 WELCOME/ KARAKIA/ NOTICES - 23.69

Moved: Cr Tim Aitken
Seconded: Cr Exham Wichman

Her Worship, The Mayor Alex Walker welcomed everyone to the meeting and Councillor Exham Wichman opened with a karakia. Cr Tim Aitken requested apology to be excused from 12.00pm.

CARRIED

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: 23.70

Moved: Cr Tim Aitken
Seconded: Cr Exham Wichman

That apologies from Cr Kate Taylor be received and accepted. Tim excused from 12pm.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Jerry Greer declared an interest in relation to Item 7.4 "Update on CHB Mayoral Relief Fund and Recommended Closure of Fund" as a Trustee of SporthB. The Chief Executive advised that Councillor Greer abstain from voting for this item.

4 STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED: 23.71

Moved: Cr Gerard Minehan

Seconded: Cr Pip Burne

That the following standing orders are suspended for the duration of the meeting:

21.2 Time limits on speakers

21.5 Members may speak only once

21.6 Limits on number of speakers

And that Option C under section 21 General procedures for speaking and moving motions be used for the meeting.

Standing orders are recommended to be suspended to enable members to engage in discussion in a free and frank manner.

CARRIED

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: 23.72

Moved: Cr Pip Burne

Seconded: Cr Brent Muggeridge

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 29 June 2023 and the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 3 August 2023 as circulated, be confirmed as true and correct.

CARRIED

6 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

None.

7 REPORT SECTION

7.1 RESOLUTION MONITORING REPORT

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the Resolution Monitoring Report. This report seeks to ensure Council has visibility over work that is progressing, following resolutions from Council.

RESOLVED: 23.73

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand

Seconded: Cr Exham Wichman

That the report be noted.

CARRIED

The report was introduced by Doug Tate with discussions noting:

- Noting a number of items being completed
- The two outstanding items (in amber colour) are well underway.
- Cr Annand noted her previous motion earlier this year around *“That council schedule a review of the measures and tools for building the LTP including Snap, Send Solve”*. Cr Annand requested that this item be recorded back into the Resolutions database to keep track of it. – Already actioned.

7.2 MINUTES OF THE RISK AND ASSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27 APRIL 2023 AND 22 JUNE 2023

RESOLVED: 23.74

Moved: Cr Gerard Minehan
Seconded: Cr Exham Wichman

1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Risk and Assurance Committee held on 22 June 2023 and 27 April 2023 be received.

CARRIED

27 April 2023 – Risk Status Report:

Moved: Cr Tim Aitken
Seconded: Cr Pip Burne

1. That the report be noted.
2. That Council undertakes a review of the Council's strategic risk appetite and statements, given the immediate ongoing and long-term impact of Cyclone Gabrielle on the Council Strategy, risk profile and its stakeholders.

CARRIED

22 June 2023 – Endorsement of the Risk and Assurance Committee Work Plan 2023-2024

Moved: Cr Tim Aitken
Seconded: Cr Pip Burne

1. That the Risk & Assurance Committee endorse the Risk & Assurance Work Plan 2023-2024.

1. CARRIED

Moved: Cr Tim Aitken
Seconded: Cr Pip Burne

2. That council notes the Risk and Assurance Committee work plan for 2023/2024.

CARRIED

- 27 April 2023, Resolution 2: Work will be undertaken as part of a Risk Maturity review with an external consultant Morrison Low between now and December 2023.
- Council will have an input in this review. Work will be presented to both the Risk and Assurance Committee as well as wider Council.

7.3 ELECTORAL SYSTEM FOR 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

PURPOSE

The matter for consideration by the Council is to consider which electoral system to use for the 2025 and 2028 triennial elections as required under Section 27 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, by no later than 12 September 2023, and to give public notice Council's decision and of the right of electors to demand a poll on by 19 September 2023 in accordance with Section 28 of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

RESOLVED: 23.75

Moved: Cr Tim Aitken

Seconded: Cr Brent Muggeridge

That Council:

1. Exercises its discretion under Section 79(1)(a) and 82(3) of the Act and makes a decision on this issue without conferring directly with the community or others due to the option available to the public to demand a poll under the Local Electoral Act should they choose to do so and can obtain the necessary number of signatures (5% of the electors).
2. Resolves to retain the status quo and continue with the First Past the Post electoral system;
3. Gives public notice - by 19 September 2023 – of resolution 2 (above) and that electors have the right to demand a poll on the electoral system to be used for the next two triennial elections.
4. To run a poll at the time of the 2025 election (concurrent).

CARRIED

The report was introduced by Doug Tate which was taken as read. Further discussions noted:

- Councillors had a workshop on the two Electoral Systems presented to them earlier in August, i.e First Past the Post (FPP) and Single Transferable vote (STV).
- One option could be to resolved to hold a binding poll on the electoral system to apply for the 2025 triennial elections. This could be done at the same time of the elections at no additional cost to council.
- The advantages and disadvantages of both systems have been discussed around the table.
- Councillors agreed to retain the status quo at this stage, but propose to run a poll at the time of the 2025 elections (concurrent).
- It was noted that the STV a very powerful mechanism to use in future, but not a priority for Council right now.
- Proposed that information be added to the Council website should public want to demand a poll.

7.4 UPDATE ON CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY MAYORAL RELIEF FUND AND RECOMMENDED CLOSURE OF FUND

PURPOSE

The matter for consideration by the Council is to receive an update on the Central Hawke's Bay Mayoral Relief Fund.

RESOLVED: 23.76

Moved: Cr Tim Aitken
Seconded: Cr Gerard Minehan
Abstained: Cr Jerry Greer

- 1. That the Council note the contents of this report and the allocation of funds for the period.**
- 2. That the Council close the fund effective 31 August 2023 with the remaining funds being distributed as follows: \$2k to the remaining yellow stickered property owners yet to be paid out, \$10k to the East Coast Bay Rural Support Trust for the support of rural communities in the Central Hawke's Bay, \$10k of funds be provided to the Rotary River Pathway Trust for repairs, and the balance be added the Mayoral Fund for the Mayor to distribute to those impacted by the Cyclone as needed.**

CARRIED

The report was introduced by Brent Chamberlain who gave a brief update on the Mayoral Relief Fund. Discussions traversed:

- Nearly \$609,000 has been collected in donations and \$561,367 has been allocated leaving a balance of \$47,457 to be distributed.
- Council will continue to accept applications until 31 August 2023 and recommended that the fund be wound up effective from this date.
- The paper noted in how the distributions have been made.
- Since the writing of this paper, another \$6,500 has been distributed.
- An update was given on the Hawke's Bay Disaster Relief Trust, who met yesterday, to consider applications for silt removal. The Trust's funds are winding up and final distributions will be made.
- It was requested to provide a list/or breakdown on those already been supported. The Administrators have a full recorded list and it will be provided to Mayor Walker.
- It was recommendation that Council retain any leftover money with the balance be added the Mayoral Fund for the Mayor to distribute to those impacted by the Cyclone as needed.
- Mayor Alex Walker thanked the Committee and staff for the extraordinary work they have done through Cyclone Gabrielle.

7.5 ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

PURPOSE

The matter for consideration by the Council is to confirm an Asset Management Policy as an early step in building the Long Term Plan/Three Year Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2024.

The review of the Policy every three years in the preparation of Asset and Activity Management Plans is recognised as best practice in accordance with the International Infrastructure Management Manual and is an important cornerstone in the establishment of the Long Term Plan process.

RESOLVED: 23.77

Moved: Cr Gerard Minehan

Seconded: Cr Exham Wichman

- 1. That the reviewed Asset Management Policy be adopted.**

CARRIED

The report was introduced by Howard Severinsen...

- Council's Asset Policy has been reviewed and various minor changes.
- The minor changes reflect the level of maturity and ability that Council will have to improve its overall asset management sophistication within the timeframes and capacity of staff to deliver on the Three-Year Plan in this Long Term Plan Cycle.
- Asset Management planning needs to consider funding sources and viable finances and planning work should be both necessary and affordable.
- Since Cyclone Gabrielle, we are finding funding sources often have associated limits and conditions – where does these above factors sits? Is it in the area of Asset Investment decisions in levels of service and performance management? – Possibly in the Infrastructure Strategy?
- Asset Management Plans continually changes.
- Council needs to maintain focus on developing the quality and use of asset information.
- Question raised as to what are Council's accountability mechanisms?
- Using delivering measurables – quality effectiveness and performance requirements. Standards should be fair and understood through the industry (Standards metrics performance).
- What are the accountability mechanisms? CouncilMark Assessment noted that one of the 5 areas of improvements was how Council use its Asset Management data.

7.6 CITIZENS INITIATED REFERENDA ON STATE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present for Councils consideration a petition for a citizens-initiated referendum on state highway maintenance and funding, to raise public awareness and to formally consider supporting the petition at a level.

The key content of this report has been taken from a report and supporting information prepared by Mayor Neil Holdom of New Plymouth District Council, who has led the promotion of this Citizen initiated referenda.

RESOLVED: 23.78

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand

Seconded: Cr Pip Burne

- 1. That Council support the Petition for State Highway Maintenance Referenda, and request the Chief Executive Officer to make the petition available at suitable Council facilities.**

CARRIED

The report was introduced by Doug Tate who noted that the report is around whether Council wishes to support the referendum network or not. Further discussions noted:

- Noting the petition currently only focuses on the Waka Kotahi network – being the State Highway network. In a Central Hawke's Bay context, the key issue is funding support from Waka Kotahi and the Government for our local roading network operation, which the petition does not address.
- CHB have their own local challenges on our network in terms of level of service and improvement.
- To strengthen our voice on local road funding challenges.
- Also to consider safer roads for our communities – not neglecting our rural communities.
- Consensus to support the referendum.

7.7 QUARTERLY NON-FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 1 APRIL - 30 JUNE 2023

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the Quarterly non-financial performance report for the period 1 April - 30 June 2023.

RESOLVED: 23.79

Moved: Cr Jerry Greer

Seconded: Cr Brent Muggeridge

That having considered all matters raised in the report:

- 1. That the Quarterly Non-Financial Performance Report 1 April – 30 June 2023 be received.**

CARRIED

The report was introduced by Doug Tate with key points noting:

- Council will miss a number of performance measures due to cyclone impacts.

- the report speaks to a number of measures that have otherwise not been achieved through the year.
- Council will be formally receiving the “Residents Satisfaction Results” at the September Council meeting.
- Not unsurprising the level of satisfaction are low in some areas, particular roading.
- Confident as an organisation that those level of service will be adhered to and dealt with.
- Council has set some ambitious goals when key measurements were set and certainly some key areas for improvement, but doesn’t mean council has not performed in these areas.
- Some work to do in how Council use the Resident’s survey and how council will set themselves up for success in the future.
- It was requested that the Museum and Library “visitor numbers” could be included in the report.
- 869 people visited the museum in July opposed to 443 in July last year. This is due to the “free entry”. Donations have improved. These statistics should also to be noted in the report.

7.8 CYCLONE GABRIELLE - RECOVERY UPDATE

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a formal update on progress with the recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle.

RESOLVED: 23.80

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand

Seconded: Cr Jerry Greer

That the report be noted.

CARRIED

The report was introduced by Riley Kupa which was taken as read. Further discussions noted:

- Gave a brief summary and overview on key focusses to date.
- On reflection and reviewing of council’s processes since the first report, have helped reframe and refine the key priorities and issues identified across the district from six to four key priorities.
- The key four priorities and issues identified to date are: (1) River and Environmental management. (2) Land transport and drainage management. (3) 3 Waters – Recovery and (4) Community Wellbeing and Resilience.
- Council’s key focus areas in the last month have been Land Categorisation and affected properties, Crown negotiations and Round 2 of our Community Conversations.
- Waipawa, Ōtāne and Pōrangahau have been recategorized from Category 2C to Category 1, on the advice from HBRC that the flood protection measures (stopbanks) were repaired to a 1-100yr level.
- Pōrangahau is our remaining community affected by the categorisation scheme, currently a 2A.
- A categorisation hui for Pōrangahau was held on 6 August.
- A key factor to be determined from this hui was HBRC’s plan going forward for the community. HBRC confirmed their plan is to establish engineering pods to work with the remaining 2A, 2P and 2C properties across the region.

- Pōrangahau will be working with engineers from Pattle Delamore Partners (PDP) to assess and determine options moving forward.
- A second round of 'Community Conversations' based on locality plan areas is being held during August/September.
- Mayor Walker thanked the team for their hard work and efforts behind the scenes , specially in the Stormwater and Roding spaces.

The committee adjourned at 10.42am and reconvened at 11.08am.

7.9 KEY PROJECT STATUS REPORT - BIG WASTEWATER/BIGWATER STORY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this key project status report serves as an opportunity to formally report to elected members on the progress of each of the projects and their expected delivery against time, scope, budget and quality standards against the larger programme objectives.

The report covers three key programmes:

- Water Supply Upgrade Programme.
- 3 Waters Reticulation Renewal Programme.
- Wastewater Upgrade Programme (#thebigwastewaterstory).

RESOLVED: 23.81

Moved: Cr Brent Muggeridge

Seconded: Cr Pip Burne

That the report be noted.

CARRIED

Ben Swinburne introduced the report and gave a brief overview on the progress on each of the 3 key programmes. Discussions noted:

- Noted that across the wider 3 Waters capital programme over the last quarter, there has been a significant slowdown that a strategic pause has been made on some decision making such as the current uncertainty and various other factors.
- Noted a number of unprecedented risks in terms of the overall programmes.
- For 31 August Council workshop, council will receive a further update on short term decisions and trade-offs such as contractors, staff and longer term commitments.
- For 19 September Council meeting, councillors will receive an update on Risk Assessment and next steps in the risk environment.
- Understanding the wider risk implications from a consenting perspective.

7.10 FOURTH QUARTER ORGANISATION REPORT APRIL - JUNE 2023**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the organisation report for January – March 2023.

RESOLVED: 23.82

Moved: Cr Pip Burne

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand

That the Fourth Quarter Organisation Report (April - June 2023) be noted.

CARRIED

The Chief Executive, Doug Tate introduced the report which was taken as read.

- For the next Organisation Report in 8 weeks, council will look to restructure a majority report based on the new elected priorities to ensure it aligns with key actions.

7.11 DISTRICT LICENSING ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is that Council is required to report annually on the proceedings and operations of the District Licensing Committee under section 199 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

RESOLVED: 23.83

Moved: Cr Tim Aitken

Seconded: Cr Jerry Greer

That the report be noted.

CARRIED

Lisa Harrison introduced the report which was taken as read. Discussions noted:

- No significant trends (number of applications/application types) shown during the last year and remains business as usual.
- Particular feedback received through the Resident's survey around Licensing.
- The Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Community Participation) Amendment Bill was introduced on 7 December 2022 to Parliament and has been through the First Reading and Select Committee.
- Is now awaiting the second reading which is due in August 2023.
- The current Local Alcohol Policy is due for review in the 2023/2024 year.

7.12 CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT 2022/2023**PURPOSE**

The purpose of bringing this report to Council is to formally report on the effectiveness of the Central Hawke's Bay District Council's dog policy and control practices. This report is required under the Dog Control Act 1996.

The report includes statistics for registrations and complaint investigation, as well as key achievements for the reporting period.

RESOLVED: 23.84

Moved: Cr Gerard Minehan

Seconded: Cr Pip Burne

That the report be noted.

CARRIED

The report was introduced by Lisa Harrison which was taken as read. Discussions noted:

- The report reports on the effectiveness of the CHBDC's dog policy and control practices.
- A significant decrease in the number of infringements issued comparative to the 2021/2022 year (407) due to the effective work undertaken in the non-compliance dog registrations.
- There has been an increase in dog attacks on people (13) for 2022/2023.
- The public feeling confident to report incidents which shows our great work with community engagement and education.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**RECOMMENDATION 23.85**

Moved: Mayor Alex Walker

Seconded: Cr Brent Muggeridge

That the next meeting of the Central Hawke's Bay District Council be held on 21 September 2023.

CARRIED

9 CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

N/a.

RECOMMENDATION 23.86

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand

Seconded: Cr Jerry Greer

That Council moves into Public Excluded business at 11.45am

CARRIED

10 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC****RECOMMENDATION**

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

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

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
10.1 - Public Excluded Resolution Monitoring Report	<p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
10.2 - Approval to enter into Kānoa Funding Agreement - Kaikōra Seed Drying Project	<p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p>	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
10.3 - Land Transport Contract Extensions	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would

	<p>who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p> <p>s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary 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</p> <p>s7(2)(f)(i) - free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>exist under section 6 or section 7</p>
10.4 - All of Government Electricity Tender	<p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7</p>
10.5 - Water Rates Remission due to Water Leak	<p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7</p>
10.6 - District Plan Key Project Status Report	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7</p>

	<p>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</p> <p>s7(2)(f)(i) - free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority</p>	
10.7 - Minutes and Recommendations of the Chief Executive Employment and Performance Committee Meeting held on 30 June 2023	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
10.8 - Approval to sell property - 83 Porangahau Road	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p> <p>s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary 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</p> <p>s7(2)(f)(i) - free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

RECOMMENDATION

Moved:
Seconded:

That Council moves out of Public Excluded at

11 TIME OF CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the next Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 21 September 2023.

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CHAIRPERSON

6 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

7 REPORT SECTION

7.1 RESOLUTION MONITORING REPORT

File Number: COU1-1400

Author: Annelie Roets, Governance Lead

Authoriser: Doug Tate, Chief Executive

Attachments: 1. 21 Sept 2023 Council Resolution Monitoring Report [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the Resolution Monitoring Report. This report seeks to ensure Council has visibility over work that is progressing, following resolutions from Council.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

This report is provided for information purposes only and has been assessed as not significant.

DISCUSSION

The monitoring report is **attached**.

IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT

This report confirms that the matter concerned has no particular implications and has been dealt with in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. Specifically:

- Council staff have delegated authority for any decisions made.
- Council staff have identified and assessed all reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter and considered the views and preferences of any interested or affected persons (including Māori), in proportion to the significance of the matter.
- Any decisions made will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses.
- Unless stated above, any decisions made can be addressed through current funding under the Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan.
- Any decisions made are consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- No decisions have been made that would significantly alter the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council or would transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

NEXT STEPS

An updated Resolution Monitoring Report will be presented at the next Ordinary Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.



Council Resolution Monitoring Report 21 September 2023

Key	
Completed	
On Track	
Off Track	

Item Number	Item	Council Resolution or Action	Resolution Date	Responsible Officer	Progress Report	
1	7.2	Third Quarter Non-Financial Performance Report (Jan - March '23)	2. That council schedule a review of the measures and tools for building the LTP including Snap, Send Solve.	18-May-23	Doug Tate	On Track - This item has been reopened. Measures such as open RFS' will be included as part of updates to the Organisational Performance Report and also noting Councillors will have the opportunity as part of the Long Term Plan measures review also.
2	7.3	Centralines Aquatic Centre - Annual Plan 2023/24	1. That the report is noted. 2. That Council notes that a Section 17a Review will be conducted in collaboration with the Trust ahead of the development of a new agreement beyond 30 June 2024. 3. That subject to the funding for urgent works being confirmed by Council, Officers will develop an agreement with the Trust confirming expectations and obligations of the funding, including that the Trust continue to seek external funding support for the required works.	15-Jun-23	Dennise Elers	On Track - Planning for this work is underway following Councils resolutions of 15 June with a draft funding agreement currently being reviewed by the Trust.
3	7.6	Kairakau Water Treatment Plant Upgrade - Approval for funding and procurement	1. That Council note the update on the project physical and financial progress 2. That Council approve the increase in contract value to Trility from \$951,398 to \$1,188,480. 3. That Council note the increase in total project budget from \$1.289,000m to \$1,700,000 to be funded from the water capital programme. 4. That council endorse and accept an internal review of financial controls and process for capital projects to be completed and reported to the next Risk and Assurance Committee in September 2023.	15-Jun-23	Rueben George	On Track - Item number four is included in the Risk and Assurance Work Programme for its December 2023 meeting.
4	9.3	TukiTuki (Tarewa) Swing Bridge - Project Direction	That having considered all matters raised in the report: 1. Council approves the continuation of the project to rebuild the Tukituki (Tarewa) Swing Bridge including the attached wastewater conveyance pipe. 2. That this report be released as publicly available information on 15 June 2023.	15-Jun-23	Ben Swinburne	On Track - Work has recommenced to finalise both the bridge design and Resource consent conditions,, with further due diligence on matters as highlighted in the meeting underway.

5	7.3	Electoral System for 2025 Local Government Elections	That Council: 1. Exercises its discretion under Section 79(1)(a) and 82(3) of the Act and makes a decision on this issue without conferring directly with the community or others due to the option available to the public to demand a poll under the Local Electoral Act should they choose to do so and can obtain the necessary number of signatures (5% of the electors). 2. Resolves to retain the status quo and continue with the First Past the Post electoral system; 3. Gives public notice - by 19 September 2023 – of resolution 2 (above) and that electors have the right to demand a poll on the electoral system to be used for the next two triennial elections.	17-Aug-23	Annelie Roets	Complete - This has been advertised in accordance with the legislative timeframe.
6	7.4	Update on Central Hawke's Bay Mayoral Relief Fund and Recommended Closure of Fund	1. That the Council note the contents of this report and the allocation of funds for the period. 2. That the Council close the fund effective 31 August 2023 with the remaining funds being distributed as follows: \$2k to the remaining yellow stickered property owners yet to be paid out, \$10k to the East Coast Bay Rural Support Trust for the support of rural communities in the Central Hawke's Bay, \$10k of funds be provided to the Rotary River Pathway Trust for repairs, and the balance be added the Mayoral Fund for the Mayor to distribute to those impacted by the Cyclone as needed.	17-Aug-23	Brent Chamberlain	Completed Payments have been made, applications have now closed, and residual funds handed back to the Mayor to administer.
7	7.6	Citizens Initiated Referenda on State Highway Maintenance	1. That Council support the Petition for State Highway Maintenance Referenda, and request the Chief Executive Officer to make the petition available at suitable Council facilities.	17-Aug-23	Annelie Roets / Doug Tate	Completed Petition for State Highway Maintenance Referenda made available to public at Council facilities & Libraries

7.2 IMPACTS OF CYCLONE GABRIELLE - CAPITAL PROJECT REPHASING

File Number:

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Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a formal update to Council on its capital program and debt funding forecasts for 2023/2024, in response to ensuring Council holds sufficient debt headroom for the uncertainty and multiple challenges ahead relating to Cyclone Gabrielle.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **That the report is noted.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council finds itself in a period of uncertainty post Cyclone Gabrielle having to balance cyclone recovery in a period of uncertainty regarding government assistance in this matter, while also facing cost pressures in other areas of business as a result of inflation, rising interest costs, and in particular high construction costs.

As a result, Council Officers are proposing a rephasing of its capital program for the remainder of 2023/2024 to ensure that it lives within existing budgets and doesn't add excessively to inflation through requiring higher rates increases that previously signalled.

BACKGROUND

Council finds itself in a period of uncertainty following the events of February 2023 (Cyclone Gabrielle). While Central Government has assisted through some additional Waka Kotahi Funding for roading repairs and setting up a silt fund these funds are not sufficient to return the district back to pre-cyclone condition, and in addition Central Government has imposed additional unfunded mandates on Councils to provide 50% funding for possible property buy-outs in land category 3.

In addition, Central Government has moved the goal posts for 3 Waters Reform (now known as Affordable Waters Reform). Originally this reform was due to take place on the 30 June 2024 which would have seen 84% of Councils existing debt transferred to a 3rd party. This relief has now been pushed out by up to 2 years.

The upcoming general election is also causing uncertainty with government policies likely to be reset post October once the new government is decided.

All this is on the back of high inflation, high interest rates, and construction inflation in double digits. The double-digit construction inflation over the past couple of years means the budget contained in the original Long-Term Plan will no longer be sufficient to deliver the planned project.

All of the above is causing Council to re-evaluate its proposed capital program for 2023/2024 and slow some of its planned sequencing until funding streams and government policy resets become cleared.

DISCUSSION

Council has an existing treasury policy that allows it to borrow up to 150% of its annual operating revenues.

Based on its end of year 30 June 2023 position, and its adopted annual plan it is projecting to be at or near its borrowing limit by the end of June 2024.

Council has the option of getting a credit rating which would lift its debt cap beyond 150%, or to slow its capital program until the new expected Affordable Waters transition date to stay within its existing policy settings.

Given the financial pressures facing the district, Council Officers are proposing the second option as the first option would require further significant rate increases into the future, particularly in the delivery of water and wastewater services to service this new debt.

Councils existing capital program is water, wastewater, and stormwater heavy with these activities accounting for over 70% of Councils planned capital spend during 2023/2024 so these are the areas that can have the biggest impact on Councils Capital Reset.

Council starts this financial year with many projects in train, with let construction contracts, so it can only slow projects not yet started.

The Cyclone has heightened the focus onto stormwater, Officers are not proposing significant program changes in this activity.

Based on the above Officers believe they can reduce the proposed capital program contained in the Annual Plan by \$15m predominately across drinking water \$4m and wastewater \$11m.

In making this assessment, Officers have sought legal advice confirming that this approach will not trigger the requirement for an amendment to the Long Term Plan or trigger Councils Significance and Engagement Policy.

While this significantly restricts the need for new debt in 2023/2024 this is only forms part of the rates requirement so this won't stop the need for rates increases in 2024/2025 but will help to dampen the increase required.

	Drinking Water Rate per connection	Wastewater Rate per connection	Total Connection Charges per 2 Waters
Actual Rates 2023/2024	\$1,011.54	\$1,026.00	\$2,037.54
Projected Rates 2024/2025 with \$15m capital rephasing	\$1,266.29	\$1,116.77	\$2,383.06
Projected Rates 2024/2025 without \$15m capital rephasing	\$1,347.33	\$1,351.31	\$2,698.64
Difference	\$81.04 or 8.0%	\$234.54 or 22.9%	\$315.58 or 15.5%

Where are the program changes recommended:

Drinking Water – Second Supply Project

It is proposed a rephasing of the second supply project with focus on resilience of the Tikokino Treatment Plant that supplies water to the reservoir.

This project is the joining of the Waipawa/Otāne and Waipukurau water networks together with a joining pipeline and a new central reservoir. This will also in time allow Council to take the existing town reservoirs offline to allow for replacement. This project has been impacted by the cyclone and

other flooding events with the impact on the Tikokino Road Water Treatment Plant which feeds the supply of the reservoir more detail is presented in the report.

Risks – this project was to increase resilience for the Waipukarau Community which currently only has one water source and a reservoir nearing end of life an engineering term to trigger replacement of an asset. The second supply project was a backup water supply and to allow for options for replacements of the existing reservoirs.

Tikokino Road Water Treatment Plant

It is proposed further resilience is created for this asset with the construction of stop bank protection to give time to assess further options.

This treatment plant was Impacted in the recent cyclone due the Waipawa River breaching its banks and overwhelming and damaging the deflection stop bank which had protected the asset. In an ideal world Council would be relocating the plant further away from the river at a cost of \$6.4m, or the second preference is to build a private stop bank around the plant at a cost of \$2.5m

Risks – This asset is at risk of flooding again causing similar damage to the cyclone which lead to the plant having large scale repairs meaning Waipawa and Otāne were without treated water for a period of weeks.

External Funding – Council has applied to central government for some external funding for the stop bank option through a flood resilience fund. Council is waiting to hear the outcome of this funding and if successful will reinstate this project.

Reservoir Replacement Program

It is proposed to rephase as we understand the 3 Waters Reform and complete work to protect the Tikokino Water Treatment plant, this project which was to replace both the Waipawa/ Otāne and Waipukarau reservoirs.

As stated earlier, Council has aged reservoirs servicing Waipawa/Otāne and Waipukarau.

Risks - These reservoirs are all near the end of life and in danger of failure. Currently Council doesn't have backups for these reservoirs and is unable to take them offline to replace them. The planned replacement is conditional on work to protect and provide resilience to the Tikokino Water Treatment Plant that was impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle and other heavy rain events.

Renewal Program across Drinking and Wastewater

In Councils existing Long Term Plan it planned to replace lengths of its drinking water and wastewater networks. Under this rephasing this work would become reactive rather proactive replacing the network as required.

Risks – While in years 1-2 of the Long Term Plan the highest risk pipelines have been upgraded there are plenty more that are near the end of life. This reactive renewal program doesn't do enough to bring the average age of the network down as anticipated which heightens the risk of pipe failure.

Waipawa/Otāne /Waipukarau Wastewater super plant

It is proposed council officers work with our technical advisors to consider options for rephasing the Wastewater programme.

Council's wastewater plants are currently not fully compliant with existing wastewater standards. Rather than upgrade the standalone plants at each of the 3 towns listed above, the decision was made at the time of the Long Term Plan to build a single Super Wastewater plant in Waipawa and pipe the waste from the other towns to Waipawa for treatment.

In Years 1-2 of the Long Term Plan Otāne and Waipawa systems have been connected and treatment improvements have been made and while the plant is more compliant now than it was in 2019, it still requires further upgrades. Waipukurau continues to operate as a standalone plant.

Risks – Further prosecution by Regional Council for non-compliance and community expectations not being met.

Porangahau/Te Paerahi Wastewater plant

It is proposed council officers work with our technical advisors to consider options for rephasing the Wastewater programme.

This plant's consent has expired, and Council is currently working through the requirements to obtain a new consent with Regional Council. The conditions of the new consent will require plant upgrades to be undertaken.

Risk – if this work is not undertaken then there is a risk that the Consent renewal will put timeframes around the upgrades and this would need to be considered once this information is known.

Takapau Wastewater plant

It is proposed council officers work with our technical advisors to consider options for rephasing the Wastewater programme.

This plant's consent has recently been renewed with the expectations of upgrades to occur.

Risk – if this work is not undertaken then there is a risk that the Consent conditions will be breached, and community expectations not being met.

While Council officers are proposing a slowing of the projects above, the engineering for many of them is complete and it wouldn't take much to restart the existing programs if economic conditions or the possible change in government and external funding lines allow this to happen.

Way Forward

Council has the ability to amend its capital program changes above in totality or in part.

By accepting them in totality Council will reduce its capital program and loan funding for 2023/24 by \$15m, thus reducing the rating requirement next year to service this loan.

This will keep Council within its existing debt cap for longer while uncertainties around Cyclone Recovery funding, General Elections, and 3 Waters transitions are resolved. Following the General Elections once 3 Waters Reform is understood the council will reassess the phasing of the capital program.

The downside to these actions is the acceptance of a higher risk profile due to asset failure, further consent breaches, and public perception of delivery on programmes within proposed timeframes.

Council could also pick and choose which programs to vary, and which ones to continue with as planned. This will result in a different risk profile, and different rating and debt cap result depending on the selection.

Council could also reject all proposals and push on with the program as laid out in the annual plan, thus accepting a higher level of debt and rate increases next year.

At this time Officers are not seeking a formal decision of Council, simply providing a formal update to Elected Members, noting that Councillors have been briefed on these matters across a number of forums. Council will however likely need to make some formal decisions, late this calendar year to formally give guidance and instruction to Officers on the direction of key projects.

RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION

By rephrasing the capital program Council is trading financial risk for operation risk. That is many of the changes increase the risk of failure of aged assets or upsetting Regional Council and/or the public through failing to deliver planned upgrades as quickly as previously proposed.

Council officers will continue to work with our partners to understand risks and work on measures that are fit for purpose.

For a full details of the risk by project refer to the discussion section of this report.

FOUR WELLBEINGS

The proposed changes to the capital program will help dampen future rates increases which will help the community's economic wellbeing, but on the flip side continued non-compliant and aged assets will continue to have resilience, cultural and environment impacts that are not ideal.

DELEGATIONS OR AUTHORITY

Council has the ability to set budgets and capital programs for the year.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as of some significance as it starts to vary from the deliverables of the annual plan of the year, however is still consistent with the Long-Term Plan.

NEXT STEPS

Council Officers will take on board the advice and direction of Councillors and adjust/or not the program as requested. They will continue to work with stake holders to inform them of any changes to priorities.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report is noted.

7.3 ADOPTION OF LONG TERM PLAN GROWTH ASSUMPTIONS 2024 - 2034

File Number:**Author:** Lisa Harrison, Customer Relationships and Experience Manager**Authoriser:** Doug Tate, Chief Executive**Attachments:** 1. **Growth Assumptions Report - Framing the Future of Central Hawke's Bay - August 2023** [↓](#)**PURPOSE**

The matter for consideration by the Council is the adoption of the growth assumptions for the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That having considered all matters raised in the report:

1. **That Council accept the recommendation to base the relevant components of the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan on the medium growth scenario outlined in the Central Hawke's Bay District Demographic and Economic Growth Projections Report – Framing the Future of Central Hawke's Bay – August 2023.**

BACKGROUND

On 3 August, Council was presented with a draft of the Central Hawke's Bay District Demographic and Economic Growth Projections Report - Framing the Future of Central Hawke's Bay, which was drafted by Nigel Pinkerton, who is an Economist for Squillions. This report contained three different growth scenarios (low, medium, high) for discussion.

Since this meeting, further advice has been sought on the growth assumption scenarios and further feedback from councillors has been considered by economist Nigel Pinkerton. Other factors of consideration in this review included reviewing the latest subdivision and building consent data and understanding the availability of sections to build on in the District.

The attached revised report reflects an updated medium scenario which has moved from 2.5% to 2%. This is based off feedback from councillors and further advice from Nigel Pinkerton.

Forecasting assumptions are one of the essential building blocks of the Long Term Plan. All of our forecasting assumptions are important pieces of information in their own right as they actively demonstrate that the long-term planning is long-term, but as growth requires an initial base it also demonstrates that the plan is current.

There are three major aspects to forecasting assumptions:

1. Growth Assumptions – population and economic
2. Activity Assumptions – major assumptions for individual activity areas, i.e., how legislation may impact a particular area.
3. Other assumptions – typically factors that impact other locations as well, i.e., climate change.

The Central Hawke's Bay District Demographic and Economic Growth Projections Report – Framing the Future of Central Hawke's Bay addresses the first area, however, assumptions in the other activity areas will be based off this, such as increases to services.

This report now seeks the adoption of the growth assumptions by Council, as a foundational document in the development of the Long Term Plan 2024 – 2034.

RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION

There are no significant risks with adoption of the recommended option being option one.

However, it is important that these projections are not mistaken for predictions. They are a model of likely change based on historical trends and current and future influences.

FOUR WELLBEINGS

This work does not directly tie into the Four Wellbeing's but supports Councils ability to appropriately plan for the ongoing prosperity of Central Hawke's Bay.

DELEGATIONS OR AUTHORITY

Given the implications of the scenarios, and how foundational it is to what is included in the Long Term Plan, it is important that Elected Members approve a growth scenario to base our planning off.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as medium significance.

OPTIONS ANALYSIS

The adoption of option one will allow asset and activity managers to confirm the growth assumption scenarios for the completion of asset and activity management plans for presentation to Councillors as part of the Long-Term Plan development.

	<u>Option 1</u>	<u>Option 2</u>	<u>Option 3</u>
	Adopt the medium growth scenario	Adopt the low or high growth scenario	Do not adopt a growth scenario
Financial and Operational Implications	<p>Activity Managers have been basing their modelling on the medium growth scenario to date.</p> <p>There are no financial and/or operational implications if this option is adopted.</p>	<p>Activity Managers have been basing their modelling on the medium growth scenario to date.</p> <p>If a low or high growth scenario was adopted there will be some rework of assumptions based on activity managers working on a medium scenario.</p> <p>Taking a low or high approach, would not include potential additional revenue from Development Contributions and unnecessarily restrict rating inputs based on affordability metrics in the future.</p>	<p>If no scenario is adopted, this will mean that AMPs are drafted on a scenario that is possibly not adopted through the significant assumptions work. This could then mean major rework of the AMPs and will significantly impact the overall timeline for the delivery of the LTP.</p>

Long Term Plan and Annual Plan Implications	Growth assumptions have to be adopted as part of the LTP process.	Growth assumptions have to be adopted as part of the LTP process.	Growth assumptions have to be adopted as part of the LTP process. If not adopted now, they will be adopted as part of the significant assumptions report, however, are too late for the development of long term plans.
Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes	<p>Growth assumptions form the basis for good quality asset and activity planning.</p> <p>Confirmation of this data will enable asset and activity managers to prepare their asset and activity management plans based on historical trends and current and future influences.</p>	<p>Growth assumptions form the basis for good quality asset and activity planning.</p> <p>Adopting this growth scenario is not the most appropriate option for the District based on historical trends and current and future influences.</p>	<p>Growth assumptions form the basis for good quality asset and activity planning.</p> <p>Placing limits on the timeframes on the confirmation of this data will limit the timeframe to provide good quality data in asset and activity management plans.</p>
Statutory Requirements	The wider Significant Assumptions piece has to be adopted by Council as part of the LTP. Having adopted a scenario, this will make this process more straightforward.	The wider Significant Assumptions piece has to be adopted by Council as part of the LTP. Having adopted a scenario, this will make this process more straightforward.	The wider Significant Assumptions piece has to be adopted by Council as part of the LTP. If no scenario is adopted now, it will mean that this process will possibly require multiple workshops. It will also mean that AMPs may have to be rewritten if the growth assumptions that are adopted as part of the significant assumptions are different to what they have based their work on. This will push out deadlines for the LTP.
Consistency with Policies and Plans	This option is consistent with policies and plans.	This option is consistent with policies and plans.	This option is not consistent with our policies and plans.

Recommended Option

This report recommends option one - Adopt the medium growth scenario for addressing the matter.

NEXT STEPS

That the Central Hawke's Bay District Demographic and Economic Growth Projections Report - Framing the Future of Central Hawke's Bay is made publicly available on our website.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **That Council accept the recommendation to base the relevant components of the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan on the medium growth scenario outlined in the Central Hawke's Bay District Demographic and Economic Growth Projections Report – Framing the Future of Central Hawke's Bay – August 2023.**



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Background

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Executive summary

Central Hawke's Bay is rich in rural amenity, offers lower living costs than the large urban centres, has less traffic congestion and a strong sense of community. These attributes, coupled with the increasing availability of remote work opportunities and improvements in public transport routes, contribute to the district's appeal to young professionals looking for a desirable and affordable work-life balance.

For the year to March 2022, there were approximately 1,700 more employed residents than there were jobs based in Central Hawke's Bay (demonstrating the district's appeal to mobile workers). Projecting future growth in the district rests largely on the district's continued appeal to migrants, and its ability to retain or attract back working-age residents.

Latest indicators

The Central Hawke's Bay economy has continued to display resilience following Cyclone Gabrielle in February 2023. The population appears to be continuously growing based on an increase in health enrolments, including the 15-39 age demographic thanks to inward migration. There are positive signs in the job market, despite macroeconomic challenges, although high inflation has impacted wages.

Māori access to primary health care has improved, but a disproportionate percentage of people receiving benefits identify as Māori.

There is a large pipeline of commercial consents, largely in the education, farming, and retail sectors. Conversely, retail and tourist spending, along with vehicle sales have declined due to the challenging economic landscape.

Key indicators:

- There was a 1.8% rise in health enrolments in the district.
- The local job market expanded by 1.5% despite facing economic challenges, such as the effects of Cyclone Gabrielle.
- The number of Māori enrolled with a PHO rose by 300 persons over the last three years.
- House prices dropped by 22% over the last year.
- Retail spending, tourist spending, and vehicle sales have declined due to economic uncertainties.

Māori in Central Hawke's Bay

Between Census years, obtaining comprehensive statistics related to Māori is challenging. The difficulties encountered by Census officials in establishing effective engagement with Māori communities for Census 2023 will compound this information gap. However, by combining multiple sources of administrative data, we can construct a profile of Māori in Central Hawke's Bay and help underscore the significant role, challenges, and opportunities that the Mana Whenua play in shaping the economic blueprint of the district. Work by council in engagement with Mana Whenua and bridging this information gap is ongoing.

Longer-term trends

Central Hawke's Bay has seen significant growth in job opportunities, driven by a rise in inbound migration from other parts of New Zealand. The number of residents engaged in paid work is a third higher than the number of jobs physically located in the district, highlighting the role of commuting and remote work. Despite a decrease in agricultural employment due to increased productivity, it



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remains a significant part of the local job market alongside the burgeoning service and construction sectors.

This population increase and boost in a mobile workforce began in 2013, with people attracted by various factors such as lower living costs, less traffic congestion, and good transportation links. Population growth averaged 2.1% annually, exceeding both the national average and neighbouring regions. This trend has also led to local business growth, stemming from both the new skills brought in by the migratory workforce and increased demand for local services. Relatively affordable housing has proved an attractive feature for young professionals, with rents in Central Hawke's Bay 14% lower over the year to May 2023 compared to neighbouring Hastings District, and 24% lower than Auckland.

A considerable part of the workforce in Central Hawke's Bay earns their income through remote work or commuting to jobs in other areas. These workers often earn more than those who both live and work within the district. This pattern shows the potential for greater economic development within the region due to the availability of skilled residents.

Over recent years, there has been a notable decline in agriculture jobs and a more significant growth in service and construction industries. Greater efficiency in agriculture has led to job losses but has also allowed displaced workers to find new opportunities in other sectors, such as construction. The building industry has grown by almost 12% annually thanks to the region's demographical expansion. Food production and manufacturing linked to agriculture remain significant contributors to the job market and, along with the service and construction sectors, lead as the district's prominent employers.

Opportunities for economic development:

- Over a quarter of the Central Hawke's Bay population identify as Māori, creating economic prospects in sectors that embrace indigenous principles and values with opportunities for Māori career pathways and business models. Māori have a much younger age demographic which can help balance the pressure of an aging workforce on labour supply.
- With over 21% of the local population over 65, and a further 15% nearing this age, significant growth is predicted in healthcare and social assistance, which could include innovation in healthcare products and the development of a residential retirement facility.
- As population growth spreads in Central Hawke's Bay, there's an increasing demand for quality services and infrastructure, such as transport, digital connectivity, health, and education, suggesting opportunities for investments and partnerships.
- Progress on productivity and wages could stimulate the economy, with potential for entrepreneurial skilled migrants diversifying the primarily agricultural job market and creating new industries and opportunities. The district is well-placed to leverage its experience in agriculture to cater to consumer interest in plant-based and sustainable products.

