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ANNUAL PLAN**

2026/2027

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HASTINGS** DISTRICT COUNCIL



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What's an Annual Plan?

Thank you for taking the time to read the Hastings District Council's Draft Annual Plan 2026/27.

The material in this plan is a one-year snapshot of the Council's Long Term Plan (LTP – covering ten years) which the Council adopted in 2024. Its focus is on any significant or material differences from the content of the long-term plan for the 2026/27 year.

In brief, the Annual Plan:

- **Part One** – provides an overview of significant or material differences from the LTP.
- **Part Two** – contains information required by Schedule 10 (Part Two) of the Local Government Act.

	Total Rate Increase
2025-26 (Last Year)	15.0%
2026-27 (LTP Forecast)	10.0%
2026-27 Annual Plan	5.9%

Note: The Council is also consulting on a 9.1% rate increase which would balance the budget in 2026/27 and avoid \$4.8m of debt funding for operations.

The Draft Annual Plan should be read in conjunction with the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 for additional information on the intended level of service provision along with specific targets and measures. This is available on the Council website www.hastingsdc.govt.nz.



Message from the Mayor

Rates are not just numbers on a page. They sit alongside groceries, power bills and insurance payments in the weekly household budget. For many households and businesses, that balance is tight. That pressure sits at the centre of every decision we make. It is also why we have worked to reduce what was originally forecast.

When the community was consulted through the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan, this year was forecast to include a 10 per cent rates increase and an \$8.4 million shortfall. That reflected the ongoing cost of rebuilding essential infrastructure across our district following Cyclone Gabrielle.

Following last year's election, the new Council focused first on reducing internal costs. We limited reliance on consultants, did not replace some roles, tightened purchasing practices and brought forward major cyclone recovery projects to secure enhanced Government subsidies.

That has reduced the amount needing to be funded locally by approximately \$48 million over time. That has had a direct impact on the cyclone recovery rate; reducing it by 2.1 per cent, and on the wider general rates.

As a result of all of the savings, the original forecast of a 10 per cent rates increase and an \$8.4 million shortfall has been reduced. Council is now consulting on two options:

A 5.9 per cent rates increase, which would involve borrowing the remaining \$4.8 million shortfall this year and returning to a balanced budget in 2027/28.

A 9.1 per cent rates increase, which would balance the budget immediately and reduce borrowing sooner.

Neither option involves major changes to day-to-day services and facilities. The difference is about timing; how much pressure is felt this year and how quickly borrowing is reduced.

For both options, investment in infrastructure remains the priority. Our roads, bridges, water networks and community facilities are fundamental to safety, resilience and economic activity. We are also strengthening Civil Defence capability in response to clearer national expectations and the lessons learned from recent events.

This is the first stage of restoring long-term financial stability. Broader decisions about service levels, smarter ways of delivering services and regional collaboration will be considered next year through the 2027-2037 Long Term Plan. Those conversations affect the shape of the services and facilities people rely on and must give our community the opportunity to make their views heard.

There are no simple choices in the current environment, but there is a clear path forward. This consultation sets out the trade-offs for the year ahead transparently. I encourage you to take part and help shape the final decision.



Mayor Wendy Schollum

Key Budget Variances

The 2026/27 budget contains the programmes and investments as set out in Year 3 of the Long-Term Plan 2024/34.

However, due to additional external funding, cyclone recovery programme efficiencies and wider organisational efficiencies the proposed increase in rates revenue has reduced from 10% to 5.9% in 2026/27.

The Council has pressed on looking for savings within its operations and has identified \$3m in addition to the \$2.7m of enduring savings previously found. These further savings relate primarily to personnel, consultancy and expert advice along with some refinement to the wider (non-cyclone) roading programme.

Extra Costs

Beyond what was set aside in the Long-Term Plan to look after our assets, further funding has been made at the Hastings Library for ventilation, fire system and seismic and weather tightness. These are conditions of our building consent. Other allowances for CCTV servers and Splash Planet perimeter fencing have also been made:

- Hastings library HVAC & fire system \$510,000
- Hastings library – seismic/weather tightness \$230,000
- Building maintenance (various) \$260,000
- CCTV servers’ renewal \$209,000
- Playground surfaces renewals \$150,000
- Splash Planet perimeter fencing \$200,000

New budget items relate to the fitout of new office space timed with the exit of other Council lease space, investment in critical works in the Havelock North dams and streams, a modest allocation in the Hastings Partners Programme focused on attracting external revenue, and

funding allowance for cost increases in the the kerbside recycling activity (largely funded from Waste Levy funds).

- ❑ Heretaunga House fitout \$2,300,000 (*in line with industry standard for medium fitout specification*)
- ❑ Havelock North streams \$5,000,000 (*refer to consultation document for more information*)
- ❑ Hastings Partners Programme \$95,000 (*to attract external revenue*)
- ❑ kerbside recycling \$450,000 (*funded from waste levy*)

Emergency Management Targeted Rate

This Annual Plan also finds funding space to enable an enhanced response to a changing context regarding Council’s emergency management responsibilities. Those responsibilities coming from post cyclone reviews and coronial enquiries along with a transitional agreement transferring more emergency response responsibility to local authorities. A proposed new targeted rate of \$60.00 per property will fund these enhanced responsibilities.





Overall Financial Position

This section shows what we're planning to do, and how much it is expected to cost to implement Year Three of the Long-Term Plan.

Variations from what was planned in Year Three of the Long-Term Plan are also outlined.

Financial Strategy – Sticking to the plan.

This Annual Plan aligns with Year 3 of the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan (LTP). The LTP went through extensive community consultation in 2024, with changes made in response to community feedback, including a reduction in the Year 1 rates increase.

The LTP sets out a financial strategy to get our community through the massive cost of recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle (Council share \$230m estimated at the time, funded from borrowing). Alongside this has been rapidly escalating costs across a range of goods and services, relied on by councils to maintain and upgrade infrastructure, including pipes and bitumen.

Given the budget has some changes of community interest from that in the LTP, Council is consulting on its 2026/27 Annual Plan.

Latest Rates and Debt Position

The Council has been successful in securing additional external funding for the remaining projects in the cyclone road recovery programme. In addition to this, efficiencies in the delivery of the programme have meant a reduced cost estimate of \$182m for the Council's local share. This in turn has meant a reduction in the targeted rate to fund cyclone recovery resulting in a 2.1% rates savings.

Along with further efficiencies found in the 2026/27 year the proposed increase in rates revenue has been set at 5.9%. The Council is also consulting on 9.1% rates increase which

would improve the Council's debt position by \$4.8m. The Council will be guided by the community on the final rating strategy.

This is considered the best balance between community affordability and sticking to the financial strategy which gives us the best chance of maintaining our financial credit rating. This in turn keeps the cost of Council borrowing as low as possible; this is critically important as we enter a period of increased borrowing.

The Long-Term Plan 2024-34 forecast net external debt for the 2026/27 financial year was \$639.8 million. This budget contains a net debt forecast level of \$573.4 million.

Compliance with Financial Strategy

The Council's financial strategy contained within the Long-Term Plan 2024-34 sets out limits on rate requirements, rates increases and debt levels.

The disclosure statement on page 28 shows that this Annual Plan has been set within all Financial Strategy Limits, other than the balanced budget benchmark (which was forecast in the LTP).

The Things Council Provides

Local Infrastructure	Local Public Services	Regulatory Functions
<p>THE THINGS WE DO INCLUDE:</p> <p>Network Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water supply services. • Urban stormwater drainage. • Sewage collection, treatment and disposal. • Development and maintenance of roads, footpaths and pathways. • Provision of regional landfill, transfer stations and related services. • Provision of services for land development. <p>Community Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of cemeteries, parks, libraries and recreational assets. • Provision of cultural and visitor facilities. • Property development/Business Investment – on a business case basis. 	<p>THE THINGS WE DO INCLUDE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing for elderly in need. • Refuse collection / disposal and related services. • Library services. • Community safety initiatives. • Services aligned to recreation, cultural and visitor infrastructural investment. • Project based work on economic and social priorities. • Governance and support services. • Emergency incident response. 	<p>THE THINGS WE DO INCLUDE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food hygiene inspections. • Dog and animal control. • Noise and liquor control • Building regulation. • Review monitor and enforce land use regulations. • Public health and public nuisance inspections. • Parking control. • Any function provided for under legislation.

AND THE PROVISION OF SUCH OTHER SERVICES AND FACILITIES THAT HAVE COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Above is a high-level outline of the activities of Council grouped by their predominant function. The Council has grouped these activities into six logical “groups of activities” as required by the Local Government Act 2002 for the purpose of reporting the Council contribution toward community wellbeing, as outlined in the following section.

Groups of Activities

What the Council is planning to do during year three of the Long-Term Plan is outlined within the Long-Term Plan document (groups of activities section). There you will find the major projects and key actions.

Introduction

The Council provides a wide range of services and facilities for people living in the Hastings District. These services – called Activities – help to make Hastings District a safer, healthier, easier and more enjoyable place to live. They include things like roads, underground services, libraries, parks, swimming pools, regulatory (bylaws) to name a few.

We have 26 activities which have been consolidated into six broad groups of activities:

- Water
 - Water Supply
 - Stormwater Drainage
 - Sewerage and the treatment and disposal of sewage
- Roads and Footpaths
- Safe, Healthy and Liveable Communities
- Economic and Community Development
- Governance and Support Services
- Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery

In this section (for each group of activities) is an outline of the costs and key variances compared with Year Three of the Long-Term Plan.



HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL: FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT FOR 2026-27 (WHOLE OF COUNCIL)				
LTP 25/26 \$'000		LTP 26/27 \$'000	Annual Plan 26/27 \$'000	Variance \$'000
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING				
89,111	General Rates, uniform annual general charge, rates penalties	99,716	100,651	935
66,101	Targeted Rates	72,343	65,665	(6,678)
8,388	Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	8,298	8,732	434
48,513	Fees and charges	50,382	44,112	(6,270)
174	Interest and dividends from investments	178	174	(4)
1,144	Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	1,168	1,332	164
213,431	TOTAL OPERATING FUNDING (A)	232,085	220,666	(11,419)
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING				
134,416	Payments to staff and suppliers	136,043	143,736	(7,693)
28,096	Finance costs	32,637	23,066	9,571
11,038	Other operating funding applications	9,417	11,700	(2,283)
173,550	TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING (B)	178,097	178,502	(405)
39,881	Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A-B)	53,988	42,164	(11,824)
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING				
119,498	Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	101,666	117,509	15,843
8,554	Development and financial contributions	10,585	5,651	(4,934)
83,641	Increase (decrease) in debt	64,512	79,745	15,233
5,398	Gross proceeds from sale of assets	3,428	622	(2,806)
50	Lump sum contributions	52	61	9
	Other dedicated capital funding			
217,141	TOTAL SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING (C)	180,243	203,588	23,345
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING				
	Capital expenditure			
23,304	To meet additional demand	19,228	24,956	(5,728)
44,956	To improve the level of service	32,471	34,037	(1,566)
186,998	To replace existing assets	181,534	184,856	(3,322)
	Internal interest		140	(140)
	Increase (decrease) in reserves			
1,763	Increase (decrease) of investments	998	1,763	(765)
257,022	TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING (D)	234,231	245,752	(11,521)
(39,881)	Surplus (deficit) of Capital funding (C-D)	(53,988)	(42,164)	11,824
	FUNDING BALANCE ((A-B)+(C-D))	-		

Water Services

This group of Council activities covers our core assets within the three waters and has a predominant focus on ensuring the safety and health of our people and the environment.

OUR JOB IS TO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain and enhance public health and safety
WHAT WE DO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water supply services Urban stormwater drainage Sewage collection, treatment and disposal
KEY ACTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement water security and optimisation programme. Enhancements to Havelock North streams Rollout stormwater quality improvement programme Rollout of wastewater rising main and trunk main renewal programme Rollout of new wastewater arterial pipe Implement critical Wastewater Treatment Plant renewals
COMMUNITY OUTCOMES WE AIM TO ACHIEVE
HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT AND PEOPLE (ENVIRONMENTAL WELLBEING)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The natural environment is enhanced and protected Council services are green and healthy Water and land resources are used wisely

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL: FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT FOR 2026-27 FOR WATER SUPPLY

LTP 25/26 \$'000		LTP 26/27 \$'000	Annual Plan 26/27 \$'000	Variance \$'000
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING				
164	General Rates, uniform annual general charge, rates penalties	167	161	(6)
21,444	Targeted Rates	24,348	21,651	(2,697)
-	Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
772	Fees and charges	796	751	(44)
6,809	Internal charges and overheads recovered	7,000	7,294	294
-	Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
29,189	TOTAL OPERATING FUNDING (A)	32,310	29,857	(2,453)
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING				
12,224	Payments to staff and suppliers	12,531	11,564	967
6,909	Finance costs	7,827	5,801	2,026
5,349	Internal charges and overheads applied	5,532	6,381	(849)
41	Other operating funding applications	42	56	(14)
24,523	TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING (B)	25,932	23,802	2,130
4,666	Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A-B)	6,378	6,056	(322)
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING				
-	Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
1,500	Development and financial contributions	1,832	904	(928)
21,747	Increase (decrease) in debt	10,982	11,854	871
71	Gross proceeds from sale of assets	129	124	(5)
26	Lump sum contributions	26	36	10
-	Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
23,344	TOTAL SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING (C)	12,970	12,918	(52)
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING				
Capital expenditure				
4,184	To meet additional demand	-	1,195	(1,195)
7,186	To improve the level of service	5,179	4,455	723
16,640	To replace existing assets	14,170	13,324	846
-	Increase (decrease) in reserves	-	-	-
-	Increase (decrease) of investments	-	-	-
28,010	TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING (D)	19,348	18,974	375
(4,666)	Surplus (deficit) of Capital funding (C-D)	(6,378)	(6,056)	323
-	FUNDING BALANCE ((A-B)+(C-D))	-	-	-

Note: Levels of Service are unchanged from those outlined in the Long-Term Plan 2024/34

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL: FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT FOR 2026-27 FOR STORMWATER DRAINAGE

LTP 25/26 \$'000		LTP 26/27 \$'000	Annual Plan 26/27 \$'000	Variance \$'000
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING				
6,510	General Rates, uniform annual general charge, rates penalties	7,110	6,305	(805)
23	Targeted Rates	23	906	883
-	Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
127	Fees and charges	131	150	19
14	Internal charges and overheads recovered	15	14	(1)
-	Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
6,675	TOTAL OPERATING FUNDING (A)	7,279	7,376	97
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING				
2,107	Payments to staff and suppliers	2,170	2,113	57
1,502	Finance costs	1,786	1,495	291
1,784	Internal charges and overheads applied	1,834	1,872	(38)
77	Other operating funding applications	79	102	(23)
5,469	TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING (B)	5,869	5,582	287
1,206	Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A-B)	1,410	1,793	383
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING				
4,112	Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	5,295	1,440	(3,855)
1,078	Development and financial contributions	1,316	149	(1,167)
8,832	Increase (decrease) in debt	5,161	16,556	11,395
-	Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
-	Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
-	Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
14,022	TOTAL SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING (C)	11,772	18,146	6,374
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING				
Capital expenditure				
3,480	To meet additional demand	2,468	9,443	(6,975)
9,877	To improve the level of service	9,046	9,087	(41)
1,871	To replace existing assets	1,668	1,409	259
-	Increase (decrease) in reserves	-	-	-
-	Increase (decrease) of investments	-	-	-
15,228	TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING (D)	13,182	19,939	(6,757)
(1,206)	Surplus (deficit) of Capital funding (C-D)	(1,410)	(1,793)	(383)
	FUNDING BALANCE ((A-B)+(C-D))			

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL: FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT FOR 2026-27 FOR SEWERAGE AND THE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE

LTP 25/26 \$'000		LTP 26/27 \$'000	Annual Plan 26/27 \$'000	Variance \$'000
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING				
770	General Rates, uniform annual general charge, rates penalties	839	795	(44)
16,724	Targeted Rates	21,010	17,869	(3,141)
-	Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
4,058	Fees and charges	4,785	3,969	(816)
4,425	Internal charges and overheads recovered	5,145	4,286	(859)
-	Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
25,977	TOTAL OPERATING FUNDING (A)	31,779	26,920	(4,859)
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING				
6,363	Payments to staff and suppliers	6,549	6,239	310
4,120	Finance costs	5,359	3,755	1,604
7,557	Internal charges and overheads applied	8,364	7,673	691
109	Other operating funding applications	113	138	(25)
18,149	TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING (B)	20,385	17,804	2,581
7,828	Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A-B)	11,394	9,116	(2,278)
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING				
3,747	Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
3,439	Development and financial contributions	4,345	1,761	(2,585)
30,939	Increase (decrease) in debt	23,621	26,206	2,585
-	Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
25	Lump sum contributions	25	25	()
-	Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
38,149	TOTAL SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING (C)	27,992	27,991	(1)
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING				
Capital expenditure				
12,822	To meet additional demand	8,863	9,793	(930)
2,234	To improve the level of service	1,990	1,430	560
30,920	To replace existing assets	28,533	25,885	2,648
-	Increase (decrease) in reserves	-	-	-
-	Increase (decrease) of investments	-	-	-
45,977	TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING (D)	39,386	37,107	2,279
(7,828)	Surplus (deficit) of Capital funding (C-D)	(11,394)	(9,116)	2,278
	FUNDING BALANCE ((A-B)+(C-D))			

Roads & Footpaths

This group of Council activities covers our core transport assets with a predominant focus on accessibility and safety.

OUR JOB IS TO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move people and goods around safely and efficiently
WHAT WE DO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development and maintenance of roads, footpaths and pathways
KEY ACTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen key bridges to allow continued heavy vehicle access. Focussed delivery of Cyclone Gabrielle recovery projects Implement safety treatments on high-risk rural routes and urban intersections Road pavement renewals in both urban and rural areas
COMMUNITY OUTCOMES WE AIM TO ACHIEVE
SUFFICIENT AND SUPPORTIVE ECONOMY (ECONOMIC WELLBEING)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The transport network links people and opportunities. We enable employment and growth

Note: Levels of service are unchanged from those outlined in the Long-Term Plan 2024/34.

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL: FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT FOR 2026-27 FOR ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

LTP 25/26		LTP 26/27	Annual Plan 26/27	Variance
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING				
25,985	General Rates, uniform annual general charge, rates penalties	27,633	25,026	(2,606)
696	Targeted Rates	825	608	(217)
8,106	Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	8,259	8,665	406
2,254	Fees and charges	2,301	2,299	(2)
5,317	Internal charges and overheads recovered	5,472	5,646	175
533	Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	544	725	181
42,890	TOTAL OPERATING FUNDING (A)	45,032	42,969	(2,063)
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING				
19,143	Payments to staff and suppliers	19,367	19,347	19
1,612	Finance costs	1,709	1,469	240
7,980	Internal charges and overheads applied	8,259	9,569	(1,310)
17	Other operating funding applications	18	18	()
28,752	TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING (B)	29,352	30,404	(1,051)
14,138	Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A-B)	15,680	12,566	(3,114)
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING				
14,285	Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	16,957	15,519	(1,438)
1,838	Development and financial contributions	2,180	2,247	67
2,423	Increase (decrease) in debt	2,056	(852)	(2,908)
41	Gross proceeds from sale of assets	40	39	(1)
-	Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
-	Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
18,587	TOTAL SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING (C)	21,233	16,953	(4,280)
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING				
Capital expenditure				
1,919	To meet additional demand	3,588	190	3,398
7,959	To improve the level of service	8,372	8,011	361
22,848	To replace existing assets	24,953	21,318	3,635
-	Increase (decrease) in reserves	-	-	-
-	Increase (decrease) of investments	-	-	-
32,725	TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING (D)	36,913	29,519	7,394
(14,138)	Surplus (deficit) of Capital funding (C-D)	(15,680)	(12,566)	3,114
FUNDING BALANCE ((A-B)+(C-D))				

Safe, Healthy & Liveable Communities

This group of Council activities represents the balance of Council’s activities focused on ensuring the safety and health of our people and the environment, along with making our communities places where people want to live.

OUR JOB IS TO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain and enhance public health and safety Manage the use of land Reduce public nuisance and threats to public safety Provide a range of accessible social, cultural and recreational activity
WHAT WE DO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refuse collection and disposal Food hygiene inspections Public health nuisance services (dog and noise control) Safe and sanitary building services Public toilet facilities and cleaning Review, monitor and enforce land use regulations Planning and response services for hazards and emergencies Parks, reserves, swimming pool and library service provision Art exhibitions, national/international shows and local performance Housing services for elderly in need Indoor recreational venues

KEY ACTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Omarunui Landfill expansion stage 1
COMMUNITY OUTCOMES WE AIM TO ACHIEVE
<p>HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT AND PEOPLE (ENVIRONMENTAL WELLBEING)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council services are green and healthy. Sustainable development is encouraged, and carbon emissions are reduced. The natural environment is enhanced and protected. Water and land resources are used wisely. <p>SAFE AND INCLUSIVE PLACE (SOCIAL WELLBEING)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communities are safe and resilient. <p>VIBRANT PLACE TO LIVE, PLAY AND VISIT (CULTURAL WELLBEING)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are great spaces for all people

Note: Levels of service are unchanged from those outlined in the Long-Term Plan 2024/34.

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL: FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT FOR 2026-27 FOR SAFE,HEALTHY AND LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES

LTP 25/26 \$'000		LTP 26/27 \$'000	Annual 26/27 \$'000	Variance \$'000
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING				
56,225	General Rates, uniform annual general charge, rates penalties	57,376	54,606	(2,770)
9,409	Targeted Rates	8,152	8,575	423
39	Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	40	28	(12)
40,397	Fees and charges	41,551	35,766	(5,785)
19,648	Internal charges and overheads recovered	20,133	24,790	4,657
30	Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	30	26	(4)
125,748	TOTAL OPERATING FUNDING (A)	127,282	123,792	(3,490)
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING				
65,858	Payments to staff and suppliers	67,311	69,452	(2,141)
6,176	Finance costs	6,453	5,512	941
30,998	Internal charges and overheads applied	31,850	31,145	705
7,502	Other operating funding applications	6,093	7,064	(971)
110,534	TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING (B)	111,707	113,173	(1,466)
15,214	Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A-B)	15,575	10,618	(4,957)
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING				
3,194	Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	1,459	1,500	41
700	Development and financial contributions	912	590	(322)
889	Increase (decrease) in debt	(3,196)	8,614	11,810
5,130	Gross proceeds from sale of assets	3,049	222	(2,827)
-	Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
-	Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
9,913	TOTAL SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING (C)	2,224	10,926	8,702
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING				
Capital expenditure				
899	To meet additional demand	4,309	4,335	(26)
16,933	To improve the level of service	6,577	10,004	(3,427)
7,295	To replace existing assets	6,913	7,206	(293)
-	Increase (decrease) in reserves	-	-	-
-	Increase (decrease) of investments	-	-	-
25,127	TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING (D)	17,799	21,545	(3,746)
(15,214)	Surplus (deficit) of Capital funding (C-D)	(15,575)	(10,618)	4,957
FUNDING BALANCE ((A-B)+(C-D))				



Economic & Community Development

This group of Council activities is focussed on creating the conditions for community wellbeing, the economic and social prosperity of our people and the communities within which they live.

OUR JOB IS TO

- Make available land for industrial, commercial and residential growth
- Work with partners to grow business and jobs
- Support visitor attraction
- Develop long term plans for our communities

WHAT WE DO

- Planning for district development and ensuring availability of serviced land
- Planning urban centres and neighbourhoods (Place Based Plans)
- Planning together with mana whenua
- Working with young people and older people
- Community safety initiatives
- Provision of visitor facilities (i-site, Holiday Park)
- Economic and social development research and planning
- Empowering communities to do things for themselves
- Project based work focused on business investment and jobs
 - business attraction
 - connecting schools with industry and unemployed people with jobs
 - increasing migrant business investment
 - improving the value of land-based horticulture and agriculture products
 - advancing E-commerce initiatives

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES WE AIM TO ACHIEVE

SUFFICIENT AND SUPPORTIVE ECONOMY (ECONOMIC WELLBEING)

- We enable employment and growth.
- Housing supply matches need.

VIBRANT PLACE TO LIVE, PLAY AND VISIT (CULTURAL WELLBEING)

- There are great spaces for all people.

SAFE AND INCLUSIVE PLACE (SOCIAL WELLBEING)

- Communities are safe and resilient.
- There are pathways for youth.

Note: Levels of service are unchanged from those outlined in the Long-Term Plan 2024/34.

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL: FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT FOR 2026-27 FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

LTP 25/26 \$'000		LTP 26/27 \$'000	Annual Plan 26/27 \$'000	Variance \$'000
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING				
12,734	General Rates, uniform annual general charge, rates penalties	13,374	16,027	2,652
475	Targeted Rates	482	475	(7)
243	Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	39	39
351	Fees and charges	358	590	231
-	Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
-	Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
13,804	TOTAL OPERATING FUNDING (A)	14,215	17,131	2,916
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING				
9,823	Payments to staff and suppliers	9,035	10,720	(1,685)
14	Finance costs	13	397	(384)
3,251	Internal charges and overheads applied	3,344	3,232	112
1,761	Other operating funding applications	1,788	2,995	(1,207)
14,848	TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING (B)	14,180	17,344	(3,164)
(1,044)	Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A-B)	35	(213)	(248)
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING				
-	Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	25	25
-	Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
1,064	Increase (decrease) in debt	(6)	458	464
27	Gross proceeds from sale of assets	19	20	1
-	Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
-	Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
1,090	TOTAL SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING (C)	13	503	490
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING				
Capital expenditure				
-	To meet additional demand	-	-	-
-	To improve the level of service	-	-	-
46	To replace existing assets	48	290	(242)
-	Increase (decrease) in reserves	-	-	-
-	Increase (decrease) of investments	-	-	-
46	TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING (D)	48	290	(242)
1,044	Surplus (deficit) of Capital funding (C-D)	(35)	213	248
FUNDING BALANCE ((A-B)+(C-D))				



Governance & Support Services

This group of Council activities is focused on the governance and support services which assist with the on-ground service delivery, customer contact with Council and the general operations of the Council.

