



**CENTRAL
HAWKE'S BAY**
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Finance, Infrastructure & Performance Committee Agenda

Wednesday, 26 February 2025

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

Finance, Infrastructure & Performance Committee Meeting – 7 November 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Finance, Infrastructure & Performance Committee Meeting held on 7 November 2024 as circulated, be confirmed as true and correct.

**MINUTES OF CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL
FINANCE, INFRASTRUCTURE & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 28-32 RUATANIWHA STREET, WAIPAWA
ON THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 9.00AM**

UNCONFIRMED

PRESENT: Chair Brent Muggerridge
Deputy Chair Jerry Greer
Mayor Alex Walker
Cr Tim Aitken (*from 9.06am*)
Cr Kelly Annand (*Online*)
Cr Pip Burne
Cr Gerard Minehan
Cr Kate Taylor
Pou Whirinaki Amiria Nepe-Apatu

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 Muggerridge (Group Manager Strategic Planning & Development)
Mark Kinvig (Group Manager Community Infrastructure and Development)

Jane Budge (Strategic Governance Manager)
Rebecca England (Project Manager)
Chris Gordon (Programme Manager)
Rob Hon (Environmental Waste Manager)
Phillip Stroud (Infrastructure Delivery Director)
Ben Swinburne (3 Waters Manager)
Annelie Roets (Governance Lead)

1 KARAKIA

Cr Brent Muggerridge welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Cr Kate Taylor to lead the group in a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.11

Moved: Cr Kate Taylor

Seconded: Deputy Chair Jerry Greer

That apologies from Cr Exham Wichman and Pou Whirinaki Piri Galbraith be received and accepted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Conflict of Interest received.

4 STANDING ORDERS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.12

Moved: Chair Brent Muggerridge
Seconded: Deputy Chair Jerry Greer

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.13

Moved: Mayor Alex Walker
Seconded: Cr Gerard Minehan

That the minutes of the Finance, Infrastructure & Performance Committee Meeting held on 19 September 2024 as circulated, be confirmed as true and correct.

CARRIED

6 REPORT SECTION

6.1 FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE 2024/2025 FINANCIAL YEAR

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with visibility of how Council's finances are tracking for the first three months of the 2024/25 financial year.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.14

Moved: Cr Gerard Minehan
Seconded: Deputy Chair Jerry Greer

That the Finance, Infrastructure & Performance Committee notes the First Quarter Financial Results for the 2024/2025 Financial Year Report.

CARRIED

Brent Chamberlain presented the financial report for Quarter 1 as read, highlighting significant subsidies received from external parties, lower than normal volumes in consenting and solid waste activities, and a detailed funding impact statement. Discussions traversed:

- Mr Chamberlain also covered Council's external debt and interest rate swaps.

Cr Tim Aitken arrived 9.06am.

- Rob Hon provided a high level overview on the Solid Waste Contractual Arrangements with Tararua for solid waste, focusing on financial risks and the need to rethink the strategy to mitigate these risks. Insights into the contract terms and conditions, including pricing and volume issues were provided.

6.2 ANNUAL PLAN 2024/25 - PROPOSED PROGRAMME AND UPDATE

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the annual plan process for setting the 2025/2026 budgets and rates.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.15

Moved: Mayor Alex Walker

Seconded: Cr Tim Aitken

That the Finance, Infrastructure and Performance Committee notes the Annual Plan 2024/25 – Proposed Programme and Update report.

CARRIED

Brent Chamberlain and Jane Budge presented the report as read. Discussions noted:

- A forecasted 14.9% rate increase and the differences in rate rises between urban and rural areas.
- The committee identified some potential key areas to focus on, including understanding the step change in funding for late transport, and use of better off funding for stormwater.

6.3 QV RATING REVALUATION UPDATE

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide and update on the Three-Yearly revaluation of the district's rating database being undertaken by Quotable Valuation.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.16

Moved: Cr Kate Taylor

Seconded: Cr Pip Burne

That the Finance, Infrastructure and Performance Committee notes the Quotable Value Rating Revaluation Update Report.

CARRIED

Brent Chamberlain presented the report as read, highlighting the process and timeline for the QV rating revaluation, with an emphasis on the impact of recent floods on property valuations and the audit process by the Office of the Valuer General.

6.4 LOCAL WATER DONE WELL: ENDORSEMENT TO PROCEED TO BUSINESS CASE DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to recommend that the Committee endorse the continuation of the joint Hawke's Bay Water work by moving to the development of a Business Case.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.17

Moved: Mayor Alex Walker

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand

That Finance, Infrastructure & Performance Committee:

1. **Notes the policy and legislative requirements under central Government's Local Water Done Well framework for the future of water service delivery.**
2. **Notes the initial scenario modelling work undertaken to date.**
3. **Endorses the process to progress with the development of a Business Case.**

CARRIED

Doug Tate presented the report as read. Discussions noted:

- The development of a business case for the local water service delivery plan.
- Key points included the need for a governance structure, ownership, and addressing financial sustainability.
- Focus on regional collaboration and financial modelling.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.28am and reconvened at 10.46am.

6.5 KEY PROJECT STATUS REPORT - #BIGSTORMWATER STORY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this key project status report serves as an opportunity to report to Elected Members on the progress on #thebigstormwaterstory.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.18

Moved: Cr Pip Burne

Seconded: Deputy Chair Jerry Greer

That the Finance, Infrastructure and Performance Committee notes the #BigStormwaterStory status report October 2024.

CARRIED

Ben Swinburne and Mark Kinvig presented the report as read.

6.6 PROPOSED CHANGE TO WEIGHT BASED CHARGING - WAIPUKURAU TRANSFER STATION

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider changing from volume-based charges to weight-based charges at the Waipukurau Transfer Station for both general waste and green waste disposal and agree on an implementation date.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.19

Moved: Cr Pip Burne

Seconded: Deputy Chair Jerry Greer

That the Finance, Infrastructure and Performance Committee approves the proposed weight-based charges for general waste and green waste at the Waipukurau Transfer Station, effective from Monday 9 December 2024.

CARRIED

Rob Hon and Mark Kinvig presented the report as read, proposing a change to weight-based charges at the Waipukurau Transfer Station for both general waste and green waste disposal. Discussions noted:

- The impact on different customer interactions, showing that smaller waste producers would pay less, while larger commercial producers would pay more.

6.7 INSOURCING, VALUE FOR MONEY AND SERVICE DELIVERY EXCELLENCE UPDATE

PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to confirm Councils position on infrastructure insourcing and set out Central Hawke's Bay District Councils 'Service Delivery Excellence' focus areas over the forthcoming Three Year Plan.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.20

Moved: Mayor Alex Walker

Seconded: Cr Gerard Minehan

That the Finance, Infrastructure and Performance Committee:

1. **Receives the paper titled Insourcing, Value for Money and Service Delivery Excellence'.**
2. **Supports not prioritising the insourcing of services at this current time.**

CARRIED

Mark Kinvig presented the report as read, noting this is a follow up report following discussions back in September 2024.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

That the next meeting of the Finance, Infrastructure & Performance Committee will be confirmed following the adoption of the 2025 council meeting schedule in December 2024.