Population projections

Central Hawke's Bay District is projected to see significant growth over the next decade, with an influx of 5,000 new residents and demand for 1,500 more housing units. However, there are downside risks. Slowing migration, decreasing job opportunities, and reduced housing demand could indicate less favourable outcomes. On the other hand, recovery efforts from cyclones, economic prosperity, and the district's appeal to remote workers could boost growth further. Monitoring these trends will help to navigate the challenges and opportunities accompanying this growth.

Medium scenario:

The medium scenario assumes a continuation of current trends, projecting an increased population of



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nearly 4,000 people over the next ten years, a result of consistent net positive migration. There is an expectation of an ageing population, stable economic growth, balanced housing market, status quo policies, and no major environmental triggers. Risks to this outlook include economic instability, an over-reliance on agriculture, decline in housing affordability, severe climate change events, labour supply, demographic balance, and policy changes.

- Estimated population growth of 2% annually for the next 10 years.
- Estimated number of inhabitants reaching over 19,000 by 2033.
- Average household size likely to increase due to migration patterns.
- Increase in population aged over 65, rising to 25% by 2033.
- Expected requirement of around 1,100 new dwellings over the next decade (110 per year).

High Scenario:

The high scenario predicts larger population growth due to a significant increase in migration into the district and assumes a more robust economy, policy favourability, and potentially perceived environmental security (relative to neighbouring districts that have been more affected by extreme weather events). It expects younger families moving into the district, changing the age demographic. However, the pressure of rapid population increase may strain housing and labour resources and increase the demographic skew towards the young.

- Robust annual population growth of 3.2% for the next decade.
- Anticipated population of over 22,000 people by 2033.
- An estimated 2,000 new dwellings needed over the next ten years.
- Increase in population aged over 65 to 23% by 2033.
- Essential infrastructure investments to support the growing population.
- Expected requirement of around 2,000 new dwellings over the next decade (200 per year).

Central Hawke's Bay could experience growth like areas of Canterbury during the post-2011 earthquake boom, as people may be drawn to its safety compared to areas more severely affected by the cyclone. Its size and infrastructure features differ, but may present opportunities for expansion and development to accommodate new residents.

Low Scenario:

The low scenario contemplates a slowed migration rate, moderate economic growth, and an aging population. Consequently, it anticipates minimal population growth (increasing by only 2,000 over ten years) and an increased skew towards an older demographic. Under this scenario, extreme weather events would affect people's willingness to move to the area, either because the district is directly affected, or indirectly because of negative perceptions. The possibility of economic contraction, workforce shortage, and reduced demand for services are significant risks under this scenario.

- Estimated annual population growth of 0.8% over the next decade.
- Projected population of just over 17,000 people by 2030.
- Less than 600 households expected to form over the next ten years.
- Increase in population aged over 65 to 27% by 2033.
- A smaller population causing potential economic stagnation and reduced demand for goods and services.
- Expected requirement of around 600 new dwellings over the next decade (60 per year).

The low scenario is a planning tool to help monitor risks and show how the district might evolve if status quo trends were to change.



Central Hawke's Bay in focus: economic briefing

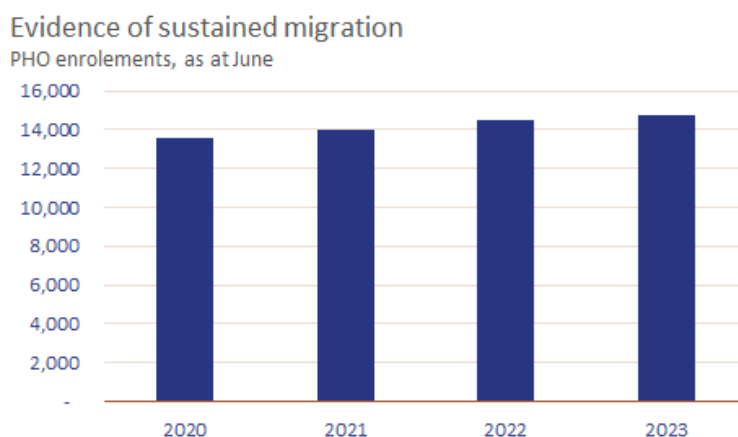
In this section we delve into macroeconomic indicators and the current state of the district, providing a comprehensive view of the key drivers of economic growth and development as context for the forward-looking projections (page 21). Despite the significant challenge of Cyclone Gabrielle, the Central Hawke's Bay economy continues to show signs of resilience.

Unwavering Rise: Signs point to continued population growth to June 2023

Health enrolments serve as a proxy to gauge population growth within a district. A 1.8% increase in total health enrolments was observed in Central Hawke's Bay district in June 2023, compared to the previous year.

Importantly, this indicates no significant outward migration from the district following Cyclone Gabrielle in February 2023. Although recent enrolment growth was slower than during 2022 and 2021, the latest increase suggests net migration remains positive.

Figure 1: Total health enrolments, Central Hawke's Bay



When interpreting the age distribution of health enrolments, it is unsurprising to find an increasing representation of individuals within the over 65 age brackets, indicating a steady aging population. However, an inward migration of working-age individuals has notably augmented the 15-39 age demographic. For a comprehensive discussion on population trends, refer to page 12.

Māori access primary health care in greater numbers

In June 2023, the percentage of individuals identifying as Māori who enrolled in a primary health organisation (PHO) in Central Hawke's Bay District stood at 21%. However, this fell short of the 26% of residents claiming Māori descent during the last census. A PHO allows voluntary enrolment for reduced costs on doctor visits and prescription medicines. Over the preceding three years, the district saw total Māori PHO enrolments lift by 300 people, an increase of 10.5% (compared to 8.3% for non-Māori).

Gains and strains: a tale of job market expansion and earnings pressure

Even given the local effects of Cyclone Gabrielle and a challenging macroeconomic context across New Zealand, the job market in Central Hawke's Bay District has been expanding. While not reaching the growth rate of the previous year, 110 new jobs were added in the year to May 2023¹.

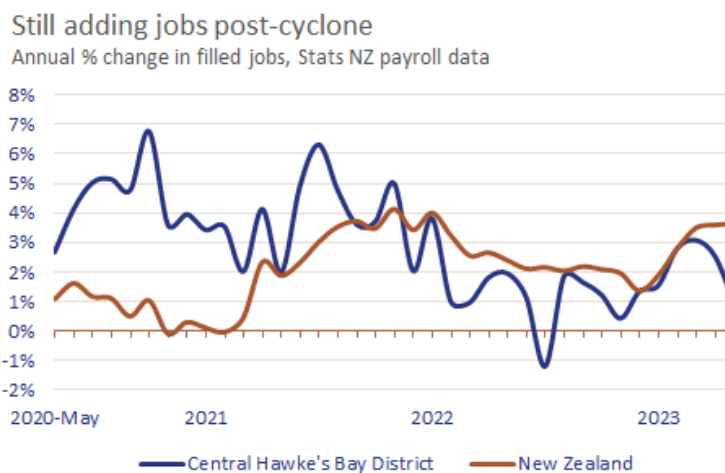
Table 1: Annual employment in Central Hawke's Bay and New Zealand
Statistics New Zealand payday filings

	Year ended		Jobs created	Annual growth	
	May-23	May-22		Jobs	Wages
Central Hawke's Bay District	7,280	7,170	110	1.5%	7.3%
Hawke's Bay Region	81,150	79,880	1,270	1.6%	7.1%
New Zealand	2,333,440	2,277,530	55,910	2.4%	6.2%

Annual jobs growth dipped to 1.5% for the year to May, compared to 3.3% the previous year. After three years of consistent growth, this smaller increase is still a good result. The ongoing shedding of jobs in agriculture has continued (see page 16 for a full analysis). However, service sectors such as Financial and Insurance Services are showing robust growth.

Employees are seeing nominal wage growth, with annual estimated wages up 7.3% for the year. But wages have been in catch-up mode since a weak start to 2022. Current wage growth is occurring in a high-inflation environment, with 6.0% CPI inflation for the year to June 2023. Facing rising food and housing costs, the average employee in the district may feel like their purchasing power is static at best.

Figure 2: Annual growth in total jobs



¹ Statistics New Zealand's payroll data offers more recent job growth insights, while the LEED data presented on page 4 provides a much richer, detailed picture of employment, but with a longer delay.

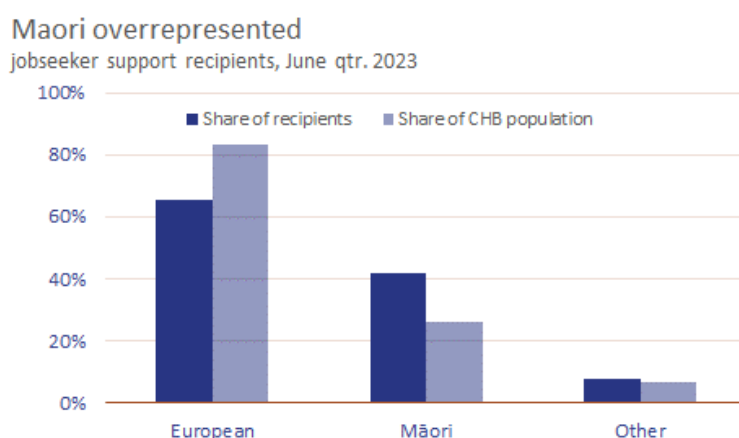
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Cyclone Gabrielle had immediate impacts across multiple sectors. However, with three months of subsequent jobs data, we haven't seen a material impact on overall employment or average earnings. Recovery efforts in the medium to long-term have the potential to boost employment opportunities in some industries, while others will face significant near-term challenges due to damage to land, plantings, buildings, and other infrastructure.

Relatively small rise in benefit recipients

The number of people in the district receiving any main benefit rose 3.2% for the year to June 2023. On average 925 people were on a main benefit over the last year, slightly above the average for the previous three years (890 people). In the context of strong population growth in recent years, economic headwinds, and disruptions from the cyclone, the modest increase in people receiving main benefits is consistent with a relatively resilient local economy.

Figure 3: Ethnic identity of jobseeker support recipients



Note individuals may identify with multiple ethnic groups, so totals can add to more than 100%

In the June 2023 quarter, 41% of people receiving a main benefit in Central Hawke's Bay District identified as Māori². When looking at just jobseeker support recipients, 42% identified as Māori in the latest quarter. Given 26% of the population claimed Māori descent at the last Census, this data suggests Māori are more likely to end up on a benefit in Central Hawke's Bay, whether due to poor health or employment outcomes.

Housing market squeeze: falling demand, rising costs

Decreased profits due to falling house prices and rising construction costs have limited the risk appetite of developers. Strained household budgets from high interest rates and inflation are also leading to a lower demand for new homes compared to the last 2-3 years.

To May of this year, there were 89 new residential consents issued in Central Hawke's Bay District³, a 21% drop from the previous year. The total value of residential consents fell at a slower rate (down 16%pa), but the key drivers were higher building and financing costs.

²Ministry of Social Development

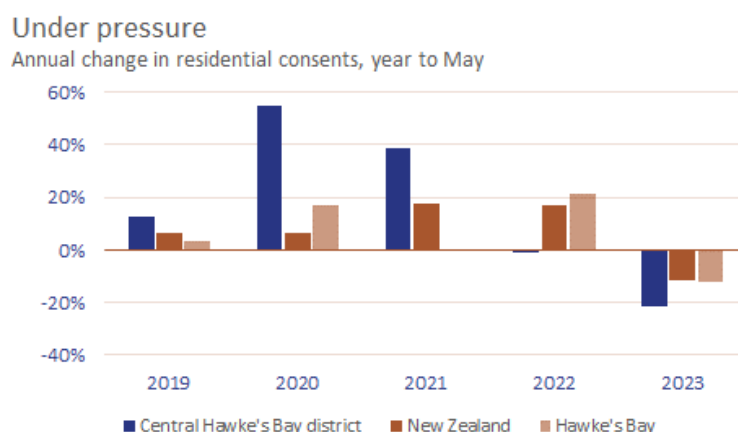
³ Stats NZ, new residential dwellings (excluding alterations)

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The district's building activity has moved in line with the national trend over the last year. The number of new homes consented in New Zealand for the year ending May 2023 fell 11%, back to 2021 levels.

Nationally, there has continued to be a shift towards apartments and multi-unit dwellings. The number of single-family houses consented declined 24%, while multi-unit homes saw only a slight decrease of 0.2%. However, the number of apartments and retirement village units saw an increase of 3.1% and 16% respectively. There have been no apartment or retirement village developments consented in Central Hawke's Bay over the last few years, but there has been a small number of townhouses and other multi-unit dwellings.

Figure 4: Residential consents annual growth

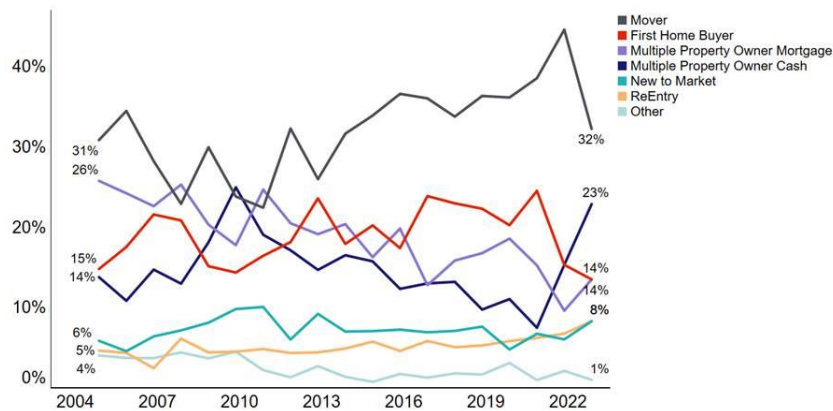


House prices fell nearly 22% over the last year in Central Hawke's Bay⁴. With May 2022 being the peak of the market, we can now see the full extent of the fall in annual terms. While the rate of decline appears to have slowed, low sales volumes make it hard to extrapolate from the latest numbers.

So far in the 2023 calendar year, the type of buyers purchasing property in Central Hawke's Bay District has shown volatility. The most noticeable changes have been a dramatic decrease in movers, or individuals changing residences within the district, while the number of cash buyers with multiple properties has seen a significant increase. Volatility is to be expected when sales volumes are low, but the decrease in movers is consistent with the marginally slower population growth from health enrolments.

⁴ According to the QV house price index.

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Figure 5: House buyer classification in Central Hawke's Bay District⁵**Solid construction pipeline for commercial**

Commercial consents rose back up to near 2021 levels over the year to May⁶. This lift was underpinned by large projects across the education, general commercial, retail, and farming sectors.

Table 2: Non-residential consents in Central Hawke's Bay, year to May

Year	New				Altered	
	Value		Floor area		Floor area	
2019	2,085,000		6,325		943,000	
2020	2,076,990	0%	4,111	-35%	915,000	-3%
2021	8,823,890	325%	8,101	97%	2,811,750	207%
2022	1,942,640	-78%	4,473	-45%	660,000	-77%
2023	6,195,011	219%	9,000	101%	2,083,050	216%

This existing pipeline of work, coupled with rebuilding activity after the cyclone, will keep construction crews busy over the next few months and beyond.

Navigating retail pressure: prices still an issue

Retail spending in Central Hawke's Bay rose 4.8% for the year ending March 2023⁷. Growth has slowed significantly from the previous year when spending jumped 14%. Although spending growth remains positive, current high inflation rates indicate that the actual volume of retail trade is weak.

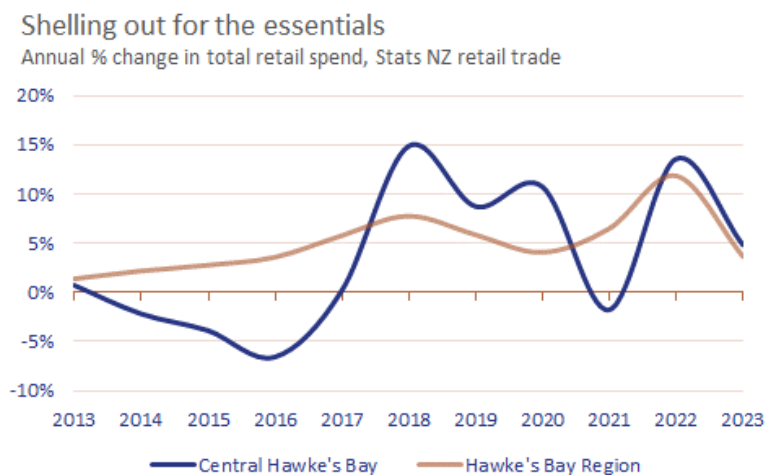
⁵ Chart provided by Core Logic

⁶ Statistics New Zealand

⁷ Statistics New Zealand retail trade survey

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Figure 6: Annual growth in retail spending



Retail spending in the district is low, relative to population size. Total retail spending was \$217m over the year to March. This equates to approximately \$13,500 annual spend per capita, much lower than New Zealand (\$23,400 annual spend per capita) and Hawke's Bay Region (\$20,800). Central Hawke's Bay has a relatively small tourism spend and few employees are currently engaged in the retail sector, outside food, and fuel. There will be leakage of retail spending into nearby Hastings District and Napier City (see the discussion on the retail sector and its opportunities on page 16).

Domestic tourists looking further afield

In Central Hawke's Bay, the tourism landscape is primarily focused on domestic travellers. After being forced to consider local holidays during Covid disruptions, New Zealand travellers are keen to spread their wings overseas once more. Over year to May, the number of New Zealanders venturing beyond our shores for short-term travel overseas rose to 2.1 million, up from 300,000 the previous year⁸.

The substitution away from domestic holidays saw commercial guest nights in Central Hawke's Bay district fall over the last year⁹. The last month we have data for is February 2023, which saw 3,800 guest nights of which almost 90% were domestic. Total guest nights were down almost 20% on the previous February.

⁸ New Zealand residents arriving in New Zealand after an absence of less than 12 months (Stats NZ)

⁹ MBIE Accommodation Data Programme – March to May 2023 is unavailable for CHB due to confidentiality rules, suggesting total guest nights remain at a low ebb.

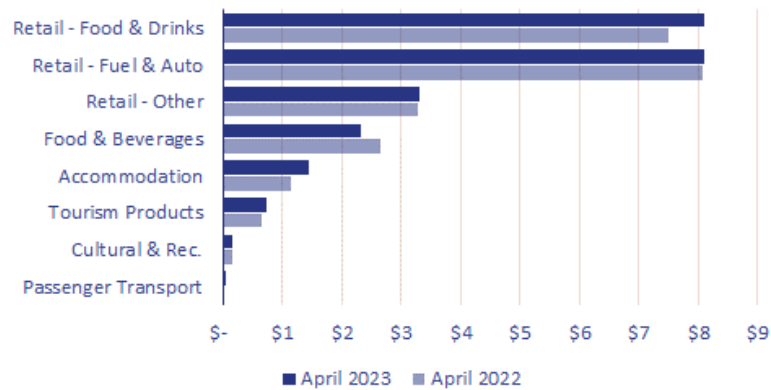
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Figure 7: Tourism spending in Central Hawke's Bay District

Tourism spend dominated by food and fuel

Total tourist electronic card spend, annual (\$m)



In the face of persistent high inflation, the slight 3.1% increase in tourist spending might seem significant, but it's not quite as robust as it appears. Tourists tend to spend most of their money - almost 77% last year - on essentials like food, fuel, and dining out. However, with rising prices artificially inflating this spending, the actual volume of purchases may be under pressure, and tourists may find their budgets tightened as a result.

Shifting gears: Reasons for optimism after lull in vehicle sales

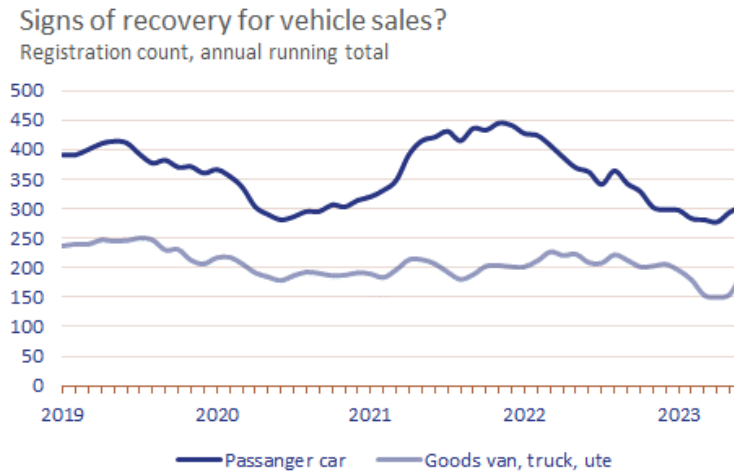
Total vehicle sales in Central Hawke's Bay were down 9.7% for the year to June 2023¹⁰. Passenger car registrations slipped 16% to 304 for the year, while commercial vans and trucks were down 7.7%. Vehicles sales were at their lowest ebb in April after a post-cyclone dip, but the annual totals have edged higher over the last two months.

¹⁰ Waka Kotahi open data

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Figure 8: Annual vehicle sales



Interpreting sales data has been difficult since the Clean Car Discount (Introduced in April 2022) provided a significant incentive to front-load purchases. However, notwithstanding the noise in 2022, annual registrations were notably weaker over the last 18 months.

Investment in big-ticket items (by businesses and households) tends to be delayed in times of economic uncertainty. But given signs of steady population growth, a healthy pipeline of commercial building, and future demand from cyclone recovery efforts, we anticipate that the decline in vehicle sales over the last year is a temporary phenomenon.

Car sales have fallen much further from their peak, amidst stretched household budgets and high interest rates over the last year. Higher vehicle prices have also been a factor in reduced demand. The drop in sales is therefore not indicative of a broader economic downturn, but rather represents a strategic pause as consumers and businesses navigate the current economic landscape.

The long view: Central Hawke's Bay's strides in job creation

This section provides further context to the demographic projections (page 21) by examining the strides made in employment growth in Central Hawke's Bay over the past decade. Taking a longer-term perspective allows us to put recent events, such as Covid-19 and Cyclone Gabrielle, in context and identify larger structural shifts in the local economy.

The story of Central Hawke's Bay is one of a sudden reversal in trends, as the district has emerged as an attractive destination for job seekers from an increasingly mobile workforce across New Zealand. We take the latest employment data¹¹ and outline how these trends continue to shape the district from 2013 to 2023.

Key points from this section:

- The year 2013 marked a turning point in Central Hawke's Bay District's population growth, largely driven by inbound migration from other parts of New Zealand. Lifestyle factors and diverse employment opportunities have attracted younger working-age migrants.
- Current data indicates that the number of residents engaged in paid work is a third higher than the number of jobs physically based in Central Hawke's Bay, underscoring the role of commuting and remote work arrangements in migration into the district.
- Agriculture and food-related occupations continue to play a significant role in the district's local job market, although total agricultural employment has been falling.
- The decline in agricultural employment is primarily due to enhancements in productivity, which require fewer workers to produce the same volume of output.
- Growth in local employment has been predominantly driven by the service and construction sectors.
- Despite changes to the structure of the local job market, a central role for food and farming remains, while sectors like services and construction offer expanding opportunities.

Breathing new life: migrants offsetting aging demographics

Central Hawke's Bay is rich in rural amenity, offers lower living costs than the large urban centres, has less traffic congestion and a strong sense of community. These attributes, coupled with the increasing availability of remote work opportunities and good transportation links, contribute to the district's appeal to young professionals looking for a desirable and affordable work-life balance.

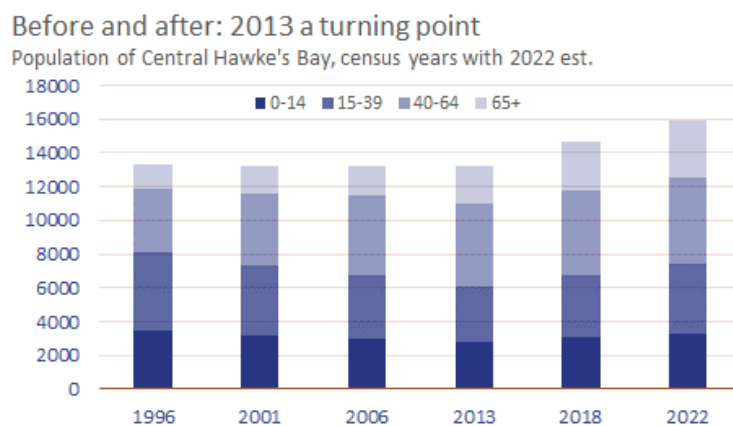
The year 2013 marked a turning point in Central Hawke's Bay District's population growth, largely driven by inbound migration. The growth averaged 2.1% annually from 2013 to 2022, exceeding both the national average and growth rates of its neighbouring areas. Employment growth was slower to rise, reflecting the area's lifestyle allure which attracted residents who initially worked remotely or commuted. However, there are signs that this pattern is beginning to stimulate local job opportunities

¹¹ Currently March 2022 is the most recent available for the detailed picture of jobs and earnings that Statistics NZ LEED data provides. For near-term employment indicators see page 3.

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as the incoming residents' demands prompt local businesses to capitalise on the new skill sets available in town and service growing demand.

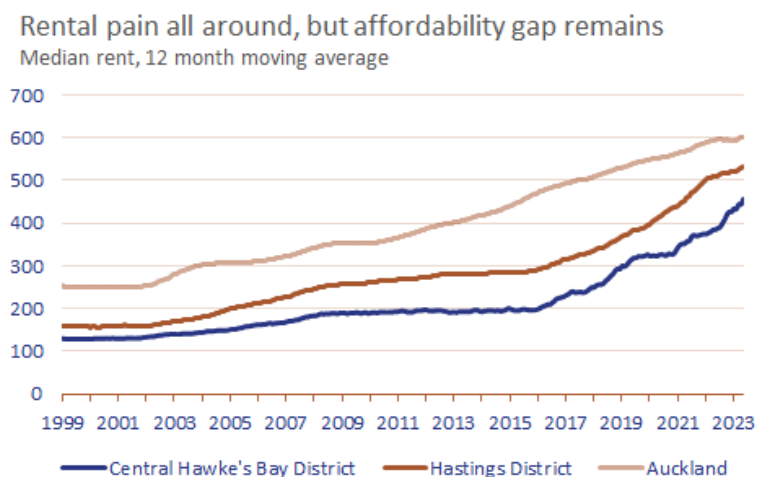
Figure 9: Long-term population change in Central Hawke's Bay



One of the key factors attracting young professionals has been the availability of affordable housing to rent or buy. Median rents were 14% lower in Central Hawke's Bay over the year to May compared to neighbouring Hastings District, and 24% lower than Auckland¹².

House prices have been more volatile, but the long-term trend is similar. Despite the general upward march of house prices and rents in recent memory, Central Hawke's Bay has consistently maintained a cost of housing lower than the national average.

Figure 10: long-term trend in rents



Despite the relative affordability of housing, the rise in rents over the last few years will still be putting pressure on household budgets. Rental bond data suggests a 12% per annum increase in median rent

¹² Source: Tenancy Services

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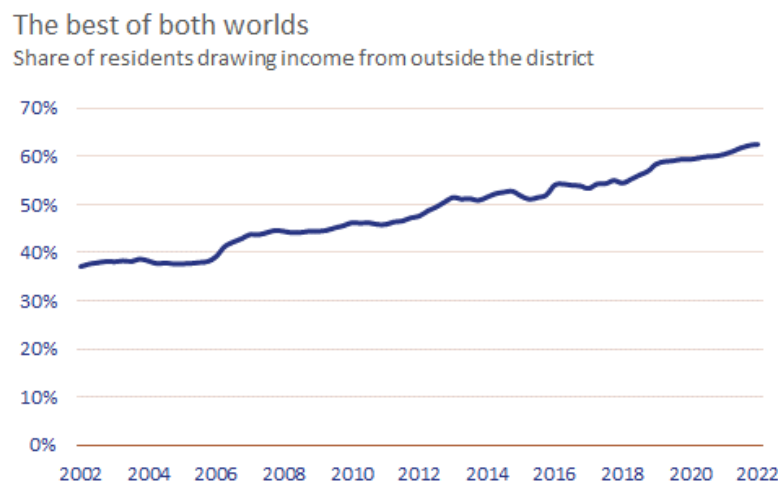
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over the last three years, significantly outstripping earnings for local jobs (5.4%pa. - Table 3), and the general rate of inflation. Long-term residents who are employed locally are more exposed to these increased housing costs than recent arrivals who may have access to remote work, be in specialist occupations, or be running businesses from Hawke's Bay.

Attracting the mobile workforce

This section delves into an important aspect of the district's economy that has helped drive population growth in recent years. A growing number of residents do not depend on local industries or businesses for their income. This non-traditional, mobile workforce is made up of commuters and remote workers, enabled by the availability of efficient transportation systems and the spreading trend of remote work opportunities. This trend has helped propel Central Hawke's Bay onto a higher population growth trajectory. The presence of these workers in the district underlines the appeal of Central Hawke's Bay as a place to escape city life, settle down, and raise a family.

Figure 11: Share of out-of-district employment in Central Hawke's Bay



The share of residents earning income from outside the district has continued to climb steadily since the mid 2000's, reaching a high of 63%¹³ in March 2022.

Unsurprisingly, nearby Hastings is the largest ex-district employer of Central Hawke's Bay residents, employing 23% of payroll workers in March 2022. There are also notable linkages between more distant cities such as Auckland and Wellington.

¹³ Source Statistics New Zealand Linked employer-employee data. Counts are based on workplace address and residential address of the employee. Ex-district means the employer does not have a known physical presence in the district. Short-term worker relocations and small, unregistered satellite offices may be captured in ex-district counts (scenarios which, along with commuting and remote work, also speak to income flows into the district).

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Employer TA	Filled jobs	Jobs share	Total annual earnings (\$m)
Central Hawke's Bay District	2,630	37%	\$134
Hastings District	1,713	24%	\$98
Napier City	340	5%	\$19
Auckland	305	4%	\$19
Wellington City	245	3%	\$16
All others	1,798	26%	\$102
<i>Total ex. Central Hawke's Bay</i>	<i>4,400</i>	<i>63%</i>	<i>\$254</i>
Total resident jobs	7,030	100%	\$388

Paying dividends: financial benefits of commuting

Individuals residing in the district and holding employment in external locales significantly outearn their counterparts who both live and work within the local geography, on average.

A total of \$254m was earned in the year to March 2022 by residents employed by businesses based outside of Central Hawke's Bay District.

The following table shows how individual workers benefit from these opportunities. Residents who work outside of Central Hawke's Bay District earn 14% more on average.

Employer TA	Average earnings
Central Hawke's Bay District	\$50,800
Hastings District	\$57,100
Napier City	\$55,900
Auckland	\$63,900
Wellington City	\$66,600
All others	\$56,600
<i>Total ex. Central Hawke's Bay</i>	<i>\$57,800</i>
Total resident jobs	\$55,200

The earnings premium highlights the presence of highly skilled residents in the Central Hawke's Bay District, capable of bolstering high productivity industries. It serves as a compelling argument for investing in economic development within the region. The aim is to foster an environment ripe for higher paid local employment opportunities, leveraging the existing local talents.

Importing talent: the role of non-resident workers

The exchange of workers between districts has a two-fold impact. Outward commuting and remote work are more significant, in terms of both movement of workers and total income, than inward commuting for Central Hawke's Bay. Nevertheless, it is crucial to consider the role of non-residents within the district's workforce for a balanced understanding of workforce mobility.

Half of the job vacancies in Central Hawke's Bay District in the year to March 2022 were filled by locals, with the remaining being employees from other districts. The largest supplier of these workers was Hastings District, contributing a total of 1,713 employees. A distant second was Napier City, supplying 340 workers.


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In the year ending in March 2022, employers based in Central Hawke's Bay District paid total payroll income of \$156 million to non-residents. On average, these non-residents earned 16% more than the local employees within the district. Even with this leakage of earnings out of the district, there was still a net inflow of almost \$100 million of annual earnings (based on workers' residential addresses) once you factor in what Central Hawke's Bay residents earn from generating incomes outside the district.

Harvesting change: the rise of mobile workers in an agriculture-centric district

Looking back to pre-2016, the job market in Central Hawke's Bay District had been growing only marginally for more than a decade. Total employment in the district grew less than 0.1% per annum on average from 2000 to 2016, compared to the New Zealand average of 2.0%.

However, between 2016 to 2021, the district's job growth outpaced that of New Zealand with a growth rate of 2.6% per year (compared to 2.3%pa. for New Zealand). Its growth is attributed to internal migration due to affordable housing and job opportunities, as well as high demand in the primary sector due to strong commodity prices. Despite this recent growth, the district's job market has been prone to volatility in the last two decades.

Strong headline growth in in-district jobs over the last few years doesn't even tell the whole story. For the year to March 2022, there were approximately 1,700 more employed residents than there were jobs based in Central Hawke's Bay. See page 12 for an overview of the commuting and remote work patterns that drive this extra employment.

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There are signs that the momentum of growth in the population and workforce has led to more local job opportunities (outside of agriculture). We discuss the changing composition of employment in the next section.

Sector focus: the rise of services and construction

Over the past several years, the agricultural industry has experienced job losses, decreasing at a rate of approximately 3.6% per annum from 2019 to 2022. However, this is consistent with the employment trends observed across New Zealand and globally. Agricultural businesses have continued to increase efficiency, a trend that has been consistent for over a century.

A benefit of this productivity growth is that earnings in the sector have risen faster than the average for the district. Additionally, despite the decreasing labour requirements in agriculture, the recent district growth provides displaced workers with opportunities for redeployment in different industries (e.g., construction).

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Table 3: Employment by broad industry

Industry		2022		3-year avg. growth	
		Jobs	Earnings	Jobs	Earnings
A	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	1,410	\$51,300	-3.6%	5.9%
C	Manufacturing	1,130	\$60,700	10.5%	7.6%
E	Construction	460	\$60,300	11.6%	4.1%
G	Retail Trade	430	\$43,000	2.9%	4.3%
P	Education and Training	400	\$57,500	3.4%	6.5%
Q	Health Care and Social Assistance	310	\$50,300	-0.3%	3.2%
M	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	170	\$62,800	2.0%	2.2%
S	Other Services	160	\$44,100	14.0%	6.3%
H	Accommodation and Food Services	160	\$25,500	9.5%	3.1%
I	Transport, Postal and Warehousing	130	\$55,900	-7.9%	0.9%
O	Public Administration and Safety	120	\$79,500	-1.8%	7.2%
F	Wholesale Trade	120	\$66,600	-0.9%	2.3%
D	Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	70	\$64,100	8.4%	0.9%
N	Administrative and Support Services	50	\$53,400	1.3%	7.7%
K	Financial and Insurance Services	50	\$78,600	-9.6%	1.3%
R	Arts and Recreation Services	40	\$25,200	-3.1%	9.5%
B	Mining	30		4.9%	
J	Information Media and Telecommunications	30	\$58,200	13.2%	0.8%
L	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	30	\$38,300	-8.0%	6.8%
T	Not Elsewhere Included	0			
Total		5,290	\$54,800	2.5%	5.4%

The growth in construction has been spurred by the demographic expansion observed from 2019 to 2022. Construction saw robust growth, indicated by an average annual increase of nearly 12%, and has emerged as the third-largest source of employment within the district.

Wage growth in construction has lagged total wages on average. However, these wage estimates represent the average for all jobs in the sector and are susceptible to compositional changes. A substantial workforce is required for projects such as roadbuilding, housing, and related infrastructure. These tasks require a mix of skilled, semi-skilled, and unskilled (lower-paid) labour.

Manufacturing, specifically food production linked to the agricultural sector, has also significantly contributed to job creation, and remains the second largest employer in the district by a wide margin. Figure 12 shows that Agriculture together with food-related manufacturing still makes up over 40% of jobs in the district.

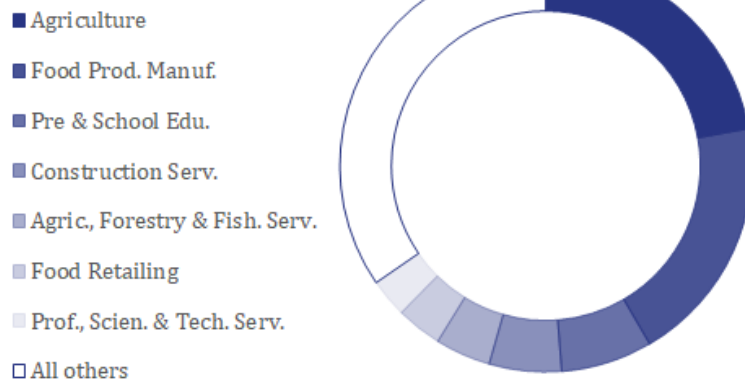
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Figure 12: Top employing level-2 industries in 2022

Agriculture the Backbone of in-district employment

Filled jobs for top level-2 industries in 2022 (LEED)



For the leading six level-2 industries (ranked by total jobs), five relate to agriculture and food, underscoring that feeding people (inside and outside the district) is a central focus of Central Hawke's Bay's economy. The odd one out in the top six is the education sector, specifically school and pre-school education.

As previously discussed, service industries and construction-related employment have shown significant growth, contributing heavily to recent trends. Although significantly smaller in terms of total jobs, together service and construction related industries have become important employers in the district.

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Table 4: Level 2 industries employing more than fifty people in 2022

Industry - level 2		Jobs	% of total
A01	Agriculture	1,170	22%
C11	Food Product Manufacturing	1,030	19%
P80	Preschool and School Education	380	7%
E32	Construction Services	300	6%
A05	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Support Services	230	4%
G41	Food Retailing	190	4%
M69	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services*	160	3%
G42	Other Store-Based Retailing	140	3%
I46	Road Transport	130	2%
Q85	Medical and Other Health Care Services	120	2%
Q86	Residential Care Services	110	2%
H45	Food and Beverage Services	110	2%
S95	Personal and Other Services	110	2%
E30	Building Construction	100	2%
O75	Public Administration	80	2%
Q87	Social Assistance Services	70	1%
G39	Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Parts Retailing	60	1%
S94	Repair and Maintenance	60	1%
E31	Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	60	1%
F34	Machinery and Equipment Wholesaling	60	1%
H44	Accommodation	50	1%
	<i>All others</i>	570	11%
	Total	5,290	100%

*Excluding Information Technology

The district of opportunity: self-employment in Central Hawke's Bay

Data relating to self-employment is not as timely as data for paid employees due to the extended filing deadlines with Inland Revenue. That being said, we can still construct a comprehensive view of the job market in Central Hawke's Bay District by examining historical self-employment trends.

In the tax year 2021, Central Hawke's Bay District recorded 1491 self-employed individuals. This accounts for more than one in five of the total workforce. High self-employment rates are typical in agriculture, yet notable levels of self-employment were also seen within the service industries in the district.

In comparison to the national self-employment rate in New Zealand in 2021, which was under 17%, Central Hawke's Bay District registered significantly higher at 22%. This higher rate is consistent with the region's agriculture-based economy. It also suggests an entrepreneurial culture, reinforcing the appeal of Central Hawke's Bay District to skilled migrants.


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Table 5: Self-employment by broad industry in 2021, Central Hawke's Bay District

Industry - level 1		Self-employed	SE rate
A	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	525	25%
E	Construction	201	29%
M	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	114	40%
G	Retail Trade	87	18%
S	Other Services	84	39%
L	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	78	72%
BCD	Mining, Manufacturing, Infrastructure	72	6%
N	Administrative and Support Services	54	50%
T	Not Elsewhere Included	51	
Q	Health Care and Social Assistance	48	14%
H	Accommodation and Food Services	39	23%
I	Transport, Postal and Warehousing	33	19%
F	Wholesale Trade	30	23%
OP	Public Administration, Safety, Education	27	5%
JK	Media, Telecom, Finance, Insurance	24	22%
R	Arts and Recreation Services	21	38%
	Total	1,491	22%

Growth in the wake: population scenarios for a post-Gabrielle Central Hawke's Bay

Squillions has produced growth projections covering population and households for Central Hawke's Bay District, focusing on the Long-Term Plan period of 2024-2034 and extending five-yearly out to 2054. These projections are based on historical growth patterns, current trajectory, and broader economic and social trends, modelling potential growth free of constraints such as land or infrastructure service availability (demand-focused).

Demographic and economic growth assumptions are grounded in the 2018 Census data and Statistics New Zealand estimates up to June 2022. To estimate the 2023 year, we have incorporated recent indicators covered in the first section including health enrolments (see Central Hawke's Bay in focus: economic briefing, page 4).

Although recent data suggests some moderation in growth, migration into the district continues largely unabated. The forecasts, however, are now set against the near-term uncertainty due to Cyclone Gabrielle. Due to this uncertainty, annual checking of the projections against progress over the next three years is advisable.

Rebuilding and beyond: key forward-looking drivers

The recent devastating cyclone is at the forefront when assessing the near-term outlook for Central Hawke's Bay. Cyclone Gabrielle has had a significant impact on people, property, and communities in Central Hawke's Bay District.

Cyclone evacuations were distressing for affected residents, with more than 600 homes and businesses impacted and several hundred people evacuated across the district, either voluntarily or specifically by evacuation order in Waipawa and parts of Waipukurau¹⁴.

However, Gabrielle did not create a level of destruction that led to substantial displacement of people, unlike what was experienced in Christchurch. Therefore, we don't expect the same kind of expansive population displacement that Christchurch witnessed post the 2011 earthquake. As such, Central Hawke's Bay is not anticipated to see a large population exodus nor a significant influx for rebuilding efforts in the immediate aftermath of the cyclone.

A pressing concern is the current state of roads, which are dotted with potholes and pose safety threats. Concerns about the quality of repairs have been reported and attempts to restore single-lane access throughout the rural roading network are ongoing. Rural homes and businesses are facing diversions up to 40 minutes.

Uncertainty clouds the appropriation of funds earmarked for cyclone recovery, fuelling concerns that not all repair needs will be met. The damage repair costs for roads are estimated at \$150 million, a huge cost in the context of the district's typical annual expenditure of \$6-7 million. Meeting this cost will therefore rely on outside funding, which isn't allocated at time of writing.

