

Rārangi take Kaunihera

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# Council Agenda

Monday 14 April 2025, 4 pm

Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub, Camberwell Road, Hāwera



### Ngā Mema o te Komiti / Committee Members



Phil Nixon  
*Mayor*



Andy Beccard  
*Councillor*



Mark Bellringer  
*Councillor*



Celine Filbee  
*Councillor*



Te Aroha Hohaia  
*Councillor*



Robert Northcott  
*Deputy Mayor*



Leanne Horo  
*Councillor*



Aaron Langton  
*Councillor*



Steffy Mackay  
*Councillor*



Tuteri Rangihaeata  
*Councillor*



Bryan Roach  
*Councillor*



Brian Rook  
*Councillor*



Diana Reid  
*Councillor*



Racquel Cleaver-Pittams  
*Councillor*

### Apatono / Delegations

The Full Council's role is to carry out responsibilities under the Local Government Act 2002. It is the final decision-making authority within the Council and generally ratifies recommendations made by other committees.

It is made up of all Councillors and the Mayor.

#### **Powers that cannot be delegated**

The powers that cannot be delegated by the Council are:

- (a) the power to make a rate
- (b) the power to make a bylaw
- (c) the power to borrow money, or purchase or

dispose of assets, other than in accordance with the long-term plan

(d) the power to adopt a long-term plan, annual plan or annual report

(e) the power to appoint a chief executive

(f) the power to adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under the Local Government Act 2002 in association with the long-term plan or developed for the purpose of the Local Governance Statement.

(g) the power to adopt a remuneration and employment policy

# Purongo Whaitikanga Governance Information

## Huinga Tangata / Attendance Register

Date	04/09/24	16/09/24	25/09/24	14/10/24	14/10/24	30/10/24	25/11/24	09/12/24	26/02/25	03/03/25	24/03/25
Meeting	E	O	E	E	E	O	E	O	E	O	E
Andy Beccard	AO	A	A	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mark Bellringer	√	√	A	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Celine Filbee	√	√	√	A	X	√	√	√	√	√	√
Te Aroha Hohaia	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	√	√	√	A
Leanne Horo	A	A	AO	A	A	√	√	AO	A	√	√
Aarun Langton	A	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	A
Steffy Mackay	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	AO	A	A
Phil Nixon	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Robert Northcott	√	√	√	AO	AO	√	√	√	√	√	√
Tuteri Rangihaeata	A	√	√	√	√	A	√	√	X	X	√
Diana Reid	√	√	√	√	√	A	√	√	√	√	√
Bryan Roach	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Brian Rook	√	√	√	√	√	√	A	√	X	√	X
Racquel Cleaver-Pittams	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√

### Key

- √ Attended
- AO Attended Online
- Was not required to attend
- A Apology
- Y Attended but didn't have to attend
- X Did not attend - no apology given

### Types of Meetings

- I Inaugural
- O Ordinary Meeting
- E Extraordinary Meeting

### He Karere Haumarū / Health and Safety Message

In the event of an emergency, please follow the instructions of Council staff. If there is an earthquake - drop, cover and hold where possible. Please remain where you are until further instruction is given.

### He Pānga Whakararu / Conflicts of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected member and any private or other external interest they might have.



# Rārangi Agenda

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**Next Meeting Date:** Monday 26 May 2025

**Elected Members’ Deadline:** Monday 12 May 2025

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## 11. Karakia

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**Next Meeting Date:** Monday 26 May 2025

**Elected Members' Deadline:** Monday 12 May 2025



# Karakia

## 1. Karakia

Ruruku Timata – Opening Prayer

(Kia ururu mai ā-hauora,  
ā-haukaha, ā-hau māia)

Ki runga

Ki raro

Ki roto

Ki waho

Rire rire hau

Paimārire

*(Fill me with vitality)  
strength and bravery)*

*Above*

*Below*

*Inwards*

*Outwards*

*The winds blow & bind us*

*Peace be with us.*



# Matakore Apologies

## 2. Matakore / Apologies

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**Leave of Absence:** *The Board may grant a member leave of absence following an application from that member. Leave of absences will be held in the Public Excluded section of the meeting.*



# Ngā Whakaputanga Declarations of Interest

### 3. Tauākī Whakarika / Declarations of Interest

Notification from elected members of:

- a) Any interests that may create a conflict with their role as an elected member relating to the items of business for this meeting; and
- b) Any interests in items in which they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest as provided for in the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968.

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# Whakatakoto Kaupapa Whānui, Whakaaturanga hoki **Open Forum and Presentations**

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## **4. Whakatakoto Kaupapa Whānui Whakaaturanga hoki / Open Forum and Presentations**

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*The Council has set aside time for members of the public to speak in the public forum at the commencement of each Council, Committee and Community Board meeting (up to 10 minutes per person/organisation) when these meetings are open to the public. Permission of the Mayor or Chairperson is required for any person wishing to speak at the public forum.*



# Ngā Menīti Kaunihera

## Council Minutes

To	Ordinary Council
Date	14 April 2025
Subject	<b>Extraordinary Council – Purpose to make a decision on consultation options for Local Water Done Well</b>

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

### Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. The Council is being asked to adopt the minutes of the Extraordinary Council - Purpose to make a decision on consultation options for Local Water Done Well held on 26 February 2025 as a true and correct record.

### Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT the Council adopts the minutes of the Extraordinary Council - Purpose to make a decision on consultation options for Local Water Done Well held on 26 February 2025 as a true and correct record.



# Menīti Minutes

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## Ngā Menīti take Kaunihera Extraordinary Council Meeting To make a decision on consultation options for Local Water Done Well

Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub, Camberwell Road, Hāwera on Wednesday 26 February 2025 at 1.00 pm.

**Kanohi Kītea / Present:** Mayor Phil Nixon, Deputy Mayor Rob Northcott and Councillors Andy Beccard, Mark Bellringer, Racquel Cleaver-Pittams, Celine Filbee, Te Aroha Hohaia, Aarun Langton, Steffy Mackay *online*, Diana Reid, Bryan Roach.

**Ngā Taenga-Ā-Tinana / In Attendance:** Fiona Aitken (Chief Executive), Liam Dagg (Group Manager Environmental Services), Herbert Denton (Group Manager Infrastructure Services), Rob Haveswood (Group Manager Community Services), Sam Greenhill (Governance Officer), Gerard Langford (Head of Communication and Customer Service), Vipul Mehta (Head of Business Enablement), Becky Wolland (Head of Strategy and Governance), 2 members of the public and one media.

**Matakore / Apologies:** Councillor Leanne Horo.

### RESOLUTION

(Cr Roach/Cr Filbee)

01/25 **THAT** the apology from Councillor Leanne Horo be received.

CARRIED

## 1. Pūrongo / Report

### 1.1 Local Water Done Well – Options for Consultation

The Government repealed the previous Affordable Waters legislation and was undertaking a water reform programme known as Local Water Done Well (LWDW). The Act required councils to develop and submit for approval, Water Services Delivery Plans (WSDPs) by 3 September 2025 that identified a financially viable pathway to deliver water services and required councils to consult on a minimum of two options. The report sought confirmation of the models for delivery and the Council's proposed option to allow Council Officers to finalise the consultation document for approval on 14 April.

Ms Aitken highlighted that over a 30 year period a joint Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) would be the most cost effective option for consumers however there were other factors that also needed to be considered. Both a regional CCO and an in-

house business unit met the financial sustainability test. The final decision would be made in July following consultation with the public.

In response to a query regarding the consultation options for New Plymouth District Council and Stratford District Council Ms Aitken noted that both councils were consulting on a joint WSCCO and an in-house business unit with a joint WSCCO being their proposed model for water and wastewater.

In response to a query regarding the commerce commission fee it was noted that this would be added to the consumer in either model. It was queried whether the Government would dictate a council joining a joint WSCCO and it was noted that the rules would need to change as the current legislation allowed each council to make their own decision.

It was queried what might happen if two councils within Taranaki proceeded with a regional approach and one council decided to continue alone. Ms Aitken noted that this was a potential scenario however each council needed to show financial sustainability and the proposal needed to be approved by the Department of Internal Affairs.

In response to a query regarding the potential relationship damage if the Council were to proceed with an in-house business unit it was noted that this was another factor that needed to be considered. It was highlighted that the New Plymouth District Council currently provided some services, for example instrumentation and electrical, to the Council for water.

It was queried whether there would be more protection from a drought if a regional approach was taken. It was noted that this would not provide more protection as the water supplies would not be connected across the region. It was highlighted that if there were a failure there would be more resilience in terms of staff response and additional staffing resource.

It was noted that moving to a joint WSCCO would mean losing 30% of business and it was queried whether this would result in a 30% reduction in staffing. Ms Aitken noted that there was approximately 30 full time equivalent staff that were solely working in the water and wastewater services which was equivalent to about 15% of staff. It was noted that there would be other positions impacted within the corporate functions. It was highlighted that the structure of the organisation would need to be looked at whichever option was ultimately chosen.

Ms Aitken reminded the Council that the decision being made was what the proposed delivery model was for consultation. The final decision would be made in July following consultation with the public.

In response to a query regarding the remuneration of the Mayor and Councillors it was noted that the amount was set by the Remuneration Authority.

It was queried whether control of rural water would be lost. In response it was noted that whatever decision was made in the end there would be an increase in the cost to rural consumers.

There were concerns raised regarding the stranded overheads and additional costs to the ratepayers. It was felt that the reduction in work and income could not be absorbed through

a restructure. Ms Aitken noted that there would be costs with establishing either model but the amount would differ. It was highlighted that there would be a transition period for both models which would allow for stranded overheads to be addressed over a period of time.

In response to a query regarding additional governance for a joint WSCCO it was noted that the modelling assumed ongoing governance costs of \$200,000 and establishment costs of 9% of the operational costs for five years.

In response to a query regarding 99 year leases that the Council were involved in it was noted that these could not be reviewed even if there were a complete change in structure.

Taumata Arowai were currently receiving feedback on the national standards for wastewater discharge. From the information received it was likely that there would be more leniency for some suppliers. Once the standard was set by Taumata Arowai the regional council could not set higher standards.

In response to a query regarding how two waters would be funded it was noted that funding would come from the water services reserve account.

It was noted that water used more staffing and resources than wastewater did at present. It was highlighted that wastewater was a bigger area of growth moving forward. The consultation document would disclose the intention to harmonise with either model.

It was queried why council officers were recommending a joint WSCCO as the proposed model for consultation. Ms Aitken highlighted that council officers were required to provide a recommendation however the Council had the option as to whether to accept the recommendation or make a different decision. It was noted that the report compared a joint WSCCO and an in-house business unit to provide the Councillors with the required information to make an informed decision on the proposed option for consultation.

It was highlighted that it was difficult to join a regional CCO at a later date as the terms and agreements would have already been set. It was noted that it would be difficult but not impossible to leave a joint WSCCO in the future, however there would have to be a commitment to remain in a WSCCO at least for the short term.

It was felt that the Council and the region were struggling to keep up with rising costs and there may be discussions in the future about three councils within Taranaki moving forward. It was highlighted that there was no discussion of amalgamation at this point and it had no impact on the decision being made.

In moving the motion, Mayor Nixon stated that over a long period the Council had made a commitment to water and wastewater infrastructure. Regulation and governance had increased however it was felt that economies of scale would help. He noted that a joint WSCCO was not at the same scale as proposed under the previous three waters entities and that when the entities were originally set, Taranaki requested that they be reconsidered to allow Taranaki to work together on a regional level to provide waters to their communities.

The Mayor also stated that the Council would have more say within a joint WSCCO if they were included from the start rather than joining at a later date.

When seconding the motion, Deputy Mayor Northcott stated that there were a number of variables and looking ahead 30 years was difficult to do. South Taranaki was a vastly populated District and costs kept rising and regulations kept changing. There were unknown challenges ahead and it was felt that a joint WSCCO provided future proofing for ratepayers.

Councillor Beccard felt that the Council had a good catchment for water and it would not be beneficial to share. He was concerned that other councils may try to control the decision making for their benefit and suggested that the Council could join a joint WSCCO at a later date if the need arose.

Mayor Nixon highlighted that water would not be shared under a joint WSCCO as the pipes would not be linked. He noted that a joint WSCCO would have a joint committee made up of members from each council and Iwi that would agree on the strategic direction and priorities for the WSCCO. It was highlighted that Iwi did not support the connection of water supplies from a cultural perspective.

Councillor Roach felt that the proposed model for consultation should be an in-house business unit.

Councillor Cleaver-Pittams highlighted that the costs for both models were similar. It was important to also consider resourcing and abilities to comply with regulations when making the final decision. She felt that a joint WSCCO was the right option for the future.

Concerns were raised that the wording of a proposed model indicated that a decision had been made before consultation with the community. It was highlighted that the legislation stated that consultation had to be carried out on the proposed model and at least one other model.

Councillor Bellringer highlighted that although water would not be shared under a joint WSCCO the staff would be for the region. He raised concerns regarding water complaints and the loss of District knowledge if a joint WSCCO was the final model. It was noted that past councillors had been prudent in putting infrastructure in place and there were concerns with being locked into a joint WSCCO if issues were to arise in the future.

Councillor Mackay raised concerns regarding the potential issues with having more layers of control through a joint WSCCO. It was highlighted that there would be a joint committee who would set a statement of intent for a board of directors to make decisions. The board of directors would then instruct the management for implementation.

Ms Aitken noted that the third bill that was to be released would require a joint WSCCO to give effect to a statement of expectation from a joint committee.

Councillor Hohaia highlighted that the community would express if they were opposed to a joint WSCCO through the consultation period. The final decision would be made following consultation and hearing from members of the community.

Mr Mehta highlighted that a joint WSCCO would free up debt head room to deliver savings across a 30 year period. It was noted that the Council would have capacity to carry out other projects that may not have been possible otherwise.

Mayor Nixon highlighted that the next difficult part in the process was providing a consultation document to the community that they were able to understand.

**RESOLUTION** (Mayor Nixon/Deputy Mayor Northcott)

02/25 **THAT** the Council;

- a) **Receives the Local Water Done Well – Options for Consultation Report;**
- b) **Notes that Central Government has legislated that Local Authorities are to develop and publicly consult on a proposed model for water services delivery and submit a Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) for approval;**
- c) **Notes that legislation requires the Council to:**
  - a. **Identify a proposed water services delivery model in a WSDP and formally adopt the WSDP via Council resolution before submitting to the Secretary of Local Government by 3 September 2025;**
  - b. **Demonstrate compliance with financial sustainability tests by 30 June 2028; and**
  - c. **Ring-fence revenue and expenditure for water and wastewater so that it is separate from Council activities from 30 June 2028.**
- d) **Instructs the Chief Executive to prepare consultation material for consideration at a meeting on 14 April 2025 that:**
  - a. **Includes analysis of two models for the delivery of water and wastewater services to the South Taranaki District, these are:**
    - i. **In-house Business Unit (enhanced status quo)**
    - ii. **Joint Taranaki Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO);**
  - b. **Specifies an asset-owning Joint Taranaki WSCCO with New Plymouth District Council and Stratford District Council as the proposed model for water and wastewater services; and**
- e) **Notes that Stormwater assets and services will remain under South Taranaki District Council ownership and responsibility.**

**CARRIED**

*Councillors Andy Beccard, Mark Bellringer, Steffy Mackay and Bryan Roach voted against the motion.*

**The meeting concluded at 2.26 pm.**

**Dated this            day of            2025.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**



# Ngā Menīti Kaunihera Council Minutes

To	Ordinary Council
Date	14 April 2025
Subject	<b>Ordinary Council – 3 March 2025</b>

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

## Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. The Council is being asked to adopt the Ordinary Council minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2025.

## Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT the Council adopts the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 3 March 2025 as a true and correct record.



# Menīti Minutes

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## Ngā Menīti take Kaunihera Ordinary Council Meeting

Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub, Camberwell Road, Hāwera on Monday 3 March 2025 at 4.00 pm

**Kanohi Kitea / Present:** Mayor Phil Nixon (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor Robert Northcott, Councillors Andy Beccard, Mark Bellringer, Racquel Cleaver-Pittams, Celine Filbee, Te Aroha Hohaia, Leanne Horo, Aarun Langton, Diana Reid, Bryan Roach and Brian Rook.

**Ngā Taenga-Ā-Tinana / In Attendance:** Fiona Aitken (Chief Executive), Liam Dagg (Group Manager Environmental Services), Herbert Denton (Group Manager Infrastructure Services), Rob Haveswood (Group Manager Community Services), Sara Dymond (Governance Team Leader), Hayley Old (Property Officer – Legal), Andrew Ritson (Legal and Procurement Manager), Anne Sattler (Senior Policy Advisor), Becky Wolland (Head of Strategy and Governance) and one member of the public.

**Matakore / Apologies:** Councillor Steffy Mackay.

### RESOLUTION

(Cr Beccard/Cr Hohaia)

01/25 **THAT the apology from Councillor Steffy Mackay be received.**

CARRIED

## 1. Whakatakoto Kaupapa Whānui, Whakaaturanga hoki / Open Forum and Presentations

### 1.1 Lauree Jones - EnviroSchools

Ms Jones shared what had been happening across the schools and community from a sustainability point of view. EnviroSchools had been in Taranaki since 2003 and the Council had supported them for most of those years. EnviroSchools was delivered through the Taranaki Regional Council (TRC).

EnviroSchools were regularly working with 18 of the 30 schools and kura in the District plus six kindergartens. There was a specific facilitator for South Taranaki offering environmental and sustainability education. Since COVID-19 their delivery style had changed, and they were now taking the action to the schools reducing the barriers especially for those who were in lower socio economic areas. Waste avoidance was an example of what they did in schools. Their message was more about refusing and using what was already in existence or repurposing or rethinking ways of using natural resources. EnviroSchools extended their reach through the opportunity to collaborate with others.

Councillor Hohaia asked how Enviroschools intended on increasing the number of schools involved. Ms Jones explained that since TRC came on board they were able to extend themselves and grow. When money was tight they became more creative.

In terms of funding Ms Jones commented that TRC funding covered the Team Leader Education role, vehicles, background staff, resources, graphic designers etc and a budget of \$12,500 to run Taranaki wide events.

**2. Whakaaetia ngā Menīti / Confirmation of Minutes**

2.1 Ordinary Council held on 9 December 2024.

**RESOLUTION** (Cr Hohaia/Cr Bellringer)

**02/25** **THAT the Council adopts the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 9 December 2024 as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

**3. Ngā Menīti Komiti me ngā Poari / Committee and Board Minutes**

2.1 Te Hāwera Community Board held on 27 January 2025.

Clarification was provided around the funding for the book on the history of the Pātea Freezing Works. It was about getting the book written by Mr Russ Standing print ready. Once the book had been edited it would be gifted to the Pātea Historical Society who would then print and sell the book.

**RESOLUTION** (Cr Reid/Cr Filbee)

**03/25** **THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Te Hāwera Community Board meeting held on 27 January 2025.**

**CARRIED**

2.2 Pātea Community Board held on 27 January 2025.

Deputy Northcott requested a correction to 1.5 as this related to the state of the ablution block not the campground.

**RESOLUTION** (Deputy Mayor Northcott/Cr Rook)

- 04/25** **THAT the Council;**
- a) **Receives the minutes of the Pātea Community Board meeting held on 27 January 2025.**
  - b) **Adopts recommendation 07/25 PA from the Pātea Community Board;**

**THAT the Council approve the appointment of Cheryl Rook as the Pātea Community board representative on the Okotuku Domain Committee;**

**Notes that all Council appointments will be reviewed following the October 2025 Local Body Elections.**

**CARRIED**

2.3 Eltham-Kaponga Community Board held on 29 January 2025.

**RESOLUTION** (Cr Bellringer/Cr Hohaia)

**05/25 THAT the Council receives the minutes of Eltham-Kaponga Community Board meeting held on 29 January 2025.**

**CARRIED**

2.4 Taranaki Coastal Community Board held on 29 January 2025.

**RESOLUTION** (Cr Langton/Cr Roach)

**06/25 THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Taranaki Coastal Community Board meeting held on 29 January 2025.**

**CARRIED**

2.5 District Licensing Committee held on 30 January 2025.

**RESOLUTION** (Cr Filbee/Cr Rook)

**07/25 THAT the Council receives the minutes of the District Licensing Committee meeting held on 30 January 2025.**

**CARRIED**

2.6 Policy and Strategy Committee held on 3 February 2025.

**RESOLUTION** (Cr Hohaia/Deputy Mayor Northcott)

**08/25 THAT the Council;**

- a) Receives the minutes of the Policy and Strategy Committee meeting including the public excluded held on 3 February 2025.**
- b) Adopts recommendation 04/25 PS from the Policy and Strategy Committee;**

**THAT the Council approve the changes to Appendix 1 of the Solid Waste Bylaw 2018.**

- c) **Adopts recommendation 05/24 PS from the Policy and Strategy Committee;**  
**THAT the Council allocates \$33,294 for Year Two of the Long Term Plan to Surf Lifesaving NZ.**
- d) **Adopts recommendation 06/24 PS from the Policy and Strategy Committee;**  
**THAT the Council allocates \$10,000 for Year Two of the Long Term Plan to the Egmont A & P Association.**

**CARRIED**

2.7 Environment and Hearings Committee held on 5 February 2025.

**RESOLUTION** **(Cr Beccard/Cr Reid)**

**09/25 THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Environment and Hearings Committee meeting held on 5 February 2025.**

**CARRIED**

2.8 Te Kāhui Matauraura held on 12 February 2025.

**RESOLUTION** **(Deputy Mayor Northcott/Cr Langton)**

**10/25 THAT the Council receives the minutes of Te Kāhui Matauraura meeting held on 12 February 2025.**

**CARRIED**

### **3. Pūrongo / Reports**

3.1 Rotokare Scenic Reserve – Further stopping of Sangster Road

The report asked the Council to approve an application to stop a portion of Sangster Road over which the building would sit (as shown in the attached aerial view) and amalgamate the stopped road with the Crown Reserve Land. It had been recommended these actions be completed under the Public Works Act 1981 (PWA), rather than the Local Government Act where possible.

Mr Ritson explained that the Council was approached by the Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust who intended on constructing a new educational building. The site identified for the building overlapped the boundary between Sangster Road and the bush.

In response to the query around the use and need for this section of road Mr Ritson noted that the Roothing Team confirmed that the area of road to be stopped had no strategic value from their perspective.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Cr Beccard/Cr Bellringer)**

**11/25** **THAT the Council;**

- a) Approves the application to stop a portion of Sangster Road and amalgamate the stopped road with the Record of Title 800933 (Part Section 1 Block XII Ngaere Survey District), Crown Reserve Land in accordance with Sections 116 and 117 of the Public Works Act 1981.
- b) Agrees that the land is vested to the Rotokare Scenic Reserve for a nominal fee of \$1 rather than the land value.
- c) Authorises the Chief Executive to negotiate and undertake the appropriate processes to enable Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust to undertake their planned development of the educational facility.

**CARRIED**

3.2 Appointment – Acting Chairperson District Licensing Committee

The chairperson of the District Licensing Committee (the DLC) requested to step back from their position as chairperson for the remainder of the 2022-2025 triennium. The report proposed that Commissioner Neil Volzke was appointed as Acting Chairperson to the DLC for the remainder of the 2022-2025 triennium.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Cr Filbee/Deputy Mayor Northcott)**

**12/25** **THAT the Council;**

- a) Confirms the appointment of Commissioner Neil Volzke as Acting Chairperson to undertake the powers and duties of the District Licensing Committee in accordance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 Section 104 (1) and (2) for the remainder of the 2022-2025 triennium.
- b) Notes that the Mayor is a full member of every committee of council including a District Licensing Committee.

**CARRIED**

3.3 Appointment – District Plan Committee members as hearing commissioners

The Council was working through a series of plan changes under the Resource Management Act 1991 that would be progressed from 2025 to 2026. Given this was an election year, and to ensure there was consistency with those considering the plan changes, the report proposed the appointment of the District Plan Committee members as hearing commissioners.

**RESOLUTION**

(Cr Filbee/Cr Te Aroha)

**13/25** **THAT the Council confirms the appointment of Councillors Andy Beccard (Chairperson), Steffy Mackay, Leanne Horo, Aaron Langton, Diana Reid, Robert Northcott and Tāne Houston (Iwi Representative) to the District Plan Committee as hearing commissioners to consider Plan Change 3: Papakāinga and Plan Change 4 and 5: Urban Growth and Financial Contributions.**

**CARRIED**

3.4 2025 Local Body Elections – Candidate Order

The 2025 Local Body Elections were scheduled to be held on Saturday, 11 October 2025. Under Regulation 31 of the Local Electoral Regulations 2001, the Council may determine the order of candidate names to appear on the voting documents. There were three order arrangements for the Council to consider, alphabetical order of surname, pseudo-random order, or random order.

**RESOLUTION**

(Cr Filbee/Deputy Mayor Northcott)

**14/25** **THAT the Council adopts pseudo-random order for candidate names in the 2025 Local Body Elections.**

**CARRIED**

**4. Pūrongo-Whakamārama / Information Report**

4.1 School Speed Limits

The report sought to inform the Council of the actions required to comply with the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024.

Mrs Sattler explained that Waka Kotahi released their guidance document in October 2024 for Road Controlling Authorities (RCAs) to help interpret the new Rule. Key aspects that the Council needed to address were reversing the speed limits on roads that did not have a school access point and updating the permanent speed limits to be variable, so they were only active during travel times at the start and end of the school day.

The Council was in a fortunate position that it had already implemented speed management for all schools. Waka Kotahi confirmed that the permanent 60km/h and variable 30km/h speed limits could remain in place. The only change was that 30km/h speed limits would only be in place on roads that had a school access point, and only active during the start and end of the school day. A new amendment to the traffic control devices rule enabled road controlling authorities to use new static variable speed limit signs for variable speed limits outside schools. The Rule required that the speed zones around schools be restricted to the road immediately adjacent to a gate or other access used by students to enter or leave the school. Waka Kotahi and the National Speed Limit Register needed to be updated prior to 1 May and the road signs needed to reflect the changes before 1 July 2025.

Mrs Sattler explained that there was funding available through Waka Kotahi the Council could apply for signage.

In response to the query around how this applied to Te Paepae O Aotea since the school was split on two sides of the road, Mrs Sattler explained that the use of Camberwell Road had significantly changed since 2019 with the addition of the portacoms on Bayly Park and students crossing the road regularly during the day for classes. Also, the infrastructure along this portion of Camberwell Road supported a lower speed limit, for these reasons, there was justification to have a permanent speed limit on this portion of the road outside Te Paepae o Aotea.

Councillor Filbee queried whether there had been any indication of addressing the speed limits for schools on a state highway. Mrs Sattler understood that all RCAs must make all reasonable efforts to comply with the Rule’s requirements around schools by 1 July 2026. A meeting with the roading engineers had been scheduled to look at zoning around all schools.

**RESOLUTION** (Deputy Mayor Northcott/Cr Horo)

**15/25** **THAT the Council receives the School Speed Limits Report.**

**CARRIED**

4.2 Quarterly Financial and Non-Financial Performance Report for period ending 31 December 2024

The report contained the Financial Variance Report and the Performance Measures Report for the second quarter year to date of the financial year to 31 December 2024. The report contained Council officers’ commentary on variances for the Council’s activities and support centres, and management comments on variances had also been included, where relevant.

Ms Aitken commented that this report was presented to the recent Risk and Assurance Committee meeting. The chairperson had requested Council staff provide a summary of the trend analysis going forward.

Councillor Filbee acknowledged the significant increase in processing times for both consent compliance and building consents. Although they were not achieved there had been a significant increase. Councillor Beccard would like to see more resources in this area.

**5. Whakataunga kia noho tūmatanui kore / Resolution to Exclude the Public**

**RESOLUTION** (Cr Bellringer/Deputy Mayor Northcott)

**16/25** **THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely:**

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

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
1. Confirmation of minutes – Ordinary Council held on 9 December 2024  2. Receipt of minutes – District Licensing Committee held on 30 January 2025	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7.	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists. Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on sections 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item No	Interest
1	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (Schedule 7(2)(i)).

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
3. Receipt of minutes – District Licensing Committee held on 30 January 2025	To enable the Council to.	That the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Council/Committee to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation in any proceedings where:  ii) the local authority is required, by any enactment, to make a recommendation in respect of the matter that is the subject of those proceedings. s.48(1)(d)

**CARRIED**

**6. Tuwhera anō te Hui / Resume to Open Meeting**

**RESOLUTION**

**(Cr Bellringer/Cr Filbee)**

**19/25 THAT the South Taranaki District Council resumes in open meeting.**

**CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 4.50 pm.

Dated this        day of                                2025.

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CHAIRPERSON



# Ngā Menīti Kaunihera

## Council Minutes

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To	Ordinary Council
Date	14 April 2025
Subject	<b>Extraordinary Council – Purpose to hear submissions on the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy and confirm minutes</b>

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

### Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. The Council is being asked to adopt the minutes of the Extraordinary Council - Purpose to hear submissions on the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy and confirm minutes held on 24 March 2025 as a true and correct record.

### Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT the Council adopts the minutes of the Extraordinary Council - Purpose to hear submissions on the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy and confirm minutes held on 24 March 2025 as a true and correct record.



# Menīti Minutes

## Ngā Menīti Kaunihera Whanokē Extraordinary Council Meeting Purpose to hear submissions on the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy and confirm minutes

Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub, Camberwell Road, Hāwera on Monday 24 March 2025 at 9 am.

**Kanohi Kitea / Present:** Mayor Phil Nixon (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor Robert Northcott, Councillors Andy Beccard, Mark Bellringer, Racquel Cleaver-Pittams, Celine Filbee, Leanne Horo (9.04 am), Tuteri Rangihaeata (9.16 am), Diana Reid and Bryan Roach (9.06 am).

**Ngā Taenga-Ā-Tinana / In Attendance:** Fiona Aitken (Chief Executive), Liam Dagg (Group Manager Environmental Services), Herbert Denton (Group Manager Infrastructure Services), Rob Haveswood (Group Manager Community Service), Sophie Canute (Strategic Planner), Sara Dymond (Governance Team Leader) and Becky Wolland (Head of Strategy and Governance).

**Matakore / Apologies:** Councillors Te Aroha Hohaia, Aaron Langton, Steffy Mackay and Tuteri Rangihaeata (for lateness).

**RESOLUTION** **(Cr Beccard/Cr Filbee)**

**20/25** **THAT the apologies from Councillors Te Aroha Hohaia, Aaron Langton, Steffy Mackay and Tuteri Rangihaeata (for lateness) be received.**

**CARRIED**

### 1. Whakaaetia ngā Menīti / Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Extraordinary Risk and Assurance Committee held on 18 March 2025.

**RESOLUTION** **(Deputy Mayor Northcott/Cr Bellringer)**

**21/25** **THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Extraordinary Risk and Assurance Committee meeting held on 18 March 2025 as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

## 2. Kaupapa Kōrero / Hearing

The Council was reminded that the primary purpose of the hearing was to listen to submissions and ask questions of any submitter. The Council would be deliberating on the detail in the Hāwera to Normanby Strategy at a later date.

