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Hastings District Council
Council Meeting

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Agenda

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Thursday, 7 May 2026**

Te Wā:
Time: **9.30am**

Te Wāhi:
Venue: **Council Chamber
Ground Floor
Civic Administration Building
Lyndon Road East
Hastings**

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Craig Cameron**

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Tiamana

Chair: Mayor Wendy Schollum

Mematanga:

Membership:

Ngā KaiKaunihera

Councillors: Alwyn Corban, Siiam Daniel, Michael Fowler (Deputy Mayor), Stephen Gibson, Kellie Jessup, Yvonne Lorkin, Elisha Milmine, Hana Montaperto-Hendry, Simon Nixon, Derek Nowell-Usticke, Henare O’Keefe, Nicholas Ratcliffe, Callum Ross, Heather Te Au-Skipworth and Kevin Watkins

Tokamatua:

Quorum:

8 members

Apiha Matua

Officer Responsible:

Chief Executive - Nigel Bickle

Group Manager: Office of the Mayor, Governance, Legal – Craig Cameron

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Kāwanatanga

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Governance Services:

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Te Rārangi Take

Order of Business

1.0 Opening Prayer – *Karakia Whakatūwheratanga*

2.0 Apologies & Leave of Absence – *Ngā Whakapāhatanga me te Wehenga ā-Hui*

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

3.0 Conflict of Interest – *He Ngākau Kōnatunatu*

Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to scan the agenda and assess their own private interests and identify where they may have a pecuniary or other conflict of interest, or where there may be perceptions of conflict of interest.

If a Member feels they do have a conflict of interest, they should publicly declare that at the start of the relevant item of business and withdraw from participating in the meeting. If a Member thinks they may have a conflict of interest, they can seek advice from the General Counsel or the Manager: Democracy and Governance (preferably before the meeting).

It is noted that while Members can seek advice and discuss these matters, the final decision as to whether a conflict exists rests with the member.

4.0 Confirmation of Minutes – *Te Whakamana i Ngā Miniti*

There are no minutes to be confirmed.

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Report to Council

Nā:
From: **Wendy Schollum, Mayor**

Te Take:
Subject: **Mayor's Update**

1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the opportunity for a regular update from the Hastings District Council Mayor regarding current activities and events.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

That Council receive and note the report titled Mayor's Update dated 7 May 2026.

Attachments:

1↓ Mayors Report for Council - 7 May 2026 CG-18-01-00277



MAYOR'S OFFICE



Mayor's report – May 2026

Economic resilience in Hastings

The closure of McCain's Hastings plant and the reduction of the frozen line at Heinz Wattie's have raised serious questions for Hastings and the wider Hawke's Bay region.

The impacts are real. They affect workers, growers, suppliers, contractors, transport operators, local businesses and families. They also affect supply chains, household spending, and the confidence businesses need to invest and employ.

At the same time, it is important to say clearly that Hastings is not starting from a weak position. Hastings provides about 60 per cent of Hawke's Bay's jobs and remains a major centre for primary industry, manufacturing, health, technology, logistics and services. The district has strong growers, established exporters, significant food production capability, and industrial land that continues to attract interest from forward-looking businesses.

Over the past decade, Council has deliberately planned for industrial and commercial growth. This has included rezoning land for industrial development at Irongate and Ōmāhu, supporting wet industry capacity at Whakatū and Tōmoana, and supporting Foodeast Haumako as a food innovation hub at the Tōmoana Food Hub. Interest in industrial-zoned land remains strong, with high uptake at Irongate prompting pre-planning for expansion of that industrial area.

None of this removes the immediate impact of the McCain and Heinz Wattie's decisions, but it does show Hastings has strong foundations to build from.

Since the announcements, I have been working with Central Hawke's Bay Mayor Will Foley, growers and industry to advocate at a national level with one clear Hawke's Bay voice. The Primary Production Select Committee's decision to open a briefing into these closures is an important step and gives Hawke's Bay growers, workers, councils and businesses a national forum to put the facts on the table.

Council cannot force an international company to keep a plant open or require private commercial information to be released. It does not control national energy prices, trade policy, supermarket pricing pressure, export markets, workforce availability or consumer preferences. Council does have an important role in bringing people together, supporting investment, enabling commercial and industrial growth, understanding local impacts, and advocating where national decisions are needed.

Council's work now includes looking clearly at what these changes may mean for workers, growers, suppliers, industrial land and Council's own financial assumptions, using the best available information from companies, industry and government agencies.



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Weather responses

Cyclone Vaianu was a reminder of how quickly conditions can change and why early preparation matters. While Heretaunga Hastings was fortunate that the system tracked out to sea near Wairoa, the decisions made ahead of its arrival were based on the best information available at the time and the potential risk to people and homes. After what many in our district lived through during Cyclone Gabrielle, Council will always err on the side of caution when there is credible risk.

The following week brought another reminder of how localised and unpredictable weather can be. That rain triggered Council's Incident Management Team to stand up again, and evacuations were needed at Te Awanga.

Forecasting weather is not an exact science, particularly where downpours and thunderstorms are involved. As this month's weather has shown, forecasts need to be treated as a signal to prepare.

I want to acknowledge our Civil Defence team, council staff, emergency services, partner agencies, community hub co-ordinators, volunteers and residents who prepared, followed advice and supported one another through these events.

Coronial inquiry

The recent Hastings hearings as part of the coronial inquiry into Cyclone Gabrielle were a solemn reminder of the loss and trauma experienced across Hawke's Bay.

First and foremost, my thoughts remain with the families who lost loved ones. For them, and for many others across our communities, the inquiry process will have brought back deeply painful memories.

I also want to acknowledge council staff, emergency management staff and others who have been involved in the inquiry, including those who have provided evidence. That is not easy work. It requires people to revisit some of the most difficult days our district has faced, while also contributing to a process that is necessary.

The inquiry is an important part of understanding what happened and why, checking what has changed since Cyclone Gabrielle, and identifying any further improvements that may be needed.

Council has already made changes in response to the cyclone, including strengthening emergency management systems, supporting community preparedness, and improving how information is shared during severe weather events. The inquiry will provide another important layer of learning.



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Anzac Day

Anzac Day always carries weight, and this year felt especially important after a new plaque was unveiled at the Hastings Cenotaph the day before. It recognised those who served in conflicts and peacekeeping missions beyond the First and Second World Wars.

This was an overdue acknowledgement, and one that better reflects the full story of service across generations. It recognises that service did not end in 1945, and that many New Zealanders have continued to serve in later conflicts, deployments and peacekeeping missions.

On the morning of Anzac Day, as they do every year, thousands of our people attended commemorations across Heretaunga Hastings. That turnout reflects the genuine respect our community continues to hold for those who have served, and for the families who carry those stories.

Amokura Hawke's Bay Museum

The opening of Amokura Hawke's Bay Museum on Friday morning was an important milestone for Hastings, Napier and the wider region.

This striking building has been purpose-built to protect and care for Hawke's Bay's museum collection, and to support research, education and connection to taonga for generations to come.

The building itself reflects that purpose. One side is lighter and more open, speaking to research, learning, education and connection. The other is darker, quieter and more protective, holding the secure and carefully controlled spaces where taonga, archives, art and objects can be stored and protected properly.

The feathers that cloak the building are also a significant part of its meaning. They speak to protection, guardianship and care, and carry the names of people, families, groups and organisations who helped make the project possible through their donations.

The opening was also a strong example of regional collaboration. The project brought together mana whenua, Hastings District Council, Napier City Council, and the Hawke's Bay Museums Trust.

We are very grateful for the financial support that has funded much of the construction, including from Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage, Lottery Grants Board – Te Puna Tahua, Eastern & Central Community Trust, Mills Family Charitable Trust, Pub Charity Limited and community donors.



MAYOR'S OFFICE



Flaxmere town centre masterplan

And, in another historic move, this month Council endorsed a new Flaxmere town centre masterplan.

A road through the town centre has been part of Flaxmere's planning for decades, and an upgrade of the village has been on the wish list for many years.

The masterplan, prepared by village owners TW Property, links Henderson Road to Pam O'Keefe Avenue, and includes improved public spaces and a more connected layout. The development will be paid for by TW, with Council responsible for the necessary infrastructure and ensuring planning processes are followed.