8 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.21**

Moved: Cr Kate Taylor

Seconded: Cr Pip Burne

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
8.1 - 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
8.2 - Racecourse Road Water Renewal Contract C1215 - Variation	<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
8.3 - Three Waters Procurement Plan - 2024/25 Year Programme Delivery	<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

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.22

Moved: Cr Kate Taylor

Seconded: Cr Pip Burne

That the Finance, Infrastructure & Performance Committee moves into Public Excluded business at 11.28am.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.23

Moved: Deputy Chair Jerry Greer

Seconded: Cr Pip Burne

That the Finance, Infrastructure & Performance Committee moves out of Public Excluded business at 12.00pm.

CARRIED

9 TIME OF CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 12.00pm.

The Minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the next Finance, Infrastructure & Performance Committee Meeting to be confirmed.

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CHAIRPERSON

6 REPORT SECTION

6.1 RESOLUTION MONITORING REPORT

File Number: COU1-1400

Author: Annelie Roets, Governance Lead

Authoriser: Doug Tate, Chief Executive

Attachments: 1. Resolutions Monitoring Report.pdf [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finance, Infrastructure and Performance Committee notes the Resolution Monitoring Report.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report presents the Resolution Monitoring Report.

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 Committee meeting.



Finance, Infrastructure & Performance Committee

Resolution Monitoring Report - 26 Feb 2025

Key	
Completed	
On Track	
Off Track	

Item Number	Item	Council Resolution	Resolution Date	Responsible Officer	Progress Report
1	7.2 Tikokino Road Water Treatment Plant Relocation	1. That the Finance, Infrastructure & Performance Committee allocate \$1.34M from the Waipukurau Second Water Supply budget and \$3.451 from Crown Infrastructure Partners external funding towards the project. 2. That the Finance, Infrastructure & Performance Committee approves the Procurement Plan to contract partners to deliver the relocation and upgrade of the Tikokino Road Water Treatment Plant. 3. That the Finance, Infrastructure & Performance Committee delegates to the Chief Executive the authority to negotiate and award the contracts, in accordance with the approved Procurement Plan.	19 Sept 2024	Chris Gordon / Mark Kinvig	On Track - The project is progressing to plan and the procurement processes are underway. An update in the BigWater Story will be provided at the FIP Committee meeting on 26 February.
2	6.4 Local Water Done Well: Endorsement to proceed to business Case Development	That Finance, Infrastructure & Performance Committee: 1. Notes the policy and legislative requirements under central Government's Local Water Done Well framework for the future of water service delivery. 2. Notes the initial scenario modelling work undertaken to date. 3. Endorses the process to progress with the development of a Business Case.	7 Nov 2024	Doug Tate	On track - progress continues to be made and a further update is included in this agenda.
3	6.6 Proposed Change to Weight Based Chargin - Waipukurau Transfer Station	That the Finance, Infrastructure and Performance Committee approves the proposed weight-based charges for general waste and green waste at the Waipukurau Transfer Station, effective from Monday 9 December 2024.	7 Nov 2024	Rob Hon	Complete - The change was made effective on Monday 9 December 2024. An update on the change will provided in Council workshop.

6.2 HALF YEAR FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR 2024/25

File Number:

Author: Brent Chamberlain, Chief Financial Officer

Authoriser: Doug Tate, Chief Executive

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finance, Infrastructure and Performance Committee notes the Half Year Financial Results for 2024/25 Report.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with visibility of how Council's finances are tracking for the first six months of the 2024/25 financial year.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

This report is provided for information purposes only and has been assessed as of low significance relative to the policy.

BACKGROUND

Council officers provide quarterly updates to Council and its Committees throughout the financial year, discussing the results and the trends they are seeing across the organisation.

This report is the first of these reports covering the first six months of trading for the 2024/25 financial year.

DISCUSSION

Councils' results in this period are heavily distorted by external funding. The comprehensive income statement shows income of \$34.3m and costs of \$28.4m resulting in an operating surplus of \$5.9m, this external revenue does not reflect the actual position of Councils underlying business.

Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Report

	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget	Bud Var
Operating Income			
General rates, uniform annual general charges and rates penalties	10,638,285	10,667,440	(29,155)
Targeted rates	5,967,480	6,041,440	(73,960)
Subsidies and Grants (Operating and Capital)	13,066,301	17,587,440	(4,521,139)
Fees, charges	2,715,237	3,261,356	(546,119)
Interest and dividends from investments	276,814	90,312	186,502
Development Contributions	663,437	1,135,752	(472,315)
Other Income	1,011,558	197,748	813,810
TOTAL	34,339,112	38,981,488	(4,642,376)
Applications of Operating			
Payments to staff	5,000,842	5,984,891	984,049
Payments to suppliers	14,488,957	24,564,738	10,075,781
Depreciation and Amortisation	7,551,442	7,565,058	13,616
Finance costs	1,332,092	1,600,122	268,030
TOTAL	28,373,333	39,714,809	11,341,476
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	5,965,779	(733,321)	6,699,100

The main sources of external funding this year includes:

Roading Recovery – NZTA emergency funding being spent on asset repair/replacements (predominately capitalised to assets rather than the operating costs. Received \$7m, budgeted \$11.4m.

Infrastructure Acceleration Funds (IAF) – Central Government funding to assist with the infrastructure required for the development of the Waipukurau South Growth Precinct. Again, this is capitalised to assets rather than operating costs and the majority relates to the stormwater retention ponds and land acquisition.

Other – Better Off Funding (BOF), Tourism Infrastructure Funds (TIFF), Cyclone Recovery. These funds are being spent on physical assets such as public toilets, upgrades to reserves, PMO software, and stormwater improvements.

The table below shows the comprehensive income statement adjusted for the items above:

Comprehensive Income	Actuals	Roading Recovery	IAF	Other (BOF / TIFF / Cyclone Recovery)	Adjusted BAU Actuals
Operating Income	34.3m	4.2m	1.2m	2.2m	26.7m
Operating Expenses	28.4m	0.9m	0.2m	0.7m	26.6m
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	5.9m	3.3m	1.0m	1.5m	0.1m

While a small surplus might be considered a good result, ie that Councils rates and fee income is broadly covering its operating costs, you should bear in mind that Councils should create enough of an operating surplus that allows reinvestment into and replacement of its assets (such as roads and water infrastructure) and to repay debt. This isn't the case so far this year.

Two of Councils activities have been impacted by the current economic downturn, namely consenting and solid waste.

Consenting

Below shows the comparative figure impacts from the downturn in the building industry:

Fee Income	Jun-Dec 2021	Jun-Dec 2022	Jun-Dec 2023	Jun-Dec 2024
Resource Consenting	451k	389k	302k	189k
Building Consents	532k	461k	378k	264k

In the last six months:

- 54 Resource Consents have been issued,
- 77 new lots created,
- 144 building consents issued, and
- 1,095 building inspections undertaken.

Activity is occurring however at lower levels than forecast.