### RESOLUTION

(Cr Beccard/Cr Filbee)

22/25

**THAT the Council accepts the four late submissions (submission numbers are 247 (Dalwyna Ruri), 251 (Adrienne Duffy - Waka Kotahi - NZ Transport Authority), 259 (Jim Gould) and 262 (Colleen Ducker).**

CARRIED

## 3. Kaitāpae-kōrero / Submitters – Speakers

### 1.1 Dennis Lally

Mr Lally had lived in Normanby for over 20 years. He considered the answer to be simple and used Normanby as an example. In Normanby the lanes on the state highway were set apart with double lines and a zigzag in the middle which allowed for turning lanes in the centre for motorists to make a right turn into various streets.

*Councillor Horo arrived at the meeting at 9.04 am.*

Mr Lally suggested the elimination of the passing lane between Hāwera and Normanby, continuation of the double white lines and a speed reduction to 70 km to just before Fitzgerald Road. The double white lines would provide turning lanes into driveways and the Hāwera Aero Club. He believed the elimination of the passing lane would remove the need for vehicles to pass. It would not be a great loss as there was a passing lane on the northern side of Normanby which was a much better and safer passing lane.

The stretch of road between Hāwera and Normanby had had two fatalities with motorists crossing the centre lane and the suggested double white lines provided a good separation. This would improve the safety of that section of the highway.

*Councillor Roach arrived at the meeting at 9.06 am.*

Mr Lally ultimately expected that as the development proceeded at the South Taranaki Business Park that the 70 km limit would creep out from Hāwera towards Kerry Road where currently the passing lane started. This might occur in the near future however he was not suggesting that it needed to change now.

In response to the suggestion of double yellow lines Mr Lally believed it would complicate things if there were turning lanes. In Taranaki there was a lot of agricultural machinery and other slow motorists using the road who often used the side of the road as a useable space for them to pull off providing room for other vehicles to pass. Putting in yellow lines would not necessarily improve anything but create a dead space. There were residents along this stretch of road who had to turn right out of the passing lane to move into their properties.

Councillor Beccard agreed that the wide centres in Normanby were useful and asked if removing the passing lane and using double white lines would be more effective for those travelling this stretch of road. Mr Lally said that this would be much safer for traffic heading north and turning right.

Councillor Beccard asked if in his opinion the passing lane increased the speed of motorists. Mr Lally noted that the passing lane was an encouragement for motorists to pass each other. In some instances, motorists travelling south moved into the passing lane which became dangerous for the motorists travelling north.

Councillor Filbee was interested in the comments about the speed and various sections of this road. She asked what justification he had for suggesting a 70 km for the area around the racecourse and entrance into Fitzgerald Road as opposed to the Kerry Road intersection where he suggested 80 km. Mr Lally considered the reduction in speed for the Fitzgerald intersection to be suitable and until the traffic volumes at Kerry Road warranted it then 80 km was appropriate. However, he did see that area becoming 70 km in the future. He noted that it was open road, so it was about being practical.

## 1.2 Colleen Ducker

Ms Ducker had observed the traffic flow and experienced it living in Normanby. She supported any alterations and changes to this corridor to be done once and be done right even if it meant it cost more. She proposed having two lanes travelling each way (north and south) and each side having designated turning lanes as well as an Ōhangai Road west turning.

It was inevitable that this stretch of road was busy however she was concerned with the increased number of cyclists and walkers also using this road. When travelling south it was unsafe when there was a large truck behind another vehicle turning right onto Kerry Road as there was insufficient room to pass on the inside and trucks had limited braking capability.

There was an increased amount of traffic entering the Hāwera Aero Club and Ms Ducker supported a slip lane from the south. Ōhangai Road was used by school buses and residents. Those travelling from the south were not reducing their speed until reaching the 70 km sign surprising people who did not see the indicator of the car in front of them.

The Ōhangai Road intersection across the railway line was badly designed and dangerous. Ms Ducker had witnessed large truck and trailers sitting across the railway line and believed it was only a matter of time before an accident occurred. She noted that the use of the railway line had increased.

*Councillor Rangihaeata arrived at the meeting at 9.16 am.*

Councillor Roach was concerned with the comments made about turning onto Ōhangai Road and asked if she supported the idea of having designated turning lanes for Ōhangai Road, Kerry Road, Fitzgerald Road and the Hāwera Aero Club. Ms Ducker said it would be acceptable however questioned whether these would be used for passing.

Deputy Mayor Northcott noted that Ms Ducker had identified multiple safety hazards along this corridor however believed it should remain at 100 km. He asked if the speed was

reduced if that would lessen the number of hazards. Ms Ducker agreed that it would help. She would like to see a change that was long lasting.

Councillor Filbee noted that trucks represented a small percentage of traffic that travelled along that road daily. She asked Ms Ducker if she could provide evidence of accidents or near misses that had happened on that road involving trucks or heavy vehicles. Ms Ducker responded that she was not aware of any accidents however there were many close calls with trucks. Ms Ducker believed Hāwera was growing and there were more trucks on the road now.

### 1.3 Julie Prestidge

Ms Prestidge lived along the Hāwera to Normanby corridor and stated that at times they were unable to access their driveway. Sometimes they had to wait ten minutes to get into their property and at times had to pull to the left until it was safe to cross over. She said there had been at least four fatal accidents happen outside their property which had had a big impact of them. At night motorists travelled excessive speeds which could be heard from in their house.

When turning out of Arthur Street, Ms Prestidge said it was almost impossible to turn right because of the amount of traffic. They had seen motorists pull out in front of trucks off Ōhangai Road. When turning left into their property from Normanby even when indicating early motorists were close behind and there was insufficient space to pull off to the left. She would like to see the passing lane removed and the speed reduced to 70 km with slip lanes. When returning from Auckland she took note of either side of the towns and nearly all had restrictions of 50, 70 or 80 km on the outskirts of the town. Areas where there had been passing lanes now no longer had them.

Often when they turned north out of their property to Normanby motorists would pass them only to turn off in Normanby. There was already a passing lane going both directions just north of Normanby.

In response to the query around a median strip or designated turning bays Ms Prestidge noted that she supported whatever allowed the traffic to slow down so that they could access their property safely.

### 1.4 Paul Jones

Mr Jones was present not only as a property owner on Kerry Road but on behalf of the Egmont Racing Club (the Club). The Club and property owners had been meeting with the Council for more than five years and the Council had kept them informed throughout the process. The latest plan was slip lanes, median strips and road widening for both Kerry Road and Fitzgerald Road and also involved shifting the entrance into the racecourse towards the roundabout. The Club were supportive of the proposals however were frustrated they had never had direct consultation with Waka Kotahi. The Club would like to talk to those who were making the decisions.

The industrial park was positive for Hāwera and the Club was supportive of that. He applauded the Council for this development, it was a great incentive and had been much needed for many years. With increased traffic coming out of Kerry Road and Fitzgerald Road it was becoming more dangerous. Truck and trailers were becoming frustrated because

there were no gaps in the traffic and patrons at Placemakers had to take an alternative route to get back into Hāwera. In one day he saw two stacked vehicles outside the racecourse and that would only get worse. Mr Jones was supportive of improving those intersections and for the 50 km speed restriction to go from the roundabout to north past Kerry Road.

Councillor Beccard asked what he believed was the best option between a median strip or slip lanes. Mr Jones noted that the latest plan had slip lanes to turn in coming both ways and a slip lane around it. He thought the slip lanes would work and there was a power pole that would need to be moved.

Mr Jones said that the moving of the racecourse entrance would free up the intersection. Slip lanes would be required to access that entrance.

Deputy Mayor Northcott sought clarification on the frustrations Mr Jones and the Club had experienced with the process. Ms Canute explained that the Council had been collaborating with Waka Kotahi throughout the process. The Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy was a council document developed to share the vision that the Council had for the section of State Highway between Hāwera and Normanby.

*The meeting was adjourned at 9.48 am until 10.19 am.*

**4. Whakataunga kia noho tūmatanui kore / Resolution to Exclude the Public**

**RESOLUTION**

**(Cr Roach/Cr Reid)**

23/25

**THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely:**

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

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
1. Extraordinary Risk and Assurance Committee held on 18 March 2025.	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7.	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists. Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on sections 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item No	Interest
1	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (Schedule 7(2)(i)).

**CARRIED**

**5. Tuwhera anō te Hui / Resume to Open Meeting**

**RESOLUTION**

**(Deputy Mayor Northcott/Cr Bellringer)**

25/25

**THAT the South Taranaki District Council resumes in open meeting.**

**CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 10.26 am.

Dated this                    day of                    2025.

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**CHAIRPERSON**



# Ngā Menīti Komiti

## Committee Minutes

To	Ordinary Council
Date	14 April 2025
Subject	<b>Risk and Assurance Committee – 17 February 2025</b>

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(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

### Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. The Risk and Assurance Committee met on 17 February 2025. The Council is being asked to receive the Risk and Assurance Committee minutes from 17 February 2025 for their information.
2. There were no recommendations within the minutes for the Council to consider.

### Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Risk and Assurance Committee meeting held on 17 February 2025.



# Menīti Minutes

## Ngā Menīti take o te Komiti Tūraru me te Taurangi Risk and Assurance Committee Meeting

Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub, Camberwell Road, Hāwera on  
Monday 17 February 2025 at 11.00 am

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**Kanohi Kitea / Present:** Philip Jones (Chairperson), Mayor Phil Nixon, Councillors Andy Beccard, Racquel Cleaver-Pittams, Celine Filbee and Te Aroha Hohaia.

**Ngā Taenga-Ā-Tinana  
/ In Attendance:**

Fiona Aitken (Chief Executive), Liam Dagg (Group Manager Environmental Services), Herbert Denton (Group Manager Infrastructure Services), Rob Haveswood (Group Manager Community Services), Sam Greenhill (Governance Officer), Cheran le Fleming (Assistant Accountant), Jill Manaia (Health and Safety Advisor), Vipul Mehta (Head of Business Enablement), Garry Morris (Finance Manager), Anna Officer (Business and Risk Analyst), Simon Walkinshaw (People and Capability Manager), Garth Gregory and Priya Patel (Mercer).

**Matakore / Apologies:** Marie Broughton (Iwi Representative).

### RESOLUTION

(Cr Beccard/Mayor Nixon)

01/25 AR **THAT** the apology from Marie Broughton (Iwi Representative) be received.

CARRIED

### 1. Whakatakoto Kaupapa Whānui, Whakaaturan hoki / Open Forum and Presentations

#### 1.1 Annual Plan Update – Fiona Aitken

Year two of the Long Term Plan (LTP) proposed an average rate increase of 8.66% with additional budget for wastewater reticulation, significant insurance increases, bringing animal control in house and the additional opening hours for Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga contributing to the average rate increase. A number of options were being considered to reduce the average rate increase without reducing the level of service being provided to the community. A formal decision on reductions would be made in March. Consultation was not required however changes of interest to the community would be communicated and any feedback would be considered by the Council as part of the adoption process. The annual plan process was being done early to reduce the overlap with Local Water Done Well to ensure it was clear for the community that the two items were separate.

It was queried whether the reductions would result in underfunding the District. It was noted that what was being proposed would not underfund anything specific and while more could always be done with more money, capacity to deliver also needed to be considered.

## 2. Whakaaetia ngā Minitī / Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 Risk and Assurance Committee held on 11 November 2024

### RESOLUTION

(Mayor Nixon/Cr Beccard)

02/25 AR **THAT the Risk and Assurance Committee adopt the minutes of their meeting held on 11 November 2024 as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

## 3. Pūrongo-Whakamārama / Information Report

3.1 Quarterly Financial and Non-Financial Performance Report for period ending 31 December 2024

The report contained the Financial Variance Report and the Performance Measures Report for the second quarter year to date of the financial year to 31 December 2024. The report contained Council officers' commentary on variances for the Council's activities and support centres, and management comments on variances were also included where relevant.

In response to a query regarding the loans raised being forecast to be significantly higher than the budget it was noted that this was due to upcoming refinancing which had been included within the figure provided.

It was queried whether the forecast expenditure was achievable. It was noted that this was achievable if the planning phase was completed on time however there had been delays and big construction would occur in the next financial year.

It was suggested that information on the month prior would be useful to show the direction of travel for the performance measures.

In response to a query regarding the review of building consents it was noted that the review was still underway and an update was expected to be presented to the Leadership Team in March. It was expected that the review would be completed in the middle of the year.

### RESOLUTION

(Cr Filbee/Cr Hohaia)

03/25 AR **THAT the Risk and Assurance Committee receives the second Quarter Financial and Non-Financial Performance Report for the period ending 31 December 2024.**

CARRIED

3.2 Significant Projects Progress Report

The report provided an update on the 2024/25 Significant Projects Programme to the Committee.

There had been a significant reduction in funding by Waka Kotahi and Council officers were actively applying for other Waka Kotahi funding that was available. It was noted that the Council could benefit from the resilience funding.

There had been some confusion around the Ōpunakē Treatment Plant Optimisation and New Reservoir. It was noted that two small reservoirs were being removed and replaced with one larger reservoir. The existing larger reservoir would be retained and the additional new reservoir would almost double the capacity.

There had been liquefaction identified in the initial sampling for the anaerobic lagoon project which was a geotechnical risk. There was potential that more liquefaction would be identified as the project continued.

In response to query regarding the progress with Project Tūkau it was noted that the partnership was continuing at a pace that suited all parties involved.

It was queried whether the replacement of the Council-owned CCTV cameras would provide instant access for the police. It was noted that it would not be instant access as a process needed to be followed however access would be quicker.

In response to a query regarding the progress for Earthquake Strengthening the Hāwera Administration building it was noted that there had been no significant issues to date.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Cr Beccard/Mayor Nixon)**

**04/25 AR THAT the Risk and Assurance Committee receives the Significant Projects Progress Report for Quarter Two of the 2024/25 financial year.**

**CARRIED**

**3.3 Risk and Assurance Committee - Workplan**

The Risk and Assurance Committee Workplan for 2023/24 – 2026/27 included key reports, policies for review and workshops for the next three years.

A workshop was to be held before the next Risk and Assurance Committee meeting to discuss changes to insurance.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Cr Hohaia/Cr Filbee)**

**05/25 AR THAT the Risk and Assurance Committee receives the Workplan for the period 2023/24 – 2026/27.**

**CARRIED**

**3.4 Outstanding Debt as at 31 December 2024**

The report contained financial variance information relating to aged trial balances for all debtors and the variance of outstanding debt for rates up to 31 December 2024.

It was noted that one of the spikes in the outstanding debt was due to a significant invoice that had since been paid. Another significant invoice was also outstanding however steps were being taken to recover the funds.

There were concerns raised regarding the upward trend in the outstanding debt and it was queried whether there was a way to level or reduce that trend. It was noted that the increase was not as significant without the inclusion of the two high invoices.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Cr Beccard/Mr Jones)**

**06/25 AR THAT the Risk and Assurance Committee receives the outstanding debt as at 31 December 2024.**

**CARRIED**

**3.5 Leadership Team Risk Review and Emerging Risks**

The Council had 13 strategic risks and under the risk framework these were reviewed by the Leadership Team on a quarterly basis or as new High or Extreme risks were identified. The Leadership Team undertook a review of the Strategic risks on 10 December 2024 and resulting actions were detailed in the report.

The emerging risks for non-compliance for building consents had been reduced from high to medium. Building consents were being issued within the time frames and there was no longer a concern of reputational damage.

It was noted that the rating of risks was determined by how well they could be controlled and the likelihood of the risk occurring. It was highlighted that the uncertainty made planning difficult and reduced efficiency.

It was felt that the risk rating for wastewater treatment plant failure was under representing the implications of such a failure. It was noted that there might be an inherent risk rating of extreme. It was noted that the business risk had been reduced due to the likelihood of a plant failure occurring.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Mayor Nixon/Cr Beccard)**

**07/25 AR THAT the Risk and Assurance Committee receives the Leadership Team Risk Review and Emerging Risks report.**

**CARRIED**

**3.6 Contract and Contractor Management Internal Audit Report**

The report provided an overview of the Contract and Contractor Management Internal Audit conducted in September 2024, outlining findings and recommended actions.

The main findings of the Contract and Contractor Management Internal Audit were around missing documents and inconsistencies. The recommendations as a result of the audit addressed these concerns.

In response to a query regarding what the ultimate failure was, it was noted that the project not being delivered would be a failure which would be significant for the Council. It was queried how investigations and reporting was carried out when a project did not go to plan. It was noted that for major projects there was a debrief for the project team and investigations were carried out internally when issues occurred within a project.

**RESOLUTION** (Cr Hohaia/Cr Beccard)

**08/25 AR THAT the Risk and Assurance Committee receives the Contract and Contractor Management Internal Audit Report.**

**CARRIED**

3.7 Mercer Quarterly Investment and Monitoring Report – December 2024

There had been movement in the market including two rate cuts during quarter one. Nikko and Salt both outperformed their benchmark. The objective set out in the Statement of Performance and Objectives was not yet being met.

**RESOLUTION** (Cr Beccard/Cr Filbee)

**09/25 AR THAT the Risk and Assurance Committee receives the Mercer Quarterly Investment Monitoring Report – December 2024.**

**CARRIED**

**4. Nga Whakataunga kia noho tūmataiti kore/Resolution to Exclude the Public**

**RESOLUTION** (Mr Jones/Cr Hohaia)

**10/25 AR THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:**

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

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution

1. Mercer Quarterly Investment Monitoring Report – September 2024	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7.	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists. Section 48(1)(a)
2. Fund Manager Presentation		

This resolution is made in reliance on sections 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item No	Interest
1, 2	Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of members or officers or employees of the Council, and persons to whom Section 2(5) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 applies in the course of their duty, from improper pressure or harassment (Schedule 7(2)(f)(ii)).

**CARRIED**

## 5. Tuwhera anō te Hui / Resume Open Meeting

### **RESOLUTION**

(Cr Hohaia/Cr Filbee)

12/25 AR **THAT** the Risk and Assurance Committee resumes in open meeting.

**CARRIED**

## 6. Pūrongo-Whakamārama / Information Report

### 6.1 South Taranaki Business Park Update Report

The report provided an update on project progress and outlined risks, consequences and mitigations for the South Taranaki Business Park.

There had been a focus on wastewater including the procurement of the tank and construction. There had been some complexities around Kerry Road however communication had picked up which had helped the project move ahead. There had been a lot of strong community and business feedback through the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy which was out for consultation. It was hoped that this strategy would allow the Council to work with Waka Kotahi on improvements to the corridor.

In response to a query regarding a contribution from Powerco it was noted that there had been a delay due to a change in staffing however it was hoped that a clear decision would be provided shortly. It was noted that the contribution from Powerco would be directly for materials and a contribution for power would be included within the overall financial contribution from businesses within the Business Park.

It was queried what interest groups would likely appeal the plan change for financial contributions or urban growth. It was noted that property owners, developers and landowners might appeal one or both of the proposed plan changes.

It was queried why financial costs could exceed other areas within the country. It was noted that pieces of land in other areas might be easier to develop and would therefore cost less. It was noted that the biggest risk to the Council was if the Business Park was to fail and all costs not recovered.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Mayor Nixon/Cr Beccard)**

**13/25 AR THAT the Risk and Assurance Committee receives the South Taranaki Business Park Update Report.**

**CARRIED**

**7. Nga Whakataunga kia noho tūmataiti kore/Resolution to Exclude the Public**

**RESOLUTION**

**(Mayor Nixon/Cr Beccard)**

**14/25 AR THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:**

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

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
3. Health and Safety Quarterly Report – September 2024 to January 2025	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7.	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists. Section 48(1)(a)
4. Risk and Assurance Committee held on 11 November 2024		

This resolution is made in reliance on sections 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item No	Interest
3, 4	Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of members or officers or employees of the Council, and persons to whom Section 2(5) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 applies in the course of their duty, from improper pressure or harassment (Schedule 7(2)(f)(ii)).

**CARRIED**

## 8. Tuwhera anō te Hui / Resume Open Meeting

**RESOLUTION**

**(Mayor Nixon/Cr Hohaia)**

**17/25 AR THAT the Risk and Assurance Committee resumes in open meeting.**

**CARRIED**

## 9. Pūrongo-Whakamārama / Information Report

### 9.1 Local Water Done Well Progress Report

The report provided an update to the Committee on progress with the Local Water Done Well (LWDW) programme and development of draft Water Service Delivery Plans (WSDPs) for both the regional and standalone models of service delivery and the risks associated with this work.

The Council would be making their decision on the consultation options for LWDW on Wednesday 26 February. It was queried whether the Council would be consulting on the risks. It was noted that the document would not include all the risk information as it was complex however sufficient information would be provided.

It was noted that capability and capacity to deliver the two waters needed to be considered. It was felt that capability and capacity could be an issue as there were not a lot of new people moving into the water sector.

It was queried when a decision would be made on stormwater. It was noted that councils would retain responsibility and the assets for stormwater. The delivery of stormwater could be contracted to a regional or single council controlled organisation however the rating mechanism would remain with the Council.

In response to a query regarding the achievability of the deadlines for LWDW it was noted that the draft regional approach water services delivery plan (WSDP) was nearly complete and a consultant had been engaged for the inhouse business model WSDP. The next challenge was the consultation document and ensuring the community were provided with the information required to provide feedback.

**RESOLUTION**

(Cr Filbee/Cr Hohaia)

18/25 AR **THAT** the Risk and Assurance Committee received the Local Water Done Well Progress Report.

**CARRIED**

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The meeting concluded at 2.41 pm.

Dated this        day of        2025.

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CHAIRPERSON



# Ngā Menīti Komiti

## Committee Minutes

To	Ordinary Council
Date	14 April 2025
Subject	<b>Eltham Drainage Committee – 24 February 2025</b>

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(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

### Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. The Eltham Drainage Committee met on 24 February 2025. The Council is being asked to receive the Eltham Drainage Committee minutes from 24 February 2025 for their information.
2. There were no recommendations within the minutes for the Council to consider.

### Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Eltham Drainage Committee held on 24 February 2025.



# Menīti Minutes

## Ngā Menīti take Komiti Whakaawa ki Arakamu Eltham Drainage Committee Meeting

Taumata Recreation Centre, Preston Street, Eltham  
on Monday 24 February 2025 at 10.00 am

**Kanohi Kitea / Present:** Steven Clough, Erwin Keiser, Jonathon Perry (Chairperson) and Councillor Mark Bellringer (South Taranaki District Council).

**Ngā Taenga-Ā-Tinana / In Attendance:** Sam Greenhill (Governance Officer) and Julie Ingram (Network Team Leader).

**Matakore / Apologies:** Bruce Campbell and Councillor Steve Beck (Stratford District Council).

**RESOLUTION** (Mr Keiser/Cr Bellringer)

01/25 ED **THAT** the apologies from Bruce Campbell and Councillor Steve Beck (Stratford District Council) be received.

**CARRIED**

### 1. Whakaaetia ngā Menīti / Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Eltham Drainage Committee Meeting held on 23 September 2024.

There were concerns raised regarding the location of the riparian planting being too close to the edge. The concern was particularly around flaxes and their potential to cause blockages in the drainage system. The Committee noted that there were specific plants that should be along the drain edge which did not include flaxes or Toitoi. It was noted that planting was originally meant to be on one side of the drain to ensure there was access for spraying.

**RESOLUTION** (Mr Keiser/Mr Perry)

02/25 ED **THAT** the minutes of the Eltham Drainage Committee held on 23 September 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

### 2. Pūrongo-Whakamārama / Information Report

2.1 Financial Report for the period ending 31 December 2024

The financial report summarised the income and expenditure for Eltham Drainage activities

for the period ending 31 December 2024.

In response to a query as to why there was a need for such a large budget it was noted that previously the Eltham Drainage Committee had put in crossings however that was now the responsibility of the farm owner. It was queried how much money was required in the reserve as a contingency. It was felt that approximately \$50,000 to \$60,000 would be sufficient.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Mr Perry/Mr Keiser)**

**03/25 ED THAT the Eltham Drainage Committee receives the Financial Report for the period ending 31 December 2024.**

**CARRIED**

**3. Take Whānui / General Issues**

**3.1 Annual Spraying of Drains**

The contractor was planning on carrying out the spraying soon and did not feel that he needed a new map. It was suggested that a new map should be provided to ensure that information on any riparian planting was up to date.

**3.2 Vacant Position**

It was noted that Bruce Campbell had sold his farm and would be stepping down from the Eltham Drainage Committee. It was highlighted that Mr Campbell had provided his vehicle for the drainage inspections and it was felt that something should be done to recognise him.

**3.3 Drainage Inspections**

The drainage inspections would be carried out a month after the spraying had taken place. It was noted that the normal vehicle used would not be available after this inspection and considerations would need to be made for a vehicle moving forward and a potential new route.

**The meeting concluded at 10.28 am.**

**Dated this            day of            2025.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**



# Ngā Menīti Poari

## Board Minutes

To	Ordinary Council
Date	14 April 2025
Subject	<b>Te Hāwera Community Board – 17 March 2025</b>

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(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

### Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. Te Hāwera Community Board met on 17 March 2025. The Council is being asked to receive Te Hāwera Community Board minutes from 17 March 2025 for their information.
2. There were no recommendations within the minutes for the Council to consider.

### Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT the Council receives the minutes of Te Hāwera Community Board meeting held on 17 March 2025.



# Menīti Minutes

## Ngā Menīti take Poari Hapori o Te Hāwera Te Hāwera Community Board Meeting

Ōkaiawa Hall, Ahipaipa Road, Ōkaiawa  
on Monday 17 March 2025 at 11.01 am.

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**Kanohi Kitea / Present:** Heather Brokenshire, Raymond Buckland, Nikki Watson (Chairperson) and Councillor Diana Reid.

**Ngā Taenga-Ā-Tinana / In Attendance:** Mayor Phil Nixon, Rob Haveswood (Group Manager Community Services), Sam Greenhill (Governance Officer), David Pentz (Community Development Manager), Anne Sattler (Senior Policy Advisor) and two members of the public.

**Matakore / Apologies:** Nil.

### RESOLUTION

(Ms Brokenshire/Cr Reid)

**10/25 HA THAT Te Hāwera Community Board;**

- a) **Accepts the late item report to consider the late application to the Local Discretionary Fund;**
- b) **Notes that the application was submitted after the closing date and consideration of the application could not be delayed because the application would then become retrospective at the next Te Hāwera Community Board meeting.**

**CARRIED**

### **1. Whakatakoto Kaupapa Whānui, Whakaatanga hoki / Open Forum and Presentations**

#### 1.1 Fiona Hicks - South Taranaki RSA

Ms Hicks spoke to the funding application from the South Taranaki RSA for funding towards the road closure and traffic management for ANZAC Day. There had been a small drop in membership at the South Taranaki RSA. She noted that there had been a number of struggles including the requirement of a new chiller unit. Due to a decrease in membership and the additional cost of the chiller unit the South Taranaki RSA felt that additional support would be required for ANZAC Day. It was highlighted that the ANZAC service was a civic ceremony that was hosted by the South Taranaki RSA.

Ms Watson noted that there was funding available through the TOI Foundation which could help with operational costs moving forward. In response Ms Hicks noted that other funding sources were being considered however due to timing an application for the road closure and traffic management was submitted to the Board.

1.2 Alan Caple – Salvation Army

Mr Caple provided a brief update on the Salvation Army. There was an average of 20 people attending the Sunday services. The main focus for the Salvation Army was their foodbank which ran parallel to the Hāwera foodbank. Previously there had been no choice for people in the food they were given however there had been a shift to allow people to choose the food that would benefit them most. An interview was carried out with people before being provided food which helped the Salvation Army provide support with the underlying issues that resulted in families requiring the foodbank.

In response to a query regarding the number of families being supported it was noted that ten families per week were being supported.

The Board commended the Salvation Army for their efforts providing support to the community in a number of different ways.

**2. Whakaaetia ngā Menīti / Confirmation of Minutes**

2.1 Te Hāwera Community Board meeting held on 27 January 2025.

It was queried whether Te Matatini had provided an economic benefit to South Taranaki and whether it provided any jobs for those involved in Whai Mahi. It was noted there had been an increase in the number of people in the supermarket and some eateries were busy.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Mr Buckland/Ms Brokenshire)**

**11/25 HA THAT Te Hāwera Community Board adopts the minutes from the meeting held on 27 January 2025 as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

**3. Pūrongo / Report**

3.1 Local Discretionary Funding Applications

The report provided a summary of the applications received to the February 2025 Local Discretionary Funds including the status of the Board’s Fund.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Ms Brokenshire/Mr Buckland)**

**12/25 HA THAT Te Hāwera Community Board receives the Local Discretionary Funding Report.**

**CARRIED**

**South Taranaki RSA**

A funding application was received from the South Taranaki RSA for the ANZAC Day Traffic Management and Road Closure.

It was highlighted that the South Taranaki RSA did not apply to the Board often. The Board was surprised that the South Taranaki RSA organised and paid for the ANZAC Day service.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Mr Buckland/Ms Brokenshire)**

**13/25 HA THAT Te Hāwera Community Board allocates \$1,920 from their Local Discretionary Fund to the South Taranaki RSA for the ANZAC Day Traffic Management and Road Closure.**

**CARRIED**

**Te Hāwera Community Board – Photo frame**

A funding application was received from Te Hāwera Community Board for the Denby Road Photo frame.

It was noted that the additional funding requested would complete the project.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Cr Reid/Ms Brokenshire)**

**14/25 HA THAT Te Hāwera Community Board allocates \$2,000 from their Local Discretionary Fund to Te Hāwera Community Board for the Denby Road Photo frame.**

**CARRIED**

**Te Hāwera Community Board - Wheelchair**

A funding application was received from Te Hāwera Community Board to provide a public wheelchair for Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga visitors.

It was noted that the proposed wheelchair was the bigger of the two options considered. One wheelchair would be purchased in the first instance however there was the possibility of purchasing more if the usage was high.

In response to a query regarding how the wheelchair would be monitored it was noted that controls could be put in place however there was a level of trust when providing a wheelchair for public use.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Ms Watson/Mr Buckland)**

**015/25 HA THAT Te Hāwera Community Board allocates \$575 from their Local Discretionary Fund to Te Hāwera Community Board to a public wheelchair for Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga visitors.**

**CARRIED**

**Te Hāwera Community Board - Skatepark**

A funding application was received from Te Hāwera Community Board for the Hāwera Skatepark Landscape Consultation.

A plan for the Hāwera Skatepark included planting and other opportunities for the future. The plan would allow the Board to strategise on what projects could be carried out in the future.

It was highlighted that the funding was retrospective as the work to provide the consultation was complete. It was noted that the application was for the plan and future applications might be submitted to implement parts of the plan.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Ms Brokenshire/Mr Buckland)**

**16/25 HA** **THAT Te Hāwera Community Board allocates \$1,610 from their Local Discretionary Fund to Te Hāwera Community Board for the Hāwera Skatepark Landscape Consultation.**

**CARRIED**

**Horses Helping Humans**

A District-wide funding application was received from Horses Helping Humans to cover the labour costs of putting 20 South Taranaki rangatahi through the Horses Helping Humans Programme.

The application from Horses Helping Humans was comprehensive. It was highlighted that Horses Helping Humans had recently featured on Seven Sharp for promotion of the programme.