OUR JOB IS TO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make open, inclusive and effective decisions • Ensure easy access to Council knowledge and services • Ensure prudent financial management
WHAT WE DO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal support services within Hastings District Council • Face to face assistance via customer service centre • Telephone and email enquiries via contact centre • Electronic communication via Council website • Support and advice to elected members and Chief Executive office
KEY ACTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase customer self-help options and online payment options via the Council website and other social networking tools • Minimising customer wait times and implementing customer experience project • Facilitate local body elections
COMMUNITY OUTCOMES WE AIM TO ACHIEVE
<p>SAFE AND INCLUSIVE PLACE (SOCIAL WELLBEING)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart innovation connects citizens and services

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL: FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT FOR 2026-27 FOR GOVERNANCE AND SUPPORT				
LTP 25/26 \$'000		LTP 26/27 \$'000	Annual Plan 26/27 \$'000	Variance \$'000
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING				
(13,275)	General Rates, uniform annual general charge, rates penalties	(6,783)	(2,271)	4,512
159	Targeted Rates	163	1,811	1,648
	Subsidies and grants for operating purposes			
554	Fees and charges	461	586	125
24,070	Internal charges and overheads recovered	24,813	25,495	682
756	Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	771	756	(15)
12,264	TOTAL OPERATING FUNDING (A)	19,425	26,376	6,951
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING				
17,623	Payments to staff and suppliers	17,631	23,383	(5,752)
4,649	Finance costs	5,632	2,568	3,065
5,547	Internal charges and overheads applied	5,674	5,837	(163)
1,531	Other operating funding applications	1,284	1,328	(44)
29,351	TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING (B)	30,222	33,116	(2,894)
(17,087)	Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A-B)	(10,797)	(6,740)	4,057
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING				
	Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure			
	Development and financial contributions			
20,271	Increase (decrease) in debt	14,738	10,936	(3,802)
129	Gross proceeds from sale of assets	192	217	25
	Lump sum contributions			
	Other dedicated capital funding			
20,399	TOTAL SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING (C)	14,930	11,153	-3,777
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING				
	Capital expenditure			
	To meet additional demand			
	To improve the level of service			
1,549	To replace existing assets	3,135	2,650	486
	Increase (decrease) in reserves			
1,763	Increase (decrease) of investments	998	1,763	(765)
3,312	TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING (D)	4,133	4,413	(280)
17,087	Surplus (deficit) of Capital funding (C-D)	10,797	6,740	(4,057)
	FUNDING BALANCE ((A-B)+(C-D))			

Note: Levels of service are unchanged from those outlined in the Long-Term Plan 2024/34.

Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery

This group of Council activities is focused on the recovery activities associated with Cyclone Gabrielle.

OUR JOB IS TO

- Administer the property buyout process from initial offer to final settlement.
- Ensure that communities have appropriate accessibility and that the transport network facilitates economic activity across the district.

WHAT WE DO

- Use systems and processes to administer property applications through to final settlement.
- Administer any other matters associated with the activity such as building demolitions and future maintenance costs.
- Continued rollout of the Cyclone Gabrielle transport recovery plan in conjunction with New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA). (Note: the management of the activity resides in the Roads and Footpaths group of activity. The net recovery cost resides here for funding purposes and transparency).

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES WE AIM TO ACHIEVE

SAFE AND INCLUSIVE PLACE (SOCIAL WELLBEING)

- Our communities are safe and resilient.

SUFFICIENT AND SUPPORTIVE ECONOMY (ECONOMIC WELLBEING)

- The transport network links people, goods, and opportunities.

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL: FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT FOR 2026-27 FOR CYCLONE RECOVERY

LTP 25/26 \$'000		LTP 26/27 \$'000	Annual Plan 26/27 \$'000	Variance \$'000
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING				
-	General Rates, uniform annual general charge, rates penalties		(2)	(2)
17,170	Targeted Rates	17,340	13,770	(3,570)
	Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		-	-
	Fees and charges		-	-
-	Internal charges and overheads recovered		-	-
	Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts		-	-
17,170	TOTAL OPERATING FUNDING (A)	17,340	13,768	(3,572)
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING				
1,275	Payments to staff and suppliers	1,450	916	534
3,115	Finance costs	3,856	2,071	1,786
920	Internal charges and overheads applied	920	1,113	(193)
	Other operating funding applications		-	-
5,310	TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING (B)	6,227	4,100	2,127
11,860	Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A-B)	11,113	9,668	(1,445)
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING				
94,160	Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	77,955	99,025	21,070
-	Development and financial contributions		-	-
(2,525)	Increase (decrease) in debt	11,155	5,975	(5,180)
	Gross proceeds from sale of assets		-	-
-	Lump sum contributions		-	-
-	Other dedicated capital funding		-	-
91,635	TOTAL SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING (C)	89,110	105,000	15,890
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING				
	Capital expenditure			
	To meet additional demand		-	-
768	To improve the level of service	1,307	1,050	257
102,728	To replace existing assets	98,916	113,618	(14,702)
-	Increase (decrease) in reserves		-	-
-	Increase (decrease) of investments		-	-
103,495	TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING (D)	100,223	114,668	(14,445)
(11,860)	Surplus (deficit) of Capital funding (C-D)	(11,113)	(9,668)	1,445
	FUNDING BALANCE ((A-B)+(C-D))			

Note: Levels of service are unchanged from those outlined in the Long-Term Plan 2024/34.

Financial Statements

PROSPECTIVE STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE

Annual Plan 25/26 \$'000		LTP (Yr3) 26/27 \$'000	Annual Plan 26/27 \$'000	Variance \$'000
Revenue will be derived from:				
155,043	Rates	172,059	166,316	(5,743)
49,998	Fees and charges	50,956	44,862	(6,094)
5,601	Development and financial Contributions	10,636	5,712	(4,924)
135,840	Subsidies and Grants	109,961	126,238	16,277
3	Donations	3	3	
756	Other revenue	771	756	(15)
1,000	Vested Infrastructural Assets	1,055	1,000	(55)
348,241	TOTAL REVENUE	345,442	344,887	(555)
Expenditure will be incurred on:				
152,879	Operational Costs	148,659	154,734	(6,075)
64,935	Depreciation and amortisation	66,842	65,027	1,815
21,885	Finance Costs	32,637	23,066	9,571
239,699	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	248,138	242,827	5,311
	Unrealised Loss (Gain) on Sw aps			
	Fair value loss on other valuations			
108,542	NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	97,304	102,059	4,755
Other comprehensive income:				
88,179	Gains (Losses) on Infrastructural revaluations	75,235	88,179	(12,944)
88,179	Total Other Comprehensive Revenue & Expense	75,235	88,179	(12,944)
196,721	Total Comprehensive Revenue & Expense	172,539	190,238	(8,189)

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Annual Plan 25/26 \$'000		LTP (Yr3) 26/27 \$'000	Annual Plan 26/27 \$'000	Variance \$'000
1. Rates revenue				
66,828	General Rate	72,353	73,211	858
18,171	Community & Resource Rate	19,533	19,549	16
7,700	Uniform Annual General Charge	7,690	7,891	201
	Targeted Rates			-
17,170	Cyclone Recovery rate	17,340	13,770	(3,570)
149	Havelock North Business Association	149	149	()
166	Swimming Pools	163	176	13
206	Havelock North Parking	408	208	(200)
327	Hastings City Marketing	333	327	(6)
441	Security Patrols	485	471	(14)
320	CBD Hastings	334	320	(14)
80	CBD Havelock North	83	80	(3)
	Civil Defence		1,635	
23	Waimarama Seawall	23	23	
12,905	Wastewater	17,904	14,884	(3,020)
54	Waipatiki Wastewater	56	54	(2)
	Waipatiki Wastewater Capital	-	109	109
2,816	Wastewater Levy (80%)	3,049	2,822	(227)
18,540	Water Supply - Rating Area One	22,479	19,780	(2,699)
4,723	Kerbside Refuse Collection	5,071	5,052	(19)
2,563	Kerbside Recycling	2,514	3,013	499
47	Waimarama Refuse Collection	82	39	(43)
	Stormwater Whakatu		883	883
	Water meter Charges		-	-
1,815	Water Supply - Rating Area One	1,870	1,871	1
	Change in Targeted Rates Reserves	140	()	(140)
155,043	Total Rates Revenue	172,059	166,316	(7,377)
	27% Level of Uniform Charges (30% Maximum)	26%	26%	

Annual Plan 25/26 \$'000	LTP (Yr3) 26/27 \$'000	Annual Plan 26/27 \$'000	Variance \$'000
3. Total Operating Expenditure includes:			
1,143	1,170	1,143	27
49,124	46,942	50,762	(3,820)
6,415	5,839	5,371	468
743	738	773	(35)
229			
	257	229	28
	99	100	(1)
21,885	32,637	23,066	9,571
1	2	2	(0)
36	36	36	
64,935	66,842	65,027	1,815
	-	-	-
14,263	13,231	14,657	(1,426)
5,866	6,104	5,810	294
53,364	53,688	56,684	(2,996)
1,718	1,710	1,811	(101)
-229	276	(137)	413
1,982	1,725	1,974	(249)
5,340	2,921	6,902	(3,981)
12,882			
	13,922	8,616	5,306
239,697	248,139	242,827	5,312
4. Depreciation Expense includes:			
1,363	1,460	1,363	97
2,999	3,213	2,999	214
228	233	228	5
1,775	1,651	1,866	(215)
180	185	180	5
1,365	1,233	1,365	(132)
558	151	141	10
8,468	8,126	8,143	(17)
7,838	8,260	7,838	422
11,627	16,123	11,627	4,496
6,579	7,406	6,579	827
24,503	21,593	24,503	(2,910)
4,299	3,297	4,299	(1,002)
54,846	56,679	54,847	1,832
Amortisation			
1,620	2,037	2,037	-
64,934	66,842	65,027	1,815



PROSPECTIVE STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS/EQUITY

Annual Plan 25/26 \$'000	LTP (Yr3) 26/27 \$'000	Annual Plan 26/27 \$'000
3,000,600	3,060,944	3,197,321
Public Equity at the Start of the Period		
196,721	172,539	190,238
Total Comprehensive Revenue		
3,197,321	3,233,483	3,387,559
Public Equity at the End of the Period		



PROSPECTIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Annual Plan 25/26 \$'000	LTP (Yr3) 26/27 \$'000	Annual Plan 26/27 \$'000
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
1,830		5,747
Cash & cash equivalents	2,947	
34,824		34,489
Debtors and other receivables	34,544	
76		76
Inventories	76	
Derivative Financial Instruments		
Non-current assets held for sale		
36,730	37,567	40,312
Non Current Assets		
Derivative Financial Instruments		
1,063		1,063
Investments in associates and other entities	1,063	
15		15
Investments in Council Controlled Organisations	15	
13,313		15,076
Investments in other entities	14,311	
-		
Other Non Current Assets		
14,391	15,389	16,154
467,188	513,289	464,386
Plant, property and equipment		
3,289,391	3,363,836	3,503,845
Infrastructural Assets		
Biological assets		
1,620	2,037	2,037
Intangible Assets		
3,809,320	3,932,118	4,026,734
Total Assets Employed		
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Current Liabilities		
Bank Overdraft		
49,902	47,180	49,374
Creditors and other payables		
5,356	5,057	5,402
Employee Entitlements		
-		2,574
Derivative Financial Liabilities		
96,000	50,000	96,000
Borrowings and other financial liabilities		
151,258	102,237	153,350
Non Current Liabilities		
Provisions	2,336	3,097
2,311		
Employee Benefit Liabilities	785	785
772		
Derivative Financial Liabilities	3,500	4,509
4,655		
Borrowings and other financial liabilities	589,778	477,434
453,003		
	596,399	485,825
460,741		
Public Equity		
Accumulated funds	1,701,326	1,695,634
1,541,458		
Restricted Reserves	7,970	4,764
4,621		
Revaluation Reserves	1,524,187	1,687,162
1,651,242		
3,197,321	3,233,483	3,387,559
3,809,320	3,932,119	4,026,734
Total Funds Employed		

PROSPECTIVE STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

Annual Plan 25/26 \$'000	LTP (Yr3) 26/27 \$'000	Annual Plan 26/27 \$'000
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
<i>Cash will be provided from</i>		
155,043	172,059	166,316
59,717	62,075	51,665
151,876	109,964	126,241
366,636	344,099	344,222
<i>Cash was applied to</i>		
160,352	149,740	155,262
21,885	32,637	23,066
182,237	182,377	178,329
184,399	161,722	165,893
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
<i>Cash was provided from</i>		
738	3,428	622
738	3,428	622
<i>Cash was applied to</i>		
264,221	230,034	244,751
1,763	998	1,763
265,984	231,032	246,514
(265,246)	(227,604)	(245,892)
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
<i>Cash was provided from</i>		
150,677	128,012	175,745
<i>Cash was applied to</i>		
74,000	61,000	96,000
76,677	67,012	79,745
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Reconciliation of Cash Flows		
(4,170)	1,130	(253)
6,000	1,817	6,000
1,830	2,947	5,747

GROSS PUBLIC DEBT SUMMARY

Annual Plan 25/26 \$'000	LTP (Yr3) 26/27 \$'000	Annual Plan 26/27 \$'000
485,000	585,007	507,000
151,314	128,146	178,830
(74,000)	(61,000)	(96,000)
562,314	652,153	589,830
Gross Debt Closing Balance		
Comprises:		
549,003	639,778	573,434
13,311	12,375	16,396
562,314	652,153	589,830
Gross Public Debt		
External Debt Comprises:		
96,000	50,000	96,000
453,003	589,778	477,434
549,003	639,778	573,434

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Annual Plan 25/26 \$'000		LTP (Yr3) 26/27 \$'000	Annual Plan 26/27 \$'000
14.76%	Public Debt to Total Assets	16.59%	14.65%
83.93%	Equity to Total Assets	82.23%	84.13%
Treasury Policy Limits			
17.17%	Net Debt as a percentage of equity (<20%)	19.79%	16.93%
244.22%	Net Debt as a percentage of revenue (<250%) *	256.94%	240.42%
6.41%	Net Interest as a percentage of revenue (<15%)	9.78%	6.82%
14.12%	Net Interest as a percentage of rates revenue (<20%)	18.97%	13.87%
115.00%	Liquidity (<i>Between 110% and 170 %</i>)	119%	111.47%
160.16%	Net Debt as a percentage of revenue (<250%) **	171.49%	167.87%
562,314	Gross Debt	652,153	589,830
13,311	Less: Internal Borrowings	12,375	16,396
549,003	External Net Debt	639,778	573,434

*Note - this excludes non-recurring revenue

**Note - inclusive of non-recurring revenue

Disclosures

Reporting Entity

Hastings District Council ('the Council') is a territorial authority within the definition of the Local Government Act 2002 and domiciled in New Zealand. No changes have been made to Council as a reporting entity from that outlined within the 2024/34 Long Term Plan.

The primary objective of the Council is to provide goods and services for the community or social benefit rather than making a financial return. Accordingly, the Council has designated itself and the group as public benefit entities for the purpose of New Zealand accounting standards issued by the External Reporting Board.

The financial information contained within the Annual Plan may not be appropriate for purposes other than those described.

Basis of Preparation

The Council, who are authorised to do so believe that the assumptions underlying these forecast financial statements are appropriate, adopted the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 on 25 March 2026. The Council and management of the Hastings District Council accept responsibility for the preparation of their forecast financial statements, including the appropriateness of the assumptions underlying the prospective financial statements and all other required disclosures. Note: The assumptions which underpin the Long-Term Plan 2024/34 are still considered current and based on best information. These have been used in the development of the Annual Plan 2026/27. No actual financial results have been incorporated within the prospective financial statements.

Statement of Compliance

The prospective financial statements are for the council as a separate legal entity and have been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002.

The prospective financial statements comply with PBE Standards and have been prepared in accordance with Tier 1 PBE Standards.

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these prospective financial statements.

Measurement Base

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost, modified by the revaluation of certain classes of property, plant and equipment, and financial instruments (including derivative instruments).

Functional and Presentation Currency

The prospective financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$'000). The functional currency of the Council is New Zealand dollars.

Changes in Accounting Policies

All standards, interpretations and amendments approved but not yet effective in the current year are either not applicable to Council or are not expected to have a material impact on the financial statements of Council and, therefore, have not been disclosed.

There have been no other changes in accounting policies.

Accounting assumptions and all other policies applied in the Annual Plan 2026/27 are consistent with disclosures outlined within the 2024/34 Long Term Plan except for additional external cyclone road recovery funding which has been updated to reflect revised information.

Cautionary Note

The information in the prospective financial statements is uncertain, and the preparation requires the exercise of judgement. Actual financial results achieved for the period covered are likely to vary from the information presented, and the variations may be material. Events and circumstances may not occur as expected or may not have been predicted or the Council may subsequently take actions that differ from the proposed course of action on which the forecast financial statements are based. The information contained within these forecast financial statements may not be suitable for use in another capacity.

Review of Forecasts

The Long-Term Plan forecast was reviewed as part of the Annual Plan budget process.



Annual Plan disclosure statement – for the year ending 30 June 2027

What is the purpose of this statement?

The purpose of this statement is to disclose the Council’s planned financial performance in relation to various benchmarks to enable the assessment of whether the Council is prudently managing its revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities, and general financial dealings.

The Council is required to include this statement in its Annual Plan in accordance with the Local Government Financial Reporting and Prudence Regulations 2014 (the regulations).

Benchmark Classification	Limit	LTP 2024/34 YR3	Annual Plan 26/27	Benchmark Met
Rates affordability benchmark				
Increases	≤10%	10.0%	5.9%	Yes
Debt affordability benchmark				
Net debt as a % of equity	<20%	19.79%	16.93%	Yes
Net debt as a % of income (i)	<250%	256.94%	240.42%	Yes
Net interest as a % of income	<15%	9.78%	6.82%	Yes
Net interest as a % of annual rates income	<20%	18.97%	13.87%	Yes
Liquidity	110 – 170%	119%	111.47%	Yes
Mandatory benchmarks				
Balanced budget benchmark (ii)	>100%	98%	97%	No
Essential services benchmark (iii)	>100%	390%	320%	Yes
Debt servicing benchmark	<10%	9.8%	7.0%	Yes

Note (i): The Council is using modified ratios above based on sustainable revenue - which excludes one-off external funding. If the official measure is used the planned debt to income ratio is 167.87%.

Note (ii): The Council is using modified ratios above based on sustainable revenue - which excludes one-off external funding. If the official measure is used the planned Balanced Budget is met at 134%.

Note (iii): The Essential Services benchmark is significantly exceeded due to the large Capital works programme associated with the recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle.

Notes:

1) Rates affordability benchmark

- 1) For this benchmark:
 - a) The council's planned rates income for the year is compared with a quantified limit on rates contained in the financial strategy included in the council's long-term plan; and
 - b) The council's planned rates increase for the year are compared with a quantified limit on rates increases for the year contained in the financial strategy included in the council's long-term plan.
- 2) The council meets the rates affordability benchmark if:
 - a) Its planned rates income for the year equals or is less than each quantified limit on rates; and
 - b) It's planned increases for the year equal or are less than each quantified limit on rates increases.

2) Debt affordability benchmark

- 1) For this benchmark, the Councils planned borrowing is compared with quantified limits on borrowing contained in the financial strategy included in the council's long-term plan.
- 2) The council meets the debt affordability benchmark if its planned borrowing is within each quantified limit on borrowing.

3) Balanced budget benchmark

- 1) For this benchmark, the councils planned revenue (excluding development contributions, vested assets, financial contributions, gains on derivative financial instruments, and revaluations of property, plant, or equipment) is presented as a proportion of its planned operating expenses (excluding losses on derivative financial instruments and revaluations of property, plant, or equipment).
- 2) The council meets the balanced budget benchmark if its revenue equals or is greater than its operating expenses.

4) Essential services benchmark

- 1) For this benchmark, the council's planned capital expenditure on network services is presented as a proportion of expected depreciation on network services.

- 2) The council meets the essential services benchmark if its planned capital expenditure on network services equals or is greater than expected depreciation on network services.

5) Debt servicing benchmark

- 1) For this benchmark, the council's planned borrowing costs are presented as a proportion of planned revenue (excluding development contributions, financial contributions, vested assets, gains on derivative financial instruments, and revaluations of property, plant or equipment).
- 2) Because Statistics New Zealand projects that the council's population will grow as fast as the national population growth rate, it meets the debt servicing benchmark if it's planned borrowing costs equal or are less than 10% of its planned revenue.



Reserves

Types of Reserves

COUNCIL CREATED RESERVES

The Council has created a number of reserves, commonly referred to as special funds, to set aside funds for various purposes (e.g. asset replacements, emergency funds etc).

The Council sets aside and invests funds for these reserves with any interest earned on the investments being credited to the reserves.

Purpose of Reserves

Name of reserve	Interest	
	Y/N	Purpose of reserve and activities it relates to
JOINT LANDFILL COMMITTEE (HDC'S 63.68% SHARE)		
Leachate Treatment Disposal/System	Y	A proportion of all funds collected from all refuse disposal at the Landfill facility as set aside for the purpose of developing the leachate treatment and disposal system at the site.
Waste Tyre proc	Y	Funds collected from tyre disposal fees are set aside for the processing and disposal of tyres (as an alternative to placing them within the landfill).
Omarunui Landfill Plant Fund	Y	Set up to provide funds for the replacement of plant at the joint landfill facility in which Napier have a 36.32% share.
Landfill Property Reserve	Y	Proceeds from sale of lifestyle blocks at Omarunui placed in interest earning account. Currently used to fund forestry development at Omarunui.
Omarunui Landfill Aftercare Fund	Y	Funds put aside for the aftercare requirements of the Landfill.
Landfill forest replant reserve	Y	Funds for replanting the forestry area at the landfill site.
ASSET REPLACEMENT & MAINTENANCE RESERVE		
Parking Meter Replacement Fund	N	Fund for replacement of parking meters in Hastings.

Name of reserve	Interest	
	Y/N	Purpose of reserve and activities it relates to
Plant Replacement Fund – Composite	N	Fund for replacement of vehicles and equipment, Computer and Office equipment.
Marae Development Fund	N	Unused balance to be used for maintenance and upgrade of Marae as outlined in the Marae Development policy criteria.
Cemetery Upkeep In Perpetuity	N	Fund to maintain plots in perpetuity.
Pettigrew Green Arena Capital Maintenance Fund	N	To be used to fund funding requests from the Pettigrew Green Arena for Capital Maintenance based on applications made to fund actual costs incurred.
Rural Halls Earthquake Strengthening	N	Unused balance of Council allocation transferred to this fund at end of each year. To be allocated for earthquake strengthening and maintenance of halls in plains and rural areas.

SEPARATE RATES COLLECTED FOR ASSET ACQUISITIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Waimarama Sea Wall	N	Funds set aside from the Waimarama Sea Wall Targeted Rate for rock placement and emergency funds
Havelock North Parking	N	Unspent proceeds from the Havelock North Parking Targeted Rate used for future parking development in Havelock North.
CBD & Suburban Commercial Development	N	Unspent proceeds from the Hastings CBD Targeted Rate used to fund major Hastings CBD upgrades.
CBD Havelock North Development Reserve	N	Unspent proceeds from the Havelock North CBD Targeted Rate used to fund major Havelock North CBD upgrades.

TRUSTS & BEQUESTS RESERVES

H W Abbott Bequest	Y	Funds bequeathed for a Māori museum/Hastings. Used to construct Exhibition Centre with balance remaining in 1996 of \$11,000. Since then, the reserve balance has grown due to annual allocations from the council plus interest credited.
AB Smith Bequest	Y	To be used on books for the Havelock North Library.
Clifford Davey Bequest	Y	To purchase books for the reference and/or loan section of the Hastings District Public Libraries.
JL Sanderson Bequest	Y	Original gift of \$25,000 for the purpose of beautifying the Borough of Havelock North.
CARV Reserve	Y	Funds accrued for the purpose of the Curbing Alcohol Related Violence programme

Name of reserve	Interest Y/N	Purpose of reserve and activities it relates to
Peter David Arthur Bequest	Y	To be used at the Hastings District Library specifically for works of large print and talking books
Lowe – Education Guilin Students Bequest	Y	To assist in the education in New Zealand of students of Guilin, China.



Type of Reserve ('000)	Balance 30/6/2026	Deposit Transfer to	Interest	Trf From	Balance 30/6/2027
<u>Council Created Reserve</u>					
<u>Other</u>					
Leachate treatment Disposal /System	947	229			1,177
Waste Tyre processing/disposal	176				176
	1,123	229			1,352
<u>Plant Equipment & Vehicle Replacement Fund</u>					
Omarunui Landfill Plant Fund	1,563	187	55	-72	1,733
Parking Meter Replacement Fund	378	102			480
Plant Replacement Fund - Service Delivery Unit					
Plant Replacement Fund - Composite	1,945	2,579	68	-2,807	1,786
<i>Plant Equipment & Vehicle Replacement Fund</i>	3,886	2,869	123	-2,879	3,998
<u>Property Maintenance & Improvements</u>					
Landfill Property Reserve	1,181		41		1,222
Omarunui Landfill Aftercare Reserve	3,424	28	120		3,572
Cemetery Upkeep In Perpetuity	533				533
Rural Halls Mtce Fund	-7				-7
Election Reserve	-194				-194
Marae Development Fund	136				136
Pettigrew Green Arena Capital Maint. Fund	50	30	2		82
Rural Halls earthquake strengthen	15				15
<i>Property Maintenance & Improvements</i>	5,138	58	163		5,359
<u>Separate Rates</u>					
Waimarama Sea Wall - No 1	-19		-1		-20
Waimarama Sea Wall - No 2	7				7
Havelock North Parking	869	52			921
CBD & Suburban Commercial development	-180	400		-400	-180
CBD Havelock North Development Reserve	186	100		-100	186
Separate Rates	862	552		-500	914
TOTAL Council Created Reserve	11,013	49,880	285	-49,546	11,632
<u>Restricted Reserves</u>					
<u>Development Reserves</u>					
Waste Levy (Refuse & Landfill)	4,375	1,540		-2,002	3,913
Development Reserves	4,374	1,540		-2,002	3,912
<u>Trust & Bequest Reserve</u>					
H W Abbott Bequest	144	20	5		169
AB Smith Bequest	52		2	-19	35
AB Smith - Fantasyland					
Clifford Davey Bequest	586		21	-40	567
JL Sandersen Bequest	24		1		25
Low- Education Guilin Students Bequest	38		1		40
CARV Reserve	16		1		16
Trust & Bequest Reserve	861	20	30	-59	852
TOTAL Restricted Reserves	5,234	1,560	30	-2,061	4,764
TOTAL RESERVES	16,247	51,440	315	-51,607	16,396

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Funding Impact Statement

This part of the plan outlines the matters which form the Council's Funding Impact Statement in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Here you will find information on the proposed rates and the impact of proposed rates increases on a sample set of properties. Other Council fees and charges are also outlined.