Steps were taken in late 2024 to reduce the resourcing need in this activity. External processing of other Council consents for a fee was also introduced to offset some of this revenue loss in the current financial year and is planned to commence shortly. The external processing of other Council consents is planned to continue into the next financial year to offset the revenue loss and cover the fixed costs of the activity. While interest rates are lowering, activity in this area is expected to recover slowly.

As noted in the first quarter, for the first six months of the year the two consenting teams have run a \$290k deficit and steps are underway to address this.

Solid Waste

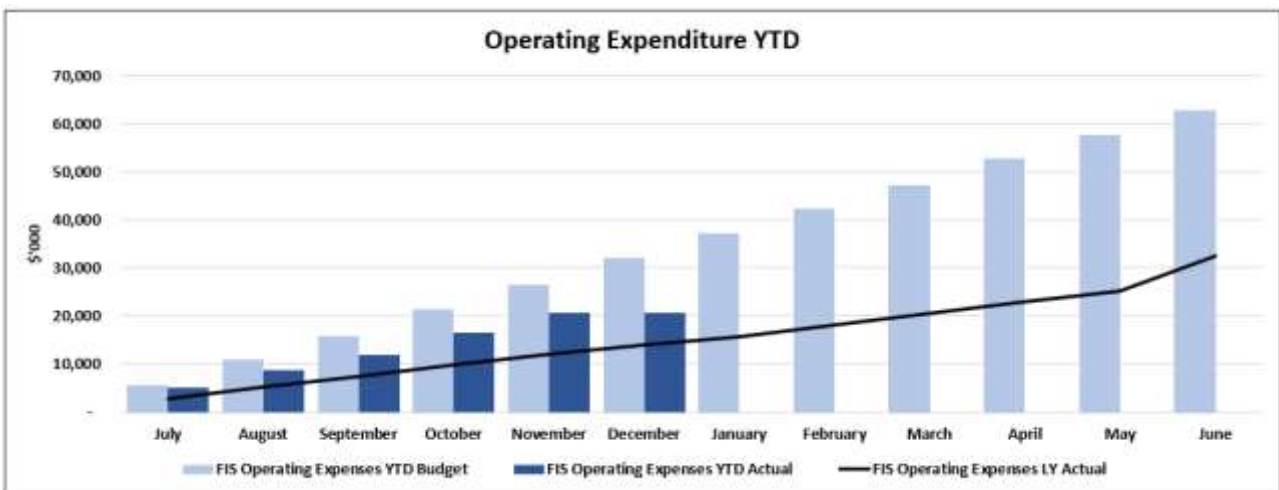
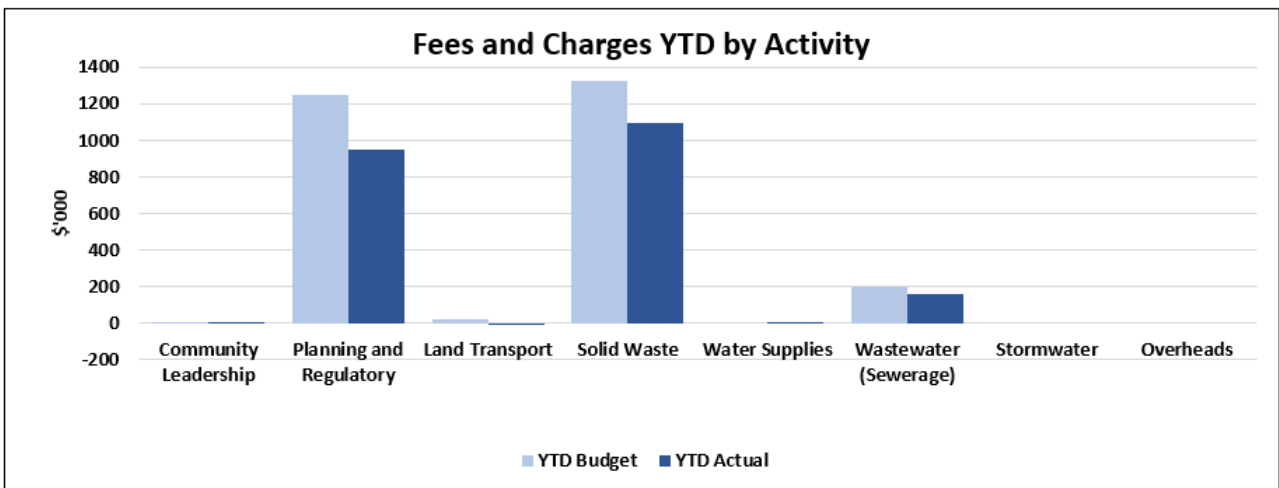
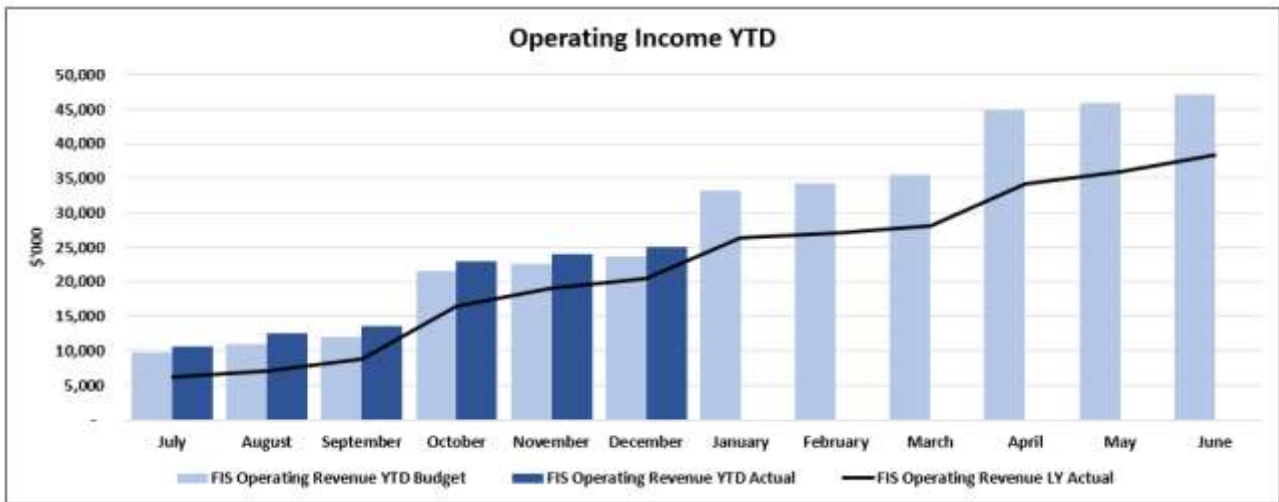
Solid Waste (rubbish) is also seeing a decline in volumes, below is a comparative table:

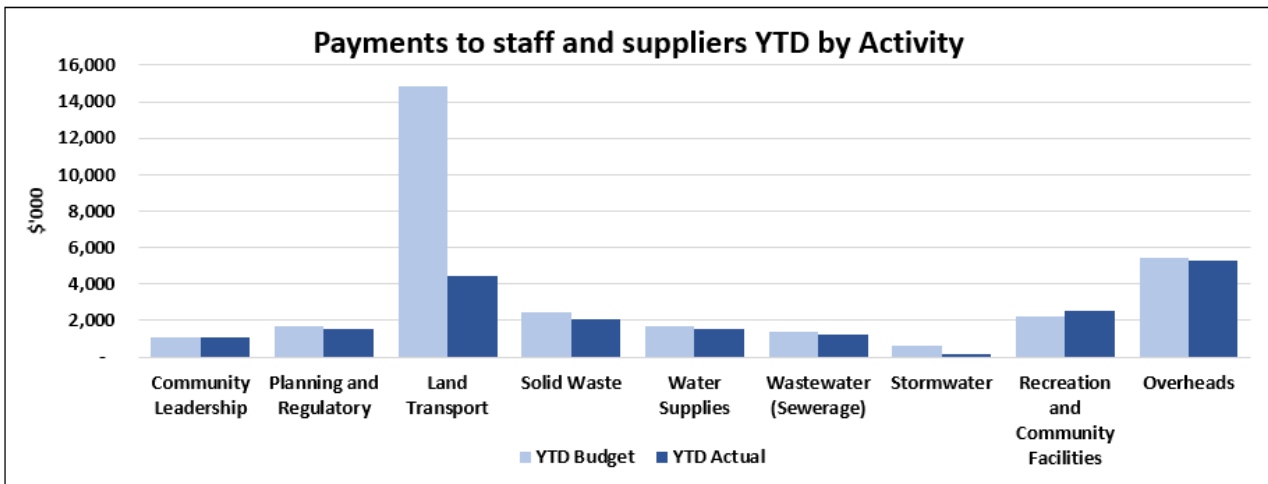
	Jun-Dec 2022	Jun-Dec 2023	Jun-Dec 2024
Tonnes to Landfill	5,695	5,490	4,425
Activity Fee Income (Includes Landfill, Transfer Station, Bag Sales)	\$1,066k	\$1,164k	\$1,094k

This is caused by a combination of less building activity (demolition waste), more diversion to recycling, and some of Pahiataua's waste now going to a landfill in Marton. For context Tararua Council's waste coming to CHB has declined by 1,810 tonnes over the last 12-month period.

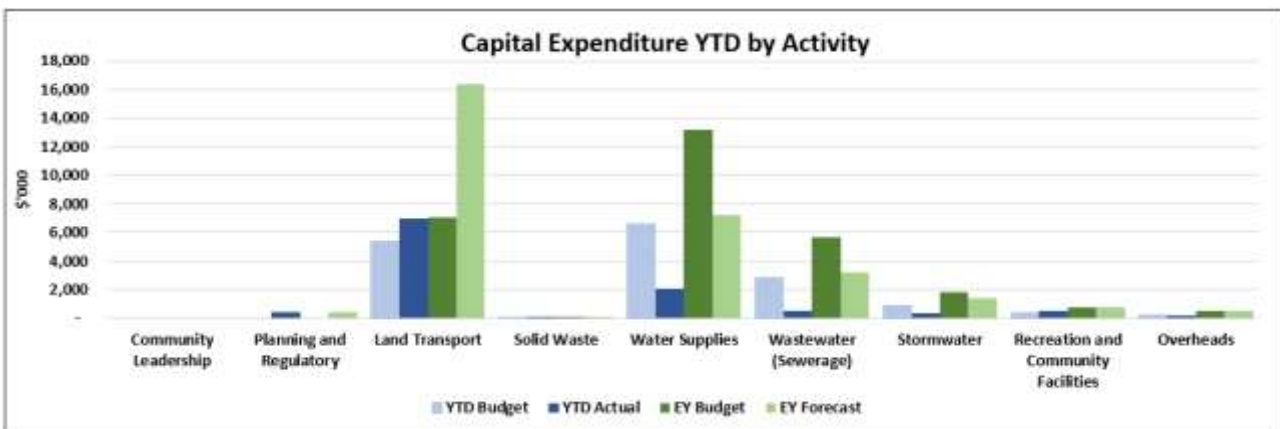
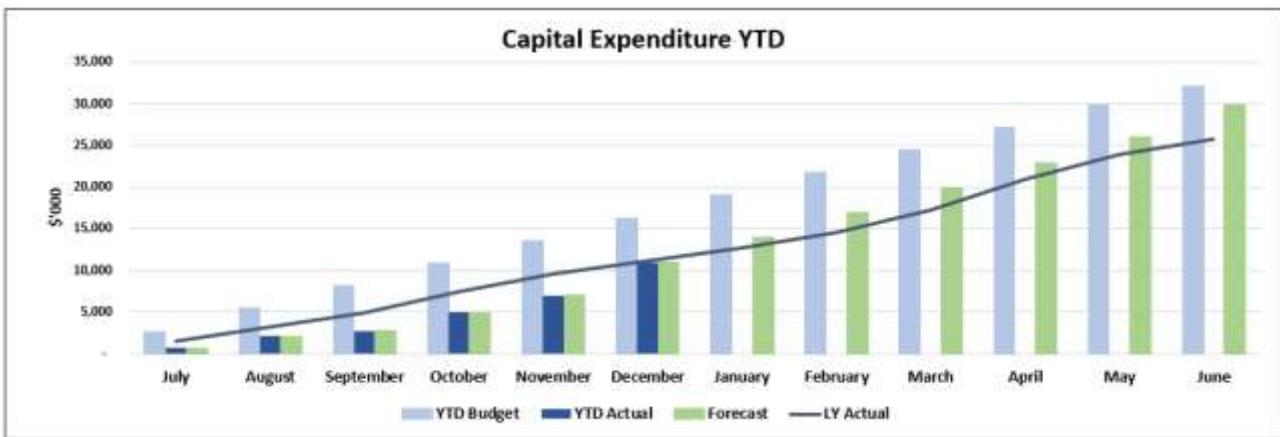
While fee income is \$229k down on budget for the first six months, costs have also been able to be reduced to broadly match (less carbon credits required, less waste minimisation levy, and volume related rent reduced) so overall the activity is still at breakeven for the six months.

Other Council departments are broadly delivering in line with the budget with some overs and unders due to phasing.





NB – the Land Transport budget above is distorted by the Cyclone Recovery Budget which has a timing issue around the speed of delivery and most capitalised rather than expensed.



NB – The green bars above represent the forecasted spend to year end. Actuals (blue bars) - the shortfall in Water Supplies is the delay in Second Supply and Reservoir Replacement programmes. Wastewater is the WOW upgrades. Land Transport is the Cyclone Recovery costs being capitalised rather than expensed as repairs (\$3.6m YTD, and \$10m by EY).