In response to a query regarding the programme report, it was noted that this was done during the lesson and any findings that could help rangatahi moving forward.

Testimonies from Te Paepae o Aotea were positive and the programme was well utilised by the school.

It was explained that the Council had previously declined the funding application due to the programme being new and not well established. The programme had now evolved and built a track record of what they were doing. It was highlighted that the programme was working well for a lot of people.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Ms Brokenshire/Mr Buckland)**

**17/25 HA** **THAT Te Hāwera Community Board allocates \$5,463.88 from their Local Discretionary Fund to Horses Helping Humans to assist with covering the labour costs of putting 20 South Taranaki rangatahi through the Horses Helping Humans Programme.**

**CARRIED**

**4. Pūrongo-Whakamārama / Information Reports**

**4.1 Community Development Activity Report**

The report provided an update to the Board on progress with community development projects and activities across the District and other items of interest.

RoadSafe Taranaki had a successful stall at Te Matatini with a lot of youth visiting the seat belt stimulator. The Roadmaps for the town revitalisation projects were complete and had been presented to the Leadership Team. The next step was presenting the Roadmaps to the codesign groups and the wider community.

In response to a query regarding the roadmaps it was noted that they were to provide information to the community on what projects would be moving forward.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Mr Buckland/Ms Watson)**

**18/25 HA** THAT Te Hāwera Community Board receives the Community Development Activity Report.

**CARRIED**

4.2 District LibraryPlus Report – December 2024 and January 2025

The report covered a range of library activities and statistics across the District for December 2024 and January 2025.

Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga had been open for four months and was proving successful. The Council was mindful to ensure there were activities programmed every day for a range of participants. The library was moving away from the Dewey Decimal system and moving towards a subject based layout which would allow people to find books on relevant topics easier.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Mr Buckland/Ms Brokenshire)**

**19/25 HA** THAT Te Hāwera Community Board receives the District LibraryPlus Report for December 2024 and January 2025.

**CARRIED**

4.3 Environmental Services Activity Report

The report provided an update on activities relating to the Environmental Services Group for the month of January 2025.

There had been an increase in threatening and menacing dogs within Te Hāwera. The hearings for Plan Change: Papakāinga was held and was now moving onto the next steps.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Ms Watson/Ms Brokenshire)**

**20/25 HA** THAT Te Hāwera Community Board receives the Environmental Services Activity Report for the month of January 2025.

**CARRIED**

4.4 Facilities Usage Report

The report summarised the total usage of a range of Council owned assets and services, within the South Taranaki District.

It was highlighted that there had been increased facility usage during Te Matatini and that was expected to be represented in the next round of reporting.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Ms Brokenshire/Ms Watson)**

**21/25 HA** THAT Te Hāwera Community Board receives Te Hāwera Facilities Usage Report.

**CARRIED**





# Ngā Menīti Poari

## Board Minutes

To	Ordinary Council
Date	14 April 2025
Subject	<b>Pātea Community Board – 17 March 2025</b>

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### Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. The Pātea Community Board met on 17 March 2025. The Council is being asked to receive the Pātea Community Board minutes from 17 March 2025 for their information.
2. There were no recommendations within the minutes for the Council to consider.

### Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Pātea Community Board meeting held on 17 March 2025.



# Menīti Minutes

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## Ngā Menīti take Poari Hapori o Pātea Pātea Community Board Meeting

Waverley Community Centre, Chester Street, Waverley on Monday 17 March 2025 at 4.05 pm.

**Kanohi Kītea / Present:** Deputy Mayor Robert Northcott, Jacq Dwyer (Chairperson), Owen Savage and Bronwyn Wattrus.

**Ngā Taenga-Ā-Tinana / In Attendance:** Rob Haveswood (Group Manager Community Services), Sara Dymond (Governance Team Leader), David Pentz (Community Development Manager) and eleven members of the public.

**Matakore / Apologies:** Mayor Nixon and Mrs Cheryl Rook.

### RESOLUTION

(Ms Dwyer/Deputy Mayor Northcott)

12/25 PA **THAT** the apologies from Mayor Nixon and Mrs Cheryl Rook be received.

**CARRIED**

### 1. **Whakatakoto Kaupapa Whānui, Whakaaturanga hoki / Open Forum and Presentations**

#### 1.1 Owen Savage – Safety concerns outside the Waverley Four Square

Safety concerns were raised with the entrance way to the car park outside the Waverley Four Square. There had been many near misses with cars moving out into the traffic and something needed to be done.

Mr Savage believed an easy solution would be to create a separate entry and exit which would provide sufficient space for everyone to clearly see their surroundings.

Mr Haveswood noted that the Council was aware of the issue. The Four Square carpark was privately owned and the road was managed by Waka Kotahi however these concerns would be passed on.

#### 1.2 Laraine Sole – Security Camera for Fookes Street in Waverley

Ms Sole sought an update on the progress of the security camera for Fookes Street in Waverley. Mr Haveswood commented that the Council was working in partnership with the Waverley Chamber of Commerce. The electricity supply had been approved for the cameras and was ready to proceed onto the next step.

### 1.3 Laraine Sole – Hoardings in Waverley

Ms Sole commented that hoarding was an issue in Waverley and was often spilling out onto the berms. She asked if there was anything the Council could do about this matter. Mr Haveswood explained that if a property was privately owned the Council was unable to do anything unless it was dangerous or insanitary to others. If the hoardings were on road reserve the Council could take action. The community were encouraged to log the issue with the Council as a CRM or through ANTENNO.

In response to the query around whether there were any rules about animal hoarding Mr Haveswood explained that under the Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2018 there were rules around the keeping of animals in the urban area.

Ms Sole queried why there was not a rule around the number of cats allowed on a property. Mr Haveswood noted that the Council was not looking to introduce rules regarding cats.

### 1.4 John Fairweather – Dog Attack in Pātea

Mr Fairweather shared the experience he recently was involved in when his dog was attacked outside Aotea Utanganui – Museum of South Taranaki which resulted in his dog passing away. He expressed his disappointed in the lack of communication he had received from the Council and Police about the consequences for the dog as he wanted to ensure others were safe.

### 1.5 Wendy Nickleson – Ongoing dog issue in Pātea

Ms Nickleson commented on the ongoing issue with savaging dogs in Pātea. In her opinion it took too long for any action to be taken with trouble dogs and there was a lack of communication with the victims. She questioned how the few animal control officers could actively patrol this size District and respond to reports of roaming dogs or incidents in a timely manner.

Deputy Mayor Northcott was disappointed with what he was hearing about communication from the Council. The Council had brought the animal control services in-house with the intention that there would be improvements seen in this space. He would follow up with this.

Ms Laraine Sole commented that the Waverley Support Group would be happy to provide support victims through their journey.

### 1.6 Jo Gibbs and Donovan Croot – Yellow Bristle Grass (Pātea River Catchment Group)

Ms Gibbs and Mr Croot were in attendance to raise awareness and increase knowledge around Yellow Bristle Grass (YBG). YBG was being seen on roadsides and spraying and mowing was only exacerbating the issue. YBG was a pest plant that posed a serious threat to pasture as it spread rapidly reducing pasture quality. Cows did not willingly eat it, leading to low pasture utilisation. When eaten by cows it caused lesions in their mouths.

Mr Croot noted that YBG came from Waikato at some stage and had been in Taranaki for at least ten years. Once spread to pasture it was difficult to manage and herbicides to control it were expensive, limiting and invasive. It was about education and he would like to see resources for holding local community meetings where farmers could learn about the plant, how spot it, control it and eliminate it. YBG could be managed however it would take a collaborative approach between the Council and farmers to eliminate. A tweak in the timing of spraying, mowing etc could make a huge difference.

Deputy Mayor Northcott commented that this issue was raised as part of the Council's 2024-2034 Long Term Plan and the Council Officers committed to looking at the options. He supported a collaborative approach to dealing with this issue.

#### 1.7 Moria Malpas – Food Bank

The Waverley Baptist Church would like to meet with others in the community to see if any organisation would like to take over the running of the Waverley Food Bank. There had been a considerable change to the environment in relation to foodbanks and the Waverley Baptist Church was no longer the appropriate organisation to manage this. There was still a need in the community and genuine cases. If an organisation did not take this on, then the food bank would close.

Ms Dwyer suggested advertising this in the paper to make the community aware.

#### 1.8 Sally Newland – Plants in Waverley

Ms Newland had concerns with the upkeep of various gardens in Waverley for example the garden next to Black Bull (on Weraroa Road) which was not being maintained. She commented that the gardens at the 100 km signs were not well kept. Mr Pentz noted that these were part of a planting programme. A road map of projects for the next couple of years had been created and would be published so the community were aware of when work was intended to be carried out.

In response to the query around the maintenance of the plants in the new walking track Mr Pentz explained that the plants were funded through Waka Kotahi. Weeding and watering was currently funded through the Council until April. The next section of the track was scheduled to happen this financial year.

## 2. Whakaaetia ngā Menīti / Confirmation of Minutes

### 2.1 Pātea Community Board Meeting held on 27 January 2025

With the emergency phone not always in operation at the Pātea Beach the Board highlighted the importance of needing cell phone reception at the beach. It was requested that the phone was checked to see if it was working.

The Pātea Board Riders Surf Club were looking to hold a meeting to establish a new Committee.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Deputy Mayor Northcott/Ms Wattrus)**

**13/25 PA THAT the Pātea Community Board adopts the minutes from their meeting held on 27 January 2025 as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

**3. Pūrongo / Report**

**3.1 Local Discretionary Funding Applications**

The report provided a summary of the applications received to the January 2025 Local Discretionary Fund including the status of the Board’s Fund.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Deputy Mayor Northcott/Ms Wattrus)**

**14/25 PA THAT the Pātea Community Board receives the Local Discretionary Funding Report.**

**CARRIED**

**Horses Helping Humans Taranaki**

A District-wide application was received from Horses Helping Humans Taranaki to cover the labour cost of putting 20 South Taranaki rangatahi through the Horses Helping Humans Programme.

At the Mayor and Chairs’ forum the recommendation for funding from each ward was to consider a population split. For the Pātea Community Board this would equate to \$1,620.64.

Deputy Mayor Northcott did not believe Waverley South benefitted from this programme and only a couple of referrals from Ngāti Ruanui.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Deputy Mayor Northcott/Ms Wattrus)**

**15/25 PA THAT the Pātea Community Board allocates \$800 from their Local Discretionary Fund to Horses Helping Humans Taranaki to assist with covering the labour cost of putting 20 South Taranaki rangatahi through the Horses Helping Humans Programme.**

**CARRIED**

**4. Ngā Take Kawea / Items for Action**

**4.1 Civil Defence Community Response Plans**

Mr Haveswood noted that Mr Dagg, in his role as Controller for Emergency Management, had met with Taranaki Emergency Management Office (TEMO) to discuss response plans and the Council’s frustration about the lack of support for our Community Boards. The Council was working with them to smooth the path moving forward. Powerco were to

commit three shipping containers with emergency management equipment to the region with locations yet to be confirmed.

## 5. Pūrongo-Whakamārama / Information Reports

### 5.1 Community Development Activity Report

The report provided updates to the Board on progress with community development projects and activities across the District and other items of interest.

The Road Safe Team took part in Te Matatini where they were able to target the right age group around seat belt safety. It was a successful event.

The Town Revitalisation TownMaps were nearly complete. The final draft document would be shared with the Pātea co-design group the following week and then the broader community through an open day.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**(Deputy Mayor Northcott/Mr Savage)**

**16/25 PA THAT the Pātea Community Board receives the Community Development Activity Report.**

**CARRIED**

### 5.2 District LibraryPlus Report – December 2024 and January 2025

The report covered a range of library activities and statistics across the District for December 2024 to January 2025.

In Te Hāwera Te Ramanui o Ruaputāhanga had been a huge success and what Council Officers had been mindful of was to ensure to activate the space with programmes. What was great to see was the ripple effect of resources reaching out to our branches around the District. A good example of this was the art station at Paepae in the Park which was now being housed at the Pātea LibraryPlus.

What was being looked at specifically with our Māori taonga (Māori Literature) was moving away from the Dewey Decimal system. This was moving away from traditional number to themes.

It was highlighted that the number of APNK logins yet again doubled for the same period the previous year. This meant more people were accessing library services twice as much as last year.

Ms Dwyer commented on the Summer Blast programme which saw the Pātea and Waverley LibraryPlus choose a theme to decorate their library. People came into the library just to see the decorations.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Ms Wattrus/Deputy Mayor Northcott)**

**17/25 PA THAT the Pātea Community Board receives the District LibraryPlus Report for December 2024 and January 2025.**

**CARRIED**

5.3 Environmental Services Activity Report

The report provided an update on activities relating to the Environmental Services Group for the month of January 2025.

All incident types were steady with little change from previous months, with the exception of threatening/menacing dog reports. This was being seen across the District and was something the Council knew needed to improve. The hearings for Plan Change 3 – Papakāinga were held the previous week.

Ms Wattrus highlighted the importance of communication from the Council in the dog control space. She noted that it was often repeat offenders and there needed to be a policy to address this. Mr Haveswood explained that the Council had policies and plans in place. The Council was aware of these issues and had been active patrolling the District. This was not just an issue in Pātea and there were limited resources. He encouraged the community to report any issues.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Mr Savage/Deputy Mayor Northcott)**

**18/25 PA THAT the Pātea Community Board receives the Environmental Services Activity Report.**

**CARRIED**

5.4 Facilities Usage Report

The report summarised the total usage of a range of Council owned assets and services, within the South Taranaki District.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Mr Savage/Ms Wattrus)**

**19/25 PA THAT the Pātea Community Board receives the Pātea Facilities Usage Report.**

**CARRIED**

5.5 School Speed Limits

This report summarised the history of lowering speed limits around our schools and what we needed to do to comply with the updated legislation. Under the new Rule we could only have reduced speed limits in place at the start and end of the school day (8.15-9am and 2.45-3.30pm), and the speed restriction could only be on roads and streets with a school entrance point.

For our urban schools this was fairly easy to implement, we could easily reduce the scope of the speed limit, and update the signs with the times the speed limit was active. Our rural schools were a little different. Our rural schools were surrounded by 100km/h speed limits so to slow traffic down safely to 30km/h we would need a permanent speed limit of 60km/h so traffic goes from 100 to 60 to 30. Traffic could not be expected to slow from 100 to 30. We would ensure the 30km/h speed limit was only active at the start and end of the school day, however the 60km/h speed limit needed to stay in place. This all needed to be done by 1 May and the signs updated by 1 July 2025.

**RESOLUTION** (Ms Wattrus/Mr Savage)

**20/25 PA** **THAT the Pātea Community Board receives the School Speed Limits Report.**

**CARRIED**

5.6 Quarterly Economic Development and Tourism Report to 31 December 2024

This report provided a combined update of activities of the Economic Development and Tourism Units, including highlights of the key activities undertaken at the South Taranaki isite Visitor Information Centre.

**RESOLUTION** (Deputy Mayor Northcott/Mr Savage)

**21/25 PA** **THAT the Pātea Community Board receives the Quarterly Economic Development and Tourism Report to 31 December 2024.**

**CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 5.22 pm.

Dated this      day of                      2025.

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CHAIRPERSON



# Ngā Menīti Poari

## Board Minutes

To	Ordinary Council
Date	14 April 2025
Subject	<b>Eltham-Kaponga Community Board – 19 March 2025</b>

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(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

### Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. The Eltham-Kaponga Community Board met on 19 March 2025. The Council is being asked to receive the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board minutes from 19 March 2025 for their information.
2. There were no recommendations within the minutes for the Council to consider.

### Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board meeting held on 19 March 2025.



# Menīti Minutes

## Ngā Menīti take Poari Hapori o Arakamu ki Kaponga Eltham-Kaponga Community Board Meeting

Rotokare Scenic Reserve, 365 Sangster Road, Rāwhitiroa  
on Wednesday 19 March 2025 at 10.30 am

**Kanohi Kitea / Present:** Karen Cave (Chairperson), Alan Hawkes and Lindsay Maindonald.

**Ngā Taenga-Ā-Tinana / In Attendance:** Mayor Phil Nixon, Sam Greenhill (Governance Officer), Anne Sattler (Senior Policy Advisor) and two members of the public.

**Matakore / Apologies:** Councillor Steffy Mackay and Ms Sonya Douds.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Mr Hawkes/Ms Cave)**

**10/25 EL THAT the apologies from Councillor Steffy Mackay and Ms Sonya Douds be received.**

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION**

**(Mr Hawkes/Mr Maindonald)**

**11/25 EL THAT Eltham-Kaponga Community Board;**

- a) **Accepts the late item report to consider the late application to the Local Discretionary Fund;**
- b) **Notes that the application was submitted after the closing date and consideration of the application could not be delayed because the application would then become retrospective at the next Eltham-Kaponga Community Board meeting.**

**CARRIED**

### **1. Whakatakoto Kaupapa Whānui, Whakaaturanga hoki / Open Forum and Presentations**

1.1 Justine Clark and Dayna Woodhead – Eltham Netball Club

The Eltham Netball Club (the Club) had committed to building the club with a focus on health and wellbeing. The Club now had four teams and required additional uniforms and bibs to ensure all teams had adequate resources. It was noted that all youth members were from Eltham except for one. One of the teams practiced in Eltham, two practiced in Stratford and one practiced in Hāwera. It was hoped that the section one adult’s team would play in the premier league again. There was a wide variety of players from primary school age through to adults.

It was noted that the design of the uniform was not changing. The Club was increasing their stock of uniforms to ensure all players had a suitable uniform that was comfortable and made them confident when playing.

1.2 Karen Cave on behalf of Mr Llew Eynon – Eltham RSA

Mrs Cave read a letter from Mr Eynon on behalf of the Eltham RSA funding application. The event had been held for decades and was well attended by the Eltham community. The Eltham RSA was requesting support for the road closure to ensure the parade could march to and from the service.

**2. Whakaaetia ngā Menīti / Confirmation of Minutes**

2.1 Eltham-Kaponga Community Board Meeting held on 29 January 2025.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Mr Maindonald/Mr Hawkes)**

**12/25 EL THAT the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board adopts the minutes from their meeting held on 29 January 2025 as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

**3. Pūrongo / Report**

3.1 Local Discretionary Funding Applications

The report provided a summary of the applications received to the February 2025 Local Discretionary Funds including the status of the Board’s Fund.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Mr Hawkes/Ms Cave)**

**13/25 EL THAT the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board receives the Local Discretionary Funding Report.**

**CARRIED**

**Eltham RSA**

A funding application was received from the Eltham RSA for the road closure on ANZAC Day.

It was highlighted that the quote was less than the amount requested however the unused funds would be returned.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Mr Hawkes/Mr Maindonald)**

**14/25 EL THAT the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board allocates \$2,000 from their Local Discretionary Fund to the Eltham RSA for the road closure on ANZAC Day.**

**CARRIED**

**Eltham Netball Club**

A funding application was received from the Eltham Netball Club for funding towards new uniforms.

It was highlighted that the Eltham Netball Club had carried out their own fundraising for a portion of the cost of the uniforms.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Ms Cave/Mr Hawkes)**

**15/25 EL THAT the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board allocates \$621.10 from their Local Discretionary Fund to the Eltham Netball Club for new uniforms.**

**CARRIED**

**Horses Helping Humans**

A District-wide funding application was received from Horses Helping Humans to cover labour cost of putting 20 South Taranaki rangatahi through the Horses Helping Humans Programme.

It was felt that the programme was beneficial. Previously Horses Helping Humans had been declined due to the programme not being well established. Since then the programme had grown and the testimonials showed the benefit to the rangatahi. There had been referrals to the programme through the Eltham Primary School and START Taranaki.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Ms Cave/Mr Hawkes)**

**16/25 EL THAT the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board allocates \$1,000 from their Local Discretionary Fund to Horses Helping Humans to assist with covering the labour cost of putting 20 South Taranaki rangatahi through the Horses Helping Humans Programme.**

**CARRIED**

**4. Ngā Take Kawea / Items for Action**

4.1 Tayler Street Dog Park – Old Soccer Clubrooms

It was noted that funding had now been provided for the removal of the concrete pad and the item could now be removed from Items for Action.

**5. Pūrongo-Whakamārama / Information Reports**

5.1 Community Development Activity Report

The report provided updates to the Board on progress with community development projects and activities across the District and other items of interest.

RoadSafe Taranaki had a successful stall at Te Matatini with a lot of youth visiting the seat belt stimulator. The Roadmaps for the town revitalisation projects were complete and had been presented to the Leadership Team. The next step was presenting the Roadmaps to the codesign groups and the wider community.

It was positive to see the development of the South Taranaki Business Park and the vast area that it covered.

A meeting had been held with the stakeholders involved with the Stark Park carpark and a result should be known soon. A colour had been chosen for the basketball court and it was positive to see the directional signage installed in Eltham.

**RESOLUTION** (Mr Hawkes/Mr Maindonald)

17/25 EL **THAT the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board receives the Community Development Activity Report.**

**CARRIED**

5.2 District LibraryPlus Report – December 2024 and January 2025

The report covered a range of library activities and statistics across the District for December 2024 and January 2025.

It was highlighted that there had been an additional 7,000 books acquired across the District. To ensure the libraries had space for new books there was a process to retire old books that were worn out or no longer current. It was noted that significant books were retained.

**RESOLUTION** (Mr Maindonald/Mr Hawkes)

18/25 EL **THAT the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board receives the District LibraryPlus Report for December 2024 and January 2025.**

**CARRIED**

5.3 Environmental Services Activity Report

The report updated the Board on activities relating to the Environmental Services Group for the month of January 2025.

It was positive to see building consents were up for the Eltham-Kaponga ward. In response to a query regarding an abandoned vehicle in Eltham it was noted that this was the responsibility of Waka Kotahi. It was noted that the Council was aware of the vehicle and were in discussions with Waka Kotahi regarding its removal.

**RESOLUTION** (Ms Cave/Mr Maindonald)

19/25 EL **THAT the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board receives the Environmental Services Activity Report for the month of January 2025.**

**CARRIED**

5.4 Facilities Usage Report

The report summarised the total usage of a range of Council owned assets and services, within the South Taranaki District.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Ms Cave/Mr Hawkes)**

**20/25 EL THAT the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board receives the Eltham-Kaponga Facilities Usage Report.**

**CARRIED**

5.5 School Speed Limits

The report informed the Board of the actions required to comply with the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024.

The legislation for speed limits around schools had changed. For urban schools the speed reduction would be in place for pick up and drop off times. The reduction could only be on a road where there was an entry to the school. It was noted that for the Eltham Primary School this meant that York Street was no longer included.

There had been a number of complaints in Kaponga regarding the placement of the 30km/h speed sign. It was noted that the sign would be moved slightly however there was a minimum distance from the school that the sign could be.

The change for rural schools was different as the 60km/h speed reduction would remain in place permanently to allow the gradual reduction down to variable 30km/h. Daycares and marae were no longer included in the reduction however these could be looked at later as part of a Speed Management Plan.

It was noted that Te Paepae o Aotea was different due to the school being on both sides of Camberwell Road. Due to this the speed reduction would remain permanent on Camberwell Road.

Consultation with the community was not required due to the change in legislation. The schools were aware of the changes and information would be provided to the community when the signs were being changed.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Mr Maindonald/Mr Hawkes)**

**21/25 EL THAT the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board receives the School Speed Limits Report.**

**CARRIED**

5.6 Quarterly Economic Development and Tourism Report to 31 December 2024

The report provided a combined update of activities of the Economic Development and Tourism Units, including highlights of the key activities undertaken at the South Taranaki isite Visitor Information Centre.

In response to a query regarding the businesses moving into the South Taranaki Business Park it was noted that there were new businesses and relocating businesses. It was highlighted that the growth in the business park also helped with residential developments. The development included 38 commercial/industrial sections and 72 residential sections along with planting and walkways.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Mr Hawkes/Mr Maindonald)**

22/25 EL THAT the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board receives the Quarterly Economic Development and Tourism Report to 31 December 2024.

CARRIED

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The meeting concluded at 11.34 am.

Dated this      day of                      2025.

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# Ngā Menīti Poari

## Board Minutes

To	Ordinary Council
Date	14 April 2025
Subject	<b>Taranaki Coastal Community Board – 19 March 2025</b>

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### Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. The Taranaki Coastal Community Board met on 19 March 2025. The Council is being asked to receive the Taranaki Coastal Community Board minutes from 19 March 2025 for their information.
2. There were no recommendations within the minutes for the Council to consider.

### Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Taranaki Coastal Community Board meeting held on 19 March 2025.



# Menīti Minutes

## Ngā Menīti take Poari Hapori o Taranaki ki Tai Taranaki Coastal Community Board Meeting

Manaia Golf Club, Bennett Drive, Manaia  
on Wednesday 19 March 2025 at 2.30 pm.

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**Kanohi Kitea / Present:** Andy Whitehead (Chairperson), Monica Willson, Liz Sinclair and Councillor Aarun Langton.

**Ngā Taenga-Ā-Tinana / In Attendance:** Mayor Phil Nixon, Rob Haveswood (Group Manager Community Services), Sam Greenhill (Governance Officer), four members of the public and one media.

**Matakore / Apologies:** Sharlee Mareikura.

### RESOLUTION

(Cr Langton/Mrs Willson)

11/25 TC THAT the apology from Sharlee Mareikura be received.

CARRIED

### 1. Tauākī Whakarika / Declarations of Interest

Councillor Langton declared a conflict of interest in relation to the Rāhotu Community Hub funding application.

### 2. Whakatakoto Kaupapa Whānui, Whakaaturanga hoki / Open Forum and Presentations

#### 2.1 Jane Fleming – Rāhotu Community Hub

The Rāhotu Community Hub were building a multiuse court at the Rāhotu Domain. The ground work and extra drainage had been completed. One of the plans for the Domain was to build a children's playground and there had been discussions of including a public BBQ for the community to use. Due to the BBQ being for public use there were limitations to the type of structure that could be purchased. Ms Fleming noted that they were aware of the limited funds available for the Board to allocate and stated that the BBQ could be placed in a different location if the full funding could not be provided.

The quote for the BBQ had been obtained from Urban Effects in Whanganui. Mr Haveswood noted that the Council had previously used Urban Effects in the past and the products stood the test of time particularly in an outdoor setting.

In response to a query regarding the quote for the BBQ Ms Fleming noted that a different BBQ had been considered following the application being submitted due to the limited funds available.

## 2.2 Mary Moore - Manaia Combined Facility

Ms Moore queried how the Rāhotu Community Hub could build on Council owned land and whether there was an opportunity to do the same with a community group in Manaia. Mr Haveswood noted that the Rāhotu Domain was Council Reserve Land that was managed and administered by the Rāhotu Domain Board.

It was queried whether progress had been made on the sports complex in Manaia as it was expected to run parallel to the investigation work on a combined facility with Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust (TKONT). Ms Moore noted that the community were desperate for a facility in their community. A member of the community had started running activities for the youth in Manaia however due to the lack of a sports facility all the equipment needed to be brought in for each session.

Mr Haveswood noted that the Council and TKONT were in the final stages of the commercial agreement in terms of ownership. Once the agreement was finalised communication would be provided to inform the community. The sports complex was not part of the consideration with TKONT however it was part of the overall plans in Manaia. The Council was still in the planning stage for the sports complex.

The Board shared the frustration of the community however it was highlighted that projects of this size took a long time. All options needed to be considered including ownership and how the land was designated.

Ms Moore queried whether the combined facility had defined their space. She highlighted that the community wanted to install an inclusive swing at the playground however due to the combined facility proposal the swing was put on hold. It was noted that there was no definite area for a combined facility at this time.

Ms Moore raised concerns regarding the Manaia community missing out on funding opportunities that other towns were getting due to the uncertainty of the facilities.

It was highlighted that the local body elections were coming up and it was felt that representation from the Manaia community on the Taranaki Coastal Community Board would be beneficial.

## 2.3 Bruce Salisbury – Manaia Concerns

Mr Salisbury raised concerns regarding the rubbish collection. He noted that he had rung the Council three times over six weeks to complain about the bins not being collected. There were concerns raised that when the bin was not emptied properly the remaining rubbish would compress over the fortnight making it more difficult to empty. Mr Haveswood noted that there was CCTV footage available from the trucks that the Council could go back on to rectify the issue.

Mr Salisbury referred to the sewer main in Maiana that had been lined with plastic and non return valves and queried the maintenance as there would be a requirement to break up the driveway for maintenance.

Mr Salisbury also pointed out the Sutherland’s property had sunk due to a sewer leak in 2022. The Council at the time had noted that there was excess fill that could be used to level out the property however this had not been done. Mr Salisbury requested that this be followed up to ensure the issue was resolved.

Mr Salisbury also queried whether a single public toilet could be installed near the skatepark as there was misbehaviour due to the youth not wanting to walk to the public toilet past the Yarrows’ building.

Mr Salisbury felt that holding a community meeting to generate Manaia based candidates for the Community Board would be beneficial. He also noted that there needed to be more promotion around where the Taranaki Coastal Community Board meetings were being held particularly when the meeting was being held in Manaia.

2.4 Monica Willson – Seabed Mining Event

An event was being held in Ōpunakē during ANZAC weekend. The aim of the event was to bring together communities who opposed seabed mining. The event was being held over the weekend with numerous events including a showing of Deep Rising at Everybody’s Theatre.

**3. Whakaaetia ngā Menīti / Confirmation of Minutes**

3.1 Taranaki Coastal Community Board Meeting held on 29 January 2025.

**RESOLUTION** (Mrs Willson/Cr Langton)

12/25 TC **THAT** the Taranaki Coastal Community Board adopts the minutes from their meeting held on 29 January 2025 as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

**4. Pūrongo / Report**

4.1 Local Discretionary Funding Applications

The report provided a summary of the applications received to the February 2025 Local Discretionary Fund including the status of the Board’s Fund.

**RESOLUTION** (Mr Whitehead/Mrs Willson)

13/25 TC **THAT** the Taranaki Coastal Community Board receives the Local Discretionary Funding Report.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Langton left the meeting at 3.10 pm.*

**Rāhotu Community Hub**

A funding application was received from the Rāhotu Community Hub for a BBQ and shelter.

The Board felt it was disappointing that the application had been received late in the financial year when funds were limited. It was suggested that the project could be staged, and additional funding could be sought in the new financial year.

**RESOLUTION**

(Mrs Willson/Ms Sinclair)

**14/25 TC THAT the Taranaki Coastal Community Board allocated \$5,000 from their Local Discretionary Fund to the Rāhotu Community Hub for a BBQ and shelter.**

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Langton returned to the meeting at 3.13 pm.*

**Horses Helping Humans Taranaki**

A District-wide funding application was received from Horses Helping Humans Taranaki to cover the labour cost of putting 20 South Taranaki rangatahi through the Horses Helping Humans Programme.

It was noted that previously the Council had declined funding applications from Horses Helping Humans Taranaki due to the organisation being new. The programme had since built a strong track record which was shown through their testimonials.

In response to a query regarding how it would be guaranteed that members of the Taranaki Coastal ward would be represented when providing funding it was noted that Rāhotu School and Ōpunakē High School both had regular rangatahi go through the programme.

It was suggested that a portion of funding could be provided and the applicant be invited to re apply in the new financial year.