¹⁴ CHBDC, 2023 [Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery and Resilience Plan](#)

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The Christchurch experience shows us that there is reason for optimism when communities are grappling with the aftermath of a significant disaster. Central Hawke's Bay District continues to show economic resilience, and during the initial recovery phase (1-3 years) can expect to see:

- **A boost in construction activity:** The need to repair and replace damaged homes, businesses, and infrastructure will promote an increase in construction activities. The short-term focus will be on getting through, repairs, and maintenance. Longer-term the focus will be about building the resilience of the district through upgraded infrastructure.
- **Increased fiscal stimulus:** In the occurrence relief funds start flowing in from the government, the boost to the district's economy won't be limited to just construction. However, the actual timing and amount of these funds introduce uncertainty.
- **Continuation of migration trends:** International migration to New Zealand has dramatically increased this past year. Last year (12 months ended May 2022) we witnessed a net loss of 19,600 people (arrivals minus departures). For the year to May 2023 the number of arrivals has tripled to drive a net gain of approximately 80,000 people. This increase brings international migration rates to levels observed before the COVID-19 pandemic. International migrants tend to settle in cities, but in recent years high international migration has been accompanied by a surge in internal migration to the regions.

Megatrends shaping Central Hawke's Bay's economic future

Megatrends have big-picture implications, impacting business, society, and individual livelihoods. In essence, they are significant forces, both domestic and international, dictating long-term shifts in various domains. Central Hawke's Bay District in New Zealand is not immune to these changes, with specific megatrends being particularly relevant to the district including:

- Direct and indirect impacts of climate change and extreme weather events. Indirect impacts of climate change occur through altering consumer preferences and governmental policies favouring sustainable practices.
- Stringent water quality regulations, posing operational challenges to businesses, especially in pastoral farming.
- Greater emphasis on wellbeing and inclusive growth, reconsidering the conventional focus on GDP increase.
- COVID-19's profound influence on industry changes and mounting adaptations due to evolved consumer demand patterns.
- Modifications in work preferences, particularly among the younger generation, with commonality of contracting, career transitions, and remote work setups.
- Increased participation of older individuals in the workforce with the challenge for businesses to maximise their contributions.
- Effects of automation on diverse job sectors, especially those dealing with routine tasks.
- Enhanced export opportunities owing to the emerging middle class in developing countries like China and India.
- A surge in nationalism risks causing elevated geopolitical tensions which could impart adverse impacts on our export sector.

Understanding these megatrends and their implications will allow Central Hawke's Bay District to navigate these shifts wisely and strategically. It helps create a well-rounded vision for their future, keeping pace with evolving times.


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Pathway to progress: opportunities for economic development

Challenges often open the door for opportunities. Turning these opportunities into reality calls for commitment, financial backing, and active participation from various partners. Central Hawke's Bay has demonstrated that the ability to work together is a key strength of the district, demonstrated in projects like the Māori Engagement Strategy - Tūhono mai tūhono ātu. Key opportunities include:

- **Te ao Māori:** Over a quarter of Central Hawke's Bay residents identify as Māori, opening untapped economic prospects in sectors that embrace the principles and values of te ao Māori. By fostering authentic indigenous stories to back exports and focusing on Māori career pathways and training, Māori business models could provide unique contribution to a thriving economic future.
- **Aged care and healthcare:** With over 21% of Central Hawke's Bay's population over 65, and a further 15% within ten years of this age, there is a clear opportunity for growth within the healthcare and social assistance sector. The district currently does not have a residential retirement living facility. This ageing demographic not only provides the chance for businesses to better cater to the 'silver economy', but also establishes Central Hawke's Bay as an ideal testing ground for innovation in health care.
- **Infrastructure and services:** Beyond the immediate rebuilding effort, there is further opportunities as population growth spreads beyond just major towns to smaller townships and rural areas in Central Hawke's Bay, so changes the demands for infrastructure and services. Whether transportation, digital connectivity, health or education, there is a mounting need for quality services that cater to these evolving trends, providing excellent opportunities for tailored investments and collaborative efforts.
- **Feeding the people:** Central Hawke's Bay, with its ideal growing conditions, is a thriving hub for horticultural products like apples, beef, lamb, vegetables and more. There is potential for further development of high value-added food and beverage products that cater to increasing consumer interest in plant-based and sustainable products. Advancing research in horticulture and product design could lead to increased productivity and higher margins for businesses.
- **Wellbeing:** The increase in emphasis on lifestyle and wellbeing, accelerated by the Covid-19 pandemic, puts Central Hawke's Bay in a favourable position. Coupling the district's attractive lifestyle with quality infrastructure and a balanced work culture, there are profound opportunities, especially in professional services sector and other occupations that are remote-work friendly. Retention of new, long-term residents could further drive the growth and prosperity of Central Hawke's Bay.
- **Productivity gains:** The district's average wage is almost 15% lower than the national average. Improving productivity could potentially elevate existing workers' income by more than \$45 million annually and stimulate the economy. A focus on improving corporation-level behaviour and their ecosystems, particularly those businesses with above-average productivity, would be most effective. The predominately agricultural job market could be diversified by entrepreneurial skilled migrants, potentially creating new industries and job opportunities.

Rural Abyss or Hope? Evaluating Near-term Economic Challenges

Our examination of the rural economy's realistic prospects considers recent substantial adversities including the COVID-19 pandemic, consecutive years of drought, an unusually wet year, and a destructive cyclone. This assessment seeks to identify opportunities within the rural sector itself and



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potential diversification for the broader Central Hawke's Bay economy, which could include redirection of labour into different industries.

Earlier sections of this report have projected an optimistic viewpoint on resilience and recovery. Yet, it is crucial that we don't overlook the significant challenges the rural economy—fundamental to district employment—faces.

At present, export prices remain low, a consequence of slowdowns in economic growth in regions such as China and Europe. The potential for prolonged sluggishness in the export market could significantly impact our baseline outlook for the district. Despite Central Hawke's Bay demonstrating commendable resilience and growth—through diversification efforts, and an increase in remote workers and commuters—it's essential to reiterate the key role that agriculture and related businesses play in the district's overall economic outlook.

The scenario approach

Population outcomes can greatly differ based on assumptions in three key areas – births, deaths, and migration. The trend of declining birth rates due to smaller families can slowly, but significantly influence longer-term projections. As the population ages, the number of deaths will increase but improvements in life expectancy slightly counteract this. Finally, migration levels, which can significantly impact natural population changes, are vital as small changes can compound over time to affect growth trends.

Summary of assumptions:

- **Migration:** Migration assumptions have the largest impact on the population outlook for Central Hawke's Bay District, as even minor shifts can compound over time, leading to widely diverging growth paths.
- **Births:** Birth rates have been decreasing due to smaller families, which can significantly impact long-term population outcomes.
- **Deaths:** While the aging population will cause an increase in death rates, better life expectancy rates will mildly offset this impact.

Utilising a scenario approach allows for a comprehensive understanding of possible population trends based on varying these three key assumptions. Scenarios provide planners with valuable insights into multiple potential futures. This approach helps prepare for unexpected population changes, ensuring effective resource allocation, informed policy-making, and robust infrastructure development. Consequently, the scenario approach signifies not just a statistical exercise, but a proactive step towards building a thriving community that is well-equipped for various potential population landscapes.

Steady scales: medium scenario

Outlining a future rooted in the progression of historical patterns, the medium scenario incorporates persistent migration rates and the ongoing aging of society. We generate these projections under the assumption of status quo, that is:

- **Continual migration:** Assumes an ongoing stream of people moving into and out of the district (net positive migration in line with recent years), with no major fluctuations in the pattern.

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- **Aging population:** A continuation of historical patterns, the population will age, impacting the distribution of age demographics.
- **No mass exodus:** The scenario doesn't expect a significant exodus or population drain from the district (including in the near-term Cyclone Gabrielle).
- **Status quo policies:** The scenario presumes no dramatic shifts in policies at either central or local government levels, which could affect migration or population growth.
- **Stable economy:** The scenario assumes that the district will maintain its current economic trajectory, with no major upheavals that could influence population movements.
- **Regular health trends:** Anticipates the continuation of present health and lifestyle trends, impacting longevity and birth rates.
- **Balanced housing market:** The scenario expects a housing market without any significant shortages or surpluses that might affect population trends. Housing in the district is assumed to remain relatively affordable compared to major urban areas.
- **Environmental stability:** Assumes no major changes in where people live from environmental triggers.

Key points (medium scenario):

- Growth over the next ten years averages a robust 2.0%, with Central Hawke's Bay adding nearly 4,000 people over the next ten years.
- Under this scenario there will be more than 19,000 people living in Central Hawke's Bay by 2033
- The percentage of the population over 65 will increase from 21% currently to 25% in 2033.
- Demand for housing will require an estimated 1,100 new dwellings over the next ten years.

Our analysis suggests that the recent cyclone's impact is unlikely to have a significant effect in the short-term when considering the population of the district.

Partial indicators suggest only a slight deceleration in growth for the year to June 2023 (See page 4). The district's post-cyclone rebuilding phase will stimulate job opportunities and support continued migration, pushing the growth rate back up to an estimated 1.7 percent per annum in the current year. By 2029, a further increase in growth to around 1.9 percent per annum is anticipated.

Under the medium scenario the district remains on a course similar to the previously adopted projections¹⁵, with the population reaching 25,000 people by the mid 2040's.

¹⁵ Squillions, 2022, [Demographic and Economic Growth Assumptions 2022 update](#)

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Table 6: Population by age with projections: medium scenario

Year	Total	0-14 years	15-39 years	40-64 years	65+ years
2018	14,650	3,050	3,650	5,100	2,850
2019	14,900	3,090	3,740	5,080	2,990
2020	15,400	3,150	3,950	5,150	3,150
2021	15,700	3,190	4,090	5,130	3,290
2022	15,950	3,300	4,100	5,150	3,400
2023	16,220	3,260	4,230	5,190	3,540
2024	16,510	3,300	4,370	5,120	3,720
2025	16,830	3,340	4,400	5,240	3,850
2026	17,150	3,370	4,460	5,360	3,960
2027	17,490	3,410	4,520	5,470	4,090
2028	17,860	3,450	4,610	5,570	4,230
2029	18,210	3,490	4,710	5,640	4,370
2030	18,580	3,540	4,770	5,760	4,510
2031	18,970	3,580	4,850	5,870	4,670
2032	19,390	3,640	4,920	6,020	4,810
2033	19,810	3,690	5,000	6,150	4,970
2038	21,900	4,010	5,440	6,890	5,560
2043	24,100	4,330	5,910	7,740	6,120
2048	26,720	4,760	6,430	8,740	6,790
2053	29,530	5,120	7,170	9,530	7,710

If Central Hawke's Bay maintained the average household size from the 2018 census (2.6 people per household), the region would need an additional 150 residences each year for the next decade to satisfy housing demand.

We expect the average household size to rise due to incoming younger migrants with larger families, relieving some of the pressure on housing. Existing homes with spare capacity may also see increased occupancy rates. Adjusting for the expected increase in household size, we estimate the actual level of building under this scenario to be approximately 110 new dwellings per year over the next decade.

By studying the permits for resource consents over the past five years, we found approximately 2,500 unbuilt housing sections are in the planning stages – more than enough to meet this demand. However, developing these sections would require a significant increase in current residential construction rates, a challenging prospect given the crucial repairs needed in the area. Furthermore, a shortage of workforce, supply chain issues, and high interest rates have been a bottleneck in residential building growth. If building activity is slow to adjust to demand in the next 2-3 years, it may need to catch up in the outer years under this scenario.

Uncertainties ahead: key risks to the medium scenario

The medium scenario rests on assumptions about stability and continuation of trends, so potential risks are important to consider. Much employment in the district is reliant on agriculture, a sector


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currently reeling from the effects of the cyclone. The wave of incoming migrants, many of them commuting workers, are influenced by diverse motivations.

Summary or risks to the medium scenario:

- **Economic:** Any long-term planning exercise must anticipate business cycles. But deeper or more frequent economic slowdowns than expected could significantly impact the outlook for the district.
- **Agriculture:** The district's heavy reliance on agriculture means further adverse weather conditions, diseases, pests, or prolonged weakness in commodity prices could pose a significant challenge to the job market and growth.
- **Housing:** A decrease in the relative affordability of housing could impact the number of workers willing to move into the district, affecting population growth.
- **Climate change:** Longer term climate change risks such as severe weather events, and drier conditions could impact the district's agriculture and attractiveness to migrants.
- **Labour supply:** If the district doesn't attract enough workers to meet its needs, it could lead to capacity constraints and disrupt the economy.
- **Population:** Younger generations have traditionally sought out opportunities in more urbanised areas or overseas. In recent years these leavers have been returning or been replaced by others attracted by lifestyle factors in the district. If the balance tipped the other way, it would lead to a skewed demographic and reduce population growth.
- **Health:** A future pandemic or health crisis could significantly affect the district, potentially disrupting normal operations and migration patterns.
- **Policy:** Significant policy changes at central or local government levels—for instance, immigration policies or environmental regulations, would need to be evaluated for their impact on this scenario.

Working professionals of previous generations tended to see cities as desirable places to live, for work, social, and lifestyle regions. There is no indication this trend will reverse, but preferences of each successive generation are difficult to anticipate. If the children of the current working age population decided the regions are not as attractive to them as to their parents, it could affect migration to Central Hawke's Bay.

Delays in Three Waters (Water Services Reform) infrastructure projects due to fiscal challenges brought on by delays in the reforms also present a risk to growth. Ongoing delays could significantly disrupt the growth schedule of the community, particularly impacting housing development projects.

Embracing change and growth: high scenario

Advancing from the status quo and stability projected in the medium scenario, the high scenario factors in a marked pickup in net migration, a robust economy, changes in health trends and a potential strain on the housing market (based on recent building levels and the need to remediate from the cyclone). Our assumptions under this scenario include:



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- **Robust migration:** This scenario considers a substantial increase in migration into the district. The increased inflow outweighs the outflow, resulting from factors like job opportunities, educational facilities, or lifestyle attractions.
- **Younger workers:** While the population will continue to age, the rate of ageing may slow down as the district attracts more young adults and families, altering age demographics.
- **Strong economy:** An assumption of robust economic growth, far exceeding the current trajectory, which attracts more people to the district and keeps them there.
- **Health and lifestyle improvements:** The scenario assumes favourable health and lifestyle patterns which could impact longevity and birth rates differently than historical patterns. Although gains in longevity are typically gradual, they compound over time.
- **Favourable policy:** This scenario assumes policy settings are favourable both to migration into New Zealand, and from New Zealand's cities into the regions.
- **Environmental considerations:** This scenario factors in the possibility that Central Hawke's Bay could be seen as a "safe haven" from environmental changes in other areas (e.g., sea level rise, coastal erosion, and flooding).

Growth from Gales: Will Central Hawke's Bay Mimic Canterbury's Rise?

In the aftermath of the recent severe cyclone, Central Hawke's Bay could see a period of growth akin to the boom experienced by areas of Canterbury following the 2011 earthquake.

After such devastating events, people often search for safer places to relocate, and Central Hawke's Bay may be perceived as a haven compared to more gravely impacted regions like Esk Valley. This kind of influx would not be unprecedented as it would resemble the heightened migration to smaller communities such as Rolleston after the Canterbury earthquake which still had close proximity to Christchurch.

Although Central Hawke's Bay differs from Canterbury in terms of size and infrastructure, this could play in the district's favour, offering opportunities for expansion and development to accommodate incoming residents.

Key points (high scenario):

- Growth over the next ten years averages a robust 3.2%, with Central Hawke's Bay adding nearly 7,000 people over the next ten years.
- Under this scenario there will be more than 22,000 people living in Central Hawke's Bay by 2033
- The percentage of the population over 65 will increase from 21% currently to 23% in 2033.
- Demand for housing will require an estimated 2,000 new dwellings over the next ten years.



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Figure 13: Population by age with projections: high scenario

Year	Total	0-14 years	15-39 years	40-64 years	65+ years
2018	14,650	3,050	3,650	5,100	2,850
2019	14,900	3,090	3,740	5,080	2,990
2020	15,400	3,150	3,950	5,150	3,150
2021	15,700	3,190	4,090	5,130	3,290
2022	15,950	3,300	4,100	5,150	3,400
2023	16,270	3,270	4,250	5,200	3,550
2024	16,690	3,370	4,440	5,180	3,700
2025	17,180	3,490	4,590	5,250	3,850
2026	17,760	3,570	4,780	5,440	3,970
2027	18,360	3,670	4,990	5,600	4,100
2028	19,020	3,800	5,230	5,730	4,260
2029	19,730	3,950	5,520	5,800	4,460
2030	20,440	4,090	5,760	5,930	4,660
2031	21,170	4,240	5,970	6,100	4,860
2032	21,890	4,390	6,170	6,310	5,020
2033	22,640	4,550	6,380	6,520	5,190
2038	26,480	5,360	7,440	7,650	6,030
2043	30,510	6,080	8,570	8,930	6,930
2048	35,030	6,920	9,840	10,300	7,970
2053	40,060	7,730	11,180	11,760	9,390

Although aging pressures still exist under the high scenario, Central Hawke's Bay District already has a comparatively older population (with a median age of 43.5, compared to 38 nationally). The influx of younger migrants under this scenario significantly slows the aging trend.

Under the high scenario there would be an increase of about 2,000 households over the next ten years. This calculation includes a possible rise in the average number of members per household (discussed in the previous section). This surge in demand will exhaust the available housing space more rapidly and necessitate a rise in housing construction activities.

Specifically, areas planned for growth, such as the Waipukurau South Growth Precinct might require fast-tracking. This area, which recently received \$10.9 million in crown funding, can accommodate up to 950 homes over two decades.

While optimistic by design, the rapid growth projected under the high scenario is not without precedent. Since the 2013 population census, several smaller districts like Kaipara (with annual growth of 3%), Mackenzie (3.1% annually), Central Otago (3.7% annually), and Queenstown-Lakes (6.3% annually) have seen accelerated population growth. While each district's growth is driven by unique factors, these instances demonstrate how smaller districts can handle an increase in residents through careful planning and adequate investment in infrastructure.

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Uncharted waters: high scenario risks

In the high population growth scenario, risks largely mirror those in the medium-growth scenario (see Uncertainties ahead: key risks to the medium scenario, page 26). These risks are exacerbated by the extra pressure from a larger population, and there is more to lose if risks materialise. The risks most relevant to the high growth scenario are:

- **Housing strain:** Our projections are demand focused, which means we assume the land and housing will be there to meet demand. But it is important to note that a projected population increase of this magnitude would put pressure on the housing market, potentially leading to short-term shortages and escalating prices before supply can adjust. These “growing pains” could be exacerbated in the short term by cyclone remediation work.
- **Labour supply:** With a larger population, ensuring the district has enough workers to meet the increased demand for goods and services becomes even more important. More migrants likely mean more people who commute or otherwise draw income from outside the district but demand local services. There is also a risk of mismatched skills. A workforce shortfall in key occupations could result in significant impacts on the economy and living standards.
- **Youth flight:** This high scenario leans more heavily on the assumption that young people, who left the district for other opportunities, will eventually return to start their families, or that there will be adequate replacements for them. The regions must remain a desirable place to live in the minds many working-aged people.

Measured momentum: low scenario

The low scenario explores a possible (but less probable, based on current trends) future for Central Hawke's Bay. This scenario is not a forecast, but a tool to prepare for an array of possible futures.

The low scenario explores the outcomes of reduced net migration, moderate economic performance, stalled health and lifestyle improvements, and a troubled housing market. Assumptions under this low scenario include:

- **Stagnant migration:** This scenario explores the impact of a considerable slowdown in migration into the district. A reversal in migration trends could result from factors like reduced job opportunities and a fall in the trend of people moving into the regions, or concern about the recent cyclone and possible future adverse events.
- **Ageing population:** In contrast to the high scenario, the population would age markedly, with fewer young adults and families moving into the district. Younger workers may be drawn away by social and work opportunities offered by cities.
- **Limited job prospects:** We've examined the trend in agriculture towards requiring fewer workers (page 16) and the challenges faced by this sector. If growth in services stalls, and the retail sector remains underdeveloped, job prospects for residents could be constrained. Continuation of trends in commuting and remote work rely on people choosing to live in the district and manage a commute or long-distance networking.
- **Unfavourable policy measures:** Stricter immigration or environmental regulations are examples of policy changes that could hinder migration to the district and future development. Perceived environmental risks and challenges (e.g., climate change concerns) could deter migrants.

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Key points (low scenario):

- Growth over the next ten years averages 0.8%, with Central Hawke's Bay adding only 2,000 people over the next ten years.
- Under this scenario there will be just over 17,000 people living in Central Hawke's Bay by 2030.
- The percentage of the population over 65 will increase from 21% currently to 27% in 2033.
- The number of households is projected to grow by less than 600 over the next ten years.

Table 7: Population by age with projections: low scenario

Year	Total	0-14 years	15-39 years	40-64 years	65+ years
2018	14,650	3,050	3,650	5,100	2,850
2019	14,900	3,090	3,740	5,080	2,990
2020	15,400	3,150	3,950	5,150	3,150
2021	15,700	3,190	4,090	5,130	3,290
2022	15,950	3,300	4,100	5,150	3,400
2023	16,210	3,450	4,370	4,880	3,510
2024	16,400	3,500	4,420	4,930	3,550
2025	16,550	3,530	4,460	4,970	3,590
2026	16,660	3,550	4,490	5,010	3,610
2027	16,780	3,580	4,520	5,040	3,640
2028	16,880	3,340	4,470	4,810	4,260
2029	16,980	3,360	4,490	4,840	4,290
2030	17,090	3,380	4,520	4,870	4,320
2031	17,170	3,400	4,540	4,890	4,340
2032	17,260	3,410	4,570	4,920	4,360
2033	17,340	3,250	4,430	4,920	4,740
2038	17,780	3,270	4,400	5,040	5,070
2043	18,150	3,390	4,370	5,100	5,290
2048	18,400	3,460	4,290	5,280	5,370
2053	18,600	3,500	4,340	5,330	5,430

During the projection period, migration remains at low levels, causing population growth to decelerate and average approximately 0.8% per annum over the next decade. Post-2033, the Central Hawke's Bay District's population growth will primarily respond to demographic pressure, with growth below 0.6% per annum.

As of this report, the most recent estimates from Statistics New Zealand (medium scenario) foresee modest rates of net migration for the ensuing two decades, maintaining an average growth of 0.4% per annum until 2048.

We did not place a weak net migration scenario at the centre of our discussion due to the factors examined in earlier sections of this report. We anticipate the factors propelling stronger migration post-2013 to continue. However, it is vital for comprehensive planning to consider the impacts if fewer people decide to settle in the Central Hawke's Bay District or more people decide to depart.

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Several factors might contribute to weak migration, including a dwindling Napier-Hastings job market, stringent international migration rules, or a contracting housing market in urban areas. A sluggish cyclone recovery and engrained perceptions of climatic uncertainty across the broader region could also contribute to weaker migration.

It's worth mentioning that the ageing of the population will not follow an entirely predictable pattern in this scenario. Even with low net migration, arrivals and departures from the district still occur which can shift demographics.

This scenario would represent a return to levels of growth not seen since prior to 2013. Between 1996 and 2013, Central Hawke's Bay District experienced a slight decrease in population from 13,350 to 13,250. Despite natural population growth during this period, a greater number of people vacated the district than those who moved in.

While it is difficult to foresee a fall in the population of the district based on current trends, without significant migration Central Hawke's Bay District's future under the low scenario would drastically differ from what would be expected under the medium or high scenarios.

Downstream dangers: low scenario risks

In the low growth scenario, risks shift notably from those outlined in the medium scenario (see Uncertainties ahead: key risks to the medium scenario, page 26), due to lower migration, reduced demand, and potential economic stagnation.

The low scenario itself represents a future where some risks have already been realised, but there are further issues to consider:

- **Economic:** With less population growth, the threat of economic slowdowns becomes a more significant concern. The district could potentially face economic stagnation or even contraction due to the reduced demand for goods and services.
- **Population:** Weak population growth could lead to a skewed demographic, with a potential over-representation of older generations. A lack of young workers could limit innovation and adaptability, potentially slowing the district's development further.
- **Labour supply:** A low growth scenario could mean a smaller workforce. If the district fails to attract enough workers, it may struggle to sustain its economy and vital services.

Given that the number of residents employed is currently one third larger than the local workforce (refer to a detailed discussion on commuting and remote work on page 14), a significant turn in fortunes would be necessary to realise these risks. But a consistent decline in population would reduce economic momentum and vibrancy of the district.

Other issues such as those relating to housing affordability could potentially become less urgent. But a lower population would make it even more challenging to fund the critical repairs and needed upgrades to infrastructure required to build resilience in the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle.

Concluding remarks

Looking at a balanced growth projection, the medium scenario for Central Hawke's Bay District, we see promising times ahead with a flourishing population, vibrant community, and exciting prospects for its residents. Within the next decade, the district would welcome nearly 5,000 new residents, requiring at least 1,500 additional housing units.

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There's a flip side to this shiny coin as well. It's essential to keep an eye on warning signs such as a slow-down in newcomers moving to the area, fewer job possibilities, and lower demand for housing.

There are positive shifts that could lead to an even better future as well. Significant population growth due to cyclone recovery efforts, strong economic performance, and the continued attraction of the district to remote workers could paint an even rosier picture. The early signs of even stronger growth would be population increases exceeding 2.5% per year, a noticeable increase in housing demand, and a growing number of diverse job prospects within the district itself.

Expansion can be both a challenge and an opportunity. Careful planning and a close watch on these trends will allow Central Hawke's Bay District to fully leverage the potential growth it hopes to achieve.



7.4 REPRESENTATION REVIEW - MĀORI REPRESENTATION

File Number:

Author: Doug Tate, Chief Executive

Authoriser: Doug Tate, Chief Executive

Attachments: 1. Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea - Maori Wards support [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be noted.
2. That Council formally receive a letter from Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea supporting the establishment of Māori Wards in Tamatea Central Hawke's.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to formally receive a letter from Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea on behalf of the Tamatea Marae supporting the establishment of Māori wards in Tamatea Central Hawke's Bay and to provide Council with an overview of the planned community engagement on Māori representation, as part of Councils wider representation review.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

This report is provided for information purposes only and has been assessed as significant.

BACKGROUND

Council as good practice and as required under the Local Electoral Act 2001, is required to review its local representation arrangements every six years. Council last completed a representation review in 2018 with changes coming into effect for the 2019 Local Government Election.

In undertaking this representation review, there are three key decisions Council must make, being:

1. Determining its Electoral System (FPP or STV)
2. Māori Representation (including Māori Wards)
3. Completing a Representation Review

The first decision was the choice of Electoral System, being whether to adopt a Single Transferable Vote (STV) or First Past the Post (FPP) Electoral System. Council has completed the first of its three key decisions at its meeting of 17 August 2023 voting to retain the FPP system.

Council is now at a point where it must consider its second key decision in relation to its representation review, being Māori representation and the place of Māori Wards for the 2025 and 2028 Elections. Council must make a resolution on whether to include Māori Wards by 23 November 2023.

This decision, then forms the basis for the third key decision, being a wider representation review, including the makeup of Councillor Wards (if any) and the total number of Councillors.

This report sets out specifically the timelines and timeframes specific to Council confirming a decision on Māori Representation and whether or not to establish a Māori Ward.

At the meeting, a copy of the draft engagement document will be tabled.

Options for Māori Representation

While the establishment of a Māori Ward is one way to consider representation of Māori in decision making, there are other options available. This includes the establishment of Māori Standing Committees, where views and feedback are sought from Manawhenua on key decisions. Council has previously had an established Māori Standing Committee in the past and has sought to establish the Tamatea Partnerships Committee in this Triennium. This approach does not extend however to a 'vote' or a direct decision-making ability at the Council table.

Other options include special advisor positions – both for Governance and internally within Councils. Council Governance had a special advisor in the previous Triennium with a Kaiarahi Matua providing guidance at the table, however, again could not vote or have decision making ability.

Council could as part of this part of the representation review consider to use one or all of these options for the future.

What is a Māori Ward

Māori wards provide a way for Māori to contribute to decision-making and have representation at the council table. Māori wards are recognised as ensuring that Council decision-making is fairer and more inclusive of the Māori world view of those Māori voters on the Māori Electoral roll.

If a Māori Ward is approved, in the 2025 Local Election, Electors enrolled on the Māori electoral roll will vote for candidates standing for Māori wards. Similarly, electors enrolled on the general electoral roll will vote for candidates standing for general wards. Any Māori ward candidate will become a councillor at council and while they would have a duty to represent their community, also would swear an oath to represent the entire community in our District.

It is important to recognise also that Māori wards are but one tool available to support a Māori world view in decision making. Māori wards do not replace, Councils wider partnership obligations.

How the law on Māori wards and constituencies changed in 2021

Until 2021, the legislation allowed a council resolution establishing Māori wards or constituencies to be overturned by a poll. The process was that a petition signed by 5% of the electors of a district, city or region could demand a poll on whether a local authority's decision to establish one or more Māori wards or constituencies should be countermanded.

The Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2021 repealed the poll provisions by:

- extending the deadline for local authorities to resolve to establish one or more Māori wards or constituencies to 21 May 2021 (rather those resolutions being required to have been made by 23 November 2020). This was a 'one-off' provision. This provided local authorities with a fresh opportunity to make decisions on Māori wards or constituencies for the 2022 local elections.
- removing the ability for electors to bring a petition requiring a poll on the introduction of Māori wards or constituencies. Therefore, the only way Māori wards or constituencies will not be established in those areas is if the council itself resolves to undo its decision.
- removing the ability for local authorities to resolve to hold binding polls on whether to establish Māori wards or constituencies (although non-binding polls may continue to be conducted).
- providing that past poll, or council resolutions to hold binding polls, on whether to establish Māori wards or constituencies cease to have any effect.

Why have Māori Wards not been established to date?

In 2018, guidance from Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea, was that Manawhenua had not appropriately considered the matter. Council was also early in its partnership journey with Marae and hapu and again at this time, other avenues for partnership and Māori Representation were being developed and explored. Again in 2021, Council had the option to establish Māori Wards with a change in legislation, however at that time the same advice from Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea was sought and given, that saw no decision on the establishment of Māori Wards.

This representation review again provides the opportunity for this form of partnership and representation decision to again be considered with Manawhenua.

This next section of the paper outlines the proposed timeframes and structure of engagement, in order to reach a decision on the establishment of Māori Wards.

DISCUSSION

On Tuesday, 12 September Mayor Alex Walker received notification from Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea Chair Jenny Nelson-Smith that at its Board meeting held on 4 September there was a unanimous decision to support Māori Wards in Tamatea Central Hawke's Bay.

Eight of the nine marae were present with one marae unable to attend due to work commitments.

A further hui was held by Manawhenua on Sunday, 10 September.

There is no legal requirement on Council to consult with the community, however, it is considered good practice to engage with Manawhenua as the previous provision for public poll on council's decision has now been removed from legislation.

This Council has chosen to engage with Manawhenua and the wider Tamatea Central Hawke's Bay community.

This will provide Council with a full and rounded view to make an informed decision.

Community Engagement

Community engagement is planned to commence on 29 September and run through to the 27 October with a range of engagements including; drop in information sessions in Pōrangahau, Takapau and Waipukurau, 'Have your say' online submissions (hard copies will also be available), and Council Officers will support meetings with Marae and Kaumatua if requested.

Timelines and approach

The table below outlines the key dates and approach that Officers will be undertaking in engaging with community on Māori Representation, including the establishment of Māori Wards.

Council Officers will be holding drop-in information sessions through the month of October, as well as providing further information to community on Māori representation, including the establishment of Māori Wards.

Notably, Council Officers are recommending the option to provide for community to speak to Council ahead of Council making their decision on 15 November, as well as providing opportunities for community to give feedback online or by mail.

The key dates are detailed below:

Action	Timeline
Community engagement commences:	29 September to 27 October 2023
Open Forum on submissions	15 November 2023
Council resolution on Māori Wards representation	15 November 2023
Communication to community on final decision	By 23 November 2023
Inform Local Government Committee (LGC) re the Representation Review	By 23 November 2023
Earliest date to for council to resolve an initial representation review Proposal	20 December 2023
Last date for Council to resolve an initial Representation review proposal	31 July 2024

IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT

This report confirms that the matter concerned has no particular implications and has been dealt with in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. Specifically:

- Council staff have delegated authority for any decisions made.
- Council staff have identified and assessed all reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter and considered the views and preferences of any interested or affected persons (including Māori), in proportion to the significance of the matter.
- Any decisions made will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses.
- Unless stated above, any decisions made can be addressed through current funding under the Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan.
- Any decisions made are consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- No decisions have been made that would alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council or would transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

NEXT STEPS

Council Officers will continue to prepare engagement documents and prepare to communicate with community the options available for Māori Representation.

Councillors can expect to receive updates on engagement and to formally hear from Community at its meeting on 15 November 2023.

Council Officers will also support Mayor Alex in formally responding to Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea, acknowledging their letter of support and outlining the proposed way forward to engage with community on Māori Representation.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be noted.
2. That Council formally receive a letter from Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea dated 11 September 2023 supporting Māori Wards in Tamatea Central Hawke's.

From: Jenny Nelson-Smith <jen.wpk4200@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 6:53:10 AM
To: Alex Walker (Mayor) <alex.walker@chbdc.govt.nz>
Cc: Pam Kupa <pam.kupa@chbdc.govt.nz>; Tamatea (Office Manager) <margeh@tamatea.org>; Trace <waitomoboy@gmail.com>
Subject: Tamatea Taiwhenua Tautoko Māori Wards

E Te Rangatira, kei te mihi ki ā koe Mayor Walker

RE: Māori Wards - Taiwhenua Board Decision

At our Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea Board meeting of the 4th of September 2023 there was a unanimous decision to support Māori Wards in Tamatea Central Hawkes Bay.

Eight of the nine marae were present with Pukehou unable to attend due to work commitments.

We look forward to supporting this Kaupapa and are excited for the future of Tamatea with our voice represented at the table.

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KA WHIŪ TE AHIKAROA O TAMATEA TAUHĀ, WHIWHIŪ!

The home flames of Tamatea are secured, we are here we are luminous!

Tihei Tamatea!

Jenny Nelson-Smith | Chair

Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea

Waipukurau Marae Trustee | Chair

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi | Board member

Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Trust | Board member

M 027 277 4656 | E jenny@kahungunu.iwi.nz

Te Pā Tūwatawata Te Kura nui | Vision

[Piki ake, kake ake i te Toi Huarewa...](#) Actively ascend and strive towards a better future.

7.5 CYCLONE GABRIELLE - RECOVERY UPDATE

File Number:**Author:** Riley Kupa, Recovery Manager**Authoriser:** Doug Tate, Chief Executive

Attachments:

1. Key Programme Status Report - River and Environmental Management [↓](#)
2. Key Programme Status Report - Land Transport Response [↓](#)
3. Key Programme Status Report - Community Wellbeing and Resilience [↓](#)
4. Key Programme Status Report - Stormwater [↓](#)
5. Guidance for Building Consent Applications following Cyclone Gabrielle [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a formal update on progress with the recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle. We intend to report monthly against the key four priorities and issues identified for the district through locality planning in future reports to Council.

The format of this report continues to be developed and enhanced in each reporting cycle. In our October report, we'll look to cover off the key risks and priorities for each of the pou area in this covering report also.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

This report is provided for information purposes only and has been assessed as not significant.

BACKGROUND

Six months on from Cyclone Gabrielle, and we continue to make progress. We are resolute in our objective for the Recovery in Tamatea, Central Hawke's Bay to be Community led and we continue to be guided by the discussions had with our communities across the nine 'Community Conversations' hui across the district.

This engagement process was/is critical in ensuring that our policies, approach, and initiatives reflected the needs and aspirations of district, which we hope, foster a sense of ownership and belonging in the Recovery process. Further discussion, reflection and reviewing of our processes since our first report to Council have helped reframe and refine the key priorities and issues identified across the district. The key four priorities and issues identified to date are:

1. River and Environmental management
2. Land transport and drainage management
3. 3 Waters - Recovery
4. Community Wellbeing and Resilience.

The immediate priorities for the community, as well as longer-term aspirations have been captured in Central Hawke's Bay's first edition of a recovery and locality resilience plan which can be

accessed on [Council's website](#). We have been out across the district for round 2 of our 'Community Conversations', meetings which have been an opportunity for us to keep our community engaged in the recovery process, share information, update, discuss and ascertain our direction going forward. We are grateful to everyone that have provided us with feedback, thoughts and engaged in robust discussion over the last 5 weeks. These interactions are the foundation of our roadmap for our journey through the recovery, no reira, tēnei te mihi ki a koutou katoa, te whānau whānui o Tamatea.

As officers' focus is now firmly on recovery from the Cyclone, officers will provide monthly updates to Council on progress with recovery efforts. This report constitutes a further formal report to Council on recovery, focusing on key actions and milestones reached for the different recovery activities over the past seven weeks.

DISCUSSION

The following sections of the report provide Council with a snapshot of the key activities undertaken across the four key priorities for Central Hawke's Bay identified in the recovery and resilience plan. It is important to note that while these priorities are contained in the plan produced by Council, the priorities and issues identified will not be resolved by Council on its own. In particular, a number of the key priorities and actions in the recovery plan will be led and/or managed by partner agencies, in particular the Hawke's Bay Regional Council on work pertaining to repairs and improvements to flood protection schemes and activities.

This report will summarise each of the identified key priorities in turn and highlight key milestones achieved (to date):

1. PERFORMANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF OUR RIVER SYSTEMS

The river and waterway management aspect of the Recovery Plan continues to be led by Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC). The key areas of focus over these early stages of the Recovery have been on the rapid repairs to community flood safety schemes. The repairs identified in the programme are expected to be completed by the end of September 2023.

HBRC has committed to a full review of the Upper Tukituki Flood Control Scheme, a review of the Makara Dam Scheme, and a Biosecurity Review of Chilian Needle Grass. The review processes are underway (see attached HBRC report for details and estimated timeframes).

Building Consents

Officers have been involved in developing regional Guidance for Residential Building Consent Applications in Te Matau a Māui / Hawke's Bay following Cyclone Gabrielle (Guidance Document refer Attachment 1) outlining how Council will meet its responsibilities under the Building Act 2004 when processing building consents for properties that have been subject to inundation following the Cyclone. Officers are providing this Guidance Document to Elected Members to give visibility of this regional approach.

Council Responsibilities and Response

Under the Building Act 2004 (the Act) the Council has the responsibility to ensure that any buildings constructed meet the requirements of the Act and the Building Code.

Wherever possible residents have commenced repair and reinstatement of their damaged buildings. Like-for-like repairs generally do not require a building consent. However, where work to construct a new building or major work is undertaken then a building consent is required.

The Council is seeking to facilitate the rebuilding of dwellings and other buildings as quickly as possible to assist people recover from the floods. In doing so, it must meet its responsibilities and obligations under the Act, especially in terms of satisfying itself about how matters under Section 71-74 of the Act are met (which relate to natural hazards – including inundation) and determining

the reasonableness of finished floor levels specified in building consents so that the matters related to Section 71-74 have been adequately satisfied.

HBRC is awaiting information from NIWA on the return period of rainfall and flood flows. The Council acknowledges the community's desire to commence rebuilding as soon as possible, and not have to wait for the further modelling results which could be more than a year away. It intends to assist people based on the latest information available.

Implications for homeowners

Where a property has been subject to inundation the processing of any building consent application must specifically consider s.71-74 of the Building Act 2004 (the Act). To summarise, it means that a council must refuse to issue a building consent if a property has been subject to a natural hazard, which includes inundation. However, it does allow a building consent to be issued if the Council is satisfied that the hazard has been reasonably mitigated.

The decisions the Council can make are to grant or refuse the building consent, or, where the hazard has not been sufficiently mitigated, grant the consent but also issue a s.73 notice which is recorded on the property title that states that the property is subject to a natural hazard. If a s.73 notice is issued the certificate remains on the property title and can only be removed by the Council initiating that action. It may present challenges in terms of securing funding, insurance, and probably property values, as well as the potential for increased risk-to-life. The Council will consider all relevant matters on a case-by-case basis.

Proposed Building Consent Approach

Because of the widely differing effects of the Cyclone, each application will need to be considered on its merits, with different categories having different matters and risks that need to be considered.

Next steps

Officers will implement the Guidance Document in considering residential building consent applications.

Land Categorisation

We continue to work with Hawke's Bay Regional Council and the Pōrangahau community who have around 130 properties categorised as 2A. Last month's report highlighted the process for identifying potential community flood mitigation options for Pōrangahau and initiatives identified to facilitate this. On 25 August HBRC, PDP Engineers and Council Officers were hosted by Pōrangahau Community members who facilitated a river walk to discuss potential flood mitigation options and get a local perspective given their experiences and knowledge of their awa. The information gathered has gone towards creating a long list of flood mitigation options which will be presented back to the community to be refined to a shortlist for further consideration by PDP and HBRC engineers.

PLACARDED PROPERTIES					
Locality	White	Downgraded to white	Yellow Partial (Y1)	Yellow Short Term (Y2)	Total properties
Otāne		1			1
Pōrangahau	70	6	1	27	104
Waipawa	310	28	2	34	374
Waipukurau	74	5		1	80
Ongaonga	67				67

PLACARDED PROPERTIES					
Locality	White	Downgraded to white	Yellow Partial (Y1)	Yellow Short Term (Y2)	Total properties
Rural	1		1	3	5
Total	522	40	4	65	631

PROPERTIES IN CATEGORISED LAND					
Cat 2	Cat 2C	Cat 2C*	Cat 2A	Total	Moved to Cat1
8	-	-	130	138	467

Key milestones/actions

Rapid Response, river reinstatement work – 98% complete, end date October 2023.

Waipawa River Protection u/s SH50, Makara Dams 1 and 4 repairs, Makaretu -Fairway maintenance and gas main protection and Walker Road stop bank edge protection works all underway.

Upper Tukituki River review underway.

PDP and HBRC working on furnishing longlist of flood mitigation options for Pōrangahau, expected to have long list complete by late September, early October.

See the attached Project Status report for more information.