Council borrowed \$12m in July 2024, \$8m of this was used to refinance existing debt, and the remaining \$4m was new debt to fund Councils capital programme, the details of which are shown below:

Debt Position	Draw Date	Maturity		Interest Rate	Amount		Movement
		Date	Date		30/06/2024	Amount Now	
LGFA - Floating Rate	11/07/2022	15/07/2024		6.07%	3,000,000	-	(3,000,000)
LGFA - Floating Rate	17/04/2023	15/04/2025		4.64%	3,000,000	3,000,000	-
LGFA - Floating Rate	10/08/2022	15/04/2026		4.72%	3,000,000	3,000,000	-
LGFA - Floating Rate	17/04/2023	15/04/2026		4.77%	3,000,000	3,000,000	-
LGFA - Floating Rate	8/07/2024	15/04/2026		4.70%	-	3,000,000	3,000,000
LGFA - Floating Rate	17/04/2023	15/05/2028		5.31%	2,000,000	2,000,000	-
				4.79%	14,000,000	14,000,000	-
LGFA - Fixed Rate	16/01/2024	16/07/2024		5.78%	5,000,000	-	(5,000,000)
LGFA - Fixed Rate	8/07/2024	7/07/2025		5.54%	-	3,000,000	3,000,000
LGFA - Fixed Rate	28/08/2017	25/08/2025		3.85%	2,000,000	2,000,000	-
LGFA - Fixed Rate	16/03/2020	15/04/2027		2.03%	4,000,000	4,000,000	-
LGFA - Fixed Rate	15/04/2024	15/04/2027		5.47%	11,000,000	11,000,000	-
LGFA - Fixed Rate	14/12/2022	15/05/2028		5.27%	2,000,000	2,000,000	-
LGFA - Fixed Rate	6/03/2023	15/05/2028		5.70%	6,000,000	6,000,000	-
LGFA - Fixed Rate	8/07/2024	20/04/2029		5.36%	-	6,000,000	6,000,000
				4.99%	30,000,000	34,000,000	4,000,000
Live ANZ Interest Rate Swap	31/12/2024	15/04/2026		3.83%	-	5,000,000	5,000,000
ANZ Standby Facility (\$4,000,000)					-	-	-
Total Debt (Excl Swaps)				4.83%	44,000,000	48,000,000	4,000,000

Officers have also been active in the Interest Rate Swap Market with a mixture of live swaps (see above) and forward start swaps (see below):

Forward Start Interest Rate Swap:	Start Date	Finish Date	Interest Rate	Amount		Movement	
				30/06/2024	Amount Now		
ANZ	31/08/2025	15/04/2026	3.46%	-	7,500,000	7,500,000	
ANZ	15/04/2026	20/04/2029	3.91%	10,000,000	10,000,000	0	
ANZ	15/10/2025	15/10/2029	3.55%	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	
ANZ	15/04/2027	15/04/2030	3.82%	-	7,500,000	7,500,000	
Total Swaps				3.72%	10,000,000	30,000,000	20,000,000

Swaps are a tool that allows Council to turn floating rate loans into fixed rate loans. You'll also see that floating loans are starting to come down from their highs and as at December Councils average cost of funds has fallen to 4.83% pa and will fall further as the forward starting swaps become live.

As at 31 December, Council was in a strong cash position with a \$9m term deposit maturing between Christmas and New Year. This financial position was helped by the IAF income of \$1.2m of which the majority related to reimbursement of the land acquisition that was financed last financial year.

As at 31 December, Council was fully compliant with its Treasury Policy.

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:

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- 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 monitor the trends identified above, and work to correct them where this is practical.

6.3 LOCAL WATER DONE WELL UPDATE – *PAPER WITHDRAWN*

File Number:

Author: Doug Tate, Chief Executive

Authoriser: Doug Tate, Chief Executive

Attachments: Nil

6.4 DEVELOPMENT OF INVESTMENT STRATEGY

File Number:

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Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper seeks guidance on whether to develop a separate investment strategy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finance and Infrastructure Committee retains the existing investment settings contained in the Treasury Management policy until such time as investment funds become available and a more expansive investment strategy becomes necessary.

BACKGROUND

Under the Local Government Act 2002 councils are required to have several financial policies:

- a revenue and financing policy
- a liability management policy
- an investment policy
- a policy on development contributions or financial contributions; and
- a policy on the remission and postponement of rates on Māori freehold land.

Central Hawke's Bay District Council, like many New Zealand councils, combine the liability management policy and investment policy into a single policy called the "Treasury Management Policy".

The existing "investment section" of the Treasury Management Policy is currently relatively conservative in order to minimise potential loss of ratepayer funds. The policy allows for:

1. Equity Investments – Equity investments would typically be equity in entities such as Council Controlled Organisations (CCO) and be held for strategic reasons. An example of this would be the proposed Regional CCO that may be set up to hold the Hawke's Bay's municipal water assets going forward under the Local Water Done Well settings.
2. Property Investments – These would fall into two categories – Properties held for Council operational purposes such as libraries, and those held for commercial returns.
3. Financial Investments – These include investments such as Term Deposits, Bonds, and internal loans and are held for cashflow smoothing or relate to reserves held of specific future purposes. They must be invested in approved creditworthy counterparties.

Currently, Council has little in the way of true investments held for commercial returns, including:

- \$1k of shares in the Hawke's Bay Local Authority Share Services CCO;
- several buildings for operational purposes (such as the Administration Centre, Libraries, Theatres, Community Halls, and Camp Grounds) none of which return fully commercial rentals;

- \$7.3m in reserves that are used to fund internal debt (that is the funds are leant between council activities reducing the need for external bank lending); and
- minimal funds for liquidity purposes.

The \$7.3m of Council reserves can be broken into four main categories:

- Reserves held for Emergencies \$3.2m – these are essentially self-insurance funds for asset classes such as roading that Council struggles to buy commercial insurance on
- Reserves held of Future Asset Replacements \$2.9m – for assets such as bridges, retirement housing, vehicles, and ward funds. Currently, Council doesn't have any reserves for community buildings or 3 Waters asset replacements
- Reserves held for Future Operational Costs \$0.9m – funds such as landfill aftercare funds and waste minimisation levy
- Trust Funds \$0.2m – bequests for scholarships that Council administers.

In 2021, when the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan (LTP) was being developed, Central Government was offering councils access to a share of a \$500m of no-worse-off funding and \$2b of Better-off-Funding to assist with the transition to "3-Waters Reform". It was hoped Central Hawke's Bay District Council would receive some funds which could be used to seed some intergenerational investments and returns could be used to help reduce future rates.

At the request of Council, officers engaged Eriksens Global to write a "Strategic Investment Review" which was brought to the Risk & Assurance Committee on the 16 September 2021.

As a result of the above review officers were asked to "*continue to work with Bancorp treasury and Eriksens Global to draft a rewrite of the Treasury Policy and Investment Strategy to allow a more expansive range of investment vehicles, while keeping risk to a low to moderate level.*"

At the time various discussions were held about investing in commercial buildings and forestry, and the need to have a strategy to guide future investment decisions.

Whilst the Treasury Management Policy has been reviewed several times since 2021, no rewrite of the Investment Strategy/Policy settings has occurred in relation to investments.

DISCUSSION

Since 2021, Council's investments have remained relatively unchanged and the promised 3-Waters Reform investment monies never eventuated due to a change in Government and policy settings.