This is a major step toward a safer, better-connected centre that aligns with long-standing Flaxmere community plans and incorporates cultural design elements, including Te Aranga principles and the Pāharakeke Flaxmere narrative.

Wendy Schollum
Mayor
Koromatua
Te Kaunihera-ā-rohe o Heretaunga

Key Events

| Date | Event |
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| 13 March | Mayoral Challenge for Childhood Cancer |
| 14 March | Opening of St Luke's Parish Fair |
| 14 March | Maraekakaho Community Market Day |
| 14 March | Regional Launch of Locky Docks * |
| w/o 16 March | Coronial enquiry |
| 17 March | Building & Development Forum |
| 18 March | 2026 East Coast Ballance Farm Environment awards dinner |
| 19 March | Citizenship ceremony |
| 21 March | Cape Coast Community Party |
| 24 March | Race Unity Speech Awards * |
| 26 March | Year 6 Leadership Event |
| 2 April | HB A&P Primary Sector Awards |
| 4 April | Opening Ceremony - Te Taiohi Whakaari ā-Motu National Youth Drama School |
| 5 April | Repco HB Auto Extravaganza & Swapmeet |
| 9 April | Citizenship Ceremony |
| 10 April | James Wattie Retirement Village – Guest Speaker |
| 10 April | John O'Shaughnessy Retirement |
| 11 April | Sri Lankan New Year Celebration * |



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| 11 April | United Fire Brigades' Association Prizegiving Dinner * |
| 13 April | Opening of Osmanthus Lantern Festival |
| 14 April | Public meeting on job losses in HB |
| 19 April | Re-source Earth Day Event |
| 22 April | EIT Graduation |
| 24 April | Dedication & Unveiling of Memorial Tablet |
| 25 April | ANZAC Services |
| 30 April | Food Production Forum |
| 1 May | Museum Research & Archive Centre Opening Powhiri |
| 1 May | Age Concern |

* Event attended by an Councillor as alternate for Mayor

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Te Rārangi Take

Report to Council

Nā:
From: **Tiffany Gray, Senior Environmental Planner - Policy**

Te Take: **Hastings District Plan - National Environmental Standard for**
Subject: **Detached Minor Residential Units**

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report recommends Council ratifies the resolution from the Strategy and Policy Committee on 05 March 2026 regards the National Environmental Standard (NES) for Detached Minor Residential Units (DMRU).
- 1.2 The report to the Strategy and Policy Committee on 05 March 2026 identified and recommended a practical solution to address inconsistencies between the NES for DMRUs commonly referred to as granny flats and the operative Hastings District Plan.
- 1.3 The NES-DMRU came into force on 15 January 2026 and enables detached minor residential units as permitted activities under the Resource Management Act 1991, provided specified national criteria are met. Where those criteria are satisfied, resource consent is not required.
- 1.4 The Hastings District Plan already includes rules for Supplementary Residential Buildings (SRBs), which are like, but not the same as DMRUs. As the two sets of rules overlap, there are situations where the Hastings District Plan could require consent for something the NES allow.
- 1.5 This overlap creates a regulatory conflict that must be resolved. Section 44A of the Resource Management Act requires councils to remove any duplication or conflict between NES and district plan provisions, to ensure that district plans are not more restrictive than applicable national standards.
- 1.6 Officers recommend that the most efficient and proportionate response is to amend the Hastings District Plan by inserting a clarifying note in the relevant plan chapters. The note makes it explicit that the NES-DMRU applies where all its requirements are met. The NES prevails and any conflicting District Plan rules (including SRB provisions) do not apply.
- 1.7 The power to amend the Hastings District Plan under section 44A of the Resource Management Act has not been delegated to officers or the Strategy and Policy Committee. Accordingly, Council approval is required to confirm and give effect to the recommended amendment.

- 1.8 The Strategy and Policy Committee’s role in this matter is set out in clause 9 of its Terms of Reference, which provides for the Committee to review and provide comment on draft District Plan provisions and to recommend adoption to Council. The Committee has completed that role and made recommendations for Council consideration.
- 1.9 The relevant Strategy and Policy Committee recommendations to be ratified are set out below.

2.0 Recommendation– Ngā Tūtohunga

- A) That Council received the report titled “Hastings District Plan - National Environmental Standard for Detached Minor Residential Units” dated 7 May 2026.
- B) That Council resolves (ratifies) the following resolution of the Strategy and Policy Committee regards Agenda Item 7 ‘Changes to Hastings District Plan in response to the National Environmental Standard for Detached Minor Residential Units (Granny Flats)’ at its meeting held on 05 March 2026.

That the Committee recommends that Council approve that the following note be added to the District Plan in each of the chapters identified in Table 1 in the Committee Report.

- i. Note: Detached Minor Residential Units – the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Detached Minor Residential Units) Regulations 2025 (NES-DMRU) provides for certain Detached Minor Residential Units as a Permitted Activity. For the avoidance of doubt, the NES-DMRU requires compliance with certain rules and standards where they fall within Regulation 7(2) and (3). These may include some of the provisions below. Provided all requirements of the NES-DMRU are satisfied, the DMRU will be a Permitted activity.*

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

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Te Rārangi Take

Report to Council

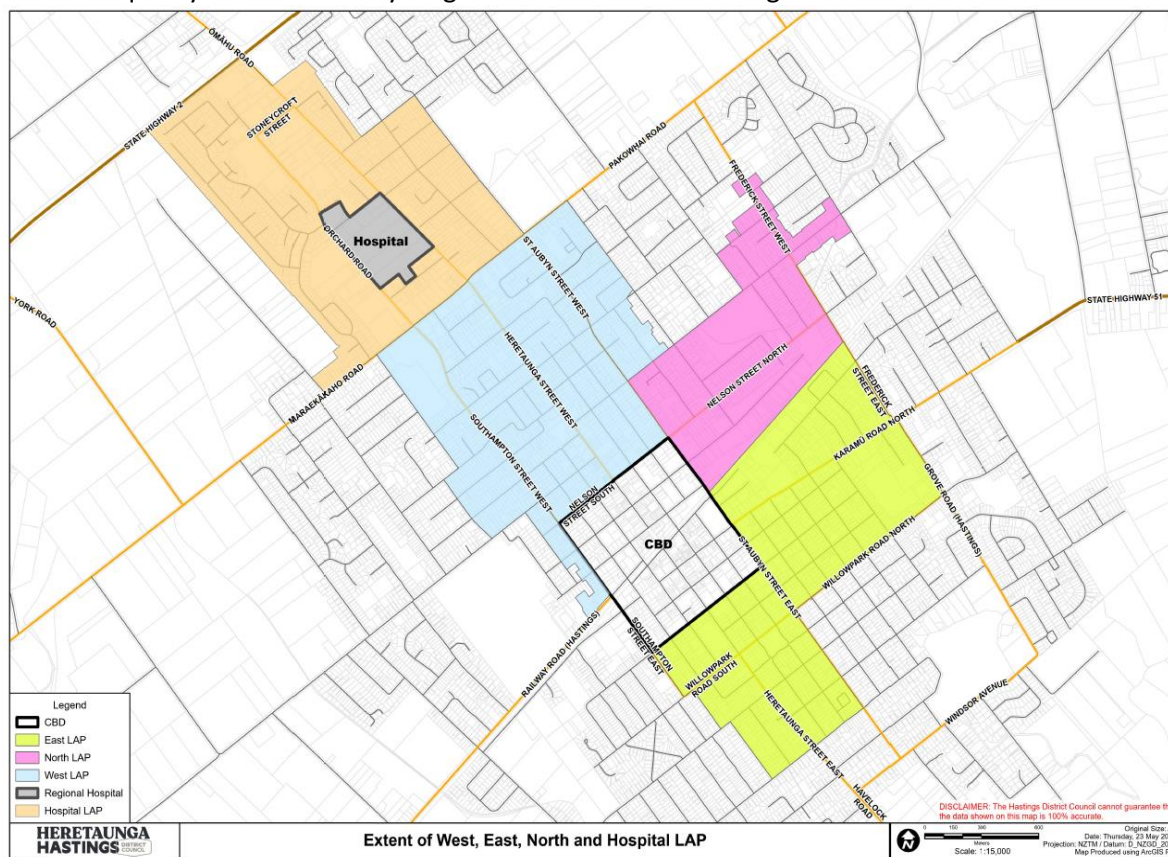
Nā: Paige Gear, Programme Manager: Local Area Plans &
From: Intensification