Part A: Sources of Rates Income

Annual Plan 25/26 \$'000	Notes	LTP (Yr3) 26/27 \$'000	Annual Plan 26/27 \$'000	Variance \$'000
1. Rates revenue				
66,828	General Rate	72,353	73,211	858
18,171	Community & Resource Rate	19,533	19,549	16
7,700	Uniform Annual General Charge	7,690	7,891	201
Targeted Rates				
17,170	Cyclone Recovery rate	17,340	13,770	(3,570)
149	Havelock North Business Association	149	149	()
166	Swimming Pools	163	176	13
206	Havelock North Parking	408	208	(200)
327	Hastings City Marketing	333	327	(6)
441	Security Patrols	485	471	(14)
320	CBD Hastings	334	320	(14)
80	CBD Havelock North	83	80	(3)
	Civil Defence		1,635	
23	Waimarama Seawall	23	23	
12,905	Wastewater	17,904	14,884	(3,020)
54	Waipatiki Wastewater	56	54	(2)
	Waipatiki Wastewater Capital	-	109	109
2,816	Wastewater Levy (80%)	3,049	2,822	(227)
18,540	Water Supply - Rating Area One	22,479	19,780	(2,699)
4,723	Kerbside Refuse Collection	5,071	5,052	(19)
2,563	Kerbside Recycling	2,514	3,013	499
47	Waimarama Refuse Collection	82	39	(43)
	Stormwater Whakatu		883	883
	Water meter Charges		-	-
1,815	Water Supply - Rating Area One	1,870	1,871	1
	Change in Targeted Rates Reserves	140	()	(140)
155,043	Total Rates Revenue	172,059	166,316	(7,377)
	27% Level of Uniform Charges (30% Maximum)	26%	26%	

PART B SUMMARY OF RATING REQUIREMENTS

SUMMARY OF RATING REQUIREMENTS									
Activity	2025/26 Annual plan			2026/27 YR3 LTP			2026/27 Annual plan		
	TOTAL RATING AREAS	RATING AREA 1	RATING AREA 2	TOTAL RATING AREAS	RATING AREA 1	RATING AREA 2	TOTAL RATING AREAS	RATING AREA 1	RATING AREA 2
General Rate									
Corporate & Information Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	200	50
Administration Buildings	963,234	770,587	192,647	1,038,282	830,625	207,656	891,279	713,024	178,256
Land Subdivision	190,961	190,961	0	-90,930	-90,930	0	39,900	39,900	0
Rural Community Board	52,284	5,380	46,904	53,767	5,533	48,235	52,130	5,364	46,766
Community Services (65%)	31,655,293	28,898,948	2,756,345	33,118,731	30,239,292	2,879,439	31,980,287	29,137,595	2,842,692
Economic & Social Dev (35%)	1,149,143	1,071,921	77,222	1,160,712	1,082,712	78,000	1,125,498	1,049,864	75,633
Resource Management (65%)	6,134,286	5,153,468	980,819	6,569,488	5,518,183	1,051,304	5,909,128	4,984,163	924,965
Strategic Development	5,558,897	4,818,056	740,841	4,295,122	3,436,097	859,024	5,415,248	4,678,868	736,380
Engineering Services	333,470	311,061	22,409	437,782	408,363	29,419	305,549	285,016	20,533
Refuse Collection	-118,341	-110,389	-7,953	-1,907	-1,779	-128	-67,638	-63,092	-4,545
Regional Landfill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transportation	26,202,364	15,453,186	10,749,178	27,664,229	16,406,029	11,258,200	24,954,213	14,475,409	10,478,804
Stormwater	6,285,088	6,209,024	76,064	7,181,403	7,102,197	79,206	6,256,431	6,180,274	76,157
Contingency Fund	144,716	115,773	28,943	-3,312,505	-2,650,004	-662,501	113,666	90,933	22,733
Rate Remissions	442,600	256,985	185,615	468,900	314,632	154,268	442,600	296,985	145,615
	78,993,995	63,144,960	15,849,034	78,583,073	62,600,950	15,982,123	77,418,541	61,874,502	15,544,039
Less Additional Funding									
Petrol Tax Credit	-581,970	-496,931	-85,039	-593,940	-507,152	-86,788	-581,970	-496,931	-85,039
Provision for Doubtful Debts	35,735	0	35,735	36,470	0	36,470	35,735	0	35,735
Increase in Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenditure	777,500	777,500	0	452,300	452,300	0	777,500	777,500	0
Rate Penalties	-340,500	-305,769	-34,731	-521,000	-467,858	-53,142	-340,500	-305,769	-34,731
Budgeted Rating Deficit RA1	-7,160,354	-7,160,354	0	-3,506,550	-3,506,550	0	-1,427,850	-1,427,850	0
Budgeted Rating Deficit RA2	-4,800,469	0	-4,800,469	-3,227,986	0	-3,227,986	-2,568,786	0	-2,568,786
General Rate	66,923,937	55,959,407	10,964,529	71,222,367	58,571,690	12,650,677	73,312,670	60,421,453	12,891,218

	2025/26 Annual plan			2026/27 YR3 LTP			2026/27 Annual plan		
	TOTAL RATING AREAS	RATING AREA 1	RATING AREA 2	TOTAL RATING AREAS	RATING AREA 1	RATING AREA 2	TOTAL RATING AREAS	RATING AREA 1	RATING AREA 2
Community & Resource Rate									
Community Services (35%)	17,045,158	15,560,971.94	1,484,185.52	17,833,163	16,282,696	1,550,467	17,220,154	15,689,474	1,530,680
Resource Management (35%)	3,303,077	2,774,944	528,133	3,537,416	2,971,329	566,087	3,181,838	2,683,780	498,058
Budgeted Rating Deficit RA 1	-1,922,313	-1,922,313	0	-1,500,000	-1,500,000	0	-728,700	-728,700	0
Budgeted Rating Deficit RA2	-261,629	0	-261,629	-165,398	0	-165,398	-124,598	0	-124,598
	18,164,293	16,413,603	1,750,690	19,705,181	17,754,025	1,951,156	19,548,694	17,644,554	1,904,140
Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)									
Economic & Social Dev (65%)	2,134,124	1,839,615	294,509	2,155,608	1,858,134	297,474	2,090,210	1,801,761	288,449
Civil Defence (50%)	89,975	77,558	12,417	98,222	84,667	13,555			
Wastewater Levy (20%)	690,015	690,015	0	763,192	763,192	0	691,519	691,519	0
Waimarama Sewerall (10%)	2,556		2,556	2,556		2,556	2,556		2,556
Waipatiki Wastewater	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,540	13,395	2,145
Rate Collection (100%)	1,052,651	920,122	132,529	1,177,849	1,029,557	148,291	1,137,337	994,146	143,191
Leadership (100%)	3,743,400	3,272,106	471,294	3,526,450	3,082,470	443,980	3,954,256	3,456,415	497,841
	7,712,720	6,799,416	913,304	7,723,876	6,818,020	905,855	7,891,418	6,957,237	934,181
Total General & UAGC Rate	92,800,950	79,172,426	13,628,523	98,651,424	83,143,736	15,507,688	100,752,783	85,023,244	15,729,538
Cyclone Targeted rate									
Cyclone rate - Land value	8,585,000	5,751,950	2,833,050	8,670,000	5,808,900	2,861,100	6,885,000	4,612,950	2,272,050
Cyclone rate - Per property	8,585,000	5,751,950	2,833,050	8,670,000	5,808,900	2,861,100	6,885,000	4,612,950	2,272,050
Total Cyclone Targeted Rate	17,170,000	11,503,900	5,666,100	17,340,000	11,617,800	5,722,200	13,770,000	9,225,900	4,544,100
Civil Defence Targeted rate									
Civil Defence rate - Per property							1,634,595	1,428,799	205,795
Total Civil Defence Targeted Rate	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,634,595	1,428,799	205,795
Other Targeted Rates									
Swimming Pools	166,235	154,848	11,387	163,074	151,904	11,171	176,113	164,050	12,064
Water Supply	18,539,961	18,539,961	0	23,116,423	23,116,423	0	19,779,923	19,779,923	0
Refuse Collection	4,722,883	4,693,845	29,038	5,071,186	5,048,052	23,135	5,051,715	5,031,143	20,572
Kerbside Recycling	2,563,273	2,543,739	19,534	2,514,346	2,495,185	19,161	3,013,273	2,990,309	22,964
Waimarama Refuse Collection	46,790	0	46,790	82,318	0	82,318	39,312	0	39,312
Wastewater	12,904,902	12,904,902	0	18,099,531	18,099,531	0	14,883,823	14,883,823	0
CBD Hastings (80% phase in over 8 years)	320,000	320,000	0	333,760	333,760	0	320,000	320,000	0
CBD Havelock North (80% phase in over 8 years)	80,000	80,000	0	83,440	83,440	0	80,000	80,000	0
Wastewater Levy (80%)	2,816,160	2,816,160	0	3,114,816	3,114,816	0	2,822,298	2,822,298	0
Change in Targeted Rates Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Targeted Rates	42,160,205	42,053,456	106,749	52,578,894	52,443,110	135,785	46,166,458	46,071,547	94,911
TOTAL RATING REQUIREMENT	152,131,154	132,729,781	19,401,372	168,570,318	147,204,645	21,365,673	162,323,836	141,749,491	20,574,345

Overall Average Rate increase	2025/26 Annual plan			2026/27 YR3 LTP			2026/27 Annual plan		
	TOTAL RATING AREAS	RATING AREA 1	RATING AREA 2	TOTAL RATING AREAS	RATING AREA 1	RATING AREA 2	TOTAL RATING AREAS	RATING AREA 1	RATING AREA 2
Previous Year Budgeted Rating Requirement	131,461,740	114,601,282	16,860,458	152,200,655	132,794,962	19,405,693	152,131,154	132,729,781	19,401,372
Amount of Increase	20,669,414	18,128,500	2,540,914	16,369,663	14,409,683	1,959,980	10,192,681	9,019,709	1,172,973
% Increase	15.72%	15.82%	15.07%	10.76%	10.85%	10.10%	6.70%	6.80%	6.05%
Less: Increase in Rating Base	-0.75%	-0.85%	-0.10%	-0.75%	-0.85%	-0.10%	-0.75%	-0.85%	-0.10%
Average Increase to Ratepayers	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%
Other Targeted Rates									
Havelock North Business Association	148,720	148,720	0	148,720	148,720	0	148,720	148,720	0
Hastings City marketing	326,720	326,720	0	333,440	333,440	0	326,720	326,720	0
Havelock North parking	205,645	205,645	0	435,890	435,890	0	207,506	207,506	0
Mall Security	440,508	440,508	0	485,490	485,490	0	471,056	471,056	0
Waimarama Seaw all (90%)	23,001		23,001	23,001		23,001	23,001		23,001
Waipatiki Sew ers Operational	54,341	0	54,341	56,231	0	56,231	54,357	0	54,357
Waipatiki Sew ers Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	108,784	0	108,784
Whakatu West Stormw ater Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	883,221	883,221	0
Change in Targeted Rates Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Targeted Rates	1,198,936	1,121,594	77,342	1,482,772	1,403,539	79,232	2,223,366	2,037,223	186,142

Part C: Rates Statement for 2026/27

Important: The indicative figures that follow are included to give ratepayers an estimate of what their level of rates is likely to be in the 2026/27 financial year. These figures are not the actual level of rates that will be assessed in the coming year, and the actual figure will not be known until the Council's Rating Information Database is finalised on 30 June 2026. All figures quoted are inclusive of GST (except where explicitly stated otherwise). For a detailed outline of funding requirements, please refer to the Summary of Rating Requirements. Note: Rates in the dollar will be subject to change upon finalisation of the district revaluation.

Part A: General Rates

A general rate will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 13 (2) (b) and Schedule 2 Clauses 1 and 6 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on the land value of all rateable land within the district. The rate shall be set on a differential basis, based on the location of the land within the district and the use to which the land is put.

The general rate shall fund 65% of Community Facility Provision and Council Planning and Regulatory functions, and the full cost of transportation, stormwater disposal and other miscellaneous expenditure that is not being funded by separate targeted rates or the Uniform Annual General Charge.

The objective of differential rating is to ensure a fair and equitable distribution of rates based on the extent of provision of service each category of land use is likely to receive. Differentials reflect the fact that some sectors gain a greater provision of service than others. The Council does this in two ways:

A) Two Rating Groups

All land in the Hastings District will be allocated to either Differential Rating Area One or Differential Rating Area Two. These areas are defined on Council map 'Differential Rating Areas' and are based on broad areas of benefit from the Council's services and facilities. All costs are allocated into the two rating groups based on a range of formulas designed to reflect the benefit received by properties in each differential rating area.

B) Differential Classifications

Within each differential rating area, differential classifications have been applied to reflect differences in the levels of service and benefit properties receive based on their location and the nature of the activities undertaken. Residential properties in Differential Rating Area One are used as the base (factor 1) and other property types are adjusted against this base. Lifestyle/Horticulture/Farming properties within Differential Rating Area Two are used as the base (factor 1) and other property types are adjusted against this base.

Properties located within differential classifications Residential Clive and Residential Non-Urban (including Townships & Small Settlements), have both been discounted to varying degrees due to their locality and ability to use all services provided. Horticulture/Farming properties within Differential Rating Area One have also been discounted for similar reasons; in particular costs relating to urban stormwater services do not apply to this category.

Commercial properties are required to pay a greater proportion of the general rate and the differential factor reflects the increased impact on the roading network and urban amenities such as footpaths and stormwater systems for commercial properties.

The Council has had a policy of increasing the use of uniform and targeted rates, applied on a 'per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit basis', which shifts the incidence of rates away from the commercial sector. The commercial differential factor also takes into consideration the impact this policy change has had on the distribution of rates between different categories of property. The Commercial Non-Urban (Peripheral) category is discounted in comparison to the main commercial category due to locality and availability of services. More detailed information relating to Council's differential categories can be found under Part B.

The following cents per dollar of land value shall apply for each differential for 2026/27:

Differential Group Name	Factor	Cents per Dollar of \$ LV
Differential Rating Area One		
Residential	1	0.376451
Residential Clive	0.81	0.304926
Residential Non-Urban (Including Townships and Small Settlements)	0.76	0.286103
Horticulture / Farming	0.68	0.255987
CBD Commercial	3.00	1.129354
Other Commercial	2.75	1.035241
Commercial Non-Urban – Peripheral	2.35	0.884660
Differential Rating Area Two		
Residential	0.85	0.152222
Lifestyle / Horticulture / Farming	1	0.179084
Commercial	1.65	0.295489

Uniform Annual General Charge

A uniform annual general charge will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 15 (1) (b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$251 on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the district.

The following activities are funded by the uniform annual general charge:

Leadership	Valuation Services & Rate Collection
Waipātiki Wastewater Capital (10%)	Wastewater Treatment (20%)
Economic/Social Development (65%)	Waimarama Seawall (10%)

Targeted Rates

For the purposes of the Havelock North Promotion Targeted Rate, Havelock North Parking Targeted Rate, Hastings City Marketing Targeted Rate, Hastings CBD Targeted Rate, Havelock North CBD Targeted Rate and Security Patrols (Hastings and Havelock North) Targeted Rates,

a commercial rating unit is one that fits the description as set out under DRA1 CBD Commercial and DRA1 Other Commercial in the differential classification in Part B.

Community Services and Resource Management Rate

A targeted rate will be set in accordance with Section 16, Schedule 2 Clauses 1 and 6, and Schedule 3 Clause 7 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on a differential basis, based on the location of land within the district and the use to which the land is put, and assessed on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

The targeted rate shall be set to fund 35% of Councils planning/regulatory functions and community service and facilities such as libraries, swimming pools, and parks and reserves. The costs associated with rural recycling facilities will also be recovered equally by way of this targeted rate across all rating units with Differential Rating Area Two.

The Community Services and Resource Management targeted rate is calculated separately for Differential Rating Area One and Differential Rating Area Two. Properties in the differential classification Residential Clive, Residential Non-Urban (including Townships and Small Settlements), Horticulture/Farming and Commercial Non-Urban (Peripheral) are all charged 0.75 of the amount charged to the Residential and Commercial categories to reflect the distance from the main urban services and extent to which those services are provided.

No differential applies within Differential Rating Area Two.

More detailed information relating to Council’s differential categories can be found under Part B.

Rates for 2026/27 are:

Differential Category	Factor	\$ per SUIP
Differential rating area one		
Residential	1	\$695
CBD Commercial	1	\$695
Other Commercial	1	\$695
Residential Clive	0.75	\$521
Residential Non-Urban (Including Townships & Small Settlements)	0.75	\$521

Horticulture / Farming	0.75	\$521
Commercial Non-Urban (Peripheral)	0.75	\$521
Differential rating area two		\$ per SUIP
Residential	1	\$419
Lifestyle / Horticulture / Farming	1	\$419
Commercial	1	\$419

Cyclone Recovery Targeted Rates

Two targeted rates will be set and assessed for the purposes of funding the costs of Cyclone Gabrielle recovery. The first as a rate in the dollar of land value and the second as a fixed amount. Please refer to the Revenue and Financing Policy section of the Plan for further details on what the cyclone recovery activities to be funded are.

All land in the Hastings District will be allocated to either Differential Rating Area One or Differential Rating Area Two. These areas are defined on Council map 'Differential Rating Areas' and are based on broad areas of benefit from the Council's services and facilities. The costs of cyclone recovery have been allocated into the two rating groups with 67% of costs assigned to Differential Rating Area One and 33% of costs allocated to Differential Rating Area Two.

A differential targeted rate will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 16, Schedule 2 Clause 6, and Schedule 3 Clause 3 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on the land value of all rateable land within the district. The rate shall be set on a differential basis, based on the location of the land within the district:

Location	Cents per Dollar of \$ LV
Differential Rating Area One	0.031497
Differential Rating Area Two	0.031303

A differential targeted rate will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 16, Section 18 (2) and Schedule 2 Clause 6 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, as a fixed amount per rating unit in the district. The rate shall be set on a differential basis, based on the location of the land within the district:

Location	\$ per Rating Unit
Differential Rating Area One	\$198
Differential Rating Area Two	\$559

More detailed information relating to Council's differential categories can be found under Part B.

Civil Defence & Emergency Management

A targeted rate will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 16 and Section 18 (2) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, as a fixed amount per rating unit in the district.

The targeted rate shall fund the civil defence and emergency management activity in responding to climatic events and providing further resilience for the district.

The rate for the 2026/27 year is \$60 per rating unit within the district.

Havelock North Promotion

A targeted rate will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 16, Schedule 2 Clauses 1 and 6, and Schedule 3 Clause 3 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on the land value of any commercial rating unit located within Havelock North as defined on Council map 'Havelock North Promotion Rate'.

The targeted rate shall fund the marketing and promotion of the central Havelock North commercial area.

The rate for the 2026/27 year is 0.093402 cents per dollar of land value.

Swimming Pool Safety

A targeted rate will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 16, Section 18 (2) and Schedule 2 Clause 5 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, as a fixed amount on every rating unit where a swimming pool (within the meaning of the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987) is located.

The targeted rate shall be set to fund the inspection of any swimming pools located within the district over the inspection cycle, and the follow up and enforcement on non-complying owners to ensure pools meet the legal requirements of the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987 and Building Act 2004.

The rate for the 2026/27 year is \$88.00 per rating unit.

Havelock North Parking

A targeted rate will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 16, Schedule 2 Clauses 1 and 6, and Schedule 3 Clause 7 of the Local Government (Rating Act) 2002, on a differential basis, on each separately used or inhabited rating unit located within each area as defined on Council map 'Havelock North Parking'.

The targeted rate shall fund the operational costs of the parking activity and future acquisition of land to provide parking in the Havelock North CBD area. Commercial properties pay 3.0 times the amount charged to residential and all other properties to reflect the extent of provision of service.

More detailed information relating to Council's differential categories can be found under Part B.

The rate for 2026/27 per separately used or inhabited part is:

Differential Category	Factor	\$ per SUIP
Residential	1	\$35
CBD Commercial/Other Comm	3	\$105
All others	1	\$35

Hastings City Marketing

A targeted rate will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 16, Schedule 2 Clauses 1 and 6, and Schedule 3 Clause 3 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on the land value of any commercial rating unit located within Hastings as defined on Council map 'Hastings City Marketing Rate'.

The targeted rate shall fund the marketing programme aimed at revitalisation of the central business area of Hastings.

The rate for the 2026/27 year is 0.208224 cents per dollar of land value.

Hastings CBD Targeted Rate

A targeted rate will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 16, Schedule 2 Clauses 1 and 6, and Schedule 3 Clause 3 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on the land value

of any commercial rating unit located within Hastings as defined on the Council map 'Hastings CBD Targeted Rate Map'.

The targeted rate shall fund major CBD upgrades in Hastings. The direct private benefit has been assessed as 80% of the total costs of the work programme in the CBD in accordance with Council's Section 101 (3) analysis under the Local Government Act 2002.

The rate for Hastings CBD for the 2026/27 year is 0.143130 cents per dollar of land value.

Havelock North CBD Targeted Rate

A targeted rate will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 16, Schedule 2 Clauses 1 and 6, and Schedule 3 Clause 3 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on the land value of any commercial rating unit located within Havelock North as defined on the Council map 'Havelock North CBD Upgrades Map'.

The targeted rate shall fund major CBD upgrades in Havelock North. The direct private benefit has been assessed as 80% of the total costs of the work programme in the CBD in accordance with Council's Section 101 (3) analysis under the Local Government Act 2002.

The rate for Havelock North CBD for the 2026/27 year is 0.143130 cents per dollar of land value.

Security Patrols

A targeted rates will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 16, Schedule 2 Clauses 1 and 6, and Schedule 3 Clause 3 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on the land value of any commercial rating unit located within each respective Council map defined 'Hastings Area - Security Patrol Map and Havelock North Security Patrol Area Map'.

The targeted rate shall fund the provision of security patrols within the central business areas of Hastings and Havelock North.

The rate for Hastings Security Patrol Area for 2026/27 is 0.094780 cents per dollar of land value.

The rate for Havelock North Security Patrol Area for 2026/27 is 0.045489 cents per dollar of land value.

Sewage Disposal

A differential targeted rate will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 16, Schedule 2 Clauses 5 & 6, and Schedule 3 Clause 7, of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, based on the provision or availability to the land of the service (with the categories being ‘connected’ and ‘serviceable’ defined under Part C). The rate will be an amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

A differential targeted rate will be set in accordance with Schedule 2, Clauses 1,5 and 6 and Schedule 3, Clause 12 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for all non-residential rating units classified as ‘connected’, based on the use to which the land is put. The rate will be an amount for each water closet or urinal after the first.

These targeted rates shall fund the costs associated with the provision of sewage disposal services in all areas (excluding those in Waipatiki). The rates apply to connected or serviceable rating units in all areas excluding those in the Waipatiki scheme area.

The rates for the 2026/27 year are:

Category	Factor	\$ per SUIP
(1) Connected	1	\$587
(2) Serviceable	0.5	\$293.50

Where connected, in the case of non-residential use, the differential charge will be set for each water closet or urinal after the first as follows:

Differential category	Factor	Charge Per Water Closet and Urinal After the First
Schools/Churches	0.13	\$76.31
Chartered Clubs / Rest Homes / Prisons / Commercial Accommodation providers / Hospitals / Childcare Centres	0.40	\$234.80

HB Racing Centre / A&P Showgrounds / Regional Sports Park	0.25	\$146.75
All other Non-Residential	0.80	\$469.60

Waipatiki Sewage Disposal

A differential targeted rate will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 16, Schedule 2 Clauses 5 & 6, and Schedule 3 Clause 7, of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, based on the provision or availability to the land of the service (with the categories being ‘connected’ and ‘serviceable’ defined under Part C). The rate will be set as an amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

A differential targeted rate will be set in accordance with Schedule 2, Clauses 1,5 & 6 and Schedule 3, Clause 12 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for all non-residential rating units classified as ‘connected’, based on the use to which the land is put. The rate is an amount for each water closet or urinal after the first.

These targeted rates shall fund the costs associated with the provision of sewage disposal services in Waipatiki. This rate applies only to connected or serviceable rating units in the Waipatiki scheme area.