As per the 2021-2031 "Facing the Facts" LTP, Council has continued to invest heavily into upgrading its 3 Waters Network to both replace aged infrastructure and to allow for population growth. This has meant that Council has continued to be a net borrower during this period with net debt growing from \$20m to \$48m during this period.

For these reasons, Council officers haven't spent any further time and money developing an investment strategy given it has no investment funds, nor is likely to obtain any funds to invest in the foreseeable future. It is officers' opinion that the current policy settings are adequate for the limited investment funds available to Council.

It could be argued that if any funds did become available it would be prudent to repay debt before taking out new investments. This would be the simplest way of reducing future rates and offer guaranteed return equal to the mortgage interest it would save.

At the 11 December 2024 Risk & Assurance Committee meeting officers proposed that the outstanding action point to develop a separate Investment Policy from 2021 be closed. Circumstances have changed and currently there is no need to develop a more expansive

investment strategy/policy as the current policy settings are adequate for Councils current financial position. This decision could be revisited if and when Councils circumstances change.

The Risk & Assurance Committee suggested this decision be brought back to the Finance and Infrastructure Committee for further discussion and a decision.

Since December 2024, officers have reached out to Jim Palmer (former CE and CFO of Waimakariri District Council) to test their thinking and to get a second opinion on the way forward.

His feedback is that the approach outlined above is reasonable and prioritises resources where it'll have a greater impact. Should the Councils circumstances change then officers can spend some time developing a revised Investment Policy. However, the reality is that things are unlikely to change anytime soon. If any improvement over time occurs, subsequent LTP reviews could accommodate policy changes.

It is recommended that as part of the development of the next LTP, once the future of the regions water asset and associated debt becomes clearer, that Council develops a set of investment principals and an evaluation matrix or guiding principles to help guide future investment decisions.

RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION

The idea behind developing an investment strategy was to assist Councillors and officers in how to select and acquire future investments. This would allow for a considered approach to investing considering the risk of investment losses.

Currently, Council does have such settings within its Treasury policy, but they are relatively conservative and restrictive.

While Council has no funds available for new investments, updating the policy, or not, doesn't pose any new risks or restrict any activity that might otherwise be occurring.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

An Investment Strategy sets out how Council should evaluate future and current investments in order to maximise returns while protecting its funds. Such a policy will have economic benefits for Council, and any returns generated will allow for reductions in future rates which would also have economic and social benefits for the ratepayer.

Obviously, these benefits will only be recognised once Council has funds to invest.

DELEGATIONS OR AUTHORITY

The decision on whether to develop an investment strategy or not has been referred back to this committee for direction by the Risk & Assurance Committee.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as of minor importance and does not trigger the Significance and Engagement Policy.

OPTIONS ANALYSIS

The Finance and Infrastructure Committee has the ability to either:

1. Continue to develop an investment strategy ready for when investments funds become available; or
2. Pause and retain the status quo settings until such time as investment funds become available and a more expansive investment strategy becomes necessary.

Recommended Option

This report recommends option two, to retain the status quo investment settings until such time as investment funds become available and a more expansive investment strategy becomes necessary for addressing the matter.

This is a prudent approach whilst Council has no funds to invest.

NEXT STEPS

Depending on the recommendation of the committee officers will be guided on the timing and urgency for developing a separate investment strategy.

6.5 KEY PROGRAMME STATUS REPORT - #THEBIGWATERSTORY

File Number:

Author: Rebecca England, Programme Manager

Authoriser: Doug Tate, Chief Executive

Attachments: 1. [The Big Water Story- Key Programme Status Report](#) [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finance, Infrastructure and Performance Committee notes the #BigWaterStory status report February 2025.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this key programme status report is to provide the February 2025 update to Elected Members on the progress of #thebigwaterstory.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

This report is provided for information purposes only and has been assessed as of low significance in accordance with Councils Significance and Engagement Policy.

DISCUSSION

The Drinking Water Programme continues to progress key water infrastructure projects, aiming to ensure the resilience and reliability of the district's water supply. This report provides an update on progress, risks, and financial performance across various water renewal and upgrade projects

There are several programme risks which remain at the forefront of decisions for the 3 Waters and Delivery Teams. These include the risk that aging infrastructure fails before planned renewal or replacement, prioritisation of projects that renew or replace critical infrastructure is ongoing while operational scenario planning is planned to provide some mitigation of these risks. Officers are also continuing with execution of the Project Delivery Team Improvement plan and working with the 3 Waters team to finalise the 26-27 programmes.

Over the last few months, several projects have been progressing well, with the completion of construction at the Francis Drake Street water renewal and positive construction progress on the Racecourse Road renewal. Some projects face delays with land agreements, budget constraints, and consenting risks. These issues have been escalated to remove obstacles and plan for risk management and financial forecasting. For example, the Waipawa Water Treatment Plant project now has greater cost certainty due to changes in the cost estimation process. Similar process changes will be applied to other major projects.

Officers will enhance financial management and implement improved project processes to ensure transparency in delivery. From Quarter four of the 2024- 2025 Financial Year updates will include further details on the broader drinking water strategy and asset management.

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 Officers 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.



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Key Programme Status Report
Drinking Water
February 2025

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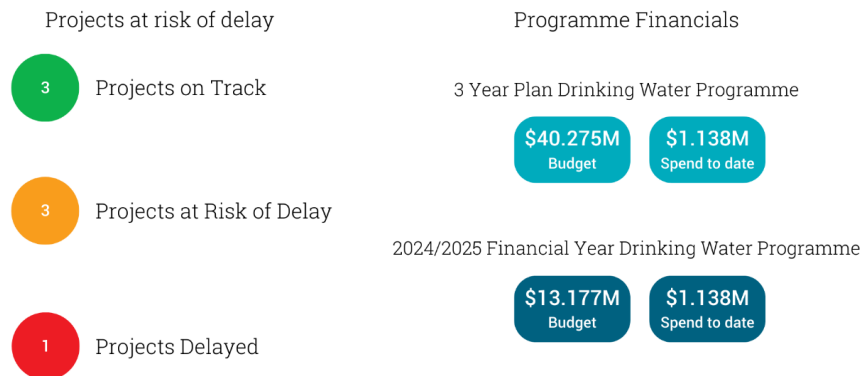


Programme Name	Drinking Water Programme
Programme Manager	Rebecca England
Programme Sponsor	Mark Kinvig
Reporting Period	20 Dec 2024- 14 Feb 2025

Programme Objectives:

- To deliver critical and sustainable investment in Central Hawke’s Bay District Council drinking water services whilst ensuring maximum community benefit
- Upgrade or replace drinking water assets to meet service levels and compliance requirements.
- To enhance resilience in our drinking water supply and firefighting capabilities
- To communicate to Council, the community, iwi and other stakeholders on the programme and the progress of each project.
- To deliver these capital projects in alignment with budget and quality parameters whilst ensuring community benefit.