2. LAND TRANSPORT AND DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT

Following the devastation caused by Cyclone Gabrielle on 14 February, work has primarily focused on providing immediate safe access for the Central Hawkes Bay Community. This also included the immense task of inspecting and assessing the 1268km of roads, 256 bridges and other vital assets across the network. In the following months this was challenged by the continuing wet weather and high rainfall events which caused further damage.

As the weather has improved focus has shifted now to formalising and planning for the work programme ahead. Despite the funding constraints there are a significant number of sites where we aim for construction to take place this summer. To achieve this goal there is currently a significant amount of design and procurement work happening.

The attached key project status report for Roading provides specific detail on our recovery programme for Land Transport.

3. 3 WATERS – RECOVERY

Drinking Water

Regular monitoring of drinking water continues post cyclone Gabrielle. Despite a boil water notice for the Waipukurau network in late June, monitoring revealed continuous delivery of safe drinking water.

The Tikokino Road drinking water treatment plant site has been impacted by the Waipawa river breaching informal stop banks in the immediate vicinity, exposing it to more frequent inundation. A funding application to the crown for funding to support the construction of a new stopbank has been sought and a funding outcome is expected in the near future.

Wastewater

Wastewater conveyance and treatment has returned to pre cyclone Gabrielle activity.

Stormwater

The impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle have required greater focus on stormwater and as a result the general stormwater programme has seen significantly more progress over the last six months.

The opportunity has been taken to take a more holistic approach in how the overall stormwater activity is managed moving forward and is culminating into the formation of a stormwater strategy document, planned alignment and finalisation of our catchment management plans and breaking up work into key workstreams each with their own objectives, measures and plans.

While we undertake this work that will shape how the activity is managed long term, it is recognised that in the short-term work is needed to quell community concern around future extreme events and the performance of the network to ensure protection of their properties. Work to clear the major open drainage channels has been carried out in Waipawa and is due to commence in Waipukurau.

Key milestones/actions over the past two months

- 4km of open drain cleared.
- 24% of the entire district open drainage network has been cleared.
- Cyclone related blockages removed.
- All river flap gates assessed.
- 2km piped network jetting.

See the attached programme status report for more information.

4. COMMUNITY WELLBEING AND RESILIENCE

Round two of our Community Conversations have been held throughout August and September. These have provided Council the opportunity to update on our recovery progress and hear from our communities on how they think we are tracking and where our priorities should be in the long-term.

They have also provided an opportunity to engage with community to progress community resilience conversations. Community champions are being identified and follow up meetings have been held in Otāne and Tikokino to progress their community resilience planning.

A project plan is being developed to support the resourcing of future Community Emergency Hubs and will be presented to Council in November. This will include a funding proposal including Central Government and other funding stakeholders.

Navigational support has continued via hubs at Mataweka, Pōrangahau and the Waipawa Library. Both Mataweka and the Pōrangahau hubs are nearing the end of their contracts for service, with the Mataweka hub closing its doors with a function for all those involved and whānau they have been supporting.

The Ngāti Kere Hapū Authority have undergone an extensive review of its delivery of services to the community and are in the process of carrying out the recommendations. There are plans to look at the hubs continuing but with a different focus.

The distribution of Red Cross cleaning kits has finished, and surplus stock from Mataweka is being repurposed to emergency cleaning kits for future community emergency hubs.

The Red Cross Housing Bundle project is underway with 50 eligible households identified by our partner agencies and the first bundles ordered.

Key milestones

- 8 of 10 Community Conversation meeting completed.
- Community Resilience Community Plans project underway.
- 30 Red Cross cleaning Kits provided to community via the Mataweka Marae and Pōrangahau hubs.

See report attached for more information.

IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT

This report confirms that the matter concerned has no particular implications and has been dealt with in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. Specifically:

Council staff have delegated authority for any decisions made.

Council staff have identified and assessed all reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter and considered the views and preferences of any interested or affected persons (including Māori), in proportion to the significance of the matter.

Any decisions made will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses.

Any decisions made are consistent with the Council's plans and policies.

NEXT STEPS

Officers will continue working consistently with our recovery plan with a focus on actioning the identified deliverables under each of the key priorities and prepare for the next round of community engagement to keep up to date with community needs and feed into the next edition of Central Hawke's Bay's Recovery and Resilience plan, due later this year.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.



KEY PROGRAMME STATUS REPORT- RIVER AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT



KEY PROGRAMME STATUS REPORT- PROGRAMME NAME



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Programme Name	River and Environmental Management
Programme Manager	James Feary
Programme Sponsor	HBRC
Reporting Period	[Start Date] - [End Date]

Programme Objectives:

[List the main objectives of the program.]

Delivery Analytics

[e.g. spend vs budget, progress, contractor spend total, average contractor pace score, consultant spend and health & safety incidents]

[The following table could be used if needed]

XX% PROGRESS	XXX 2023 START DATE	XXX 20XX END DATE	\$XXX BUDGET	\$XXX SPEND TO DATE	\$XXX REMAINING BUDGET
PROGRAMME		BUDGET		RISK	

KEY PROGRAMME STATUS REPORT- PROGRAMME NAME



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Executive Summary:

[Provide a concise summary of the current status of the program. Highlight any significant achievements, challenges, or changes since the last report.]

Risk and Issues Assessment

Key Issues Impact on Project Objectives	Yes	No	Explanation and Proposed Resolution
Are there scope control problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Will target dates be missed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Will project budgets be overrun?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are there quality problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are there resource problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are there risk management problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are there issues with key stakeholders?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are there communications problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are there health and safety issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Key Programme Risks

[Order risk from highest residual risk level to lowest]

Risk	Mitigation	Residual Risk Level
		Medium

Likelihood	Consequence				
	1 - Insignificant	2 - Minor	3 - Significant	4 - Major	5 - Catastrophic
5 - Almost certain	Low	Moderate	Significant	Extreme	Extreme
4 - Very Likely	Low	Moderate	Significant	High	Extreme
3 - Likely	Low	Moderate	Significant	Significant	Extreme
2 - Unlikely	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
1 - Rare	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low

Communications and Engagement

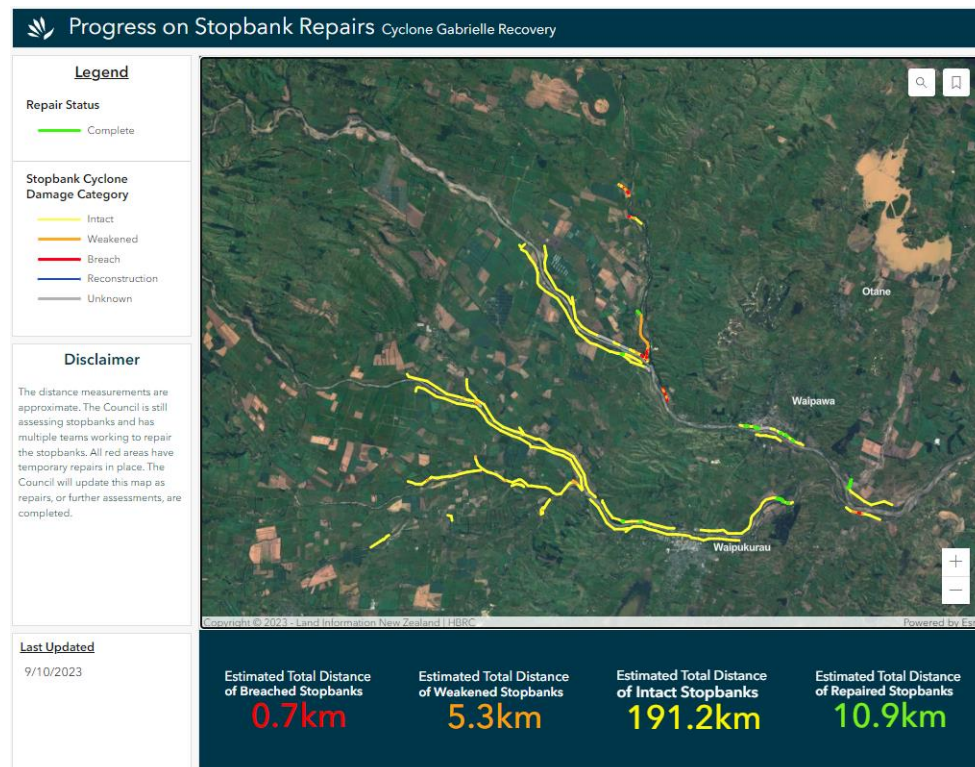
[Provide a summary of communications and engagement to date including progress, key achievements and risks/issues]

KEY PROGRAMME STATUS REPORT- PROGRAMME NAME



RIVER REINSTATEMENT WORKS.

Rapid Response Stopbank rebuild	98% PROGRESS	Mar 2023 START DATE	Oct 2023 END DATE	\$3m BUDGET	\$2.9m SPEND TO DATE
Scope: Completion of Rapid Response stop bank work					
PROGRAMME	Repair of all stopbanks identified in programme to be complete by the end of September 23				
BUDGET	On track				
RISK	All managed				



Waipawa river Protection u/s SH50	5% PROGRESS	Jul 2023 START DATE	Mar 2024 END DATE	\$1.5m BUDGET	\$60k SPEND TO DATE
Scope: Completion of river control work on Waipawa 3.5km US of SH50					
PROGRAMME	Temporary work has been completed and design is underway				
BUDGET	On track				
RISK	Funding – initially agreed with NZTA, however a change of personnel at NZTA place funding at risk. Shortage of materials for river works nation wide.				

KEY PROGRAMME STATUS REPORT- PROGRAMME NAME



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Waipawa river – Walker Rd stopbank edge protection	15% PROGRESS	Jul 2023 START DATE	Feb 2024 END DATE	\$1m BUDGET	\$100k SPEND TO DATE
Scope: Edge protection to protect the stopbank at Walker Rd – Papanui diversion					
PROGRAMME	Temporary work has been completed and design is underway				
BUDGET	On track				
RISK	Funding and materials				

Makaretu – Fairway maintenance and gas main protection	5% PROGRESS	Oct 2023 START DATE	Dec 2024 END DATE	\$110 BUDGET	\$0 SPEND TO DATE
Scope: First Gas to complete river works to true right to protect gas pipe. River works from SH50 bridge to Burnside Rd bridge.					
PROGRAMME	On track – First Gas have appointed PDP to complete a design for the protection of the gas pipe. Work will start by the start of October.				
BUDGET	On track				
RISK	Funding and Materials				

Makara Dams 1 and 4 – Repair and removal of silt.	5% PROGRESS	Oct 2023 START DATE	Feb 2024 END DATE	\$1.6m BUDGET	\$100k SPEND TO DATE
Scope: To repair access tracks to the dams, remove silt and deposit it in deposit sites, repair discharge structures and repair spillways.					
PROGRAMME	On track – contractor appointed, building consents applied for and environmental consenting process underway.				
BUDGET	On track				
RISK	Funding through LAF from silt taskforce and insurance.				

UPPER TUKITUKI RIVER CATCHMENT REVIEW

UTT Scheme review	5% PROGRESS	Jul 2023 START DATE	Mar 2024 END DATE	\$550k BUDGET	\$20k SPEND TO DATE
Scope: To review to UUT flood control scheme, including: Update of current modelling; Review of LOS; Review of performance against LOS; Recommendations to upgrade assets based on LOS review from flood frequency analysis; Review of gravel management (river fairway design, mean bed level, sustainable gravel replenishment, tools for interventions and whole river gravel strategy); Development of strategies for over design flood events.					
PROGRAMME	The programme is on track. Following meetings with CHBDC a reference group is to be formed. Depending on how this is managed, it may lead to a delay.				
BUDGET	Budget is on track				
RISK	Key risks are resourcing and supply of flood frequency analysis from NIWA				

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BIOSECURITY PROTECTION POLICY FOR CHILEAN NEEDLE GRASS REVIEW

Review of biosecurity protection policy in CHB	40% PROGRESS	July 2023 START DATE	Jan 2024 END DATE	\$NA BUDGET	\$NA SPEND TO DATE
Scope: Review of the current policy for the management and prevention of spread of CNG in the CHB river catchments.					
PROGRAMME	On track				
BUDGET	On track				
RISK	Resourcing				

LAND CATEGORISATION

Category 2A	10% PROGRESS	Apr 2023 START DATE	Dec 2026 END DATE	\$TBC BUDGET	\$TBC SPEND TO DATE
Scope: Investigation of options and implementation of solutions to move Cat 2A properties to Cat 1.					
PROGRAMME	On track				
BUDGET	Yet to be confirmed				
RISK	Appropriateness and practicality of solution, funding, timeframes				

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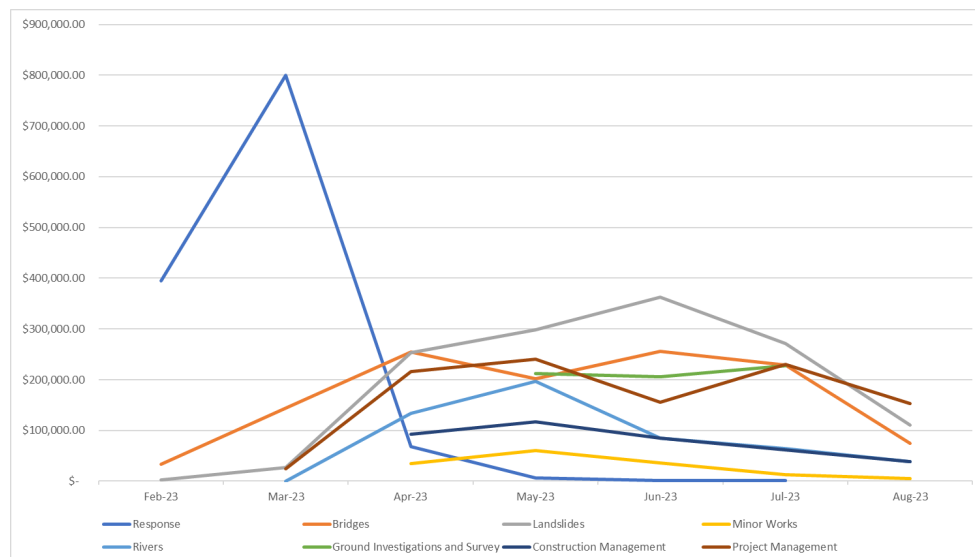
Programme Name	Land Transport Planned Response
Project Manager	Rebecca England
Programme Sponsor	Reuben George
Reporting Period	Aug 23- Sep 23

Programme Objectives:

- To rapidly assess and prioritize road damage to facilitate immediate response efforts.
- To ensure immediate safe access for affected community members and road users. In some areas undertaking temporary road repairs to restore basic functionality for emergency services and essential transportation.
- Where able under budget constraints permanently re-establish access to isolated or affected areas by repairing damaged roads
- To communicate and engage with the community on the programme and progress of each project.
- To deliver these capital projects in alignment with budget and quality parameters whilst ensuring community benefit
- To work with community members, affected landowners, business, iwi and other stakeholders to establish priorities and ideal levels of service which will inform future recovery works.

Delivery Analytics

Average contractor PACE score, health and safety incidents and progress vs budget to be added in coming reports.



Professional Services Spend by Month

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Executive Summary:

Following the devastation caused by Cyclone Gabrielle on February 14th work has primarily focused on providing immediate safe access for the Central Hawkes Bay Community. This also included the immense task of inspecting and assessing the 1268km of roads, 256 bridges and other vital assets across the network. In the following months this was challenged by the continuing wet weather and high rainfall events which caused further damage.

As the weather has improved focus has shifted now to formalising and planning for the work programme ahead. Despite the funding constraints there are a significant number of sites where we aim for construction to take place this summer. To achieve this goal there is currently a significant amount of design and procurement work happening.

Risk and Issues Assessment

Key Issues Impact on Project Objectives	Yes	No	Explanation and Proposed Resolution
Are there scope control problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None at present.
Will target dates be missed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There is a risk that the Douglas Cutting Bridge and Gwavas Bridge constructions may not be complete prior to Christmas 2023. Discussions to take place with contractor following award of contract.
Will project budgets be overrun?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None at present
Are there quality problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None at present
Are there resource problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Internal resourcing at Council.
Are there risk management problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None at present
Are there issues with key stakeholders?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None at present
Are there communications problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of communications plan. No clear information provision for community
Are there health and safety issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None at present

Key Programme Risks

Risk	Mitigation	Residual Risk Level
Funding constraints restrict work from taking place at certain sites. There is a risk that with continued rain we will lose access to some roads. E.g. Titoki Bridge, Kahuranaki Rd and Cooks Tooth Rd and Patangata bridge.	At-risk sites have been weight-restricted, closed and or temporary repairs implemented where possible. Monitoring and repair of sites where possible under funding restrictions.	Extreme
There is a risk that Hawkes Bay Regional Council remove the provision of emergency works (RMA)	Discuss at Mayoral level across Hawkes Bay Region and potentially engage with	Extreme

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S330) which results in significant delays to projects whilst consent is granted and will result in response funding not being spent by June 2024. This would also affect two of the recently approved recovery projects.	the minister to highlight risk to the regions recovery programme.	
Lack of communication with the community leads to incorrect messaging of the work programme and in due course reputational damage to Council.	Development of an overarching communications plan that outlines key messages and a plan for implementation including work such as visual aids and community conversations.	Moderate
Existing communication lines do not provide enough information to ELT and Council.	Implementation of regular reporting to Council and ELT. Creation of a project governance group.	Moderate
No visibility of future funding provision from Waka Kotahi leading to uncertainty in the recovery programme and the ongoing operation and maintenance of unrepaired recovery sites.	Discussion with Waka Kotahi funding of ongoing management of sites under the recovery programme and future funding of recovery sites.	Moderate
There is a risk that pressures on the construction market including capacity and availability of resources lead to increased cost and timeframe of delivery.	Development of procurement strategy to enable moving from emergency procurement to a planned approach. Early engagement with contractors.	Moderate

Likelihood	Consequence				
	1 - Insignificant	2 - Minor	3 - Significant	4 - Major	5 - Catastrophic
5 - Almost certain	Low	Moderate	Significant	Extreme	Extreme
4 - Very Likely	Low	Moderate	Significant	High	Extreme
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1 - Rare	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low

Communications and Engagement

Community Conversations

The commencement of the Community Conversations Round Two has allowed for a significant focus on the roading recovery that lies ahead. In addition to the standard prioritisation activity completed at each of these meetings, the verbal specific feedback from community members has been effective in ensuring damaged sites are not missed and that the wider team understand the preferred sequencing of repairs.

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With the majority of these meetings now complete work has commenced to ensure a fit-for-purpose prioritisation process is created to allow for the valuable information provided by community members to be used in our roading recovery work moving forward.

Landowner and Stakeholder Engagement

As work across the district has become more focused there have been a number of opportunities to engage with landowners or stakeholders affected by specific road closures or restrictions. Discussions aim to inform affected parties and also better understand the impacts so that assistance can be offered where possible. As projects progress work will commence with partners The Property Group around potential property acquisition.

Taurekaitai Bridge

Planning	15% PROGRESS	Aug 2023 START DATE	Jun 2024 END DATE
Scope: To design and construct a repair to the true left bank approach of Taurekaitai Bridge			
PROGRAMME	Options report complete to be reviewed by Council upon issue. On track with planned delivery timeframe.		
BUDGET	Engineers estimate for works has been provided.		
RISK			



Douglas Cutting Bridge

Execution	25% PROGRESS	Mar 2023 START DATE	Jun 2024 END DATE
Scope: To design and construct a new bridge replacing the infrastructure damaged in Cyclone Gabrielle			
PROGRAMME	Delay to the procurement process has in turn delayed the commencement of construction by approximately 1 month. Construction is likely to continue over Christmas.		
BUDGET	Design & Build contract value is to be confirmed upon award.		
RISK	Temporary access is currently being maintained and discussions with landowners regarding approach realignment and construction will commence shortly		

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Gwavas Road Culvert

Execution	25% PROGRESS	Mar 2023 START DATE	Jun 2024 END DATE
Scope: To design and construct a new bridge replacing the culvert on Gwavas Road.			
PROGRAMME	Delay to the procurement process has in turn delayed the commencement of construction by approximately 1 month. Programmed to provide access by end of December but additional protection works may continue in the New Year.		
BUDGET	Design and build contract value is to be confirmed upon award.		
RISK	Community expectations are the bridge to be reopened by Christmas 2023. The selected contractor is likely to also work on other projects across the district which could limit resources.		



Wakarara Road Bridge

Execution	55% PROGRESS	Mar 2023 START DATE	Jun 2024 END DATE
Scope: To design and construct true right abutment repairs to the Wakarara Road Bridge			
PROGRAMME	Design is in final stages and procurement is underway.		
BUDGET			
RISK			

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Titoki Bridge

Planning	15% PROGRESS	Aug 2023 START DATE	Jun 2024 END DATE
Scope: To design and construct a solution which underpins the western abutment.			
PROGRAMME	Options report outlining potential design solutions has been completed by Stantec and is ready for review by Council		
BUDGET			
RISK	Access is restricted to a 3.5t weight limit which is significantly impacting the farming business located on Titoki Road. There is a risk that they may not be contractor availability despite rapid design completion.		



Simple and Minor Sites

Planning	15% PROGRESS	Aug 2023 START DATE	Jun 2024 END DATE
Scope: Approximately 110 simple and minor landslip sites remaining to be delivered.			
PROGRAMME	Treatment design is underway for each site and programming of physical works will begin following Council endorsement of procurement strategy.		
BUDGET	An engineer's estimate for physical works to take place at each site is currently underway.		
RISK	A number of the sites have the potential to be impacted by land agreements where retreating the road is recommended.		

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Atua Road

Rock Armouring

Planning	30% PROGRESS	Aug 2023 START DATE	Jun 2024 END DATE
Scope: To design and implement rock armouring protection at 5 at-risk sites across the district. This includes; Tipenes Bridge, Flaxmill Bridge, Pōrangahau Bridge, Saleyards Bridge and Wharetoka Bridge			
PROGRAMME	All design drawings have been completed and are currently in various stages of review including Safety in Design.		
BUDGET			
RISK	There is a risk that construction at certain sites may be delayed in we experience significant rainfall.		



Tipenes Bridge

Recovery

We are currently working through a funding agreement with the Crown which will provide \$11m of funding across 4 keys sites:

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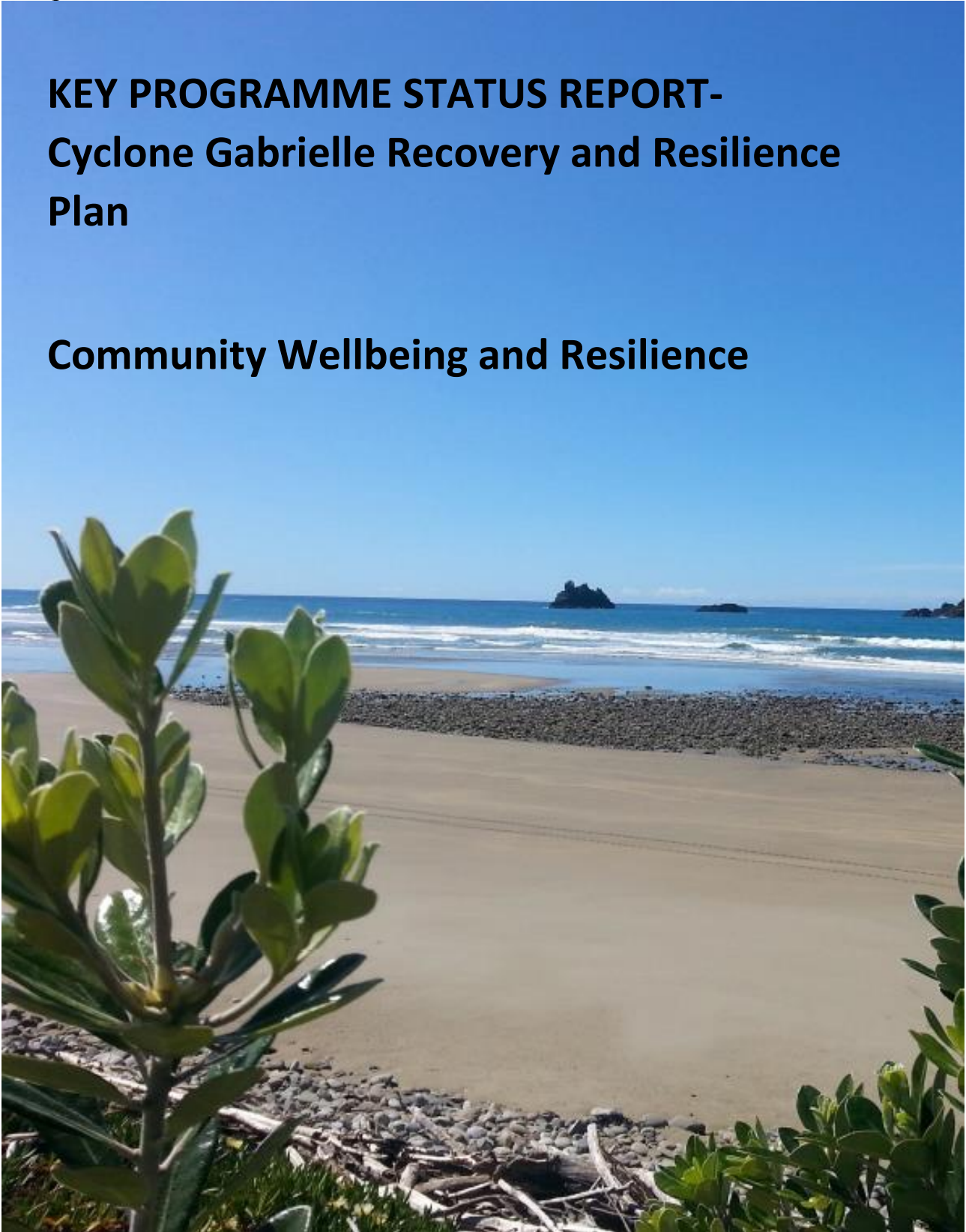
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- Fletchers Crossing
- Elsthorpe Road



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Community Wellbeing and Resilience



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Programme Name	Community Wellbeing & Resilience
Programme Manager	Debbie Northe, Community Connections Manager - Recovery
Programme Sponsor	Dennise Elers
Reporting Period	01/08/2023 - 31/08/2023

Programme Objectives:

The Community Wellbeing and Resilience programme responds to the key priorities identified under the Social Pou of the Tamatea – Central Hawke's Bay Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery and Resilience Plan.

Our recovery must ensure that first and foremost the welfare and health needs of whānau and communities are met. Council will achieve this by:

- Delivering on a recovery plan in partnership with iwi/hapū, key government agencies, and broader organisations.
- Putting communities, urban and rural, at the centre so they are empowered and supported to lead the direction of their own recovery and their own initiatives.

This will ensure our people are in the driver's seat guiding us towards a more resilience, future-proofed and thriving Central Hawke's Bay.

Sustaining Community Wellbeing

The need for sustained community wellbeing support has been identified and clearly heard across the district. While the initial response may be over, the long-term effects on personal and mental wellbeing and the journey of recovery ahead of us is significant. Key areas of focus raised by the community to date for this priority have included.

- Navigational support
- Community wellbeing
- Supporting our rural sector
- Continued support for isolated and impacted communities
- Continued leadership in housing

Building Community Resilience

With the need for community to have increased resilience through times of isolation, such as that experienced through Cyclone Gabrielle, priorities and issues that support and build community resilience across the district identified include:

- Establishing Community Support Hubs
- Civil Defence radio network
- Telecommunications resilience

Delivery Analytics

This programme is still in its infancy, with work programmes and associated budgets, and risk registers under development.

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Executive Summary:

Round two of our Community Conversations have been held throughout August and September. These have provided Council the opportunity to update on our recovery progress and hear from our communities on how they think we are tracking and where our priorities should be in the long-term.

They have also provided an opportunity to engage with community to progress community resilience conversations. Community champions are being identified and follow up meetings have been held in Otāne and Tikokino to progress their community resilience planning.

A project plan is being developed to support the resourcing of future Community Emergency Hubs and will be presented to Council in November. This will include a funding proposal including Central Government and other funding stakeholders.

Navigational support has continued via hubs at Mataweka, Pōrangahau and the Waipawa Library. Both Mataweka and the Pōrangahau hubs are nearing the end of their contracts for service, with the Mataweka hub closing its doors with a function for all those involved and whānau they have been supporting.

The Ngāti Kere Hapū Authority have undergone an extensive review of its delivery of services to the community and are in the process of carrying out the recommendations. There are plans to look at the hubs continuing but with a different focus.

The distribution of Red Cross cleaning kits has finished, and surplus stock from Mataweka is being repurposed to emergency cleaning kits for future community emergency hubs.

The Red Cross Housing Bundle project is underway with 50 eligible households identified by our partner agencies and the first bundles ordered.

Risk and Issues Assessment

Key Issues Impact on Project Objectives	Yes	No	Explanation and Proposed Resolution
Are there scope control problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The scope of the project will be finalised once the second round of community conversations have finished.
Will target dates be missed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No specific target delivery dates have yet been set – to be confirmed once project scope finalised.
Will project budgets be overrun?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Budgets currently being developed; expenditure will only be incurred as funding confirmed.
Are there quality problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not at this stage.
Are there resource problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not at this stage.
Are there risk management problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Risks for the programme continue to be developed.
Are there issues with key stakeholders?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community champion groups are currently being created. Realistic timeframes for delivery will be developed as part of the locality work plans.
Are there communications problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are there health and safety issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not at this stage

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Key Programme Risks

[Order risk from highest residual risk level to lowest]

Risk	Mitigation	Residual Risk Level
Community expectation re timeframes.	Addressed through a clearly defined workplan with timeframes and budget developed with community.	Moderate
Breach of trust	Risk to recipient of Housing Bundles, mitigated through support from referring agencies.	Low

Likelihood	Consequence				
	1 - Insignificant	2 - Minor	3 - Significant	4 - Major	5 - Catastrophic
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Communications and Engagement

Regular communication updates are provided via social media, print media and radio. The Cyclone Gabrielle webpage continues to be regularly updated with the nine locality plans now have their own pages which are currently promoting round two of the community conversations.



Elsthorpe, Kairakau
& Mangakuri



Omakere & Pouterere



Otāne & Papanui catchment



Ongaonga & Ashley Clinton



Tikokino, Wakarara
& Argyll



Waipawa



Waipukurau



Wallingford & Flemington



Takapau

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Community Resilience Plans

18 months	5% PROGRESS	August 2023 START DATE	December 2024 END DATE	\$TBC BUDGET	\$Nil SPEND TO DATE
Scope: Supporting our communities to be more resilient by being better prepared for future emergency events.					
PROGRAMME	<p>During and after an emergency a community resilience plan will be a community's reference guide with important contact details and response tips for dealing with specific impacts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elsthorpe, Kairakau and Mangakuri - Otāne and Papanui - Pōrangahau - Takapau - Ashley Clinton and Onagonga - Tikokino, Wakarara and Argyll - Waipawa - Waipukurau - Wallingford and Flemington <p>Community resilience champions are being identified at the second round of community conversations and follow up meetings are underway with interested groups.</p> <p>A draft work programme for the development of CRP's is attached. Target to hold 3 community resilience workshops by mid December 2023.</p> <p>Workshop lead HB Emergency Management.</p>				
BUDGET	To be determined.				
RISK	Community expectation re timeframes. Addressed through a clearly defined workplan with timeframes and budget.				

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Community Resilience Plan (CRP) 2023 ACTION PLAN



Project Manager:	CHBDC Recovery & HB CDEM Community Engagement	Date:	August 2023	Version:	1
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The below is an overview of the Deliverables and Milestones:

Deliverable 1	Milestones
Increase community emergency preparedness – Otane CRP	1 Identify community leaders, elders, groups
	2 Prepare communication and engagement plan
	3 Set up engagement activities/workshops
	4 Deliver engagement activities
	5 Compile CRP
	6 Present CRP to community / hui
	7 Practise CRP and Community Emergency hub activation

The following is a detailed breakdown of tasks involved for each deliverable and milestone, which is consistent with the Project Schedule:

Deliverable 1: Increase Community emergency preparedness

Milestone 1: Identify groups and focus areas	Description of Tasks	Task Owner
1. Identify community leaders, community associations, community groups	Prepare a list of community leaders, associations, groups that would form part of the "community lead" group.	
2. Identify partners / stakeholders	Identify a list of businesses and schools in the target area Identify key partner stakeholders. These partners / stakeholders will support the CRP workshops ea FENZ, NCC, Police, CHBDC Councillors	
Milestone 2: Prepare communication and engagement plan	Description of Tasks	Task Owner
2. Define key messages to the community	Identify key messaging to the community. What is required, why it is required	
3. Plan Comms approach	Prepare a comms strategy, letter drops, social media.	

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Community Resilience Plan (CRP) 2023 ACTION PLAN



	Share Draft Comms & Engagement Plan with the Project Team	(Is a project team needed? Has there been a team before)	Task Owner
	Milestone 3: Set up engagement activities / workshop		
1.	Create engagement dates schedule	Identify dates for the workshops.	
2.	Define tools for engagements (e.g. venue, catering, materials, speakers)	Create engagement dates schedule and distribute to all.	
3.	Draft Agenda	Determine what will be required at the engagement and who will take ownership	
	Milestone 4: Deliver engagement activities / workshop	Depending on how many engagements/workshops are needed.	Task Owner
1.	Draft presentation to appropriate audience	Dependent on specific engagement workshop	
2.	Role-players presentations / support	Include role-players presentations to agenda.	
	Milestone 5: Draft CRP		Task Owner
1.	Draft CRP	Draft the CRP after the workshops have been concluded.	
	Milestone 6: Present CRP to community / Hui		Task Owner
1.	Present the CRP	Present the CRP to the community at a community hui.	
2.	Present the Community Engagement Hubs document (WIREMO model)	Present the Community Engagement Hubs at a community hui.	
	Milestone 7: Practise CRP and Community Emergency hub activation		Task Owner
1.	Practise the emergency hub activation.	Have a practise session on setting up and running the community emergency hubs	

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Community Emergency Hubs

18 months	10% PROGRESS	August 2023 START DATE	December 2024 END DATE	\$TBC BUDGET	\$Nil SPEND TO DATE
Scope:					
PROGRAMME	<p>Through the community resilience planning process, the need for Community Emergency Hubs will be determined in local communities.</p> <p>Community Emergency Hubs are pre-identified, community-led places that can support a community to coordinate their efforts to help each other during and after an emergency.</p> <p>Community Emergency Hubs will be opened and operated by people within the community, not official authorities.</p> <p>We know that communities naturally come together to connect, share their stories about their experience, find out information about what's happening in your suburb, offer skills, resources, and assistance to those who need it, and look for assistance. After a large-scale emergency, such as a major flooding event, emergency services will be dealing with the most urgent call outs, so the people you live nearest to will be your most immediate, and ongoing, source of support.</p> <p>Hubs have already been identified at Otāne and Tikokino and initial meetings with community champions have occurred.</p> <p>A draft project plan will be available at the end of September which identifies proposed hub locations, resources required and funding.</p>				
BUDGET	To be determined – paper going to November Council workshop				
RISK	Community expectation re timeframes. Addressed through a clearly defined workplan with timeframes and budget.				



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New Zealand Red Cross Home Bundles

18 months	10% PROGRESS	August 2023 START DATE	December 2023 END DATE	\$Nil BUDGET	\$Nil SPEND TO DATE
Scope:					
PROGRAMME	<p>We're pleased to be partnering with New Zealand Red Cross to help them deliver their Red Cross Home Bundles programme in CHB. This initiative will help those most in need in our community to replace furniture and other basic household items damaged in the cyclone (or floods).</p> <p>We are using our information and networks to identify households eligible for a Red Cross Home Bundle, and our partner agencies will invite them to participate in the programme. New Zealand Red Cross will then provide bundles of furniture and other goods based on each household's needs.</p> <p>The Bundles contain a range of basic household furniture and goods from The Warehouse and Noel Leeming. People can order what they need from a list for their household. A Bundle may include whiteware, kitchenware, beds, linen, and living room furniture. Bundles will include a store Gift Card from The Warehouse for other household items</p>				
BUDGET	Fully funded via New Zealand Disaster Fund				
RISK	<p>Breach of trust</p> <p>Eligible households have been identified using a high-trust model with our partner agencies. Red Cross will not be seeking evidence or information from the organisations or the applicant to validate their eligibility or vulnerability.</p> <p>If the recipient provides false information on their declaration form or the bundle order form, Red Cross may revoke the approval of the bundle or require repayment of all or part of the costs.</p>				



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New Zealand Red Cross Cleaning Kits

3 months	100% PROGRESS	June 2023 START DATE	August 2023 END DATE	\$Nil BUDGET	\$Nil SPEND TO DATE
Scope:					
PROGRAMME	<p>New Zealand Red Cross provided bulk cleaning supplies for affected communities and households.</p> <p>Supplies for our community were secured in June through our Community Connections Manger – Recovery who had been involved in the project in Hastings.</p> <p>Two petrol powered water blasters and two wet/dry vacuum cleaners were provided to Mataweka and Porangahau hubs for the community to use.</p> <p>30 cleaning kits were provided and distributed via Matweka and Porangahau hubs to affected households.</p> <p>Cleaning kits included items such as hoses, shovels, brooms, floor squeegees, buckets, cleaning brushes, mould remover, disinfectant, masks and gloves, disposable overalls.</p> <p>Surplus stock on hand at Mataweka was returned and is currently being reallocated as emergency cleaning kits to be stored at facilities identified as future Community Emergency Hubs.</p>				
BUDGET	Fully funded via New Zealand Disaster Fund				
RISK	Surplus stock left on hand due to timing of kits – repurposed as above.				



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#the BIG. Stormwater Story

Key Programme Status Report

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Programme Name	The Big Stormwater Story
Programme Manager	Ben Swinburne
Programme Sponsor	Doug Tate
Reporting Period	September 2023

Programme Objectives:

The Big Stormwater Story aims to overhaul the stormwater activity through engaging with community to understand expectations and agree on levels of service, then planning and implementing a programme of works to ensure that the network achieves that level of service.

It is expected that this will enable people, property, and the environment to be better protected from the adverse effects of flooding, erosion and water pollution.

To achieve this Council will:

- Manage stormwater with regard to financial investment and social, cultural and environmental benefits.
- Contribute to the protection and enhancement of the waterways, rivers, and other water bodies.
- Minimise adverse effects of overland flow and flooding.
- Reduce the amount of stormwater contaminants getting into the rivers and lake.
- Ensure the provision of effective stormwater systems incorporating affordability and industry best practice.

Delivery Analytics

1%	March 2023	\$2.57m	\$148k	\$2.42m
PROGRESS	START DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	SPEND TO DATE	REMAINING BUDGET
Programme		61%		
Budget				
Risk				
		Average Contractor PACE Score		

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Executive Summary:

The impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle have required greater focus on stormwater and as a result the general stormwater programme has seen significantly more progress over the last six months.

The opportunity has been taken to take a more holistic approach in how the overall stormwater activity is managed moving forward and is culminating into the formation of a stormwater strategy document, planned alignment and finalisation of our catchment management plans and breaking up work into key workstreams each with their own objectives, measures and plans.

While we undertake this work that will shape how the activity is managed long term, it is recognised that in the short-term work is needed to quell community concern around future extreme events and the performance of the network to ensure protection of their properties. Work to clear the major open drainage channels has been carried out in Waipawa and is due to commence in Waipukurau.

Risk and Issues Assessment

Key Issues Impact on Project Objectives	Yes	No	Explanation and Proposed Resolution
Are there scope control problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The scope of the programme is yet to be fully defined, work to create an overarching strategy will provide the programme scope.
Will target dates be missed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No specific targets for delivery have been set, open drain clearing as part of the Cyclone Gabrielle response has occurred slower than we had anticipated
Will project budgets be overrun?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specific project budgets will be defined through the formation of the quick wins programme. Current work packages have all been delivered within quoted contract costs
Are there quality problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None at this stage
Are there resource problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resourcing is not currently an issue
Are there risk management problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Risks for the programme continue to be developed, detailed risk registers and workshops will be held for each work package
Are there issues with key stakeholders?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Focus groups have been established in both Waipukurau and Waipawa, these groups will be key to ensuring programme alignment with community
Are there communications problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A communications and engagement plan is currently being drafted, the first edition of a regular newsletter is planned for the end of September
Are there health and safety issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None at this stage, Safety in Design workshops will be planned for all new work packages

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Key Programme Risks

Risk	Mitigation	Residual Risk Level
Expected Levels of Service unable to be met within financial constraints	Prioritising and phasing work to align with budget availability, clear communication and engagement with stakeholders around prioritisation and expected phasing	Significant
Scope Creep	Clearly define project objectives and parameters Schedule regular progress meetings	Moderate
Cost Increases	Align scope and schedule to estimate realistic costs Regular check ins and reconciliation of actual spend to forecasts	Significant
Inability to deliver to timeframes	Agree realistic timelines for each milestone at project kick off Allowance of adequate time contingency	Low
Poor Performance	Agree and confirm Key Performance Indicators (KPI) at Project kick off Utilisation of regular PACE scoring for contractors Regular project meetings to track progress and performance	Low

Likelihood	Consequence				
	1 - Insignificant	2 - Minor	3 - Significant	4 - Major	5 - Catastrophic
5 - Almost certain	Low	Moderate	Significant	Extreme	Extreme
4 - Very Likely	Low	Moderate	Significant	High	Extreme
3 - Likely	Low	Moderate	Significant	Significant	Extreme
2 - Unlikely	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
1 - Rare	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low

Communications and Engagement

A communications and engagement plan is currently being drafted, this will ensure clear understanding of expectations around how and how regularly we engage with stakeholders. Engagement to inform iteration two of the Stormwater strategy will be key to ensuring a “fit for purpose” and “right-sized” strategic direction and ultimately work programme.

Three Stormwater Focus Groups were established in the aftermath of Cyclone Gabrielle - Waipawa, Waipukurau and Waipukurau Industrial - these focus groups will play a key part in not only informing the strategy but being a medium for connecting with the wider community to both collect and share information.