The rates for the 2026/27 year are:

Category	Factor	\$ per SUIP
(1) Connected	1	\$1,174
(2) Serviceable	0.5	\$587

Where connected, in the case of non-residential use, the differential charge will be set for each water closet or urinal after the first as follows:

Differential Category	Factor	Charge Per Water Closet and Urinal After the First
Schools/Churches	0.13	\$152.62

Chartered Clubs / Rest Homes / Prisons / Commercial Accommodation providers / Hospitals / Childcare Centres	0.40	\$469.60
All other Non-Residential	0.80	\$939.20

Wastewater Treatment

A differentiated targeted rate will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 16, Schedule 2 Clauses 5 & 6, and Schedule 3 Clause 7 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, based on the provision or availability to the land of the service (with the categories being 'connected' and 'serviceable' defined under Part C). The rate will be set as an amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

A differential targeted will be set in accordance with Schedule 2, Clause 1 and Schedule 3, Clause 12 of the Local Government (Rating Act) 2002 for all non-residential rating units classified as 'connected', based on the use to which the land is put. The rate is an amount for each water closet or urinal after the first. The rate applies to connected or serviceable rating units in all areas excluding those in the Waipatiki scheme area.

These targeted rates shall fund the cost of Wastewater Treatment. The direct private benefit has been assessed as 80% of the total cost in accordance with Council's Section 101 (3) analysis under the Local Government Act 2002.

The rates for the 2026/27 year are:

Category	Factor	\$ Per SUIP
(1) Connected	1	\$111
(2) Serviceable	0.5	\$55.50

Where connected, in the case of non-residential use, the differential charge will be set for each water closet or urinal after the first as follows:

Differential Category	Factor	Charge Per Water Closet and Urinal After the First
Schools/Churches	0.13	\$14.43

Chartered Clubs / Rest Homes / Prisons / Commercial Accommodation providers / Hospitals / Childcare Centres	0.40	\$44.40
HB Racing Centre / A&P Showgrounds / Regional Sports Park	0.25	\$27.75
All other Non-Residential	0.80	\$88.80

Water Supply

Targeted rates will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 16, Schedule 2 Clause 5, and Schedule 3 Clause 7 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit and based on the provision or availability to the land of the service (with the categories being 'connected' and 'serviceable' defined in Part C).

Each targeted rate will fund the costs associated with the provision of that water supply.

The rates for the 2026/27 year are:

Water Supply Area	Connected (Factor 1 Per SUIP)	Serviceable (Factor 0.5 Per SUIP)
Water Rate (Hastings, Havelock North, Flaxmere, Waipatu, Haumoana/Te Awanga, Clive, Whakatu, Omaha, Paki Paki, Waimarama, Waipatiki, Whirinaki, Te Pohue)	\$811	\$405.50

Water by Meter

A targeted rate will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on the volume of water supplied as extraordinary water supply, as defined in Hastings District Council Water Services Policy Manual.

This includes but is not limited to residential properties over 1,500m2 containing a single dwelling, lifestyle lots, trade premises, and industrial and horticulture properties.

The rate for the 2026/27 year is \$1.24 per cubic metre water supplied over and above the typical household consumption as defined in the Hastings District Council Water Services Policy Manual.

Recycling

A targeted rate will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 16, Schedule 2 Clause 5, and Schedule 3 Clause 7 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit and based on the provision or availability to the land of the service provided.

A targeted rate shall fund the cost of weekly recycling collection to those rating units provided with a kerbside recycling service. The service areas are set out in council maps “recycling Map incl Clive Whakatu”, “Recycling Map incl Hastings, Flaxmere, Havelock North”, “Recycling Map incl Haumoana Te Awanga”, “Recycling Map Whirinaki”. Rating units which Council officers determine are unable to practically receive the Council service and have an approved alternative service, will not be charged the rate.

The rate for 2026/27 is \$139 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

Refuse

A targeted rate will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 16, Schedule 2 Clause 5, and Schedule 3 Clause 7 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, differentiated based on the use to which the land is put and location.

The targeted rate shall fund the cost of refuse collection to those rating units as defined on Council Maps “Refuse Map Incl Clive Whakatu”, “Refuse Map incl Hastings”, “Refuse Map Incl Haumoana Te Awanga” and “Refuse Map Incl Whirinaki” set out the areas provided with a refuse collection service. Rating units which Council officers determine are unable to practically receive the Council service and have an approved alternative service will not be charged the rate.

Residential rating units currently receive a weekly (120l) collection whilst commercial rating units within the Hastings CBD and Havelock North CBD area currently receive a twice weekly (120l) collection. Pending further consultation with CBD commercial ratepayers, the nature of the service provided may change to a weekly (240l) collection. A factor of two would remain as those commercial rating units would still receive twice the level of service of a residential rating unit.

The Rate for 2026/27 is:

Differential Category	Factor	\$ Per SUIP
Residential	1	\$225
Commercial CBD	2	\$450

Waimarama Refuse

A Targeted rate will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 16, Schedule 2 Clause 5, and Schedule 3 Clause 7 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit located within Waimarama as defined on Council map ‘Waimarama Refuse Collection’ and based on the provision or availability to the land of the service provided.

The targeted rate shall fund the cost of refuse collection to those rating units provided with a weekly domestic refuse collection service in Waimarama.

The rate for 2026/27 is \$160 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

Waimarama Sea Wall

A targeted rate will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 16, Schedule 2 Clause 6 and Schedule 3 Clause 7 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on a differential basis, on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within each individual zone defined on Council map ‘Waimarama Sea Wall Map Zones 1-3’.

The targeted rate shall fund the direct benefit to those rating units (assessed as 90% of the total benefit) for renewal costs, the cost of the maintenance to the rock placement (Northern & Southern Extension) and to set aside emergency funds.

Those rating units on the beachfront (Zone 1) shall pay two thirds of the cost to be funded, whilst those non-beachfront rating units shall pay one third (split 23% for Zone 2 and 10 for Zone 3) based on the extent of provision of service.

The rate for 2026/27 shall be (per SUIP)

Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
\$394	\$277	\$102

Whakatu Stormwater Rate

Two targeted rates will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 16, Schedule 2 Clause 6 and Schedule 3 Clause 5 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on a differential basis, set on the land area of rating units defined on Council Plan “Whakatu Industrial Stormwater”.

The targeted rates will fund the capital costs for the provision of an enhanced stormwater level of service during rain events to service an area of approximately 87.5 hectares in Whakatu West over a 10-year targeted rate period.

The first, a ‘contributor’ rate, will be set on the land area of all rating units within the area of benefit defined on Council Plan “Whakatu West Stormwater” funding 50% of the cost to be funded.

The rate for 2026/27 is \$5,806.86 per hectare.

The second, a ‘protection’ rate, will be set on the land area of rating units within each individual zone defined on Council map “Whakatu West Stormwater and fund the remaining 50% of the cost to be funded. Those rating units within Zone 1 shall pay 20% of the cost to be funded and those in Zone 2 shall pay 80%.

The rate for 2026/27 shall be (per hectare)

Zone 1	Zone 2
\$1,491.36	\$20,994.85

Waipatiki Wastewater Capital Works Rate

A targeted rate will be set and assessed in accordance with Section 16, Schedule 2 Clause 5, and Schedule 3 Clause 7 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, and based on the provision or availability to the land of the service provided.

The targeted rate shall fund the capital cost of the upgrade to the sewerage networks in Waipatiki over a 10-year targeted rate period.

The rate for 2026/27 is \$1,668.02 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

Part B: Differential Classifications

Differential Rating Area One (DRA1)

DRA1 Residential

Land within Differential Rating Area One that falls within Council Map defined ‘Residential’ because it is:

- used exclusively or predominantly for a residential purpose,
- eligible to receive a rates remission under Council remission policy for community, sporting and other organisations,
- a hall or a building used for purposes ancillary to a church, but not used for any commercial purpose,
- used exclusively or predominantly for a childcare centre by a non-profit organisation, or
- used exclusively or predominantly for a rest home or private hospital.

DRA1 Residential Clive

Land within Differential Rating Area One that falls within Council map defined as ‘Residential Clive’ because it is:

- used exclusively or predominantly for a residential purpose,
- eligible to receive a rates remission under Council remission policy for community, sporting and other organisations,
- a hall or a building used for purposes ancillary to a church, but not used for any commercial purpose,
- used exclusively or predominantly for a childcare centre by a non-profit organisation, or
- used exclusively or predominantly for a rest home, or private hospital.

DRA1 Horticulture / Farming

Land within Differential Rating Area One that falls within Council Map defined ‘Horticulture/Farming because it is used exclusively or predominantly for horticulture or farming purposes.

DRA1 Residential non-urban (including townships and small settlements)

Land within Differential Rating Area One that falls within Council Map defined 'Residential Non-Urban' because it is:

- used exclusively or predominantly for a residential purpose,
- eligible to receive a rates remission under Council remission policy for community, sporting and other organisations,
- a hall or a building used for purposes ancillary to a church, but not used for any commercial purpose,
- used exclusively or predominantly for a childcare centre by a non-profit organisation, or
- used exclusively or predominantly for a rest home or private hospital.

DRA1 CBD Commercial

Land within Differential Rating Area One that falls within Council map defined as 'CBD Commercial' because it is:

- used exclusively or predominantly for a commercial or industrial purpose, or
- used exclusively or predominantly as a commercial accommodation provider.

DRA1 Other Commercial

Land within Differential Rating Area One that falls within Council map defined as 'Other Commercial' because it is:

- used exclusively or predominantly for a commercial or industrial purpose, or
- used exclusively or predominantly as a commercial accommodation provider.

DRA1 Commercial Non-Urban – Peripheral

Land within Differential Rating Area One that falls within Council Map defined as 'Commercial Non-Urban' because it is used exclusively or predominantly for a commercial or industrial purpose or land within Differential Rating Area One used for the purposes of a Chartered Club.

Differential Rating Area Two (DRA2)

DRA2 Residential

Land within Differential Rating Area Two less than 1 hectare in size, which is either used exclusively or predominantly for a residential purpose or land in Rating Area Two because it is:

- eligible to receive a rates remission under Council remission policy for community, sporting and other organisations,
- a hall or a building used for purposes ancillary to a church, but not used for any commercial purpose,
- used exclusively or predominantly for a childcare centre by a non-profit organisation, or
- used exclusively or predominantly for a rest home or private hospital.

DRA2 Lifestyle / Horticulture / Farming

Land within Differential Rating Area Two 1 hectare or greater in size, which is used exclusively; or predominantly for lifestyle, horticulture or farming purposes.

DRA2 Commercial

Land within Differential Rating Area Two, which is used exclusively or predominantly for a commercial or industrial purpose.

Notes:

- i. Properties which have no apparent land use (or are vacant properties) will be placed in the category which best suits the zoning of the property under the district plan except where the size or characteristics of the property suggest an alternative use.
- ii. Properties which have more than one use (or where there is doubt as to the relevant predominant use) will be placed in the category with the highest differential factor – or if in the Council's opinion it is fair and reasonable to do so, then the Council may undertake a rating division and allocate each part to the most appropriate category.
- iii. Subject to the right of objection as set out in Section 29 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, it shall be at the sole discretion of the Council to determine the use or predominant use of all separately rateable properties in the district.

- iv. 'Residential use' means land used solely for one or more household units. 'Household unit' means a self-contained unit (but not a commercial accommodation provider or prison) used or intended for the habitation of one household with or without a right to use facilities or amenities in common with other households.
- v. Boarding houses shall be defined as, a building used, designed, capable or intended to be used for residential accommodation for more than 5 persons other than members of family of the occupier or person in charge or control of the building.
- vi. Where a ratepayer under Section 20 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 has land which is contiguous and treated as contiguous for the purpose of rates, the combined area of those rating units will constitute its differential factor.



Part C: Provision or Availability of Service

The differential categories for the proposed water supply rate are:

- **Connected** – any rating unit that is connected to a Council operated waterworks.
- **Serviceable** – any rating unit that is not connected to a Council operated waterworks but is within 100 metres of such waterworks.

The differential categories for the proposed sewage disposal and wastewater treatment rates are:

- **Connected** – any rating unit that is connected to a public sewerage drain.
- **Serviceable** – any rating unit that is not connected to a public sewerage drain but is within 30 metres of such a drain.

Non- Residential

The following definition applies to the assessment of all targeted rates where a differential is applied to non-residential rating units.

Non-Residential rating units are all rating units that are not used exclusively or predominantly for residential purposes.

Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a Rating Unit

The following definition applies to the assessment of all uniform and targeted rates by the Hastings District Council where the Council has determined that the rate shall apply to each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit:

A separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit includes any portion inhabited or used by the owner or a person other than the owner, and who has the right to use or inhabit that portion by virtue of a tenancy, lease, license or other agreement.

This definition includes separately used parts, whether or not actually occupied at any particular time, which are provided by the owner for rental or other form of occupation, on an occasional or long-term basis by someone other than the owner.

For the purpose of this definition, vacant land and vacant premises offered or intended for use or habitation by a person other than the owner and usually used are defined as 'used'.

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For the avoidance of doubt, a rating unit that has a single use or occupation is treated as having one separately used or inhabited part.

Rating by Instalments

The council provides for rates to be paid in four three-monthly instalments. The due dates for payment falling on 21 August 2026, 20 November 2026, 26 February 2027, and 21 May 2027.

Water by Meter

For those properties that have water assessed by meter, invoices will be issued either three monthly or six monthly. The due date for each invoice is 30 days after the date of the invoice.

Due Dates and Additional Charges for Late Payment (Rates)

A penalty of 10% will be added to any portion of rates assessed in the current year which remains unpaid by the relevant instalment due date, on the respective penalty date below:

Instalment	Due Date	Penalty Date
1	21 August 2026	26 August 2026
2	20 November 2026	25 November 2026
3	26 February 2027	02 March 2027
4	21 May 2027	26 May 2027

Any portion of rates assessed in previous years (including previously applied penalties) which are unpaid on 02 July 2026 will have a further 10% added on 06 July 2026, and if still unpaid, again on 06 January 2027.

Any rates payment made by the ratepayer will be allocated to the oldest debt.

Due Dates and Additional Charges for Late Payment (Water)

For those properties that have water levied by meter, invoices will be issued either three-monthly or six-monthly.

Instalment	3 Monthly Invoicing Due Date	Penalty Date
1	22 October 2026	29 October 2026
2	22 January 2027	27 January 2027
3	23 April 2027	29 April 2027
4	23 July 2027	28 July 2027

Instalment	6 Monthly Invoicing Due Date	Penalty Date
1	22 January 2027	27 January 2027
2	23 July 2027	28 July 2027

A penalty of 10% will be added to any portion of water supplied by meter, assessed in the current year, which remains unpaid by the relevant instalment due date, on the respective penalty date above.

Any water payment made by the ratepayer will be allocated to the oldest debt.

Lump Sum Contributions Generally

The Council will not accept lump sum contributions in respect of any targeted rate, except where stated explicitly in this Funding Impact Statement.

Part D: Council Maps

All Council Maps are available for inspection at the Council Offices in Lyndon Road East and online at www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/how-your-rates-are-calculated.

Part D: Sample Rating Impacts

Rating Area One

	2022 Land Value	2025/26 Rates	2026/27 Rates
Urban Residential			
Flaxmere	200,000	3,630	3,892
Hastings	510,000	4,835	5,157
Havelock North	660,000	5,453	5,804
Townships			
Whakatu	280,000	3,544	3,792
Clive	470,000	4,206	4,484
Haumoana	550,000	3,746	3,951
Commercial/Industrial			
Hastings CBD Retail	730,000	21,463	22,848
Havelock Nth CBD Retail	1,070,000	21,647	23,057
Suburban	1,020,000	15,607	16,796
Commercial Non-Urban	1,410,000	14,492	15,457
Horticulture/Farming			
Small	980,000	3,691	3,848
Medium	2,110,000	6,820	7,096

Rating Area Two

	2022 Land Value	2025/26 Rates	2026/27 Rates
Coastal Residential			
Whirinaki	660,000	3,486	3,674
Waimarama	660,000	3,327	3,470
Waipatiki	440,000	6,217	6,735
Commercial/Industrial			
Small	130,000	1,644	1,713
Large	450,000	2,599	2,759
Lifestyle/ Horticulture / Farming			
Lifestyle	540,000	2,316	2,424
Small Hort / Farming	1,550,000	4,298	4,549
Medium Hort / Farming	3,270,000	7,673	8,168
Large Hort / Farming	6,760,000	15,778	16,739

Note: Excludes Capital Contribution Schemes (Water or Wastewater) and Swimming Pool Targeted Rates.

Note: These figures are based on current property values. However, the District property revaluation (a three yearly legislative requirement) is currently being finalised. This process has been delayed, and the valuations are not available to calculate rates at the publication date of this document.

The Council will publish the impact of both the 2026/27 budget and movement in property values on rates on its website as soon as practically possible.

Part E: Rating Base Information

The Local Government Act 2002 requires the following rating base information to be outlined:

- (A) The projected number of rating units within the district or region of the local authority at the end of the preceding financial year:
32,676
- (B) The projected total capital value of rating units within the district or region of the local authority at the end of the preceding financial year:
\$42,728,056,299
- (C) The projected total land value of rating units within the district or region of the local authority at the end of the preceding financial year:
\$25,188,052,850



Part F: Schedule of Fees and Charges

Trade Waste Charges

This schedule sets out fees and charges which are set annually. The charges for 2026/27 are detailed below.

Trade Waste Charges for the Period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027

a) Permitted charge	Based on Equivalent Households.
b) Approved non-separated charge	Based on Equivalent Households.
c) Approved separated charge	Annual Fee – \$6,095 per litre per second per annum of peak flow charged quarterly.
d) Connection fee	Actual cost of connection will be charged. Based on the new water services connection process and charges detailed at www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/water-service-connections
e) Re-inspection fees	A fee based on \$72.00 per hour plus disbursements (e.g. cost of analyses, mileage etc.) will be charged to premises where a re-inspection is required when a notice being served under the bylaw has not been complied with.
f) Disconnection fee	The actual cost of the disconnection will be charged.
g) Special rates for loan charges	Industries discharging into the Omaha trade waste system will be charged a contribution for the upgrade and separation of the Omaha trade waste system based on a cost of \$39,583 per litre per second plus interest. The Whakatu Industrial Area will be charged a contribution for trade waste discharge based on a cost estimate in order of \$30,000 per litre per second of consented flow. The actual figure will be adjusted when the final cost is known and is dependent on options agreed with the applicant.

Trade Waste Charges for the Period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027

h) Temporary discharge fee	Discharge fee based on the length of time and discharge volume.
i) Consent application fee	No charge for 2026/27.
j) Rebates for trade premises within the district	Where a trade waste is charged the uniform annual charge is rebated if the trade waste is not discharged to the separated system.
k) Suspended solids charge	No charge for 2026/27.
l) Biochemical oxygen demand charge/ chemical oxygen demand charge	No charge for 2026/27.
m) Metals charge	No charge for 2026/27.
n) Transmissivity charge	No charge for 2026/27.
o) Tankered waste charge	\$67 per tanker load.

Schedule of Planning and Regulatory Services Charges

Lodgement Fees

A lodgement fee shall be payable at the time of lodging Resource Consent and Certificates of Acceptance, or other applications as listed in the following tables for planning fees and charges.

Note 1: For applications and other approvals under the Resource Management Act 1991 the following lodgement fees represent a fixed charge in terms of Section 36(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Note 2: All lodgement fees unless otherwise stated shall be subject to standard clause 10 (hourly charges where the costs exceed the lodgement fee).

1. Planning: Resource Consents, Subdivisions and Associated Processes	Deposit (unless otherwise stated) (inc GST)
Resource Consent Land Use – Controlled Activity	\$1,600.00
Resource Consent Land Use – Restricted Discretionary Activity	\$2,000.00
Resource Consent Land Use – Discretionary Activity	\$2,500.00
Resource Consent Land Use Consent – Non-Complying Activity	\$2,700.00
Permitted Boundary Activity	\$750.00
Subdivision Consents:	
• Freehold and Leasehold	\$2,500.00
• Amendment to Existing Leasehold Titles	\$1,500.00
Rights of Way Survey Plans	\$1,500.00
Resource Consents and Designations:	
• Fully Notified	\$20,000.00
• Limited Notified	\$10,000.00
• Hearing Only	\$5,000.00
Resource Consent Variation of Conditions	\$2,500.00
Resource Consent Extension of Lapse Date (s.125)	\$2,500.00
RMA Certificate of Compliance, Existing Use Right Certificate and Overseas Investment Certificate	\$1,600.00
Monitoring fee for permitted activity relocated buildings	\$750.00
Outline Plan Processing	\$1,600.00
Outline Plan Waiver	\$700.00
Private Plan Change	\$50,000.00
Consent Notice (section 221 of RMA) (per document)	\$230.00
Section 223 certification only – Subdivisions	Hourly rates
Section 224 certification – Subdivisions (This will also apply when 223 and 224 certifications are applied for together).	Refer to hourly rates section

1. Planning: Resource Consents, Subdivisions and Associated Processes	Deposit (unless otherwise stated) (inc GST)
No deposit required. Actual processing costs will be invoiced prior to issue of certification.	
Engineer check for Section 224 certification – Subdivisions (includes engineering design approvals required by conditions of consent) – No deposit required. Actual processing costs will be invoiced prior to issue of certification.	Refer to hourly rates section
Pre -application meeting	\$500.00
Resource Management Act Section 226 certificate	\$1,600.00
Certificate of Transfer and other legal documents	\$400.00
Hearings and associated site visit and deliberations (both Hearings Committee and Hearings Commissioner(s) Hearings)	\$450.00 per hour
Objections under Section 357-357B of the RMA (Lodgement Fee)	\$1,200.00
Bond Administration fee	\$1,800.00
Monitoring Deposit – Resource Consents	
Hastings (i.e. sites located within a 3km radius of the HDC Administration Building, Lyndon Road East, Hastings)	\$280.00
Havelock North, Flaxmere, Plains (i.e. sites located between a 3-20km radius of the HDC Administration Building, Lyndon Road East, Hastings)	\$300.00
Rural (i.e. sites located beyond a 20km radius of the HDC Administration Building, Lyndon Road East, Hastings)	\$320.00
Gambling Act 2003	
Class 4 Gambling Venue Consent	\$2,400.00

Note 3: In respect of any charges under the Resource Management Act 1991, hourly rates, vehicle rates and payment of balance/refund and penalties set out in this schedule shall be applicable to any additional charge payable in terms of Section 36(5) of the Act, where the actual and reasonable costs incurred exceed, the fixed charge paid.

Note 4: Provided that for resource consents, private plan changes and any other application requiring notification, advertising, photocopying and postage costs incurred in public notification, agenda preparation and agenda distribution shall be charged at cost as disbursements.

Note 5: Where inspections are necessary in addition to the normal requirements, these will be charged at the applicable hourly rate. Any costs incurred through the engagement of external expertise will be charged to the applicant at cost.

2. Building Fees and Charges

Notes:

The Building Research Association of New Zealand (BRANZ) levy is assessed at \$1.00 per \$1,000. This levy is applicable where the value of the building project exceeds \$20,000 in total inclusive of GST.

The Building Levy Order is assessed at \$1.75 per \$1,000. This levy is applicable where the value of the building project exceeds \$65,000 in total inclusive of GST.

Building consent application fees are charged by hourly rate unless specified. Fees will be charged when the consent has been approved and is ready for granting and issue and will include inspection fees for the anticipated inspections required.

Inspection fees are charged as a fixed fee reflecting actual and reasonable costs for conducting inspections within specified zones. Building inspection fees include mileage costs charged on a fixed fee by zone basis. Actual costs may be charged at Council's discretion.

Certificate of Acceptance application fees are charged by hourly rate for the time spent assessing and processing the application. An initial deposit is required and is payable on application. Any other current building consent processing fees, together with standard charges, levies including development levies, and inspection fees may also apply, plus any fees, charges or levies that would have been payable had a consent been applied for before the work was carried out, unless the work was carried out under urgency.

Fixed fees for solar and solid fuel heater consents referenced in this schedule include the relevant BCA Accreditation fee. Fees and Charges are inclusive of GST unless specified.

Unless otherwise specified in this schedule all applications for Project Information Memoranda, Land Information Memoranda, Building Consents, requests for information or approval, and any other application, including any required inspections or certificates of compliance, will be charged at the actual cost. Fees will be charged at the following rates plus disbursements.