Delivery Analytics



KEY PROGRAMME STATUS REPORT-THE BIG WATER STORY**Executive Summary:**

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Risk and Issues Assessment

Consequence	Likelihood				
	1 – Highly Unlikely	2 - Unlikely	3 - Possible	4 - Likely	5 – Almost Certain
5 - Catastrophic	High	High	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme
4 - Major	Medium	High	High	Extreme	Extreme
3 - Significant	Low	Medium	Medium	High	Extreme
2 - Minor	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High
1 - Insignificant	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium

Risk	Mitigation	Residual Risk Level
There is a risk that ageing infrastructure may fail prior to renewal or replacement.	The programme includes the ongoing prioritisation of critical assets such as the Reservoir Replacement Programme and the Second Water Supply.	Extreme
The programme may face delays due to the immaturity of systems and processes in both the Project Delivery Team and the 3 Waters Team.	Executing the Project Delivery Team Improvement plan and assisting the asset owner in prioritising the 26-27 FY programmes.	High
There is a risk that projects do not meet the timeframes outlined in the 3-year plan. This includes the Abbottsford Road and the Waipukurau Second Water Supply.	Identified issues will be escalated promptly, and process improvements should be implemented. Project schedules will be reassessed and revised as necessary.	High
There is a risk that project budgets may be exceeded.	Further design and investigation to clarify project budgets. Improved financial management and change control will provide greater certainty.	Medium
There is a possibility of a misalignment between the planned programme and community expectations.	Officers are continuing to engage with the community and to convey the purpose and details of the work being undertaken.	Medium
Insufficient planning of key stakeholder engagement can result in project delays or increased costs.	Ongoing and proactive engagement.	Medium
The contractor's performance falls short of Council's expectations, causing cost overruns, delays, poor quality results, and negative public perception.	Clearly outlines expectations to contractors at the beginning of the contract. Council builds a collaborative working relationship with contractors that allows for clear and regular communication.	Medium

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Key to project indicators

B.R.A.G Status	
Blue	The project has been completed and passed back to the relevant maintenance and operations team.
Red	Projected to 10% or more overspent or over the timeline, or significant issues in quality, resourcing, or key stakeholder issues.
Amber	Projected to be between 5% to 9% overspend or over the timeline, or there are minor issues in quality, resourcing or key stakeholder issues.
Green	Projected to be on track or within tolerances of less than 5% or under for spend and timeline.

Performance Trend Key	
↑	The overall performance of the project has improved since the last report, as evidenced by key metrics across the Programme, Risk and Budget.
→	The overall performance of the project has remained consistent since the last report, as evidenced by key metrics across the Programme, Risk and Budget.
↓	The overall performance of the project has lowered since the last report, as evidenced by key metrics across the Programme, Risk and Budget.

Percentage of Project Progress by Phase	
Pipeline	<5%
Initiation	5 - 10%
Plan and Design	10 - 20%
Procurement	20- 25%
Construction	25 - 75%
Commission and Test	75 - 95%
Closure	95 - 100%

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Racecourse Road (Waipukurau) Water Renewal

Current Phase	Project Progress (by stage)	Project Start Date	Planned Project End date	Project Budget	Projected Cost at Completion	Performance Trend
Construction	70%	Jul 2021	Jun 2025	\$2,071,475	\$2,071,475	→
Scope: Installation of new upgraded water main and rider main on Racecourse Road including hydrants and property connections and connecting to existing network.						
PROGRAMME	Construction is underway and planned for completion by the end of May 2025 which is ahead of schedule.					
BUDGET	The project is expected to be completed as budgeted with a contingency amount allocated to be used if required to cover the risk of water shutdown when connecting the new line to reticulation.					
RISK	To connect to the main trunk a water shutdown of Waipukurau is required. This has been mitigated partially by postponing the cross-connections originally planned.					



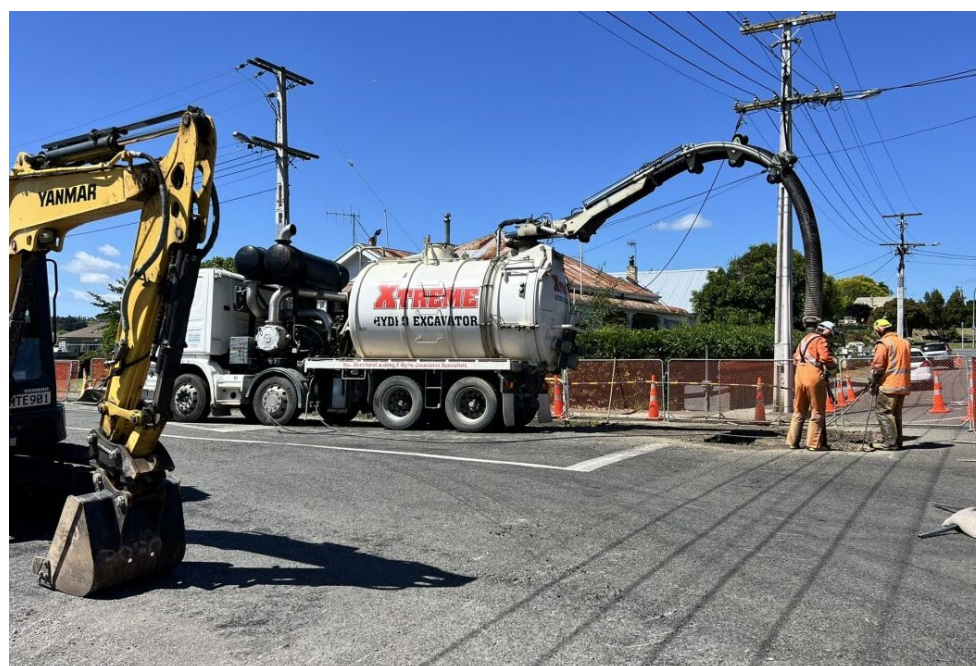
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Francis Drake Street Water Renewal

Current Phase	Project Progress (by stage)	Project Start Date	Planned Project End date	Project Budget	Projected Cost at Completion	Performance Trend
Close	98%	Jul 2024	Feb 2025	\$987,750	\$632,066	→
Scope: Design and install 470 meters of Polyethylene (PE) pipe, 445 meters of water rider main connecting to the existing network, and 40 lateral connections.						
PROGRAMME	Construction is complete, as-builts have been received from the contractor and the close-out process is underway					
BUDGET	The project is expected to be completed under budget					
RISK	Risks are being managed, no exceptions to report					



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Waipawa - Tikokino Road Water Treatment Plant

Current Phase	Project Progress (by stage)	Project Start Date	Planned Project End date	Project Budget	Projected Cost at Completion	Performance Trend
Plan and Design	20%	Apr 2023	May 2026	\$5,751,000	\$5,751,000	↑
Scope: To design and construct a new water treatment plant, decommission the existing plant, install submergible pumps at the bores, connect the bores to the new water treatment plant and remove the temporary bund around the existing plant.						
PROGRAMME	Officers have been working with contractor Filtec to programme the construction works and develop design of the new treatment plant. Detailed design of the new treatment plant platform is complete and procurement of a contractor to construct this platform has commenced. Despite this progress the project is now expected to be complete by May 2026. This is due to scope change and the land acquisition timeframe.					
BUDGET	The \$5.75 million project forecast is based on a P95 risk model cost estimate which includes 14% contingency. The project budget is made up of \$3.457 million from National Infrastructure Funding and Financing (NIFF) and \$2.294 million from Central Hawkes Bay District. The CHBDC budget was allowed for within the 3-year plan.					
RISK	All risks in the risk register have mitigations and controls in place.					