Te Take:
Subject: Council Local Area Plans - Implementation Plan

1.0 Executive Summary – Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga

- 1.1 The report provides an update on the Local Area Plan Programme (LAPP) and presents the LAPP Implementation Plan.
- 1.2 On 4 September 2025 Council endorsed the draft Local Area Plans (LAPs) encompassing the North, East, West, and Hospital identified Local Areas with the LAPs to be finalised and an Implementation Plan developed to complete Phases one and two of the Local Area Plan Programme (LAPP).
- 1.3 The LAPP was introduced into Council’s overall growth workstream following the 2022 Review of the Medium Density Housing Strategy (MDHS), presenting six recommendations which have informed the development of the LAPP.
- 1.4 The intent of the LAPP is to ensure that medium density neighbourhoods are actively planned and suitably supported, resulting in well-functioning, intensification-focused local growth areas, avoiding unplanned and/or ad-hoc residential intensification and removing risk of inefficient infrastructure.
- 1.5 Objectives of the LAPP seek to ensure:
 - Clear and defined areas where medium density housing is encouraged, and anticipated, adopting a place-based approach.
 - Identified areas are suitably supported by all essential infrastructure, including open space provision.
 - The uptake and implementation of quality, medium-density developments within these areas is encouraged at a strategic level and facilitated by the provisions of the Operative District Plan.
- 1.6 Officers note that all essential infrastructure requirements for the Hastings District are identified and funded via Council’s Long-Term Plan (LTP) processes.

- 1.7 The LAPP responds to and is influenced by national growth directives and growth strategies (such as the Napier Hastings Future Development Strategy (FDS)). The LAPP directs/informs changes to the District Plan to ensure that a consistent approach to growth is provided. The FDS encapsulates the significance of the LAP programme, signalling that circa 60% of our housing growth needs (~9,600 homes) will be accommodated over a 30-year period via medium density housing neighbourhoods like those covered by the LAPs.
- 1.8 Phase 1 (Planning) of the LAPP is complete, with the LAP’s for the first four Medium Density neighbourhoods focused around Hastings Central– *West, East, North and Hospital* – having been endorsed by Council in September 2025 - refer Figure 1.
- 1.9 Endorsement of the supporting LAPP Implementation Plan will enable coordinated delivery of these Local Area Plans and provide a clear framework for staged implementation of enablement actions to realise quality medium density neighbourhoods within Hastings.



1.10 Figure 1: LAP extents relative to Hastings Central

2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

- A) That Council receive the report titled Council Local Area Plans - Implementation Plan dated 7 May 2026.
- B) That Council endorse the Local Area Plan Programme Implementation Plan (Attachment 1) as the guiding framework for staged delivery of the identified Local Area Plans.
- C) Council notes that funding for individual projects remains subject to future Long Term Plan and Annual Plan decisions that will be brought back to Council in due course.

3.0 Background – Te Horopaki

- 3.1 The Local Area Plans Programme (LAPP) was introduced into Council’s overall growth workstream due to the *2022 Review of the Medium Density Housing Strategy (MDHS)* undertaken by Cogito Consulting. This review highlighted that the existing District Plan zonings and associated provisions ‘stand alone as a delivery tool and are not clearly supported by broader spatial planning of the neighbourhood in terms of location, infrastructure, and connectivity’. The LAPP programme was designed to address this identified gap by providing neighbourhood-scale spatial plans for identified medium density housing areas.
- 3.2 Spatial planning is the process of identifying how land and spaces are used to support communities, the environment, and economic activity. It helps guide future development and manage growth in a coordinated way.
- 3.3 The 2022 Review of the MDHS resulted in the following six key recommendations detailed in Table 1. Of these recommendations, three have directly informed the development of the LAPP, and a further two are influenced by the work of the LAPP.

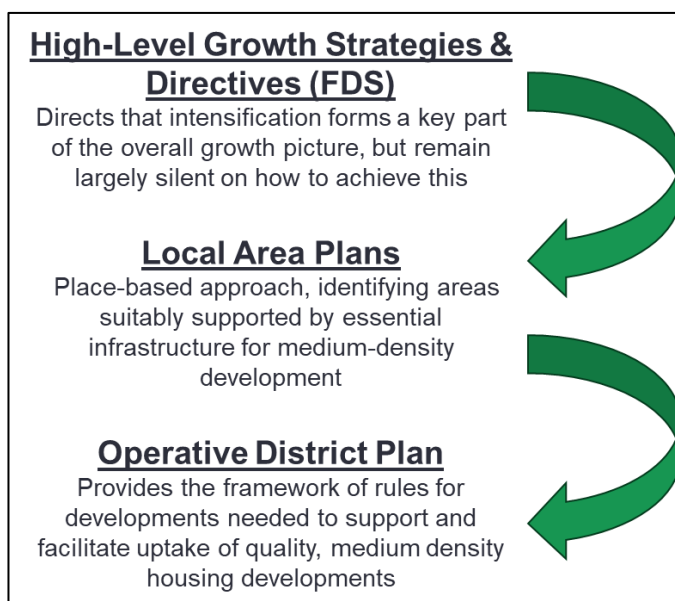
| Original Recommendation from 2022 Review Report. | Applicable to the Local Area Plans Programme | Other Work Programme |
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| 1. Identify and define expanded Medium Density Residential Development Areas for Hastings with locational attributes that will support a well-functioning urban environment, focussing on centres, open space and public transport. | Yes – Phase 1 of the LAPP | |
| 2. Develop Place Based Plans for Medium Density Residential Development Areas, addressing land use and network level infrastructure requirements in collaboration with the community/stakeholders. | Yes – Phase 1 of the LAPP | |
| 3. Implement changes to planning policy documents, plans and guidelines as identified. | In part – Phase 1 of the LAPP has influenced the initial extent of the Medium Density Residential zone. | Plan Change 5 – <i>Right Homes, Right Place</i> to the District Plan |
| 4. Plan and allocate infrastructure investment to support the delivery of development within Medium Density Residential Development Areas. | In part – Phase 1 of the LAPP will inform planning for infrastructure investment | Essential Services Development Plan |
| 5. Amend the Development Contributions Policy as necessitated. | | Separate Work Programme |
| 6. Continue with initiatives to partner with the development sector on housing projects, including pilot projects that clearly demonstrate alignment with housing strategy principles. | Yes – Phase 2 of the LAPP | |

3.4 *Table 1: 2022 Review of the Medium Density Housing Strategy (MDHS) Recommendations*

- 3.5 The objectives of the LAPP seek to ensure that clearly defined areas for medium density housing are identified, supported by appropriate infrastructure, and facilitated through District Plan provisions and strategic planning processes.
- 3.6 The intent is to ensure that medium density neighbourhoods are actively planned and suitably supported, resulting in well-functioning, intensification-focused local growth areas. In contrast,

unplanned and/or ad-hoc residential intensification across urban areas can lead to infrastructure inefficiencies and uncertainty for developers and communities.

- 3.7 The LAPP is tasked with preparing neighbourhood-scale spatial plans to facilitate residential intensification. This approach ensures a clear methodology for determining the location of medium-density housing within the urban environment of Hastings, supported by the necessary infrastructure.
- 3.8 A *neighbourhood-scale* work programme must be both responsive and directive to maintain consistency across relevant strategies. Specifically, the LAPP responds to, and is influenced by national growth directives and growth strategies (such as the Napier Hastings Future Development Strategy (FDS)) and directs/informs changes to the District Plan to ensure that a consistent approach to growth is provided, and to accommodate necessary land use changes that become evident.
- 3.9 The LAPP remains adaptable to this changing environment while upholding its core objectives. Figure 2 below identifies the LAPP in the context of growth and the District Plan.



- 3.10 *Figure 2: LAPP Context*
- 3.11 The over-arching goal of the LAPP is to realise, at-scale, residential intensification within the identified Local Areas, to provide choice in the housing market and support growth within the existing urban environment in a planned and efficient manner.
- 3.12 The LAPP is structured in two phases, planning and implementation. The planning phase is mostly complete following future Council endorsement of the draft LAP areas for Flaxmere and Havelock North.