Building Consent Applications	Fee (inc GST)
Building Consent Application Processing	Relevant Hourly Rate
Building Consent Exemption	\$305.00
Project Information Memorandum (PIM) only	\$489.00
Minor variations hourly rate	\$272.00
Extension of Time (Work not complete, work not started)	\$126.00
Code Compliance Certificates (2 nd and subsequent CCC applications only, plus zone inspection fees if required)	\$210.00
Section 73 & section 77 Certificates (Building Act 2004) (each) – plus inspection costs, if any	\$341.00
Compliance Schedule (Building Act 2004)	\$400.00
Compliance Schedule Amendment	\$284.00
Building Act Compliance Certificates	\$136.00
Issuing Certificates for Public Use	\$341.00
Certificates of Acceptance Deposit	

Building Consent Applications	Fee (inc GST)
Pursuant to sections 96(1) (a) & 96 (b) Building Act 2004). Fees and charges additional to the deposit are charged at the relevant hourly rates.	Deposit of \$943.00
Solid Fuel Heaters	
Standard Application including one inspection (additional inspections charged at fixed building inspection zone fee rate)	\$499.00
Solar Water Heaters	
Standard Application including one inspection (additional inspections charged at fixed building inspection zone fee rate)	\$499.00
Building Consent Authority Accreditation Fee	
Solar water heaters, solid fuel heaters (including fixed fees)	\$6.00
Residential consents	\$25.00
Commercial consents	\$47.00
	Fee (inc GST)
Administration, Lapsing and CC Processing Fees	
<= \$10,000 value (incl CCC costs)	\$210.00
>\$10,000 (incl CCC costs)	\$267.00
GoGet Fee ((value of work equal to or under \$124,999)	\$179.00
GoGet Fee ((value of work greater than \$124,999)	\$413.00
Content Management Fee (per consent excluding solid fuel heaters)	\$84.00
Consents prior to 2009	\$79.00
Lapsed consent reinstatement fee	\$200.00
Pre-Consent Meeting Fee	
Residential	\$235.00
Commercial	\$369.00
Plansmart Assessments	
Residential	\$178.00
Commercial	\$244.00
Standard Charges	
Building officers (Hourly Rate) - Residential	\$274.00
Building officers (Hourly Rate) - Commercial	\$306.00
Building Technicians (Hourly Rate) - Residential	\$211.00
Building Technicians (Hourly Rate) - Residential	\$232.00
External Building Consent Authority administration fee (hourly rate)	\$274.00
Building Inspections	

Notes:

Zone boundaries are based on the following outbound travel times

	Fee (inc GST)
Failed inspections will incur the relevant zone inspection fixed fee	
• Zone 1 (~7 minutes)	\$225.00
• Zone 2 (~15 minutes)	\$262.00
• Zone 3 (~30 minutes)	\$373.00
• Zone 4 (~45 minutes)	\$499.00
• Zone 5 (~60 minutes)	\$640.00
Building Consent Activity Reports	
Weekly (per month)	\$110.00
Monthly (per month)	\$84.00
Independently Qualified Persons	
New Registrations	\$415.00
Amendment Registrations	\$220.00
Optional Yearly Renewal	\$152.00
Other	
Building Warrant of Fitness (Administration and Inspection)	\$220.00
Earthquake Prone Building Exemption Applications (Hourly rate)	\$274.00
Swimming Pool Inspections	\$90.00
RAPID Numbers	\$27.00
3. Land Information Memorandums (LIM's)	Fee (inc. GST)
Notes:	
a) Report printing costs may include additional fees and charges depending on the option selected (refer below)	
A \$50 cancellation fee will apply or the actual processing and research costs, whichever is the greatest	
Commercial LIM applications – hourly rate charges may apply in excess of 8 hours processing time	
Residential Properties	
• Part A & B Standard (7-10 work days)	\$475.00
• Part A only Standard (7-10 work days)	\$382.00
Vacant Land (All Properties)	
• Part A & B Standard (7-10 working days)	\$382.00
• Part A only Standard (7-10 working days)	\$198.00
Horticulture and Farming Properties	
• Part A & B Standard (7-10 work days)	\$475.00
• Part A only Standard (7-10 work days)	\$382.00
Commercial	
• Part A & B Standard (7-10 working days)	\$568.00
• Part A only Standard (7-10 working days,)	\$509.00

	Fee (inc. GST)
3. Land Information Memorandums (LIM's)	
Copy and Delivery Options	
Electronic reports sent by email or link	No Charge
Printed LIM report	\$55.00
4. Printing and Copying	
Fee (inc GST)	
GIS Printouts	
Ratepayer	
• A4 (per sheet)	\$2.30
• A3 (per sheet)	\$4.10
Commercial Operation	
• A4 (per sheet)	\$14.90
• A3 (per sheet)	\$27.00
Plan Prints	\$27.10
Microfilm and Electronic File Printouts	
• A4/copy	\$1.20
• A3/copy	\$2.30
• A2/copy	\$4.60
Note: 10 – 20 copies 25% discount; over 20 copies 50% discount	
Document Management Fee (all applications for resource consents, private plan changes, certificate of compliances)	\$46.00 per application
Photocopying:	
• A4 (per copy)	\$0.30
• A3 (per copy)	\$0.70
• Colour A4 (per copy)	\$1.80
• Colour A3 (per copy)	\$2.90
Note: 10 – 20 copies 25% discount; over 20 copies 50% discount)	
Certificates of Title	\$23.50
Electronic Copy of roll – Extract from Rating Information Database	\$60.00
5. District Plan	
Fee (inc GST)	
Reserves, Facilities, Roading and Development Contributions (Development Contributions Policy)	As per Development Contributions Policy

6. Environmental Health	Fee (inc GST)
Hairdressers	\$238.00
Funeral Directors	\$238.00
Offensive Trades	\$238.00
Sale Yards	\$149.00
Camping Grounds	\$353.00
Stall Holders	\$83.00
Farmers Market (20+) stalls	\$1,543.00
Shop Front Strip/Footpath Dining Application Fee: Plus a Licence Fee – Either	\$336.00
1) Other than liquor licensed premises	\$83.00 annual fee
2) Liquor Licensed premises outside a liquor ban area	\$171.00 annual fee
3) Liquor Licensed premises inside a liquor ban area	\$336.00 annual fee
Mall space (other) – per day	\$18.00
Food Barrows and other Barrow	
• Per week site rental	\$78.00
• Per week with power	\$111.00
Noise Control: Stereo Seizure	\$303.00
Cycles and Skateboards confiscated	
• 1 st Impounding	\$11.00
• 2 nd Impounding	\$24.00
Licences required under the Hastings District Council Bylaws for which fees or charges are not otherwise prescribed by statute or by Council resolution	\$238.00
Hawkers	
• Without food	\$132.00
• Operating under Food Control Plan/ National programme	
- Application fee	\$199.00
- Annual registration fee	\$105.00
Mobile Shops	
• Without food	\$232.00
• Operating under Food Control Plan/ National programme	
- Application fee	\$232.00
- Annual registration fee	\$105.00
Amusement device permit application (set by statute)	
One device for the first 7 days of proposed operation or part thereof	\$11.50
For each additional device operated by the same owner	\$2.30
<i>For each device \$1.15 for each further period of 7 days or part thereof</i>	

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6. Environmental Health	Fee (inc GST)
Alcohol Licensing	
Alcohol Licences (Special Licences)	
Class 1 Special Licence	\$1,170.10
• 1 large event	
• More than 3 medium events	
• More than 12 small events	
Class 2 Special Licence	\$421.25
• 3 – 12 small events	
• 1 – 3 medium events	
Class 3 Special Licence	\$128.70
• 1 or 2 small events	
Managers Certificate	\$324.00
Temporary Authority	\$603.80
Variation of Licence	\$748.80
Temporary Licence	\$603.80
Public Notification via Council website	\$50.00
Other Applications	
Application Fee – Very Low Risk	\$748.80
Application Fee – Low Risk	\$1,240.40
Application Fee – Medium Risk	\$1,661.55
Application Fee – High Risk	\$2,082.85
Application Fee – Very High Risk	\$2,457.30
Annual Fee – Very Low Risk	\$327.60
Annual Fee – Low Risk	\$795.70
Annual Fee – Medium Risk	\$1,287.10
Annual Fee – High Risk	\$2,106.20
Annual Fee – Very High Risk	\$2,925.35

Note:

Large event means an event that the territorial authority believes on reasonable grounds will have patronage of more than 400 people. Medium event means an event that the territorial authority believes on reasonable grounds will have patronage of between 100 and 400 people. Small event means an event that the territorial authority believes on reasonable grounds will have patronage of fewer than 100 people.

Note: Alcohol Application Fees - Fees are set by regulation under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. Please discuss the applicable fees for On, Off and Club Licences with the Alcohol Licensing Officer.

Note: Any re-inspections, or advisory visits requested by license holders will be charged in accordance with hourly rates and vehicle rates in this schedule.

7. Food Premises

Food Premises / Food Control Plans Fees under the Food Act 2014.	Fee (Inc GST)
New Template Food Control Plan Registration	
Per application	\$294.00
Per hour spent processing application	\$199.00
Renewal of Template Food Control Plan Registration	
Per application	\$132.00
Per hour spent processing application	\$199.00
Renewal of Template Food Control Plan Registration – multi site (plus \$59 for each additional site)	\$132.00
Amendment of Food Control Plan Registration	
Per application	\$188.00
Per hour spent processing application	\$199.00
New National Programme Registration	
Per application	\$178.00
Per hour spent processing application	\$199.00
Renewal of National Programme Registration	
Per application	\$132.00
Per hour spent processing application	\$199.00
Renewal of National Programme Registration – multi site (plus \$58 for each additional site)	\$132.00
Amendment of National Programme Registration	
Per application	\$132.00
Per hour spent processing application	\$199.00
Verification	
Food Control Plan based on template or MPI	
• Fixed Fee	\$625.00
• Per hour spent on verification activity	\$199.00
Verification of National Programme	
• Fixed Fee	\$551.00
• Per hour spent on verification activity	\$199.00
Food Control Plan (mobileshop or less complex setup) + \$161/hr	\$466.00

Followup verification issues – per hour	\$199.00
Compliance	
	Fee (Inc GST)
Issue of improvement notice, including development of the notice	
• Per notice	\$198.00
• Per hour spent issuing and developing notice	\$199.00
Application for the review of an improvement notice	
• Per application	\$198.00
• Per hour processing the application	\$199.00
Monitoring for food safety and suitability – per hour	\$199.00
General	
All other costs recoverable activities under the Act – per hour	\$199.00
Vehicle rate – per km	\$1.17

8. Dog Registration and Control

Dog Control Act Fees	Fee (Inc. GST)
Dog Registration Fees	
• Full Fee (before 1 August)	\$144.00
• Full Fee (after 1 August)	\$216.00
Selected Owner Policy (before 1 August)	\$99.00
Selected Owner Policy (after 1 August)	\$148.00
Rural/Working Dog (before 1 August)	\$72.00
Rural/Working Dog (after 1 August)	\$108.00
Dog Control Fees	
Impounding Fees (Registered Dogs)	
• First impounding	\$108.00
• Second impounding	\$154.00
• Third impounding	\$218.00
Recovery of Costs	
Micro-chipping fees (including chip)	\$52.00
Sustenance Fee (per day)	\$10.00
Relinquishment Fee	\$58.00
Replacement Tags	\$7.50

Dog Control Act Fees	Fee (Inc. GST)
Seizure Fee	\$72.00
Destruction Fee	\$72.00
Adoption Fee	\$310.00

Dog Control Bylaw Fees (Set pursuant to Local Government Act 2002)

Charge Type	Charge (inc GST)
Application to keep more than two dogs	\$36.00
Application for a Selected Owner Policy	\$36.00

Note: The Dog Control and Stock Control fees set out in this schedule were set by Council for the 2026/27 registration period by resolution as provided for in the relevant legislation. The fees set out here are for information and completeness purposes only and may be subject to change.

9. Stock Control (Set by Council resolution pursuant to Impounding Act 1955)

Impounding Fees (Per Animal)

	Normal Fee (inc GST)	Sustenance Fees (per day or part) (inc GST)
Deer	\$52.00	Actual Costs
Horses	\$52.00	Actual Costs
Cattle	\$52.00	Actual Costs
Pigs	\$29.00	Actual Costs
Goats	\$18.00	Actual Costs
Sheep	\$18.00	Actual Costs

Note: The cost of retrieving stock will be charged actual costs in accordance with the hourly rates and vehicle rates in this schedule.

10. Parking	Fee (inc GST)
Parking Fees by Bylaw	
• Meter Fees	\$2.70 per hour
• Pay & Display	\$2.20 per hour
• Leased Parking (per month)	\$155.00
• All-Day Parking Off-street (Flat rate)	\$12.50
• Permit (per day)	\$16.00
• Skip Bin (per day)	\$16.00
Infringement Fees (set by statute)	
• No evidence of current vehicle inspection – private vehicle	\$200.00
• No evidence of current vehicle inspection – commercial vehicle	\$600.00

10. Parking	Fee (inc GST)
• Not more than 30 minutes (P106, P977, Q115)	\$20.00
• More than 30 minutes, but less than 1 hour (P106, P977, Q115)	\$25.00
• More than 1 hour, but less than 2 hours (P106, P977, Q115)	\$36.00
• More than 2 hours, but less than 4 hours (P106, P977, Q115)	\$51.00
• More than 4 hours, but less than 6 hours (P106, P977, Q115)	\$71.00
• More than 6 hours (P106, P977, Q115)	\$97.00
• Any other parking	\$70 or \$100 or \$200
• Unlawfully on a Disabilities Carpark	\$750.00
Towage Fees (set by statute) – Vehicle gross weight not exceeding 3500kgs	
• 0700-1800hrs Monday to Friday (other than public holiday)	\$90.20
• Any other time	\$120.30
Towage Fees (set by statute) – Vehicle gross weight exceeding 3500kgs	
• 0700-1800hrs Monday to Friday (other than public holiday)	\$223.40
• Any other time	\$343.70

11. Hourly Rates

Unless otherwise specified in this schedule all applications for Project Information Memoranda, Land Information Memoranda, Building and Resource and Subdivision Consents, Private Plan Changes, requests for information or approval and any other application including any required inspections or certificates of compliance will be charged at the actual cost. Fees will be charged at the following rates plus disbursements:

Position	Rate \$/HR (inc GST)
Engineers	
• Development Engineer	\$255.00
• Roading/Traffic/Water/Wastewater	\$214.00
• Team Leader Environmental Planning	\$255.00
• Senior Environmental Planner	\$235.00
• Environmental Planning Officer	\$214.00
• EP (Grad)	\$204.00
• Environmental Planning Assistant	\$184.00
Customer. Administrative Support Officers	\$89.00

Position	Rate \$/HR (inc GST)
Building Officers - Residential	\$274.00
Building Officers - Commercial	\$306.00
Building Technicians - Residential	\$211.00
Building technicians - Commercial	\$232.00
LIM Officers	\$169.00
Emergency Management Officers	\$135.00
Animal Control Officer	\$135.00
Environmental Health Officers	\$199.00
Monitoring Officer	\$245.00

12. Vehicle Rates

A vehicle rate of \$1.17/km (including GST) return journey or portion thereof will be charged for all necessary inspections or site visits.

13. Payment of Balance and Penalties

Deposits paid shall be credited against the total calculated charges. The balance shall be paid upon the issue of the Code Compliance Certificate, the Resource Consent Application Decision, Land Information Memorandum, or other decision, whichever is applicable. An additional charge of 10% of any unpaid amounts owed will be added to any account that is overdue 60 days or more from the date of the original invoice. For each additional 30 days the overdue amount remains outstanding, an additional charge of 2% of the total unpaid amounts owed at that time will be levied. Any unpaid amounts referred to a debt recovery agency shall incur a one-off penalty calculated as follows:

16.5% on the first \$1,000	11.0% on the next \$4,000	5.5% on the remainder
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Note: These penalties are cumulative.

14. Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987

The charge for the supply of information under this Act shall be the actual time and costs incurred with the exception that the first half hour of staff time and first 20 pages of photocopying shall not be charged. Staff time shall be charged in accordance with the hourly rates in this schedule. Photocopying charges shall be charged in accordance with the charges in this schedule. Where the cost is likely to exceed \$100.00 the Council may require that the whole or part of any charge be paid in advance.

15. Empowerment

These charges are deemed to be made pursuant to the following statutory empowerment as applicable to the nature of service for which the charge is levied, except in the case of dog control and registration and stock impounding, are set by Council resolution and are reproduced in the schedule for completeness.

Section 36	Resource Management Act 1991
Section 219	Building Act 2004
Section 44A	Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1974
Section 150	Local Government Act 2002
Section 23	Hazardous Substances and New Organism Act 1996
Section 29	The Sale of Liquor Regulations 1990
Part 4	Impounding Act 1955
Part 3 Sec 41	Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977
Section 13(2)	Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987
Section 205	Food Act 2014

16. Annual Review

This schedule will be reviewed annually or at any time approved by the Council. Any changes (with the exception of Dog Control, Stock Control and Parking) will be approved using the special consultative procedure set out in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002. Fees, rates and charges set pursuant to the Dog Control Act 1996 or the Impounding Act 1955 are set by resolution of Council publicly notified as the case may require. This schedule also includes a number of fees set by statute and are provided for completeness only.

17. Other Activity Fees and Charges

Refuse Transfer Station Charges (Per Tonne) – Henderson Road

	General Waste	Green Waste
All vehicles	\$476.00	\$161.00
Minimum	\$12.00	\$8.00

Transportation Fees and Charges

Charge/Fee Type	Charge (inc GST)
Corridor Access Request (CAR) Applications:	
A) CAR application (including Traffic Management Plan approval)	\$127.00
B) CAR application (Road Opening)	\$486.00
Inspections:	
C) Inspections (per hour)	\$128.00
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C) Inspections (per hour)	\$128.00
Temporary Road Closures:	
A) Temporary Road Closure (application and administration charge)	\$430.00
Inspections:	
B) Inspections (per hour)	\$128.00
License to Occupy Road Reserve:	
Application and Administration	\$270.00
Annual Licence Fee (up to one acre (4000m2)	\$72.00
Annual Licence Fee (larger than one acre (4000m2)	\$143.00
Vehicle Crossing:	
Application and Administration	\$215.00
Inspections (per hour)	\$128.00

Traffic Management Plan (TMP) Fees will be charged for all activities unless:

- The TMP is for a Hastings District Council sponsored event.
- The TMP is for an activity where there are no charges for holding or participating in the activity, and/or no charge for membership of the applying organisation.

Sports Ground Charges

Charge type	Charge (inc GST)
Softball	
• 20-week season per diamond	\$18.50 per hour
• Tournaments - senior	\$20.50 per hour
• Tournaments – under 17s	\$15.50 per hour
• Casual bookings per diamond	\$25.50 per hour

Charge type	Charge (inc GST)
• High school 20-week season	\$7.20 per hour
• Youth Season	\$5.00 per hour
Cricket – per pitch for 20-week season	
• Senior pitches	\$32.00 per hour
• Youth pitches	\$10.00 per game
Cricket – casual per game	
• Turf pitches per day (including ground marking)	\$60.00 per hour
• Tournament rate per wicket / per day	\$60.00 per hour
• Artificial pitches (including ground marking)	\$20.00 per hour
Cricket – commercial per game	
• Commercial school cricket tournaments yrs5-13	\$38.00 per hour
• January cricket camps yrs4-13	\$6.30 per hour
• Cricket camps crease marking	\$38.00
Touch Rugby	
• Per ground for 20-week season	\$10.50 per hour
• Youth Season per match for 20 week season	\$5.00 per hour
Football, Rugby & Rugby League	
• Per match for 20-week season	\$34.00 per hour
• Summer football per field for 20 week season	\$16.00 per hour
• Pre, post season casual matches	\$68.00 per hour
• High school training rate – 20-week season per field	\$19.00 per hour
• Youth Season per match for 20 week season	\$10.00 per hour
• Installation of goal posts (additional per ground)	Actual cost
Miscellaneous Sports Tournament	
• Commercial Sports Tournament	\$47.00 per hour
• Local Community Sport – Not for Profit	\$16.00 per hour
• Sports Tournament High School	\$16.00 per hour
• Sports Tournament Primary and Intermediate	No Charge
• Miscellaneous Tournament requiring HDC services	Actual costs oncharged
• School Holiday Programmes	\$10.50 per hour
• After hours open gate fee	\$102.50

Charge type	Charge (inc GST)
• Non-notification of cancellation of pre and after season games and casual games and unauthorised use	\$246.00
• Other services: line marking, cleanin, waste removal, facility lock/unlock	Actual cost oncharged
• Hot water for showers in changing facilities	Actual cost oncharged
• Key bond	\$100.00
• Power Charges	\$27.00
• Use of toilet facilities	\$20.50
• Weddings	\$10.00 per hour

Parks and Public Spaces

Description	Normal Fee (inc GST)
Permits to book parks	
Small booking – wedding, birthday party	\$10.00 per hour
Community use setup or pack down	\$23.00 per hour
Community use – participation 100+	\$47.00 per hour
Commercial use setup or pack down	\$46.00 per hour
Commercial use participation 100+	\$92.00
Food Stall Holders / Mobile Traders	
Vendor Permit	\$5.00 per hour
Albert Square Stage Hire	
Community use	\$23.00
Commercial use	\$47.00
Penalties and Miscellaneous Fees	
After hours open gate fee	Actual cost oncharged
Gate access for setup (exclusive of key bond)	\$42.00
Non notification of booking	\$215.00
Other services: line marking, cleaning, waste removal, facility lock/unlock	Actual cost oncharged
Hot water for showers changing facilities	Actual cost oncharged
Key Bond	\$100.00
Power Charges	\$22.00

Description	Normal Fee (inc GST)
Use of toilet facilities	Actual cost oncharged
Weddings	\$10.00 per hour
Cornwall Park Te Makatamu Facility	
Community use	\$31.00 per hour
Private use	\$41.00 per hour
Commercial use	\$82.00 per hour
Cleaning fee	Actual costs
Key Bond	\$100.00
Hall Bond	\$100.00
TV use	\$10.00
Havelock North Village Green	
Community use	\$26.00 per hour
Private use	\$36.00 per hour
Commercial use	\$72.00 per hour
Cleaning Fee	\$105.00
Key Bond	\$100.00
Hall Bond	\$100.00

Hastings Sports Centre – Facility User Charges

Description	Normal Fee (inc GST)
Facility User Charges	
Regular Season Sporting Group Rate per hour	\$58.00
Casual rate per hour	\$78.00
School Charge	\$47.00
Commercial rate per hour	\$126.00
Function Room	\$77.00
Regular / Seasonal Rate per hour	\$38.00
Casual Rate per hour	\$50.00
Commercial rate per hour	

Description	Normal Fee (inc GST)
Kitchen/Tuckshop	
Kitchen (by itself) per hour	\$11.00
Kitchen (with meeting room or function room) per day	\$23.00
Tuckshop – booking rate per day	\$51.00
Additional Charges	
Changing Rooms Charge per day	\$24.00
Electronic scoreboard per booking	\$58.00
Stackable chair charge – per chair per booking	\$2.00
Trestle table charge	\$15.00
Extra bleacher seating charge	\$58.00
Dividing curtain per booking	\$58.00
Cleaning – large public event/tournament	Charged per hour
Sporting equipment charge per booking	\$10.00

Note: while Council has aimed to provide an exhaustive and accurate schedule of fees and charges, if any errors or omissions are identified, charges will be calculated by reference to the appropriate underlying authority/resolution. Council reserves the right to vary and introduce fees and charges at its discretion.

Omarunui Landfill

Waste Type	Per Tonne of part thereof Normal Fee (excl GST)
Minimum charge for municipal refuse (excludes all special wastes)	\$529.00
Municipal refuse (per tonne or part thereof)	\$286.35
Whole tyres (per tonne or part thereof)a	\$823.40
Processed tyres	\$650.90
Expanded polystyrene (EPS) / Poly Panel (per tonne)	\$1,748.00
Minimum charge for polystyrene	\$402.50
Out of Hastings District (per tonne or part thereof)	\$460.00
Special wastes (per tonne of part thereof)	
Semi liquid	\$357.65
Certain comminated and hazardous wastes	\$357.65

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Waste Type	Per Tonne of part thereof Normal Fee (excl GST)
Putrescible	\$357.65
Vehicle parts	\$357.65
Minimum charge for special waste listed above	\$518.65
Skins/pelts or similar waste	\$541.65
Chromium contaminated waste	\$541.65
Hydrogen sulphide contaminated waste	\$541.65
Minimum charge for special waste listed above	\$813.05
Out of district special waste	\$747.50

Penalty Charges

Additional penalty charges may be charged in the following situations at the discretion of the Landfill Manager:

- Late delivery of waste (after 4.30pm or outside normal operating hours)
- Non-compliance with direction given for delivery of wastes, such as putrescible wastes and special wastes
- Insecure loads charged at \$120.00

Water Connections

Description	Normal Fee (inc GST)
Water Conncetions – Processing Application	
Application processing fee	\$184.00
Inspection and Auditing	\$155.00
Total Fee	\$339.00
Connection to HDC Water Network	
Actual cost	Actual Cost

Cemetery and Cremation

Description	Normal Fee (inc GST)
Cremation	
Adults	\$1,281.00

Description	Normal Fee (inc GST)
Child (3 to 11 years)	No charge
Infant (1 month up to 3 years old)	No charge
Pre-term, Stillborn and infant (up to 1 month old)	No charge
Chapel	
Committal (30 minutes)	\$154.00
Extension of service time per 30 minutes, or part thereof	\$154.00
Penalty Fee – Chapel Service running overtime	\$262.00
Chapel booked for service only – no other service used	\$525.00
Cremation Overtime	
Cremation (4pm to 5pm Monday to Friday)	\$166.00
Cremation taking place from Saturday 9.00am to 12 noon	\$528.00
Cremation taking place from Saturday 12 noon to 3pm Saturday	\$1,055.00
Cremation taking place on Sundays or public holidays	Closed
Sundry	
Out of town funeral director	\$154.00
Cremation Certificate	\$39.00
Registered scattering of ashes	\$63.00
Genealogical research - first two names are free of charge	\$63.00
Interment or placement of ashes	\$220.00
Disinterment of ashes	\$230.00
Council Assisted Fee	\$235.00
Cremation Memorials	
Memorial wall - niche spaces	\$230.00
Granite columbarium	\$1,312.00
Above ground ashes vault	\$1,906.00
Cremation Headstone plots	\$1,276.00
Cremation Shrub Garden plots	\$1,076.00
Cremation burial plaques plot	\$1,312.00
Granite memorial birdbath plaque	\$610.00
Granite memorial book plaque	\$309.00
New Burial Plots	

Description	Normal Fee (inc GST)
Hastings Cemetery	\$3,526.00
Havelock North Cemetery	\$4,084.00
Puketapu Cemetery	\$3,526.00
Mangaroa A & D sections	\$3,526.00
Mangaroa B & C sections	\$3,792.00
Mangaroa Natural Burials (1x Interment per plot only)	\$3,844.00
Interment	
Adult	\$1,230.00
Couch Casket surcharge	\$205.00
Pre-term, stillborn & Infant up to 2 years of age	\$79.00
Child under 15 years of age	\$230.00
Ashes	\$220.00
Burial Overtime	
Burial taking place from 4pm to 5pm Monday to Friday.	\$471.00
Burial taking place between 10am to 12 noon Saturday.	\$471.00
Burial taking place from Saturday 12 noon to 5pm Saturday.	\$748.00
Burial taking place on Sundays or public holidays from 1am to 2pm	\$1,230.00
Reserve Plots	
Burial Plot Mangaroa A and D sections	\$5,063.00
Burial Plot Mangaroa B and C sections	\$5,330.00
Burial Plot Puketapu	\$5,063.00
Burial Plot Hastings	\$5,063.00
Cremation Plot Shrub gardens	\$1,589.00
Cremation Plot headstone gardens	\$1,589.00
Cremation Rose gardens	\$1,824.00
Cremation burial plaque plots - Havelock North only	\$1,824.00
Disinterment	
Full burial - subject to the relevant licence being granted	\$5,757.00
Ashes	\$230.00
Sundry Charges	
Out of district fee	\$615.00

Description	Normal Fee (inc GST)
Permit to place memorial	\$79.00
Registered scattering of ashes	\$63.00
Total loss of grave shoring	\$512.00
Transfer of burial rights	\$99.00



Other Information

Your views on the Council's proposed programme of works and services via the Long-Term Plan process helped to inform the Annual Plan for the coming year.