**RESOLUTION**

(Mrs Willson/Cr Langton)

**15/25 TC THAT the Taranaki Coastal Community Board allocates \$2,000 from their Local Discretionary Fund to Horses Helping Humans Taranaki to assist with covering the labour cost of putting 20 rangatahi through the Horses Helping Humans Programme.**

**CARRIED**

**5. Ngā Take Kawea / Items for Action**

**5.1 Manaia Facilities**

It was important to get the right facility for the Manaia Community as there were a number of facilities spread across the town. It was noted that the discussion regarding a pedestrian crossing to the middle of the roundabout could be discussed as part of the town revitalisation project.

**5.2 Ōpunakē Beach Showers**

It was requested that the Community Development Unit investigate the possibility of installing public showers at Ōpunakē Beach. It was noted that the request would be taken

away to research and obtain indicative costs of the project. It was noted that there had previously been showers on the outside of the surf club building.

It was noted that the Long Term Plan process was for requesting projects through the Council however the Board could carry out a project using the Local Discretionary Fund if they wanted the project to be completed earlier.

## 6. Pūrongo-Whakamārama / Information Reports

### 6.1 Community Development Activity Report

The report provided updates to the Board on progress with community development projects and activities across the District and other items of interest.

Roadmaps had been produced for each town revitalisation project which consolidated all of the information to date and highlighted priorities for each town. The roadmaps were presented to the Leadership Team and community meetings were to be held to inform the community.

The preparation work on the Chorus building in Ōpunakē had been completed and discussions were being held with the artist to confirm the mural design.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**(Mr Whitehead/Ms Sinclair)**

**16/25 TC THAT the Taranaki Coastal Community Board receives the Community Development Activity Report.**

**CARRIED**

### 6.2 District LibraryPlus Report – December 2024 and January 2025

The report covered a range of library activities and statistics across the District for December 2024 and January 2025.

There had been programmes running in Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga each day and these were being shared across the District. The libraries were moving away from the Dewey Decimal system to create themed spaces starting with the Māoritanga collection in Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**(Mrs Willson/Ms Sinclair)**

**17/25 TC THAT the Taranaki Coastal Community Board receives the District LibraryPlus Report for December 2024 and January 2025.**

**CARRIED**

### 6.3 Environmental Services Activity Report

The report updated the Board on activities relating to the Environmental Services Group for the month of January 2025.

Hearings had been held for the Papakāinga Plan Change and a lot of feedback had been received which would help shape the District Plan moving forward.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Cr Langton/Ms Sinclair)**

**18/25 TC THAT the Taranaki Coastal Community Board receives the Environmental Services Activity Report for January 2025.**

**CARRIED**

6.4 Facilities Usage Report

The report summarised the total usage of a range of Council owned assets and services, within the South Taranaki District.

There had been a region wide meeting run by Sport Taranaki to discuss pooling resources for community sports groups similar to the Rāhotu Community Hub.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Mr Whitehead/Cr Langton)**

**19/25 TC THAT the Taranaki Coastal Community Board receives the Taranaki Coastal Facilities Usage Report.**

**CARRIED**

6.5 School Speed Limits

The report sought to inform the Board of the actions required to comply with the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024.

The new rule stated that the speed reductions could only be in place at the start and end of the school day and restrictions could only be on roads where there was a school entrance. For urban schools the reductions would be changed to variable and the signs would be updated with the times when the speed limit was active. The 60km/h speed decrease around rural schools would remain in place permanently and the 30km/h would be in place during the start and end of the school day.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Mr Whitehead/Cr Langton)**

**20/25 TC THAT the Taranaki Coastal Community Board receives the School Speed Limits Report.**

**CARRIED**

6.6 Quarterly Economic Development and Tourism Report to 31 December 2024

The report provided a combined update of activities of the Economic Development and Tourism Units, including highlights of the key activities undertaken at the South Taranaki isite Visitor Information Centre.

It was noted that timing of the report was slightly out of date however work was being carried out to provide more timely information.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Cr Langton/Mr Whitehead)**

21/25 TC THAT the Taranaki Coastal Community Board receives the Quarterly Economic Development and Tourism Report to 31 December 2024.

CARRIED

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The meeting concluded at 3.45 pm.

Dated this      day of                      2025.

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# Ngā Menīti Komiti

## Committee Minutes

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To	Ordinary Council
Date	14 April 2025
Subject	<b>Policy and Strategy Committee – 24 March 2025</b>

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

### Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. The Policy and Strategy Committee met on 24 March 2025. The Council is being asked to receive the Policy and Strategy Committee minutes from 24 March 2025 for their information.
2. There were four recommendations within the minutes for the Council to consider.
3. The Policy and Strategy Committee moved a recommendation 13/25 PS that the Council revoke parts of the Roding Bylaw 2014 and adopts the amended Roding Bylaw 2014.
4. The Policy and Strategy Committee moved a recommendation 14/25 PS that the Council;
  - a) Approve the minor amendments to Section 2.1 and Section 7.1.7 of the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016:
    - 2.1 This Bylaw came into force on 4 July 2016, it was reviewed on 11 December 2017 and 25 September 2024. The amendments from the 2024 review will come into force on 1 November 2024. **A minor amendment was undertaken on 14 April 2025.**
    - 7.1.7 All vehicles and tents must not stay within 10 metres of public amenities and accessways, such as public toilets, picnic tables, playgrounds, ~~roads~~, **and** pathways ~~and footpaths~~.
5. The Policy and Strategy Committee moved a recommendation 15/25 PS that the Council;
  - a) Revokes the Bylaw Administration Policy; and
  - b) Notes the Bylaw Administration Policy is not required because it is not enforceable, and its provisions are contained in the Council's bylaws.
6. The Policy and Strategy Committee moved a recommendation 16/25 PS that the Council;
  - a) Approve that funding from the Long Term investment Fund previously budgeted for walkways and pathways be redirected to the decarbonisation of the Aquatic Centre project.

- b) Approve the removal of the budgets of \$102,000 for the Significant Natural Areas mapping and \$50,000 Spatial Planning.
- c) Approve to reduce the Natural Environments Fund by \$20,000.
- d) Approve to reduce the Community Boards’ discretionary funds by a total of \$40,000 as per the below split;

	2021-31 LTP distribution	LTP Yr 1	LTP Yr 2	Reduction in funding
Taranaki Coastal	\$19,404	\$38,654	\$28,790	\$9,864
Eltham Kaponga	\$11,835	\$31,085	\$23,152	\$7,933
Te Hāwera	\$36,999	\$56,249	\$41,895	\$14,354
Pātea	\$11,511	\$30,761	\$22,911	\$7,850
Total	\$79,749	\$156,749	\$116,749	\$40,000

- e) Approve to reduce reserve contributions for the roading reserve by \$250,000 and the District Plan reserve by \$200,000.
- f) Approve to reallocate \$200,000 from the painting reserve to reduce rate increases.
- g) Approve to generate revenue from the sale of surplus property in Manaia.
- h) Reduce interest repayment budgets to align with BERL projections.
- i) Note that if all these adjustments are made to the 2025/26 Annual Plan the overall average rate increase would be 5.46%.

**Taunakitanga / Recommendation**

THAT the Council;

- a) Receives the minutes of the Policy and Strategy Committee meeting including the public excluded held on 24 March 2025.
- b) Adopts recommendation 13/25 PS from the Policy and Strategy Committee;

THAT the Council revoke parts of the Roding Bylaw 2014 and adopts the amended Roding Bylaw 2014.

- c) Adopts recommendation 14/25 PS from the Policy and Strategy Committee;

THAT the Council;

- a) Approve the minor amendments to Section 2.1 and Section 7.1.7 of the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016:

2.1 This Bylaw came into force on 4 July 2016, it was reviewed on 11 December 2017 and 25 September 2024. The amendments from the 2024 review will come

into force on 1 November 2024. A minor amendment was undertaken on 14 April 2025.

7.1.7 All vehicles and tents must not stay within 10 metres of public amenities and accessways, such as public toilets, picnic tables, playgrounds, roads, and pathways and footpaths.

- d) Adopts recommendation 15/25 PS from the Policy and Strategy Committee;

THAT the Council;

- a) Revokes the Bylaw Administration Policy; and
- b) Notes the Bylaw Administration Policy is not required because it is not enforceable, and its provisions are contained in the Council’s bylaws.

- e) Adopts recommendation 16/25 PS from the Policy and Strategy Committee;

THAT the Council:

- a) Approve that funding from the Long Term investment Fund previously budgeted for walkways and pathways be redirected to the decarbonisation of the Aquatic Centre project.
- b) Approve the removal of the budgets of \$102,000 for the Significant Natural Areas mapping and \$50,000 Spatial Planning.
- c) Approve to reduce the Natural Environments Fund by \$20,000.
- d) Approve to reduce the Community Boards’ discretionary funds by a total of \$40,000 as per the below split;

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Te Hāwera	\$36,999	\$56,249	\$41,895	\$14,354
Pātea	\$11,511	\$30,761	\$22,911	\$7,850
Total	\$79,749	\$156,749	\$116,749	\$40,000

- e) Approve to reduce reserve contributions for the roading reserve by \$250,000 and the District Plan reserve by \$200,000.
- f) Approve to reallocate \$200,000 from the painting reserve to reduce rate increases.
- g) Approve to generate revenue from the sale of surplus property in Manaia.
- h) Reduce interest repayment budgets to align with BERL projections.

- i) Note that if all these adjustments are made to the 2025/26 Annual Plan the overall average rate increase would be 5.46%.



# Menīti Minutes

## Ngā Menīti take o te Komiti Kaupapa Here me te Rautaki Policy and Strategy Committee

Held in the Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub, Camberwell Road, Hāwera on  
Monday 24 March 2025 at 1.00 pm.

**Kanohi Kitea / Present:** Mayor Phil Nixon, Deputy Mayor Robert Northcott (Chairperson), Councillors Andy Beccard, Mark Bellringer, Racquel Cleaver-Pittams, Celine Filbee, Leanne Horo, Tuteri Rangihaeata (arrived 1.02 pm), Diana Reid, and Bryan Roach.

**Ngā Taenga-Ā-Tinana / In Attendance:** Heather Brokenshire (Te Hāwera Community Board Representative), Karen Cave *online* (Eltham-Kaponga Community Board Representative), Jacq Dwyer (Pātea Community Board representative), Monica Willson (Taranaki Coastal Community board Representative), Fiona Aitken (Chief Executive), Liam Dagg (Group Manager Environmental Services), Rob Haveswood (Group Manager Community Services), Jacinta Fitzgerald (Communications Officer), Sam Greenhill (Governance Officer), Vipul Mehta (Head of Business Enablement), Anne Sattler (Senior Policy Advisor), Becky Wolland (Head of Strategy and Governance) two members of the public and one media.

**Matakore / Apologies:** Councillors Te Aroha Hohaia, Aaron Langton, Steffy Mackay and Brian Rook.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Mayor Nixon/Cr Roach)**

**11/25 PS** **THAT the apologies from Councillors Te Aroha Hohaia, Aaron Langton, Steffy Mackay and Brian Rook be received.**

**CARRIED**

### **1. Whakatakoto Kaupapa Whanui, Whakaaturanga hoki / Open Forum and Presentations**

1.1 Phil Hinton and Josh Hickford – Taranaki Foundation

*Councillor Rangihaeata arrived at 1.02 pm.*

Mr Hickford and Mr Hinton presented on behalf of the Taranaki Foundation. The Taranaki Foundation was a community foundation that was donor led with locals leaving legacies. Donations from donors were grown and then the wishes of the donors were carried out. There was nearly \$12 million under management and \$1.3 million had been given back to

the Taranaki community. There were 32 supporters and partners involved in the foundation. Of the funds 50% were directly benefitting South Taranaki including the establishment of accommodation for medical students.

The Taranaki Foundation was able to help the Council deliver on a project for the community. Recently the Taranaki Foundation had raised the majority of the funds required for Destination Kāwaroa. It was highlighted that an investment in Taranaki Foundation would result in a positive return on investment and would help more networks being built within the community.

Councillor Cleaver-Pittams queried whether ongoing maintenance costs were taken into consideration when funding was raised for a project. It was noted that the Taranaki Foundation helped implement projects that were already on the Council’s plans however were not in the current budget for construction. The Taranaki Foundation could set up a legacy fund that was attached to a project for ongoing costs.

In response to a query regarding what people specified when leaving their legacy it was noted that there was a discussion with each donor to help tag the funds to something that the person was passionate about for example the environment, sport and youth.

It was queried whether funding was provided upfront from New Plymouth District Council before the commencement of working on Destination Kāwaroa. It was noted that there was an agreement with New Plymouth District Council which included an annual grant for operational purposes.

Councillor Filbee queried what the purpose of requesting funding from the Council was instead of increasing the fee for funds under management. It was highlighted that 50% of the money spent in the region was spent in South Taranaki however there was no funding support from the Council. An increase in funding would allow the Taranaki Foundation to increase their resources and make further connections.

Mayor Nixon highlighted the benefits of the accommodation that the Taranaki Foundation had funded for year five rural doctors. The Taranaki Foundation were commended for their efforts within the community.

## 2. Whakaae i Ngā Mēniti / Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 Policy and Strategy Committee held on 3 February 2025.

### **RESOLUTION**

(Cr Beccard/Cr Roach)

12/25 PS

**THAT the Policy and Strategy Committee adopts the minutes from the meeting held on 3 February 2025 as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

### 3. Pūrongo / Reports

#### 3.1 Rooding Bylaw Amendment

The report provided background information on the changes to managing speed limits and requested that parts of the Rooding Bylaw 2014 (the Bylaw) were revoked, and the amended Bylaw be adopted.

It was noted that when setting speed limits changes needed to be authorised and set through a speed management plan.

In response to a query regarding any unrealised consequences it was noted that the changes were to reflect the change in legislation.

A correction was sought within the Bylaw where Tawhiti Road was incorrectly referenced as Tawhiti Street.

In response to a query regarding the distance between speed signs on Hastings Road it was noted that these could be looked at as part of a wider discussion in the next speed management plan.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**(Cr Filbee/Mayor Nixon)**

13/25 PS

**THAT the Policy and Strategy Committee recommends the Council revoke parts of the Rooding Bylaw 2014 and adopts the amended Rooding Bylaw 2014.**

**CARRIED**

#### 3.2 Freedom Camping Bylaw Amendment

The report requested a minor amendment to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016 (the Bylaw) as inconsiderate parking on roads and footpaths could be managed through other legislation and did not need to be stated in the Bylaw. The proposed amendment was considered a minor administrative change and would not require public consultation.

It was noted that the amendment included roads and footpaths however pathways would be retained within the Bylaw.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**(Cr Filbee/Cr Cleaver-Pittams)**

14/25 PS

**THAT the Policy and Strategy Committee recommends the Council:**

a) **Approve the minor amendments to Section 2.1 and Section 7.1.7 of the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016:**

2.1 **This Bylaw came into force on 4 July 2016, it was reviewed on 11 December 2017 and 25 September 2024. The amendments from the 2024 review will come into force on 1 November 2024. A minor amendment was undertaken on 14 April 2025.**

**7.1.7 All vehicles and tents must not stay within 10 metres of public amenities and accessways, such as public toilets, picnic tables, playgrounds, roads, and pathways and footpaths.**

**CARRIED**

3.3 Revocation of Bylaw Administration Policy

The report discussed the Bylaw Administration Policy (the Policy) and recommended that it was revoked as it was no longer needed.

The Council was advised that the Policy was unenforceable and it was recommended that it be revoked. The relevant Bylaws, referenced in the Policy, would be updated to include provisions as they were reviewed.

In response to a query regarding the risk during the transition while Bylaws were reviewed it was noted that the risk was minor. It was noted that due to the Policy being unenforceable the Council had already been operating with the same risk. There were warrants and delegations in place which covered the section pertaining to officers continuing in office.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**(Cr Beccard/Cr Roach)**

15/25 PS

**THAT the Policy and Strategy Committee recommends the Council;**

- a) **Revokes the Bylaw Administration Policy; and**
- b) **Notes the Bylaw Administration Policy is not required because it is not enforceable, and its provisions are contained in the Council's bylaws.**

**CARRIED**

3.4 2025/26 Annual Plan – Proposed Budget Changes

The purpose of the report was to outline the options for reducing the overall average rate increase to 5.46%. Consultation on the Annual Plan was not required under the Local Government Act 2002 unless the Council proposed to make significant or material changes from the Long Term Plan (LTP). The proposed changes were not considered significant or material as the Council was still able to deliver the levels of service outlined in the LTP.

The LTP included a proposed overall average rate increase of 8.66% for year two. The Council had expressed a goal of reducing the average rate increase to below 6%. The report outlined proposed changes from Council officers to reduce the increase which would reduce the overall average increase to 5.46%.

The increase of 20% to the fee for log fires was in addition to the increase in year one and would be notified through targeted communication.

Councillor Beccard raised concerns regarding the development of the District with an average rate increase of 5.46%. It was important to ensure the District was moving forward.

Councillor Beccard felt that there should be money from the general rate going into wastewater instead of it being fully funded through the targeted rate. It was noted that this was a decision that would need to be considered during a review of the Revenue and Financing Policy.

In regards to the discretionary funds for Community Boards, it was felt that the equal reduction for each Community Board was not a fair split. It was explained that each Community Board had a base amount of funding that was allocated by population. The additional funding that was added in the 2024/25 financial year was evenly split between the Community Boards.

Mrs Willson noted that the proposed amount to be removed from the Local Discretionary Funds was a nominal amount to the rates and the funding provided support for beneficial community initiatives. It was felt that if a reduction was to be made then option b was the fairest approach. Mrs Cave agreed.

Ms Dwyer highlighted that although there was a Rural Halls grant the amount available for each hall was minimal and the Community Boards were approached for additional funding to help maintain these facilities.

*Councillor Cleaver-Pittams left the meeting at 1.49 pm.*

It was highlighted that the funding was taken through the rates and then allocated by the Community Boards to community groups.

*Councillor Cleaver-Pittams returned to the meeting at 1.51 pm.*

Councillor Filbee felt that the proposed reduction to the Community Board funding was not significant and queried whether there was an argument for removing the funding entirely.

It was recommended that \$800,000 be allocated to the decarbonisation of the Hāwera Aquatic Centre as this was the full budget required to complete the project.

There were concerns raised that the log fire fees were being increased after the Council had decreased the fees due to feedback from the community. It was noted that the fees needed to be increased to meet the public and private benefit split set out in the Revenue and Financing Policy.

*Councillor Rangihaeata left the meeting at 1.57 pm.*

In response to a query regarding the processing and software fees associated with the log fire fees it was noted that it was the IT component for using the portal.

*Councillor Rangihaeata returned to the meeting at 1.58 pm.*

It was noted that the average rate increase would be 5.53% if the Community Board funding was retained at its current level. It was felt that there needed to be caution taken for Community Board projects and the increased costs for ongoing maintenance once projects were completed.

Deputy Mayor Northcott highlighted that the Community Boards received numerous District-wide funding applications. It was suggested that a reduction in the funding available might encourage applicants to seek other funding sources before approaching the Community Boards.

There were concerns raised regarding the impacts of reducing the rate increase. It was felt that significant reductions might lead to the District not progressing and developing. Councillor Beccard felt that a reduction to the Community Board funding was fair given the reductions in other areas.

There was little support for providing funding to the Taranaki Foundation at this time due to the reductions being made to ensure a lower average rate increase.

It was highlighted that the increase for the rural water scheme was significant and needed to be clearly communicated prior to the change being made.

In response to a query regarding the surplus sections in Manaia it was noted that sales had not been made however Council officers were indicating income in the next financial year. First right of refusal was given to the relevant Iwi as per the Property Acquisition and Disposal Policy.

Mayor Nixon supported the Taranaki Foundation however it was determined that a decision on potential funding should not be made at the meeting. It was noted that a proper discussion would be required.

When moving the motion Mayor Nixon noted that it was important to be prudent and ensure changes were fair for the Council and the community. He highlighted that the changes had no effect on existing levels of service and felt that all suggestions were practical and realistic. The changes allowed balance and the savings reflected the current climate. It was disappointing reducing the Community Board funding however it was reflective of the current climate.

When seconding the motion Deputy Mayor Northcott commended Council officers on the proposed reduction without impacts on levels of service.

Councillor Beccard noted that it was disappointing that the rate increase did not include more development however it was felt that this could be reconsidered in the future.

In response to a query regarding the sale of the surplus sections in Manaia it was noted that the proceeds would be put into a reserve fund to be spent in Manaia.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**(Mayor Nixon/Deputy Mayor Northcott)**

16/25 PS

**THAT the Policy and Strategy Committee recommends the Council:**

- a) **Approve that funding from the Long Term investment Fund previously budgeted for walkways and pathways be redirected to the decarbonisation of the Aquatic Centre project.**
- b) **Approve the removal of the budgets of \$102,000 for the Significant Natural Areas mapping and \$50,000 Spatial Planning.**

- c) Approve to reduce the Natural Environments Fund by \$20,000.
- d) Approve to reduce the Community Boards’ discretionary funds by a total of \$40,000 as per the below split;

	2021-31 LTP distribution	LTP Yr 1	LTP Yr 2	Reduction in funding
Taranaki Coastal	\$19,404	\$38,654	\$28,790	\$9,864
Eltham Kaponga	\$11,835	\$31,085	\$23,152	\$7,933
Te Hāwera	\$36,999	\$56,249	\$41,895	\$14,354
Pātea	\$11,511	\$30,761	\$22,911	\$7,850
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$79,749</b>	<b>\$156,749</b>	<b>\$116,749</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>

- e) Approve to reduce reserve contributions for the roading reserve by \$250,000 and the District Plan reserve by \$200,000.
- f) Approve to reallocate \$200,000 from the painting reserve to reduce rate increases.
- g) Approve to generate revenue from the sale of surplus property in Manaia.
- h) Reduce interest repayment budgets to align with BERL projections.
- i) Note that if all these adjustments are made to the 2025/26 Annual Plan the overall average rate increase would be 5.46%.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Filbee voted against the motion and opposed the reduction in the Local Discretionary Funds.*

**The meeting concluded at 2.23 pm.**

**Dated this    day of    2025**

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**CHAIRPERSON**





# Ngā Menīti Komiti

## Committee Minutes

To	Ordinary Council
Date	14 April 2025
Subject	<b>Te Kāhui Matauraura – 26 March 2025</b>

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(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

### Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. Te Kāhui Matauraura met on 26 March 2025. The Council is being asked to receive Te Kāhui Matauraura minutes from 26 March 2025 for their information.
2. There were no recommendations within the minutes for the Council to consider.

### Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT the Council receives the minutes of Te Kāhui Matauraura meeting held on 26 March 2025 for their information.



# Menīti Minutes

## Ngā Take Mēniti o te Kāhui Matauraura Te Kāhui Matauraura

Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub, Camberwell Road, Hāwera on Wednesday 26 March 2025 at 10.39 am.

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**Kanohi Kitea / Present:** Mayor Phil Nixon, Deputy Mayor Northcott, Councillors Andy Beccard, Aaron Langton, Tuteri Rangihaeata, Peter Moeahu (Te Kāhui o Taranaki) and Hinewai Katene *online* (Te Kāhui o Rauru).

**Ngā Taenga-Ā-Tinana / In Attendance:** Fiona Aitken (Chief Executive), Liam Dagg (Group Manager Environmental Services), Herbert Denton (Group Manager Infrastructure Services), Rob Haveswood (Group Manager Community Services), Sam Greenhill (Governance Officer), Anne Sattler (Senior Policy Advisor) and Becky Wolland (Head of Strategy and Governance).

**Matakore / Apologies:** Graham Young (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui), Ngaraina Brooks, Ferinica Hawe-Foreman (Te Korowai o Ngāruahine).

### MŌTINI / RESOLUTION

(Cr Beccard/Deputy Mayor Northcott)

10/25 TKM **THAT** the apologies from Graham Young (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui), Ngaraina Brooks, Ferinica Hawe-Foreman (Te Korowai o Ngāruahine).

TAUTOKO / CARRIED

Mr Moeahu noted that Wharehoka Wano had resigned from his position as Chief Executive for Taranaki Iwi and Mr Moeahu was the only representative on Te Kāhui Matauraura at this time.

### 1. Whakaaetia ngā Menīti / Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Te Kāhui Matauraura Committee held on 12 February 2025.

### MŌTINI / RESOLUTION

(Deputy Mayor Northcott/Cr Langton)

11/25 TKM **THAT** the minutes of Te Kāhui Matauraura meeting held on 12 February 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

TAUTOKO / CARRIED

## 2. Pūrongo / Report

### 3.1 Urupā Maintenance Funding Applications

The Urupā Maintenance Fund was established as part of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan to partially cover the costs incurred for the ongoing care of urupā. The report provided a summary of the applications received to date.

#### MŌTINI / RESOLUTION

(Cr Beccard/Cr Rangihaeata)

**12/25 TKM** THAT Te Kāhui Matauraura receives the Urupā Maintenance Funding Applications Report.

TAUTOKO / CARRIED

### 3.2 Te Kāhui Matauraura – Draft Terms of Reference

The report asked Te Kāhui Matauraura to review the re-drafted Terms of Reference, consider the ideas put forward through the development of He Pou Tikanga and provide feedback to the next hui on 7 May 2025.

Te Kāhui Matauraura Terms of Reference were last reviewed in 2016 and it was requested that the next review be carried out after the adoption of He Pou Tikanga.

Mr Moeahu provided a number of general comments on the draft Terms of Reference. He noted the point of chairmanship and highlighted that New Plymouth District Council had a co-chair for their iwi liaison hui. There were concerns raised regarding the proposal to move hui around the rohe and the logistics and need for audio visual capabilities at the venues. It was noted that there would also need to be proper advertising to ensure Committee members and the public were aware of the venue.

Mr Moehau raised concerns regarding the membership structure and the irregular attendance of members. It was suggested that there needed to be an agreed policy that if a member was not able to attend the meeting regularly they should be able to withdraw and a new appointment be made by the Iwi. It was noted that hapū provided the political focus while the Post Settlement Government Entities (PSGEs) were focused on the treaty settlement. Deputy Mayor Northcott queried whether appointments to the Committee should be made by the hapū rather than the PSGEs. Mr Moehau noted that it was an option that should be considered as members at the hapū had an understanding of the Council. It was suggested that it could be offered however not mandatory for appointments to be made at the hapū level.

Councillor Beccard queried whether reports from PSGEs should be provided to every hui or on a rotation. It was suggested that reports could be provided by each Iwi on what they were doing and what aspirations they had. Mr Moeahu suggested that Iwi could be invited to provide quarterly reports as they were implementing long term plans and developments.

Mayor Nixon raised the membership structure of the Committee regarding mana to mana and mahi to mahi. It was highlighted that there were both mana and mahi appointments to the Committee. It was suggested that Iwi appointments could be similar to the Council where elected members are appointed to the Committee and staff attend for support around the table. Mr Moeahu highlighted that it was important for Iwi that the members they appoint were the best option to provide input. It was suggested that if appointments

were restricted to only board members of Iwi there would need to be close consultation with Iwi.

It was suggested that a workshop needed to be held with the Committee to discuss the suggestions within the Terms of Reference.

It was queried whether Iwi wanted to retain Te Kāhui Matauraura as the attendance at meetings had reduced. Councillor Rangihaeata felt that Iwi would want to retain Te Kāhui Matauraura however there might be a transition phase happening with Iwi that made attendance difficult. Mr Moeahu noted that Iwi did not necessarily have the resources to attend hui regularly.

An amendment to the membership was suggested to list two councillors rather than specifically mentioning Māori ward councillors to ensure the Terms of Reference did not have to be changed if Māori wards were not included in the future.

It was highlighted that the change in legislation now allowed members to be part of the quorum when attending hui via audio visual link however the Mayor's preference was for members to attend in person.

**MŌTINI / RESOLUTION**

**(Cr Beccard/Cr Langton)**

**13/25 TKM THAT Te Kāhui Matauraura agree to review and provide feedback on the current terms of reference, including providing direction on the membership structure, rotation of the chairmanship, location of hut, and the inclusion of regular reports from the four South Taranaki Iwi and hold a workshop to progress discussions.**

**TAUTOKO / CARRIED**

**3. Ngā Take Kawea / Items for Action**

4.1 Ngā Kaitiaki Project

The team responsible for Ngā Kaitiaki had changed to Strategy and Governance. The Terms of Reference were being considered to include a broader policy direction beyond District Plan changes.

**4. Pūrongo-Whakamārama / Information Reports**

5.1 Community Development Activity Report

The report provided an update on progress with community development projects and activities across the District and other items of interest.

The seatbelt simulator was well used at Te Matatini and facilitated good conversations around road safety. The name Ārangirangi had been gifted by Ngāti Ruanui for the Pātea Saltmarsh. The Ngā Pou in Waverley was progressing and a presentation of the final designs was presented at Wairoa-Iti Marae in late March.

There were concerns raised regarding the restoration of the wharf on York Street, Pātea which could not be restored due to regulations. It was noted that there effectively would be a platform on land rather than out into the water.

**MŌTINI / RESOLUTION**

**(Deputy Mayor Northcott/Cr Langton)**

**14/25 TKM THAT Te Kāhui Matauraura receives the Community Development Activity Report.**

**TAUTOKO / CARRIED**

**5.2 Environmental Services Activity Report**

The report provided updates on activities relating to the Environmental Services Group for the month of January 2025.

It was highlighted that the statutory compliance for resource and building consents was tracking well. Animal control statistics were stable however there had been an increase in rushing and menacing dogs. Hearings for the Papakāinga District Plan Change had been completed which would help inform the final decision.

**MŌTINI / RESOLUTION**

**(Cr Beccard/Cr Rangihaeata)**

**15/25 TKM THAT Te Kāhui Matauraura receives the Environmental Services Activity Report.**

**TAUTOKO / CARRIED**

**5.3 Infrastructure Services Activity Report**

The report updated Te Kāhui Matauraura on recent and current activities by the Infrastructure Services Group across the District and other items of interest.

It was highlighted that the resources put in for leakage and loss were proving beneficial with a number of leaks in the network being identified. Changes had been made to the anaerobic lagoon in Hāwera due to liquefaction risks that had been identified. A successful biological trial had been carried out at the Pātea water treatment plant. It was noted that the two large roading contracts had been partially unbundled and the six new contracts had all been awarded.

Mr Moeahu requested information on the land farm in Manutahi and how long it was consented for. It was noted that additional information could be provided however it could be grazed after a period of time. Ngāti Ruanui was involved in the consent process and monitoring of the lake.

It was queried whether the bore in Kāpuni was being used. It was noted that the bore was not in use as it was not required however it was available to supplement the supply when required.

It was positive to see the trend with solid waste and the reduction in material being sent to landfill.

**MŌTINI / RESOLUTION**

**(Deputy Mayor Northcott/Cr Langton)**

**16/25 TKM** THAT Te Kāhui Mataura receives the Infrastructure Services Activity Report.

**TAUTOKO / CARRIED**

5.4 School Speed Limits

The report sought to inform Te Kāhui Mataura of the actions required to comply with the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024.

Under the new rule speed reductions around schools could only be in place during the start and end of the school day. The reduction was also limited to roads with school entrances. It was noted that rural schools were more complex. The 60km/h reduction would be in place permanently and the 30km/h would be in place during the start and end of the school day.