4.0 Local Area Plan Programme Implementation Plan

- 4.1 The LAPP Implementation Plan has been developed with input from relevant Council teams to ensure that proposed actions are achievable, aligned with existing work programmes, and responsive to Council strategic priorities.
- 4.2 The LAPP Implementation Plan is intended to be a living document, which may be updated over time as projects progress, priorities evolve, or new information becomes available.
- 4.3 Council endorsement will signal support for the overall direction and proposed programme of work while enabling Officers to continue progressing implementation activities.
- 4.4 LAPP Implementation Plan activities will generally be delivered within existing budgets and work programmes, unless otherwise identified. Where additional funding or resourcing is required, this

will be considered through the Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan processes, including Council decision making.

4.5 The LAPP Implementation Plan is attached as Attachment 1. It establishes a staged and coordinated approach to developing and delivering the LAPPs. It is structured across four key stages beginning from 2025:

- Stage 1: Programme Foundations (Years 1-2)
- Stage 2: Pilot Local Area Plan (Years 1-2)
- Stage 3: Implementation & Scaling (Years 3-5)
- Stage 4: Full Rollout & Embedding (Year 5 Onwards).

4.6 The delivery of the LAPP Implementation Plan Stages is intentionally designed to overlap, enabling insights and learnings across different activity types (e.g. strategic, design, planning, delivery, and operational) to inform and improve outcomes.

4.7 Whilst Council's Growth & Development function will lead majority of the LAPP Implementation Plan, support will be required of teams across Council to ensure adequate delivery.

4.8 Note that part of the LAPP Implementation Plan will conclude Phase 1 where LAP areas for Flaxmere and Havelock North will be finalised.

4.9 Figures 3 below provide examples for what is intended to be achieved via the LAPP, driven by the LAPP Implementation Plan.



4.10 *Figures 3: Outcome Examples for LAP Areas (Not Final)*

4.11 Council will remain updated through regular reporting processes via the Performance and Monitoring Committee, Annual Plan and Long-Term Plan channels.

5.0 Options – Ngā Kōwhiringa

Option One - Recommended Option - Te Kōwhiringa Tuatahi – Te Kōwhiringa Tūtohunga

5.1 Council endorsement of the Local Area Plan Programme Implementation Plan

Advantages

- Provides clear strategic direction, signalling Council's commitment to the community and development sector to support well-functioning, deliberately planned medium-density neighbourhoods.
- Aligns with and supports delivery of the FDS, particularly the 60% intensification objective. Council endorsement of the LAPP Implementation Plan demonstrates a clear and explicit commitment to the FDS.

- Enables coordinated and efficient delivery across the identified (and future) Local Area Plans, improving alignment between programmes of work and generating cost efficiencies over time.
- The LAPP Implementation Plan is intended to be a living document and may be updated over time to remain relevant and aligned with Council priorities.

Whilst there are no evident disadvantages or risks, it's important to note that endorsement of the LAPP Implementation Plan does not commit any capital. Funding for individual projects remains subject to LTP and Annual Plan decisions.

Option Two – Status Quo - Te Kōwhiringa Tuarua – Te Āhuetanga o nāiane

5.2 Council defer endorsement of the Local Area Plan Programme Implementation Plan

This option is not recommended on the following basis:

- Would delay coordinated implementation and reduce certainty for infrastructure planning and investment across LAP areas.
- Indicates a reduced Council commitment to creating well-functioning, planned neighbourhoods capable of supporting intensification, increasing the risk of unplanned and fragmented residential intensification in less suitable areas.
- Creates uncertainty for communities and the development sector, with the potential to delay the uptake of medium-density development.
- Reduces Council's commitment to achieving the 60% intensification intent of the FDS.

6.0 Next steps – Te Anga Whakamua

6.1 Following Council endorsement of the LAPP Implementation Plan, Officers will begin advancing the actions identified within the Plan, including:

- progressing priority implementation activities
- preparing priority projects for consideration through future Long Term Plan processes, and
- establishing monitoring and reporting processes to track progress.

6.2 Regular updates will be provided via the Performance and Monitoring Committee.

Attachments:

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|---------------------|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 ↔ | Local Area Plan Programme Implementation Plan | STR-05-01-01-0031 | Under Separate Cover |
| 2 ↔ | 4 Sept 2025 Council Report Local Area Plans - Endorsement of Local Area Plans | CG-18-01-00264 | Under Separate Cover |

Summary of Considerations - He Whakarāpopoto Whakaarohanga

Fit with purpose of Local Government - E noho hāngai pū ai ki te Rangatōpū-ā-Rohe

The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as set out in section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is to enable democratic local decision-making and action by (and on behalf of) communities, and to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

[Link to the Council's Community Outcomes – Ngā Hononga ki Ngā Putanga ā-Hapori](#)

This proposal promotes the social, cultural, and environmental wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future. It does this by seeking to improve the uptake of medium density housing opportunities within identified areas of the Hastings Urban Environments through an integrated approach, ensuring all necessary above and below ground infrastructure is available and operating at an appropriate level of service within areas identified as suitable to support increased residential intensity.

Māori Impact Statement - Te Tauākī Kaupapa Māori

Hastings District Council positively upholds Te Tiriti o Waitangi | The Treaty of Waitangi as the founding document of Aotearoa New Zealand, and recognises and respects the Crown's responsibility to take appropriate account of the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi | The Treaty of Waitangi: Partnership, Participation and Protection. These principles guide an evolving relationship with mana whenua as Council works towards effective and meaningful partnerships in Council business and decision-making processes.

The preparation of each of the Local Area Plans has involved input and collaboration from mana whenua and the Pou Ahurea team.

Sustainability - Te Toitūtanga

Sustainability is at the centre of the Local Area Plan Programme, with the purpose of the programme to increase the share of residential intensification within the overall growth planned for Hastings, through an integrated, place-based approach. The LAPP will provide for a more efficient use of land, thereby protecting the Heretaunga Plains from unplanned urban sprawl.

Financial considerations - Ngā Whakaarohanga Ahumoni

The planning phase of the LAPP has been included within the existing growth budget. In terms of phase 2 of the programme, including implementation of identified local betterment projects it is anticipated to fall across several infrastructure-based budgets. Any unbudgeted capital improvements will be recommended for inclusion in future reviews of the Long Term Plan, for consideration against other Council wide priorities.

Significance and Engagement - Te Hiranga me te Tūhonotanga

This decision/report has been assessed under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as being of medium significance.

Consultation – internal and/or external - Whakawhiti Whakaaro-ā-roto / ā-waho

Community engagement on the Local Area Plans and Programme was conducted from 1 October to 11 November 2024, introducing the LAPs and seeking to understand the unique attributes of each local area and community aspirations and areas of opportunity and/or betterment.

Similarly, the preparation of each of the Local Area Plans has involved input and collaboration from mana whenua and the Pou Ahurea team.

Risks

| REWARD – <i>Te Utu</i> | RISK – <i>Te Tūraru</i> |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide a planned approach to the uptake of medium density housing developments in a planned, cohesive manner rather than the current ad-hoc, reactive manner. • To demonstrate that increased residential intensification does not diminish amenity, and in the case of Local Area Plans, can result in area 'betterment' /an increased degree of amenity. • Presents opportunities for cost efficiencies across Council infrastructure investment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not endorsing the LAPP Implementation Plan may see limited uptake of medium density housing within the identified LAP areas within Hastings Central, reducing the ability of achieving the 60% intensification intent of the FDS. |

Rural Community Board – *Te Poari Tuawhenua-ā-Hapori*

The Local Area Plans Programme promotes residential intensification in urbanised areas, therefore rural zones are out of scope.

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Te Rārangi Take

Report to Council

Nā: Paige Gear, Programme Manager: Local Area Plans &
From: Intensification

Te Take:
Subject: Hawke's Bay Housing Strategy

1.0 Executive Summary – Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga

- 1.1 Hawke's Bay continues to experience significant housing pressure across the housing continuum, from homelessness through to affordable and market housing.
- 1.2 The Draft Hawke's Bay Housing Strategy (the Strategy) provides a shared vision, outcomes framework, and long-term direction to improve housing outcomes across the region, recognising that no single organisation can address housing challenges alone.
- 1.3 The Strategy has been developed collaboratively by local government, Iwi, Post Settlement Governance Entities (PSGEs), and Taiwhenua through the Hawke's Bay Matariki Housing Leadership Group (Housing Leadership Group).
- 1.4 Council has been involved and contributed to the Strategy at an Officer level to ensure alignment with Council's broader housing objectives and existing strategies.
- 1.5 This report recommends Council endorsement of the Strategy.
- 1.6 Endorsement of the Strategy signals Council's ongoing commitment to regional collaboration and alignment on housing, while retaining local decision-making authority over statutory planning, funding and delivery mechanisms.
- 1.7 The Strategy is a non-statutory framework and does not in itself commit Council to funding, regulatory change, or delivery of specific housing projects.