Related Documents

Other documents that can be read in conjunction with the Annual Plan and which are available on the Council website www.hastingsdc.govt.nz are:

- Long Term Plan 2024-2034
- Development Contributions Policy



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Consultation document



As a result of all of the savings, the original forecast of a 10 per cent rates increase and an \$8.4 million shortfall has been reduced. Council is now consulting on two options:

A 5.9 per cent rates increase, which would involve borrowing the remaining \$4.8 million shortfall this year and returning to a balanced budget in 2027/28.

A 9.1 per cent rates increase, which would balance the budget immediately and reduce borrowing sooner.

FROM THE MAYOR

Rates are not just numbers on a page. They sit alongside groceries, power bills and insurance payments in the weekly household budget. For many households and businesses, that balance is tight. That pressure sits at the centre of every decision we make. It is also why we have worked to reduce what was originally forecast.

When the community was consulted through the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan, this year was forecast to include a 10 per cent rates increase and an \$8.4 million shortfall. That reflected the ongoing cost of rebuilding essential infrastructure across our district following Cyclone Gabrielle. Following last year's election, the new Council focused first on reducing internal costs. We limited reliance on consultants, did not replace some roles, tightened purchasing practices and brought forward major cyclone recovery projects to secure enhanced Government subsidies.

That has reduced the amount needing to be funded locally by approximately \$48 million over time. That has had a direct impact on the cyclone recovery rate; reducing it by 2.1 per cent, and on the wider general rates.

Neither option involves major changes to day-to-day services and facilities. The difference is about timing; how much pressure is felt this year and how quickly borrowing is reduced.

For both options, investment in infrastructure remains the priority. Our roads, bridges, water networks and community facilities are fundamental to safety, resilience and economic activity. We are also strengthening Civil Defence capability in response to clearer national expectations and the lessons learned from recent events.

This is the first stage of restoring long-term financial stability. Broader decisions about service levels, smarter ways of delivering services and regional collaboration will be considered next year through the 2027-2037 Long Term Plan. Those conversations affect the shape of the services and facilities people rely on and must give our community the opportunity to make their views heard.

There are no simple choices in the current environment, but there is a clear path forward. This consultation sets out the trade-offs for the year ahead transparently. I encourage you to take part and help shape the final decision.

Submissions close 15 May, 2026

Ō KŌWHIRINGA YOUR CHOICE

Council has heard the voice of residents during the election process, especially concerns around rates affordability.

Council is proposing two options for residents to choose from.

The first is an average rate increase of 5.9 per cent, down from the forecast 10 per cent in this year of the Long-Term Plan. This option balances rates affordability with the significant ongoing funding challenges ahead. However, it requires borrowing for operational costs in the 2026/27 financial year, before returning to a balanced budget the following year.

The second option is an average increase of 9.1 per cent. It means Council could pay back debt quicker and balance its budget in the 2026/27 year, rather than the 2027/28 year, as set out in the Long-Term Plan.

Both these options are below the 10 per cent forecast for this year (Year 3) in the Long-Term Plan. The reduction is possible because of operational savings and the bringing forward of major cyclone recovery projects to attract the highest possible Government funding support, the latter trimming 2.1 per cent off the cyclone recovery rate.

What setting a rates increase of 5.9% would mean:

- a balance between community affordability and financial prudence
- borrowing \$4.8M for operations in 26/27 (with a balanced budget in 27/28)
- adhering to key financial strategy metrics in the Long-Term Plan
- allowing sufficient headroom to borrow for unforeseen circumstances in 2026/27
- a continued focus on expenditure cuts in anticipation of rates capping legislation in future years.

What setting a rates increase of 9.1% would mean:

- no additional borrowing for operational expenditure in 2026/27
- improvements in Council's balance sheet, liquidity and net debt to revenue ratios
- improvement in Council resilience and ability to debt fund unexpected costs
- debt is at lower levels.

Have your say at myvoicemychoice.co.nz or by free-posting the tear-off slip on this summary, by 15 May 2026.

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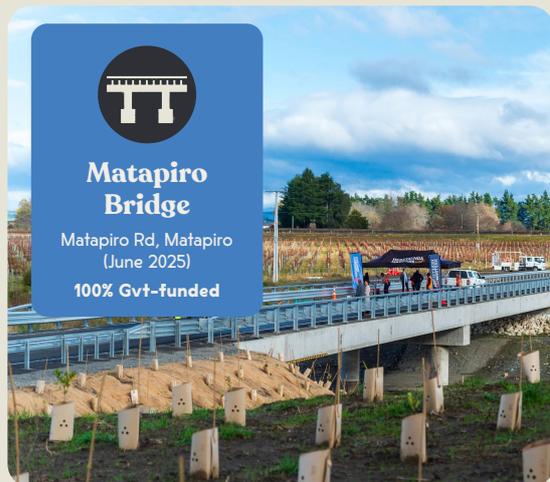
Programme and funding changes impacting 2026/27 financial year

A major contributor to the proposed lower rates figures is Council's ability to commit to completing major cyclone-damaged bridge and culvert rebuilds within the next three years. That move secures 100 per cent external funding for most of those rebuilds, reducing the average cyclone recovery rate by 2.1 per cent.

The overall programme will be advanced by about two years to secure the additional funding.

Outlined below are some of the key project completions along with key works for the coming financial year.

Key project completions:



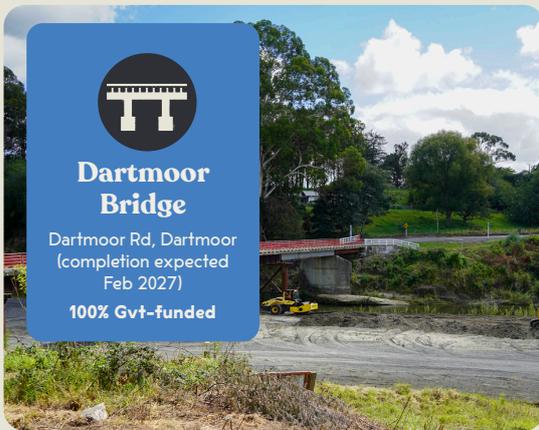


Kererū Gorge Culvert
 Kererū Rd, Kererū
 (April 2025)
100% Gvt-funded

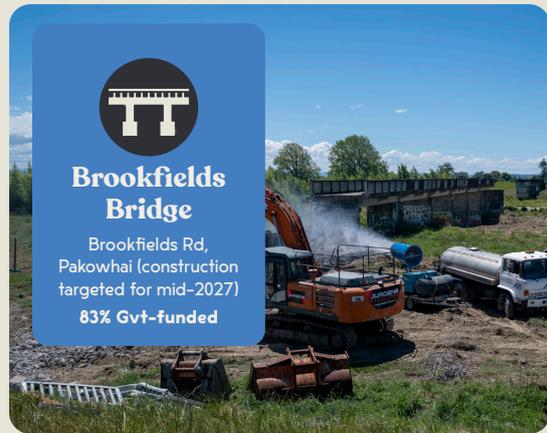
Other key bridges and culverts completed:

- **McVicars Culvert and spillway**, McVicar Rd, Te Haroto (January 2026) **100% Gvt-funded**
- **Patoka Culvert (formerly Hendleys)**, Hendley Rd, Patoka (August 2025) **83% Gvt-funded**
- **Kaiwaka No.2 Culvert**, McIntyres Rd, Kaiwaka (August 2025) **83% Gvt-funded**
- **Chrystal Culvert**, Matahorua Rd, Tūtira (July 2024) **100% Gvt-funded**

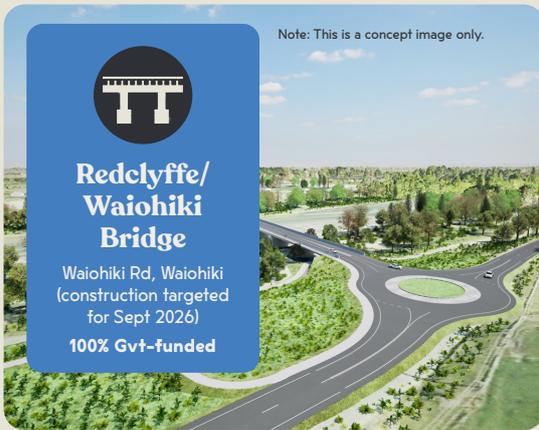
Key projects in construction or design:



Dartmoor Bridge
 Dartmoor Rd, Dartmoor
 (completion expected Feb 2027)
100% Gvt-funded



Brookfields Bridge
 Brookfields Rd, Pakowhai (construction targeted for mid-2027)
83% Gvt-funded



Redclyffe/Waiohiki Bridge
 Waiohiki Rd, Waiohiki
 (construction targeted for Sept 2026)
100% Gvt-funded



Rissington Bridge
 Puketitiri Rd, Rissington
 (completion expected Sept 2026)
100% Gvt-funded

Other key bridges and culverts in construction or design:

- **Arapawanui Bridge**, Aropaonui Rd, Tangoio (construction to begin late 2026) **100% Gvt-funded**
- **Whanawhana Bridge**, Whanawhana Rd, Whanawhana (construction targeted for late 2026) **100% Gvt-funded**
- **Kahika No.1 Culvert**, Kahika Rd, Pūtōrino (completion expected early 2026) **100% Gvt-funded**
- **Willowford Culvert**, Taihape Rd, Waiwhare (completion expected April 2026) **100% Gvt-funded**

RĒTI WHĀITI HOU NEW TARGETED RATES

Civil Defence/Emergency Management targeted rate

A new rate would position us to respond to future climatic events and be more resilient to shocks and hazards. A new targeted rate of \$60 is proposed to be ringfenced and used for this purpose, levied to all properties in the district. The funds would be allocated as follows:

ACTIVITY	DELIVERABLES	FY 26/27 FUNDING
Community Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set of further emergency hubs • Annual hub checks • Management of and supplies for existing community hub • Management and review of existing resilience plans • Set of further resilience plans 	\$400,000
Iwi Māori Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling marae emergency hub readiness • Annual hub checks and supply of hub kits • Relationship management and ongoing support 	
Response Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Configure two emergency operations centres • Embedding IT operating systems 	\$370,000
Welfare Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer manager • Maintaining welfare plans and support networks • Maintaining evacuation centres • Training existing staff/volunteers for welfare roles 	
Emergency Management Workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training existing staff/volunteers for emergency management roles • Emergency exercises 	\$585,000
Hazard Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing new emergency response and hazard plans • Maintaining and updating business continuity plans • Public education campaign 	\$250,000
Total		\$1,605,000



Whakatū West stormwater

Properties located within the Whakatū West Industrial area are being separately consulted on a proposed stormwater solution for the area. This would consist of a new pipe, pump station and detention area.

Affected properties are being communicated with directly regarding the detail and implications of the proposal.



Waipātiki wastewater treatment

Properties connected to the wastewater system in Waipātiki are being separately consulted on a proposed upgrade to the community wastewater treatment system.

Affected properties are being communicated with directly regarding the detail and implications of the proposal.

For any further details about these two targeted rates, email Steve Cave, Three Waters Manager: stevec@hdc.govt.nz and have your say at myvoicemychoice.co.nz.

HE KŌRERO ĀPITI MORE INFORMATION



Tourism funding

Last year, the Hastings, Napier, and Central Hawke's Bay councils made a short-term decision to provide limited funding to Hawke's Bay Tourism, following the Hawke's Bay Regional Council's decision to no longer fund it.

Since that time the councils have considered the future of Hawke's Bay Tourism Limited (HBT) which has been responsible for marketing the region. This is destination marketing, encouraging people to visit the region; not advertising specific private attractions or businesses.

Whilst Hastings District Council sees value in the ongoing operation of Hawke's Bay Tourism, the funding model is not sustainable if left for Hastings alone. This budget retains Hastings' funding share, with options for the use of that funding refined in the coming months, depending on the decisions made by the councils.

Havelock North dams and streams

Building on work already undertaken through the Havelock North Streams Catchment Management Plan (CMP), further capital works are scheduled in response to lessons from Cyclone Gabrielle, updated technical assessments, and evolving regulatory requirements.

The Havelock North catchment is protected by five flood detention dams and an interconnected stream and pipe network. Post-cyclone assessments identified dam safety regulatory requirements, increased flood and erosion risks, ageing and undersized stormwater pipes, and ecological degradation and stream instability.

To progress priority works, \$5M is allocated in 2026/27 (up from \$1.5M), including for dam upgrades to meet regulatory standards, targeted stream corridor work in high-risk locations, stormwater pipe upgrades, and detailed investigations, design and consenting.

These projects will reduce flood risk and protect homes and infrastructure.

From 1 July 2027, responsibility for ongoing water infrastructure investment is expected to transfer to the new water services entity. This funding addresses priority risks now while informing future planning and investment.

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Submissions to the draft Annual Plan close on 15 May 2026.

Make your submission by:

- Visiting myvoicemychoice.co.nz
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Hearings are scheduled to commence on 10 June 2026.

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SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

Three waters and housing

Housing development across Hastings, Flaxmere and Havelock North remains strong. Council's role is to put the essential infrastructure in place - roads, drinking water, wastewater and stormwater - so new neighbourhoods can grow safely and sustainably.

Infrastructure already built is supporting hundreds of new homes under construction, including affordable, rental and market housing. Te Pā Harakeke, Council's 39-unit elder housing development, is due for completion in June.

In Havelock North, roading safety improvements and extensions to drinking and wastewater services are continuing off Middle Road to support new housing. Upgrades to the drinking water trunk main along Ōmāhu Rd and a new wastewater pipeline along SH2 from Flaxmere to Waipatu will strengthen supply to current homes plus enable growth.



Landfill

Stage 1 of the Ōmarunui Landfill expansion is now complete. The previous filling area is expected to reach capacity next year. The new stage provides around 30 years of additional capacity at current fill rates. Council continues to promote waste reduction programmes, mainly funded from the Government's waste levy, to reduce the amount going to landfill and extend its lifespan.

Road safety

While most major road projects are related to cyclone recovery, the maintenance and projects on the existing network continue. In January, work began on a new roundabout at the intersection of Te Mata/Te Mata Mangateretere roads; one of the district's highest-risk intersections. The project includes new roundabout, full road reconstruction, heavy-vehicle design improvements, drainage upgrades, and relocation of power and telecommunications services. It is expected to be completed in May 2026.

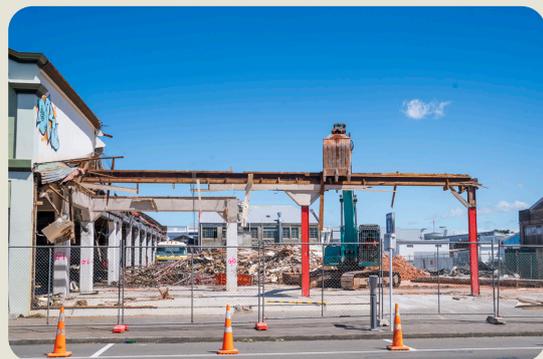
Central city

Construction began in February on the rail safety and city centre project in Hastings city. KiwiRail required the rail line through the city centre to be fenced after it had identified it as the highest-risk pedestrian crossing on its national network. Fencing is now being installed, at KiwiRail's cost, to improve safety.

At the same time, Council is replacing the water feature which is at its end of life and had developed unmanageable leak issues and improving accessibility and upgrading the paving and landscaping. Doing this work at the same time as the KiwiRail project removes cost duplications that would occur if done separately.



Demolition of the former Farmers' Co-operative building at 206 Queen Street West began in January. The site is being redeveloped by local developer Mike Walker. Plans include commercial space, heritage features and inner-city housing. Council will develop a public green space in the first phase of the project.



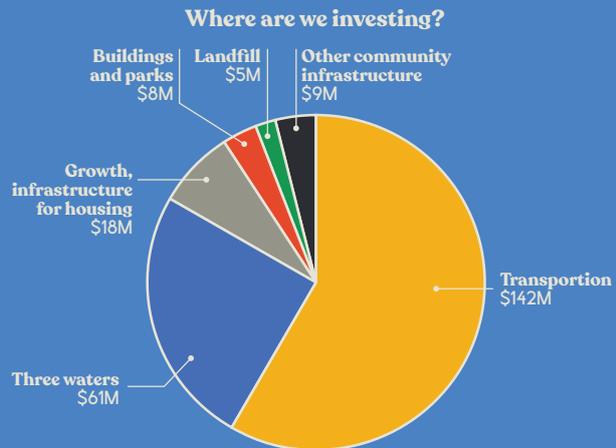
These projects support Council's long-term goal of creating a more vibrant city centre where people live, work, visit and connect.

TE TAU KEI MUA I TE AROARO THE YEAR AHEAD

Where are we investing?

Year three of the Long-Term Plan (which this Annual Plan is based on) is heavily focused on critical infrastructure, including the ongoing repair of our roads and bridges post Cyclone Gabrielle – in total a \$243M capital investment package.

The capital projects are developed to meet the needs of residents, with a particular focus in the Long-Term Plan on our rural community, where using the cyclone-damaged transport network remains challenging.

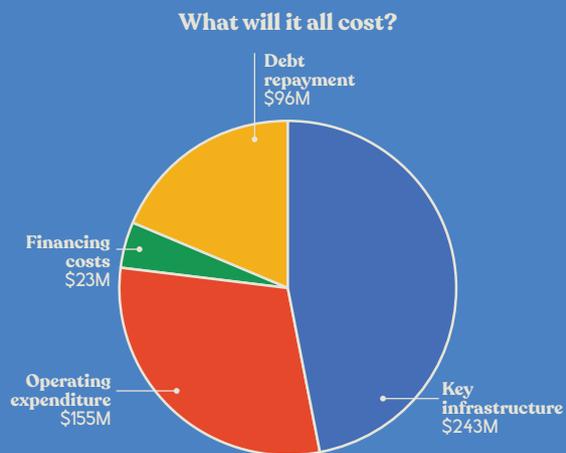


Delivering services to the community

As well as upgrading and maintaining our assets (capital expenditure) a significant proportion of the annual budget is spent on delivering a wide range of services (operating expenditure).

These range from regulatory activities required by Government Acts, (governing land use and building standards, and public safety monitoring and enforcement of noise, food and dogs) and collecting rubbish and recycling, to keeping public toilets clean, and the day-to-day maintenance of our roads and three waters infrastructure.

Included in this is the management of community facilities, including parks and reserves, libraries, pools, community centres, and arts and events venues.

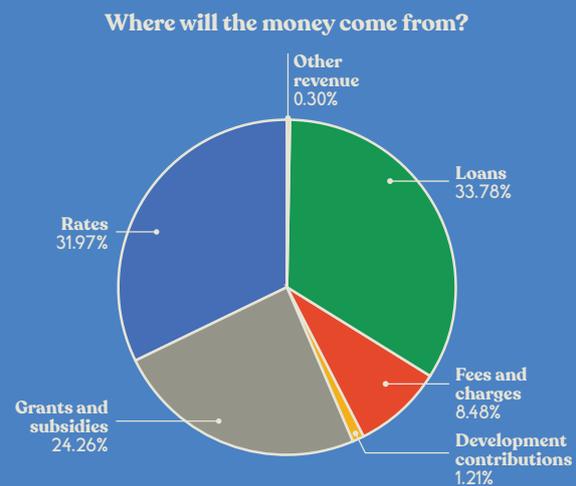


What will it all cost?

The estimated cost for the 2026/27 financial year of looking after our infrastructure, upgrading community assets, building new ones and providing a broad range of services is \$517M.

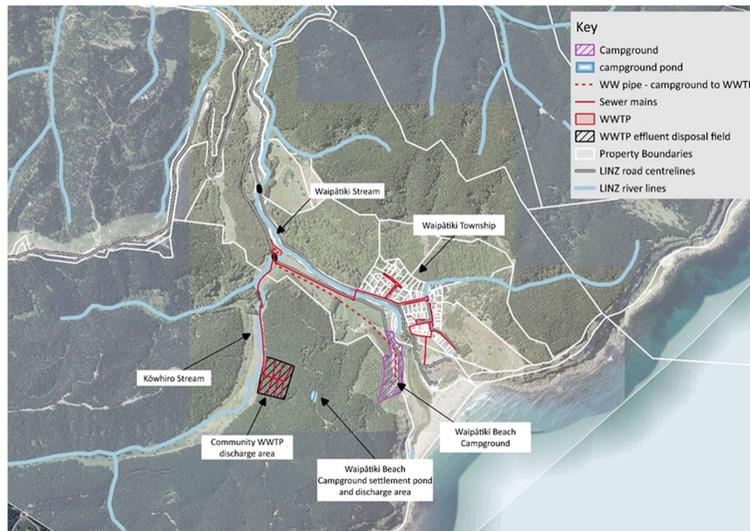
Where will the money come from?

The income from rates is not enough to cover the costs of all of Council's work. Council uses loans to fund capital projects (including cyclone recovery) and our strategy is to maximise funding from other sources, such as Government, wherever possible. An example is the cyclone recovery, which has an estimated full cost of \$863M, with Council funding \$182M of that, and Government supplying the balance.



These graphs are based on the 5.9% increase option.

Draft Statement of Proposal – Waipātiki Wastewater Scheme



This proposal forms part of the 2026/27 Draft Annual Plan consultation.

Submissions close on 15 May 2026. The Council hearing commences on 10 June 2026.

To make a submission head online to www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz for further details.

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PART A – NATURE AND SCOPE OF PROPOSAL

- Why invest in wastewater in Waipātiki?
- Background - What was achieved with the first scheme?
- A New Consent – The new scheme at a glance
- Why should the Waipātiki community pay?

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- What are the reasonably practicable options?
- What's the preferred infrastructure solution?
- What are the options regarding timing?

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- Capital cost
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Statement of Proposal – Waipātiki Wastewater Scheme

This is a Statement of proposal under the Local Government Act 2002. Its purpose is to cover the key aspects of the Waipātiki Wastewater Scheme for discussion with the community. It is intended to inform community feedback to the 2026/27 Draft Annual Plan.

SCOPE OF PROPOSAL

This proposal seeks to undertake upgrades of the existing Waipātiki community wastewater system and works to connect the Waipātiki Campground wastewater system to the community system, and to recover the costs via a combination of funding tools.



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Why invest in wastewater infrastructure in Waipātiki?

Ensuring long term, sustainable wastewater management at Waipātiki and making best use of existing assets

Waipātiki community wastewater discharge permit

- The Council's discharge permit for the discharge of treated wastewater from the community wastewater treatment plant has expired and is allowed to continue whilst the application for a new consent proceeds.

Waipātiki campground discharge permit

- HDC has a responsibility to maintain a wastewater system for the Campground. The discharge permit for the existing wastewater system at the Campground, which is held by Hawkes Bay Regional Council as campground owner, has expired. To remain compliant a short-term consent was obtained by HBRC pending connection of the campground into HDC's community wastewater treatment.

Background - What did the original wastewater scheme achieve?

Waipātiki is a gem of the Hastings District and the wider Hawke's Bay Region, with unique ecological characteristics and is a special place for residents and visitors alike.

The community wastewater scheme at Waipātiki was installed by HDC in 2006, after investigations since 2001 to identify options to improve wastewater management in order to protect public health and protect the receiving environment. The community system replaced per property on-site wastewater systems in the settlement, which were linked via water quality monitoring in the 1990s to degraded water quality in the Waipātiki Stream and Waipātiki Lagoon. The move to a reticulated network with effluent disposal in the pine forestry away from the stream and coastal area has resulted in improved environmental outcomes at Waipātiki. This has also contributed towards restoration of cultural values for Maungaharuru-Tangitū hapū, for whom freshwater and coastal water quality are critically important.

The existing scheme consists of primary treatment tanks on residential properties within the settlement which are connected to a centralised wastewater plant for further treatment. Treated wastewater is then conveyed into forestry land and is discharged via spray irrigation.

A New Consent – The new scheme at a glance

Expiry of the discharge permit for the existing scheme, taking into account connection of HDC's new Drinking Water Treatment Plant to the wastewater system, and the agreement with HBRC to provide a connection from the Campground to the system, required HDC to identify a 'best practicable option' for long term wastewater treatment and disposal at Waipātiki and to apply for a new resource consent accordingly.

The optioneering and assessments for consenting have considered what level of wastewater service to be provided to the community is, and how this can be delivered in a way that is cost effective, and that protects, and where possible enhances, the receiving environment and cultural values for mana whenua.

First and foremost, the proposal aims to make best use of existing infrastructure, taking into account the life cycle of the existing wastewater treatment assets. The treatment plant site is susceptible to flooding and subsidence, which is likely to intensify due to climate change. Therefore, some stabilisation works at and around the site are needed. Additionally, there is a need to add new treatment equipment and additional wastewater storage at the plant to ensure on-going efficacy of treatment. An option to further contribute to environmental restoration and cultural values, particularly in the Kowhiri and Waipātiki Streams, via planting of indigenous plant species in the area has been included in the resource consent application. To date however, this has not been agreed with Pan Pac Forestry as the landowner and is likely to be an activity that is considered at a later date and taking into account harvesting activities.

Secondarily to these works, if the Campground is going to be connected to the wastewater treatment plant, additional treatment equipment needs to be installed at the Campground. HDC's treatment plant cannot accept wastewater from the Campground's existing primary treatment system, and the secondary treatment equipment required cannot be installed at the treatment plant site due to a lack of available space.