It was queried whether there was any consideration for installing speed bumps around schools to reduce the speed of traffic. It was noted that this was not possible around rural schools however there were speed cushions installed along Camberwell Road at Te Paepae o Aotea as the school operated on both sides of the road.

The Council had applied for funding from Waka Kotahi to implement the required changes to speed signs.

**MŌTINI / RESOLUTION**

**(Cr Beccard/Cr Langton)**

**17/25 TKM** THAT Te Kāhui Mataura receives the School Speed Limits Report.

**TAUTOKO / CARRIED**

**5. Take Whānui / General Issues**

6.1 Coastal Road

There were concerns raised regarding vehicles parking on private Māori Reserve Land along the coastal road in Pungarehu. It was queried whether there was anything the Council could do to restrict vehicles parking on the land. A follow up discussion had been held prior to the meeting regarding the concerns. The land was being used as a parking space for windsurfers due to the favourable winds. It was noted that there were also hygiene concerns due to a lack of public amenities.

**Ko te wā whakamutunga 11.34 am o te ata.  
Meeting closed at 11.34 am.**

**(Ko te rangi / dated this)**

**(te rā o / day of)**

**2025.**

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**TIAMANA / CHAIRPERSON**



# Ngā Menīti Komiti

## Committee Minutes

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To	Ordinary Council
Date	14 April 2025
Subject	<b>District Plan Review Committee – 26 March 2025</b>

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

### Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. The [District Plan Review Committee](#) met on 26 March 2025. The Council is being asked to receive the minutes from 26 March 2025 for their information.
2. There was one recommendation within the minutes for the Council to consider.
3. The District Plan Review Committee moved a recommendation 08/25 PD that the Council;
  - a) Receive the South Taranaki District Council Plan Chang 2: Amendments to South Taranaki District Plan Maps – Section 42A Report;
  - b) Approve the recommendations in section 7.1.2 of the Plan Change 2: Amendments to South Taranaki District Plan Maps – Section 42A Report;
  - c) Note that the submission has been withdrawn, and there is no longer a requirement for a hearing to be held.
  - d) Note that the operative date as a result of the changes be 30 May 2025.

### Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT the Council;

- a) Receives the minutes of the District Plan Review Committee meeting held on 26 March 2025.
- b) Adopts recommendation 08/25 DP from the District Plan Review Committee;

THAT the Council;

- a) Receive the South Taranaki District Council Plan Chang 2: Amendments to South Taranaki District Plan Maps – Section 42A Report;
- b) Approve the recommendations in section 7.1.2 of the Plan Change 2: Amendments to South Taranaki District Plan Maps – Section 42A Report;

- c) Note that the submission has been withdrawn, and there is no longer a requirement for a hearing to be held.
- d) Note that the operative date as a result of the changes be 30 May 2025.



# Menīti Minutes

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## Kōmiti Arotake Mahere ā-Rohe District Plan Committee Meeting

Held in the East Longe, Camberwell Road, Hāwera on Wednesday 26 March 2025 at 3.10 pm.

**Kanohi Kitea / Present:** Councillors Andy Beccard (Chairperson), Leanne Horo, Aaron Langton, Deputy Mayor Robert Northcott and Diana Reid.

**Ngā Taenga-Ā-Tinana / In Attendance:** Liam Dagg (Group Manager Environmental Services), Sara Dymond (Governance Team Leader) and Jess Sorensen (Planning and Development Manager).

**Matakore / Apologies:** Councillor Steffy Mackay and Tane Houston (Iwi Representative).

### RESOLUTION

(Deputy Mayor Northcott/Cr Langton)

06/25 DP **THAT the apologies from Councillor Steffy Mackay and Tane Houston (Iwi Representative) be received.**

**CARRIED**

## 1. Whakaaetia ngā Menīti / Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 District Plan Committee on 9 October 2024.

In relation to Plan change 4 the discussions have continued with one of the major developers in that area. The developer had requested some tweaks to the western structure plan area to ensure that when they came to develop they had an indicative layout that was consistent with what was being proposed. The new map had been prepared and presented to Nga Kaitiaki for feedback. This would still run on the same notification pathway as Plan Change 5. Also continued were the discussions for Plan Change 5 Financial Contributions and what the changes to the indicative layout would mean for infrastructure costs. These discussions were necessary to ensure that the Council knew what the next steps were and how much it would cost to install if they chose to install lead infrastructure. A workshop was scheduled for Wednesday to discuss both Plan Change 4 and 5.

Mrs Sorensen explained that the Western Structure Plan map layout originally illustrated a North-South infrastructure corridor down the Waihi Stream however now had introduced a East-West to enable the development of a significant land parcel in once sequence and not be inconsistent with the Council's proposed structure plan.

Mr Dagg added that both plan changes were on track aiming for June notifications.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Deputy Mayor Northcott/Cr Langton)**

**07/25 DP** **THAT** the District Plan Committee adopts the minutes from the meeting held on 9 October 2024 as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

**2. Pūrongo / Report**

**2.1 Plan Change 2: Todd Energy Limited**

The purpose of the report was to provide the findings and recommendations within the Plan Change 2 (PC2) Section 42A Report to the District Plan Committee for consideration. PC2 related to several changes to the hazard risk contours proposed by Todd Energy Corporation to its petrochemical assets at Kāpuni. The report sought approval from the Committee to recommend to the Council that the changes in section 7.1.2 of the Section 42A Report be adopted without the need for a hearing.

Those involved were commended for their work. Mr Dagg commented that through the prehearing they had achieved the outcome without a hearing. There was good collaboration experienced during this process.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**(Deputy Mayor Northcott/Cr Langton)**

**08/25 DP** **THAT** the District Plan Committee recommends the Council;

- a) Receive the South Taranaki District Council Plan Change 2: Amendments to South Taranaki District Plan Maps – Section 42A Report;**
- b) Approve the recommendations in section 7.1.2 of the Plan Change 2: Amendments to South Taranaki District Plan Maps – Section 42A Report;**
- c) Note that the submission has been withdrawn, and there is no longer a requirement for a hearing to be held.**
- d) Note that the operative date as a result of the changes be 30 May 2025.**

**CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 3.25 pm.

Dated this            day of            2025.

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**CHAIRPERSON**



# Ngā Menīti Komiti

## Committee Minutes

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To	Ordinary Council
Date	14 April 2025
Subject	<b>Environment and Hearings Committee – 26 March 2025</b>

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

### **Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary**

1. The Environment and Hearings Committee met on 26 March 2025. The Council is being asked to receive the minutes from 26 March 2025 for their information.
2. There were no recommendations within the minutes for the Council to consider.

### **Taunakitanga / Recommendation**

THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Environment and Hearings Committee meeting held on 26 March 2025.



# Menīti Minutes

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## Ngā Menīti take o te Komiti Taiao me ngā Whakawā Environment and Hearings Committee

Held in the East Lounge, TSB Hub, Camberwell Road, Hāwera on  
Wednesday 26 March 2025 at 4 pm

**Kanohi Kitea / Present:** Councillors Andy Beccard (Chairperson), Leanne Horo, Diana Reid, Deputy Mayor Robert Northcott.

**Ngā Taenga-Ā-Tinana / In Attendance:** Liam Dagg (Group Manager Environmental Services), Sara Dymond (Governance Team Leader) and Jessica Sorensen (planning and Development Manager).

**Matakore / Apologies:** Councillor Steffy Mackay and Tane Houston (Iwi Representative).

### RESOLUTION

(Deputy Mayor Northcott/Cr Langton)

08/25 EH **THAT** the apologies from Councillor Steffy Mackay and Mr Tane Houston (Iwi Representative) be received.

CARRIED

## 1. Whakaaetia ngā Menīti / Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Environment and Hearings Committee on 5 February 2025.

### RESOLUTION

(Cr Reid/Cr Horo)

09/25 EH **THAT** the Environment and Hearings Committee adopts the minutes from the meeting held on 5 February 2025 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

## 2. Pūrongo / Report

2.1 Two-lot Rural Subdivision

McKinlay Surveyors Ltd on behalf of the applicant Lincoln Raikes applied for resource consent to undertake a two-lot rural subdivision at 5704 Mountain Road. The proposed subdivision would create Lot 1, containing the existing industrial activity (Global Stainless) and rural balance, of 2.8047 hectares (ha) and Lot 2, containing the existing dwelling, of 4,500m<sup>2</sup>.

To provide some background Mrs Sorensen explained that the Committee consented a retrospective industrial activity in 2023 at which time a dwelling was present on the site located on proposed Lot 2. That was a permitted activity and the effect was already there in terms of the sensitive activity relating to the child allotments. When the original industrial activity land use consent was submitted it was a bundled subdivision that the Council asked to be unbundled so each component could be processed separately. This application in front of the Committee was received originally as a three lot subdivision however working through this with the applicant it was now a two lot subdivision. This was more palatable in terms of what we could bring forward through the assessment and recommendation process. The application was in front of the Committee because of its undersized balance, undersized proposed child lot and a previous application of a similar nature where there was a sensitive activity in close proximity to industrial activity which was declined.

A prehearing process was carried out with the applicant and submitter. Both submitters originally requested to be heard in support of their submission at a hearing. Through the prehearing process, an amended application was lodged where the child lot met the minimum lot size for the rural zone, it still did not meet the balance size however it was already an undersized rural allotment. The applicant also offered up a no-development area on the balance lot to ensure this area retained the amenity and character of the rural zone. The report recommended approval of the application subject to conditions.

Councillor Reid asked if there was a possibility for a dwelling to be built on 'Area '. Mrs Sorensen explained that as of right one more dwelling could be put on a rural allotment under 20 ha. However, the conditions as proposed would push any future dwelling into the area of the existing built environment. There was an existing land use consent on 'Area B' for industrial activity that had approved plans. Bulk and location or any new building within the approved plan area would need to be assessed on whether a change of conditions would be required.

In response to the query around approval from the neighbouring properties Mrs Sorensen explained that the submitters who were present at the prehearing had signed off on the amended site plan and withdrew the right to be heard.

Mr Stephen Koning (McKinley Surveyors) explained that the applicant had done all they could to accommodate and mitigate the effects of the factory and dwelling to the neighbouring properties and the rural area. They had given up the consent Areas A and B to limit future development and limit the factory to Area B to protect the rural character of the balance area.

### **3. Pūrongo-Whakamārama / Information Report**

#### **3.1 Environmental Services Activity Report**

The report provided an update on activities relating to the Environmental Services Group for the month of January 2025.

Mr Dagg highlighted some key points to note for January were that building consents were on a downward trend while resource consents had seen a slight increase. Statutory

compliance for timeframes was high. Reported noise incidents had increased, with this likely attributable to the season.

In response to query around the reason for this number of District Plan changes Mr Dagg explained that this tranche of District Plan changes were the last until the comprehensive review which was technically scheduled to start this year. However, due the Resource Management Act (RMA) being repealed that might now be redundant. The reason the Council was pursuing these Plan changes was to ensure the District Plan was in its best form before it was transformed into something else for example a regional plan. The Council was awaiting clarity from Government of the future.

Councillor Beccard asked that the information around resource consents granted under delegated authority be included as part of this information report.

In terms of potential papakāinga projects Mrs Sorensen explained that there was one papakāinga project awaiting this Plan change to go through so they could progress. There was another four or five being developed.

In terms of the caucusing for Plan Change 3 Papakāinga Mrs Sorensen explained that this was taking place the following day. They had an initial discussion on definitions with Iwi representatives which went well. Current drafting was in line with the verbal right of reply provided by the planner at the end of the hearing. Councillor Horo noted the importance of having all the PSGE chief executives in the room for consistency.

**RESOLUTION**

**(Cr Horo/Cr Langton)**

**10/25 EH THAT the Environment and Hearings Committee receives the Environmental Services Activity Report for the month of January 2025.**

**CARRIED**

**4 Nga Tōkeketanga kia noho tūmatanui kore / Resolution to Exclude the public**

**RESOLUTION**

**(Cr Horo/Cr Langton)**

**11/25 EH THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:**

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

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
1. Report - Two-lot Rural Subdivision	To Enable the Committee to.	That the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Council/Committee to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation in any proceedings where: ii) the local authority is required, by any enactment, to make a recommendation in respect of the matter that is the subject of those proceedings. Use (i) for the RMA hearings and (ii) for hearings under LGA such as objections to Development contributions or hearings under the Dog Control Act. s.48(1)(d)

**CARRIED**

**5. Tuwhera anō te Hui / Resume to Open Meeting**

**RESOLUTION**

**(Deputy Mayor Northcott/Cr Reid)**

**13/25 EH THAT the Environment and Hearings Committee resumes in open meeting and agrees that the decision be released to the public once the applicants have been notified of the decision.**

**CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 4.32 pm.

Dated this            day of            2025.

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CHAIRPERSON



# Ngā Menīti o nga Komiti Herenga o Taranaki Joint Committee Minutes

To	Ordinary Council
Date	14 April 2025
Subject	<b>Taranaki Regional Council Joint Committee Minutes</b>

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

## Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. The Council is being asked to receive the [Taranaki Emergency Management Committee](#), [Regional Transport Committee](#) and [Taranaki Solid Waste Committee](#) minutes for their information.

## Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Taranaki Emergency Management Committee held on 6 March 2025, the Regional Transport Committee held on 13 March 2025 and the Taranaki Solid Waste Committee held on 20 March 2025 for their information.



- Date:** 6 March 2025
- Venue:** Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford
- Document:** TRCID – 1492626864-68
- Present:**
- |             |                                 |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
| N Walker    | Chairperson                     |
| R Northcott | South Taranaki District Council |
| N Volzke    | Stratford District Council      |
| N Holdom    | New Plymouth District Council   |
| R Rae       | Iwi Representative              |
- Attending:**
- |            |                                 |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| S Hanne    | Stratford District Council      |
| F Aiken    | South Taranaki District Council |
| G Green    | New Plymouth District Council   |
| T Velvin   | TEMO                            |
| E Malloy   | TEMO                            |
| P Johnson  | TEMO                            |
| M Gillooly | NEMA - Zoom                     |
| M Jones    | Governance Administrator        |

The meeting opened with a group Karakia at 1.00pm.

**Apologies:** Were received and sustained from, P Nixon, South Taranaki District Council and S Ruru - Taranaki Regional Council.

Holdom/Volzke

## 1. Confirmation of CDEM – Joint Committee Minutes 5 December 2024

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint committee meeting held the Stratford War Memorial Hall, 55 Miranda Street, Stratford on 5 December 2024
- b) noted that the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee held at the Stratford War Memorial Hall, 55 Miranda Street, Stratford on 5 December 2024, have been circulated to the New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council and the South Taranaki District Council for their receipt and information.

Volzke/Walker

## 2. Confirmation of CDEM – CEG Minutes 13 February 2025

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Group meeting held Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on 13 February 2025.

Northcott/Volzke

## 3. National Emergency Management Agency Update

- 3.1 M Gillooly – National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), provided an update on NEMA activities.

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group:

- a) received the memorandum National Emergency Management Agency Update.

Northcott/Holdom

## 4. Appointment of Zoe Sharman as Group Welfare Manager and Kelsey Tamaiparea as Alternate Group Welfare Manager

- 4.1 T Velvin advised of the appointment of Zoe Sharman as Group Welfare Manager and Kelsey Tamaiparea as Alternate Group Welfare Manager.

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group:

- a) received the memorandum *Appointment of Ms Zoe Sharman as Group Welfare Manager and Kelsey Tamaiparea as Alternate Group Welfare Manager*
- b) noted the contents of the memorandum
- c) approved the appointment of Ms Zoe Sharman, to the role of Group Welfare Manager
- d) approved the appointment of Ms Kelsey Tamaiparea, to the role of Alternate Group Welfare Manager.

Holdom/Volzke

## 5. Appointment of Jacqueline Baker as New Plymouth District Council Local Controller

- 5.1 T Velvin advised of the appointment of Jacqueline Baker to the role of Local controller to New Plymouth District Council.

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group:

- c) received the memorandum Appointment of Mrs Jacqueline Baker to the role of Local Controller, New Plymouth District Council
- d) noted the contents of the memorandum

- e) approved the appointment of Mrs Jacqueline Baker to the role of Local Controller, New Plymouth District Council.

Northcott/Walker

## 6. Draft Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan 2025-2030

- 6.1 T Velvin and E Malloy gave an overview of the draft Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan to the Committee seeking their endorsement prior to it being approved for public consultation.

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group:

- a) received the Memorandum Draft Taranaki CDEM Group Plan 2025-2030
- b) noted the contents of this memorandum
- c) approved the *Draft Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan 2025-2030* for public consultation in accordance with the recommended in the following schedule:

Date	Action
Proposed 6 March 2025	Draft Group Plan to the CDEM Joint Committee for approval to be put forward for public consultation
7 March 2025	Notify Group Plan for public submissions (1 month, 1 day – meeting requirements of Section 52(2) of CDEM Act 2002)
7 March 2025	Draft Group Plan for NEMA technical review (1 month)
8 April 2025	Public submissions close, CDEM Senior Planning Advisor analyses and summarises submissions and prepares recommendations of change
8 April 2025	NEMA technical review complete
To be arranged if required	Public Hearing of submissions
To be arranged if required	Special meeting for deliberations and amendments, and adoption of final draft
10 June 2025	Forward final draft Group Plan for Minister’s comments – 20 working days for comment
24 July 2025	Group Plan to Coordinating Executive Group for receiving, noting and recommending
7 August 2025	CDEM Joint Committee adopt the Group Plan

Walker/Holdom

## 7. Quarterly Performance Report

- 7.1 T Velvin provided an update on the Q2 Quarterly Performance Report 2024/25.
- 7.2 T Velvin provided an update on the drought that has been declared in the Taranaki Region and the impact this is likely to have moving forward.

(1.23pm R Rae joined the meeting)

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Joint Committee:

- a) received memorandum, *Quarterly Performance Report Q2 2024/25*
- b) noted the contents of the memorandum
- c) approved the report.

Holdom/Walker

There being no further business the Civil Defence Emergency Management – Joint committee Chair, N Walker, declared the Civil Defence Emergency Management – Joint Committee meeting closed with a group Karakia at 1.35pm.

### **Civil Defence Emergency Management**

– Joint Committee Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

**N Walker**



- Date:** 13 March 2025
- Venue:** Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford
- Document:** TRCID-1492626864-472
- Present:**
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|------------|---|
| A Jamieson | Taranaki Regional Council (Chairperson)                 |
| T Cloke    | Taranaki Regional Council                               |
| N Volzke   | Stratford District Council (left meeting at 12.36pm)    |
| P Nixon    | South Taranaki District Council                         |
| M Chong    | New Plymouth District Council (Joined meeting at 10.36) |
| L Stewart  | Waka Kotahi   |
- Attending:**
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| M Nield                                 | Taranaki Regional Council                                 |
| R O'Keefe                               | NZ Police   |
| L Hawkins                               | Taranaki Regional Council                                 |
| F Ritson                                | Taranaki Regional Council                                 |
| C Gazley                                | Taranaki Regional Council                                 |
| L Maude                                 | Waka Kotahi   |
| M Jones                                 | Governance Administrator                                  |
| N Chadwick                              | Executive Assistant (left meeting at 12.07pm)             |
| N Dingle                                | Waka Kotahi (zoom - joined meeting at 10.59am)            |
| R Stewart                               | Waka Kotahi (zoom - joined meeting at 11.35am)            |
| B Johnston                              | KiwiRail (Zoom)   |
| S Bowden                                | Stratford District Council                                |
| S Downs                                 | New Plymouth District Council (joined meeting at 10.36am) |
| M Webby                                 | Roadsafe Taranaki (joined meeting at 11.37am)             |
| D Pentz                                 | Production Manager – Roadsafe Taranaki                    |
| Two members of the public in attendance |   |

The meeting opened with a group Karakia at 10.30am.

**Apologies:** Were received and sustained from H Duynhoven - NPDC.

Cloke/Volzke

## 1. Deputation

- 1.1 E Sera delivered a deputation regarding speed limits at the southern and northern points of Oākura township on SH45.

(M Chong and S Downs Joined meeting at 10.36.)

## 2. Confirmation of Minutes Regional Transport Committee – 5 December 2024

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport committee held at 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on 5 December 2024 at 1.00pm
- b) noted the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee meetings held at 47 Cloten Street, Stratford on 5 December 2024 at 1.00pm, have been circulated to the New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council and the South Taranaki District Council for their receipt and information.

Volzke/Cloke

## 3. Receipt of Minutes Regional Transport Advisory Group – 20 February 2025

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received the unconfirmed minutes of the Regional Transport Advisory Group (RTAG) meeting held at 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on 20 February 2025.

Cloke/Nixon

## 4. KiwiRail Presentation

- 4.1 B Johnston provided an update on KiwiRail on Rail Network Investment Programmes and KiwiRail activities.

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received the presentation from KiwiRail on the Rail Network Investment Programme
- b) noted the content of the presentation along with the general update from KiwiRail.

Cloke/Nixon

## 5. Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency Update

- 5.1 L Stewart - Waka Kotahi provided an update on regional and national activities.

(M Webby Roadsafe Taranaki and D Pentz – South Taranaki District Council joined meeting at 11.37am)

- 5.2 L Stewart introduced N Dingle and R Stewart who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the implementation of safety cameras.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received the updates and presentations provided by Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency.

Nixon/Cloke

## 6. Submission on SH3 Speed Limit Reversals

- 6.1 F Ritson provided an overview of the submission to Waka Kotahi on State Highway3 Speed Limit Reversals.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received the memorandum Submission on State Highway 3 speed limit reversals
- b) received and approved the submission prepared on the State Highway 3 speed limit reversals, subject to any amendments requested by the Committee, and instructs staff to submit the submission to the government by submission deadline.
- c) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002
- d) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determined that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Cloke/Volzke

## 7. Correspondence and Information Items

- 7.1 F Ritson provided an update on information and correspondence received since the last meeting.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received and noted for information purposes the release of new Road Safety Objectives by the Minister of Transport in October 2024
- b) noted for information purposes the correspondence sent to the New Zealand Equestrian Advocacy Network as agreed at the 5 December 2024 Committee meeting
- c) received and noted the work initiated to manage roading culverts in the region optimally.

Nixon/Cloke

## 8. Regional Transport Committee 2025 Meeting Planner

- 8.1 F Ritson outlined the 2025 Regional Transport Committee meeting dates and the anticipated agenda items.

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received the memorandum, Regional Transport Committee 2025 meetings planner
- b) received the Regional Transport Committee 2025 Meeting Agenda Schedule attached
- c) noted that additional items may be added to the agendas as the need arises throughout the year.

Nixon/Volzke

## 9. Regional Land Transport Plan Implementation Updates

- 9.1 S Downs, New Plymouth District Council provided an update on transport activities within the New Plymouth District.
- 9.2 S Bowden, Stratford District Council provided an update on transport activities within the Stratford District.
- 9.3 C Gazley, Taranaki Regional Council provided an update on public transport activities.

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received the update provided by the New Plymouth District Council on its transport activities
- b) received the update provided by the South Taranaki District Council on its transport activities
- c) received the update provided by the Stratford District Council on its transport activities
- d) received the update provided by the Taranaki Regional Council on public transport activities.

Nixon/Cloke

## 10. Regional Road Safety Update

- 10.1 M Webby – Roadsafes Taranaki and R O’Keefe NZ Police provided updates on road safety activities within the Taranaki region.

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee:

- a) received and noted the update on road safety activities in the region provided by representatives of the Taranaki Road Safety Action Planning Group.

Cloke/Nixon

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor A L Jamieson declared the Regional Transport Committee meeting closed with Karakia at 12.45pm.

Regional Transport

Committee Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

A L Jamieson



- Date:** 20 March 2025
- Venue:** Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford
- Document:** TRCID-1492626864-501
- Present:**
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|------------|---|
| D McIntyre | Chairperson   |
| M Chong    | New Plymouth District Council (joined meeting at 10.35am) |
| M McKay    | Stratford District Council                                |
| B Roach    | South Taranaki District Council                           |
- Attending:**
- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| A J Matthews | Director - Environment Quality                            |
| V McKay      | Manager - Environmental Assurance                         |
| M Jones      | Governance Administrator                                  |
| G Cotter     | New Plymouth District Council                             |
| J Waterman   | New Plymouth District Council                             |
| J O'Connor   | New Plymouth District Council                             |
| C Koen       | New Plymouth District Council (left meeting at 12.20pm)   |
| S Wilson     | South Taranaki District Council (left meeting at 12.20pm) |
| L Jones      | Enviroschools   |
| T Wilson     | AgRecovery  |

**Apologies:** M Chong for lateness.

## 1. Confirmation of Minutes – 14 November 2024

### Recommendations

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes and resolutions of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held at Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road Stratford on 14 November 2024
- b) noted that the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee held at on Thursday 14 November 2024 at Taranaki Regional Council have been circulated to the New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council and South Taranaki District Council for receipt and information.

McKay/Roach

## 2. AgRecovery Update

- 2.1 T Wilson gave a PowerPoint presentation to provide an update on AgRecovery initiatives in the Taranaki region and New Zealand.

### Recommendation

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee:

- a) received the agenda memorandum AgRecovery Update and accompanying presentation.

McIntyre/Roach

## 3. Presentation – Taranaki EnviroSchools Zero Waste

- 3.1 L Jones gave a PowerPoint presentation on the EnviroSchools zero waste programme.

### Recommendation

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee:

- a) received the agenda memorandum Presentation – Taranaki EnviroSchools Zero Waste.

McKay/Chong

## 4. Regional Waste Minimisation Officers Report

- 4.1 G Cotter provided an update on the activities undertaken by the Regional Waste Minimisation officers in the region.

### Recommendations

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee:

- b) received the memorandum Regional Waste Minimisation Officer's Activity Report March 2025  
c) noted the activities of the Regional Waste Minimisation Officer and District Councils.

Roach/McKay

## 5. Regional Annual Data Report 2023/2024

- 5.1 G Cotter provided an update on the regional waste data for the 2023/2024 financial year.

### Recommendations

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee:

- a) noted that the memorandum Annual Data Report 2023/2024 was received at the previous Taranaki Solid Waste Committee meeting held on Thursday 14 November 2024  
b) received the update on the regional waste data for the 2023/2024 financial year.

Roach/McKay

## 6. Consumer Guarantees (Right to repair) Amendment Bill

6.1 G Cotter gave an overview of the Consumer Guarantees (Right to repair) Amendment Bill that is currently open for consultation and the draft submission seeking feedback from the committee.

### Recommendations

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee:

- a) received this memorandum and the attached Submission for Right to Repair Bill
- b) noted the content of the Submission on the Consumer Guarantees (Right to repair) Amendment Bill and provide any additional commentary for inclusion in the submission.

McIntyre/Roach

There being no further business, Committee Chairperson, D H McIntyre declared the meeting of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee closed at 12.29pm.

**Taranaki Solid Waste**

**Management Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_

D H McIntyre



# Pūrongo Report

To	Ordinary Council
From	Kaitātari Whakamahere Rautaki / Strategic Planner, Sophie Canute
Date	14 April 2025
Subject	<b>To deliberate on the feedback from the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy consultation</b>

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

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## Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. This report provides information to assist the Council to update the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy ([Appendix 1](#)) and provides recommendations on what the Council could advocate for through the Strategy. The purpose of this report is for the Council to deliberate on the preferred speed limits and safety improvements to include in the Corridor Strategy. The Corridor Strategy will be presented to the Ordinary Council meeting on the 26 May 2025 for adoption. This timing will allow for the Corridor Strategy to support Plan Change 4: Urban Growth for notification. Plan Change 4 proposes to update the zoning and proposed infrastructure layout for the Hāwera Western Structure Plan Area and the Hāwera Northern Structure Plan Area. The Plan Change can influence how development occurs in the Structure Plan Areas, including the consideration of adjacent and adjoining roading networks, which is an important part of the process.
2. Information provided in this report includes the Statement of Proposal ([Appendix 2](#)), an overview of submissions received during the Special Consultative Procedure (SCP), discussions raised during the hearing phase and the Officer's response to submission points.

## Taunakitanga / Recommendation(s)

THAT the Council:

- a) Confirms that the preferred speed limits and safety improvements are included in the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy:
- b) Advocates in the Corridor Strategy for the speed along Section A (North of the Gull Petrol Station to North of Fitzgerald Road) is reduced 50km.
- c) Advocates in the Corridor Strategy for the speed along Section B (Fitzgerald Road to North of Kerry Road) is 70km.
- d) Advocates in the Corridor Strategy for the speed along Section C (North of Kerry Road to the town entrance to Normanby) is 100km.

- e) Advocates in the Corridor Strategy for the speed along Section D (between the Normanby town boundaries) is 70km.
- f) Advocates in the Corridor Strategy that Fitzgerald Road and Kerry Road intersections be upgraded as a first priority.
- g) Advocates in the Corridor Strategy that the passing lane is removed, and a slip lane is included to allow for slow or turning traffic.
- h) Advocates in the Corridor Strategy that the speed limit sign for the Normanby township (going north from Hāwera) is located before the Ōhangai Road intersection.
- i) Advocates in the Corridor Strategy for a pedestrian island outside of Normanby School on the state highway.
- j) Advocates in the Corridor Strategy for slip lanes or median lanes along the Corridor to enable safe and practical access to properties.
- k) Advocates in the Corridor Strategy for a walkway or cycleway along the Corridor where speed and safety allow for it.

### **Kupu Whakamārama / Background**

4. In May 2022, a two-day workshop was held with representatives from the South Taranaki District Council's (the Council's) elected members and staff, Waka Kotahi staff and the Taranaki Regional Council. This workshop identified priority areas, continued to build a relationship between the Council and Waka Kotahi and also demonstrated a partnership in the development of a strategy to better acknowledge the surrounding land use activities and advocate for safety improvements. The draft Corridor Strategy was presented to the Council in late 2022; however, the work was put on hold to align with the timeframes for the District Plan Change 4 – Urban Growth.
5. Since 2022, there have been changes in national direction which include the revoking of the 'Road to Zero Campaign' and speed management which was introduced under the Labour Government. The Corridor Strategy has attempted to stay clear of national direction but instead focus on the local needs; advocating for speed reductions, safety improvements and funding to undertake the work identified.
6. The Corridor Strategy has been developed to advocate for speed management and safety improvements along Waihi Road (State Highway 3) between Hāwera and Normanby. Speed management and safety improvements are required along this section of road to prepare for development occurring in the South Taranaki Business Park (Business Park) as well as to support District Plan Change 4: Urban Growth. Plan Change 4 proposes to update the zoning in the Hāwera Western and Hāwera Northern Structure Plan Areas.

## Ngā Kōwhiringa / Options – Identification and analysis

### Consultation

7. The Statement of Proposal ([Appendix 2](#)) contains the questions that went out for public consultation. Public consultation was held from Monday 4 December 2024 to Friday 28 February 2025. There were four questions in relation to speed which reflected the existing speed limit changes:  
 Section A: North of the Gull Petrol Station to north of Fitzgerald Road.  
 Section B: North of Fitzgerald Road to North of Kerry Road.  
 Section C: North of Kerry Road to the town entrance to Normanby.  
 Section D: Section between the Normanby town boundary.
8. There was a total of 102 submissions received through a mixture of online submissions and written submission forms. A hearing was held on Monday 24 March to listen to the submitters who wanted to speak to their submission points and five submitters spoke at this hearing.
9. Council staff and Mayor Nixon attended Arts in the Park which was held on the 7 December 2024 to undertake community consultation. The consultation sought feedback on what their preferred speed limits were. These results will be added under the relevant section in this deliberation report. It is estimated that 90 members of the community gave feedback and some of these people may have made a formal submission.