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Cyclone Gabrielle Response – Open Drain clearing

MONITORING	60% PROGRESS	March 2023 START DATE	March 2024 END DATE	\$900K BUDGET	\$580K SPEND TO DATE
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Scope: Addressing deferred maintenance in cyclone affected drains, improving major district drainage channels and paving the way for capital upgrades programme.

PROGRAMME	Some uncertainty remains due to unknown influence of landowners and developer stakeholders, but lots of opportunity available moving into spring/summer season
BUDGET	Currently being supported by capital programme budgets while operating costs are reassessed. Certainty in costs provided by contractor partnership agreements
RISK	Robust risk management of physical works occurring. Methodology and prioritisation supported by consultant inputs.



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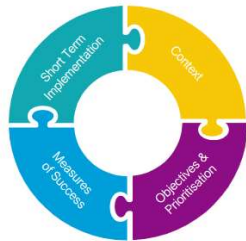
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Stormwater Strategy – Iteration One (Current Year)

MONITORING	85% PROGRESS	1 June 2023 START DATE	30 Sept 2023 END DATE	\$156,000 BUDGET	\$132,352 SPEND TO DATE
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Scope: Develop a stormwater strategy that informs decision making in the short term and enables investment in works that provide immediate improvement to the stormwater network, improving the level of service provided and alleviating some of community's concerns following Cyclone Gabrielle.

PROGRAMME	On track for delivery of a number of informative reports that will enable robust decision making and the formation of various short term programmes of work (maintenance programme, quick wins network improvement programme)
BUDGET	On track to be delivered with planned budget
RISK	Nothing to Report



Iteration 1

- To be endorsed by Council in September 2023
- Provides a framework for robust decision making and support investment
- Community understanding enhanced
- Prioritises flooding issues and a 1-2 year horizon

Iteration 1 (qualitative):



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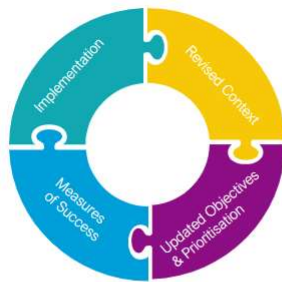
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Stormwater Strategy – Iteration Two (Long term)

INITIATION	5% PROGRESS	Sept 2023 START DATE	June 2024 END DATE	\$TBC BUDGET	\$TBC SPEND TO DATE
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Scope: To engage with community on how stormwater should be managed across the district, understand expectations and agree on outcomes, then create a strategy document with a clear vision, purpose, principles and measures that sets out a clear strategic direction and informs decision making

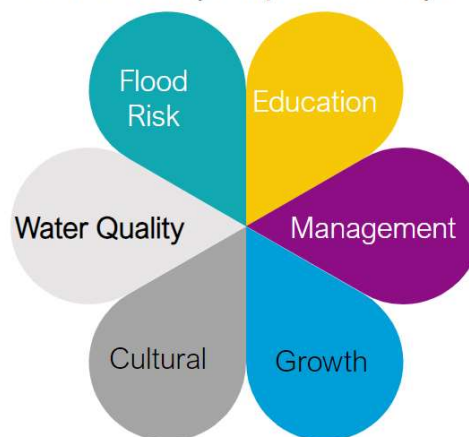
PROGRAMME	Initial drafting to be an extension of iteration one of the strategy, a communication and engagement plan to be creating informing the overall programme for delivery of the long term strategy in 2024
BUDGET	A budget for the creation of the strategy to be further refined
RISK	There is a risk that the ability to effectively engage with community will be compromised by an inability to look past the short term issues



Iteration 2

- Oct 2023 - Feb 2024
- Allows for collaboration / partnership
- Focuses on objectives and targets
- Brings in water quality issues
- 3-10 year horizon (AMP and LTP)

Iteration 2 (comprehensive):



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Quick wins programme

PLANNING	5% PROGRESS	June 2023 START DATE	\$TBC BUDGET	\$TBC SPEND TO DATE
Scope: Establish a programme of easily implemented CAPEX and OPEX works to make immediate improvements the performance of the stormwater network				
PROGRAMME	Planning phase on track, detailed planning and design phase to inform programme			
BUDGET	Budget allocation and programme costs remain undefined until detailed planning phase			
RISK	Detailed risk analysis to be undertaken as planning phase develops, main risk lies in affordability and continued investment to the programme			

▶ QUICK WINS

Installation of
Flap Gates

Pipe Size
Upgrades

Waterway
Bank
Stabilisation

Waterway
Maintenance



▶ EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS

Immediate Plan:

Severe Weather Outlook
Checklist (SWOC)

Medium Term:

Identify pump location and
confirm land ownership
and consent requirements

Create safe accessible
platform for temporary
pumps

Council enter agreements
for pumps and power
(purchase/hire)

Catchment changes to
improve flows to pumps

Long Term:

Engagement and
consultation

Land
purchase/consenting if
required.

Develop standardised
design

Procure and construct



Guidance for Building Consent Applications in Te Matau a Māui / Hawke's Bay following Cyclone Gabrielle

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In February 2023, Te Matau a Māui Hawke's Bay faced devastation and loss from Cyclone Gabrielle – one of the largest natural disasters in the history of Aotearoa New Zealand. Across the region, communities have endured significant impact to their lives, livelihoods, whānau, homes, farms, orchards, vineyards and neighbourhoods.
- 1.2 On 1 June 2023 initial risk categories were identified that continue to be refined. Further information about that process is available at <https://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/land-categorisation-hb/>. As Hawke's Bay progresses its recovery, the question of how councils will process building consents in categorised areas has come into focus.

2. Purpose of this Guidance Document

- 2.1 The purpose of this Guidance Document is to clearly outline how Hastings District, Napier City and Central Hawke's Bay District Councils (**councils**) will approach residential building consenting under the Building Act 2004 (**the Act**) across the region during Hawke's Bay's recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle.
- 2.2 This Guidance Document considers the applicability of sections 71-74 of the Act, which relate to natural hazards. It is designed to provide as much certainty as possible, to allow communities to make decisions that have future and inter-generational safety at their heart. We also don't want our communities spending money on building consent applications that may be unlikely to ever be granted due to the risk of natural hazards.
- 2.3 This is uncharted territory for how Aotearoa New Zealand deals with natural disasters of this scale and while we don't yet have all the answers, we are committed to sharing what we do know, when we know.

3. Important things to note

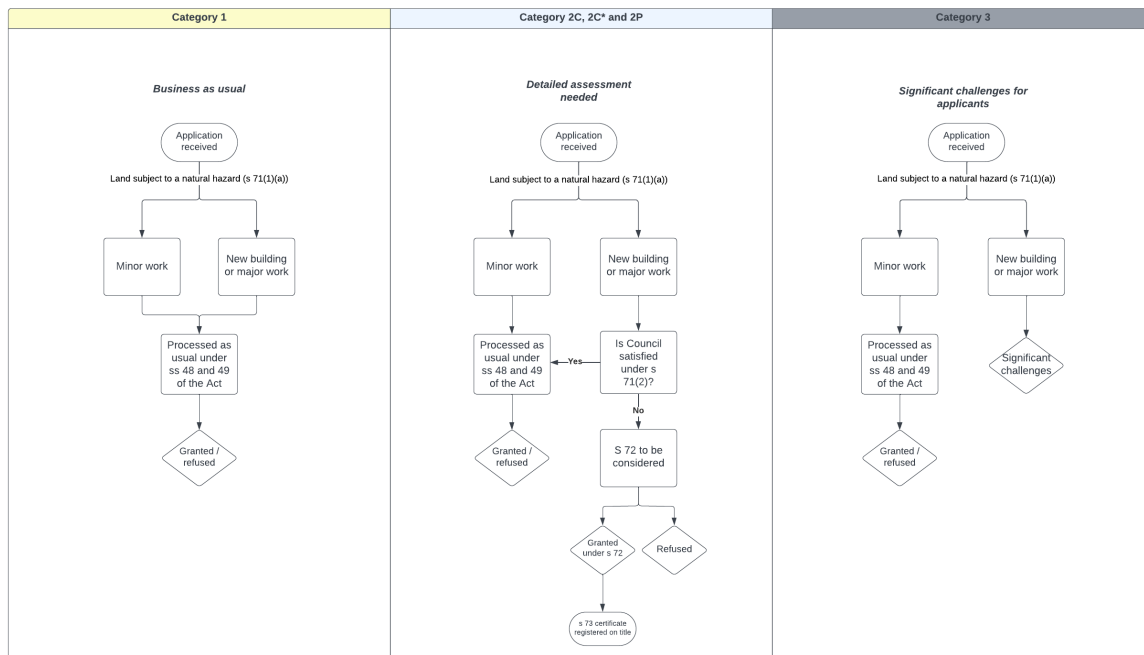
- 3.1 The councils will process all applications for building consents in accordance with the Act, on their individual merits.
- 3.2 This Guidance Document should be read alongside the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's Guidance on sections 71 to 74 of the Act, which is published on the MBIE website.
- 3.3 This Guidance Document applies only to residential buildings or sleeping accommodation. Getting people back into their homes where possible is the priority right now and the councils will communicate their approach to consenting commercial buildings in due course.
- 3.4 Using the categories of land that Hawke's Bay Regional Council has identified, building consent applications in relation to:
 - a. Category 1 land will almost invariably be processed in accordance with s 71(2)(a) of the Act; and
 - b. Category 2C, 2C*, 2P and 3 land will almost invariably be processed in accordance with s 72 of the Act.
- 3.5 Building consent processing in relation Category 2C, 2C* and 2P land is likely to exceed the statutory timeframe provided in the Act and we ask for your understanding and patience as we try to get these difficult decisions right.

- 3.6 Category 2A, where significant further assessment is required, falls outside the Guidance Document. Once further assessment and re-categorisation of properties in this category has occurred, they will be considered in accordance with their new categorisation.
- 3.7 For all categories where minor building work is applied for, the Council will process those applications in accordance with sections 48 and 49 of the Act and the natural hazards provision in the Act (ss 71-74) do not apply.
- 3.8 Finally, this Guidance Document has been created on the basis of relevant information available to the councils at today's date. Should more comprehensive data becomes available from Hawke's Bay Regional Council, the Guidance Document will, to the extent necessary, be promptly updated.




Approach to Building consenting by Category

Category 1 ¹	Category 2C, 2C* and 2P	Category 3
<p><i>Business as usual</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All applications will be processed in accordance with the Act • Applicants are encouraged to speak to Council before applying • In reliance on assurances from HBRC, informed by expert advice, that flood protection measures have or will be reinstated to pre-Gabrielle standards, and that it is reasonable to assume the stopbanks will perform as designed, it is considered that adequate provision has been or will be made to protect this land, building work, or other property, from inundation under s 71(2) of the Act • Building consents will be processed based on pre-Gabrielle finished floor levels but higher levels may be required on a case-by-case basis • Applications must meet the test specified by s 49 of the Act • Unlikely s 72 of the Act will be considered; or s 73 certificates will be issued for inundation specific to Cyclone Gabrielle 	<p><i>Detailed assessments needed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All applications will be processed in accordance with the Act • Applicants are encouraged to speak to Council before applying • The land is subject to a natural hazard (inundation) and councils are unlikely to be satisfied that adequate provision has been or will be made to protect the land, building work, or other property from the natural hazard (s 71(2) of the Act) • Applications are most likely to be granted if s 72 of the Act is satisfied • Applications may be considered by an independent panel consisting of appropriate experts. The panel, if asked, will provide a recommendation to the relevant Council as to whether they consider s 72 is satisfied and in particular whether waiver or modifications should be granted in relation to Building Code clauses. The costs of this process will be met by the relevant Council and not passed onto the applicant • Councils who engage the independent panel are not obliged to follow the recommendation and all decisions rest with the relevant Council • Building consents, if granted under s 72, will require s 73 certificates to be registered on the property's title • The need for s 73 certificates to remain on a property's title will be promptly reviewed once information becomes available from HBRC as to flood protection measures • Not all s 73 certificates will be able to be removed from titles and some may remain indefinitely 	<p><i>Significant challenges for applicants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All applications will be processed in accordance with the Act • Applicants are encouraged to speak to Council before applying, as applicants for new buildings or major building work face significant challenges • HBRC and Central Government consider that future severe weather event risk cannot be sufficiently mitigated and there is an intolerable risk of injury or death in these areas • Permitting new buildings or major work to proceed or continue (including any active consents granted prior to Cyclone Gabrielle) may be contrary to the purposes of the Act, specifically to ensure that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ People who use buildings can do so safely and without endangering their health; ○ Buildings have attributes that contribute appropriately to the health, physical independence, and well-being of the people who use them; and ○ Buildings are designed, constructed, and able to be used in ways that promote sustainable development.

¹ Including Category 2C* land recently migrated to Category 1.



Categorised areas as at August 2023

Category				Region totals
1	679	178	374	1231
2C*	68	0	0	68
2C	147	0	0	147
2P	18	1	3	22
2A	90	0	78	168
3	298	20	0	318
Totals	<u>1300</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>455</u>	<u>1954</u>

Note: Category 1 has been calculated on the basis of all properties that have moved from other categorised areas.

7.6 AMENDMENT TO THE HB CDEM GROUP JOINT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

File Number:

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Attachments:

1. HB CDEM Group Joint Committee ToR Amendment rationale [↓](#)
2. June 2023 amended CDEM Group Joint Committee ToR for adoption [↓](#)

PURPOSE

This item presents proposed changes to the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Management Group Joint committee for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council adopts the proposed amended Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee Terms of Reference.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

This report is provided for information purposes only and has been assessed as not significant.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION

The Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management (HBCDEM) Group Joint Committee met on 26 June 2023 and the amended Terms of Reference was adopted and referred to each Partner Council for their adoption as per the following Hawke's Bay Regional Council resolution:

Resolutions

That the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

1. *Receives and considers the HB CDEM Group Joint Committee mana whenua representation staff report.*
2. *Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Hawke's Bay Regional Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy, and that the Joint Committee can exercise its discretion and make the necessary decisions without conferring directly with the community.*
3. *Adopts the Terms of Reference for the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee following, to replace and supersede all previous versions.*
4. *Recommends to each of the partner councils, the adoption of the amended Terms of Reference for the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee as proposed (following).*

The proposed resolution is now presented to Council for their consideration.

Walker/Little

CARRIED unanimously

OPTIONS ASSESSMENT

The only options open to the Council is to adopt the Terms of Reference or not.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial or resource implications associated with the adoption of the HB CDEM Group Joint Committee Terms of Reference.

IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT

This report confirms that the matter concerned has no particular implications and has been dealt with in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. Specifically:

- Council staff have delegated authority for any decisions made.
- Council staff have identified and assessed all reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter and considered the views and preferences of any interested or affected persons (including Māori), in proportion to the significance of the matter.
- Any decisions made will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses.
- Unless stated above, any decisions made can be addressed through current funding under the Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan.
- Any decisions made are consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- No decisions have been made that would alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council or would transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. **Council adopts the proposed amended HB CDEM Group Joint Committee Terms of Reference.**

HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL**HB CDEM GROUP JOINT COMMITTEE****Monday 26 June 2023****Subject: HB CDEM GROUP JOINT COMMITTEE MANA WHENUA REPRESENTATION****Reason for Report**

1. This item proposes a proactive change to the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee (Joint Committee) and seeks a recommendation from the Joint Committee to each of the Partner Councils to adopt the amended ToR to enable mana whenua representation on the Joint Committee.

Officers' Recommendations

2. Council officers recommend that the Terms of Reference for the Joint Committee is amended to include mana whenua members on the Joint Committee. This is an interim step for the period leading up to the enactment of the Emergency Management Bill (EMB), which is expected to include provisions for mana whenua membership on CDEM Groups at both the governance (Joint Committee) and operational (Coordinating Executive Group [CEG]) levels.
3. The Bill will also introduce a clause that outlines how the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi will be enacted in emergency management.

Executive Summary

4. As part of the corrective actions from the report "Strengthening CDEM in Hawke's Bay", it was recognised that the CDEM Group structure, both at the governance and operational levels, did not effectively provide for tangata whenua representation and participation. At the time there was work between Te Puni Kōkiri, iwi, NEMA, and Group Managers to identify changes within the legislation through the *Emergency Management Trifecta Reforms*. It was hoped these changes would give certainty as to how iwi/mana whenua representation, relationships and partnerships could be provided for within CDEM.
5. The resulting EMB was supposed to be introduced in August last year, however due to a number of significant event responses over the last 12 months this was delayed. The EMB is now progressing through the legislative process and this gap is proposed to be closed by provisions added specifically so that "iwi and Māori participation is recognised, enabled, and valued".
6. Although the EMB was introduced in Parliament on 7 June 2023, it is not anticipated to be enacted before the end of this year given Select Committee and Committee of the Whole House stages are still to come, as well as a general election on 14 October 2023.
7. For Hawke's Bay, tangata whenua participation in emergency management is a critical element of the region's recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle and future responses and cannot wait until the lengthy legislative process concludes.

Options Assessment

8. The options available to the Joint Committee are to:
 - 8.1. Wait until the legislative process concludes and the EMB and associated Regulations are enacted to invite tangata whenua to make appointments to the Joint Committee
 - 8.2. Take proactive steps now to enable and invite tangata whenua participation at the

governance level, on the HB CDEM Group Joint Committee, as advisory, non-voting members.

9. In addition to changes proposed to membership and the consequential amendments, staff have taken advantage of this opportunity to propose a change in relation to audio or audio-visual attendance at Joint Committee meetings.

Financial and resource implications

10. It is proposed to initially pay appointed tangata whenua representatives \$452 per meeting attended, plus associated travel reimbursement, which is the current HBRC rate paid to tangata whenua appointees on the Māori Committee.
11. As more detail becomes available on what the EMB provisions are, it is likely the remuneration of members will be reviewed to ensure that they are being remunerated appropriately.

Decision Making Process

12. Council and its committees are required to make every decision in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act). Staff have assessed the requirements in relation to this item and have concluded:
 - 12.1. The decision does not significantly alter the service provision or affect a strategic asset, nor is it inconsistent with an existing policy or plan.
 - 12.2. The use of the special consultative procedure is not prescribed by legislation.
 - 12.3. The decision is not significant under the criteria contained in Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy.
 - 12.4. The persons affected by this decision are everyone in the region, particularly in relation to emergency management.
 - 12.5. Given the nature and significance of the issue to be considered and decided, and also the persons likely to be affected by, or have an interest in the decisions made, Council can exercise its discretion and make a decision without consulting directly with the community or others having an interest in the decision.

Recommendations

That the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

1. Receives and considers the *HB CDEM Group Joint Committee mana whenua representation* staff report.
2. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Hawke's Bay Regional Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy, and that the Joint Committee can exercise its discretion and make the necessary decisions without conferring directly with the community or persons likely to have an interest in the decision.
3. Recommends to each of the partner councils, the adoption of the amended Terms of Reference as proposed (**OR**) as amended as agreed by the Joint Committee.

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**HB CDEM GROUP CONTROLLER /
MANAGER**

Attachment/s

- 1** June 2023 amended CDEM Group Joint Committee Terms of Reference
- 2** Emergency Management Act provisions relating to Joint Committee Terms of Reference proposed amendments



Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee

Terms of Reference

1. Preamble

- 1.1 The Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group was established pursuant to a Terms of Reference dated August 2003 which was subsequently amended in December 2013, and further amended and adopted in December 2016 and again on 23 March 2020. Pursuant to a resolution passed by the Group 26 June 2023, this Terms of Reference is adopted to replace and supersede all previous versions of the Terms of Reference for the Joint Committee.

2. Parties

- 2.1 Each of the following local authorities is a Member of the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group and is a party to this Terms of Reference:

Central Hawke's Bay District Council
Hastings District Council
Hawke's Bay Regional Council
Napier City Council
Wairoa District Council

3. Definitions

For the purpose of this Terms of Reference:

- 3.1 "Act" means the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002.
- 3.2 "Administering Authority" means the Hawke's Bay Regional Council.
- 3.3 "Coordinating Executive Group" (the CEG) means the Coordinating Executive Group to be established under section 20 of the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002.
- 3.4 "Group" means the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group.
- 3.5 "Group Controller" means a person appointed under section 26 of the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002 and clause 10.1 of this Terms of Reference as a Group Controller.
- 3.6 "Group Plan" means the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Group Plan prepared by the Group in accordance with the Act.
- 3.7 "Hawke's Bay Region" for the purposes of this document means the Hawke's Bay region as defined in the Local Government (Hawke's Bay Region) Reorganisation Order 1989, excluding the parts of Rangitikei and Taupo District Councils falling within the area administered by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council.
- 3.8 "local authority member or Partner Council" means a Local Authority that is a member of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group that is the subject of this document.
- 3.9 "4Rs" means Reduction, Readiness, Response, and Recovery.

4. The purpose and term of this Terms of Reference

- 4.1 The purposes of this Terms of Reference are to:
- 4.1.1 set out the purposes, functions, powers, and duties of the Group and its members in accordance with the requirements of the Act;
 - 4.1.2 define the responsibilities of the Group as delegated to the Group by the Members; and
 - 4.1.3 provide for the administrative arrangements of the Group.

5. Joint Committee

- 5.1 Pursuant to section 12 of the Act the Parties were united in August 2003 to establish a Group as a Joint Standing Committee now under clause 30(1)(b) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002. This choice is irrevocable under section 14(3) of the Act.
- 5.2 In accordance with section 12(2) of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002, neither clause 30(5) nor (7) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 which provides for a committee to be discharged or reconstituted, or be discharged following the triennial general election, shall apply to the Joint Committee.

6. Membership of the Group

- 6.1 The members of the Group are the Hawke's Bay Regional Council and all those territorial authorities that lie wholly within the boundaries of the Hawke's Bay region. Each member is to be represented on the Group by one person only, being the Mayor or Chairperson of that local authority, [or if they are unavailable an alternate representative who has been given the delegated authority to act for the Mayor or Chairperson.](#)
- 6.2 Under section 13(4) of the Act, the alternate representative must be an elected person from that local authority.
- 6.3 Under clause 30(9) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the powers to discharge any representative of the Group and appoint his or her replacement shall be exercisable only by the local authority member that appointed the representative being discharged.
- 6.4 Tangata whenua representatives appointed as advisory, non-voting members representing:
- 6.4.1 Mana Ahuriri
 - 6.4.2 Maungaharuru-Tangitu Trust
 - 6.4.3 Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Trust
 - 6.4.4 Tatau Tatau o Te Wairoa
 - 6.4.5 Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated.

7. Representatives to have full Delegated Authority

- 7.1 Each local authority member agrees to confer full delegated authority on its representative, or in their absence the alternate representative in order for the Group to exercise the functions, powers, and duties of members under the Act within approved Group budgets.
- 7.2 At meetings of the Group, each local authority member's representative is to have full authority to vote and make decisions on behalf of that local authority without further recourse in respect of the authority granted under 7.1 above.

- 7.3 If a local authority member's representative to the Group is not re-elected at the triennial Local Government Elections that representative will cease to be a member of the Group and will be replaced by the elected Mayor or Chairperson of the relevant local authority.
- 7.4 It is the responsibility of each member of the Group to ensure that they have a representative available to participate in the Group, as soon as practicable after their representative is no longer able to represent that member for whatever reason, with the same delegated functions, duties and powers as their predecessor.

8. The Group to give effect to the purposes of the Act

- 8.1 The functions, powers and duties of the Group are specified in sections 16, 17 and 18 the Act. To assist the Group to meet these requirements, the Group adopts the following objectives:
- 8.1.1 To ensure that hazards (as defined in the Act) and the consequential risks are identified and assessed.
 - 8.1.2 Improve and promote the sustainable management of identified hazards in a way that contributes to the long term social, economic, cultural, and environmental well-being and safety of people and communities.
 - 8.1.3 Encourage and enable communities to achieve acceptable levels of risk (as risk is defined in the Act), including, without limitation
 - (i) identifying, assessing, and managing risks, and
 - (ii) consulting and communicating about risks, and
 - (iii) identifying and implementing cost-effective risk reduction, and
 - (iv) monitoring and reviewing the risk management process.
 - 8.1.4 To require local authorities to co-ordinate, through regional groups, planning, programmes, and activities related to civil defence emergency management across the 4Rs, and encourage co-operation and joint action within those regional groups.
 - 8.1.5 To encourage through partnership and co-ordination, emergency management planning and civil defence emergency management activities amongst the organisations represented on the Co-ordinating Executive Group, other CDEM partners and the Lifeline utility operators that operate within the region.
 - 8.1.6 To ensure an effective and efficient region-wide civil defence emergency management capability to respond to and recover from emergencies.

9. Obligations of local authority members

- 9.1 Each local authority member of the Group will:
- 9.1.1 In accordance with section 7 and 8 above, appoint their Mayor or Chairperson to the Joint Committee; and
 - 9.1.2 appoint its chief executive officer to the Co-ordinating Executive Group (CEG); and
 - 9.1.3 participate in the preparation of and agree to the content of a Group Plan; and
 - 9.1.4 contribute technical expertise and resources to maintain an effective Group and local level response capability; and
 - 9.1.5 provide to the Group the information or reports that may be required by the Group to discharge its powers, functions and duties under the Act and the Group Plan.
- 9.2 Each local authority member of the Group will be responsible for the risk reduction, readiness, response and recovery arrangements required of it under the Act, and under the Group Plan or as otherwise agreed by the Group, to the standards agreed by the Group.

10. Delegated Authority

- 10.1 Power to appoint Group Controller. The Group will appoint one or more suitably qualified and experienced persons or person to be the Group Controller for the CDEM Group pursuant to by section 26 of the Act and in accordance with the Governance and Management section of the current Group Plan. The powers delegated to the Group Controller(s) are as defined in the Group Plan.
- 10.2 Appointment of Local Controllers. The Group may from time to time appoint, in accordance with section 27 of the Act and following consultation with the relevant members, one or more persons to be a Local Controller in accordance with the Governance and Management section of the current Group Plan.
- 10.3 Appoint persons who may Declare a State of Local Emergency. The Group will appoint at least one person as a person authorised to declare a state of local emergency for its area and in accordance with the Governance and Management section of the current Group Plan.

11. Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan

- 11.1 The Group will prepare, approve, adopt and review a Group Plan in accordance with sections 48 to 57 of the Act.
- 11.2 For the avoidance of doubt each and every obligation, agreement, covenant, responsibility and liability under the Group Plan is binding on and will continue to bind each and every Member of the Group and is and will continue to be enforceable as between each of the Members, against each of the other Members, and every Member of the Group agrees and covenants to carry out and perform all of its obligations under the Group Plan.

12. Maintain the Coordinating Executive Group

- 12.1 In accordance with section 20 of the Act, establish and maintain a Co-ordinating Executive Group consisting of:
 - 12.1.1 The chief executive officer of each Member or a senior person acting on that person's behalf; and
 - 12.1.2 A senior representative of the Police assigned for the purpose by the Commissioner of Police; and
 - 12.1.3 A senior representative of Fire and Emergency New Zealand assigned for the purpose by their Chief Executive; and
 - 12.1.4 The chief executive of a District Health Board in Hawke's Bay representing the District Health Board in Hawke's Bay, or a person acting on their behalf; and
 - 12.1.5 Any other persons that may be co-opted by the CDEM Group to assist the CEG to undertake its responsibilities.

13. Remuneration

- 13.1 Each local authority member of the Group shall be responsible for remunerating its representative on the Group for the cost of that person's participation in the Group.
- 13.2 Each tangata whenua member will be remunerated \$452 per meeting attended, plus reimbursed mileage to travel to/from meetings at the rate of \$0.83/km. These costs will be divided proportionally among the local authority members.

14. Meetings

- 14.1 The Hawke's Bay Regional Council standing orders will be used to conduct Group meetings.
- 14.2 Other standing orders may be used, subject to the agreement of the Group, and in accordance with section 19(1) of the Act.
- 14.3 The Group shall hold all meetings at such frequency, times and place(s) as agreed for the performance of the functions, duties and powers delegated under this Terms of Reference. However there will be at least two meetings per year.
- 14.4 In accordance with clause 23 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 the quorum of the Group is all local authority members.
- 14.5 A representative may attend any meeting of the Joint Committee by means of audio or audio-visual link unless lawfully excluded.
- 14.6 A representative may attend a meeting by means of audio or audio-visual link despite –
 - 14.6.1 clauses 25A(1) and (4) and 27(5)(a) of the Local Government Act 2002, and
 - 14.6.2 any limitation or condition on the use of an audio or audio-visual link, or other contrary provision, that is contained in any standing orders that apply to the meeting.
- 14.7 A representative who attends a meeting by means of audio or audio-visual link in accordance with this Terms of Reference is to be counted as present for the purposes of (the quorum) clauses 23 and 30A of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 14.8 In the event that a quorum cannot be achieved, the business at any meeting convened for the Joint Committee may be considered without further notice by a subcommittee of the Joint Committee. The recommendations of this subcommittee will be reported for final decision at the next Joint Committee meeting.

15. Voting

- 15.1 Each local authority member has one vote at a meeting of the Group or when the Group is required at any time to make a decision in respect of an action to be taken by the Group.
- 15.2 All actions (other than the entering into of contracts within the authorised Group budget) to be taken by the Group must first be approved by way of a majority vote of all members that are present and voting.
- 15.3 The National Emergency Management Agency shall have observer status on the Group and also the Coordinating Executives Group.

16. Election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

- 16.1 The Group may elect a Group Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for the Group at the first meeting following the triennial local government elections, from amongst the local authority representatives, and appoint replacements when any of those offices become vacant between elections.
- 16.2 The Group's Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall hold office until the first meeting following the triennial general election.

17. Administering Authority

- 17.1 In accordance with section 23 of the Act, the Administering Authority for the Group will be the Hawke's Bay Regional Council. The Administering Authority is responsible for the provision of administrative and related services that may from time to time be required by the Group.

18. Group Emergency Management Office

- 18.1 The Hawke's Bay Regional Council will establish and manage a Hawke's Bay Emergency Management Group Office on behalf of the Group.
- 18.2 The Group Office shall coordinate technical expertise, planning and operational functions, performance monitoring, coordination of Group wide projects and any other functions as are assigned to it by the Group. The Group Office will also maintain at least one Emergency Management Advisor to be co-located in each TLA to support and where appropriate implement local emergency management outcomes.
- 18.3 The Hawke's Bay Regional Council will employ staff for the Group Office as authorised by the Group and manage the office's expenditure in accordance with the principles of the Local Government Act 2002 and amendments.

19. Group Funding and Budget

- 19.1 The proposed annual Group work programme and budget will be signed off by the Group no later than 30 November of the year preceeding the year to which the programme and budget will apply.
- 19.2 The Group work programme, and administrative and related services pursuant to section 24 of the Act, will be funded by way of a Targeted Rate Uniform General Charge (UGC) across the area of the Group and administered by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council. In order to set the Targeted Rate UGC, the Group will communicate its agreed programme and budget to the Hawke's Bay Regional Council no later than 1 February of the year which the programme and budget applies.
- 19.3 The Joint Committee is responsible for deciding the civil defence and emergency management levels of service and outcomes to be provided to the community. As the Adminstrating Authority the Hawke's Bay Regional Council is responsible for providing the resources to achieve these outcomes.

20. Good Faith

- 20.1 In the event of any circumstances arising that were unforeseen by the parties at the time of adopting this Terms of Reference, the parties hereby record their intention that they will negotiate in good faith to add to or vary this Terms of Reference so to resolve the impact of those circumstances in the best interests of:
 - 20.1.1 the members of the CDEM Group collectively; and
 - 20.1.2 the Hawke's Bay community represented by the members of the Group collectively.

21. Variations

- 21.1 Any member may propose a variation, deletion or addition to the Terms of Reference by putting the wording of the proposed variation, deletion or addition to a meeting of the Group.
- 21.2 Amendments to the Terms of Reference may only be made with the unanimous agreement of all local authority members.

22. Review of the Terms of Reference

- 22.1 The Terms of Reference will be reviewed and if appropriate amended by the Group at its first meeting following the following the triennial local government elections.
- 22.2 The adoption of an amended Terms of Reference revised under clause 22.1 will be undertaken in accordance with section 21 above.
- 23.3 Amendments to the Terms of Reference will come into effect once agreed, by resolution, by all partner councils in accordance with Schedule 7, clause 30A of the Local Government Act.

23. Adopted

___ by resolution of the
Central Hawke's Bay District Council
Mayor Alex Walker

___ by resolution of the
Hastings District Council
Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst

26 July 2023 by resolution of the
Hawke's Bay Regional Council
Chair Hinewai Ormsby

___ by resolution of the
Napier City Council
Mayor Kirsten Wise

___ by resolution of the
Wairoa District Council
Mayor Craig Little

7.7 AMENDMENT TO THE CLIMATE ACTION JOINT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

File Number:

Author: Annelie Roets, Governance Lead

Authoriser: Doug Tate, Chief Executive

Attachments: 1. Climate Action Group Joint Committee Terms of Reference amendments [↓](#)

PURPOSE

To convey proposed changes to the Climate Action Joint Committee Terms of Reference and recommend the changes be adopted.,

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Receive** the report on the amended draft Terms of Reference for the Climate Action Joint Committee.
2. **Adopt** the amended Terms of Reference for the Climate Action Joint Committee.

BACKGROUND

Elected Members considered and adopted the first draft of the Terms of Reference on 19 March 2023. The Terms of Reference were then discussed at the first Climate Action Joint Committee Meeting on 22 May 2023. Two changes were proposed and discussed. Hawke's Bay Regional Council staff have provided an amended Terms of Reference on the basis of those discussions.

Issues

First proposed change

The first was proposed by Tania Hopkins on behalf of the PSGEs. She raised the issue of representation and stated that given the importance of this committee the PSGEs should all be provided with an opportunity for a seat at the table.

The original Terms of Reference provided the PSGEs with two representatives appointed by the HBRC Regional Planning Committee. It was agreed that membership be amended to be PSGE appointees instead of PSGE appointees on the RPC and that each PSGE would be invited to make an appointment. The Terms of Reference have been amended to reflect this (as below) and HBRC have formally reached out to each PSGE to ask for appointment of one member and one alternate per PSGE.

4. Membership⁵

- 4.1. Up to two elected members from the Hawke's Bay Regional Council; being the Chair and one other elected member, and one alternate.
- ~~4.2. Up to two elected members from each Territorial Authority within the Hawke's Bay region; preferably the Mayor and one other elected member, and one alternate.~~
- ~~4.3.4.2 Up to two members and one alternate appointed to represent the Post [Treaty] Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE) representatives on the HBRC Regional Planning Committee⁶.~~
- 4.3. Each Post [Treaty] Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE) within the Hawke's Bay region is invited to appoint one member, and one alternate.
- 4.4. Up to two members and one alternate appointed to represent the Ngāti Kahungunu Taiwhenua and Board representatives on the HBRC Māori Committee⁷.
- 4.5. Under clause 30A(6) Schedule 7 of the Act, the power to discharge any member on the Joint Committee and appoint his or her replacement shall be exercisable only by the body that appointed the member.

This change is appropriate to reflect the important of working in partnership with mana whenua, particularly for an issue that has such far reaching consequences and is likely to disproportionately impact Māori. Alongside the two representatives appointed by the HBRC Māori Committee this will result in approximately equal representation for Māori representatives and Councillors on the Joint Committee.

Second proposed change

CHBDC raised an issue with the reference in 2.3 to "within the boundaries of the natural environment". Some clarification regarding the purpose was sought and an initial high-level discussion around protecting food production as per the Paris Agreement Article 2 was held. Agreement was reached for minor changes to reflect the discussion and ensure the Terms of Reference remain in the Governance space without seeking to predetermine the path the committee will take. HBRC have drafted a proposed change that aligns us with central government direction:

- 2.3. The Joint Committee aims to support resilient communities and industries to become resilient to the effects of climate change and to thrive within the means- boundaries of our natural environment in a manner that aligns with central government policy on climate change².

This change is minor and aligns us with national direction which is important to ensure we can advocate for Hawke's Bay at the national level.

Both of these changes are now presented to Council for their consideration.

RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION

There are no obvious risks from this decision.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

The change with regard to Māori membership is one that has been requested by the PSGE representative who was present at the Joint Committee and all PSGEs have now been invited. This is a positive change to reflect our partnership obligations.

The second change is minor.

	<u>Option 1</u>	<u>Option 2</u>
	Adopt the amended Terms of Reference with proposed changes.	Do not adopt the amended Terms of Reference.
Financial and Operational Implications	There will be an extra cost associated with compensating the additional PSGE representatives which will need to be considered as part of funding the Joint Committee going forward	Council will need to be specific about what they wish to propose as changes or the clear rationale for why the change is not adopted, to give this feedback regionally.
Long Term Plan and Annual Plan Implications	N/a	N/a
Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes	N/a	N/a
Statutory Requirements	N/a	N/a
Consistency with Policies and Plans	N/a	N/a

OPTIONS ANALYSIS

The options available to Council are as follows:

1. Adopt the amended Terms of Reference with proposed changes.
2. Do not adopt the amended Terms of Reference.

Recommended Option

This report recommends option 1 for addressing the matter.

Development of Preferred Option

The changes to the Terms of Reference are appropriate and in line with the discussion held at the Joint Committee meeting and it is recommended that option 1 be selected.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Receive** the report on the amended draft Terms of Reference for the Climate Action Joint Committee.
2. **Adopt** the amended Terms of Reference for the Climate Action Joint Committee.

**Terms of Reference
for the
Climate Action Joint Committee**

Adopted by resolution of:

Hawke's Bay Regional Council, _____ 2023

Hastings District Council, _____ 2023

Napier City Council, _____ 2023

Central Hawke's Bay District Council, _____ 2023

Wairoa District Council, _____ 2023

1. Name and status of Joint Committee

- 1.1. The Joint Committee shall be known as the Climate Action Joint Committee.
- 1.2. The Joint Committee is a joint committee under clause 30(1)(b) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act (the Act).

2. Purpose

- 2.1. Climate mitigation and adaptation is core business for councils. It spans multiple council workstreams such as urban planning, land-use and resource management, transport, flood protection, coastal hazards and emergency management. Without duplicating effort, the purpose of the Joint Committee is to support a coordinated and collaborative response to address the complex challenge of Climate-Resilient Development¹ for the communities of Hawke's Bay.
- 2.2. The focus of the Joint Committee' will be promoting action to mitigate climate change (emissions reductions and offsetting) and adapt to the changing regional climate.
- 2.3. The Joint Committee aims to support communities and industries to become resilient to the effects of climate change and to thrive within the means of our natural environment in a manner that aligns with central government policy on climate change².

3. Objectives

- 3.1. Oversee and guide the development and implementation of a Regional Emissions Reduction Plan including recommending actions for partner councils to consider for inclusion in their Long Term Plans.
- 3.2. Oversee and guide the development and implementation of a spatial Regional Climate Risk Assessment to deliver on responsibilities under the National Adaptation Plan to:
 - 3.2.1. Reduce vulnerability to the impacts of climate change
 - 3.2.2. Enhance adaptive capacity and consider climate change in decisions at all levels
- 3.3. Strengthen resilience

¹ Climate Resilient Development is a framework developed in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 6th report – Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability. It combines strategies to adapt to climate change with actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to support sustainable development for everyone ([FAQ 6: What is Climate Resilient Development? ipcc.ch](#))

² Including UNFCCC Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

- 3.4. Support compliance with the statutory requirement to “have regard to” the National Emissions Reduction Plan and the National Adaptation Plan in all RMA-related plans of partner councils³.
- 3.5. Inform planning to drive climate-resilient development in the right locations within the Future Development Strategy required under the National Policy Statement on Urban Development, and the Regional Spatial Strategy and regional combined plan proposed under the Spatial Planning and Natural and Built Environments legislation.
- 3.6. Collaborate on the delivery key services for infrastructure impacted by climate change on respective councils.

4. Membership⁴

- 4.1. Up to two elected members from the Hawke’s Bay Regional Council; being the Chair and one other elected member, and one alternate.
- 4.2. Up to two elected members from each Territorial Authority within the Hawke’s Bay region; preferably the Mayor and one other elected member, and one alternate.
- 4.3. Each Post [Treaty] Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE) within the Hawke’s Bay region is invited to appoint one member, and one alternate.
- 4.4. Up to two members and one alternate appointed to represent the Ngāti Kahungunu Taiwhenua and Board representatives on the HBRC Māori Committee⁶.
- 4.5. Under clause 30A(6) Schedule 7 of the Act, the power to discharge any member on the Joint Committee and appoint his or her replacement shall be exercisable only by the body that appointed the member.

5. Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

- 5.1. The Chairperson of the Joint Committee will be the Chair of the Hawke’s Bay Regional Council.
- 5.2. At the first meeting of the Joint Committee the members shall elect a Deputy Chairperson.
- 5.3. The mandate of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson ends if that person, through resignation or otherwise, ceases to be a member of the Joint Committee.

6. Delegated authority

The Joint Committee has delegated responsibilities for:

- 6.1. Guiding and monitoring climate mitigation and adaptation across the region with current and relevant technical inputs.
- 6.2. Leading regional emissions reduction plans including recommending actions for consideration to partner councils to include in their long term plans
- 6.3. Leading spatial regional climate risk assessments to deliver on responsibilities under the National Adaptation Plan
- 6.4. Setting targets, including interim goals, towards achieving carbon neutrality by 2050

³ From 30 November 2022 it is a legal requirement for local government to ‘have regard to’ the national adaptation plan and the emissions reduction plan when preparing or changing regional policy statements, regional plans and district plans. (Guidance note environment.govt.nz)

⁴ Membership will be reviewed at the end of the three-yearly cycle.

⁶ HBRC Māori Committee has 13 tangata whenua representatives, 3 from each of the Taiwhenua (and Wairoa Kahungunu Executive) within the Hawke’s Bay regional boundary and 1 from the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc Board.