Connection of the campground to the community treatment plant has been included in HDC's resource consent application to ensure that this remains a viable option from an RMA perspective. There is however a need to liaise further with HBRC, as Campground owner and consent holder for the existing

wastewater system there, as to long term arrangements for the campground, funding of the works required for HDC's treatment plant to accept campground wastewater and any on-going fees/charges that may occur in relation to operational and maintenance costs for the wastewater system.

Existing Landowner Maintenance Requirements

Currently, HDC owns the primary treatment tanks that are located on each property within the serviced area (these tanks provide basic treatment before wastewater is conveyed to the treatment plant for further treatment and discharge), whilst landowners are responsible for the cost of maintenance of these systems. There is no proposed change to this arrangement, and landowner awareness of the system and proper maintenance is an important and valued part of effective wastewater management at Waipātiki.

Why should the Waipātiki and Campground community pay?

The residents of Waipātiki settlement are direct beneficiaries of the community wastewater scheme, and landowners there paid for the construction of the original system. The proposal aims to ensure on-going investment in existing infrastructure so that an appropriate level of wastewater treatment and disposal services can be provided to the community.

Likewise, the campground will directly benefit if it is connected to the community system.



Note: The campground was purchased by HBRC with joint funding from HDC and Napier City Council in 2016. A condition of the sale was that HDC would maintain an effective wastewater system for the campground and would provide a connection to the community system in 2018.

To date this has not yet occurred, although a pipeline to enable connection was installed during the construction of HDC's water treatment plant at Waipātiki in 2021 in anticipation of the connection. The connection has not been utilised due to the upgrades required at both the community treatment plant and the campground to cater for the increase in volume and variable quality of wastewater from the campground.

PART B – THE INFRASTRUCTURE OPTIONS

Outlined below are the key options and Council’s preferred option.

What are the reasonably practicable options?

- **Status Quo – Do Nothing**

- Advantages

- No capital expenditure required at this time

- Disadvantages

- Fails to protect existing assets from known risks of flooding and subsidence
 - Fails to address potential environmental risks from overflows and treatment issues
 - Likely to be problematic for consenting/unable to secure long term resource consent
 - Makes no further steps towards enabling connection of the campground to the treatment plant

- **Adopt the proposal – (invest \$2.4 million)**

Securing consent is subject to HBRC’s (consent authority) assessment and decision making on the application. Additionally, the National Wastewater Environmental Performance Standards (WEPS) came into force in December 2025.

Re-consideration of the preferred technical solution occurred once the WEPS came into force, and that solution remains the best practicable option and no significant change to the proposal is required.

- Advantages

- Makes best use of and protects existing investment and infrastructure
 - Provides a long term, sustainable solution to wastewater management at Waipātiki for residents
 - Aligns with the proposal supported by mana whenua
 - Long term resource consent likely to be able to be secured¹
 - Ensures efficacy of treatment that can continue if/when campground is connected

- Disadvantages

- Financial implication for residents and campground (if connected)
 - Flooding and subsidence risks cannot be mitigated entirely, failure is still possible

- **Other Options Considered**

- **Abandon a community scheme and revert to onsite property systems**

- Advantages

The WEPS provides a specific, more prescriptive consenting pathway for the Waipātiki system, as opposed to the standard RMA process. It narrows the scope of what can be considered by HBRC. The WEPS process provides a guaranteed 35-year consent duration, whereas consent duration is at the discretion of the consent authority under the standard RMA process.

- Reduces on-going cost and operational burden for HDC

Disadvantages

- Likely high capital cost associated with removal of equipment and site remediation
- Unlikely to find favour with the community or mana whenua
- Provides no connection option for the campground
- Would be a step backwards environmentally and in terms of level of service

Build a New Treatment Plant at a different site

Advantages

- Enables the campground to connect to the treatment plant without pre-treatment on-site
- Moves the treatment plant further away from the flood hazard zone and could potentially be located on a more stable site

Disadvantages

- Very high capital cost
- Lack of suitable land and moving higher up in the catchment presents increased risk to groundwater and the community drinking water source and potentially significant ecological impacts
- Introduces increased risk of pipe failure and associated spill of untreated wastewater

What’s the preferred infrastructure solution?

Make Best Use of Existing Infrastructure

Solution Components

- Upgrades to the treatment plant and site to ensure on-going effective treatment and protect asset
- Install secondary treatment system at the Campground to enable connection to the treatment plant for tertiary treatment and discharge
- Undertake enhancement in the discharge environment (plantings) if and when possible, to continue to contribute to overall environmental enhancement

What are the options regarding timing?

The current and proposed timeframe for works is:

Financial Year	Activities/Works
2024-2025	Primary (Regional) Resource Consent Application Lodged and Obtained (noting that assessment and decision making by the Consent Authority may extend into 2025-2026);

2025- 2026	Detailed Design Phase and Ancillary (District Land Use and Building if Required) sought and obtained;
2026-2027	Upgrade works at WWTP Site including driven pile reinforcing and erosion control and installation of new treatment equipment;
2027-2028	Campground system installed and wastewater conveying – this is subject to ongoing conversations with relevant parties.



The upgrade works at the treatment plant and site could be deferred, but not by more than 5 years without having significant consenting implications. This would also come with the risk that the site would continue to be subject to existing risk for some time (it is located immediately adjacent to a flood zone) without the proposed enhanced protection.

It would also be possible to defer the works at the campground to a later date, provided that works were commenced no later than May 2029 (the campground resource consent requires a substantial review in June 2029 which would be triggered if the connection to the community system were not made before then. NB the existing Campground lease expires in 2031).

PART C – SCHEME COST

Outlined below are the key costs associated with the scheme.

The capital cost

The total cost of the scheme upgrades has been estimated at \$2.4m (excl. GST), including technical assessments and investigations, consent lodgement, detailed design and construction and commissioning.

The apportionment of costs falls \$1.2m to the campground and \$1.2m to the community wastewater scheme.

Ongoing operating and renewal costs

The ongoing costs are not considered significant in the context of the total wastewater activity budget.

The scheme is being treated the same as the main urban wastewater network whereby operating costs are funded through the wastewater targeted rate.

The Council’s Long-Term Plan 2024-34 anticipated the likely need for the amalgamation of wastewater schemes in the future for the purposes of operational cost sharing. The operational targeted rate for Waipātiki wastewater has been set at twice the urban wastewater rate. This reflects the higher cost of operating the scheme and the Waipātiki contribution to the project consenting costs.

The harmonisation of targeted rates has a precedent, in that this occurred with the various water supply schemes across the district a number of years

ago. The principal being that all schemes have an acceptable base level of service given the public health and environmental implications.

Part of the scheme funding proposal allocates 20% of the capital cost (debt funded) to the amalgamated (harmonised) targeted rate. Waipātiki landowners benefit from this approach as its costs about a dollar per annum in the amalgamated targeted rate (because of the 29,000 connections to spread it over) versus what would have cost a landowner circa \$20,000 in total versus the proposed \$16,700.

It needs to be noted that under the Central Government’s Local Water Done Well proposals it is possible that catchment charging could be put in place with specific wastewater rates for specific locations.

Separating the campground decision making process from the community wastewater scheme

A pathway to address the matters associated with the campground is in process and able to be de-linked from the community wastewater scheme, and potentially within a different timeframe.

For the purposes of this document the attention now turns to the community wastewater component of the overall scheme.



PART D – BENEFICIARIES AND FUNDING

Outlined below are the key matters in respect of who benefits from the scheme and how it should be paid for. A more detailed analysis is outlined in the appendix to this proposal.

What’s the serviceable and chargeable area of benefit?

The serviceable area of benefit has been defined as follows:

(1) Community Wastewater Scheme

Properties with the ability to connect to the community wastewater scheme. These are the properties who both benefit from having a compliant wastewater scheme and who trigger the need for the scheme in the first instance.

How would the scheme be paid for?

At a high level the funding would be split as follows:

Total Scheme Cost \$2.4m (including campground) (excl. GST)

Community Wastewater Component \$1.2m

Community (Rates) – (10% - \$120,000) broader environmental benefits associated with the recreational value of Waipātiki beach.

Wastewater Targeted Rate Harmonisation (20% - \$240,000 loan funded) operational cost sharing approach – 2 times differential for Waipātiki.

Scheme Beneficiaries (Targeted Capital Rate) (70% - \$840,000) – direct beneficiaries of scheme - \$11,200 per property plus GST and interest costs.

Note: The total capital cost of the scheme proposed to be funded from Waipātiki property owners is, estimated at \$16,700 inclusive of GST and interest costs.

Should the scheme be able to be delivered for a lower cost, then the savings would be passed onto the scheme contributors and the targeted rate adjusted accordingly.

How was the funding strategy arrived at?

A summary is outlined below. More detail can be found in the full section 101 Analysis appended to this proposal.

(1) Community Wastewater Scheme

Community (Public Good) – Ratepayer loan funding

The matter of “Public Good” is a standard consideration when assessing funding for new projects.

The Council have undertaken an assessment and have determined that given the significant recreational value of Waipātiki beach, the inlet and reserve and the broader coastal environment that public good benefits exist from this project (acknowledging that the primary need for the project is triggered from both the campground and the Waipātiki residents).

Whilst difficult to quantify the public good benefit, the Council considers that a 10% allocation is in line with that allocated to the East Clive Wastewater Treatment facility, acknowledging the similarity in the benefits received, but also acknowledging the difference in scale. This also recognises the connection of the public toilet on the reserve.

Wastewater Connectivity and Level of Service - Scheme Harmonisation

The Council several years ago amalgamated its various water supplies to acknowledge the benefit of having a minimum standard level of service across the district given the public health and environmental implications. Amalgamating the schemes enabled the various needs of all water supplies to be funded from the consolidated and larger funding pool.

That same principal is proposed to be applied with the urban and Waipātiki wastewater schemes. The 2024-34 Long Term Plan anticipated the need for this to occur in the future for the purposes of operational cost sharing.

The operational targeted rate for Waipātiki wastewater has been set at twice the urban wastewater rate. This reflects the higher cost of operating the scheme and the Waipatiki contribution to the project consenting costs.

This approach has a significant benefit to Waipātiki landowners. It will cost about a dollar per annum in the amalgamated targeted rate (because of the 29,000 connections to spread it over) versus what would have cost a landowner circa \$20,000 in total versus the proposed \$16,700.

Direct Scheme Beneficiaries

The majority of the cost is proposed to be allocated to the Waipātiki community with the ability to connect to the Waipātiki Community Wastewater Treatment Scheme.

These properties both trigger the need for the scheme and incur the majority of the benefit from having a compliant scheme in place.

That benefit is assessed as occurring equally across the 75 properties and proposed to be charged that way via a uniform targeted rate.

How would the proposed targeted rate work?

The targeted rate would be levied on all properties within the defined area of benefit. This is detailed in the map appended. The rate would appear as a separate line on each rates invoice and is linked to the property. Therefore, if the property is sold the rate is treated like all other rates and transfers to the new property owner.

What is the payment option?

Based on previous schemes of a similar nature the Council is proposing to recover the cost by way of a targeted rate over a 10-year period. Initial views from landowners were mixed on a 10-year loan repayment option but it appeared to meet the midpoint of various views. This is a balance point between offering some form of time payment, but without burdening property owners with extended debt servicing costs.

The total per annum cost per property over 10 years would be \$1,670 including GST and financing costs.



PART E - ASSURANCE

In preparing this proposal the Council has drawn on various data sources and has had various elements of the work peer reviewed and tested by appropriately qualified external entities.

Quality Assurance

Infrastructure Solution Review

The Waipātiki Wastewater Long Term solution project team is a multi-disciplinary one including planning strategy, consenting and environmental analysis from Good Earth Matters Consulting, project design and management, logistics and civils from Development Partners Limited, property advice from The Property Group and cultural values expertise from a Maungaharuru-Tangitū appointed expert. These experts undertook the optioneering including Multi-Criteria Assessment to identify the preferred infrastructure solution.

Additional inputs have included a post-cyclone assessment of the Campground wastewater pond by Tonkin and Taylor and ecological impact assessment by EAM consultants. Additional wastewater process expertise and peer review of the preferred option for connecting the campground and upgrades at the treatment plant has been provided by consultant Peter Trafford.

Costings

Costings for the preferred option have been developed with input from the project team by Development Partners who regularly provide infrastructure project costings to Hastings District Council, using a conservative approach

with contingencies for uncertainties where appropriate. Quoted prices have been used where available and appropriate.

Local Water Done Well

The Council has recently consulted on the options to deliver water services in the future as part of the governments “Local Water Done Well” strategy.

The model adopted is for the establishment of a multi entity council-controlled organisation incorporating the neighbouring councils of Napier and Central Hawkes Bay.

This would see the delivery of all water services (water supply, wastewater and stormwater) and the assets transferred to that new entity in the coming years.

The Waipātiki wastewater scheme would also transfer via that process along with the remaining responsibility for charging and collecting revenue. No consequential impacts are anticipated from this change.



Key Assumptions

Forecasting assumption and effect of uncertainty	Risk / Level of Uncertainty	Risk Mitigation
<p>FUNDING</p> <p>The proposal is not underpinned by any external government funding. No risk of loss of funding identified.</p>	Low	No mitigation required
<p>COSTS / INFLATION</p> <p>Inflation can have an impact on construction pricing. The risk would be rising inflation and its impact on the forecast construction cost.</p>	Low	<p>Quoted prices have been obtained.</p> <p>Contingencies are built into the estimates.</p>
<p>INTEREST</p> <p>Interest has been assumed at 5.0% - the Council's average cost of borrowing within its Long-Term Plan.</p> <p>The risk is that interest rates rise above this level over the term of the loan.</p>	Low/Med	Assumption is based on advice from treasury advisors and is reviewed. Any fluctuations can be managed within Council's overall cost of borrowing

PART F - HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Finding out more

This document is the comprehensive proposal in respect of the Waipātiki Wastewater Scheme.

This proposal is open for public submissions until 15 May 2026.

Head online to myvoicemychoice.co.nz to make an online submission.

Alternatively you can direct an email submission to the Strategy Manager at lexfv@hdc.govt.nz or drop off a submission to our customer services centre in Lyndon Road , Hastings.

APPENDIX – SECTION 101 WORKING PAPER

The following is an analysis of funding needs for the Waipātiki Wastewater Scheme in accordance with section 101 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Note: This Analysis applies to the community wastewater scheme only. The campground component is subject to other decision-making processes and timing.

Local Government Act 2002 - Section 101 Financial management

- (1) A local authority must manage its revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities, investments, and general financial dealings prudently and in a manner that promotes the current and future interests of the community.
- (2) A local authority must make adequate and effective provision in its long-term plan and in its annual plan (where applicable) to meet the expenditure needs of the local authority identified in that long-term plan and annual plan.
- (3) The funding needs of the local authority must be met from those sources that the local authority determines to be appropriate, following consideration of,—
 - a. in relation to each activity to be funded,—
 - i. the community outcomes to which the activity primarily contributes; and
 - ii. the distribution of benefits between the community as a whole, any identifiable part of the community, and individuals; and
 - iii. the period in or over which those benefits are expected to occur; and
 - iv. the extent to which the actions or inaction of particular individuals or a group contribute to the need to undertake the activity; and
 - v. the costs and benefits, including consequences for transparency and accountability, of funding the activity distinctly from other activities; and
 - b. the overall impact of any allocation of liability for revenue needs on the current and future social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of the community.

(3) a. i. The community outcomes to which the activity primarily contributes.

- 1) “Safe and Inclusive Place” (p. 9 Long Term Plan 2024-34).
- 2) “Healthy Environment and People” (p. 9 Long Term Plan 2024-34).

Relevant strategic goals within these community outcomes are:

1) “Our communities are safe and resilient”.

Council has a key role in infrastructure provision. Changing standards under a new three waters regulatory regime necessitate action and investment.

2) “The natural environment is enhanced and protected”.

Council has a key role in environment wellbeing, from infrastructure and regulation through to education.

(3) a. ii. The distribution of benefits between the community as a whole, any identifiable part of the community, and individuals.

(a) Community as a whole

The matter of “Public Good” is a standard consideration when assessing funding for new projects.

The Council have undertaken an assessment and have determined that public benefits primarily relate to the protection of the substantial recreational values of Waipātiki beach, and its surrounds. The benefits have similarity to the East Clive Wastewater Treatment Plant; however, the scale is considerably less. A 10% public good component is considered reasonable and accounts for the public toilet connection.

A subset of the wider community could be considered the community of wastewater connected properties across the district.

The Council has a precedent of amalgamating its three waters services schemes in the past to enable essential infrastructure to be undertaken. This occurred a number of years ago with its water supply schemes.

The principal being that the larger consolidated funding pool will unlock the investments required to ensure minimum public health and environmental outcomes across the district.

By allocating 20% of the capital cost (loan funded) to this larger funding pool urban residents will pay an additional 60 cents and Waipātiki residents a little more than a dollar per annum.

If this approach was not taken Waipātiki landowners would be charged circa \$20,000 versus the proposed \$16,700 contribution.

(b) Identifiable part of the community

The serviceable area of benefit has been defined as properties with the ability to connect to the wastewater treatment scheme.

These properties consist of circa 75 residential dwellings.

(3) a. iii. The period in or over which those benefits are expected to occur.

Acting now will result in a compliant wastewater system resilient to current and future conditions. The nature of the infrastructure being built (i.e. wastewater treatment plant with a multi-generation asset live) means that the benefit is assessed as long-term.

For long-term benefit projects (new assets) the normal loan funding duration of 25 years is typically used. However, its anticipated landowners will want to find a more optimal repayment period which incurs less debt servicing cost. It is also unlikely that the new water entity will want this extended legacy funding arrangement. 10 years has been chosen after considering the above and the funding term for similar schemes.

(3) a. iv. The extent to which the actions or inaction of particular individuals or a group contribute to the need to undertake the activity.

The need for the scheme can clearly be sheeted home to those needing to connect to the wastewater scheme to remain compliant with discharge consent conditions. These are residential dwellings in the area.

(3) a. v. The costs and benefits, including consequences for transparency and accountability, of funding the activity distinctly from other activities.

Separate targeted rates have been used by Council for many other similar functions as outlined in the Council's Revenue and Financing Policy. They are considered a cost-effective way of charging the correct beneficiaries in a targeted and transparent way.

The basis of rating:

(a) Land Value, Land Area & Capital Value

A property value-based rate does not reflect the per property connection type characteristics of the service being provided to the households.

Any public benefit considerations are also more likely better apportioned in a uniform way, unrelated to the property value of households and businesses.

(b) Fixed Uniform Charge

Fixed uniform charges are already provided for within the Council’s Revenue and Financing Policy as an appropriate way of recovering the cost of direct services – as a proxy for a user charge.

(3) b. The overall impact of any allocation of liability for revenue needs on the current and future social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of the community.

The Council’s Financial Strategy outlines the Council’s current fiscal context with an explicit priority focus on debt reduction as an overriding priority for long-term community wellbeing. Any new initiative/project needs to be assessed against this overriding Council and Community priority.

A secondary contextual factor is that the Council is currently borrowing to fund its operations for 2 more years as part of its strategy to recover from Cyclone Gabrielle. Any new initiative that would attract any level of “whole of community” funding needs to be assessed against this context.

Irrespective of the funding solution, the scheme would be initially loan funded by Council consuming more of its limited debt capacity.

The Council will need to turn its mind to its relative priorities and what, if any, part of the capital programme can be moved to accommodate this project within the current debt profile.



Local Governance Statement

Prepared in terms of Section 40 of the Local Government Act 2002.
Following the 2025 Local Authority Elections



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Local Governance Statement

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Associated documents

Elected Members Code of Conduct 2022 [PRJ22-20-0022]

Hastings District Council Committee and Rural Community Board Register of Delegations 2025-2028

Hastings District Council Standing Orders [PRJ22-20-0016]

Hastings District Council Rural Community Board Standing Orders [PRJ22-20-0024]

Hastings District Council Significance and Engagement Policy [CG-15-22-13]

Our Vision

Heretaunga whenua houkura, Heretaunga hapori ora *Fertile land, prosperous people*

Our vision for the Hastings District represents the foundations of our community: land and people.

We are focused on protecting and enhancing our fertile land and the life-giving waters which support it and helping the people of this place to fulfil their aspirations and prosper together.

(Hastings District Council Long Term Plan 2024-34)

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Introduction

Hastings District Council's Local Governance Statement is a collection of information about the Council and the processes which it uses to engage with the district's residents.

The requirement for a local governance statement and what it must contain are provided for by section 40 of the Local Government Act 2002. Council is obliged to produce a new Local Governance Statement within six months following each triennial election.

1. Functions, responsibilities, and activities

The purpose of the Hastings District Council (the Council), as outlined in the Local Government Act 2002, is to enable democratic local decision-making by and on behalf of communities and to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.

The Council has overall responsibility and accountability for the proper direction and control of the Council's activities in pursuit of community outcomes. This responsibility includes:

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

2. Statutes pertaining to Local Government

In fulfilling its purpose, the Council exercises powers and fulfils responsibilities conferred on it by various statutes. Chief among these are: the Local Government Acts of 1974 and 2002; the Local Electoral Act 2001; the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002; the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987; the Resource Management Act 1991; the Building Act 2004; the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002 and the Health Act 1956.

These are some of the 70 plus Acts which confer some obligation on or provide certain powers to the Council.

3. Local legislation

The following local legislation also applies to the Hastings District Council:

- Hawke's Bay Crematorium Act 1944

4. Bylaws

The Council has authority under the Local Government Act 2002 and various other Acts to make bylaws:

- To protect the public from nuisance
- Protecting, promoting, and maintaining public health and safety
- Minimising the potential for offensive behaviour in public places

The Council bylaws can be viewed on the Council website www.hastingsdc.govt.nz

In July 2021 the Council adopted the amended Hastings District Council Consolidated Bylaws which includes the following chapters:-

Interpretations and General Provisions:

- The Introductory Bylaw was replaced by a new "Interpretation and General Provisions Bylaw"

Public Places:

- Access ways
- Activities
- Advertising devices
- Beaches
- Cemeteries and crematorium
- Council facilities
- Skateboards
- Damage
- Encroachments
- Fences
- Flying activities
- Hazards
- Events, demonstrations, competitions, parade, processions or other public meetings
- Sports and games in a public place
- Street numbering and private road signs
- Stock
- Trading, busking and collections
- Vehicle crossings and berms.

Dog Control

Alcohol Bans

- Authority
- Definitions
- Alcohol bans
- Licences and dispensations

Parking and Traffic

- Authority
- Definitions
- Parking restrictions and charges
- Parking offences
- Traffic movement and safety
- Traffic offences
- Enforcement

Water Services

- Definitions
- Connection and disconnection
- Network corridor
- Damage to the network
- Offences in relation to water supply
- Offences in relation to wastewater
- Offences in relation to stormwater
- Approvals
- Heavy metals
- Organic compounds

Miscellaneous Matters

- Nuisances
- Stock, poultry and bees

Hastings District Council Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2025

Speed Limits Bylaw – Last reviewed December 2020

This Bylaw enables the Council to set speed limits in respect of any road under its control as well as in certain designated locations. The roads affected and the speeds applied are specified in the schedules to the Bylaw.

5. The electoral system and the opportunity to change it

5.1 'First Past the Post' (FPP) and 'Single Transferable Vote' systems

The Council currently conducts its elections under the "First Past the Post" (FPP) electoral system. Electors vote by ticking their preferred candidate(s), and the candidate(s) that receive(s) the most votes is/are declared to be elected.

The other option permitted under the Local Electoral Act 2001 is the "Single Transferable Vote" system (STV). Under this system electors rank candidates in order of their preference. The number of votes required for a candidate to be elected (called the quota) depends on the number of positions to be filled and the total number of valid votes which have been cast in the election.

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

- Counting the first preferences of all electors
- A transfer of a proportion of votes received by any candidate where the number of votes for that candidate is in excess of the quota
- The exclusion of the lowest polling candidates and the transfer of these votes in accordance with voters' second preferences and so on via further exclusions and preferences.

More detailed information on STV is available on the website www.stv.govt.nz

5.2 Deciding which electoral system to use

Under the Local Electoral Act 2001:

- Council can resolve to change the electoral system to be used at the next two elections
- Council can conduct a binding poll of eligible electors on which electoral system to use
- Electors can demand that a binding poll be undertaken by the presentation to the Council of a petition signed by 5% of the eligible electors.

Once changed, an electoral system must be used for at least the next two triennial general elections, i.e., the electoral system cannot be changed for one election and then changed back for the next election.

5.3 The voting system for Council's triennial elections

On 10 August 2023 the Council resolved to retain the "First Past the Post" voting system for the 2025 and 2028 elections. Unless the legislation changes, every six years the council will be asked to decide if it wishes to retain First Past the Post or adopt Single Transferable Voting for the two forthcoming elections. This will be reviewed again in 2029.

6. Representation options

6.1 Māori Wards and constituencies

The Local Electoral Act 2001 gives the Council the ability to establish separate wards for electors on the Māori roll. In May 2021, Council resolved to establish the Takitimu Māori Ward covering all voters on the Māori roll in the Hastings District. In 2022 it was confirmed that three members would represent the Takitimu Ward. These members were elected for the first time in the 2022 triennial election.

Alongside the 2025 local body election there was a binding poll (referendum) on the continuation or discontinuation of Māori Wards. The result of the bidding poll was in favour of the discontinuation of Māori Wards for the Hastings District. The result of this binding poll applies for two triennium – the 2028 and 2031 elections.

6.2 Electoral representation

The Local Electoral Act 2001 requires the Council to review its representation arrangements at least once every six years. A representation review was undertaken in 2021/22. The next review will take place in 2026/27 for the 2028 triennial election.

6.3 Wards

Following the 2021/22 Representation Review, the following ward system was put in place.