### Question 1 – Preferred speed limit for Section A (North of the Gull Petrol Station to North of Fitzgerald Road)

10. Question 1 sought feedback on the preferred speed limit of the section of state highway shown as Section A. There were 99 responses to this question. There were 47 submitters who wanted the speed to be reduced to 50km and 41 people who submitted to keep the speed at 70km.

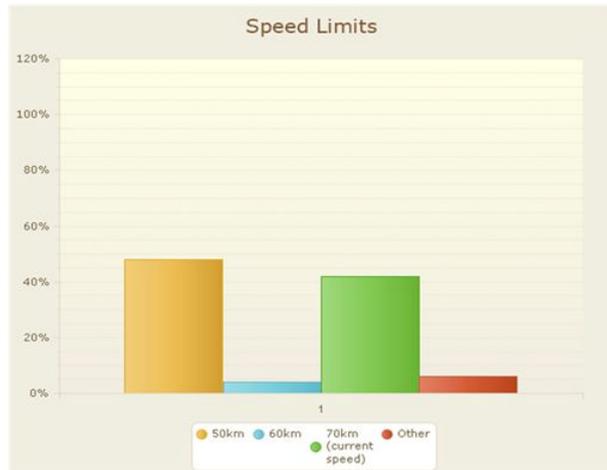


Figure 1: Preferred Speed Limit for Section A.

11. It was noted by several submitters that it is difficult to get back onto the state highway from Fitzgerald Road and Kerry Road, particularly when turning right towards Hāwera. Other submitters might not use Fitzgerald Road and Kerry Road and would see the Corridor as a connection route only.
12. Through informal feedback 30 people preferred 50km and 31 preferred 70km for the speed limit in Section A. The remaining feedback was spread out over speed limits exceeding the current speed limit of 70km.
13. This report recommends the Council advocates for the speed along Section A (North of the Gull Petrol Station to North of Fitzgerald Road) is reduced to 50km. Advocating for 50km for this section of road, essentially extends the 50km to just after Fitzgerald Road and will support for safer and more practical access to Fitzgerald Road and the Business Park.

**Question 2 – Preferred Speed Limit for Section B (North of Fitzgerald Road to North of Kerry Road)**

14. There were 98 responses to question 2. There were 40 submissions received in favour of moving the 70km speed limit from Section A to Section B. There were 28 submissions who sought the speed limit be reduced to 50km and 25 submitters who think the current posted speed limit of 100km is satisfactory.



Figure 2: Preferred Speed Limits for Section B.

- 15. The results were more widespread due through informal feedback. The majority of the feedback was in favour of 70km, with an equal amount of support for the speed to stay at 100km and for the speed to be reduced to 80km. There were also suggestions to reduce the speed further, to either 60km or 50km. There were requests for the speed in Section B to be reduced from 100km as a slower speed would make it easier for people to enter and exit Kerry Road while maintaining the efficiency of the network. Several requested a holistic review of the entire corridor, advocating for a consistent speed limit throughout to avoid varying speed changes. However, with other treatments proposed in this report, reducing the speed is just one factor that could enhance safety in this area.
- 16. This report recommends the Council advocates for the speed along Section B (Fitzgerald Road to North of Kerry Road) is 70km.

**Question 3 – Preferred Speed Limit for Section C (North of Kerry Road to the town entrance to Normanby)**

- 17. Section C currently has a posted speed limit of 100km and includes a passing lane for traffic travelling north towards Normanby. There were 95 responses to this question. There were 47 responses that advocated for Section C to remain at 100km and 43 submitters who sought for the speed to be reduced to 70km or 80km.

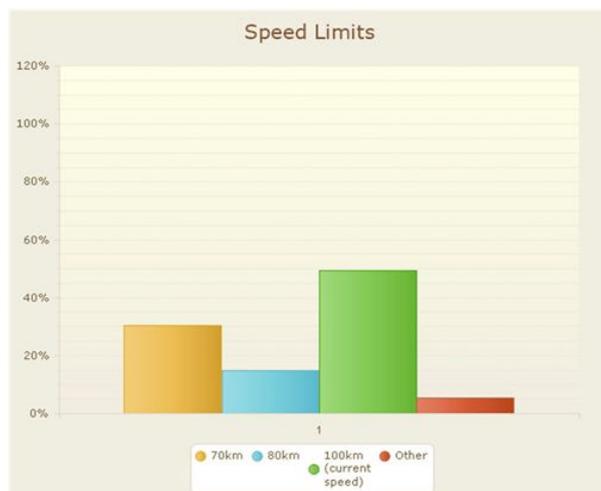


Figure 3: Preferred Speed Limits for Section C.

- 18. Through informal feedback 28 preferred the speed for Section C to remain at 100km, 27 supported reducing the speed to 70km and 22 supported reducing the speed to 80km. There was some support for the speed to be reduced further to either 60km or 50km.
- 19. A key message raised through the hearing was removing the passing as it was believed there would be less of an incentive for people to speed through the corridor. It was believed the passing lane encourages people to speed in order to pass cars, if the passing lane was removed, then it would be anticipated that excess speed would be reduced.
- 20. This report recommends the Council advocates for the passing lane to be removed and that a slip lane or median lane is installed to allow for safe turning. With these two treatments in place, this report recommends that the speed limit for Section C could remain at 100km.

**Question 4 – Preferred Speed Limit for Section D (Section between the Normanby town boundary)**

- 21. There were 96 submitters who responded to this question and of those 66 submissions favoured 70km as an appropriate speed for the Normanby township. There were 22 submitters who would like to see the speed reduced to 50km and another seven who believe 60km is a better speed for the area.

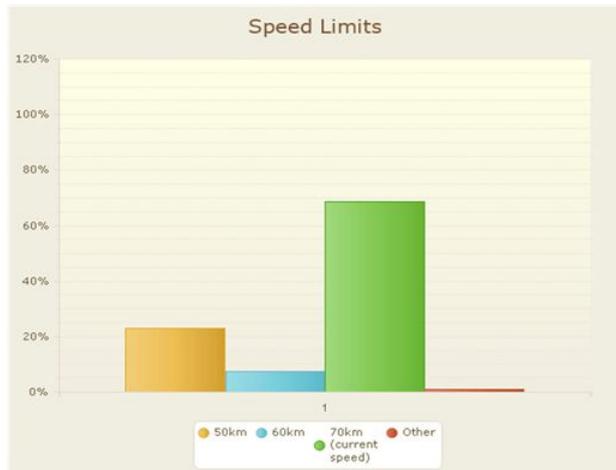


Figure 4: Preferred Speed Limits for Section D.

- 22. The majority of those that provided informal feedback favoured the speed to remain at 70km. There was some support for the speed to be reduced to 50km and a small number of people favoured a reduction to 60km.
- 23. Section D currently has the space and the roading design to allow for safe and practical access to the adjacent roads and properties. Multiple submitters recommended that a similar design be applied to the entire corridor to allow for safe access to properties, adjacent roads and other areas such as the aerodrome and the racecourse.
- 24. This report recommends the Council advocates for the speed along Section D remain at 70km, as vehicles are still able to move safely, however, other treatments are outlined in this report.

**Question 5 - Intersection upgrades**

- 25. Question 5 sought feedback from the community on what intersections should be upgraded in the future. There were 81 submitters who participated in this question. There were 65 people who supported the upgrades for Fitzgerald Road, 51 submissions in support of the Kerry Road intersection, 36 submissions for Ōhangai Road and 22 submissions for Māwhitwhiti Road intersections.

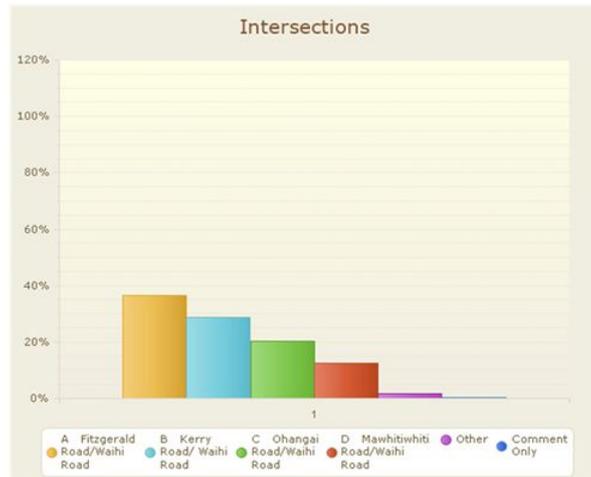


Figure 5: Preferred Intersection Upgrades.

- 26. Additional comments noted that the entrance of Kerry Road was closed, requiring all traffic to use Fitzgerald Road. It was suggested that intersections could be upgraded to include slip lanes and turning lanes, reducing the need for traffic to stop throughout this area.
- 27. This report recommends the Council advocates that Fitzgerald Road and Kerry Road are identified as the priorities in the final Corridor Strategy but mention of future upgrades for Ōhangai Road and Māwhitiwhiti Road intersections could also be included.

**Question 6 - Passing lane**

- 28. There were 93 responses to this question. There were 35 submissions to remove the passing lane entirely, 34 submitters wanted to keep the passing lane and also add a slip lane and 21 people submitted to keep the passing lane as it is.



Figure 6: Preferred Passing Lane Options.

- 29. During the hearing, submitters who lived in this section of road expressed their frustration on how difficult it is to turn right into their property. Maintaining a passing lane while adding a slip lane will not reduce these challenges for the property owners and it is anticipated that it would make it harder as there would more lanes to cross and more vehicles to give way to.

30. This report recommends the Council advocates for the removal of the passing lane as part of the final Corridor Strategy. There is a passing lane north of Normanby which is longer and safer to use and if the passing lane is removed, there would be no need to reduce the speed of Section C and could still maintain the efficiency of the network. This report highlights that this section of road would need to be altered to allow for left hand turning into residential properties and the Aerodrome, but also right hand turning into properties on the right-hand side.

#### **Question 7 – Signage entering Normanby**

31. Question 7 sought feedback on where the signage should be to slow traffic down to enter the Normanby township and there were 87 responses to this question. There were 51 submitters who believed the signage should be to the southern side of the Ōhangai Road/Waihi Road intersection so that people are slowing down before the intersection.
32. This report recommends the Council advocates that the signage is relocated to the southern side of Ōhangai Road to reduce speed before the intersection.

#### **Normanby School**

33. There were four submissions who requested safety treatments for the area outside Normanby School, to allow students and pedestrians to cross safely. The Draft Strategy identified that the state highway network splits Normanby in two halves and causes severance between the local community. Discussions on what to do in this area have been ongoing for 10+ years.
34. Recommendations included an underpass to allow pedestrians to cross the state highway without going across the road or a pedestrian crossing to require cars to give way to pedestrians. However, it is recommended that an island would help protect pedestrians while maintaining the efficiency of the network and would be a more cost-effective option.
35. This report recommends the Council advocates in the Corridor Strategy for a pedestrian island outside of Normanby School on the state highway.

#### **Slip lanes or median lanes**

36. The feedback from the community was clear that safety was a high priority. There was strong feedback around the use of slip lanes and median lanes to allow vehicles to turn safely and these would allow passing through traffic to continue without disruption. It is recommended that these options are taken into consideration in the final Corridor Strategy.

#### **Walkway and Cycleways**

37. There was support from the local community for safe walking and cycling along the corridor. Some of the submitters liked the idea of a 'loop track' which would connect with the walkway/cycleway down Ketemarae Road.
38. The Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) raised that they would like the area future proofed through this Corridor Strategy to enable other modes of transportation, which would align with emission reduction targets and support people to be active.

39. It is recommended that a statement advocates for this area to be accessible to walkers and cyclists, however note, this would be dependent on final designs, funding and space available.

### Lighting

40. There were numerous submissions that referred to extending the streetlights throughout the entire corridor. There is lighting proposed as part of the Business Park development and there is lighting in the Normanby section of the corridor. Lighting could make the area safer during the evenings, however, it is recommended that the priorities for the Corridor Strategy should be safe and practical access as well as appropriate speed management.
41. National legislation is undergoing significant change and transport related priorities have changed over the development of the Corridor Strategy. This means speed reductions, safety improvements and national funding opportunities have been restricted on both local roads and state highways. The corridor is under the designation of Waka Kotahi which is a central government organisation and although the Corridor Strategy can be used to advocate for changes, the decision ultimately sits with that organisation. There has been cross organisation collaboration over the development of the Corridor Strategy however, there is still a high degree of central government influence associated with the implementation of the Corridor Strategy.
42. One of the risks is the public perception that Council will be able to implement everything in the Corridor Strategy. A primary concern is that the corridor is not owned, maintained or under the authority of Council, and there is no guarantee that any of the desired changes will be implemented by Waka Kotahi. One way to mitigate this, is to be clear throughout the Corridor Strategy that the purpose is to advocate for better speed management and safety improvements, but the decision sits with Waka Kotahi. Council officers will continue to collaborate with Waka Kotahi to advocate and implement the strategic aspirations.
43. Timeframes and health and safety are consequential risks due to the political and public perception risks. The South Taranaki Business Park is under development and infrastructure is being installed. Once people and businesses begin to purchase and develop within the Business Park, traffic movements will increase, and more pressure will be put on Fitzgerald Road, Kerry Road and the state highway corridor. It is desirable to practice a proactive planning approach and implement the changes required before issues arise and to reduce the need to be reactive. Ensuring safe access to and from the Business Park and safety throughout the entire Corridor are the primary reasons that the Corridor Strategy has been developed.
44. Plan Change 4: Urban Growth and Plan Change 5: Financial Contributions are also currently underway, and notification is expected to occur mid 2025. The plan changes have the ability to attract attention to the area and organisations such as the TRC, Waka Kotahi and affected landowners will be able to make submissions on the plan changes. When land is potentially being rezoned, understanding the larger picture and considering the full effects of the plan changes will be debated through the hearing processes. Transport effects, and particularly access to and from the Business Park, is something that will likely be a recurring theme.

## Whaiwhakaaro me ngā aromatawai / Considerations and Assessments

### Local Government Purpose

45. Section 10 of the Local Government Act (LGA) states the purpose of local government. The purpose of local government is to enable democratic local decision-making and to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities now and into the future. The Corridor Strategy promotes social, economic and environmental well-being through the promotion of safe and practical access through the corridor.

### Assessment of Significance and Engagement

46. The level of significance of this matter has been determined by considering the following criteria and levels of engagement:

Criteria	Measure	Assessment
Degree	The number of residents and ratepayers affected and the degree to which they are affected by the decision or proposal.	HIGH, the Corridor is utilised by a large portion of the community regularly or periodically. People and organisations in other districts or regions could also be affected.
LOS	The achievement of, or ability to achieve, the stated levels of service set out in the Long Term Plan.	LOW, there is no alteration to the levels of service provided by Council.
Decision	Whether this type of decision, proposal or issue has generated wide public interest in South Taranaki.	MEDIUM, the Corridor is a well utilised section of road and could generate a high degree of public interest.
Financial	The impact of the decision or proposal on the Council's overall budget or its inclusion in an approved Long Term Plan and the ability to carry out existing or proposed functions and activities now and in the future.	LOW, a Corridor Strategy can be used for advocating for funding and safety improvements through Waka Kotahi, however, there may be considerations required in the near future to determine what other funding mechanisms could be used to contribute to safety improvements throughout the Corridor.
Reversible	The degree to which the decision or proposal is reversible.	LOW, the Strategy has been developed to advocate for speed reduction and safety improvements. However, the Strategy can be amended or revoked if required.
Environment	The degree of impact the decision will have on the environment.	LOW, the Corridor Strategy itself will not have any direct impacts on the environment.

47. In terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy this matter is of medium significance and has undertaken consultation using the Special Consultative Procedure as required.

## Legislative Considerations

### Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024

48. The Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 came into effect on the 30 September 2024 and replaced the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022. This rule sets out criteria, requirements and procedures to be followed by Road Controlling Authorities when reviewing and setting speed limits for roads. The stated objective of the rule requires us to contribute to an effective, efficient and safe land transfer system.
49. Any speed changes along the Corridor will be subject to alignment with the Land Transport Rule and any changes in relation to signage would also be required to comply with legislative requirements.

### Roading Bylaw 2014

50. The Council's Roothing Bylaw 2014 was created under Section 22AB of the Land Transport Act 1998. The purpose of the Roothing Bylaw is stated in Section 5.1, and the purpose of the Bylaw is to:
- a) Impose restrictions on certain roads to heavy traffic, where the street or road is not appropriate or safe for heavy traffic;*
  - b) Set appropriate speed limits within the District;*
  - c) Set requirements for the construction of vehicle access ways;*
  - d) Prescribe the conditions required for any works undertaken within the maintained roadway or surface, which may interfere with the safe and efficient flow of traffic;*
  - e) Protect roads from nuisances and damage;*
  - f) Enhance the safety of road users; and*
  - g) Manage the road asset for the wellbeing of the public at large.*
51. The Council is not the road controlling authority over the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor as it is under the designation of Waka Kotahi, however Council has a responsibility for managing all adjacent roads, footpaths and amenities that flow directly or indirectly onto the State Highway network. The purpose of the Strategy is to signal how Council would like to see the Corridor changed to suit the needs of the local community and collaborate with Waka Kotahi to achieve the objectives identified in the Strategy.

## Financial/Budget Considerations

52. The development of the Corridor Strategy itself can be completed within current operational budgets. The Corridor Strategy has been developed to advocate for speed management and safety improvements for the community now and in the future.

## Environmental Sustainability

53. The Council's Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2021 – 2051 identifies the vision as "Sustainable South Taranaki: A District that appreciates its natural environment and its physical and human resources in planning, delivery and protection."
54. The Corridor Strategy includes considerations of climate change particularly around emission reduction and how the lowering of speed can enable low emission travelling opportunities such as cycling throughout the corridor. Further Environment and

Sustainability Strategy considerations will be undertaken during the design and implementation stages.

### Consistency with Plans/Policies

55. This report is consistent with the Council’s Long Term Plan and District Plan and its commitment to enable the South Taranaki Business Park and Northern and Western Structure Plan areas.

### Affected Parties Consultation

56. During the consultation period, a letter drop was undertaken to capture residential properties that access directly from the corridor and surrounding properties. Properties in and around the Business Park were also notified through a letter drop and other stakeholders were notified via email.
57. A number of key stakeholders made submissions, some examples of these are Waka Kotahi, the Taranaki Regional Council, Sport Taranaki, the Hāwera Aero Club and Te Paepae o Aotea. Both Te Hāwera Community Board and the Eltham-Kaponga Community Boards made submissions.

### Whakakapia / Conclusion

58. The Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy aims to set out the strategic direction of the section of state highway between Hāwera and Normanby. This includes advocating for safety improvements as well as for better speed management along the corridor. We have received feedback from the local community on what they would like to see along this section of road and the resolutions from Council will contribute to the final Strategy to be adopted by Council in May 2025.

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### Attachments:

Appendix 1: Draft Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy

[Hawera to Normanby Corridor Strategy - 2024-11-26 For consultation.pdf](#)

Appendix 2: Statement of Proposal

[SOP Hawera to Normanby Strategy FINAL - 2024-11-27.pdf](#)

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## Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy





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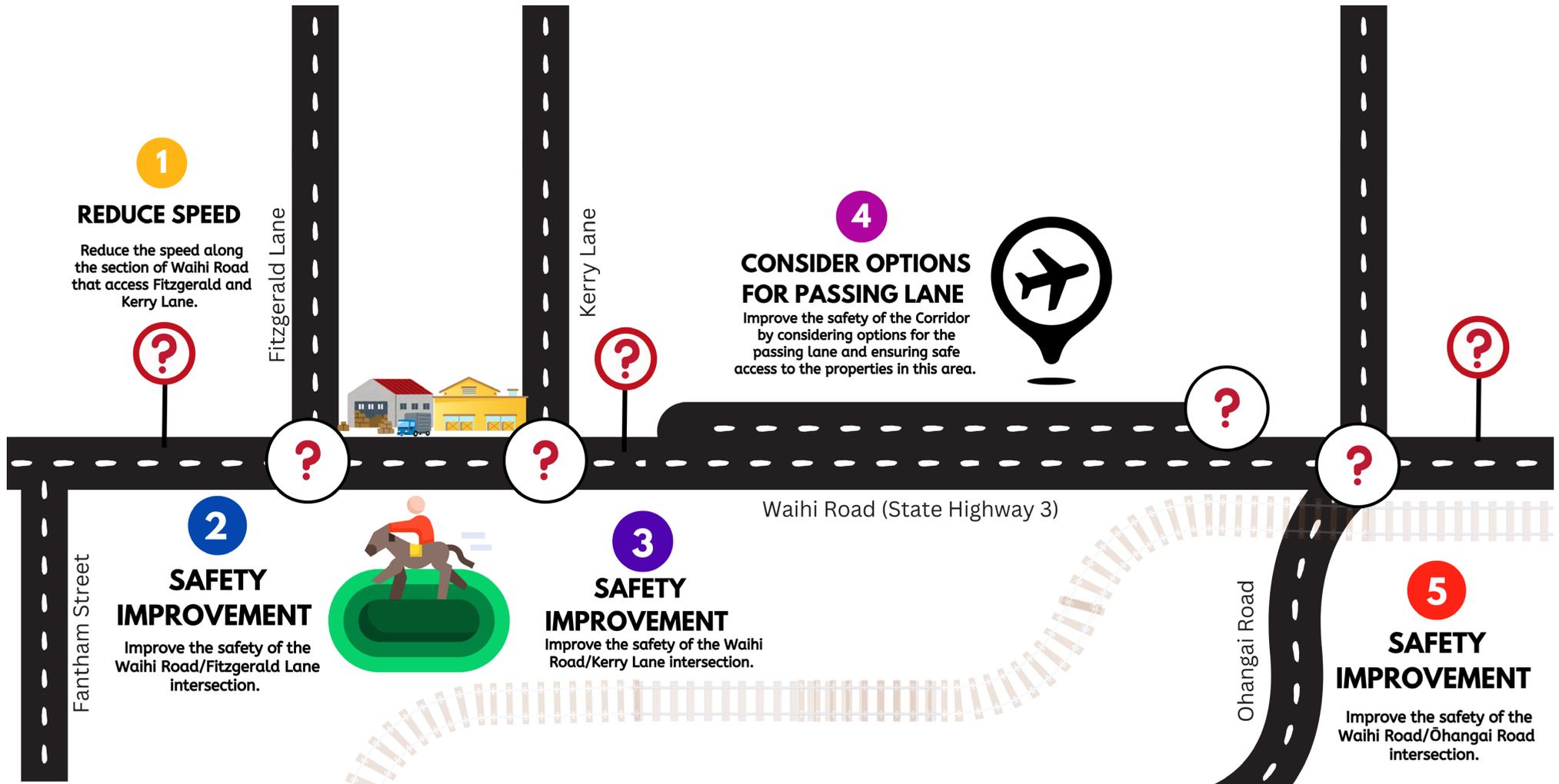
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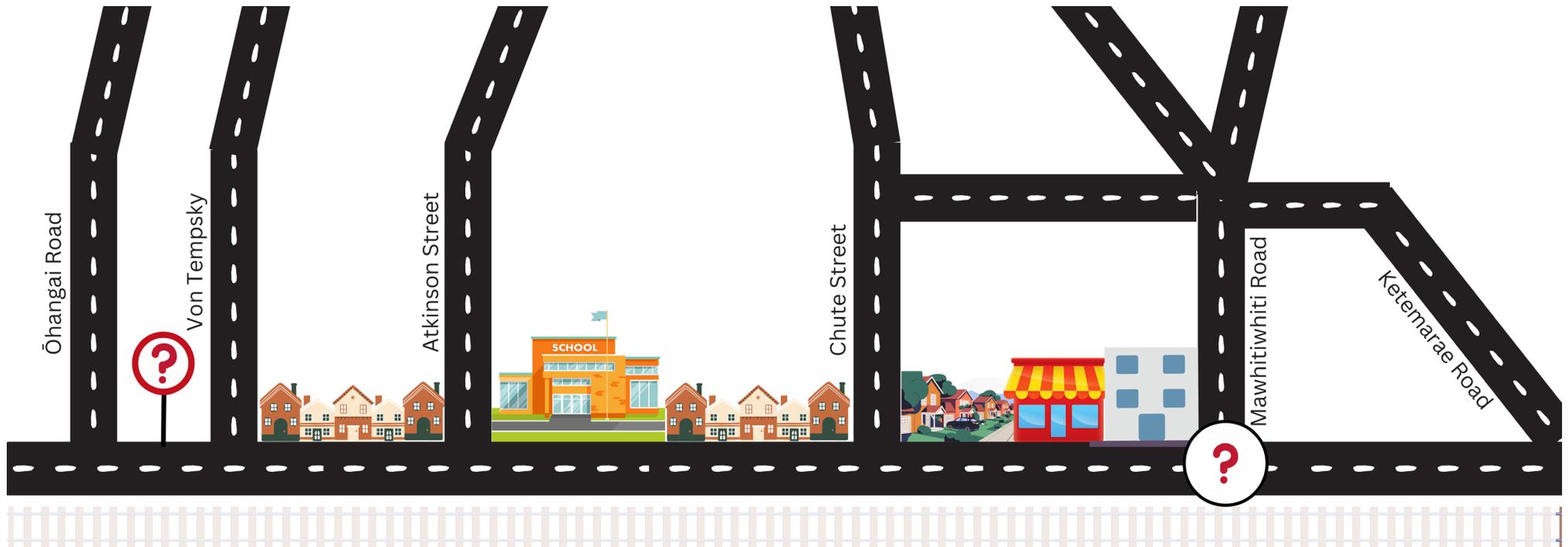
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# Mahere Kauhanga Corridor Roadmap



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**SAFETY  
IMPROVEMENT**  
Improving the Mawhitiwhiti  
Road/Waihi Road intersection is a  
priority to ensure the safe and  
practical access.

1.0

# Whakatakinga Introduction

The South Taranaki District Council has developed a Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy (the Strategy) to share the vision that Council has for the section of State Highway between Hāwera and Normanby (the Corridor). The Corridor is located on Waihi Road (State Highway 3) which acts as the primary connection route between Hāwera and New Plymouth and areas further South of Hāwera such as Whanganui and Palmerston North.

Hāwera is the main population centre in South Taranaki and the purpose of this Strategy is to advocate for safety improvements along the Corridor, enable free flowing transportation and inclusive transportation modes that align with the Council's strategic aspirations.

Hāwera and Normanby are connected by a 4.5km section of State Highway 3 (SH3). The Corridor is measured from the Glover/Waihi Road in roundabout in Hawera to the Ketemarae/Waihi Road intersection north of Normanby. This section of the State Highway is unique because it is utilised by several different land use activities and many of these activities rely on the Corridor for access and connectivity. These activities range from the Hāwera aerodrome, the Hāwera racecourse, an evolving South Taranaki Business Park as well as rural, commercial and residential activities. The surrounding properties contribute to the complexity of this area with the introduction of schools, different types of businesses (including heavy vehicle activities) and on-going urban development. These activities show the importance of a well-functioning corridor that is safe, resilient and efficient for all transport users.

The Strategy will be used to inform changes to the Council's District Plan, Long Term Plan as well as unlocking National and Regional Transport funding.



# 2.0

## Hokitanga Scope

The scope of the Strategy has been amended several times since it was originally drafted in 2022. Over the development of the Strategy, it has been debated over whether an Area-wide Strategy is more appropriate than a Corridor Strategy.

**Therefore, the scope of this Strategy is from the Glover Road/Waihi Road roundabout north of Hāwera, to the Ketemarae/Waihi Road intersection north of Normanby - a length of 4.5km.**

Due to the reduction in the Strategy scope, it must be noted that the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor serves an important role in the integration of transportation near and around South Taranaki. The community stakeholders that are located adjacent to the Corridor are important to South Taranaki and the role they play across the district. Council aim to adapt to the needs of these stakeholders, be inclusive to all land use activities throughout this area and provide connection beyond the Corridor itself. Although this Strategy is narrowly focused, there is merit in understanding the full picture that this Strategy will contribute to.

The Corridor is the main connection route between New Plymouth to Whanganui, Palmerston North and Wellington. The Corridor is a key connection for people who live in the Hāwera and Normanby area and a key route for Eltham residents and visitors. This Strategy does need to consider the integration for the wider area as any ongoing delays or disruptions in this area could generate negative effects on the local community.

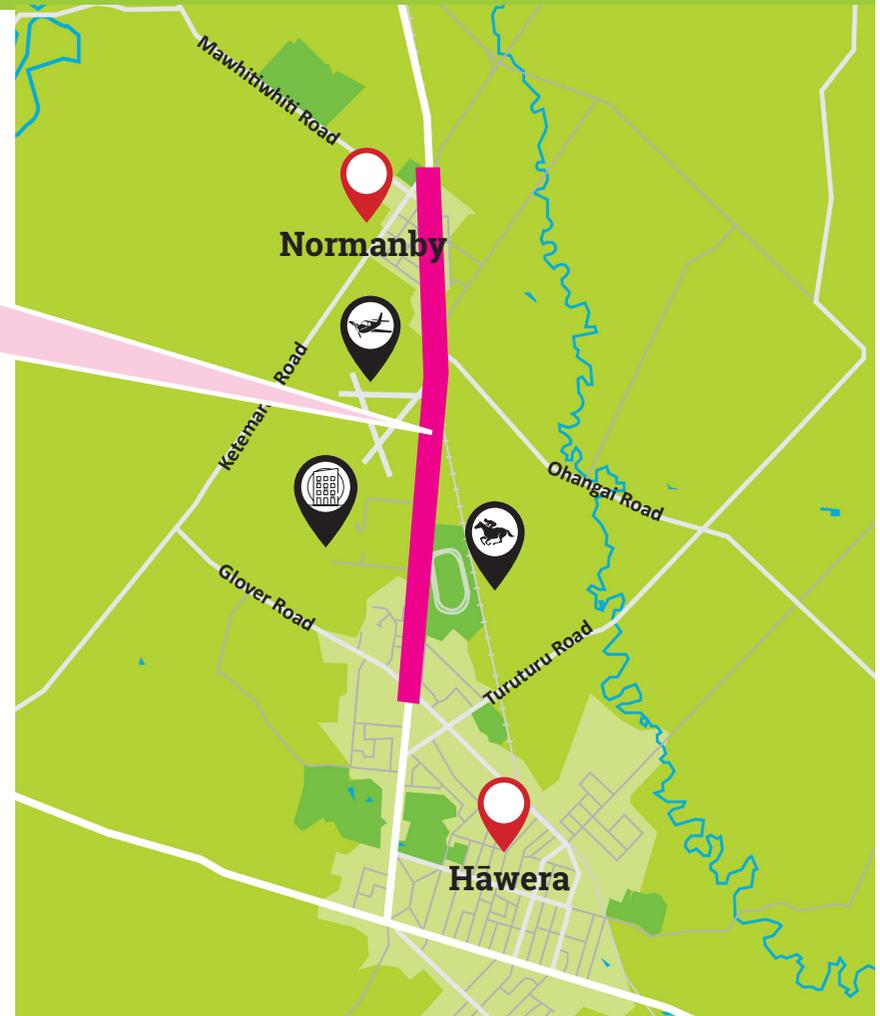


Figure 1: Scope of the Strategy.