- 6.5. Monitoring regional greenhouse gas emissions (community carbon footprint) on a regular basis and reporting annually on implementation of regional emissions reduction plans
- 6.6. Considering and recommending key emissions reduction actions to each of the partner councils and industry for consideration
- 6.7. Advocating for and/or advancing the objectives of regional climate action by submitting on and participating in processes, at the Joint Committee's discretion, including but not limited to:
 - 6.7.1. Council long term plans
 - 6.7.2. Council annual plans
 - 6.7.3. District and regional plan and policy changes
 - 6.7.4. Reserve management plans
 - 6.7.5. Asset management plans
 - 6.7.6. Notified resource consent applications
 - 6.7.7. Central Government policy and legislation
 - 6.7.8. Investigating and securing additional sources of funding to support regional decarbonisation, offsetting and protecting communities from the impact of climate change.
- 6.8. For the avoidance of doubt, the Joint Committee can only make recommendations to partner councils. Without legally binding subsequent council decisions, the partner councils agree to:
 - 6.8.1. Have particular regard to the recommendations of the Joint Committee in developing policies, determining priorities, and allocating resource;
 - 6.8.2. Progress, to the fullest possible extent, actions identified through joint planning and decision-making arrangements.

7. Powers not delegated

The following powers are not delegated to the Joint Committee:

- 7.1. Any power that cannot be delegated in accordance with clause 32 Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 7.2. Decisions relating to the allocation of funding for undertaking investigations, studies and/or projects in climate adaptation, offsetting or climate mitigation and matters relating to consenting.

8. Meetings

- 8.1. The Hawke's Bay Regional Council standing orders will be used to conduct Joint Committee meetings as if the Joint Committee were a local authority and the principal administrative officer (Chief Executive) of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council or his or her nominated representative were its principal administrative officer.
- 8.2. The Joint Committee shall hold meetings at such frequency, times and place(s) as required for the performance of the functions, duties and powers delegated under this Terms of Reference, at least three times per year.
- 8.3. Notice of meetings will be given as far in advance a possible to all Joint Committee members, and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
- 8.4. Meetings may provide for members' attendance by audio-visual link if required.

- 8.5. Members, or their confirmed alternates, will attend all Joint Committee meetings.
- 8.6. The quorum will consist of a majority of members.

9. Voting

- 9.1. In accordance with clause 32(4) Schedule 7 of Act, at meetings of the Joint Committee each member has full authority to vote and make decisions within the delegations of the Terms of Reference on behalf of the body that appointed them without further recourse to the appointing body.
- 9.2. Where voting is required, each member has one vote.
- 9.3. Best endeavours will be made to achieve decisions on a consensus basis.
- 9.4. The Chairperson at any meeting has a deliberative vote and, in the case of equality of votes, may use a casting vote.

10. Good faith

- 10.1. In the event of any circumstances arising that were unforeseen by the partner councils or their representatives at the time of adopting these Terms of Reference, the partner councils and their representatives hereby record their intention that they will negotiate in good faith to add to or vary these Terms of Reference so as to resolve the impact of those circumstances in the best interests collectively of the partner councils taking into account also the views of the Regional Planning Committee and Māori Committee appointed members in relation to those circumstances.

11. Remuneration

- 11.1. Each partner council shall be responsible for remunerating its representatives on the Joint Committee and for the costs of those persons' participation in the Joint Committee.
- 11.2. Hawke's Bay Regional Council as the Administering Authority shall be responsible for remunerating the Māori Committee representatives and the PSGE representatives on the Joint Committee for travel and attendance as per its agreed meeting fees policy.

12. Technical Advisory Group and Reporting

- 12.1. A technical advisory group (TAG) will service the Climate Action Joint Committee.
- 12.2. The TAG will comprise of staff members from the partner councils who are working in climate mitigation and adaptation and will involve subject matter experts as required to ensure linkages with other workstreams, such as the work of the Regional Transport Committee and Napier-Hastings Future Development Strategy Joint Committee. The TAG will be led by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council Climate Action Ambassador along with the dedicated climate roles at Napier City Council and Hastings District Council.
- 12.3. Following each meeting of the Joint Committee, the TAG shall create a summary report of the business of the meeting which will be distributed, for information, to each partner council for inclusion in the agenda for the next available council meeting. Such reports will be in addition to any formal minutes prepared by the Administering Authority, which will be circulated to Joint Committee members.

13. Variations to the Terms of Reference

- 13.1. Any member may propose a variation, deletion or addition to the Terms of Reference by putting the wording of the proposed variation, deletion or addition to a meeting of the Joint Committee for recommending to the partner councils if agreed.
- 13.2. Amendments to the Terms of Reference must be agreed by all partner councils before taking effect.

14. Recommended for Adoption

- 14.1. The Climate Action Joint Committee, made up of the following members, confirms this Terms of Reference as adopted by the five partner councils and Regional Planning Committee and Māori Committee representative members.

Hawke's Bay Regional Council represented by:

Councillors Hinewai Ormsby and Xan Harding, and Di Roadley as alternate.

Councillor Hinewai Ormsby as Chairperson of the Climate Action Joint Committee

Appointed by HBRC resolution on 25 January 2023.

Hastings District Council represented by:

Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst and Councillor Ann Redstone, and Councillor Tania Kerr as alternate.

Appointed by HDC resolution on 2 March 2023.

Napier City Council represented by:

Councillors Annette Brosnan and Hayley Browne, and Chad Tareha as alternate.

Appointed by NCC resolution on 16 March 2023.

Central Hawke's Bay District Council represented by:

Councillors Alex Walker and Tim Aitken, and Jerry Greer as alternate.

Appointed by CHBDC resolution on 23 March 2023.

Wairoa District Council represented by:

Councillors Craig Little and Denise Karekare, and Roz Thomas as alternate.

Appointed by WDC resolution on 16 May 2023

HBRC Māori Committee representatives Paul Kelly and Roger Maaka and Marei Apatu as alternate.

Appointed by Māori Committee resolution on 3 May 2023.

Post [Treaty] Settlement Entity appointees:

Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Trust

Mana Ahuriri Trust

Maungaharuru-Tangitu Trust

Ngati Pahauwera Development & Tiaki Trusts

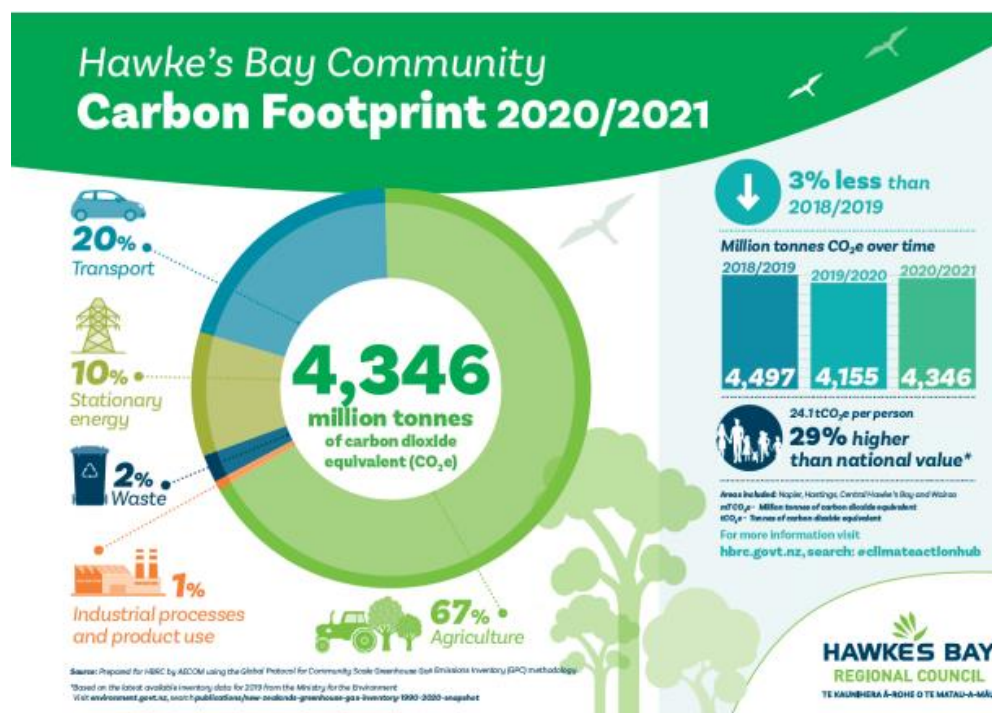
Ngati Tuwharetoa Hapu Forum

Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa

Te Kopere o te Iwi Hineuru
Te Toi Kura o Waikaremoana

Appendix A – Project Background

1. The Regional Council declared a climate emergency for the Hawke's Bay region on 26 June 2019. The declaration recognises that the climate crisis is an urgent and pervasive threat to human and ecological wellbeing and that we have a small window of time to act to avoid the most damaging effects of the climate crisis in the longer term. This climate crisis declaration was one of many declarations by councils across the country, with the Government declaring a climate emergency on 2 December 2020.
2. In 2022 HBRC, HDC, and NCC each invested in dedicated strategic climate change roles, an acknowledgement of the important leadership role councils can, and should, play in regional climate action.
3. There is a general acknowledgement that the transition to a low emissions future cannot be achieved by individual councils working in isolation and a regional approach is needed.
4. In 2022 the Ministry for Environment released Aotearoa's first Emissions Reduction Plan. National legislation introduced in November 2022 states that local government must have regard to the National Emissions Reduction Plan and the National Adaptation Plan when developing RMA-related plans.
5. In September 2022 the first Hawke's Bay Community Carbon Footprint was released, measuring greenhouse gas emissions from 2018-19 to 2020-21. Separate footprints were created for each Territorial Authority. The whole of region footprint established that our regional emissions for 2020/21 were made up of:
 - 5.1. Agriculture 67%
 - 5.2. Transportation 20%
 - 5.3. Stationary Energy 10%
 - 5.4. Waste 2%
 - 5.5. IPPU 1% (Industrial Processes and Product Use)



6. The next step for is to create a Regional Emissions Reduction Plan, with input from all Hawke's Bay councils, as well as significant engagement across expert, business, and community spheres.
- ~~7. The Planetary Boundaries Framework by the Stockholm Resilience Centre guided the development of these Terms of Reference with respect to thriving within boundaries of the natural environment and ensuring social foundations for all. However, we recognise that more work is required to determine regional applicability.~~

7.8 REPORTS FROM THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 AUGUST 2023 AND CLIMATE ACTION JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 AUGUST 2023**File Number:****Author:** Annelie Roets, Governance Lead**Authoriser:** Doug Tate, Chief Executive**Attachments:**
1. 4 August 2023 - Regional Transport Committee Minutes.pdf [↓](#)
2. 14 August 2023 - Climate Action Joint Committee Minutes [↓](#)**RECOMMENDATIONS****That:**

1. The Minutes from the Regional Transport Committee held on 4 August 2023 be received.
2. That the Minutes from the Climate Action Joint Committee held on 14 August 2023 be received.

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**Unconfirmed****Minutes of a meeting of the Regional Transport Committee**

Date:	4 August 2023
Time:	1.30pm
Venue:	Council Chamber Hawke's Bay Regional Council 159 Dalton Street NAPIER
Present:	Cr M Williams, Chair Cr J van Beek, Deputy Chair Cr T Kerr – HDC Cr K Price – NCC L Stewart – NZTA Mayor A Walker – CHBDC
Advisory members:	A Hallett – NZ Police B Wilson – Te Whatu Ora D Murray – Automobile Assn. A Robin – Māori Committee N Ganivet – Port of Napier Ltd (<i>online</i>) R Stratford – HB Airport (<i>online</i>) A Hodgson – KiwiRail (<i>online from 2.13pm</i>)
In attendance	N Peet – HBRC Chief Executive P Martin – Senior Governance Advisor K Brunton – HBRC Group Manager Policy & Regulation
RTAG	M Allan – HBRC Transport Manager B Cullen – HBRC Transport Strategy & Policy Analyst C Hansen – Consultant for Waka Kotahi M Taylor – Waka Kotahi R Malley – NCC M Hardie – WDC (<i>online</i>)

1. Welcome/Karakia /Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and Api Robin led an opening karakia.

RTC24/23 Resolution

That the apologies for absence from Councillor Kate Taylor, and Mayors Sandra Hazlehurst and Craig Little be accepted.

**Williams/Kerr
CARRIED**

The Chair welcomed Dr. Nic Peet, HBRC Chief Executive, who introduced himself to the Committee.

2. Conflict of interest declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 5 May 2023**RTC25/23 Resolution**

Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on Friday, 5 May 2023, a copy having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

**van Beek/Kerr
CARRIED**

4. Follow-ups from previous Regional Transport Committee meetings

Taken as read

RTC26/23 Resolution

That the Regional Transport Committee receives and notes the *Follow-ups from previous Regional Transport Committee meetings*.

**Williams/Kerr
CARRIED**

5. Call for minor items not on the Agenda**RTC27/23****Recommendations**

That Regional Transport Committee accepts the following *Minor items not on the Agenda* for discussion as Item 12

Topic	Raised by
Horizons Council Land Transport Plan	Cr. T Kerr
Korokipo Road - possible speed limit reduction	Cr. T Kerr

**Williams/Kerr
CARRIED**

6. Neill Gordon Deputation – Safe Cycling

The Chair introduced Neill Gordon and Duncan Darroch who spoke on safe cycling in HB, highlighting:

- HB is well known for its recreational cycling trails which are well utilised and relatively safe. The opposite is the case for people trying to bike to work or school in HB. Napier has

recently been ranked as the most dangerous city in NZ for a cyclist, with Hastings being the sixth worst city.

- HB has the lowest physical activity rating of any province in NZ.
- Bike trails are not accessible for all members of the community; in particular there are too many gates and barriers that need to be negotiated.
- Christchurch (post-earthquake) is a good example of how cycling can be integrated into transport networks - HB now has a similar opportunity. There has been a lot of talk about active transport in the past – action is now urgently required.
- Post cyclone there is an urgent need to clean up the roading and cycle trail networks between Napier and Hastings including removing silt blocking cycle ramps.

RTC28/23

Resolution

That the Regional Transport Committee receives and notes the Neill Gordon deputation

**Williams/van Beek
CARRIED**

5. 2024-2027 Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP)

Bryce Cullen introduced the item which was taken as read. Discussion and comments included:

- In recent workshops the Committee has discussed the strategic framework for the RLTP, including the vision for the next 20-30 years and the 10 year priorities that will flow through to policy requirements and the work programme to be undertaken.
- Government's Policy Statement (GPS) on Land Transport which will set the direction for regions to follow is yet to be released, however priorities are expected to include adaption, resilience and recovery.
- Immediate priorities for HB to include in its RLTP are adaptation; resilience; recovery – building back better, incorporating diverse transport modes; and community to be at the centre of the transport system design.
- Focus to be on action/getting things done in the short term, bearing in mind the future needs of the community.
- RTC to consider piloting some proposals such as dedicating/reshaping some urban transport corridors for active transport users only.
- Current network needs to be maintained with active transport and modal changes being added.
- Another focus needs to be keeping the rural road network resilient.
- Regional Transport Advisory Group and some RTC members will work together to finalise the wording of the RLTP for presentation to the Committee for approval for consultation.

RTC29/23

Resolutions

That the Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives and notes the *2024-2027 Regional Land Transport Plan* staff report.
2. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Hawke's Bay Regional Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy, and that the Committee can exercise its discretion and make decisions on this issue without conferring directly with the community or persons likely to have an interest in the decision.
3. Delegates authority to Martin Williams and Tania Kerr to work with officers to finalise the drafting of the Regional Land Transport Plan strategic vision, objectives, policies, and 10-year priorities to reflect the discussion and themes raised during the meeting.

**Williams/Walker
CARRIED**

6. Transport emissions reduction

Pippa McKelvie introduced the item. Discussions and comments included:

- The Climate Action Joint Committee (CAJC) is responsible for producing a Regional Emissions Reduction Plan. Part of the Plan is a chapter on transport emissions which are approx. 20% of HB's overall carbon emissions.
- 17 priorities included in the draft transport emissions chapter are presented for consideration and prioritisation by RTC. After this has been completed, the chapter will be presented to the CAJC at its mid-August 2023 meeting.
- The chapter should include commentary that maintaining the current roading infrastructure is the most sustainable option. Rural communities are isolated and must continue to have access to a resilient roading network.
- The chapter could benefit from commentary on how diverse the HB community and region is, particularly the rural aspect. The chapter currently has an urban focus.
- Focussing on reducing emissions will also have a positive effect on the overall health and wellbeing of the community.

RTC30/23

Resolutions

That the Regional Transport Committee:

1. Receives and considers the *Transport emissions reduction* staff report.
2. Endorses the proposed transport actions for inclusion in the Transport Chapter of the Regional Emissions Reduction Plan with the inclusion of the discussions and themes set out by the Regional Transport Committee at this meeting. The Committee delegates authority to Martin Williams and Alex Walker to work with officers to finalise the wording of the Transport Chapter before it is considered by the Climate Action Joint Committee.

**Williams/Kerr
CARRIED**

7. Waka Kotahi / NZTA Regional Relationships Director's update

Linda Stewart introduced this item with discussions covering:

- The current National Land Transport Plan is coming to an end in June 2024.
- GPS is expected to be released prior to the election in October 2023.
- The upcoming RLTP – this is a standard mechanism that allows regions to present funding proposals for specific transport purposes. It is important that RTC advise Waka Kotahi (WK) of all its priorities even if some are not seen as a good fit for specific funding channels in place.
- Councils now have the ability to more easily reshape existing roads for specific purposes such as car free zones around schools or pedestrian only precincts.
- An update of local roading projects was provided including SH38 where planning is well advanced to trial an innovative tarsealing method.
- Road maintenance – as a result of the wet spring and then the Cyclone, many maintenance projects have been deferred until September/October 2023.
- SH5 (Napier - Taupo) safety improvements will be starting shortly. The Programme Business Case (PBC) for SH5 is progressing through WK and will be considered by their Board on 28 September 2023.
- SH5 speed limit review – draft report is being peer reviewed; expected to be released before the election. This will affect the PBC for SH5 and needs to be factored into this when it becomes available.
- Over the past 10 -15 years there has been consistent under-investment in roading assets. If the network is not maintained adequately, this issue is likely to become serious as roads reach the end of their lifespan. LGNZ passed a remit at its recent conference petitioning

the Government on this matter.

- WK has response, recovery, resilience and rebuild funding budgets and there is also emergency works funding. These terminologies can be confusing - which budgets can be accessed for what events is not clear. CHB now has some \$50m of emergency works funding requests being considered by WK with no decisions yet – there needs to be some action on these matters.
- The funding model for roading works and maintenance is broken – a long term funding model is required.

RTC31/23

Resolution

That the Regional Transport Committee receives and notes the *Regional Relationships Director's update* and presentation.

**Williams/Walker
CARRIED**

8. Regional Transport Programme (RTP) August 2023 update

Bryce Cullen introduced the item with discussions and comments including:

- RTP process was discussed – a draft RTP needs to be prepared by the end of 2023 and adopted in April 2024 after a public consultation process. Additional RTC meetings will need to be held during this period - late 2023 through to April 2024.
- Speed Management Plan – the deadline for completion of this plan is 5 October 2023 including a public consultation period. An 18 month extension is currently being sought from WK which would see the plan being finalised in October 2024.
- Active Transport representation on RTC – the Committee is waiting for a community based Regional Active Transport body to be formed. A representative from that group will be an advisory member of the RTC. NCC are planning to introduce an Active Transport Committee similar to one that exists at HDC.
- Regional Public Transport Plan – due to funding constraints, HBRC has been unable to approve a pilot public transport service from CHB to Hastings/ Napier. Other funding avenues are still being pursued and such a service will be included in the RLTP with funding options such as a targeted rate or higher fares being considered for it.

RTC32/23

Resolution

That the Regional Transport Committee receives and notes the *Regional Transport Programme August 2023 update*.

**van Beek/Price
CARRIED**

9. Regional Road Safety update

Bryce Cullen introduced the item, which was taken as read. Discussion included:

- A 'crash card' has been developed by a number of agencies (including ACC) to assist the public and first responders when a motorcycle rider is unresponsive after a road accident.
- A range of videos and tip sheets will provide drivers with information on how to better operate a vehicle and develop safe driving behaviours. These resources are being distributed to stakeholders including driver licencing providers and secondary schools.
- Roadsafe HB is being rebranded with input from councils across HB.
- Rail safety campaign starts next week targeting level crossing safety.

RTC33/23

Resolution

That the Regional Transport Committee receives and notes the *RoadSafe Hawke's Bay Update*.

**Williams/Kerr
CARRIED**

10. Public Transport August 2023 update

Transport Manager Mark Allen introduced the item with discussions and comments including:

- Public Transport (PT) services were reduced following Cyclone Gabrielle and are still not back to previous levels. The Redclyffe bridge is about to reopen which will allow some services centred on EIT to be reset; these are currently being finalised.
- Getting other services back to pre-cyclone levels is being hampered by driver recruiting issues. When drivers are employed, the lead time for getting having them fully licensed, trained and in-service is 10 – 12 weeks.
- On Demand PT – a report on the Hastings MyWay trial is expected shortly. Trialling a similar service in Napier is now longer being considered due to funding constraints.

RTC34/23

Resolution

That the Regional Transport Committee receives and notes the *Public Transport August 2023 update* staff report.

Robin/Williams
CARRIED

11. Verbal updates from Advisory Representatives

The Chair invited advisory members to provide updates:

- Air New Zealand services at HB Airport have not yet returned to pre Covid-19 levels.
- AA membership is close to 2 million. Concerns amongst members include road maintenance, network resilience, drink drivers, EV charging network, cell phone use in cars, regional State Highway safety and emissions reduction.
- Te Whatu Ora - planning for Hastings Hospital redevelopment is starting and will include a review of staff and patient transport options. Other major health sites across HB are scheduled to have their transport sustainability plans reviewed.
- Police - Cyclone recovery has been all consuming. The Waiohiki community will be impacted by the re-opening of the Redclyffe Bridge.

RTC35/23

Resolution

That the Regional Transport Committee receives the *Verbal updates from Advisory representatives*.

Williams/Walker
CARRIED

12. Minor items not on the Agenda

Topic	Raised by
Horizons Council Land Transport Plan Horizons RLTP includes an inter-regional transport section and they have asked HB RTC and local councils to support this through providing submissions to it.	Cr Tania Kerr
Korokipo Road - possible speed limit reduction Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst has raised this matter already with Waka Kotahi. The process for considering a temporary speed reduction on any road is usually a complex matter.	Cr Tania Kerr

Api Robin led a karakia to close the meeting.

Closure:

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.45pm on Friday 4 August 2023.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Date:

Chair:

**Unconfirmed****Minutes of a meeting of the Climate Action Joint Committee**

Date:	14 August 2023
Time:	1.00pm
Venue:	HBRC Council Chamber 159 Dalton Street Napier 4110
Present:	Cr H Browne (NCC) – Deputy Chair Cr X Harding (HBRC) Cr T Kerr (HDC) M McIlroy (Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa) Cr A Redstone (HDC) (Online - observing) Mayor S Hazlehurst (HDC) (online) Mayor A Walker (CHBDC)
Alternates:	Cr D Eaglesome-Karekare (WDC) (Online)
In Attendance:	N Peet – HBRC Chief Executive D Cull – HBRC Strategy & Governance Manager C Holland – He Pou a Rangi Principal Analyst P McKelvie-Sebileau – HBRC Climate Action Ambassador T Gilbert – HBRC Senior Advisor – Māori A Doak – Governance Advisor

1. Welcome/Karakia /Apologies

The Chair, Hayley Browne, welcomed everyone to the meeting and Te Rangihau Gilbert opened with a karakia.

Resolution

CAJCC8/23 That the apologies for absence from councillors Annette Brosnan, Ann Redstone, and Roz Thomas and for lateness from Councillor Tim Aitken be accepted.

**Walker/Harding
CARRIED**

2. Conflict of interest declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Climate Action Joint Committee meeting held on 22 May 2023

CAJCC9/23 **Resolution**

Minutes of the Climate Action Joint Committee meeting held on 22 May 2023, a copy having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

**Harding/Walker
CARRIED**

4. Climate Action Joint Committee Terms of Reference update

Desiree Cull introduced herself and explained that the Terms of Reference had been referred back to the partner council's for adoption. It had been adopted by Hastings District Council, Napier City Council, Wairoa District Council.

Central Hawke's Bay District Council had not yet considered the item but it would go to the Council's September meeting. This was merely a timing issue and no concern was communicated that it would not be adopted. The chair noted that it was to be a living document anyway.

Councillor Aiken joined at 1:05pm

It was noted that there were no tangata whenua representatives present.

It was explained that there was an ongoing process regard PSGE appointments and that there was a willingness on all sides and plenty of effort made.

Denise – follow up with Wairoa DC about TAG appointments.

CAJCC10/23 **Resolution**

That the Climate Action Joint Committee:

1. Receives and considers the *Climate Action Joint Committee Terms of Reference update*.
2. Accepts the Terms of Reference following as adopted by the partner councils.

**Walker/Harding
CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 1:10pm and reconvened at 1:20pm.

Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst and Councillor Denise Eaglesome-Karekare left the meeting during the break.

5. Climate Change Commission presentation

Pippa McKelvie-Sebileau introduced Chis Holland from He Pou a Rangi (the Climate Change Commission) who delivered a presentation about setting and monitoring emissions targets, including the ETS structure, and advice on national adaptation to government.

Michelle McIlroy joined the meeting online at 1:25pm

Advice from the commission considered a wide range of factors including social, economic and Te Ao Māori. The presentation covered specifically:

- The split gas approach to emissions targets and different scenarios for emissions reduction.
- How biogenic methane has a short life span but a large warming effect.
- Emissions budgets

Mayor Hazlehurst returned to the meeting online at 1:34 pm.

- How transport emissions reduction showed the greatest opportunity for reduction.
- How big savings could also be made in industry, energy and building through technologies such as new methods heat production milk powder drying and low emissions buildings.
- Agriculture required a breakthrough technologies for significant reductions.

Discussion included:

Why there was such a wide range for methane emissions (24%-47%) which was a product of parliament not the commission. The lower end would require breakthrough technology.

The lack of defined cost for mitigation and adaption for communities – especially those dealing with recovery. It was estimated that by 2050 the cost of meeting the targets would be 1% of the entire economy but impacts would not be even.

That all major parliamentary parties were on board with the commissions targets with disagreements 'at the margin' about how to accomplish the goals, the Council need to look around the margins for solutions that would have the greatest benefit for the Hawke's bay community.

The work programme for climate risk assessments the first of which undertaken by the commission (Previously MfE had done this) was to be completed next year.

If stock reduction was an obvious solution or if farmers could set best practice

The roles of native and exotic planting both in terms of emissions offsetting but also in terms of benefits to the environment more broadly such as te mana o te wai.

Councillor Eaglesome-Karekare returned to the meeting at 1:56 pm.

The impact of exotic planting on the landscape and communities after slash deposits and the Commission's view that slash should be converted to biofuel for revenue not left in place.

The value of land for life both for offsetting and

Carless days as inspiration from the past and working from home as a contemporary alternative

The debate over how to measure soil carbon and the potential for other complementary non-forest offsets such as the restoration of wet lands and peat lands.

How the split gas approach empowered decision makers with more options though having biogenic methane, long term emissions and offsets separate rather than considering them all together.

Biodiversity credits and the recognition by the commission that biodiversity should be

recognised and rewarded.

CAJCC11/23

Resolution

That the Climate Action Joint Committee receives and notes the *Climate Change Commission* presentation by Chris Holland.

**Kerr/Harding
CARRIED**

Te Rangihau Gilbert offered a closing karakia.

Closure:

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2.15pm on Monday, 14 August 2023.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Date:

Chair:

7.9 HAWKE'S BAY CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM 27 MARCH 2023 AND 26 JUNE 2023.**File Number:** COU1-1400**Author:** Annelie Roets, Governance Lead**Authoriser:** Doug Tate, Chief Executive**Attachments:**

1. 29 March 2023 - HB CDEM Group Joint Committee Minutes [↓](#)
2. 26 June 2023 - Unconfirmed Minutes - HB CDEM Group Joint Committee [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Hawkes Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee from 27 March and 26 June 2023 be received.



Minutes of a Meeting of the Regional Council

Date:	29 March 2023
Time:	1.30pm
Venue:	Council Chamber Hawke's Bay Regional Council 159 Dalton Street NAPIER
Present:	Cr H Ormsby, Chair Cr W Foley, Deputy Chair Cr X Harding Cr T Hokianga <i>(online)</i> K Kawana (Māori Committee Co-chair) <i>(online)</i> Cr N Kirton Cr C Lambert <i>(online)</i> Cr J Mackintosh M Paku (Māori Committee Co-chair) <i>(online)</i> Cr D Roadley K Ropiha (RPC rep) <i>(online)</i> Cr S Siers Cr J van Beek Cr M Williams
In Attendance:	P Munro – Interim Chief Executive S Young – Group Manager Corporate Services K Brunton – Group Manager Policy and Regulation C Dolley – Group Manager Asset Management I Maxwell – Group Manager Integrated Catchment Management L Hooper – Team Leader Governance C Comber – Chief Financial Officer L McPhail – HBRC Recovery Manager D Cull – Strategy & Governance Manager J Bennett – Treasury & Investments Accountant T Skerman – HBRIC Commercial Manager A Allan – Senior Business Partner M Johansson – Director Communications & Engagement

1. Welcome/Karakia/Apologies/Notices

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting the group offered a karakia to open the meeting.

Resolution

- RC25/23 That the apologies for absence from Tania Hopmans and from Katarina Kawana and Mike Paku for lateness be accepted.

Ormsby/Mackintosh
CARRIED

2. Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Regional Council meetings held on 8 March and 22 March 2023**RC26/23 Resolution**

Minutes of the Regional Council **meetings held on 8 March and 22 March 2023**, copies having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

van Beek/Harding
CARRIED

4. Financial delegations

Susie Young introduced the item, which was taken as read, asking for delegation to draw down new debt within the limits set in the Long Term Plan.

RC27/23 Resolutions

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council:

1. Receives and considers the *Financial delegations* staff report.
2. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy, and that Council can exercise its discretion and make decisions on this issue without conferring directly with the community or persons likely to have an interest in the decision.
3. Delegates borrowing up to the 2022-2023 Annual Plan total debt amount of \$104m (new debt of +\$44m) to the Hawke's Bay Regional Council Chief Executive and Group Manager Corporate Services, noting that further delegation over and above this level, if required, will be a Council decision.

Kirton/Harding
CARRIED

5. Cyclone Recovery Committee establishment

Desiree Cull and Louise McPhail introduced the item, which was taken as read, and noted one change to the proposed terms of reference for the membership of the Māori Committee and Regional Planning Committee to be **up to** two representatives.

- This committee will guide staff in development of the HBRC 'resilience plan' for the recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle and oversight of its implementation.
- Responsibility for decisions around managed retreat and red-zoning lies with Central Government and the region's hazards information is being fed by HBRC and the TLAs into that process via the Ministry for the Environment.
- The Policy team is considering how to provide opportunities for PSGEs to have input into and engage in the TLAs' locality plans potentially leveraging the Kotahi catchments framework.

- The HBRC Resilience plan must include community input and should be reflected in the terms of reference for the Cyclone Recovery Committee.

RC28/23

Resolutions

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council:

1. Receives and considers the *Cyclone Recovery Committee establishment* staff report.
2. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy, and that Council can exercise its discretion and make decisions on this issue without conferring directly with the community.
3. Appoints the Cyclone Recovery Committee, under Clause 30 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.
4. Adopts the proposed Terms of Reference, as follows, incorporating the changes agreed on 29 March 2023.

Siers/Williams
CARRIED

Cyclone Recovery Committee**Terms of Reference**

Adopted by resolution of Hawke's Bay Regional Council on 29 March 2023

1. The purpose of the Cyclone Recovery Committee is to coordinate and direct the Hawke's Bay Regional Council's (HBRC) recovery initiatives in support of environmental and community recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle, which resulted in a national state of emergency declared on 14 February 2023, and related matters.
2. Recovery actions will necessarily happen at pace requiring agile and joined-up decision-making. This Committee fits within a broader recovery context which includes the Hawke's Bay Regional Recovery Agency. The HBRC's Cyclone Recovery Committee will focus on recovery tasks related to the environment resilience, primary sector, and resilient infrastructure pou (proposed HB Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery wiring diagram to be attached once finalised).
3. The Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 (the CDEM Act) defines recovery as: *"the coordinated efforts and processes used to bring about the immediate, medium and long-term holistic regeneration and enhancement of a community following an emergency."* Recovery is more than simply building back infrastructure; it is a managed, comprehensive and participatory process inclusive of all people and organisations, that also supports restoring the social, economic, natural and cultural fabric of affected communities.
4. The Cyclone Recovery Committee will also cover the business-as-usual functions, previously considered by the Environment and Integrated Catchments Committee.

Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery responsibilities

5. The primary role of the Cyclone Recovery Committee is to develop and oversee implementation of a Regional Resilience Plan, *including providing opportunities to determine and express community voice.* This Plan will focus on land-use planning, hazard management, risk, and flood protection and will inform locality plans of other entities.
6. The Cyclone Recovery Committee will also be responsible for considering and making recommendations to HBRC on work programmes such as, but not limited to, the rapid rebuild of stop banks, scheme reviews and protection levels, land use planning, nature-based solutions for water management and biodiversity, rural recovery including an enhanced Erosion Control Scheme and changes to the Land for Life programme, and improvements to the hydrometric network.

Business as usual responsibilities

The Cyclone Recovery Committee will consider and make recommendations to Council on:

7. Policy

- 7.1. Policies with regard to Council responsibilities and involvement in flood protection and

- drainage
- 7.2. Policies with regard to Council's responsibilities for biosecurity, biodiversity and pest management
 - 7.3. Policies, strategies, and by-laws and compliance and enforcement programmes relating to maritime and navigational safety under the Maritime Transport Act.
- 8. Environmental Monitoring and Research**
- 8.1. Environmental monitoring strategies and research and investigation programmes, including the State of the Environment Reports
 - 8.2. Technical reports on the findings of research and investigations into the impact of activities on the receiving environments and recommend to Council the development of new policy frameworks based around such information.
- 9. Implementation**
- 9.1. Management plans or any similar such documents for the effective implementation of environmental enhancement and improvement programmes of Council.
 - 9.2. All other policy implementation issues of Council.
 - 9.3. Periodically review the effectiveness of Council's non-regulatory resource management operational work programmes within the ambit of the Committee and make recommendations to Council for any changes
 - 9.4. Assist staff, where appropriate, in identifying a preferred option and/or funding mechanism for Council consideration of biosecurity/ biodiversity initiatives, proposals for new or expansion of existing open spaces and regional parks, and infrastructure asset construction or improvement work; and in promoting the preferred option to the beneficiaries/ community.
- 10. Financial Authority**
- 10.1. Consideration of possible financial implications of specific initiatives.
- 11. Use of Delegated Powers for the Environment & Integrated Catchments Committee**
- 11.1. This Committee may, without confirmation by the local authority that made the delegations, exercise or perform them in the like manner and with the same effect as the local authority could itself have exercised or performed them, provided that the decision deserves urgency and the decision to make the resolution a decision of Council is carried unanimously.
- Members:**
- All Councillors being: Hinewai Ormsby, Will Foley, Neil Kirton, Charles Lambert, Jerf van Beek, Martin Williams, Sophie Siers, Di Roadley, Thompson Hokianga, Jock Mackintosh, Xan Harding.
 - Up to two appointed members of the Māori Committee, TBC
 - Up to two appointed members of the Regional Planning Committee, TBC
- Chair:** A member of the Committee as elected by the Council being: Sophie Siers
- Deputy Chair:** A member of the Committee as elected by the Council being: Di Roadley
- Meeting Frequency:** 6-weekly (or as required)
- Staff Executive:** HBRC Recovery Manager
Group Manager Integrated Catchment Management
Group Manager Asset Management
Group Manager Policy & Regulation

6. Annual freshwater science charges (s.36) 2022-2023

Chris Comber and Amy Allan introduced the item, which was taken as read. Discussions covered:

- The need to re-baseline water quality and ecology across the region which will benefit everyone across the region, while specific water quality monitoring like Tukituki dissolved nitrogen will be stopped for a period of time.
- Unless the work is directly attributable to a specific consented activity the costs of that work cannot be recovered from the consent holder.
- More equitable if applied to the resource consent rather than property level.

RC29/23

Resolutions

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council:

1. Receives and considers the *Annual Freshwater Science charges (s.36) 2022-2023* staff report.
2. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy, and that Council can exercise its discretion and make decisions on this issue without conferring directly with the community.
3. Directs Council officers to amend the Annual Freshwater Science Charges approach for the 2022-2023 financial year to:
 - 3.1. Reduce the annual freshwater science charges to all discharge consent holders by 42%, representing a change in water quality business-as-usual activity for five months of the financial year after the Cyclone hit, and proceed with annual freshwater science charges and water measuring device administration fees for the water take consent holders as per the Annual Plan fees & charges schedule, and accept requests for one-off fee exemptions where consent holders have been experiencing financial hardship due to the Cyclone.
4. Waives the Low Flows Monitoring annual fee for the 2022-2023 financial year.

Williams/Foley
Against: Kirton
CARRIED

Foley/Williams
CARRIED

7. Report and recommendations from the Regional Transport Committee

Councillor Martin Williams introduced the item as Chair of the Committee, and highlighted discussions at the meeting about the resilience of the region's roading connections.

RC30/23

Resolutions

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council:

1. Receives and notes the *Report and recommendations from the Regional Transport Committee*.

Regional Transport Committee Terms of Reference and member appointments

- 1.1 Adopts the Terms of Reference, including membership, for the Regional Transport Committee (RTC) as proposed, including incorporation of the amendments agreed by the RTC on 10 February 2023 (as follows).

Regional Transport Committee

Terms of Reference

Adopted by Hawke's Bay Regional Council resolution 29 March 2023

The purpose of the Regional Transport Committee is to:

1. Prepare the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) and any significant variation to the RLTP for adoption by the Regional Council, in accordance with the Land Transport Management Act 2003.
2. In accordance with the Land Transport Management Act 2003, adopt a policy that determines significance in respect of:
 - 2.1. variations made to regional land transport plans under section 18D of the Land Transport Management Act 2003, and
 - 2.2. the activities that are included in the regional land transport plan under section 16 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.
3. Prepare the Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) for adoption by the Regional Council, in accordance with the Land Transport Management Act 2003.
4. Monitor the implementation of the Regional Land Transport Plan and the Regional Public Transport Plan.
5. Plan and provide for emissions reductions through multi modal activities.
6. Plan and provide for active transport in the region.
7. Advocate on strategic regional and inter-regional transport matters to Central Government and other key stakeholders as appropriate.
8. Make recommendations in support of land transport activities that are eligible for national funding and align with the regional land transport plan.
9. Approve submissions to Central Government, local authorities and other agencies on Regional Transport Committee matters.
10. Monitor and provide advocacy on regional road safety matters.
11. Monitor passenger transport objectives and make recommendations to the Regional Council on public transport policies.
12. Provide the Regional Council with any advice and assistance it may request in relation to its transport responsibilities.

Members Voting Members

Two elected members of the Regional Council, being:

- Councillors Martin Williams and Jerf van Beek

One representative and one alternate, appointed by each of the following organisations, being:

- Wairoa District Council: Mayor Craig Little and Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke as alternate
- Hastings District Council: Cr Tania Kerr and Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst as alternate
- Napier City Council: Cr Keith Price and Mayor Kirsten Wise alternate
- Central Hawke's Bay District Council: Cr Kate Taylor and Mayor Alex Walker as alternate
- New Zealand Transport Agency, being Linda Stewart and Sarah Downs as alternate

Advisory Members (non- voting)

- New Zealand Police (representing road safety), being Matthew Broderick
- Automobile Association (representing access and mobility, including private motorists, pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users), being Paul Michaelson
- Port of Napier – representing the Port and coastal shipping- Nick Ganivet
- KiwiRail (representing rail issues) - Angus Hodgson
- Road Transport Association NZ (representing the road transport industry) being Ian Emmerson
- HBRC Māori Committee (representing cultural and environmental interests)
 - Api Robin
- Te Whatu Ora Health sector representative - Dr Bridget Wilson

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – HB Regional Active Transport Committee (name to be confirmed) representing active transport, to be confirmed – Hawke's Bay Airport - to be confirmed
Chair	One Regional Council elected member, being Cr Martin Williams
Deputy Chair	One Regional Council elected member, being Cr Jerf van Beek
Quorum	Majority of voting members (4)
Voting	<p>In accordance with section 105(7) of the Land Transport Management Act, at any meeting of the RTC, the Chairperson, or any other legislated person presiding at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) has a deliberative vote and (b) in the case of an equality of votes, does not have a casting vote (and therefore the act or question is defeated and the status quo is preserved). <p><i>Regional Council, Territorial Authority and NZ Transport Agency representative members have full speaking and voting rights on all matters</i></p>
Advisory Members	<p>The role of advisory members is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Provide advice to the Regional Transport Committee on matters pertaining to their advisory portfolios, when requested by the Chair – Report on relevant activities or events pertaining to their advisory portfolios. <p><i>Advisory members have full speaking rights on all matters, but no voting rights.</i></p>
Meeting Frequency	Quarterly, or as required
Staff Executive Technical Advisory Group (TAG)	<p>Group Manager Policy & Regulation and Transport Manager</p> <p>The Transport Committee considers advice relating to strategic transport issues from a Technical Advisory Group (TAG), generally comprising roading and infrastructural planning officers from NZTA and the Territorial Authorities, and chaired by the HBRC Transport Manager. TAG members may attend RTC meetings and may provide advice at meetings when invited to do so by the Chair, but do not vote.</p>

Setting the priorities and principles for the Regional Speed Management Plan

1.2 Notes the following resolutions of the 10 February 2023 Regional Transport Committee, being:

1.3 Adopts the principles and priority areas as proposed; being:

Principles

- 1.3.1 Safe communities and connections for all, applying a whole of system approach
- 1.3.2 Greater public and community understanding of safe system principles, and by all those involved in transport network planning and decision-making
- 1.3.3 Increased connectivity within and between communities – designed with and for the community
- 1.3.4 Network coherence across the region and beyond the region
- 1.3.5 Increased opportunity for, and access to safe multi-modal/active transport
- 1.3.6 A speed management approach that serves the needs of the community that the network is serving / supporting
- 1.3.7 Work with iwi and community leaders as key partners in the development of speed management plans

- 1.3.8 Movement and place framework - speed limits will be appropriate for the function, the surrounding environment and design of the road, reflecting that people use them in different ways

Primary priority areas

- 1.3.9 Schools/Kura and their immediate walking and cycling catchments

- 1.3.10 Marae

Other priority areas

- 1.3.11 Community plan areas

- 1.3.12 Those streets and roads with currently misaligned speed limits across our urban and rural networks

- 1.3.13 Isolated rural communities and beaches in the region

- 1.3.14 Town centres

- 1.3.15 Locations with the presence of other key community facilities, such as hospitals, parks, rest homes, early childhood education centres, etc

- 1.3.16 Road works zones, as applicable and appropriate

- 1.3.17 Active transport corridors.