2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

- A) That Council receive the report titled Hawke's Bay Housing Strategy dated 7 May 2026.
- B) That Council endorse the Draft Hawke's Bay Housing Strategy (Attachment 2) for ratification by the Hawke's Bay Matariki Housing Leadership Group.
- C) Council notes that endorsement related to Recommendation B, indicates support for the intent of the Draft Hawke's Bay Housing Strategy and does not inherently require Council to contribute financially towards it or its delivery. Any contribution and/or responsibility will be identified in an Action Plan to be developed by the Hawke's Bay Matariki Housing Leadership Group and will be brought back to Council.

3.0 Background – Te Horopaki

- 3.1 Each Territorial Authority in the Hawke's Bay Region have their own housing challenges however they broadly include;
- 1,083 applicants on the Public Housing Register (as at February 2026)
 - Napier, Wairoa, and Hastings are all in the top 10 areas in New Zealand for Māori living in crowded housing, with Hastings having the highest rate at 34%
 - Hawke's Bay is experiencing severe housing deprivation with circa 5,200 homeless and in insecure housing in Hawke's Bay
 - Long term existing housing shortage exacerbated by Cyclone Gabrielle with 2% of housing stock across Hawke's Bay impacted.
 - Housing in Hawke's Bay is becoming less affordable based on 2025 figures, with house prices at 5.5 times the average income and households spending about 25% of their income on rent.¹
- 3.2 While significant initiatives have been undertaken across the region, including increased numbers of social housing, place-based partnerships, urban intensification, and papakāinga development, housing shortages and insecurity remain significant for many whānau.
- 3.3 Cyclone Gabrielle further exacerbated housing challenges, highlighting the need for a more resilient and coordinated housing system.
- 3.4 In response, Council in 2025, alongside our regional local government partners, Iwi, interested PSGEs and others, entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) (**Attachment 1**) to provide regional leadership and coordination for housing.
- 3.5 The Housing Leadership Group originated as a subset of the Matariki Governance Group (regional local government partners, Iwi, and PSGEs), primarily focused on recovery activities from Cyclone Gabrielle. Under the current MoU arrangement, the Housing Leadership Group now operates independently of Matariki governance structures, with decision-making authority retained by individual member organisations.
- 3.6 The Housing Leadership Group builds on the success of the 2019 Hastings Place-Based Housing Plan, which brought together local and central government, Iwi, and PSGE's to respond to the severe housing shortages and deprivation experienced across the Hastings District. The Hastings Place-Based Housing Plan established a clear vision, supported by a coordinated action plan spanning the

¹ Figures presented in Paragraph 3.1 have been sourced from the Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Housing & Urban Development, Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment, Statistics New Zealand, and Infometrics.

short, medium, and long term, and emphasised a partnership-based approach to achieving shared housing outcomes.

3.7 The Housing Leadership Group since executing the MoU, have been focused on two key programmes of work;

- Programme 1: Delivery of the 159 allocated social housing places for Hawke’s Bay, and
- Programme 2: Development of a Hawke’s Bay Housing Strategy.

3.8 This report focuses on *Programme 2: Development of a Hawke’s Bay Housing Strategy*, and is discussed in detail throughout the report.

4.0 Discussion – *Te Matapakitanga*

4.1 A stocktake of housing across Hawke’s Bay was undertaken to inform the development of the Strategy, including analysis of available data and utilising existing partner strategies to better understand the local housing context.

4.2 The Strategy (**Attachment 2**) sets out a 20-year vision that *every whānau and household has access to a safe, healthy, and affordable home in a thriving community with access to education, employment, and amenities.*

4.3 The Strategy addresses the full housing continuum, from homelessness to market housing, and is underpinned by several guiding principles which are also reflected under the MoU (Place-based approach, partnership and collaboration, long-term vision, action in the present, holistic perspective, equity and inclusion, evidence-based decision making, and accountability).

4.4 The Housing Continuum as identified in the Strategy is detailed at Appendix 1 of this report.

4.5 The Strategy is designed to complement, not replace, existing statutory and non-statutory documents, including District Plans, the Napier-Hastings Future Development Strategy (FDS), and Council’s own housing strategies, etc.

4.6 The Strategy identifies five interrelated focus areas:

- Whānau wellbeing and community development
- Affordable, quality and diverse housing supply
- Māori housing aspirations
- Effective planning, infrastructure, and regulation
- Collaborative governance and aligned investment.

4.7 For each focus area, the Strategy articulates desired outcomes, indicative roles of member organisations, the role of the Housing Leadership Group, and high-level success measures.

4.8 Council plays a critical role in enabling housing outcomes through the following functions:

- Spatial and statutory planning
- Infrastructure provision and funding decisions
- Regulatory and consenting processes, and
- Partnerships with Iwi, Community Housing Providers (CHPs), developers, and central government.

4.9 An Action Plan will be developed by the Housing Leadership Group to support the implementation of the Strategy. This will identify key tasks, funding requirements, and assign delivery responsibility to identified entities (part of and/or external to the Housing Leadership Group).

4.10 The developed Action Plan will be brought back to Council for endorsement, with regular updates on the Housing Leadership Group activities provided via Council’s Strategy and Policy Committee.

5.0 Options – Ngā Kōwhiringa

Option One - Recommended Option - Te Kōwhiringa Tuatahi – Te Kōwhiringa Tūtohunga

5.1 Council endorse the Hawke’s Bay Housing Strategy:

Advantages

- Formalises the collaborative working relationship between the member organisations of the Housing Leadership Group to support localised housing outcomes at an operational level.
- There are no direct financial or legal implications arising for Council from endorsement of the Strategy.
- Endorsement of the Strategy does not commit Council to specific projects, funding allocations, or regulatory changes. Any future actions and/or funding arising from the Strategy will be considered through standard Council decision-making processes.
- Strengthens the region’s collective position when engaging with Central Government agencies and funding partners. The regional position does not restrict Council or other member organisations of the Housing Leadership Group from progressing individual requests.
- The Hawke’s Bay Housing Strategy is aligned to Council’s existing *FDS, Medium and Long Term Housing Strategy* (developed from the Hastings Place-Based Housing Plan), as well as Council’s wider climate resilience and risk management objectives.
- The Strategy sets out the long-term vision and aspirations of the region around housing, with an action plan to be developed to outline the timing and sequencing of actions to deliver the Hawke’s Bay Housing Strategy focus area outcomes.

Officers have not identified any disadvantages with this option, however note that:

- There may be some risk of misinterpretation of the Strategy as a binding or fully funded implementation plan, however the Strategy is clearly positioned as a guiding and coordinating framework, and can be supported by broader community communications where required to further mitigate this risk.

Option Two – Status Quo - Te Kōwhiringa Tuarua – Te Āhuetanga o nāianeī

5.2 Council does not endorse the Hawke’s Bay Housing Strategy:

Disadvantages

- Does not establish a formalised or binding collaborative framework between member organisations of the Housing Leadership Group.
- The Strategy would continue to be progressed without Council endorsement and may limit coordination and consistency between Housing Leadership Group partners and their collective activities.
- May weaken the region’s collective influence when engaging with Central Government agencies and funding partners if alignment is not consistently demonstrated in practice.
- While aligned with Council’s existing strategies, it may add another layer of strategic direction. This however can be managed through communications of Council priorities.

Officers see no advantage in this option. Not endorsing the Strategy risks fragmentation of regional housing responses and weakens the region’s ability to advocate collectively for funding and policy support. Council retains the ability to action its own housing priorities alongside the regional approach where deemed a priority.

6.0 Next steps – *Te Anga Whakamua*

- 6.1 If Council approves the recommendations in this report, Council's endorsement of the Strategy will be recorded within the Strategy document.
- 6.2 The Strategy will inform ongoing regional collaboration through the Housing Leadership Group, with Officers continuing to support the regional approach via ongoing involvement in the Housing Leadership Group.
- 6.3 A regional action plan will be prioritised and progressed by the Housing Leadership Group, with individual organisations determining their own contributions through their respective governance and future funding processes (including Council's Annual and Long-Term plan processes).
- 6.4 Regular updates will be provided via Council's Strategy and Policy Committee.