**3.0**

Moemoea  
**The Vision**



**Create a built environment that connects people and place, safely and sustainably.**

Create an inclusive environment for all existing land use activities located within, and adjacent to, the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor. As well as being adaptable to new land use activities and development that may occur within or near this area. Connection between different industries, development and land use activities are critical to a well-built environment.

**Improve safety, accessibility and connectivity.**

Residents of all ages and abilities should be able to safely travel to, around and through Normanby and Hāwera. This includes safe connections across SH3 to reduce severance.

**Support the community vision for how they want to move and grow.**

Engage with the community on how they would like to move about the community and how they want growth areas to be designed and linked into the existing town fabric. Create an integrated land-use and transportation network that increases safety, liveability, reduces environmental impact and ensures cross disciplinary policy alignment.

# Moemoea

## The Vision



### Connect places for people while also supporting efficiency of SH3.

Change how people will travel between school, work, and other key destinations. People should be able to access key destinations and amenities easily and safely, without conflict with inter-regional freight movements. This includes identifying areas within the community that are people-focused, and can safely make local trips, while also providing parts of the network focused on efficient freight movements.

### Support community and climate change resilience.

Ensure policy and infrastructure encourage the uptake of sustainable travel options such as walking, cycling and public transport to reduce local carbon emissions. This includes measures to address travel demand and shifting travel behaviour and localising what people need to live in Hāwera and Normanby. Climate change mitigation and adaptation should be embedded into all strategic decision-making.

# 4.0

## Nga Whaingā The Objectives

### 4.1 Speed

The speed limit throughout the 4.5km of State Highway changes four times. Heading north from Hāwera to Normanby, the speed limit starts at 50km when located through the residential area. The speed limit increases to 70km in the commercial mixed-use zone before quickly changing to 100km. The Corridor contains a passing lane in the 100km zone before reducing the speed back to 70km as the highway passes through Normanby (shown in Figure 2).

A number of properties access the Corridor during the 70km – 100km speed limit areas. There are three main intersections in the 4.5km section where traffic movements may be low at this time, they are likely to increase due to residential development as well as the South Taranaki Business Park being developed throughout this area.

Turning onto the Corridor could cause traffic delays, particularly on the Fitzgerald Lane, Kerry Lane, Ohangai Road and Māwhitiwhiti Road intersections which would not contribute to the effectiveness of the state highway network. The intersection between Ohangai Road/Waihi Road is impacted by the Marton to New Plymouth railway line which creates safety concerns for heavy vehicles or long vehicles trying to turn onto Waihi Road.

Council will continue to advocate for safe access to and from adjoining roads as well as better management of speed along the Corridor.

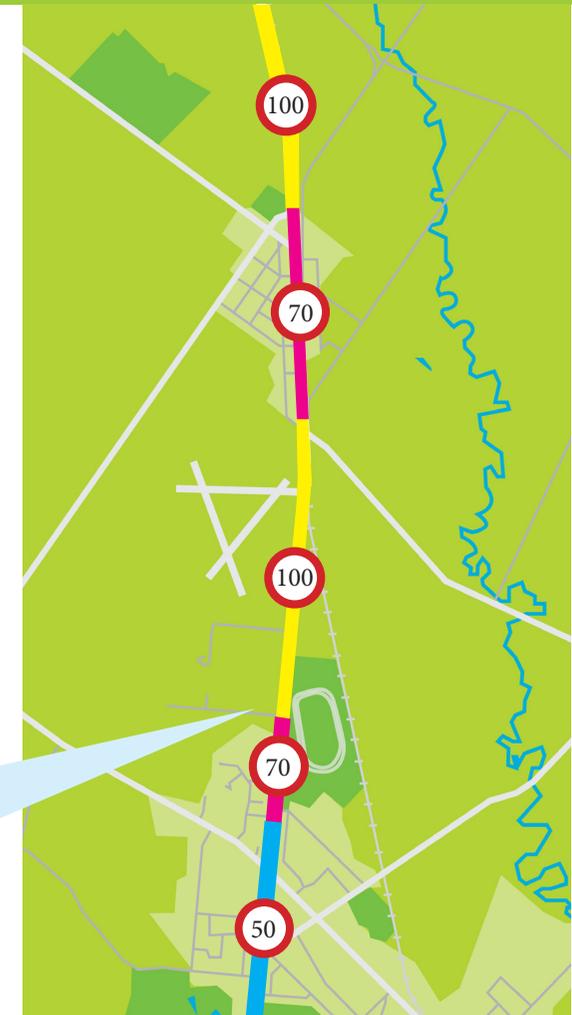
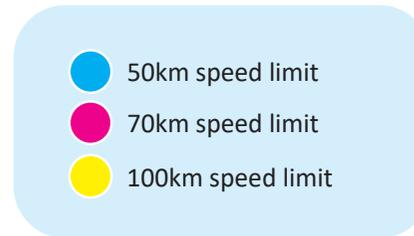


Figure 2: Speed Limit across the Corridor.

# Nga Whaingā

## The Objectives

### 4.2 Severance

The purpose of the state highway network is primarily about keeping through traffic moving safely and efficiently with appropriate efficient access, especially in urban areas of economic activity. One of the challenges is that this Corridor is designed for intercity connection which bypasses Hāwera in order to connect to New Plymouth with Whanganui, Palmerston North or Wellington. This Corridor focuses on the movement of motor and heavy vehicles as ‘through traffic’ but does not consider how the local communities want to move and connect with surrounding networks and areas.

Community severance is defined as ‘separation of people from facilities, services and social networks they wish to use within their community; changes in comfort and attractiveness of areas; and/or people changing travel patterns due to the physical, traffic flow and/or psychological barriers created by transport corridors and their use’.<sup>1</sup>

The Corridor creates severance between Hāwera and Normanby, but it also separates Hāwera and Normanby into western and eastern sides of the highway. There are no pedestrian considerations (pedestrian crossings or walkways), no cycleway considerations, no slip lanes or safety improvements to enable connection or social cohesion. It is apparent that the Corridor prioritises through traffic vehicle movements and is designed to move traffic at a regional or national level, lacking local level considerations.

<sup>1</sup> Quigley, Thornley, Quigley and Watts Ltd. Literature review on community cohesion and community severance: definitions and indicators for transport planning and monitoring, (2011).

### 4.3 Urban Growth and Plan Changes

Council are in the process of undertaking a District Plan Change under the Resource Management Act 1991 to support urban growth in the Hāwera Western and Northern Structure Plan areas. One of the challenges associated with the Urban Growth is to determine any effects that may derive on local infrastructure as well as the State Highway network. The Hāwera Western and Northern Structure Plan areas are identified in the Operative District Plan as areas where Council are supportive and encouraging growth in these areas.

These areas have seen ad hoc development and in 2021, Council made a decision to provide the infrastructure in the Northern Structure Plan area to enable the development of the South Taranaki Business Park. When fully developed, the South Taranaki Business Park could attract more than 80 businesses into the area, resulting in hundreds of new jobs. The Hāwera Western Structure Plan is being reviewed to ensure that the zoning, connection networks and infrastructure are designed appropriately to enable successful development in this area and a well-functioning environment. The Urban Growth Plan Change is working towards notification in 2024 and will follow the standard Plan Change process under the Resource Management Act 1991.

Safe connections, intersections and access points to and from Waihi Road (State Highway 3) are critical to the success of the Structure Plan areas. Adapting to how people want to move and grow in Hāwera as well as ensuring that any effects are managed appropriately are key responsibilities of Council.

# Nga Whaingā

## The Objectives

### 4.4 Costs

All infrastructure projects cost money and both Council and NZTA have priority schedules that are allocated through the Long Term Plan (LTP) and the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS). Both of these Plans set out the strategic direction for the next 10 years, how much the projects will cost and how they will be paid for. There are no projects within Taranaki included in the draft GPS 2024 and Council will be required to apply for funding for projects.

Partnership between NZTA and STDC is crucial in the successful achievement of shared corridor strategy objectives, which will require substantial funding in the coming years. NZTA currently contribute 65% of every dollar Council spends on roading projects across South Taranaki. As the Corridor area is identified as a priority area for Council, it's crucial for the Council and NZTA to consider how to integrate land use planning, low cost alternatives and strategic planning for this area.

This Corridor Strategy helps NZTA make investment decisions from the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF). It will also provide strategic direction for funding decisions in the next Long-Term Plan process for South Taranaki in 2027.

Concept designs for SH3 improvements between Fitzgerald Lane and Kerry Lane have been developed collaboratively between STDC and NZTA roading engineers. Any plans for this area will be finalised through relevant design, consultation and governance processes to ensure that this Corridor is being designed in accordance with the objectives of this Strategy.

### 4.5 State Highway

Due to the Corridor being a designation of the NZTA, this section of road is not owned, managed or paid for by the Council. Prioritising projects that are significant for the Council at a local level might not align with the projects occurring at a national scale for NZTA. It is noted that Council and NZTA align with similar goals and visions for the roading network, but due to Taranaki being a smaller region, resources can be allocated into larger cities with regional or national importance. There are challenges in finding the balance between what is a priority for Council at a local level and what the priorities are for NZTA at a national level. Council and NZTA continue to work together to strike this balance, which will further strengthen their relationship and advocacy efforts.

# Nga Whaingā

## The Objectives

### 4.6 Climate Change

Embedding climate change into strategic decision-making is an ongoing challenge that the Council face. Council made a commitment to mitigate and adapt to climate change effects as part of the Environment & Sustainability Strategy which was adopted in 2021. Extreme weather events are becoming more frequent, and these events can create damage to the Council's roading infrastructure. When making strategic decisions, Council need to consider any climate change related effects to ensure that any designs are resilient, fit for purpose and enable reliable connections if a climate change related event was to occur. Not preparing for climate change events could mean Council spend more money in the future repairing roading upgrades or intersections that have been damaged due to weather events.

Climate change mitigation is related to the reduction of carbon emissions. Reducing carbon emissions is one of the goals Council have set through the Environment & Sustainability Strategy and Council aspire to be a carbon neutral district by 2050. Rethinking how people travel in South Taranaki is one of the steps to work towards carbon neutrality by 2050. This is a shift that needs to happen district wide but is particularly relevant to the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor. The distance between Hāwera and Normanby is appropriate for different transportation modes and does not need to prioritise vehicle access only. An objective would be to have shared access to and from the adjacent roading networks so that people can move around Hāwera and Normanby using alternative means of transportation and rely less on personal vehicles.

### 4.7 Integration Network

The scope of this Strategy is narrow and focuses on the key priority areas for Council. Although the Corridor is 4.5km in length, this route is critical to the connection between other cities across the lower north island. There is an alternative route around the Taranaki coast (State Highway 45) but this route is slightly longer, has fewer passing lanes and less rest stops and gas stations for heavy vehicles. State Highway 3 is a priority route and most of the primary and secondary collector roads find a connection to this highway.

One of the key outcomes of this Strategy is to provide integration between the Corridor and the wider region. Creating a well-functioning environment is more than just moving inter-regional vehicles quickly, but allowing for a wider local connection, different modes of transportation, social cohesion and free flowing vehicles from all intersections that feed directly into the Corridor.

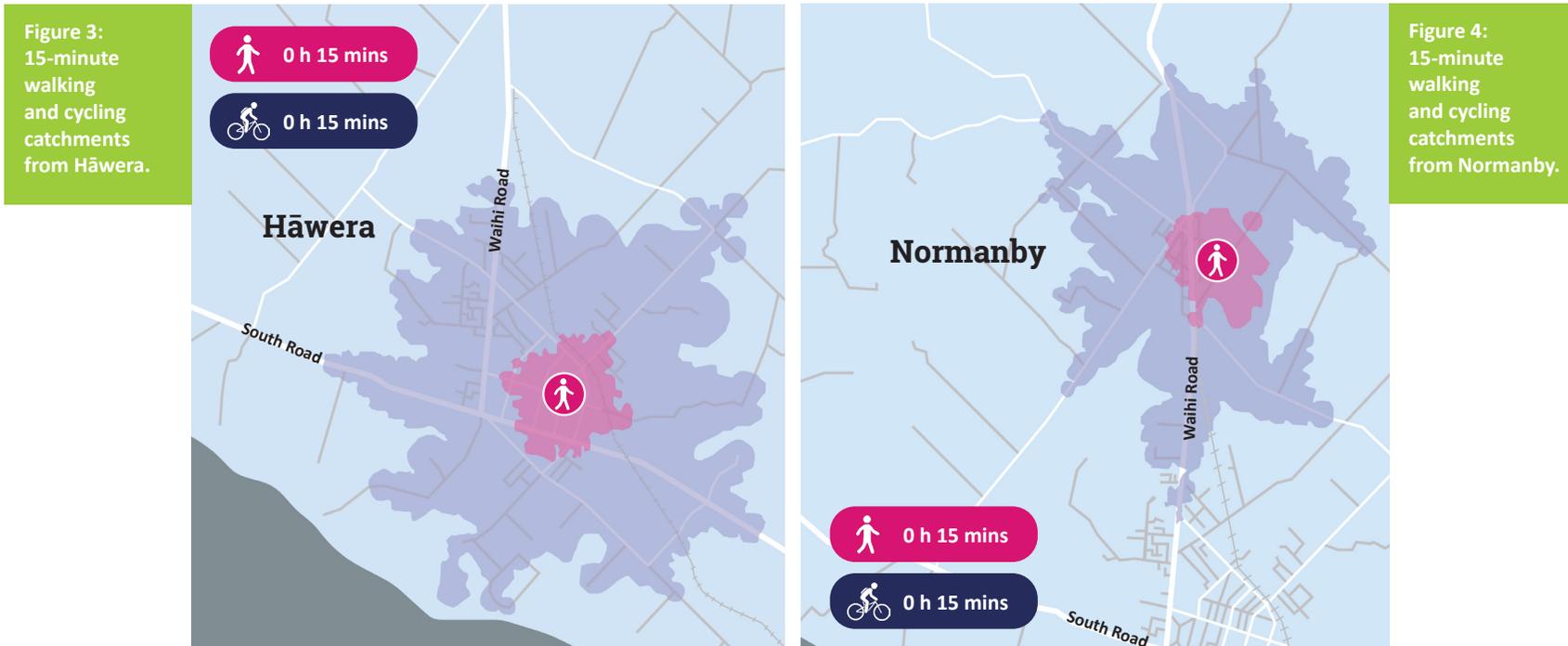
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## Ahuatanga Inaianei Current Situation

### 5.1 Transport System

#### Walking, Cycling and Public Transport

The Council’s walking network consists mainly of footpaths in and around Hāwera and Normanby. There are no dedicated cycle lanes between Hāwera and Normanby. Cyclists must either share the State Highway network (SH3) with cars, motorbikes and heavy vehicles or use the Ketemarae Road pathway, sharing the footpath with pedestrians. Figures 3 and 4 show the walking options around Hāwera and Normanby as a 15 minute walk radius from the centre of the Hāwera township and Normanby.



# Ahuatanga Inaianei

## Current Situation

### Alternative Routes

Between Hāwera and Normanby there are two alternative routes – the Glover/ Ketemarae Road options and the Turuturu/Ōhangai Road route. These alternative routes are good options if there is an accident on the Corridor, delays from road works or another reason there may be a temporary road closure. Both roads are considered suitable for heavy vehicles but towards the northern intersections for both routes, there are effectiveness constraints. The Ketemarae/Waihi Road intersection bypasses through a residential and mixed use area. There may be noise effects that occur on surrounding property owners and constant heavy traffic could damage the roading network. The Ōhangai/Waihi Road intersection includes an active railway line, and heavy or long vehicles cannot park over the railway line while giving way. Both of these routes are sufficient for short term detours but would not be suitable for full time use.

These alternative routes are suitable for standard vehicle types but are slightly longer in travel time and distance. Pulling onto Waihi Road can be difficult due to traffic, and it is recommended to avoid travelling these routes during peak times where possible.

For walking and cycling alternative routes, the travel time is longer and is not the most efficient route to travel between Hāwera and Normanby. The purpose of the State Highway network is to create efficiencies in travel time and ensuring that these connections are safe and practical for all road users is an improvement that can be made here.

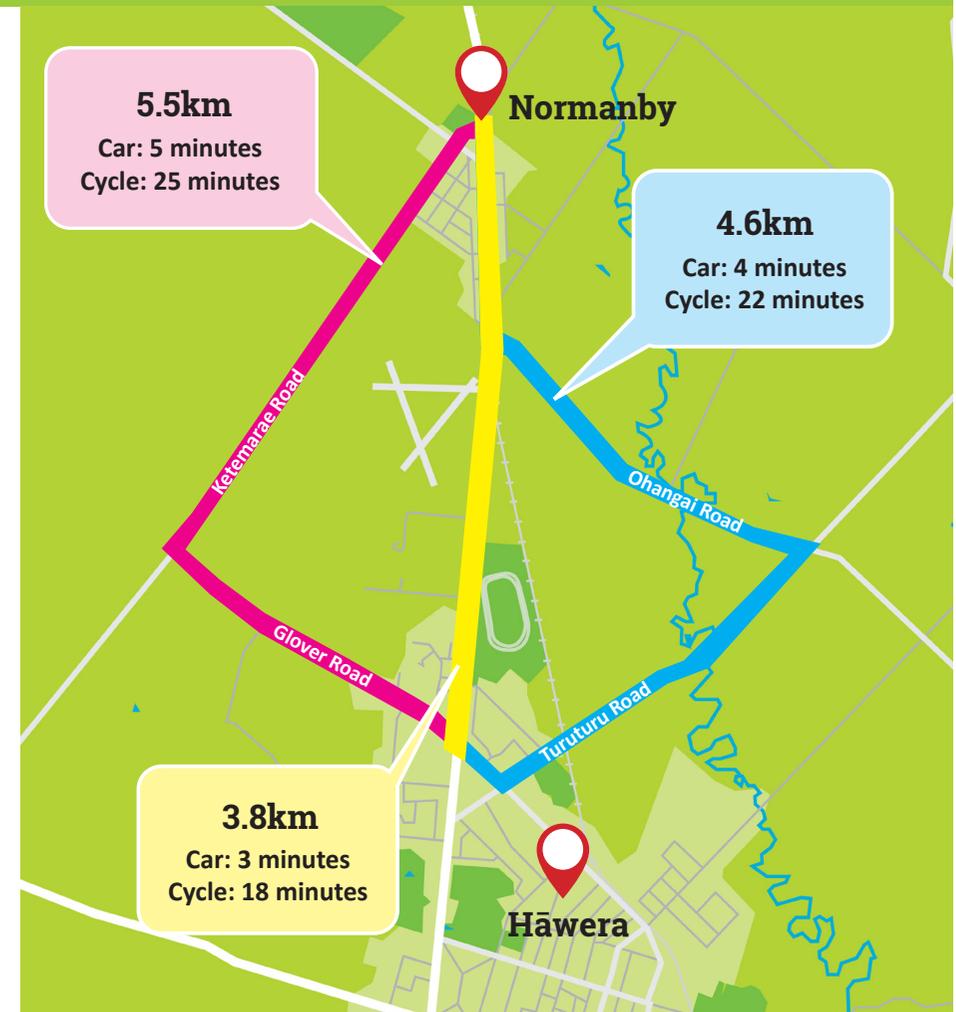


Figure 5: Alternative travel routes and times.

# Ahuatanga Inaianei

## Current Situation

### Cross District Commuters

Taranaki is a region where cross district commuting is common, which means people work and live in different districts. Figure 6 shows that the South Taranaki District benefits from people commuting from Stratford and New Plymouth. The primary route for commuters into South Taranaki is through the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor. Statistics New Zealand (Stats NZ) identifies that over 9,000 commuters move from rural and urban areas across South Taranaki every day and shows how employment can have impacts on how people move across the region. It is anticipated that the South Taranaki Business Park will increase these commuter statistics and increase vehicle movements through the Corridor.

### South Taranaki Stakeholders

The key industries across South Taranaki are primary industries (farming, food and forestry) but also energy (oil and gas and renewable energy). There are major industries located on the outskirts of Hāwera but also throughout the wider district. This Corridor is well utilised for these industries, and it is the primary route north to New Plymouth, Hamilton and Auckland but also the eastern cities and towns such as Tauranga and Whakatāne. A well-functioning corridor will need to benefit the existing industries across South Taranaki that use the Corridor but also those that have to access the Corridor from one of the intersections.

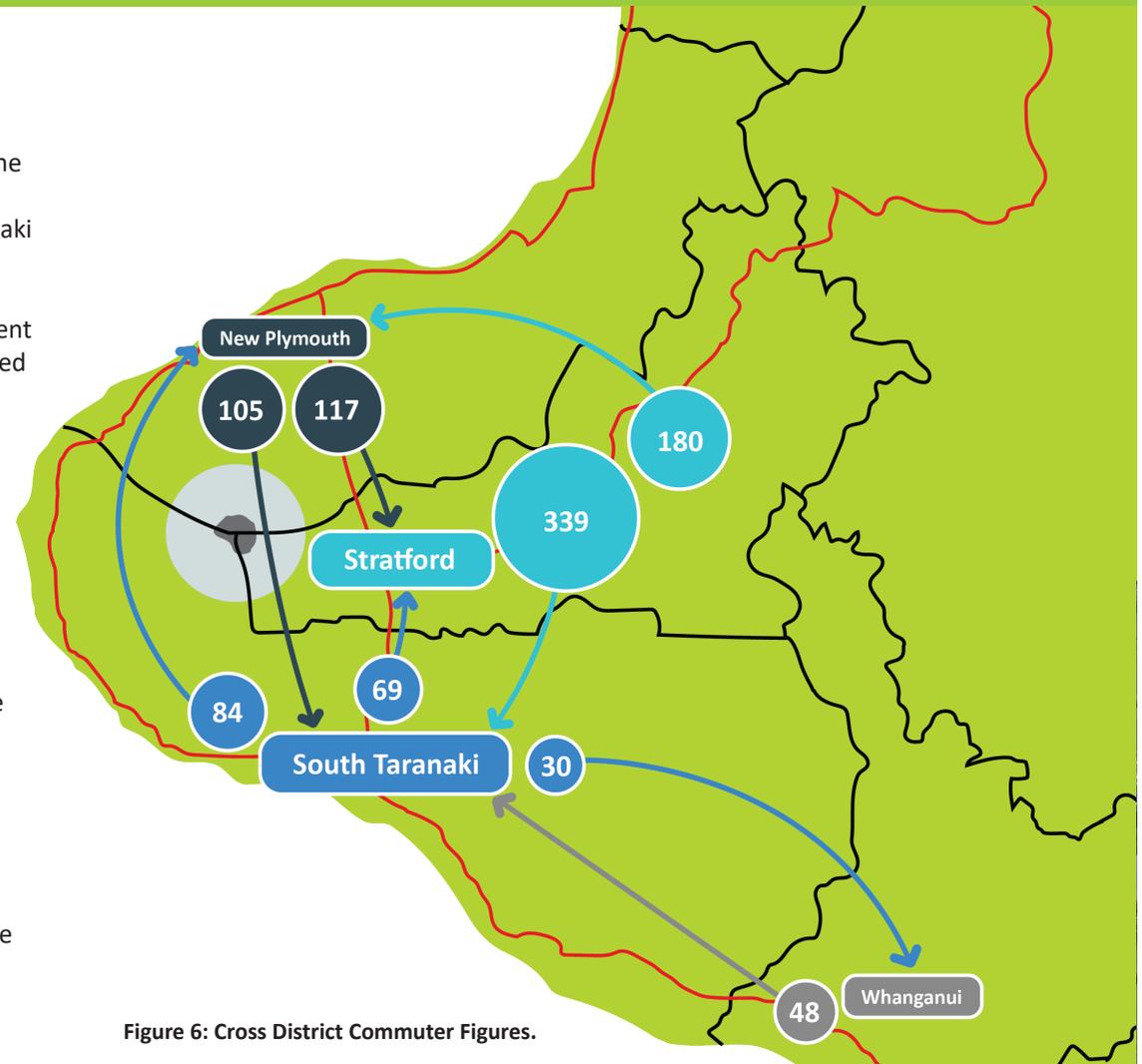


Figure 6: Cross District Commuter Figures.

# Ahuatanga Inaianei

## Current Situation

### The Corridor Stakeholders



#### South Taranki Business Park

STDC is in the process of establishing the South Taranaki Business Park on the western side of Waihi Road, between Hāwera and Normanby. The South Taranaki Business Park will provide jobs, opportunities and bring businesses into the district, which will boost its economic development and attract more people to the area. It has been identified in the feasibility assessment that the Business Park will create 80 plus business opportunities for Hāwera.

The purpose of the South Taranaki Industrial Park Initial Business Case and Feasibility Report in 2019 was to assess the demand

for commercial and industrial zoned land. The report concluded that there was significant demand for commercial and industrial zoned land, and it also identified the western side of State Highway 3 (Waihi Road) was the most suitable location for this type of development. Council is in the process of implementing the Business Park development which is occurring in a three-stage approach over the period of 2021 – 2027 where stages 1 and 2 will simultaneously. \$15 million has been assigned to the development of the Business Park in the 2021-31 Long-Term Plan to install infrastructure which was increased to \$22million as part of the 2024-2034 Long-Term Plan.



# Ahuatanga Inaianei

## Current Situation



### Residential Properties

Residential development across the Hāwera and Normanby areas has been occurring rapidly and the South Taranaki District Council is expecting approximately 1400 new residential allotments and 80 plus business opportunities through residential development and subdivisions. A recent subdivision granted at the end of 2021 was the Longview Subdivision on Turuturu Road, Hāwera. It will create 266 residential sections with roading connections and a reserve. Larger scale residential subdivisions are becoming increasingly popular in the Hāwera area because of the housing demand and urban growth. STDC has created the Hāwera West Structure Plan to enable residential development and a section of the Hāwera North Structure Plan will also have a residential component.

Hāwera is the only town in the South Taranaki District to have a residential intensification zone which allows for more compact residential development. The Intensification Zone is shown in the highlighted yellow colour on Figure 8 which surrounds the heart of the Hāwera township. The Intensification Zone shows the higher population areas in Hāwera which have access to stores, medical centres, and other facilities. Residential Intensification is an aspiration of central government due to residential capacity requirements and the speed urban growth is occurring across the entirety of New Zealand.



Figure 7: Longview subdivision scheme plan.

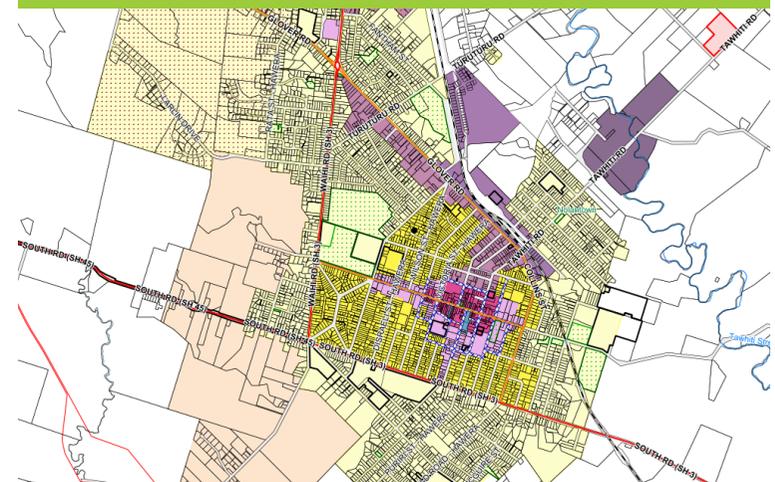


Figure 8: Hāwera zoning overlays.

# Ahuatanga Inaianei

## Current Situation



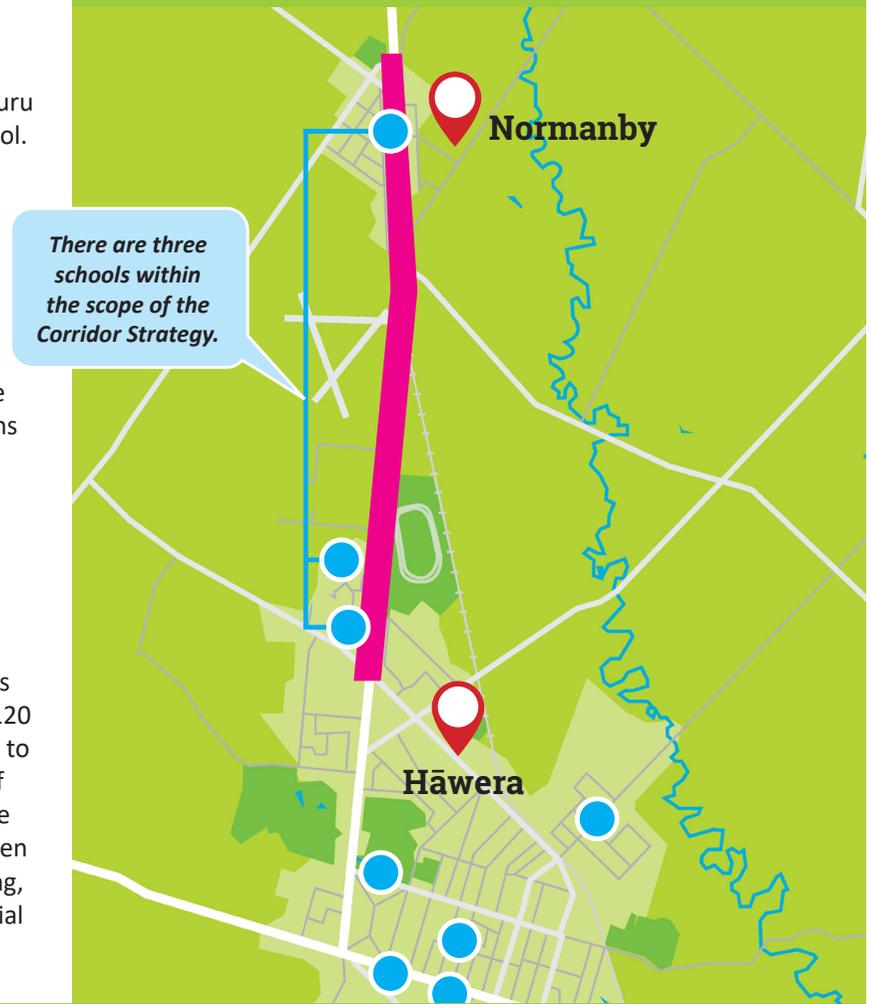
### Schools

Figure 9 shows the location of the schools in Hāwera and Normanby. There are three schools within the scope of the Corridor Strategy. Tukururu School, OneSchool Global Hāwera Campus and Normanby Primary School. Safe and practical access to all schools is required to ensure safety for the youth across Hāwera and Normanby. A number of these schools are located on or near State Highway 3 or primary collector roads, which means that alternative transportation may already be available along these routes.