Information reports received

2. Notes that the following reports were provided to the Regional Transport Committee:
 - 2.1 Johanna Birrell deputation - Te Whatu Ora HB safe cycling report which will feed into the development of the next Regional Land Transport Plan, particularly safe cycling initiatives
 - 2.2 Regional Land Transport Plan investment and delivery update
 - 2.3 Transport Emissions Reduction Plan update
 - 2.4 Regional Transport Programme update February 2023
 - 2.5 Regional Road Safety update
 - 2.6 Public Transport update
 - 2.7 Active Transport update
 - 2.8 NZTA Regional Relationships Director's February 2023 report.

**Williams/van Beek
CARRIED**

8. HBRIC Ltd and FoodEast 2023-2024 Draft Statements of Intent and quarterly update

Tom Skerman and Jess Bennett spoke to the item, which was taken as read.

RC31/23

Resolutions

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council:

1. Receives and considers the *HBRIC Ltd and FoodEast 2023-2024 draft Statements of Intent and Quarterly update* staff report.
2. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy, and that Council can exercise its discretion and make decisions on this issue without conferring directly with the community or persons likely to have an interest in the decision.

3. Recommends that the HBRIC Board considers feedback to be provided directly to Tom Skerman, HBRIC Commercial Manager, for incorporation in the final Statements of Intent.

**Kirton/Harding
CARRIED**

9. Significant activities in the organisation's transition to recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle

The item was taken as read, and it was noted in discussions:

- A year's worth of work has been undertaken over the last 6 weeks to repair flood protection schemes (stopbanks) with assistance from other councils' staff from outside the region.
- Staff from Environment Southland, Otago Regional Council, Environment Canterbury and Bay of Plenty Regional Council have come into the region to help with all the response and rebuild work.
- Young plantings have suffered due to lack of canopy cover and investigations going into how plantings with canopy cover have fared in comparison.
- The hydrology network is now reinstated and operational, and the NZ Hydrological Association is in the region looking at how to build more resilient networks.
- Napier Meeanee Scheme Review has been completed and will be presented to Council mid-year while the Napier Meeanee NCC MOU work has been delayed by Cyclone Gabrielle response work.
- Resurveying of river gravels will commence as soon as river levels have fallen to safe levels.

Neil Kirton left the meeting at 3.36pm

- An in-depth survey of trusted key advisors with connections into the rural communities is being undertaken to get a better picture of the most affected communities and their needs.

RC32/23 Resolution

That the Hawke's Bay Regional Council receives and notes the *Significant activities in the organisation's transition to recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle* staff report.

**Williams/Ormsby
CARRIED**

10. Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes of the meetings held on 8 March and 22 March 2023

RC33/23 Resolutions

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council excludes the public from this section of the meeting being Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes Agenda Item 10 with the general subject of the item to be considered while the public is excluded. The reasons for passing the resolution 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:

General subject of the item to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution	Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of the resolution
HBRIC Ltd Independent Director appointments	s7(2)(a) That the public conduct of this agenda item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons	The Council is specified, in the First Schedule to this Act, as a body to which the Act applies.
Potential Sale of Wellington Leasehold Property	s7(2)(i) That the public conduct of this agenda item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	The Council is specified, in the First Schedule to this Act, as a body to which the Act applies.

**Ormsby/Harding
CARRIED**

11. Investment Strategy Review Outcomes

RC34/23

Resolutions

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council excludes the public from this section of the meeting, being Agenda Item 11 Investment Strategy Review outcomes with the general subject of the item to be considered while the public is excluded. The reasons for passing the resolution 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:

General subject of the item to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution	Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of the resolution
Investment Strategy review outcomes	s7(2)(b)(ii) That the public conduct of this agenda item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of that information is necessary to protect information which otherwise would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.	The Council is specified, in the First Schedule to this Act, as a body to which the Act applies.

That Brett Johanson, Cameron Scott, and Ben Ford, PWC, remain in attendance for this item as the authors of the reports that are the subject of this agenda item.

**Ormsby/Harding
CARRIED**

The meeting went into public excluded session at 3.40pm and out of public excluded session at 4.28pm

The group offered a karakia to close the meeting.

Closure:

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 4.28pm on Wednesday, 29 March 2023.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Date: 29 March 2023 by HBRC Resolution

Chair: Hinewai Ormsby



Unconfirmed

Minutes of a meeting of the HB Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee

Date: 26 June 2023

Time: 1.30pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Hawke's Bay Regional Council
159 Dalton Street
NAPIER

Present: Cr H Ormsby, Chair
Mayor A Walker, Deputy
Mayor S Hazlehurst – HDC
Mayor C Little – WDC
Cr N Simpson – NCC
B Barber – Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Inc
L Symes – Te Kahui Ohanga o Takitimu (*online from 1.38pm*)

In Attendance: I Macdonald – HB CDEM Group Controller
P Munro – HBRC Te Pou Whakarae
S Tiatia – NEMA (*online*)
B Bayfield – HBRC Interim Chief Executive (*until 3.07pm*)
D Tate – CHBDC Chief Executive
N Bickle – HDC Chief Executive
L Miller – NCC Chief Executive
K Tipuna – WDC Chief Executive
R McLeod – HB Recovery Agency CEO
L Hooper – HBRC Team Leader Governance
P Martin – HBRC Senior Governance Advisor

1. Welcome/Karakia /Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone and Bayden Barber opened the meeting with a karakia.

2. Conflict of interest declarations

Bayden Barber declared his membership of the Cyclone Gabrielle National Taskforce.

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Extraordinary HB Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Sub-committee meeting on 28 April 2023

CDE11/23

Resolution

Minutes of the Extraordinary HB Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Sub-committee meeting held on Friday, 28 April 2023, a copy having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record; and resolutions made as recommendations to the Joint Committee confirmed in accordance with Terms of Reference clause 14.8¹.

**Hazlehurst/Walker
CARRIED**

4. Richard Gaddum - Waimārama community resilience & leadership

Sandra Hazlehurst introduced Richard Gaddum, who delivered his deputation.

- Following the 2011 Waimarama floods, the community fund-raised for a purpose-built Civil Defence (CD) shed and other equipment, community training was offered and evacuation routes established.

Leon Symes joined the meeting online at 1.38pm

- Until CDEM Group was centralised in 2014, the Waimarama community CD centre had a good relationship with Hastings District Council CD team. The relationship between Waimarama community CD and the CDEM Group is strained.
- Before CDEM Group was centralised there were active community CD centres in rural and urban areas across the region.
- Loss of communications during Cyclone Gabrielle caused major issues.
- Community-based civil defence centres need to be re-established and fully resourced with equipment, e.g. satellite phones, generators, etc, as determined by each community.
- To improve responses to emergencies, particularly in isolated communities, local people on the ground are required – in place and resourced – rather than waiting for outside assistance.
- Tsunami is a major ongoing risk and community preparedness needs to be greatly improved.

CDE12/23

Resolution

That the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee receives and notes the *Waimārama Community Resilience & Leadership* presentation from Richard Gaddum.

**Hazlehurst/Walker
CARRIED**

¹ 14.8 In the event that a quorum cannot be achieved, the business at any meeting convened for the Joint Committee may be considered without further notice by a subcommittee of the Joint Committee. The recommendations of this subcommittee will be reported for final decision at the next Joint Committee meeting.

5. Cyclone Gabrielle HB CDEM Group Response Review Terms of Reference and Framework

Doug Tate, CHBDC Chief Executive, introduced the item which was taken as read.

- Te Kahui Ohanga o Takitimu (TKO) was acknowledged for their input into the ToR.
- Iwi are particularly interested in outcome 3 - key stakeholder relationships and coordinated approach to emergency management.
- Mana whenua need to be decision makers and there needs to be stronger representation of and partnership with mana whenua throughout an emergency response, including marae as key players.
- All communities need to understand their roles in an emergency and be trained, resourced and prepared for future events.
- ToR do not specifically include examining CD funding.
- Capturing survey responses from Community Connectors is critical and the local councils will feed this information in to the Review Panel.
- The review covers the whole HB CDEM Group structure including governance, councils and Group Emergency Coordination Centre.
- A national review will be undertaken and timeframes for that will be announced soon.

CDE13/23

Resolutions

That Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

1. Receives and considers the *Cyclone Gabrielle HB CDEM Group Response Review Terms of Reference and Framework* staff report.
2. Approves the Terms of Reference and Framework for the *Cyclone Gabrielle HB CDEM Group Response Review* as proposed.
3. Endorses the Procurement Plan timeframes and evaluation panel for the *Cyclone Gabrielle HB CDEM Group Response Review* as proposed.

Hazlehurst/Walker
CARRIED

6. HB CDEM Group Joint Committee mana whenua representation

Ian Macdonald introduced the item, which was taken as read. Discussions traversed:

- Proposed changes pre-empt those coming with the Emergency Management Bill (the Bill) which also provides for mana whenua representation on the Coordinating Executive Group (CEG)
- Tangata whenua representatives are initially advisory, non-voting members and as soon as it's made possible full participation including voting rights can be established and the ToR updated accordingly.
- The joint committee works together to achieve consensus so while tangata whenua don't technically have voting rights, they will be involved in decision making.

CDE14/23

Resolutions

That the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

1. Receives and considers the *HB CDEM Group Joint Committee mana whenua representation* staff report.
2. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Hawke's Bay Regional Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy, and that the Joint Committee can exercise its discretion and make the necessary decisions without conferring directly with the community.
3. Adopts the Terms of Reference for the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee following, to replace and supersede all previous

versions.

4. Recommends to each of the partner councils, the adoption of the amended Terms of Reference for the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee as proposed (following).

Walker/Little
CARRIED unanimously

**Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management
Group Joint Committee**

Terms of Reference

1. Preamble

- 1.1 The Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group was established pursuant to a Terms of Reference dated August 2003 which was subsequently amended in December 2013, and further amended and adopted in December 2016 and again on 23 March 2020. Pursuant to a resolution passed by the Group 26 June 2023, this Terms of Reference is adopted to replace and supersede all previous versions of the Terms of Reference for the Joint Committee.

2. Parties

- 2.1 Each of the following local authorities is a Member of the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group and is a party to this Terms of Reference:

Central Hawke's Bay District Council
Hastings District Council
Hawke's Bay Regional Council
Napier City Council
Wairoa District Council

3. Definitions

For the purpose of this Terms of Reference:

- 3.1 "Act" means the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002.
- 3.2 "Administering Authority" means the Hawke's Bay Regional Council.
- 3.3 "Coordinating Executive Group" (the CEG) means the Coordinating Executive Group to be established under section 20 of the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002.
- 3.4 "Group" means the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group.
- 3.5 "Group Controller" means a person appointed under section 26 of the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002 and clause 10.1 of this Terms of Reference as a Group Controller.
- 3.6 "Group Plan" means the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Group Plan prepared by the Group in accordance with the Act.
- 3.7 "Hawke's Bay Region" for the purposes of this document means the Hawke's Bay region as defined in the Local Government (Hawke's Bay Region) Reorganisation Order 1989, excluding the parts of Rangitikei and Taupo District Councils falling within the area administered by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council.
- 3.8 "local authority member or Partner Council" means a Local Authority that is a member of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group that is the subject of this document.
- 3.9 "4Rs" means Reduction, Readiness, Response, and Recovery.

4. The purpose and term of this Terms of Reference

- 4.1 The purposes of this Terms of Reference are to:
 - 4.1.1 set out the purposes, functions, powers, and duties of the Group and its members in accordance with the requirements of the Act
 - 4.1.2 define the responsibilities of the Group as delegated to the Group by the Members, and
 - 4.1.3 provide for the administrative arrangements of the Group.

5. Joint Committee

- 5.1 Pursuant to section 12 of the Act the Parties were united in August 2003 to establish a Group as a Joint Standing Committee now under clause 30(1)(b) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002. This choice is irrevocable under section 14(3) of the Act.
- 5.2 In accordance with section 12(2) of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002, neither clause 30(5) nor (7) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 which provides for a committee to be discharged or reconstituted, or be discharged following the triennial general election, shall apply to the Joint Committee.

6. Membership of the Group

- 6.1 The members of the Group are the Hawke's Bay Regional Council and all those territorial authorities that lie wholly within the boundaries of the Hawke's Bay region. Each member is to be represented on the Group by one person only, being the Mayor or Chairperson of that local authority, or if they are unavailable an alternate representative who has been given the delegated authority to act for the Mayor or Chairperson.
- 6.2 Under section 13(4) of the Act, the alternate representative must be an elected person from that local authority.
- 6.3 Under clause 30(9) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the powers to discharge any representative of the Group and appoint his or her replacement shall be exercisable only by the local authority member that appointed the representative being discharged.
- 6.4 Tangata whenua representatives appointed as advisory, non-voting members representing:
- 6.4.1 Mana Ahuriri
 - 6.4.2 Maungaharuru-Tangitu Trust
 - 6.4.3 Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Trust
 - 6.4.4 Tatau Tatau o Te Wairoa
 - 6.4.5 Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated.

7. Representatives to have full Delegated Authority

- 7.1 Each local authority member agrees to confer full delegated authority on its representative, or in their absence the alternate representative in order for the Group to exercise the functions, powers, and duties of members under the Act within approved Group budgets.
- 7.2 At meetings of the Group, each local authority member's representative is to have full authority to vote and make decisions on behalf of that local authority without further recourse in respect of the authority granted under 7.1 above.
- 7.3 If a local authority member's representative to the Group is not re-elected at the triennial Local Government Elections that representative will cease to be a member of the Group and will be replaced by the elected Mayor or Chairperson of the relevant local authority.
- 7.4 It is the responsibility of each member of the Group to ensure that they have a representative available to participate in the Group, as soon as practicable after their representative is no longer able to represent that member for whatever reason, with the same delegated functions, duties and powers as their predecessor.

8. The Group to give effect to the purposes of the Act

- 8.1 The functions, powers and duties of the Group are specified in sections 16, 17 and 18 the Act. To assist the Group to meet these requirements, the Group adopts the following objectives:
- 8.1.1 To ensure that hazards (as defined in the Act) and the consequential risks are identified and assessed.
 - 8.1.2 Improve and promote the sustainable management of identified hazards in a way that contributes to the long term social, economic, cultural, and environmental well-being and safety of people and communities.
 - 8.1.3 Encourage and enable communities to achieve acceptable levels of risk (as risk is defined in the Act), including, without limitation
 - (i) identifying, assessing, and managing risks, and
 - (ii) consulting and communicating about risks, and
 - (iii) identifying and implementing cost-effective risk reduction, and
 - (iv) monitoring and reviewing the risk management process.
 - 8.1.4 To require local authorities to co-ordinate, through regional groups, planning, programmes, and activities related to civil defence emergency management across the 4Rs, and encourage co-operation and joint action within those regional groups.
 - 8.1.5 To encourage through partnership and co-ordination, emergency management planning and civil defence emergency management activities amongst the organisations represented on the Co-ordinating Executive Group, other CDEM partners and the Lifeline utility operators that operate within the region.
 - 8.1.6 To ensure an effective and efficient region-wide civil defence emergency management capability to respond to and recover from emergencies.

9. Obligations of local authority members

- 9.1 Each local authority member of the Group will:
- 9.1.1 In accordance with section 7 and 8 above, appoint their Mayor or Chairperson to the Joint Committee; and
 - 9.1.2 appoint its chief executive officer to the Co-ordinating Executive Group (CEG); and
 - 9.1.3 participate in the preparation of and agree to the content of a Group Plan; and

- 9.1.4 contribute technical expertise and resources to maintain an effective Group and local level response capability; and
- 9.1.5 provide to the Group the information or reports that may be required by the Group to discharge its powers, functions and duties under the Act and the Group Plan.
- 9.2 Each local authority member of the Group will be responsible for the risk reduction, readiness, response and recovery arrangements required of it under the Act, and under the Group Plan or as otherwise agreed by the Group, to the standards agreed by the Group.
- 10. Delegated Authority**
- 10.1 Power to appoint Group Controller. The Group will appoint one or more suitably qualified and experienced persons or person to be the Group Controller for the CDEM Group pursuant to by section 26 of the Act and in accordance with the Governance and Management section of the current Group Plan. The powers delegated to the Group Controller(s) are as defined in the Group Plan.
- 10.2 Appointment of Local Controllers. The Group may from time to time appoint, in accordance with section 27 of the Act and following consultation with the relevant members, one or more persons to be a Local Controller in accordance with the Governance and Management section of the current Group Plan.
- 10.3 Appoint persons who may Declare a State of Local Emergency. The Group will appoint at least one person as a person authorised to declare a state of local emergency for its area and in accordance with the Governance and Management section of the current Group Plan.
- 11. Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan**
- 11.1 The Group will prepare, approve, adopt and review a Group Plan in accordance with sections 48 to 57 of the Act.
- 11.2 For the avoidance of doubt each and every obligation, agreement, covenant, responsibility and liability under the Group Plan is binding on and will continue to bind each and every Member of the Group and is and will continue to be enforceable as between each of the Members, against each of the other Members, and every Member of the Group agrees and covenants to carry out and perform all of its obligations under the Group Plan.
- 12. Maintain the Coordinating Executive Group**
- 12.1 In accordance with section 20 of the Act, establish and maintain a Co-ordinating Executive Group consisting of:
 - 12.1.1 The chief executive officer of each Member or a senior person acting on that person's behalf; and
 - 12.1.2 A senior representative of the Police assigned for the purpose by the Commissioner of Police; and
 - 12.1.3 A senior representative of Fire and Emergency New Zealand assigned for the purpose by their Chief Executive; and
 - 12.1.4 The chief executive of a District Health Board in Hawke's Bay representing the District Health Board in Hawke's Bay, or a person acting on their behalf; and
 - 12.1.5 Any other persons that may be co-opted by the CDEM Group to assist the CEG to undertake its responsibilities.
- 13. Remuneration**
- 13.1 Each local authority member of the Group shall be responsible for remunerating its representative on the Group for the cost of that person's participation in the Group.
- 13.2 Each tangata whenua member will be remunerated \$452 per meeting attended, plus reimbursed mileage to travel to/from meetings at the rate of \$0.83/km. These costs will be divided proportionally among the local authority members.
- 14. Meetings**
- 14.1 The Hawke's Bay Regional Council standing orders will be used to conduct Group meetings.
- 14.2 Other standing orders may be used, subject to the agreement of the Group, and in accordance with section 19(1) of the Act.
- 14.3 The Group shall hold all meetings at such frequency, times and place(s) as agreed for the performance of the functions, duties and powers delegated under this Terms of Reference. However there will be at least two meetings per year.
- 14.4 In accordance with clause 23 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 the quorum of the Group is all local authority members.
- 14.5 A representative may attend any meeting of the Joint Committee by means of audio or audio-visual link unless lawfully excluded.
- 14.6 A representative may attend a meeting by means of audio or audio-visual link despite –
 - 14.6.1 clauses 25A(1) and (4) and 27(5)(a) of the Local Government Act 2002, and

- 14.6.2 any limitation or condition on the use of an audio or audio-visual link, or other contrary provision, that is contained in any standing orders that apply to the meeting.
- 14.7 A representative who attends a meeting by means of audio or audio-visual link in accordance with this Terms of Reference is to be counted as present for the purposes of (the quorum) clauses 23 and 30A of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 14.8 In the event that a quorum cannot be achieved, the business at any meeting convened for the Joint Committee may be considered without further notice by a subcommittee of the Joint Committee. The recommendations of this subcommittee will be reported for final decision at the next Joint Committee meeting.
- 15. Voting**
- 15.1 Each local authority member has one vote at a meeting of the Group or when the Group is required at any time to make a decision in respect of an action to be taken by the Group.
- 15.2 All actions (other than the entering into of contracts within the authorised Group budget) to be taken by the Group must first be approved by way of a majority vote of all members that are present and voting.
- 15.3 The National Emergency Management Agency shall have observer status on the Group and also the Coordinating Executives Group.
- 16. Election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson**
- 16.1 The Group may elect a Group Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for the Group at the first meeting following the triennial local government elections, from amongst the local authority representatives, and appoint replacements when any of those offices become vacant between elections.
- 16.2 The Group's Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall hold office until the first meeting following the triennial general election.
- 17. Administering Authority**
- 17.1 In accordance with section 23 of the Act, the Administering Authority for the Group will be the Hawke's Bay Regional Council. The Administering Authority is responsible for the provision of administrative and related services that may from time to time be required by the Group.
- 18. Group Emergency Management Office**
- 18.1 The Hawke's Bay Regional Council will establish and manage a Hawke's Bay Emergency Management Group Office on behalf of the Group.
- 18.2 The Group Office shall coordinate technical expertise, planning and operational functions, performance monitoring, coordination of Group-wide projects and any other functions as are assigned to it by the Group. The Group Office will also maintain at least one Emergency Management Advisor to be co-located in each TLA to support and where appropriate implement local emergency management outcomes.
- 18.3 The Hawke's Bay Regional Council will employ staff for the Group Office as authorised by the Group and manage the office's expenditure in accordance with the principles of the Local Government Act 2002 and amendments.
- 19. Group Funding and Budget**
- 19.1 The proposed annual Group work programme and budget will be signed off by the Group no later than 30 November of the year preceding the year to which the programme and budget will apply.
- 19.2 The Group work programme, and administrative and related services pursuant to section 24 of the Act, will be funded by way of a Targeted Rate Uniform General Charge (UGC) across the area of the Group and administered by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council. In order to set the Targeted Rate UGC, the Group will communicate its agreed programme and budget to the Hawke's Bay Regional Council no later than 1 February of the year which the programme and budget applies.
- 19.3 The Joint Committee is responsible for deciding the civil defence and emergency management levels of service and outcomes to be provided to the community. As the Administering Authority the Hawke's Bay Regional Council is responsible for providing the resources to achieve these outcomes.
- 20. Good Faith**
- 20.1 In the event of any circumstances arising that were unforeseen by the parties at the time of adopting this Terms of Reference, the parties hereby record their intention that they will negotiate in good faith to add to or vary this Terms of Reference so to resolve the impact of those circumstances in the best interests of:
- 20.1.1 the members of the CDEM Group collectively and
- 20.1.2 the Hawke's Bay community represented by the members of the Group collectively.

21. Variations

- 21.1 Any member may propose a variation, deletion or addition to the Terms of Reference by putting the wording of the proposed variation, deletion or addition to a meeting of the Group.
- 21.2 Amendments to the Terms of Reference may only be made with the unanimous agreement of all local authority members.

22. Review of the Terms of Reference

- 22.1 The Terms of Reference will be reviewed and if appropriate amended by the Group at its first meeting following the following the triennial local government elections.
- 22.2 The adoption of an amended Terms of Reference revised under clause 22.1 will be undertaken in accordance with section 21 above.
- 23.3 Amendments to the Terms of Reference will come into effect once agreed, by resolution, by all partner councils in accordance with Schedule 7, clause 30A of the Local Government Act.

23. Adopted

_____ by resolution of the
Central Hawke's Bay District Council
Mayor Alex Walker

_____ by resolution of the
Hastings District Council
Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst

26 July 2023 by resolution of the
Hawke's Bay Regional Council
Chair Hinewai Ormsby

_____ by resolution of the
Napier City Council
Mayor Kirsten Wise

_____ by resolution of the
Wairoa District Council
Mayor Craig Little

7. Regional Recovery verbal update

Ross McLeod, Regional Recovery Agency Chief Executive, introduced the item and acknowledged the work of all the agencies contributing to the recovery.

- The first iteration of the Regional Recovery Plan is due to the Minister on Friday (30 June) and is focussed on restoration. The next iteration will consider building back better, including land categorisation matters. This is due to be with central government in September.

CDE15/23

Resolution

That the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee receives and notes the *Regional Recovery verbal update*.

**Walker/Hazlehurst
CARRIED**

8. Emergency Management Bill

Ian Macdonald introduced the item with Ian Wilson from NEMA adding detail.

- The Bill is three separate pieces of legislation (Emergency Management Bill, National CDEM Plan, National Disaster Resilience Roadmap) often collectively referred to as the legislation 'trifecta'. It has yet to be read in Parliament and may not be until early 2024
- Name changes from civil defence to emergency management
- Provision for Māori decision-makers at regional governance and management levels, plus NEMA itself will have a National Māori Advisory Group.

- Management/administration of welfare costs during an emergency will be clarified to avoid financial reimbursement issues like those experienced in the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle
- 'Lifelines' becomes 'Critical Infrastructure'. Each sector (e.g. energy) will have a lead agency appointed to oversee the sector to ensure compliance with any infrastructure resilience provisions
- NEMA is preparing templates to help the community prepare submissions to the Bill
- All political parties support the Bill
- Not clear if the Bill will strengthen proactive risk control, e.g. residential zoning.
- JC can present a submission, as can each council.
- Regulations will support the Bill and will be available for scrutiny before coming into force
- A submission on the *Lifelines/Critical Infrastructure, Mana Whenua, Risks and Controls* and *Local Community* provisions will be made by the JC. Comment on the roles and responsibilities of Emergency Management Committees and Councils will be included. CEG will draft the submission with mana whenua and circulate to JC for comment.
- Communities need to be reminded that emergency management is everybody's responsibility, people need to be prepared to look after themselves for the first few days of an emergency event.

Bill Bayfield and Leon Symes left the meeting at 3.07pm

CDE16/23

Resolution

That the HB Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee receives and notes the *Emergency Management Bill* staff report.

**Simpson/Hazlehurst
CARRIED**

9. Operational capability and preparedness update

Ian Macdonald introduced this item with comments and discussions covering:

- Group staff are the key to maintaining response capability – staff are starting to get back into business as usual activities.
- Communities are looking for support to develop response plans and the Group is coordinating community engagement with other agencies and councils.
- It is important that community support is provided urgently, and that it is clearly spelt out who is responsible for what during an emergency.
- Information about and feedback from community response plan meetings will be provided to the JC.

CDE17/23

Resolution

That the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee receives and notes the *Operational capability and preparedness update*.

**Little/Hazlehurst
CARRIED**

Closure:

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.18pm on Monday 26 June 2023.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Date:

Chair:

7.10 DOCUMENTS EXECUTED UNDER COMMON SEAL

File Number:

Author: Annelie Roets, Governance Lead

Authoriser: Brent Chamberlain, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: 1. Use of the Common Seal of the Central Hawke's Bay District Council [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the recent use of the Common Seal since last reporting use in Jan 2023. Council can expect this to be reported on an annual basis.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

This report is provided for information purposes only and has been assessed as not significant.

DISCUSSION

The Common Seal is the mark of the Council which is used to execute legal documents as required by various pieces of legislation and also for ceremonial purposes. It provides endorsement of an official Council document.

Although a Council resolution is required for the Seal to be affixed to a document, the delegations register specifies that -

- *In the case of a document of a routine nature, and/or a document which is urgent, the Seal may be affixed to such documents and such action reported to Council for a confirmation resolution.*

The seal is held by the Chief Executive who is responsible for its use.

The Common Seal is affixed to any document that is required to be executed under the Seal, including:

- Warrants to enter private land on behalf of the Council made under the Resource Management Act, the Biosecurity Act, the Building Act, Local Government Act 1974 or the Local Government Act 2002.
- When executing any Memorandum of Transfer pursuant to section 80 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.
- Regional policy statements and regional and district plans prepared under the Resource Management Act.
- Central Hawke's Bay District Council – Delegations Manual 1 July 2020.
- Bylaws prepared under the Local Government Act 2002 or other relevant statutes.
- Any documents (e.g., covenants, caveats, or consent notices) which otherwise require the use of the Council's Common Seal with the exception of "Deeds".

- In relation to executing any Deed, the authority to impress on any document the Common Seal of the Council is delegated to the mayor or in their absence Deputy Mayor, and any one councillor by virtue of section 9 of the Property Law Act 2007 (two signatures required).

The Register detailing the Use if the Common Seal is attached.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCING IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial or resourcing implications to consider when affixing the seal

IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT

This report confirms that the matter concerned has no particular implications and has been dealt with in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. Specifically:

- Council staff have delegated authority for any decisions made.
- Any decisions made will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses.
- Any decisions made are consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- No decisions have been made that would alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council or would transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

NEXT STEPS

Officers will continue to use the seal in accordance with the delegations register and report its use to Council regularly.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.



Use of the Common Seal of the Central Hawke's Bay District Council

2023					
Number	Date	Used on	Delegation Issued to	Assigned under Delegations Register as	To Whom
23/01	19-Jan-23	Warrant of Authority	Networks Operator	3 Waters Officer	Nicola Hart
23/02	19-Jan-23	Warrant of Authority	Networks Operator	3 Waters Officer	Davin Mason
23/03	19-Jan-23	Warrant of Authority	Networks Operator	3 Waters Officer	Richard Glendinning
23/04	19-Jan-23	Warrant of Authority	Networks Operator	3 Waters Officer	Michael Hall-England
23/05	19-Jan-23	Warrant of Authority	Water Treatment Operator	3 Waters Officer	Cory Rees
23/06	19-Jan-23	Warrant of Authority	Wastewater Treatment Operator	3 Waters Officer	Priscilla Ellmers
23/07	19-Jan-23	Warrant of Authority	Wastewater Treatment Operator	3 Waters Officer	Kenneth Sanderson
23/08	19-Jan-23	Warrant of Authority	Operations Engineer	3 Waters Operations Manager	Sean Ritchie
23/09	19-Jan-23	Warrant of Authority	Three Waters Technician	3 Waters Operations Manager	Nicholas Irvine
23/10	19-Jan-23	Warrant of Authority	Environmental Health Technician	Environmental Health Officer	Natasha Karaitiana
23/11	19-Jan-23	Warrant of Authority	Graduate Engineer	Graduate Engineer	Jojo Varghese
23/12	19-Jan-23	Warrant of Authority	3 Waters Compliance Lead	3 Waters Officer	Ken Palomar
23/13	1-Mar-23	Warrant of Authority	Senior Building Consent Officer	Customer and Consents	Duncan Renner
23/14	1-Mar-23	Warrant of Authority	Parks & Open Spaces Officer	Places and Open Spaces	Katherine Luff
23/15	17-Mar-23	Warrant of Authority	Land Transport - Contract Manager	Land Transport	Juan Raubenheimer
23/16	28-Jun-23	Warrant of Authority	Animal Services & Compliance Officer	Animal Services, Compliance & Customer Experience	Geoffrey Strother
23/17	26-Jun-23	Warrant of Authority	Customer & Consents Manager	Customer and Consents	Connie Mills
23/18					
23/19	6-Jul-23	Warrant of Authority	Animal Services & Compliance Officer	Animal Services, Compliance & Customer Experience	Willow Rowland
23/20	18-Jul-23	ANZ Master Mandate - Direct Debit Account for Koha	Pou Whātua - Māori Relationships Manager	Pou Whātua - Māori Relationships Manager	Pam Kupa
23/21	9-Aug-23	Warrant of Authority	Parks & Open Spaces Manager	Places and Open Spaces	Katherine Luff
23/22	9-Aug-23	Warrant of Authority	Building Consent Officer	Customer and Consents	Aldo Fehr
23/23	9-Aug-23	Warrant of Authority	Parks & Open Spaces Officer	Places and Open Spaces	Amanda Stanley

7.11 RESIDENTS SATISFACTION SURVEY OUTCOMES: 2022 - 2023

File Number:

Author: Lisa Harrison, Customer Relationships and Experience Manager

Authoriser: Doug Tate, Chief Executive

Attachments: 1. Residents Satisfaction Survey Results 2022 - 2023 [↓](#)

Attachments

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide elected members with the overall highlights received from the 2023 Resident Opinion Survey.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

This report is provided for information purposes only and has been assessed as not significant.

BACKGROUND

In 2018, Council conducted its first residents' satisfaction survey, feeding into the development of the Long Term Plan performance measures for the 2018 – 2028 Long Term Plan. Since 2018, Council had engaged Research First as our survey provider, as they undertook our first Resident Opinion Survey in 2018.

With the implementation of new levels of service in the 2021 – 2031 LTP we took the opportunity to revisit our service provider as we were looking to change our mixed method approach of surveying from phone and online, to hard copy and online. Through this process AskYourTeam began as our new service provider.

Based on what AskYourTeam could offer as a service provider, and reflecting on how we were undertaking the survey, we changed our mixed method approach to hard copy and online surveys. This enabled us to broaden our engagement by offering a different mixed method approach compared to previous years, based on the new 2021-2031 Long Term Plan levels of service.

An independent resident's survey is one of the tools we have to be able to measure customer satisfaction. For the 2023 survey, we re-engaged AskYourTeam, and worked alongside them to prepare the updated Residents' Opinion Survey.

The 2023 survey was conducted using a mixed method approach being an online survey and offering residents the opportunity to complete the survey via hard copy. The online survey provided an option for those with a preference to participate online and for those that preferred a hard copy survey to complete, this was available as an insert into the CHB mail or was available at all our service centres.

The 2023 survey was undertaken between 8 June 2023 – 3 July 2023. While we maximised our communications to increase participation, we received a total of 355 completed surveys (up from 310 in 2022), of those completed, 190 were received back via the hard copy inserts in the CHB Mail. The participation rate has been a challenge, with a decline in participation from 2021 of 472. However, taking into consideration the saturation of consultation and the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle we were still pleased to see the total participation rate in line with previous years.

This year, AskYourTeam have provided additional analysis on the commentary received, from residents, for the various activities and services and highlighted the key themes for each section.

It is worth noting however that there is strong feedback through this report that highlights the negative impacts Cyclone Gabrielle has had on our district, in particular on our infrastructure.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of this survey is to formally record Council's performance in relation to our levels of service performance measures for activities as defined in the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan and to gain various other information relating to activities of the organisation.

The 2023 Residents Survey results are based off a set of performance measures based on the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.

A total of 355 residents completed this year's Resident Opinion Survey, compared with 310 in 2022.

The 2023 Resident Opinion Survey results show no significant changes to trends overall in relation to levels of satisfaction across the different areas other than the direct impacts the community has felt through ongoing weather events, most notably the devastation that resulted from Cyclone Gabrielle. This feedback is similar to what has been gathered through the nine community conversations that have feed into the first edition of our Tamatea – Central Hawke's Bay Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery and Resilience Plan.

Based on the satisfaction results, there are a number of areas where scores indicate that further work is required. The following areas are where there were the lowest satisfaction scores comparative to previous years have been noted:

Roading (34% satisfaction: LTP Target 90%)

There was a low level of satisfaction compared to 2022 (67%). Strong concerns around the conditions of our roading infrastructure, not just affected due to Cyclone Gabrielle. The key themes regarding dissatisfaction were:

- Potholes and road conditions
- Speeding and safety concerns
- Lack of maintenance and slow repairs
- Impact of weather events
- Logistics and contracting issues
- Rural roads neglected
- Specific road complaints.

Stormwater (64% satisfaction: LTP Target 90%)

There has been a significant decrease in satisfaction compared to 2022 (83%), however this is not a surprise given the number of weather events and most recently the impacts felt across the stormwater network due to Cyclone Gabrielle. The key themes regarding dissatisfaction were:

- Lack of maintenance
- Flooding issues
- Infrastructure upgrades
- Concerns for property and safety
- Communication and responsiveness

Compliance and Monitoring (*LTP Target 90%*)

There is a split in the results in relation to compliance and monitoring due to there being two distinct areas below:

Compliance and monitoring of property issues related to building and resource consents (*71% satisfaction*)

The key themes around dissatisfaction were:

- Lack of communication
- Thoroughness of building consent checks
- Slow response time
- Lack of information and guidance
- Confusion of grey areas.

Compliance and monitoring of bylaws (*60% satisfaction*)

- Slow response time
- Parking accessibility and availability
- Appearance of town
- Call for stricter regulations and user pay policies.

Land Use and Consenting (*59% satisfaction: LTP Target 90%*)

There are higher levels of dissatisfaction with the service provided within rural communities. The key themes regarding dissatisfaction were:

- Flood zone development
- Lengthy consenting
- Lack of information sharing
- Lack of community input
- Environmental Impact
- Rural to residential transition
- Communication and Transparency

Strategic Goals

As part of the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan the Council identified seven key strategic goals. In the table below we have measured the following goal areas against our new Long Term Plan Targets.

Goal	Measure	LTP Target	2023 Result	2022 Result
Goal 1. Proud District – He Rohe Poho Kereru	Do you think Central Hawke's Bay is a great place to live?	95%	96%	95%
Goal 2. Prosperous District – He Rohe Tonui	Do you think Central Hawke's Bay is a thriving and prosperous District?	n/a	71%	80%
Goal 3. Strong Communities – He Hapori Kaha	In Central Hawke's Bay do you find it easy to express your own identity?	95% (83.8% in 2018 Census)	78%	80%
Goal 4. Connected Citizens – He Kiriraru Whai Hononga	I am satisfied with my life in Central Hawke's Bay District?	Maintained or improved (7.8/10 in 2018 Census)	78%	8.2/10
Goal 7. Durable Infrastructure – He Hanganga Mauroa	Are you confident that the Central Hawke's Bay District Council are appropriately planning for the future renewal and long-term development of Council and community assets?	85%	70%	74%

In relation to Goal One - Proud District; it is worth noting that there has been a significant lift in satisfaction from 88% in the 2022 results to 96% in the 2023 results for the Waipawa township, given the recent effects that Cyclone Gabrielle has had on this area.

In relation to Goal Two – Prosperous District; there has been a significant decline. Based on the comparison by age split, it is worth noting that the age group between 45 – 64 (52-60%) were significantly less satisfied compared to 65 – 75+ age group (80-83%).

Overall data is accurate to +/- 5.0% margin. A copy of the complete 2023 Resident's Opinion Survey Results is attached.

IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT

This report confirms that the matter concerned has no particular implications and has been dealt with in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. Specifically:

- Council staff have delegated authority for any decisions made.
- Council staff have identified and assessed all reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter and considered the views and preferences of any interested or affected persons (including Māori), in proportion to the significance of the matter.
- Any decisions made will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses.
- Unless stated above, any decisions made can be addressed through current funding under the Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan.
- Any decisions made are consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- No decisions have been made that would alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council or would transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

NEXT STEPS

Based on the results from the 2023 Resident Opinion Survey, any immediate improvements that can be made will be progressed through each activity with some being actioned via a request for service, while others will feed into asset management plans, group plans and overall customer experience improvement plans.

To ensure that the report be made publicly available on our website.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.



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1 Summary of Findings

1.1 Together We Thrive! Ora Ngā Tahi Ana!

Goal	Measure	2023 Result
1. Proud District - He Rohe Poho Kererū By 2031, 95% of our residents will think Central Hawke's Bay is a great place to live.	Do you think Central Hawke's Bay is a great place to live?	96%
2. Prosperous District - He Rohe Tōnui By 2031, the GDP per FTE in Central Hawke's Bay will be at or will be the New Zealand average.	Do you think Central Hawke's Bay is a thriving and prosperous district?	71%
3. Strong Communities - He Hapori Kaha By 2031, more than 95% of our community will find it easy to express their identity (83.3% in the 2018 Census).	In Central Hawke's Bay, do you find it easy to express your own identity?	78%
4. Connected Citizens - He Kirirarau Whai Hononga Our community's overall life satisfaction will be maintained or will increase year on year (baseline is 7.8/10 from the 2018 Census).	I am satisfied with my life in the Central Hawke's Bay District?	78%
7. Durable Infrastructure - He Hanganga Mauroa By 2031, 85% of our community will be confident that we are appropriately planning for the future renewal and long-term development of Council and community assets.	Are you confident that the Central Hawke's Bay District Council is appropriately planning for the future renewal and long-term development of Council and community assets?	70%

1.2 Performance Measure Summary

Council Engagement

76%
(85%)

Thought Council listened and responded well or very well to the needs and issues faced by the Community

81%
(85%)

Thought Council engaged and communicated about Council business well or very well

Social Development

76%
(95%)

Are satisfied with Council's social development activities

Land Transport

34%
(90%)

Are satisfied with roading services provided by Council

Places and Open Spaces Group

79%
(80%)

Have used or visited a park, reserve or open space

87%
(90%)

Are satisfied with the services and facilities at a park or reserve they visited

91%
(60%)

Are satisfied with the community halls

93%
(90%)

Are satisfied with the Council cemeteries

Planning and Regulatory Service

88% (90%)	Are satisfied with Council's building control services provided by the Council	83% (90%)	Are satisfied with the Council's animal control services provided by the Council
71% (90%)	Are satisfied with the Council's compliance and monitoring of property issues	60% (90%)	Are satisfied with the Council's compliance and monitoring of bylaws
59% (90%)	Are satisfied with the resource consent services provided by the Council	87% (95%)	Are satisfied with environmental health services provided by the Council
86% (80%)	Are satisfied with the kerbside recycling collection provided by the Council	90% (80%)	Are satisfied with the drop-off recycling centres provided by the Council
87% (80%)	Are satisfied with rural mobile recycling services provided by the Council	81% (80%)	Are satisfied with the kerbside rubbish collection provided by the Council
76% (80%)	Are satisfied with the Council transfer stations provided by the Council	64% (90%)	Are satisfied with stormwater and drainage provided by the Council
93% (90%)	Are satisfied with Council wastewater services provided by the Council	88% (90%)	Are satisfied with the drinking water supply provided by the Council

1.3 Key Results Over Time

With a number of changes to performance measures this year and a change to the satisfaction rating scale (removing the "neither satisfied nor dissatisfied" option), a direct 'over time' comparison is not possible. However, where there is an ability to apply a level of trend analysis, this has been done and is shown below.