7.0 Appendix 1: Hawke's Bay Housing Strategy Housing Continuum Definitions

Homeless

People who have no safe, secure, or permanent place to live. This includes those sleeping rough, living in vehicles, staying temporarily with others.

Emergency & Transitional Housing

Short-term accommodation for people in urgent housing need, provided by the government.

Social Housing

Long-term rental housing provided by the government, community housing providers, or councils for households with high needs. Rents are usually income-related and affordability is prioritised over profit

Affordable Rentals

Rental housing priced below market rates to be affordable for low- to moderate-income households. Rental rates are typically capped at 80% of average market rents.

Market Rentals

Privately owned rental housing rented at prevailing market prices. Rent levels are driven by supply and demand rather than income or affordability benchmarks.

Progressive Home Ownership

Pathways that help households move gradually into owning a home. This can include shared ownership, rent-to-buy, or leasehold arrangements where people increase their ownership stake over time.

Cooperative Housing

Housing owned and managed collectively by residents through a cooperative structure. Members usually have long-term security of tenure, shared decision-making, and costs are typically lower than market housing.

Housing for Older People

Purpose-designed housing for older adults, often featuring smaller dwellings, accessibility features, and proximity to services. This can include council senior housing, retirement-style rentals, or specialised community housing.

Papakāinga

Māori housing developments on ancestral land, designed to support whānau living, cultural connection, and collective ownership. Papakāinga often include a mix of housing types and shared facilities.

Independent Ownership

Full private home ownership where individuals or households own their home outright or with a mortgage. Owners have full control and responsibility for the property and are not subject to shared or subsidised ownership arrangements

Attachments:

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|---|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | ⇒ Memorandum of Understanding - Hawke's Bay Regional Housing Collaboration (Final Executed Version) | PRJ25-42-001-0003 | Under Separate Cover |
|---|---|-------------------|----------------------|

Summary of Considerations - *He Whakarāpopoto Whakaarohanga*

Fit with purpose of Local Government - *E noho hāngai pū ai ki te Rangatōpū-ā-Rohe*

The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as set out in section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is to enable democratic local decision-making and action by (and on behalf of) communities, and to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

Link to the Council's Community Outcomes – *Ngā Hononga ki Ngā Putanga ā-Hapori*

This proposal promotes the wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future, specifically in regard to housing via a regionally joined-up approach.

Māori Impact Statement - *Te Tauākī Kaupapa Māori*

Māori are disproportionately represented in homeless and home ownership statistics. Working in partnership enables whānau Māori specific outcomes to be considered and The Hawke's Bay governing iwi and interested Post Settlement Group Entities (PSGEs) have been involved and will continue to be involved, supporting equitable outcomes for whānau Māori.

Sustainability - *Te Toitūtanga*

Through regional action, greater impact is possible however the Housing Leadership Group will continue to monitor the sustainability of a regional approach.

Financial considerations - *Ngā Whakaarohanga Ahumoni*

No financial impact to Council by endorsing the Hawke's Bay Housing Strategy. Where any possible costs or contributions are asked of Council, these will be brought back to Council for consideration.

Significance and Engagement - *Te Hiranga me te Tūhonotanga*

This decision/report has been assessed under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as being of low significance. Council's intentions about housing outcomes have not changed however are now in a joined-up approach to delivering housing outcomes.

Consultation – internal and/or external - *Whakawhiti Whakaaro-ā-roto / ā-waho*

Through the MoU, the Housing Leadership Group will ensure good engagement across MoU parties and with the community and key stakeholders as necessary.

Risks

REWARD – *Te Utu*

- Localised, partnership approach to housing outcome delivery.
- Focused housing work programme across the region.
- No financial or legal risk to Council.
- Ability to continue advancement of Hastings specific Housing Strategy.

RISK – *Te Tūraru*

- Possible misinterpretation of the Strategy as a binding implementation plan, however the Strategy is clearly positioned as a guiding and coordinating framework, and can be supported by broader community communications where required.

Rural Community Board – *Te Poari Tuawhenua-ā-Hapori*

There are no specific implications for consideration by the Rural Community Board, however housing need and housing delivery will be considered across the region including in rural areas.

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Te Rārangi Take

Report to Council

Nā: John Payne, Regulatory Solutions Manager
From:

Te Take: Dog Registration Fees 2026/2027
Subject:

1.0 Executive Summary – Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to set the fees for the dog registration year 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.
- 1.2 Section 37(1) of the Dog Control Act 1996 requires – the dog control fees payable to a territorial authority shall be those reasonable fees prescribed by resolution for the registration and control of dogs. The proposed fees have increased by 2.5% (rounded) to help ensure adherence to Councils Revenue and Financing Policy.
- 1.3 Councils Revenue and Financing Policy for Animal Welfare Services stipulates that costs relating to dog registrations and associated activities are funded from fees and charges through annual registration fees with the balance from general rates. Fees/fines are also charged to those who should bear the cost for unregistered dogs and impounded dogs.
- 1.4 Section 37(3) of the Dog Control Act 1996 allows for an additional fee, for the registration on or after the first day of the second month (1 August 2026). Such penalty fees shall not exceed a 50% premium on the fee payable before 1 August 2026.
- 1.5 This report will be presented to the Hastings District Rural Community Board on 4 May 2026.

2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

- A) That Council receive the report titled Dog Registration Fees 2026/2027 dated 7 May 2026.
- B) That Council adopt the proposed fees for the 2026/2027 dog registration year.

| Category | Fee Paid Before 1 Aug 2026 Current Fee / Proposed Fee | Fee Paid After 1 Aug 2026 Current Fee / Proposed Fee |
|-----------------|--|---|
| Urban | \$140 to \$144 | \$210 to \$216 |
| Selected Owner | \$97 to \$99 | \$145 to \$148 |
| Rural | \$70 to \$72 | \$105 to \$108 |
| Special Purpose | \$0 | \$0 |

- C) That pursuant to sections 37 and 68 of the Dog Control Act 1996, and section 14 of the Impounding Act 1955, Council adopts the following Animal Control fees.

| Category | Current Fee 2025/2026 | Proposed Fee 2026/2027 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Dog Related Fees | | |
| Microchip | \$51.00 | \$52.00 |
| Relinquishment | \$57.00 | \$58.00 |
| Destruction | \$70.00 | \$72.00 |
| Seizure | \$70.00 | \$72.00 |
| First Impounding | \$105.00 | \$108.00 |
| Second Impounding | \$150.00 | \$154.00 |
| Third & Subsequent Impounding | \$213.00 | \$218.00 |
| Adoption | \$305.00 | \$310.00 |
| Daily Sustenance | \$10.00 | \$10.00 |
| Application Special Owner | \$35.00 | \$36.00 |
| Application More than Two | \$35.00 | \$36.00 |
| Animal Control Hourly Rate | \$132.00 | \$135.00 |
| Vehicle Rate per km | \$1.04 | \$1.26 |
| Replacement Tag | \$7.00 | \$7.50 |
| Stock Related Fees | | |
| Goats/Sheep | \$17.50 | \$18.00 |
| Pigs | \$28.00 | \$29.00 |
| Deer/Horse/Cattle per head | \$51.00 | \$52.00 |
| Daily Sustenance | Actual Costs | Actual Costs |

3.0 Background – Te Horopaki

| Year | Registered | Urban Fee | Rural Fee | SOP |
|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 2023/2024 | 12,958 | \$124.00 | \$60.00 | \$84.00 |
| 2024/2025 | 12,590 | \$132.00 | \$64.00 | \$90.00 |
| 2025/2026 | 12,413 | \$140.00 | \$70.00 | \$97.00 |

- 3.1 The above table shows the number of registered dogs in the Hastings District since 2023 and records a drop of 545 dogs over this period. This is in line with national trends and is possibly due to the increased cost of keeping a dog, namely food, vet bills, and registration.
- 3.2 Officers do not have data regards the total population of dogs in Hastings and subsequently what percentage are registered. Officers are focused on encouraging registration of dogs via education and promotional activities, and if appropriate – enforcement action.
- 3.3 Dog Control is a community safety activity. Council seeks to recover the costs of providing the service in accordance with its Revenue and Financing Policy. The Policy records a low to medium community/public benefit and a medium to high individual/private benefit for Council Animal Control Services. Costs related to dog registration and associated activities are funded from fees, charges, and fines, with the balance from general rates.
- 3.4 The recommended 2.5% increase was calculated to meet the Councils recommended service levels and associated budget. This has been reviewed by Finance.
- 3.5 The recommended increase for the vehicle rate per km from \$1.04 to \$1.26 is due to higher costs to run the vehicles and associated budget.
- 3.6 The focus of Animal Control is to provide a cost-effective service to protect the health and safety of the community. Section 10(4) of the Dog Control Act 1996 states that when adopting the Control of Dogs Policy, Council must have regard to:
- Minimise danger, distress, and nuisance to the community, and
 - Avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children, whether or not the children are accompanied by adults, and
 - Enable, to the extent that is practicable, the public to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs, and
 - Allow for the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.