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Abbotsford Road Reservoir Replacement

Current Phase	Project Progress (by stage)	Project Start Date	Planned Project End date	Project Budget	Projected Cost at Completion	Performance Trend
Initiation	10%	Jul 2022	Apr 2026	\$3,690,000	\$3,690,000	→
Scope: To design and construct replacement of both reservoirs at Abbotsford Road which supply Waipawa and Otāne.						
PROGRAMME	A time-bound offer for the purchase of the required land is to be submitted to the landowner in March. A decision on the outcome will be presented to Council in April 2025. Concept design for both reservoirs has been developed. Detailed design will commence following agreement on land purchase.					
BUDGET	Budget based on high-level estimate undertaken in 2022 CPI adjusted					
RISK	Land negotiations are being progressed with the landowner. The timeframes are uncertain.					

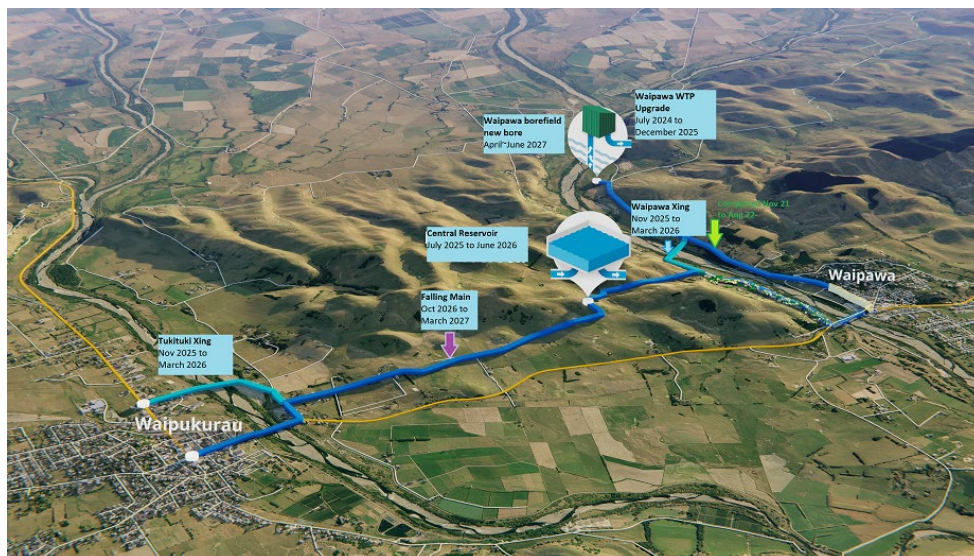


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Waipukurau Second Supply

Current Phase	Project Progress (by stage)	Project Start Date	Planned Project End date	Project Budget	Projected Cost at Completion	Performance Trend
Plan and Design	26%	Jul 2017	Jun 2027	\$17,677,942	\$16,683,480	→
<p>Scope: To find and construct a new water source bore, pipe and rising main to a reservoir. To erect a new Central Reservoir and gravity feedback into Waipukurau as a second water supply to the town.</p>						
PROGRAMME	<p>A resource consent application for river crossings will be prepared in the coming months. There is a risk that this could delay the project. Concept design of the 2 required river crossings have been prepared. Detailed design will commence following consent approval.</p>					
BUDGET	<p>We are working to improve the maturity of our projected cost at completion. \$2.294 million of this was allocated to the Waipawa Water Treatment plant project. This is being reported upon as an individual project.</p>					
RISK	<p>There is a risk that resource consenting of the river crossings impacts the project budget and schedule, however this to be confirmed.</p>					



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Homewood Road Water Renewal

Current Phase	Project Progress (by stage)	Project Start Date	Planned Project End date	Project Budget	Projected Cost at Completion	Performance Trend
Procurement	25%	Nov 2024	Jun 2025	\$713,000	\$828,245.12	→
Scope: Install 1,480 meters of new 100mm PE water main on Racecourse Road (Waipawa) and Homewood Road.						
PROGRAMME	Contractor engagement is underway to ensure completion by June 2025.					
BUDGET	The contractor has provided an estimate which is higher than Council's engineer's estimate. Officers are currently working with the contractor to agree on the final construction price. Early indications show potential budget overrun.					
RISK	There is a risk this project will exceed its project budget.					



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Gaisford Terrace Water Renewal

Current Phase	Project Progress (by stage)	Project Start Date	Planned Project End date	Project Budget	Projected Cost at Completion	Performance Trend
Initiation	5%	Mar 2025	Jun 2026	TBC	TBC	→
Scope: Investigation, design and installation of a new upgraded water main on Gaisford Terrace including property connections and connecting to the existing network. Alongside this work, the renewals of stormwater and wastewater on Gaisford Terrace are also being investigated to minimise disruption to the community.						
PROGRAMME	The programme will be set following the completion of site investigations.					
BUDGET	The project budget will be confirmed concurrent with the completion of site investigations.					
RISK	The exact location of existing assets is unknown. Site investigations are planned to confirm locations.					

SH2 Borefield Upgrade

Current Phase	Project Progress (by stage)	Project Start Date	Planned Project End date	Project Budget	Cost at Completion	Performance Trend
Close	100%	May 2024	Jan 2025	\$216,965	\$216,965	→
Scope: Repair and reinstall 2 bore pumps. Complete original contract and decommission redundant electrical controls. Decommission 2 old bores and repurpose 1 bore for monitoring.						
PROGRAMME	Work was completed on the programme. Practical completion is to be issued following the finalisation of as-builts.					
BUDGET	Work was completed on budget.					
RISK	Officers are currently identifying any defects and escalating to the contractor if needed.					



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Tikokino Road Stage 3 Phase 2

Current Phase	Project Progress (by stage)	Project Start Date	Planned Project End date	Project Budget	Cost at Completion	Performance Trend
Close	100%	Jun 2023	Nov 2024	\$216,000	\$216,000	→
Scope: Complete original stage 3 works, construct pipe bridge, pressure test, disinfect stages 2 and 3, connect to Abbotsford Road reservoir rising main network, and abandon redundant AC rising main.						
PROGRAMME	Work was significantly delayed due to water restrictions which limited the disinfection process and the complexities of discharging super chlorinated water.					
BUDGET	The project was completed on budget.					
RISK	No further residual risks.					



7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**RECOMMENDATION**

That the next meeting of the Central Hawke's Bay District Council be held on 24 April 2025.

7 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
8.1 - Public Excluded Resolution Monitoring Report	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 s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities 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)	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
8.2 - Endorsement of Regional Deals Application	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)	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
8.3 - Water Services Consultant Panel Procurement extension endorsement	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the	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

	<p>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>of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7</p>
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9 TIME OF CLOSURE