Council Engagement

	2020 Very well + well	2021 Very well + well	2022 Very well + well	2023 Very well + well	LTP Measure
The Council has listened and responded to community needs and issues in the past 12 months	66%	82%	77%	76%	85%
How well has the Council communicated about Council services	71%	84%	91%	81%	85%

Social Development

	2020 Very satisfied + satisfied + neutral	2021 Very satisfied + satisfied + neutral	2022 Very satisfied + satisfied	2023 Very satisfied + satisfied	LTP Target
Social development activities	89%	85%	50%	76%	90%
• 2019–2021 included economic development activities in the measure					

Land Transport

	2020 Very satisfied + satisfied + neutral	2021 Very satisfied + satisfied + neutral	2022 Very satisfied + satisfied	2023 Very satisfied + satisfied	LTP Target
Roading (not including State Highways)	72%	67%	67%	34%	90%

Places and Open Spaces Group

	2020 Very satisfied + satisfied + neutral	2021 Very satisfied + satisfied + neutral	2022 Very satisfied + satisfied	2023 Very satisfied + satisfied	LTP Target
Cemeteries	96%	73%	98%	93%	90%
Parks and reserves	95%	83%	91%	87%	90%
Community halls			91%	91%	60%
Building control services			88%	88%	90%
Animal services	71%	60%	91%	83%	90%

Planning and Regulatory Service

	2020 Very satisfied + satisfied + neutral	2021 Very satisfied + satisfied + neutral	2022 Very satisfied + satisfied	2023 Very satisfied + satisfied	LTP Target
Building compliance and monitoring	72%	54%	71%	71%	90%
Environmental health services	94%	75%	95%	87%	95%
Resource consents services	73%	49%	87%	59%	90%
Kerbside rubbish collection					
• Compared over time against solid waste services (rubbish and recycling)	91%	77%	87%	86%	85%
Kerbside recycling collection					
• Compared over time against solid waste services (rubbish and recycling)	82%		85%	81%	85%
Waste transfer station	71%	52%	85%	76%	85%
Stormwater	85%	68%	83%	64%	90%
Wastewater services	93%	74%	92%	93%	90%
Drinking water supply	92%	77%	90%	88%	90%

2 Survey Context

2.1 Method

The 2023 Residents' Survey was conducted using a mixed approach comprising an online survey and hard copy surveys.

Hard copy surveys were distributed via a number of methods.

The online survey provided an option for those with a preference to participate online. These surveys were provisioned and made available to residents using a variety of digital channels, including via kiosks, links on the Council's websites and social media posts on the Council's Facebook.

The online survey ran from the 8 June 2023 until 3 July 2023.

Responses achieved:

	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Paper	190	54%
Online	165	46%
Total	355	100%

The total number of responses has increased in 2023, with 310 responses received in 2022.

This increase reflects an increase in online participation, increasing from 92 in 2022 to 190 this year.

The eligible voting population of Central Hawke's Bay according to the New Zealand

Electoral Office was 11,450 as at July 2020. Overall data can be considered accurate to +/- 5.0% margin of error at the 95% confidence level.

In some cases, respondents chose to answer "don't know" rather than rate a service or facility. Where this is the case, these responses have been removed from the analysis and the subtotal of respondents calculated.

Please note that:

- In certain cases, the sum of individual responses will not add up to totalled figures; this is due to rounding conventions.
- Where sample sizes are low, the findings should be treated with some caution.
- The rating scale for satisfaction scores has been changed from previous years to only include "very dissatisfied", "dissatisfied", "satisfied" and "very satisfied". The positive scores for all individual measures have been calculated using "satisfied + very satisfied".
- For the rating scale of "very poor" to "very well", scores are calculated using those results for "well + very well".
- For the rating scale "strongly disagree" to "strongly agree", agreement ratings were made on a 7-point Likert scale. Responses are reported as an average score and are scored as shown below.

2.2 Participation by Demographics

The following tables show the responses achieved and the demographic information obtained.

By Age

Total Achieved		
	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
15–17	1	0%
18–24	0	0%
25–34	22	6%
35–44	38	11%
45–54	55	15%
55–64	63	18%
65–74+	95	27%
75+	81	23%
Prefer not to say	0	0%
Total respondents	355	100%

By Gender

Total Achieved		
	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Female	217	61%
Male	115	32%
Another gender	0	0
Prefer not to say	23	7%
Total	355	100%

By Location

	Total Achieved	
	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Blackhead Beach	0	0%
Elsthorpe	10	2.8%
Kairakau	2	0.6%
Mangakuri	0	0%
Ongaonga	10	2.8%
Otāne	30	8.5%
Pourerere	2	0.6%
Pōrangahau	11	3.1%
Shoal Bay (Aramoana)	0	0%
Takapau	20	5.6%
Te Paerahi	1	0.3%
Tikokino	13	5.0%
Waipawa	80	22.5%
Waipukurau	176	49.6%
Whangaehu	0	0%
Total	355	100%

By Homeowner Status

	Total Achieved	
	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Yes	290	82%
No	18	5%
Unsure	47	13%
Total	355	100%

By Time in the Hawke's Bay

	Total Achieved	
	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
0–1 years	13	4%
1–3 years	28	8%
3–5 years	24	7%
5–10 years	51	14%
10–20 years	71	20%
More than 20 years	168	47%
Total	355	100%

3 Together We Thrive! Ora Ngā Tahi Ana!

The District Council's vision for Central Hawke's Bay is a proud and prosperous district made up of strong communities and connected people who respect and protect our environment and celebrate our beautiful part of New Zealand. The Council has established seven strategic goals for achieving this vision. Where possible, the progress towards these goals was measured through the 2023 Residents' Opinion Survey.

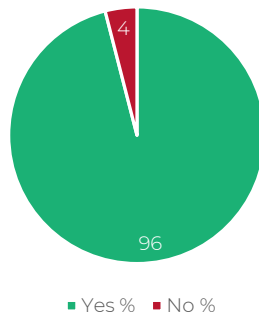
Goal 1

Proud District - He Rohe Poho Kererū

Target:

By 2031, 95% of our residents will think Central Hawke's Bay is a great place to live.

Do you think Central Hawke's Bay is a great place to live?



Of the residents that responded to the survey, 96% believe that Central Hawke's Bay is a great place to live.

This is up by 1% from 2022 and continues to reflect how proud the community are of the district and the quality of life they experience.

Differences between demographic groups are detailed below.

Comparison by demographics.

Not surprisingly given the 96% result, there is general consistency between demographic groups, especially for those groups with more than two responses.

It was noted that of the 10 responses from Ongaonga, only 80% felt Hawke's Bay was a great place to live, and the result for Waipawa (96%) has lifted significantly from 2022 (88%).

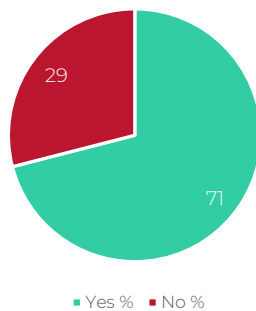
Goal 2

Prosperous District - He Rohe Tōnui

Target:

By 2031, the GDP per FTE in Central Hawke's Bay will be at or will be the New Zealand average.

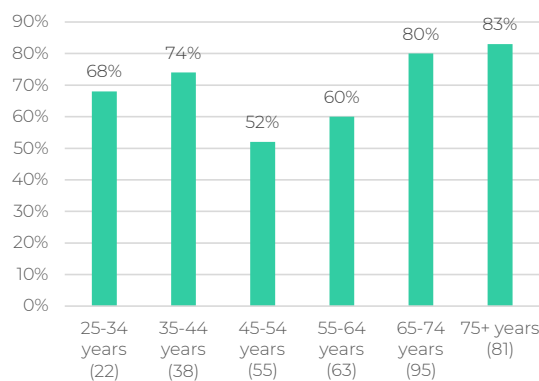
Do you think Central Hawke's Bay is a thriving and prosperous district?



Although the question is not a direct measure of the assigned target, of the residents that responded to the survey, 71% felt that Central Hawke's Bay is a thriving and prosperous district.

This is down from 80% in 2022.

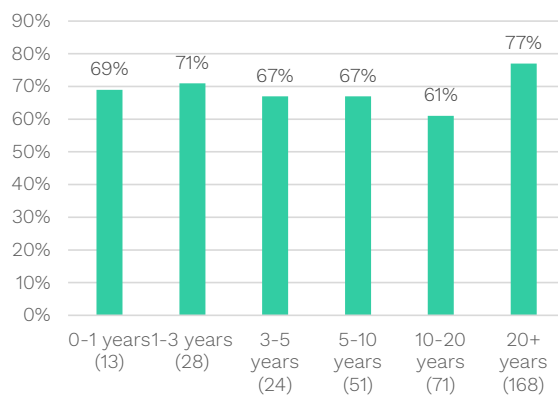
Differences between demographic groups are detailed below.



Comparison by age.

There appears to be a general trend that residents' perspective of Central Hawke's Bay as a thriving and prosperous district is more positive with the older population (65+ years). The age group 45–64 years has a significantly less positive view.

These trends mirror last year's results except for the age group 25–34 years, whose results have improved significantly from 2022 (57%).



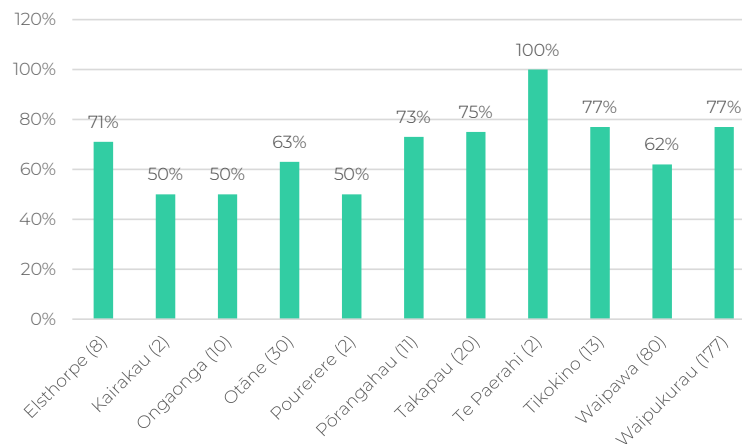
Comparison by time in the District.

These results show more consistency than those from 2022. For the group who have been in the district for 0-1 years, the 2023 result is significantly higher than in 2022 (56%).

Comparison by location.

Ignoring those locations where there are a very small number of responses (less than three), scores for this question are consistent for most locations across the district.

For residents from Ongaonga, only 50% of the 10 respondents thought Central Hawke's Bay is a thriving and prosperous district, 21% down from 2022 results. The result for Waipawa was also significantly down from the 2022 result (75%).



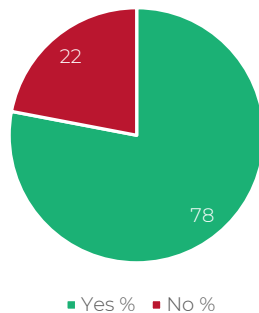
Goal 3

Strong Communities - He Hapori Kaha

Target:

By 2031, more than 95% of our community will find it easy to express their identity (83.3% in the 2018 Census).

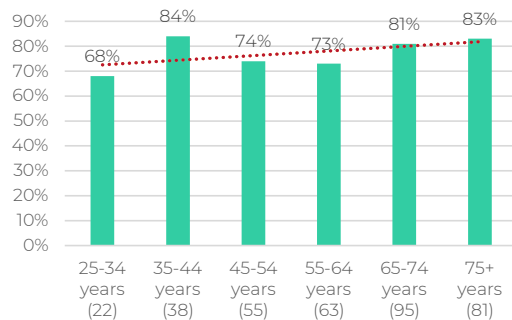
In Central Hawke's Bay do you find it easy to express your own identity?



Of the residents that responded to the survey, 78% felt they found it easy to express their identity in Central Hawke's Bay.

Whilst below the 2018 Census results, the difference is not significant; however, the result is trending downward, with this year's score slightly lower than the 2022 result of 80%.

Differences between demographic groups are detailed below.

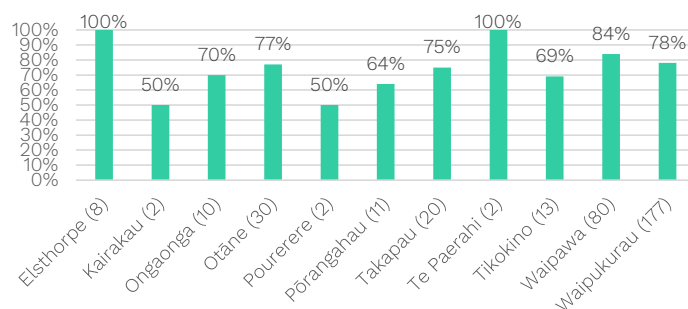


Comparison by age.

There is a general trend that residents' ability to express their own identity is greater with the older population (65+ years). The age group 35-44 years being the exception, with their score of 84% being the highest score among all age groups.

Comparison by location.

Ignoring those locations where there are a very small number of responses (less than three), scores for this question are consistent for most locations across the district; although a score of 100% for the eight people who live in Elsthorpe is a clear outlier.



Goal 4

Connected Citizens - He Kirirarau Whai Hononga

Target:

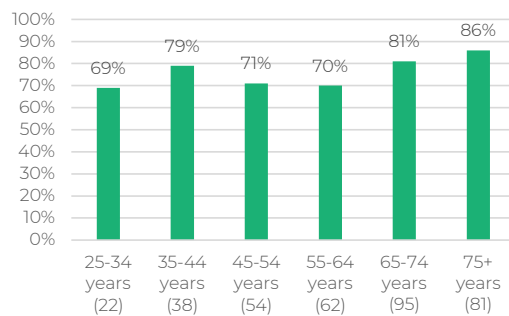
Our community's overall life satisfaction will be maintained or will increase year on year (baseline is 7.8/10 from the 2018 Census).

I am satisfied with my life in
the Central Hawke's Bay
District

78%

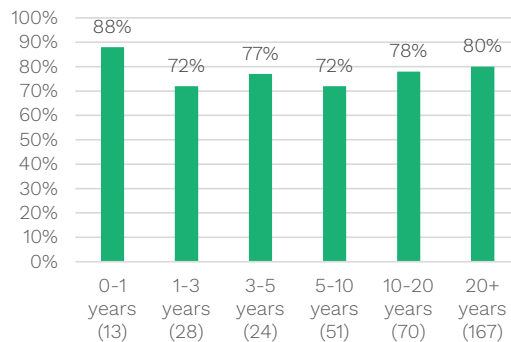
Of the residents that responded to the survey, the overall level of life satisfaction was 78%. This result matches that from the 2018 Census but is slightly down from 2022 (82%).

Differences between demographic groups are detailed below.



Comparison by age.

As reflected in results from the other goals, the age groups 65 years and above and 35-44 years are far more positive about the region and their satisfaction with life than the other age groups.

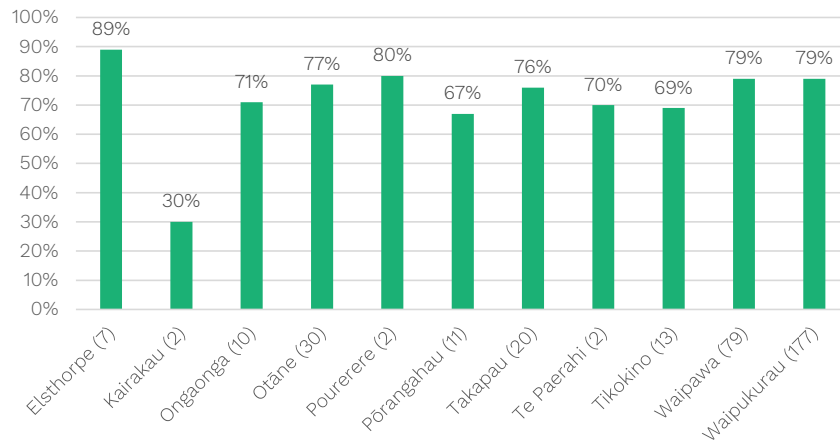


Comparison by length of time in Central Hawke's Bay

People who have moved to Central Hawke's Bay during the past year are more satisfied about their life than other groups.

Comparison by location

Ignoring those locations where there are a very small number of responses (less than three), scores for this question are consistent for most locations across the district with the exception of the residents of Elsthorpe (89%), who are significantly more satisfied with their life than other locations.



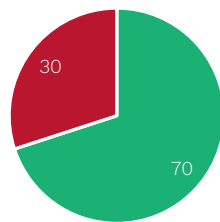
Goal 7

Durable Infrastructure - He Hanganga Mauroa

Target:

By 2031, 85% of our community will be confident that we are appropriately planning for the future renewal and long-term development of Council and community assets.

Are you confident that the Central Hawke's Bay District Council is appropriately planning for the future renewal and long term development of Council and community assets.

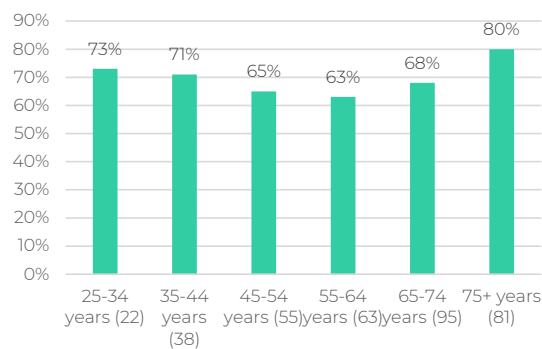


■ Yes % ■ No %

Of the residents that responded to the survey, 70% felt confident in the way Council is planning for the future renewal and long-term development of Council and community assets.

This result has decreased slightly from 2022 (74%).

Differences between demographic groups are detailed below.

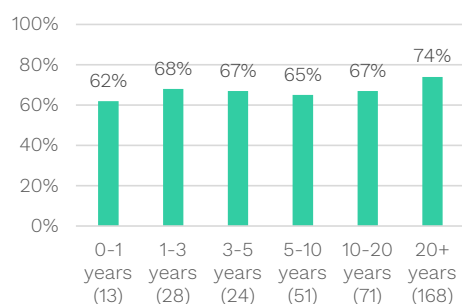
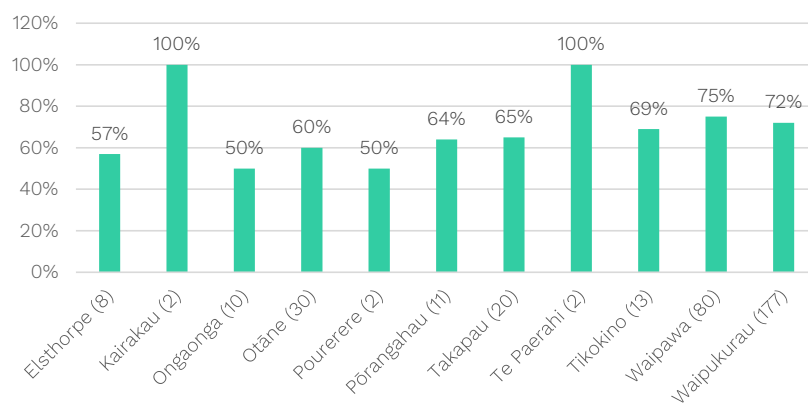


Comparison by age.

There appears to be a general trend that residents' level of confidence in the Council's planning for the future renewal and development of assets is lower for the age groups 45–64 years.

Comparison by location.

Ignoring those locations where there are a very small number of responses (Kairakau, Pourerere and Te Paerahi), results for Waipawa, Waipukurau and Tikokino were slightly higher than other locations but reasonably consistent across the other locations. With a score of 50%, there is significantly less confidence among the residents of Ongaonga.



Comparison by length of time in Central Hawke's Bay.

The results are reasonably consistent across all groups, although people who have been living in Central Hawke's Bay for more than 20 years (nearly 50% of all respondents) were more confident than all other groups.

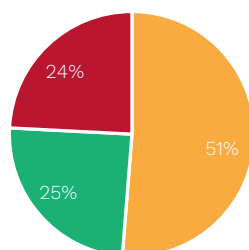
4 Leadership, Governance and Consultation

4.1 Council Engagement

Residents were asked about their views on how the Council has listened and responded to the needs of the community during the past 12 months.

Of those who had an opinion on this question (76 residents answered "I don't know"), 76% felt that the Council has listened and responded well or very well to the needs and issues of the community over the past 12 months.

How well do you believe the Council has listened and responded to the needs and issues faced by the Central Hawke's Bay Community in the last 12 months?

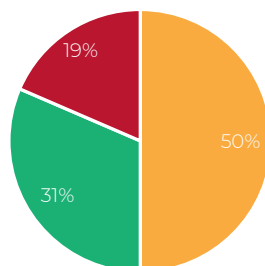


Well Very well Not well at all

There were no major differences in responses based on locations (putting aside the results from locations with a small number of participants), with the exception of Ongaonga and Pōrangahau, which were significantly lower.

Generally, there was a more positive sentiment among older age groups, with the highest portion of responses for "not well at all" coming from those ages 35–54 years. Across the other demographics, there was no significant difference.

How do you believe Central Hawke's Bay District Council has engaged and communicated about Council business in the last 12 months?



Well Very well Not well at all

Residents were also asked how well the Council has engaged and communicated on Council business during the past 12 months.

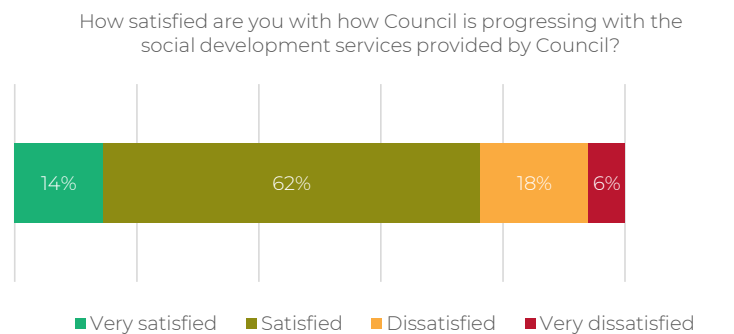
Of those who had an opinion on this question (83 answered "I don't know"), 81% feel that the Council has engaged and communicated well or very well over the past 12 months.

This is down on the 2022 score of 91%.

Not surprisingly, the demographic variance for this question was similar to the question above. Although Ongaonga's results were much higher for this question, 4 out of 10 residents responded, "I don't know". There was a much higher score for "not well at all" (43%) for the 25–34 years age group for this question.

5 Social Development

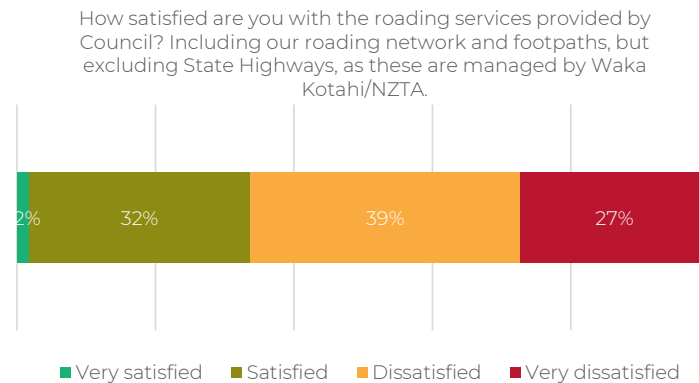
Residents were asked to rate how satisfied they are with how Council is progressing with the social development services provided by Council. The question relates to the role Council has in supporting community networks, such as older persons, youth development and safer CHB, and wider issues such as housing.



* Excludes "don't know"/"unable to say"/"haven't used the service"

6 Land Transport

Thirty-four (34%) percent of residents are satisfied with roading in the district, which is significantly lower than last year's result of 67%.



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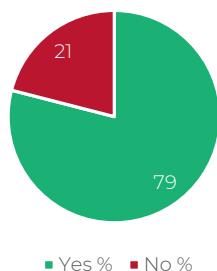
Unlike previous years, there was little difference of opinion between the age groups.

7 Places and Open Spaces Group

7.1 Reserves and Open Spaces

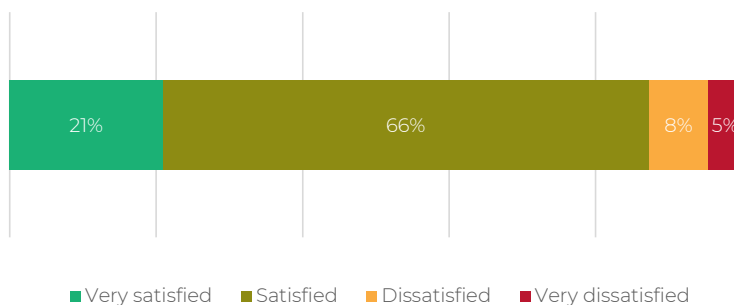
Have you used or visited a Council park, reserve or open space in the last 12 months? Including those locations on the coast e.g. foreshore reserve areas.

Seventy-nine percent (79%) of residents have used or visited a Council park, reserve or open space in the district in the last 12 months.



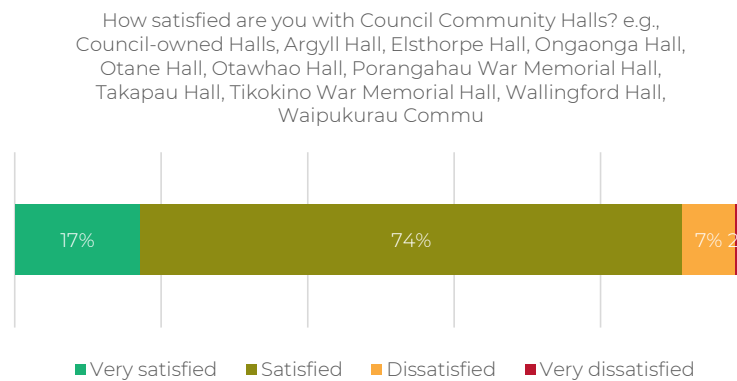
Of those who have used a Council park, reserve or open space, 87% percent were "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the services the Council provides. This is slightly down on the 2022 result of 91%.

How satisfied are you with the parks, reserves, and open spaces provided by Council?



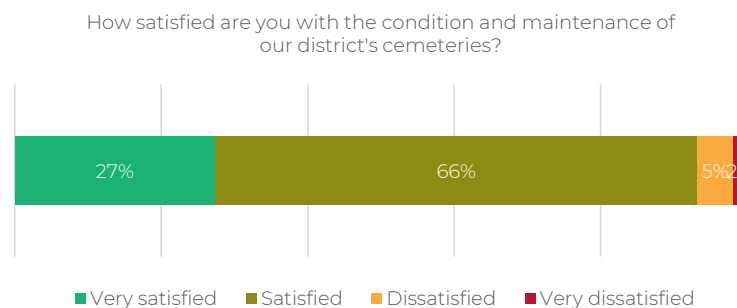
7.2 Community Facilities

Sixty-three percent (63%) of residents who responded have used a Council community hall. This is up from 56% in 2022. Of these, 91% percent were “very satisfied” or “satisfied” with the Council community halls.



7.3 Cemeteries

Ninety-three (93%) percent of residents are satisfied with the Council cemeteries. This is similar to previous surveys and shows no significant differences between the demographic groups.

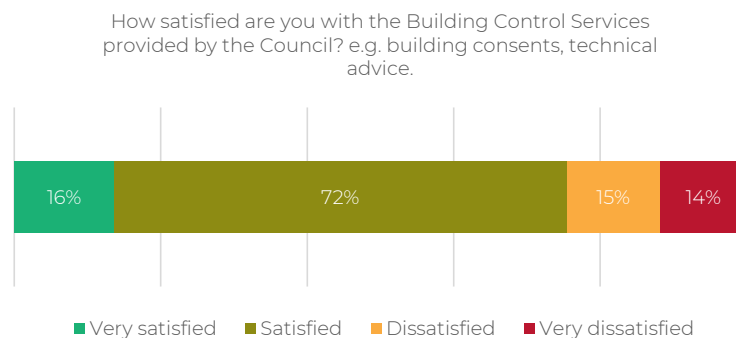


8 Planning & Regulatory Services

8.1 Building Control

Thirty-seven percent (37%) of respondents have used the Council's building control services during the past 12 months, an increase of 5% from 2022.

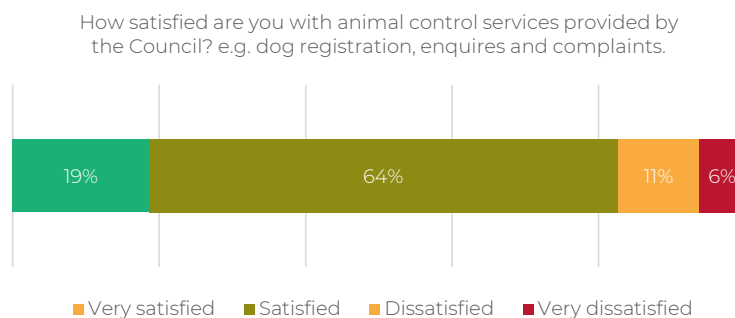
Of these, 88% percent of residents were satisfied with the delivery of the services.



Several common themes emerged from the comments provided regarding people's dissatisfaction with Council's building control services:

8.2 Animal Services

Forty-five percent (45%) of respondents have used the Council's animal services during the past 12 months, of which 83% were satisfied with the service. This is down from the 2021 result of 91%.

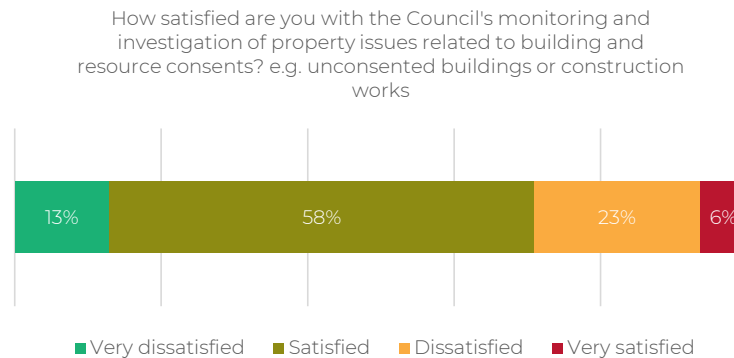


There are no significant differences in the satisfaction scores among the various demographic groups.

8.3 Compliance and Monitoring

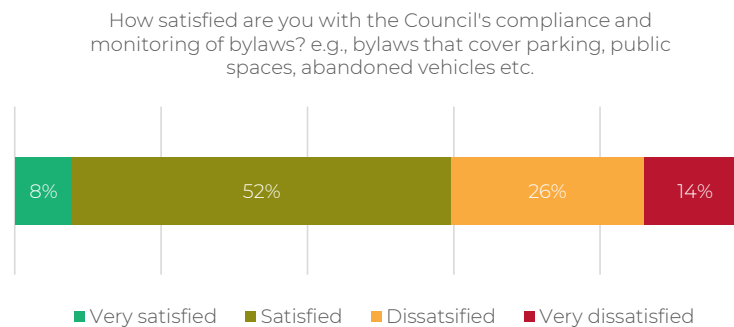
Compliance, monitoring and investigation of property issues related to building and resource consents.

Only 17% of respondents have used the Council's building monitoring and investigation services, of which 71% were satisfied with the service provided.



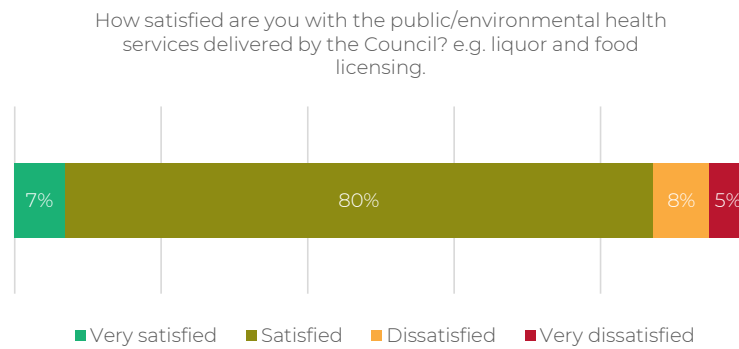
Compliance and monitoring of bylaws.

Only 32% of respondents have used the Council's compliance and monitoring of bylaws, e.g., bylaws that cover parking, public spaces, abandoned vehicles, etc. Of these, 60% were either "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with the service provided.



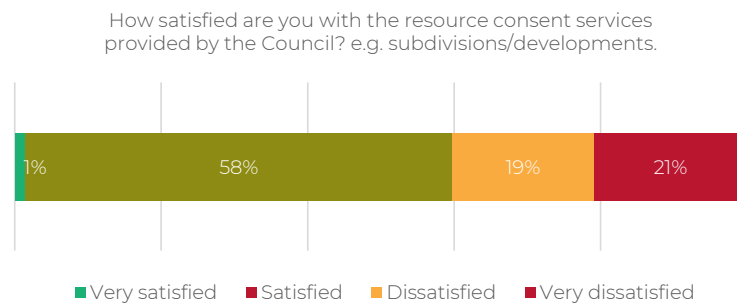
8.4 Environmental Health

Thirty-three percent (33%) of respondents have used the Council's environmental health services during the past 12 months. This is up significantly from 17% in 2022. Of these, 87% were satisfied with the service provided, which is down from 95% in 2022.



8.5 Land Use and Consenting

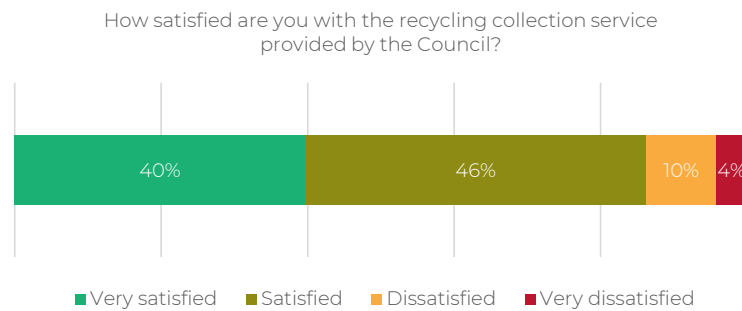
Only 19% of respondents have used the Council's land use and consenting services during the past 12 months. Of these, 59% of residents were satisfied with the delivery of these services, which is down significantly from 87% in 2022.



9 Solid Waste

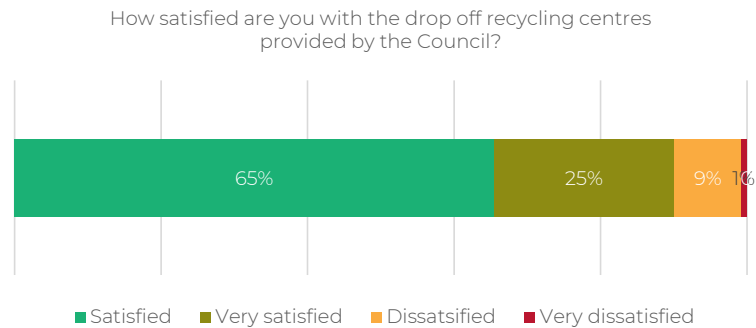
Kerbside Recycling Services

Kerbside recycling services were used by 67% of residents who responded to the survey. Among those who have used the service, 86% were either "satisfied" or "very satisfied".



Drop-off Recycling Centres

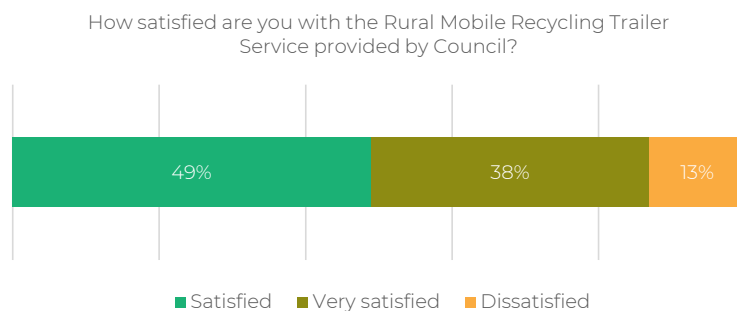
Drop-off recycling centres were used by 68% of residents who responded to the survey. This is down slightly from 74% in 2022.



Rural Mobile Recycling Services

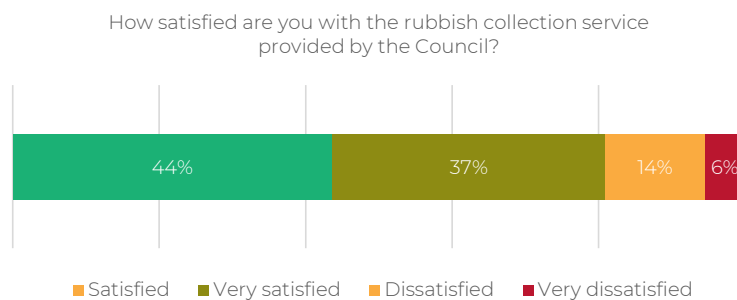
In the past 12 months, 15% of those surveyed have used the Council's rural mobile recycling services.

Of these, 87% were either "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with the service provided.



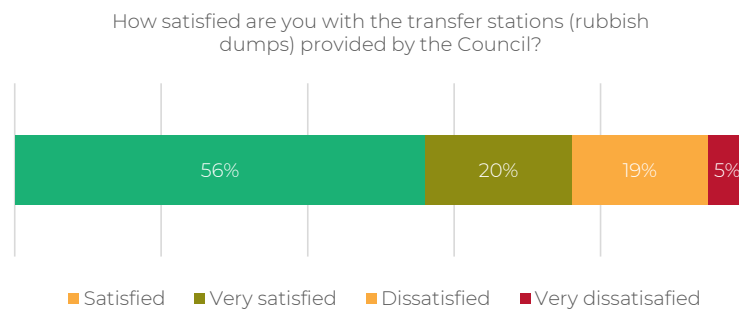
Kerbside Rubbish Services

Kerbside rubbish services have been used by 64% of residents who responded to the survey. Residents living in rural and coastal areas are less likely than those living in urban areas to use kerbside rubbish collection.



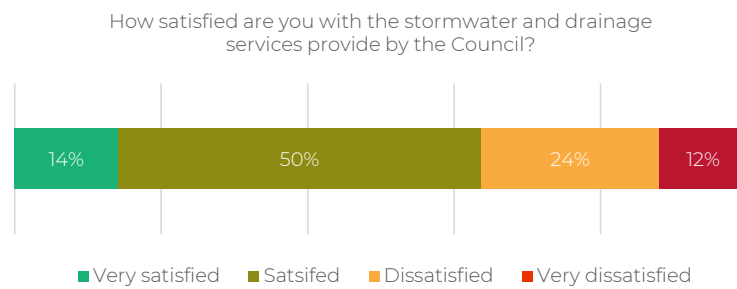
Transfer Station Services

In the past 12 months, 79% of residents have used the Council's transfer station services, of which 76% were either "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with the service.



10 Stormwater

Of those residents who responded to the survey (and were able to answer this question), 64% were either "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with the stormwater and drainage services provided by the Council. It should be noted that 43% of respondents answered, "I don't know".

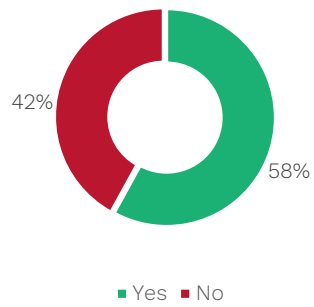


There has been a significant decrease in this result compared to 2022 (83%). This is not surprising given recent extreme weather events and associated flooding and stormwater drainage issues.

The common themes from comments provided as to why people are dissatisfied with Council's stormwater and flooding services are:

11 Wastewater Services

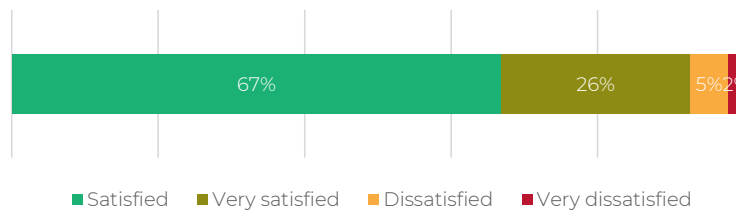
Where you live, does Central Hawke's Bay District Council provide wastewater services?



Fifty eight percent (58%) of residents have access to wastewater services from the Council. This is similar to results in 2022.

Of those who have used the Council's wastewater drainage services, 93% are satisfied with the service.

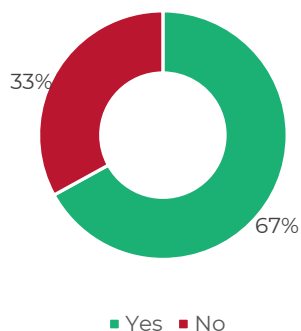
How satisfied are you with the wastewater services provided by the Council?



12 Water Supply

Sixty-seven percent (67%) of Central Hawke's Bay residents that responded to the survey have access to Council supplied drinking water.

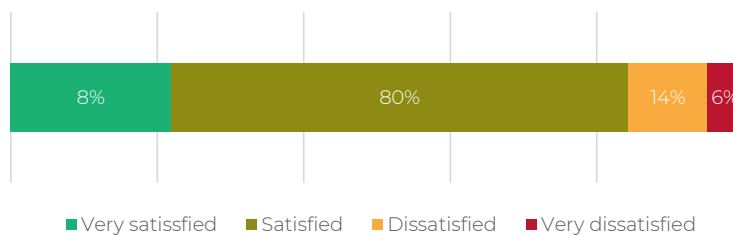
Where you live, does Central Hawke's Bay District Council supply drinking water?



Of these residents, 88% were satisfied with the drinking water supply. This is a similar result to 2022 (90%). Levels of dissatisfaction are much higher among the younger age groups (25–34 years).

While the level of dissatisfaction with Council water supply was higher in the rural/coastal areas (Takapau and Pōrangahau, in particular), the number of responses in these areas was low, with the majority of responses coming from Waipukurau and Waipawa.

How satisfied are you with the drinking water supply?





8 CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

Nil

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL BE HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2023.

10 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC****RECOMMENDATION**

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

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

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
10.1 - Public Excluded Resolution Monitoring Report	<p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
10.2 - Landfill Contract Extension	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely	s48(1)(a)(i) - 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

	<p>unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7</p>
<p>10.3 - Land Transport Procurement - Response Funding</p>	<p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p> <p>s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary 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</p> <p>s7(2)(f)(i) - free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7</p>

<p>10.4 - Land Transport Procurement - Gwavas and Douglas Cutting Bridge</p>	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary 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</p> <p>s7(2)(f)(i) - free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7</p>
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