4.0 Discussion – *Te Matapakitanga*

- 4.1 Special purpose dogs (no fees are applied) include Aviation Security, Department of Conservation, Department of Corrections, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Fisheries, New Zealand Customs, New Zealand Police and Disability Assist dogs (as listed in Schedule 5 of the Dog Control Act 1996).
- 4.2 The table below shows a comparison of Councils current fee with other similar size Councils.

| Council | Normal Fee | Rural Fee | Reg Dog #s |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| New Plymouth | \$184.00 | \$67.00 | 11,319 |
| Palmerston North | \$176.00 | \$61.00 | 9,735 |
| Hutt City | \$174.00 | \$87.00 | 10,369 |
| Western Bay of Plenty | \$140.00 | \$92.00 | 9,685 |
| Waikato | \$140.00 | \$72.00 | 12,550 |
| Hastings | \$140.00 | \$70.00 | 12,413 |
| Napier | \$132.00 | \$60.00 | 8,532 |
| Tauranga | \$125.00 | \$125.00 | 12,717 |
| Rotorua | \$125.00 | \$90.00 | 12,151 |
| Whangarei | \$117.00 | \$78.00 | 12,296 |
| Dunedin | \$115.00 | \$56.00 | 18,552 |

- 4.3 Subject to Council resolution of the Recommendations, the fees must be publicly notified in the month preceding the start of the registration year (June 2026).

5.0 Options – Ngā Kōwhiringa

Option One – Recommended Option – Te Kōwhiringa Tuatahi – Te Kōwhiringa Tūtohunga

5.1 Increase the fees as proposed in this report.

Advantages

- This will ensure adequate revenue is generated for the efficient running of Councils dog control activity such as, following up on unregistered dogs, impounding of roaming dogs, investigating dog attacks and general day to day running of the pound.

Option Two – Status Quo – Te Kōwhiringa Tuarua – Te Āhuetanga o nāianeī

5.2 Leave the fees as they are currently for the 2025/2026 registration year.

Disadvantage

- This will result in a budget shortfall and/or a reduction in the level of service.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

Summary of Considerations - He Whakarāpopoto Whakaarohanga

Fit with purpose of Local Government - E noho hāngai pū ai ki te Rangatōpū-ā-Rohe

The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as set out in section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is to enable democratic local decision-making and action by (and on behalf of) communities, and to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

Link to the Council's Community Outcomes – Ngā Hononga ki Ngā Putanga ā-Hapori

This proposal promotes the performance of regulatory functions for the purpose of reducing public nuisance and threats to public health and safety through appropriate animal control activities for the wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

Māori Impact Statement - Te Tauākī Kaupapa Māori

No known impacts for mana whenua / iwi / tangata whenua above and beyond the general community population.

Sustainability - Te Toitūtanga

Fees are charged each year pursuant to section 37 of the Dog Control Act 1996 to reflect the costs associated with the animal control activity.

Financial considerations - *Ngā Whakaarohanga Ahumoni*

The fees are reviewed annually on a cost recovery basis.

Significance and Engagement - *Te Hiranga me te Tūhonotanga*

This decision has been assessed and does not trigger the threshold of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

Rural Community Board – *Te Poari Tuawhenua-ā-Hapori*

This report will be presented to the Rural Community Board on 4 May 2026.

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Te Rārangi Take

Report to Council

Nā:
From: Louise Stettner, Manager, Democracy & Governance Services

Te Take:
Subject: Leave of Absence - Delegation to the Mayor

1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for Council to formally delegate the power to grant a Leave of Absence to the Mayor.
- 1.2 This practice is not new. Last triennium, Council formally delegated the power to grant a Leave of Absence to the Mayor. This report proposes that this practice continues.
- 1.3 Hastings District Council Standing Order 13.3 outlines processes relating to Leave of Absence as follows:
- 1.4 *'The council may grant a member leave of absence following an application from an elected member. The council may delegate the power to grant a leave of absence to the mayor in order to protect members' privacy and the Council may approve an application from the mayor. The mayor will advise all members of the council whenever a member has been granted leave of absence under delegated authority. Meeting minutes will record that a member has leave of absence as an apology for that meeting.'*
- 1.5 The usual process is that elected members seek a Leave of Absence from the Council during a duly constituted Council meeting. However, there are circumstances where seeking a Leave of Absence from the Council may not be practicable or appropriate for a member. For example, in instances where there is a need for urgent leave to be considered and it cannot wait until the next Council meeting and there may be instances where seeking a Leave of Absence from the Mayor is appropriate to protect the members' privacy.
- 1.6 Leave of Absence that has been granted by the Mayor's delegation will be noted in the relevant agenda(s) and meeting attendance records will be noted in Council's Annual Report.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

- A) That Council receive the report titled Leave of Absence - Delegation to the Mayor dated 7 May 2026.
- B) That Council delegate the power to grant a leave of absence for elected members to the Mayor in accordance with Hastings District Council Standing Order 13.3. This delegation will remain in effect until September 2028.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

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Item 11

Te Rārangi Take

Report to Council

Nā:
From: Louise Stettner, Manager, Democracy & Governance Services

Te Take: 2025 Hawkes Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group
Subject: Joint Committee Terms of Reference

1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 This administrative report recommends Council adopts the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee (Joint Committee) contained in **Attachment 1**.
- 1.2 The TOR was agreed at the Joint Committee meeting on 24 November 2025 and recommended to all the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group partner councils for adoption. It is going to participating councils for adoption as it is required by the Local Government Act, Schedule 7.
- 1.3 It was acknowledged that a review of the TOR will need to be undertaken when the new Emergency Management Bill is enacted.
- 1.4 The content of the TOR is required by the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002. Relevant provisions include:
 - Every local authority must be a member of a Civil Defence Emergency Management Group - s13(1)
 - Each local authority that is a member of a Group must be represented on the Group by 1, and only 1, person, being the mayor or chairperson of that local authority or an elected person from that local authority who has delegated authority to act for the mayor – s13(4),
 - A territorial authority's decision to join a particular Group is irrevocable - s14(3),
 - The administering authority for each Civil Defence Emergency Management Group is a regional council or unitary authority that is a member of the Group – s23(1),
 - Unless the members of a Group agree otherwise, administrative costs must be divided equally among the members s24(4).

- 1.5 **Summary of the 2025 Hawke’s Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee Terms of Reference**
- 1.6 The Joint Committee TOR establish the enduring governance arrangements required under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 for the Hawke’s Bay CDEM Group (originally established in 2002 under section 12 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002).
- 1.7 The TOR confirm the Joint Committee as the formal decision-making body for the Group under section 12 of the Act and clause 30(1)(b) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 and note that this governance structure cannot be revoked (section 14(3) of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002).
- 1.8 They set out the member councils (Central Hawke’s Bay District Council, Hastings District Council, Hawke’s Bay Regional Council, Napier City Council, and Wairoa District Council), representation and voting (one vote per council, with Mayors/Chair and elected alternates holding full delegated authority), and provide for tangata whenua participation as advisory, non-voting members.
- 1.9 The TOR also describe the Group’s statutory functions and objectives across the 4Rs (Reduction, Readiness, Response, Recovery), the delegated appointments the Group must make under the Act (including Group and Local Controllers and persons authorised to declare a state of local emergency), and the requirement to establish and maintain the Coordinating Executive Group (CEG).
- 1.10 They provide for core administrative and accountability settings, including meeting frequency and quorum, standing orders, the role of Hawke’s Bay Regional Council as the Administering Authority, the annual work programme and budget and funding arrangements for delivery of agreed levels of service.