- Mayor – Elected at large
- Hastings – Havelock North Ward – 7 Councillors
- Flaxmere Ward – 1 Councillor
- Heretaunga Ward – 2 Councillors
- Mōhaka Ward – 1 Councillor
- Kahurānaki Ward – 1 Councillor
- Takitimu Māori Ward – 3 Councillors

Ward maps and boundaries can be found on the Council's website: www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/our-council/elections/wards/

6.4 Community Board

The Hastings District has one community board - the Hastings District Rural Community Board which comprises four members elected by the rural community representing the

district's four rural subdivisions, Poukawa and Maraekākaho (Kahurānaki Ward), Kaweka and Tūtira (Mōhaka ward). The Council also appoints three members to the Board, these being the councillors elected to represent the two rural wards – Kahurānaki and Mōhaka and one councillor from the Takitimu Māori Ward.

7. Changing the district's boundaries or functions

The Local Government Act 2002 sets out procedures that must be followed during proposals to make changes to the boundaries of the district to create a unitary authority, e.g., transfer all of the functions of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council to Hastings District Council or vice versa transfer a particular function or functions to another council.

Proposals relating to the following are commenced by the lodging of a proposal with the Local Government Commission. This can be lodged by any person, group or organisation, local authority, or the Minister for Local Government.

The Commission decides whether there is demonstrable community support for the proposal before it decides whether it will assess the application. If it decides to continue the process, it then advertises the proposal and provides an opportunity for alternative proposals to be lodged.

After considering all the proposals which are received the Commission will form an opinion as to its preferred scheme and prepare a draft reorganisation scheme which it then publicises for submission.

After considering the submissions and any other relevant matters the Commission may issue a final scheme. At that stage, 10% of the electors of any of the local authorities affected by the scheme may petition for a poll to be taken on the proposal. The results of this poll will determine whether the reorganisation will proceed or go no further.

Further information on these requirements can be found in the Local Government Act 2002 (in particular Schedule 3). The Local Government Commission has also prepared guidelines on procedures for local government reorganisation.

8. Members' roles and conduct

8.1 Role of the Council

The Mayor and Councillors of Hastings District Council have the following roles:

- Setting the policy direction of Council
- Monitoring the performance of Council
- Representing the interests of Hastings District as a whole (upon election all members must make a declaration that they will perform their duties faithfully and impartially, and according to their best skill and judgment in the best interests of the district)
- Employing the chief executive (under the Local Government Act 2002 the local authority employs the chief executive, who in turn employs all other staff on its behalf).

8.2 Role of the Mayor

The Mayor is elected by the district as a whole ("at large") and as one of the elected members shares the same responsibilities as other members of Council. A 2012 amendment to the Local Government Act 2002, which came into effect following the 2013 elections, has clarified the role of the Mayor, and also given the holder of that position certain specific powers.

Under this amendment the role of the Mayor is to provide leadership to the other members of the council, and the people in the district.

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

The Mayor also has the following powers:

- to appoint the Deputy Mayor
- to establish committees of the Council
- to appoint the chairperson of the committees established and may appoint himself/herself to that position.

The Mayor is also a member of each committee of the Council unless specific legislation provides otherwise, for example a committee established under s. 189 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (the District Licensing Committee).

In addition, the Mayor chairs meetings of the Council and is responsible for ensuring the orderly conduct of the business in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

The Mayor advocates on behalf of the community at local and national levels. The Mayor is the ceremonial head of Council and represents the Council at all official functions.

The Mayor also has the responsibility to ensure that Councillors properly perform their functions and duties.

8.3 Deputy Mayor

The Deputy Mayor was appointed by the Mayor and notified to Council at its first meeting following the 2025 triennial election.

The Deputy Mayor exercises the same roles as other elected members.

In addition, if the Mayor is absent or incapacitated, or if the Office of Mayor is vacant, then the Deputy Mayor must perform all of the Mayor's responsibilities and duties, and may exercise the powers of the Mayor, other than those relating to the establishment of committees or the Mayor's powers of appointment. The Deputy Mayor may be removed from office by resolution of Council at a meeting called specifically for that purpose.

8.4 Chief Executive

The Chief Executive is appointed by the Council in accordance with section 42, and clauses 33 and 34, Schedule 7, of the Local Government Act 2002. The Chief Executive implements and manages Council's policies and objectives within the budgetary constraints established by Council.

Under section 42 of the Local Government Act 2002, the responsibilities of the Chief Executive are:

- implementing the decisions of Council
- providing advice to Council and community boards
- ensuring that all responsibilities, duties, and powers delegated to the Chief Executive or to any person employed by the Chief Executive, or imposed or conferred by any Act, regulation or bylaw are properly performed or exercised
- managing the activities of Council effectively and efficiently
- facilitating and fostering representative and substantial elector participation in elections and polls held under the Local Electoral Act 2001
- maintaining systems to enable effective planning and accurate reporting of the financial and service performance of Council
- providing leadership for the staff of Council
- employing staff (including negotiation of the terms of employment for the staff) in accordance with any remuneration and employment policy adopted by the Council.

8.5 Role of the Hastings District Rural Community Board

The Local Government Act 2002 (Section 52) states that the role of a community board is to:

- represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community
- consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or any matter of interest or concern to the community board
- maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community
- prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community
- communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community
- undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority.

The Hastings District Rural Community Board focuses on matters relating to the rural community. The terms of reference and delegated powers of the Board are specified in the Hastings District Council Committee and Rural Community Board Delegations Register.

8.6 Code of Conduct

The Local Government Act 2002 requires the Council to adopt a Code of Conduct and for all elected members to adhere to the Code. Once adopted, a code may only be amended by a 75 per cent or more vote of Council.

The Code of Conduct sets out Council's understanding and expectations of how the Mayor and Councillors, in the course of their duties, will relate to one another, to staff, to the media and to the general public. It also covers disclosure of information that is received by, or is in the possession of, elected members, and contains details of the sanctions that can be imposed if an individual member breaches the Code.

The Council currently has a Code of Conduct which was adopted by resolution of Council in December 2023.

Upcoming changes: The Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill, currently before the Governance and Administration Select Committee, proposes that the Secretary for Local Government will set out a standardized Code of Conduct for use by all councils. Until then, the current Code of Conduct will remain in effect.

8.7 Specific statutory requirements

Local Government Act 2002

Under Section 46(1) councillors can be held liable for losses, reported by the Auditor-General under section 44 of that Act, resulting from negligence or unlawful action by the council.

Under Schedule 7 clause 1 an elected member (the mayor, a councillor, or a community board member) will be disqualified if they cease to be an elector or become disqualified for registration as an elector under the Electoral Act 1993 or are convicted of an offence punishable by a term of imprisonment of two years or more.

Their position will also become vacant if they are absent without leave from the council, or community board, for 4 or more consecutive meetings (Schedule 7, clause 50 LGA 2002).

Local Authority (Members' Interests) Act 1968

This Act regulates situations where a member's personal interests impinge or could be seen as impinging on their duties as an elected member. The Act provides that an elected member is disqualified from office if that member is concerned or interested in contracts under which payments made by or on behalf of the Council exceed \$25,000 in any financial year. The same rules also apply where the member's spouse or partner contracts with the Council.

Additionally, elected members are prohibited from participating in any Council discussion or voting on any matter in which they have an interest, whether pecuniary or non-pecuniary, other than an interest in common with the general public.

A member may contact the Audit Office for guidance as to whether they have a pecuniary interest, and, if so, may seek an exemption to allow them to participate or vote on a particular issue in which they have that interest. The exemption must be obtained before the discussion or vote.

The chief executive will also seek approval from the audit office for contractual payments to members, their spouses or partners or their companies if it appears that the \$25,000 annual limit will be exceeded.

Failure to observe these requirements could leave the elected member open to prosecution under the Local Authority (Members' Interests) Act 1968 and in the event of a conviction an elected member is deemed to have vacated the office.

Local Government (Pecuniary Interests Register) Amendment Act 2022

Following passage of the Local Government (Pecuniary Interests Register) Amendment Bill in 2022, a local authority must now keep a register of the pecuniary interests of their members, including community and local board members. The purpose of the register is to record members' interests to ensure transparency and strengthen public trust and confidence in local government processes and decision-making. Registers must comprise the following:

- (a) the name of each company of which the member is a director or holds or controls more than 10% of the voting rights and a description of the main business activities of each of those companies;
- (b) the name of every other company or business entity in which the member has a pecuniary interest, other than as an investor in a managed investment scheme, and a description of the main business activities of each of those companies or business entities;
- (c) if the member is employed, the name of each employer of the member and a description of the main business activities of each of those employers;
- (d) the name of each trust in which the member has a beneficial interest;
- (e) the name of any organisation or trust and a description of the main activities of that organisation or trust if:
 - (i) the member is a member of the organisation, a member of the governing body of the organisation, or a trustee of the trust (as applicable); and
 - (ii) the organisation or trust receives funding from, or has applied to receive funding from, the local authority, local board, or community board to which the member has been elected.
- (f) the name and description of any organisation in which the member holds an appointment by virtue of being an elected member.

(g) the location of real property¹ in which the member has a legal interest, other than an interest as a trustee, and a description of the nature of the real property.

(h) The location of real property², and a description of the nature of the real property, held by a trust where the member is a beneficiary of the trust, and the member knows or ought reasonably to know that the member is a beneficiary of the trust.

(i) For each country (other than New Zealand) that the member travelled to, they must identify the name of the country, the purpose for the travel, and the name of any person who contributed (in whole or in part) to the travel and/or accommodation costs³.

(j) A description of each gift⁴ received by the member and the name of the donor⁵ if:

(i) the gift has an estimated market value in New Zealand of more than \$500;
or

(ii) the combined estimated market value in New Zealand of all gifts from the donor is more than \$500.

(k) A description of each payment received by the member for activities in which the member is involved other than:

(i) any salary or allowances paid to that person under the Remuneration Authority Act 1977 or the LGA;

(ii) any payment the member receives from an interest required to be disclosed under section 54E (e.g., directors fees or employment salary or wages); and

(iii) any payment made in respect of any activity the member ceased to be involved in before becoming a member.

Each council must make a summary of the information contained in the register publicly available and ensure that information contained in the register is only used or disclosed in accordance with the purpose of the register. Information must be retained for seven years.

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)

This Act relates to the release of information held by the council. The underlying principle is that unless there is good reason to withhold it, information should be made available to anybody requesting it. Section 6 and 7 of the Act give a number of grounds for withholding disclosure. This Act also applies to the disclosure by a member of any information held by that member (in his or her capacity as member) to a member of the public.

LGOIMA also sets out the procedural requirements for meetings of local authorities, the publication of agendas, procedures for discussion with the public excluded and access by the public to the minutes of meetings. The reasons for excluding a member of the public from a meeting are the same as those relating to the withholding of information.

Secret Commissions Act 1910

¹ Listing the suburb and city is sufficient to identify the location, so the member is not required to disclose the actual property address.

² As above – listing the suburb and city is sufficient.

³ This travel information does not need to be supplied if the travel and accommodation costs were paid for by the member, or the member's family.

⁴ Including hospitality and donations in cash, but excluding any donation made to cover expenses in an electoral campaign.

⁵ A member does not need to declare gifts from family members unless the member considers the information should be included.

This Act makes it unlawful for a member (or officer) to advise anyone in relation to entering or not entering into a contract with a third person in respect of the business of the council, and/or receive a gift or reward from anyone outside the council in return for advice or services in relation to the business of the council, or to present false receipts to the council.

Crimes Act 1961

This Act makes it unlawful for members to accept or solicit for themselves (or anyone else) any gift or reward for acting in relation to the business of the council, or use information gained in the course of the member's duties for monetary gain or advantage by the member or anyone else.

Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013

The Council is subject to the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 in relation to the issue of securities to the public, in particular the form and content of prospectuses.

9. Governance structure, membership and delegations

The Council reviews its committee structures after each triennial election. In 2025, a review of the governance structure was undertaken. The philosophy of the Council regarding delegation is to encourage the delegation of decision making to the lowest appropriate level. The Governance Structure has two "whole of Council" Committees. The Strategy and Policy Committee is responsible for developing all strategic, policy and planning frameworks for approval by Council. The Performance and Monitoring Committee is to provide complete reporting of performance against the Annual Plan, Long Term Plan and strategic goals and priorities.

The full membership of the committees is set out within the 2025-28 Schedule of Appointments and the terms and reference, and delegations are contained in the 2025-28 Committee and Rural Community Board Register of Delegations.

Both these documents referenced in this statement are available on the Council's website.

9.1 Council meetings

Council meetings generally take place bi-monthly, with the standing committees and other committees, and subcommittees meeting on a one to three monthly basis.

Additional Council meetings are held for the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan and other specific reasons. The meetings scheduled for each month are publicly notified prior to the end of the previous month, and the meetings scheduled for the year are shown on the Council website. These may be changed from time to time as circumstances or workloads or other activities require.

9.2 Council committees

The Council has several standing committees to monitor and assist in the effective discharging of specific responsibilities. These are:

- Strategy and Policy Committee
- Performance and Monitoring Committee
- Risk and Assurance Committee
- Hearings Committee (meets as required)
- District Licensing Committee (meets as required)
- Heretaunga Takoto Noa: Māori Standing Committee
- Chief Executive Performance Committee

There are also several subcommittees, which generally meet as required. These are:

- Community and Civic Futures Subcommittee
- Infrastructure Delivery Subcommittee
- Rural Halls Subcommittee

The Council also has, or is a party to, several joint committees:

- The Hastings District Council/Tangata Whenua Joint Wastewater Treatment Committee
- Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee (Hastings District and Napier City Councils)
- Joint Waste Futures Projects Steering Committee (Hastings District and Napier City Councils)
- Transitional Governance Group (Hawke's Bay Water Services Council Controlled Organisation Project) (Hastings District, Napier City and Central Hawke's Bay District Councils)
- Hawke's Bay Crematorium Committee, established under the Hawke's Bay Crematorium Act 1944 which meets between 2 and 4 times a year (Hastings District, Central Hawkes Bay District, and Napier City Councils)
- Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group established under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 (Hastings, Central Hawke's Bay, and Wairoa Districts and Napier City Councils)

9.3 Hastings District Rural Community Board

The Rural Community Board makes recommendations to the Council on matters relating to the rural sector of the District. The Board meets approximately four times per year.

10. Council organisations

A Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) is described in the Local Government Act 2002 as any organisation in which one or more local authorities control 50 per cent or more of the voting rights or appoints 50 per cent or more of the directors. For the Council these are:

- Te Mata Park Trust Board
- Hastings District Holdings Limited
- Hastings District Properties Limited
- Hawke's Bay Local Authorities Shared Services (in partnership with other Hawke's Bay Councils)
- Hawke's Bay Opera House Limited
- NZ Local Government Funding Agency Ltd (LGFA)

There are also two regionally owned and controlled organisations in which the Council has an interest in partnership with Napier City Council as joint CCO's. These are:

- The Hawke's Bay Airport Authority (The Crown, Napier City and Hastings District Councils)
- The Hawke's Bay Museums Trust

The Council also has non-controlling interests in numerous organisations by virtue of appointing one or more councillors as liaisons, trustees or members. These are generally "not for profit" bodies.

A full list can be viewed in the Schedule of Appointments to Committees, Subcommittees and other Organisations, on the Council website.

11. Meeting processes

The legal requirements for council meetings are set down in Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 and in the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

All Council and committee meetings must be open to the public unless there is reason to consider some items with the public excluded. Although meetings are open to the public, members of the public do not have speaking rights unless prior arrangements are made with the Council. The LGOIMA contains a list of the circumstances where Councils may consider items with the public excluded. (These circumstances generally relate to the protection of personal privacy, professionally privileged or commercially sensitive information and, the maintenance of public health, safety and order).

The agenda is a public document, although parts may be withheld if the above circumstances apply. Copies of the public agenda are displayed on the Council website and must be available no less than 2 working days prior to the meeting.

The Council is required by the Local Government Act 2002 to adopt a set of standing orders which are rules regulating the conduct of its meetings.

During meetings of the Council, Committees or Community Board, all Council participants (the Mayor or chair, councillors or members) must follow Standing Orders unless Standing Orders are suspended by a vote of 75% (or more) of the members present and voting.

On 8 December 2022 the Council adopted by resolution a new set of standing orders based on the Local Government New Zealand Template published in 2022. A copy is on the Hastings District Council website.

The Mayor or committee chair is responsible for maintaining order at meetings and may, at their discretion, order the removal of any member of the public for disorderly conduct, or remove any member of the Council who does not comply with Standing Orders.

Minutes of meetings must be kept and made publicly available, subject to the provisions of the LGOIMA.

For an ordinary meeting, at least 14 days' notice of the time and place of the meeting must be given. However, as the Council adopts a meeting schedule for the whole year the members are deemed to have notice of the meetings and a shorter notice may be given. Extraordinary meetings can generally be called on three working days' notice.

The Council's meeting schedule is published on the Council's website www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/our-council/meetings

12. Significance and Engagement Policy

12.1 The Special Consultative Procedure

The Local Government Act 2002 sets out the Special Consultative Procedure which contains a process that local authorities must follow when making certain decisions. The Council also has a Community Engagement Framework to guide other consultative activities outside of the Special Consultative Procedure.

The Special Consultative Procedure consists of the following steps:

Step one: Preparation of a statement of proposal and a summary

The Council must prepare a description of the proposed decision or course of action. The statement must be available for distribution throughout the community and inspection at Council offices and may be made available elsewhere. That statement must be included on an agenda for a Council meeting. The Council may, if it is thought necessary to do so, prepare a full and fair summary of the proposal which must be distributed as widely as Council considers to be reasonably practicable.

Step two: Public notice

The Council will publish a notice in one or more daily newspapers, or in other newspapers of equivalent circulation, of the proposal and of the consultation being undertaken. At least one month (from the date of the notice) must be allowed for submissions.

Step three: Receive submissions

The Council must acknowledge all written submissions and offer submitters a reasonable opportunity to speak to the Council in support of their submission.

Step four: Deliberate in public

All meetings where the Council deliberates on the proposal or hears submissions must be open to the public (unless there is a reason to exclude the public under the LGOIMA). All submissions must be made available unless there is reason to withhold them under the LGOIMA.

Step five: Follow up

A copy of the decision and a summary of the reasons will be provided to submitters.

The Council must, follow the Special Consultative Procedure before it:

- adopts a Long Term Plan (LTP) or Annual Plan
- amends an LTP
- adopts, revokes, reviews or amends a bylaw
- establishes a Council Controlled Organisation.

The Council may be required to use the Special Consultative Procedure under other legislation, and it may use this procedure in other circumstances if it wishes to do so.

Council can (and does) consult outside of the Special Consultative Procedure. When it is adopting its Long Term Plan, Annual Plan or District Plan, it may hold informal meetings with the community. At these meetings Council will seek views on the matters it considers to be important and to identify issues of concern to the community.

12.2 Consultation Requirements

The Local Government Act 2002 (LGA 2002) sets out consultation requirements and principles (Sections 75-90) for Council to follow when making decisions. For any decision, Council should:

- assess the problem or issue to be addressed, the reasonably practical options for addressing it, and the costs, benefits, and impacts of those options
- consider the views of the community at all stages of decision-making, particularly including persons likely to be affected by or interested in the matter, and the views of Māori (especially where land or water are affected)
- consult prior to making any decision or predetermination of an option

- make decisions taking account of the interests of the present and future communities, and the impacts of the economic, social, cultural interests and the quality of the environment
- provide reasons for decisions made and identify and explain any inconsistency with other Council plans or policies.

These principles are to be observed by the Council in such manner as it considers appropriate.

13. Policies for liaising with, and memoranda or agreements with Māori

Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires the Council to establish and maintain processes to provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision-making processes and to consider ways in which it may foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to those processes.

The Council will continuously review its existing processes that provide opportunities for Māori to be involved in decision-making processes.

Heretaunga Takoto Noa: Māori Standing Committee has been established by the Council as a deliberate step to assist in the development of sustainable and mutually beneficial relationships with Māori. The Council wishes the Standing Committee to reflect a spirit of partnership between the Council and the Māori community and to contribute effectively to the Council's activities. To enable this to occur the Fields of Activity and Delegated Powers of this Joint Committee are framed with the widest scope possible. These are outlined in the Committees and Rural Community Board Delegations Register.

The Committee comprises eight Māori representatives and six Councillors and meets quarterly. In addition, the Māori representatives take up one appointed place on each of the Council's committees and subcommittees, and with one additional appointed place on the Strategy and Policy Committee when the Committee is to consider District Plan Matters, in recognition of the importance of a partnership approach to the governance of the district's land use planning. These appointed positions have full voting rights. The Council has in place Te Kura Nui: the Māori Responsiveness Framework and Ringahora: Māori Engagement Framework that sets out its work programme to attain the objectives of Section 81.

14. Management structures and relationships

14.1 Chief Executive

The Local Government Act 2002 requires the Council to employ a chief executive who has the responsibility to employ other staff on behalf of Council, implement Council decisions and provide advice to the Council.

The chief executive is the only person who may lawfully give instructions to a staff member.

Any complaint about individual staff members must be directed to the Chief Executive rather than to the Mayor or Councillors.

15. Equal Employment Opportunities Policy

The Council is committed to the principle of equal opportunity in the recruitment, training and promotion of its employees. The organisation endeavours to provide a welcoming positive environment and to ensure that its activities and services are carried out with an awareness of, and intent to eliminate discrimination in areas of race, colour, ethnic or national origins,

sex, religious belief, ethical belief, political opinion, employment status, marital status, family responsibilities, age, disability, or sexual orientation.

Job vacancies at the Hastings District Council are advertised on the Council's website www.hastingsdc.govt.nz and other media as appropriate.

16. Key approved planning and policy documents

To view or find out more about Council plans, reports, policies and strategies, please contact the relevant officer, or visit the Council's website www.hastingsdc.govt.nz.

16.1 The Long Term Plan (LTP)

The LTP contains the community's outcomes and priorities as well as Council's strategic objectives, projects and programmes covering a 10 year period. The LTP must be adopted before the commencement of the first year to which it relates. The 2024-2034 LTP may be viewed on the Council website:

- Supporting Documents
- Development Contributions Policy
- Asset management Plans
- Asset Management Strategy.

16.2 Council's 2025/26 Annual Plan

The legislative requirements in relation to the production of an annual plan are outlined in Section 95 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The purpose of an annual plan is to:

- contain the proposed annual budget and funding impact statement for the year to which the annual plan relates; and
- identify any variation from the financial statements and funding impact statement included in the local authority's LTP in respect of the year; and
- support the LTP in providing integrated decision-making and co-ordination of the resources of the local authority; and
- contribute to the accountability of the local authority to the community; and
- extend opportunities for participation by the public in decision-making processes relating to the costs and funding of activities to be undertaken by the local authority.

The Council must prepare and adopt an Annual Plan every year, except in the years where an LTP is prepared. The 2026/27 Annual Plan is currently being developed by Council.

16.3 Funding and Financial Policy summary

The Funding and Financial policies set out the guidelines of how the Council plans for and acquires funds to finance its operations and the projects and programmes in the Annual Plan. The LTP contains the Council's financial statements and policies and includes:

- Forecast Financial Statements
- Policy on Significance and Engagement
- Treasury Policy
- Revenue and Financing Policy (including the Rating Policy which contains the Rate Remission and Postponement Policies)
- Development Contributions Policy (separate document)
- Funding Impact Statement.

16.4 Council's Annual Report

At the end of each financial year, the Council publishes an annual report which generally reports how the Council performed against its Annual Plan projections. It also contains the audited accounts for the previous financial year, and other information required by the Local Government Act 2002.

16.5 Hastings District Plan

The Hastings District Plan is a legal document prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) which sets out the Council's policies and strategies for managing the effects of the use, development and protection of the natural and physical resources of the district now and in the future.

The purpose of the RMA is 'to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources'. The Hastings District Plan prepared and adopted under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) became fully operative on 27th June 2024.

The RMA requires territorial authorities to review their district plans every 10 years. The RMA requires territorial authorities to review their district plans every 10 years. The Council has resolved to undertake a rolling review of the District Plan from 2025 to 2030. This means that the Plan will be reviewed section by section rather than all at once. The sections of the Plan that have been prioritised for review starting in 2025 are the Wāhi Taonga section and the River Hazard Overlay that relate to Esk and Tangoio which forms part of Section 15.1 Natural Hazards.

In November 2013 the Council publicly notified its review of the District Plan for public submission. The Council released its decisions on submissions received to the Proposed District Plan in September 2015. Following this, a total of 43 appeals on Council decisions were lodged with the Environment Court. The Council entered mediation on the appeals, and all but one of the appeals which relates to Waahi Taonga provisions, have been settled. The one remaining appeal results in the Plan being only partially operative. The one remaining appeal is to be heard by the Environment Court and until that time the Waahi Taonga sections in both the 2003 District Plan and the 2015 Decisions version of the Proposed District Plan will be considered for processing resource consents affecting Waahi Taonga.

17. Public access to the Council and its elected members

17.1 Physical Location

The Civic Administration Building of the Hastings District Council is in Lyndon Road East, Hastings. The following activities are in the Civic Administration Building:

- Customer Services Centre
- Mayor
- Chief Executive and their Office
- Asset Management Group
- Democracy and Emergency Management
- Communications and Marketing
- Planning and Regulatory Services
- Strategic Projects and Economic Development
- Community Wellbeing and Services
- Council Chamber, Landmarks Room and Guilin Room

Corporate Services, and People and Capabilities Groups are located in the Warren Street Building. All enquiries must initially be made to the Customer Services Centre, on the ground floor of the Civic Administration Building.

17.2 Hours of Opening (Council Offices)

The Council Offices are open between 8.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday (except Tuesdays when the offices open at 9.00 am and excluding public holidays). The Council will take all reasonable efforts to inform the public in the event of a building closure.

After hours enquiries: (06) 871 5000.

17.3 General contact details

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References

List of key governing legislation, relevant standards or other policies that are relevant to this document:

Local Government Act 2002

Local Electoral Act 2001

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Review

A reviewed Policy must be adopted by Council 6 months following the 2028 local authority triennial elections.