2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

- A) That Council receive the report titled 2025 Hawkes Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee Terms of Reference dated 7 May 2026.
- B) That Council adopt the 2025 Hawke’s Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee Terms of Reference.

Attachments:

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| 1⇒ | Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee Terms of Reference | CG-18-01-00267 | Under Separate Cover |
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Thursday, 7 May 2026

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga
Hastings District Council: Council Meeting

Te Rārangi Take

Report to Council

Nā:
From: Louise Stettner, Manager, Democracy & Governance Services

Te Take:
Subject: Requests Received Under The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) Update

1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 The purpose of this Report is to inform Council of the number of requests under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) received from 1 March 2026 to 13 April 2026 and the status of those requests as at 20 April 2026.
- 1.2 This issue arises from the provision of accurate reporting of information to enable effective governance.
- 1.3 This is an administrative report to ensure that Council is aware of the number and types of information requests received and to provide assurance the Council is meeting its legislative obligations in relation to the LGOIMA.
- 1.4 This Report concludes by recommending that the LGOIMA requests (as in **Attachment 1**) be noted.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūhonga*

- A) That Council receive the report titled Requests Received Under The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) Update dated 7 May 2026.
- B) That the LGOIMA requests received from 1 March 2026 to 13 April 2026, as set out in **Attachment 1** of the Report be noted.

Attachments:

1 [↓](#) LGOIMA Report March-April 2026

CG-18-01-00266

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

LGOIMA – Reporting Period – 1 March – 12 April 2026 @ 17 April 2026

| | Requests Received | Responses to requests | Responses with information fully released | Responses with information partially withheld | Responses with information fully withheld or declined | Average number of working days to respond | Complaint to Ombudsman |
|---------------------|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|------------------------|
| | 26 | 20 | 19 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Completed | 20 | | | | | | |
| Outstanding | 6 | | | | | | |
| Month | From | Subject | | Officer Time | | | |
| From 1 March | Rebecca Marshall | 90 Allens Road, Pakowhai | | 1 hour | | | |
| | Niamh Paterson | Transferable development rights | | 1.5 hours | | | |
| | Glenn Miller | CCTV footage | | 1 hour | | | |
| | Richard Clark | Rates dispute | | 1 hour | | | |
| | Marcus Buddo | Waimarama/Te Mata Mangteretere roundabout | | 1 hour | | | |
| | Rhys Hurley, Taxpayers Union | Spending on consultancy firms run by mana whenua | | 2 hours | | | |
| | Murray Jones, Business Desk | EAP services | | 2 hours | | | |
| | Murray Jones | Contractors and suppliers | | 2 hours | | | |
| | Taylor Bevan | Meatball Festival | | 2 hours | | | |
| | Paul Evans-McLeod | Enforcement of Dog Control Act 1996 | | 1 hour | | | |
| | Karina Alve, Cotality | Land categorisation dataset | | 1.5 hours | | | |
| | Darlene Luke | Geotech Reports for Clifton Motor Camp | | | | | |
| | Hayley Dransfield | Road/bridge alignment 327 Ellis Wallace Road | | 30 mins | | | |
| | Logan Jamieson | Property files for 1002 Dartmoor Road | | | | | |
| | Sina Au | Dogs at Kainga Ora property | | 1 hour | | | |
| | Alison McDougall | Copy of animal control report | | 30 mins | | | |
| April | Gren Christie | Correspondence from HB Water Community Trust | | | | | |
| | Travis Watson | HB Airport jet aircraft capability | | Declined | | | |
| | Damian Bartolomucci | Organisational Structure | | | | | |
| | Nick Stewart | Fiscal Sensitivity Analysis – Heinz Wattie/McCain | | 1.5 hours | | | |
| | Si’ufili Tavete Ilalio | Agency wide client decision making policy | | Refinement sought | | | |
| | Jeremy MacLeod | Waimarama 3A6B6A vestment | | 1 hour | | | |
| | Sam Brodie | Local election costs – time ext till 30/6/26 | | | | | |

| Month | From | Subject | Officer Time |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| | Dean Gulbransen | 838 Mangleton Road, Kereru | 30 mins |

Thursday, 7 May 2026

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Hastings District Council: Council Meeting

Te Rārangi Take

Report to Council

Nā:
From: **Louise Stettner, Manager, Democracy & Governance Services**

Te Take:
Subject: **Proposed Amendments To Schedule Of Meetings**

1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

1.1 The purpose of this Report is to consider amendments to the schedule of Council and Committee Meetings for the 2026 Meetings Calendar which was adopted by Council on 11 December 2025.

1.2 The Local Government Act 2002, Schedule 7, Clause 19 states:

“A local authority must hold meetings at the times and places that it appoints”.

If a local authority adopts a schedule of meetings-

a) The schedule-

i) may cover any future period that the local authority considers appropriate, and

ii) may be amended.

Although a local authority must hold the ordinary meetings appointed, it is competent for the authority at a meeting to amend the schedule of dates, times and number of meetings to enable the business of the Council to be managed in an effective way.

1.3 It is proposed that the meeting schedule be amended as outlined in the Recommendations of this Report.

2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūhunga

- A) That Council receive the report titled Proposed Amendments To Schedule Of Meetings dated 7 May 2026.
- B) That Council adopt changes to the 2026 Schedule of Meetings as follows:

| | | |
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| Wednesday 6 May 2026 to Wednesday 20 May 2026, 1pm Council Chamber | Postponement | Performance and Monitoring Committee |
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Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, 7 MAY 2026

Item 16

RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

SECTION 48, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

THAT the public now be excluded from the following part of the meeting, namely:

- 17 Facilities Provision
- 18 Appointments to Hastings District Holdings Ltd Board of Directors
- 19 CON2020007 3 Waters Maintenance Contract - Update
- 20 P2026-551 Rural Pavement and Corridor Management Contract 2026 -2031
- 21 P2026-654 Urban and Plains Pavement and Corridor Management Contract 2026-2031

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

| <i>GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED</i> | <i>REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER, AND PARTICULAR INTERESTS PROTECTED</i> | <i>GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF EACH RESOLUTION</i> |
|--|---|---|
| 17 Facilities Provision | Section 7 (2) (b) (ii) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. Commercial rates discussed. | Section 48(1)(a)(i) Where the Local Authority is named or specified in the First Schedule to this Act under Section 6 or 7 (except Section 7(2)(f)(i)) of this Act. |
| 18 Appointments to Hastings District Holdings Ltd Board of Directors | Section 7 (2) (a) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person. To protect the privacy of the individuals recommended for appointment. | Section 48(1)(a)(i) Where the Local Authority is named or specified in the First Schedule to this Act under Section 6 or 7 (except Section 7(2)(f)(i)) of this Act. |

**19 CON2020007 3 Waters
Maintenance Contract - Update**

Section 7 (2) (h)

The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. This report contains commercially sensitive information that relates to the negotiations to the contract terms and conditions for the extension period.

Section 48(1)(a)(i)

Where the Local Authority is named or specified in the First Schedule to this Act under Section 6 or 7 (except Section 7(2)(f)(i)) of this Act.

**20 P2026-551 Rural Pavement and
Corridor Management Contract 2026 -
2031**

Section 7 (2) (b) (ii)

The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Section 48(1)(a)(i)

Where the Local Authority is named or specified in the First Schedule to this Act under Section 6 or 7 (except Section 7(2)(f)(i)) of this Act.

**21 P2026-654 Urban and Plains
Pavement and Corridor Management
Contract 2026-2031**

Section 7 (2) (i)

The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). This report relates to an active tender which contains third party commercial information.

Section 48(1)(a)(i)

Where the Local Authority is named or specified in the First Schedule to this Act under Section 6 or 7 (except Section 7(2)(f)(i)) of this Act.

Section 7 (2) (b) (ii)

The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Section 48(1)(a)(i)

Where the Local Authority is named or specified in the First Schedule to this Act under Section 6 or 7 (except Section 7(2)(f)(i)) of this Act.

Section 7 (2) (i)

The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). This report relates to an active tender which contains third party commercial information.