Many of the schools in Hāwera are accessible by walking and cycling for those who live in the urban area; however, safety improvements may be required to improve the real and perceived safety of younger generations using these modes. School travel plans including education, incentives, activities, and information provision would further encourage uptake of active modes for kids travelling to school. There should be safe routes to all local schools to try and limit the need for driving students across Hāwera to attend education. This will allow for sustainable outcomes as well as health, safety, and wellbeing.

OneSchool Global Hāwera Campus is located on Fitzgerald Lane, which is within the South Taranaki Business Park. The Hāwera campus is one of 120 campuses across 20 countries and students from all over Taranaki travel to attend the school. It is not a designated site or owned by the Ministry of Education as it is privately owned and operated. The development of the South Taranaki Business Park means extra care will need to be taken when implementing land use planning, spatial planning, and transport planning, to ensure the school can continue to operate in the commercial/industrial area and people can travel to and from work safely.

Figure 9: Location of Schools in Hāwera and Normanby.



# Ahuatanga Inaianei

## Current Situation



Figure 10: Entrance to Hāwera Aerodrome.



### Aerodrome

The Hāwera Aerodrome is an established privately owned airfield and is the only aerodrome in South Taranaki. It is located on Waihi Road (State Highway 3) and can be accessed on Waihi Road. The entrance to the Hāwera Aerodrome is located on Waihi Road in the 100km speed limit where the north-bound passing lane runs between Hāwera and Normanby. Currently, there is no shoulder or slip lane that people can use to slow down in order to access the aerodrome. Maintaining safe access to and from the aerodrome is important to STDC and NZTA and want to ensure that safe access is available to and from the site.

# Ahuatanga Inaianei

## Current Situation



### Racecourse

The Hāwera Racecourse is home to the Ōpunakē and Egmont Racing Clubs. It is a popular location for the residents in South Taranaki and has a lot of support from the community. The racecourse is located on State Highway 5 and attracts people from outside of the South Taranaki District. Travel planning for these events, including bus shuttles to the venue, information provision for attendees who wish to travel by bikes and other interventions should be considered to reduce congestion and social impacts due to increased vehicle travel during these events. The concept designs for State Highway 5 improvements include closing the main entrance to the Racecourse (opposite Fitzgerald Lane) and utilising existing entrances to the north and south.



### Businesses

Hāwera is experiencing steady numbers of urban growth, which can trigger new employment opportunities and stronger economic communities. There are businesses throughout the town and there is a range of retail, hospitality, commercial and industrial components across the town. A well-functioning economy can provide a range of benefits for the people, connected communities, where the benefits and social benefits for the residents within Hāwera. STDC and NZTA should work together to ensure that access to local businesses is safe, user friendly and accessible by different means of transportation to align with the sustainability goals of this Strategy.

The businesses located between Hāwera and Normanby may be affected by the development of the South Taranaki Business Park. Many effects are positive as they will form a commercial and industrial hub that people can access. The economic development and employment rates will increase. For the new businesses, factors such as access, transport, landscaping, and any other effects can be mitigated through the imposition of conditions (where resource consent has been triggered) which allows Council to assess environmental effects and mitigate, remedy, or avoid as appropriate.



6.0

# Ahuatanga Inaianei Strategic Alignment

## Central Government



- National transport policy and legislation.
- Helps manage the interface with other government entities.
- Provides policy advice to the government on legislation, policy, funding levels, priorities agency governance, performance and accountability.



- Manages the State Highway Network
- Driver and vehicle licensing
- Contribute funding towards roading related infrastructure

## Regional Council



Regional Public Transportation.

### Strategic Planning

- Regional Policy Statements.
- Regional Plans.
- Regional Land Transport Plans.
- Long Term Plan.

Manage and distribute public transport funding.

## Local Council



### Operational

- Local roads.
- Footpaths and cycleways.
- Street lighting, pedestrian crossings, speed bumps and signage.
- Parking.
- Road safety works.

### Strategic Planning

- Transport Planning.
- Spatial planning
- Growth Strategy
- Transport Strategy
- Long Term Plan
- Infrastructure Strategy.
- Resource Consents.
- District Plans.
- Activity Management Plans.

# Ahuatanga Inaianei

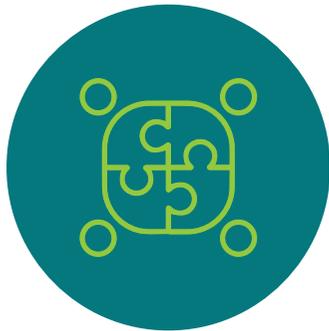
## Strategic Alignment

### South Taranaki District Long Term Plan

The South Taranaki District Council (STDC) vision is:

**“Taranaki ki te Tonga - ka puta, ka ora! South Taranaki - great people, connected communities, where we belong.”**

The four wellbeings associated with the visions are:



**Mana Mauri/Cultural well-being.**

Creative, diverse communities that enhance the mauri of our people.



**Mana Tangata/Social well-being.**

Safe, connected communities where people feel happy and proud of where we live.



**Mana Oranga/Economic well-being.**

Flourishing communities with a diverse economy, innovative people and resilient infrastructure.



**Mana Taiao/Environment well-being.**

Sustainable communities that manage resources in a way that improves our environment for future generations.

# Kaupapa Here Tiaroaro

## Strategic Alignment

### Regional Alignment

The vision for the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) is:

**“A vibrant, resilient and connected region, with a safe, sustainable transport system enhancing liveable places.”**

#### Objectives - Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki (2024)

**Objective 1  
Integrated**

An integrated and collaborative approach to transport and land use planning that maximises transport effectiveness.

**Objective 2  
Enabling**

A reliable and resilient land transport system that enhances economic wellbeing, growth and productivity, in the Taranaki region and beyond.

**Objective 3  
Safe and healthy people**

Protecting people from transport-related deaths and serious injuries, and making active and shared travel an attractive option.

**Objective 4  
Accessible**

A people focused, multi-modal land transport system that caters for the different and changing needs of transport users, connection communities and enables participation.

**Objective 5  
Resilient and responsive**

A transport system that is robust, responsible to changing needs and resilient to external influences, including climate change.

**Objective 6  
Environmentally sustainable**

An energy efficient and environmentally sustainable land transport system with less reliance on private vehicles.

# Kaupapa Here Tiaroaro

## Strategic Alignment

The Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) are responsible for creating and implementing the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP). The latest Land Transport Plan was adopted on 21 June 2024 and the Corridor is referred to in the RLTP as the SH3 Central Corridor. The strategic role of this Corridor is identified as the primary intra-regional corridor within and through Taranaki.

The intersection improvements related to the South Taranaki Business Park have been identified as regionally significant and the safety improvements along Kerry and Fitzgerald Lanes have been given a priority rating of 4 to be completed over the 2024 – 2027 period.

A review of the public transport system across Taranaki has been given a priority rating of 2 for the 2024 – 2027 period and Council will collaborate with TRC to determine what public transport options can be incorporated into the development of the Business Park and what role public transport may have in the upgrades of the Corridor.

The vision and objectives of the Plan align with the purpose of the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy and the improvements that Council are wanting to advocate for in this area.

### Regional Alignment

#### Ministry of Transport

The Ministry of Transport’s Outcomes Framework 2018 provides the national direction for transportation. The purpose and the desired outcomes of this Framework are identified below:



# Kaupapa Here Tiaroaro

## Strategic Alignment

### Government Policy Statement on Land Transport

The Strategic Priorities for the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS) have been set and these are listed below:

- Economic Growth and Productivity;
- Increase maintenance and resilience;
- Safety, and;
- Value for money.

These are the goals Council are trying to achieve for the Corridor and although they don't directly align with the GPS because of the localised scale, the Corridor is the most significant connection route in South Taranaki and has been identified as regionally important in the RLTP. Council will continue to advocate for safety improvements throughout the Corridor, create resilient infrastructure, consider cost effective options and consider economic growth and productivity in all future designs and plans.

### NZTA Safety Improvements

NZTA have begun work on the New Plymouth to Hāwera safety improvement project which was initiated in 2023/2024. Figure 11 shows the locations the safety improvement project includes and what the safety improvement mechanism is. In the South Taranaki district there are two key improvement projects, one of these projects is north of Normanby and the other is located within the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor. Figure 11 shows that a 2.65km flexible median barrier will be installed between the north and south facing traffic between Hāwera and Normanby but there has been confirmation that this safety improvement is no longer scheduled to occur. There have been no other safety improvements released for this area.



Figure 11: New Plymouth to Hāwera safety improvements.

# Kaupapa Here Tiaroaro Strategic Alignment

## Intervention Hierarchy

NZTA have an intervention hierarchy diagram which serves to optimise existing and new investments in the land transport system. The aim is to help drive value for money by promoting low cost investment ahead of more costly physical infrastructure and technological investment. Council will continue to advocate for safety improvements throughout the Corridor using the intervention hierarchy and this will be implemented into any designs or plans created for the Corridor.

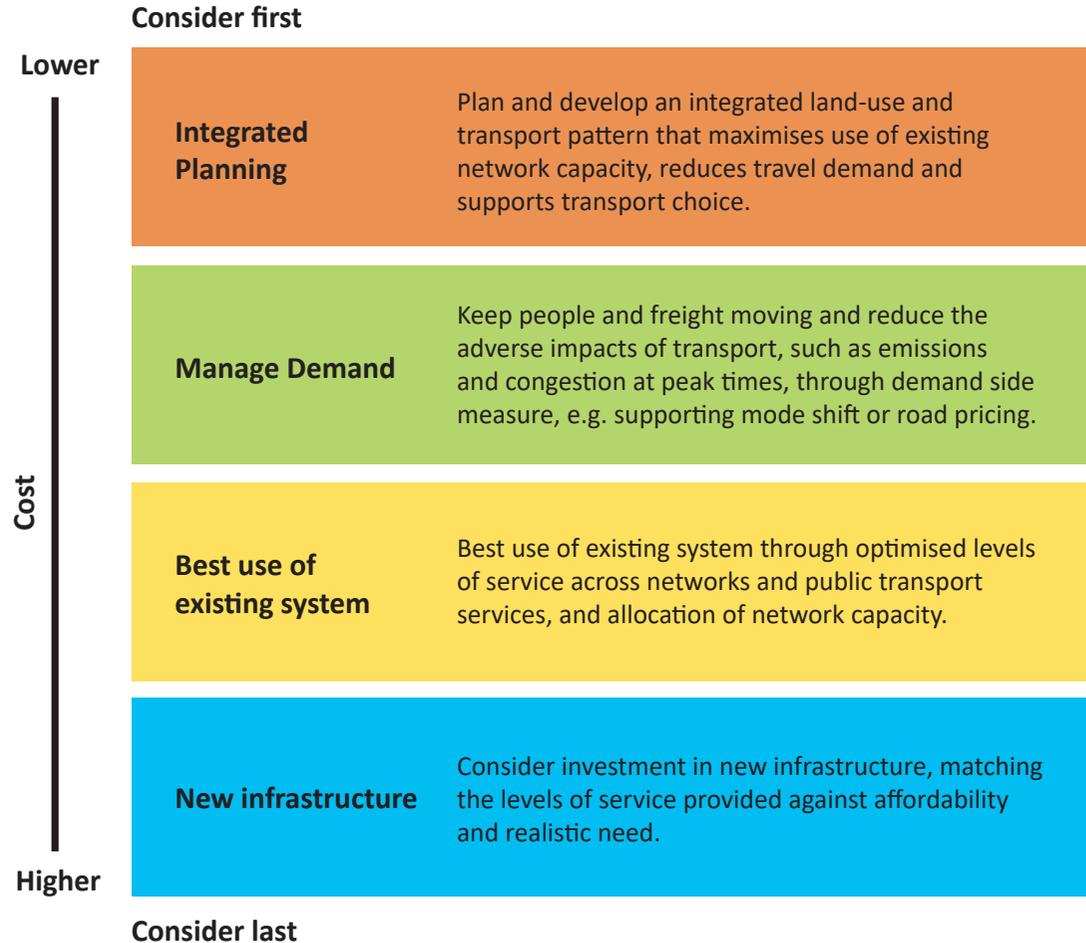


Figure 12: Intervention Hierarchy Diagram, NZTA.



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# Kaupapa Here Mo Te Kauhanga o Te Hāwera Ki Matariki

## Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy

### Statement of Proposal

#### How to make a submission

Anyone can make a submission on the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy, and we encourage you to let us know your views. This feedback will be considered during the decision-making process, and we will inform you of the final strategy. You can let us know what you think about the proposed changes or anything else related to the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor.

- You can complete a submission form online at [www.southtaranaki.com/consultation](http://www.southtaranaki.com/consultation), or
- complete a paper copy of the submission form and drop it off any any LibraryPlus, or post it to:  
South Taranaki District Council  
Private Bag 902  
Hāwera 4640
- if you prefer to email the document, please send it to [consultation@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:consultation@stdc.govt.nz)

Please note that submissions, as part of the public consultation process, are a public record and will be included in a publicly available Council agenda, and will remain on the Council's minute records.

#### Scope of Strategy

The South Taranaki District Council is in the process of developing a Strategy for the area of State Highway 3 (SH3) between Hāwera and Normanby (the Corridor). The Corridor acts as the primary connection route between Hāwera and New Plymouth and areas further South of Hāwera, such as Whanganui and Palmerston North.

Hāwera is the main population centre in South Taranaki and the purpose of this Strategy is to advocate for safety improvements along the Corridor and enable free flowing and inclusive transportation modes that are safe as well as efficient. The South Taranaki Business Park is under development and ensuring safe and practical access to the Business Park is a priority for the Council.

Hāwera and Normanby are connected by a 4.5km section of State Highway 3. The Corridor spans from the Glover/Waihi Road roundabout in Hāwera to the Kētemarae/Waihi Road intersection north of Normanby. This section of the State Highway is unique because it is utilised by several different land use activities and many of these activities rely on the Corridor for access and connectivity. These activities range from the Hāwera aerodrome, the Hāwera racecourse and an evolving South Taranaki Business Park, as well as rural, commercial, and residential activities. The surrounding properties contribute to the complexity of this area with the introduction of schools, various business types (including heavy vehicle activities) and on-going urban development. These activities show the importance of having a well-functioning corridor that is safe, resilient, and efficient for all transport users.

The Strategy will be used to inform changes to the Council's District Plan and Long-Term Plan, as well as seeking National and Regional Transport funding, and we need your help to establish what our priorities should be for the Strategy.

#### Consultation Timeline

<b>WED 4 DECEMBER 2024</b> Consultation Opens	<b>WED 12 FEBRUARY 2025</b> TE W'ANAKE, THE FOUNDRY 130 HIGH STREET, HAWERA
<b>FRI 28 FEBRUARY 2025</b> Consultation Closes	<b>5:30pm - 7pm</b>
<b>MON 24 MARCH 2025</b> Hearings	
<b>MON 14 APRIL 2025</b> Deliberations and Adoption	

#### Community Open Evening

**WED 12 FEBRUARY 2025**  
**TE W'ANAKE, THE FOUNDRY**  
130 HIGH STREET, HAWERA  
**5:30pm - 7pm**

#### Where can I get more information?

- Visit the Council website [www.southtaranaki.com/consultation](http://www.southtaranaki.com/consultation)
- Telephone 0800 111 323
- Contact one of your elected representatives.
- Further copies of this document are available from any LibraryPlus or Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga, corner High and Regents Streets, Hāwera.

#### Legislative Framework

There is no legal requirement to develop this Strategy, however Council would like community input and is consulting on the Strategy under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

#### Privacy Statement

We collect personal information from you, including your name and contact details. We collect your personal information in order to contact you throughout the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy consultation process.

Besides our staff, we share your name and submission, but not your contact details, with the public as part of the consultation process to assist with our decision-making on the Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy. Providing some information is optional. If you choose not to enter your contact details, we'll be unable to contact you with regard to the process, for example, to clarify points of in your submission and the outcomes.

The information collected from you is securely stored and disposed of after 7 years. You have the right to ask for a copy of any personal information we hold about you, and to ask for it to be corrected if you think it is wrong. If you'd like to ask for a copy of your information, or to have it corrected, please contact us by email [PrivacyOfficer@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:PrivacyOfficer@stdc.govt.nz), or phone 0800 111 323.



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# Kaupapa Here Mo Te Kauhanga o Te Hāwera Ki Matariki

## Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy

### Statement of Proposal



## Have your Say! Make a submission



The proposed Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy is now open for public consultation from Wednesday 4 December 2024 - Friday 28 February 2025. This is a chance to let the Council know your views and what the priorities of this strategy should be.

Overleaf is the submission form, or alternatively you can make a submission online by scanning this QR code.

**Your details**

**We want to know what you think!**  
Please have a look at the map and answer the questions below. If you would like to make more comments, please attach a separate page with your thoughts!

Full name..... Organisation (if applicable).....

Address.....

Contact Phone..... Email.....

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?  
*(If no boxes are ticked, it will be considered that you do not wish to speak)*

Yes  No

If yes, do you wish to speak:  In Person  Online

**1. What speed limit would you prefer for the Waihi Road section of SH3 shown as the orange section on the map? (select one)**

50km  60km  70km (current speed)

Other

**2. What speed limit would you prefer for the Waihi Road section of SH3 shown as the blue section on the map? (select one)**

50km  70km  100km (current speed)

Other

**3. What speed limit would you prefer for the Waihi Road section of SH3 shown as the pink section on the map? (select one)**

70km  80km  100km (current speed)

Other

**4. What speed limit would you prefer for the Waihi Road section of SH3 shown as the yellow section on the map? (select one)**

50km  60km  70km (current speed)

Other

**Any other comments:**

*Please use another page if you need it*

**Stage 1 (priority) - Fitzgerald and Kerry Roads**

a) Business Park (speed around Fitzgerald Road and Kerry Road)

b) Safety improvements for Fitzgerald and Kerry Roads

**Stage 2:** Speed management and passing lane outside Aerodrome

**Stage 3:** Speed management and safety improvements in Normanby.

**5. Do you think any of the following intersections need to be upgraded for safety reasons? (tick all that apply)**

**A** Fitzgerald Road/Waihi Road

**B** Kerry Road/Waihi Road

**C** Ohangai Road/Waihi Road

**D** Mawhitiwhiti Road/Waihi Road

Other

**6. What is your preferred option for the the passing lane area between Hāwera and Normanby? (select one)**

Remove the passing lane and include a slip lane for slow or turning traffic

Keep the passing lane and create a slip lane for slow or turning traffic

Keep the passing lane as it is

Other

**7. If a speed reduction is introduced throughout Normanby, should the speed be reduced at point A or B?**

A (before Ohangai Road)  B (after Ohangai Road)

Other



# Pūrongo Report

To	Ordinary Council
From	Kaitātari Tūrawa – Ture / Property Officer - Legal, Hayley Old
Date	14 April 2025
Subject	<b>Renewal of Grazing Licences on various Reserve Land</b>

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

## Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. The grazing licences on the Reserve Land properties described in the table below are due to expire throughout 2025. Prior to entering into a new grazing licence on these reserves, the Council is required to publicly notify its intent to do so.
2. If the Council considers that it is appropriate to continue to graze these reserves, it must authorise the Chief Executive to undertake a public notification process. Following completion of that process, the Council must consider any submissions received and may then authorise or decline entering into a new grazing licence.
3. The parcels of land listed are recreation reserves and cemetery reserves, so due to the status of the land they cannot be simply sold.

## Taunakitanga / Recommendation(s)

THAT the Council;

- a) Agrees that entering into new grazing licences for the following properties is appropriate.

Description	Property Number	Legal Description	Area (more or less)
Ōkaiawa Cemetery Reserve	5410	Section 56 Block IV Waimate SD	3.6026 ha
Poti Domain, Eltham	2675	Section 83 Block X Ngaere SD	6.2726 ha
Manutahi Cemetery Reserve	10664	Part Section 10 TN of Manutahi	2.7 ha
Manutahi Domain	10659	Part Section 9 Town of Manutahi and Subdivision 2 Section 9 Town of Manutahi	1.3152 ha
Mangamingi Domain	2776	Section 40, 62 Mangamingi Suburban	5.6555 ha
Kaūpokonui Recreation Reserve – Grazing land	4590	Part of Section 84 Block VI Waimate Survey District	3.5 ha

Hurst Park	1670	Section 2 SO 13131 and Section 3 13131	2.8699 ha
Ex-railway Reserve, Ōpunakē	1700	Section 1 SO 11996	2.5216 ha

- b) Approves the Chief Executive to undertake the public notification process.
- c) Notes that following the completion of the public notification process, the Council must consider any submissions received and may then authorise or decline to authorise the Chief Executive to negotiate the licence(s).
- d) Authorise the Chief Executive to grant the licence(s) following the close of the required public notification period, provided no submissions objecting to the granting of the licence (s) are received.

### **Kupu Whakamārama / Background**

- 4. The recreational reserves discussed in this report are not currently required for recreational purposes and the Council has exercised its right under the Reserves Act 1977, Section 53 (1) (a) (ii) to graze the properties for several years.

#### **Local Government Purpose**

- 5. The proposal to grant a grazing licence aligns with the purpose of local government, enabling a democratic decision-making process and the current and future needs of the community.

### **Ngā Kōwhiringa / Options – Identification and Analysis**

- 6. The preferred option is to tender these properties for grazing. The properties are subject to the Reserves Act and require Council approval to proceed with the public notification process.

#### **Risks**

- 7. There are no known risks associated with entering into new grazing licences for this land.

#### **Option(s) available**

- 8. Option One: Support the proposal to enter into a licence to graze for some or all of the properties and authorise the Chief Executive to undertake the public notification process.
- 9. Option Two: Do not support the proposal to enter into licences for some or all of these properties and do not authorise the Chief Executive to undertake the public notification process.

## Whaiwhakaaro me ngā aromatawai / Considerations and Assessments

### Assessment of Significance and Engagement

10. South Taranaki District Council’s general approach to determining the level of “significance” will be to consider:

Criteria	Measure	Assessment
Degree	The number of residents and ratepayers affected and the degree to which they are affected by the decision or proposal.	Those directly affected are the current and potential licensees.
LOS	The achievement of, or ability to achieve, the Council’s stated levels of service as set out in the Long Term Plan.	The decision considered in this report will not affect the Council’s level of service.
Decision	Whether this type of decision, proposal or issue has a history of generating wide public interest within South Taranaki.	There is no history of this type of decision generating wide public interest in South Taranaki.
Financial	The impact of the decision or proposal on the Council’s overall budget or included in an approved Long Term Plan and its ability to carry out its existing or proposed functions and activities now and in the future.	A decision not to proceed with granting these licences to occupy would have an impact on income generated for the maintenance and development of reserves, however, this is not significant in terms of the Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy.
Reversible	The degree to which the decision or proposal is reversible.	The proposed grazing licences are for a five-year period that does contain an exit clause if the land is required for any other purpose. Therefore, any decision to enter into license agreements is reversible.
Environment	The degree of impact the decision will have on the environment.	Grazing is a short-term option for unused land, until a more strategic approach is considered.

11. In terms of the Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy this matter is of low significance.
12. In accordance with Section 74(3) of the Reserves Act 1977, the Council is required to give public notice specifying the proposed licences to be granted and must give full consideration to all objections and submissions received in relation to the proposal.

### **Legislative Considerations**

13. Section 53 (1) of the Reserves Act 1977 authorises the Council to enter into a grazing licence on any part of such a reserve that is not being used for the purposes of recreation.
14. Prior to granting a licence, the Council is required to give public notice of its intention to enter into a licence in accordance with Section 119 of the Reserves Act 1977. A period of not less than one calendar month must be given for objections or submissions to be received.
15. Under Section 120 of the Reserves Act 1977, the Council must consider any submissions received and review its recommendations in consideration of those submissions.

### **Ōkaiawa Cemetery Reserve**

16. The reserve is land set aside for future use as Ōkaiawa cemetery but is not currently required. Until such time, the unused land is available for grazing and generates income.

### **Poti Domain, Eltham**

17. This reserve has been grazed for the last 30 years. There are no known risks with entering into a new grazing licence for a five (5) year period.

### **Manutahi Cemetery Reserve**

18. The reserve is land set aside for future use as Manutahi cemetery but is not currently required. Until such time, the unused land is available for grazing and generates income.

### **Manutahi Domain**

19. This reserve has been grazed for an unknown number of years. There are no known risks with entering into a new grazing licence for a five (5) year period.
20. The land does not have any water supply, so it is best suited to be licenced to a neighbouring property owner.

### **Mangamingi Domain**

21. This reserve has been grazed for the last 65 years. There are no known risks with entering into a new grazing licence for a five (5) year period.

### **Kaūpokonui Recreation Reserve – Grazing Land**

22. This reserve has been grazed for an unknown number of years. There are no known risks with entering into a new grazing licence for a five (5) year period.
23. The Council has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Kaūpokonui Beach Society, so the Council would need to consult with them on any alternative uses for the land.

### **Hurst Park**

24. This reserve has been grazed for an unknown number of years. There are no known risks with entering into a new grazing licence for a five (5) year period.
25. A portion of this grazing land is currently being used for the Ōpunakē loop track.

### **Ex-railway Reserve, Ōpunakē**

26. This reserve has been grazed for an unknown number of years. There are no known risks with entering into a new grazing licence for a five (5) year period.
27. A portion of this land is currently being used for the Ōpunakē loop track.

### **Financial/Budget Considerations**

28. The Council should consider that the properties discussed in this report provide a financial return and loss of that income should be taken into consideration. The total annual return from the licences considered in this report was \$26,697.70 excluding GST.
29. If we do not proceed with grazing at this time, the Council should consider the alternative use of this land. There will be additional costs to keep the grass short and any maintenance of existing fences. There is also a risk that any land not being used could be open to unlicensed grazing, theft, damage, or illegal dumping.

### **Environmental Sustainability**

30. The grazed area of the reserves is not currently required for recreational purposes. Grazing is currently the most cost-effective option of use without a strategic long-term vision for the land.
31. Discussions have been held between the Property team and the Reforestation Programme Coordinator regarding the properties, and whether they are appropriate for planting, but they were not deemed suitable.

### **Consistency with Plans/Policies/Community Outcomes**

32. The proposal to grant grazing licences for these properties is not inconsistent with any other Council plan or policy.
33. This matter contributes to a Mana Tanga – Social well-being, Mana Oranga – Economic well-being and Mana Taiao – Environmental wellbeing by providing income to support the maintenance and development of Council-managed reserves.

### **Consideration for Iwi/Māori**

34. These reserves sit within the rohe of Ngāti Ruanui, Ngāruahine, and Taranaki Iwi. Each of these iwi will be advised individually of the proposals to enter into new grazing licences and will have the opportunity to provide their feedback.

### Affected Parties Consultation

35. The affected parties are the current licensees, potential licensees, local Iwi, and the community. All affected parties will have the opportunity to express concerns through the public notification process.

### Whakakapia / Conclusion

36. The properties considered in this report are currently not required for recreation use at this time and grazing licenses are the most cost-effective use of the properties. Historically they have generated a good income return being used for grazing and this report seeks approval to proceed with grazing as the most effective use of the unused land.
37. There are no risks associated with commencing a public notification process to grant licences on these parcels of land. There are no major risks pertaining to enter the licences(s), however, any unknown risks or concerns may be identified through the public notification process.



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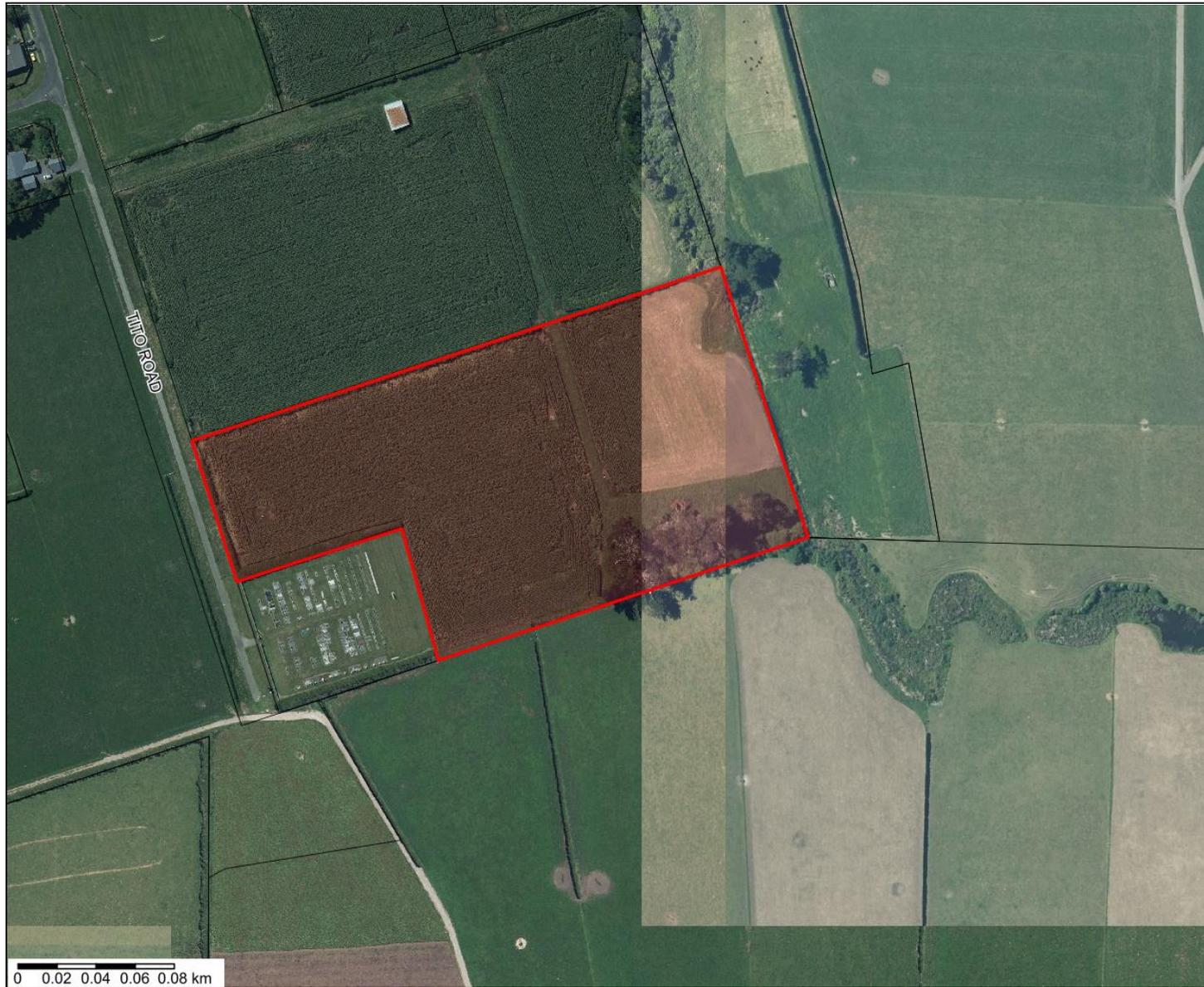
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### Appendices:

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**Property 5410**  
Ōkaiawa Cemetery  
Reserve

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**Property 2675**  
Poti Domain, Eltham

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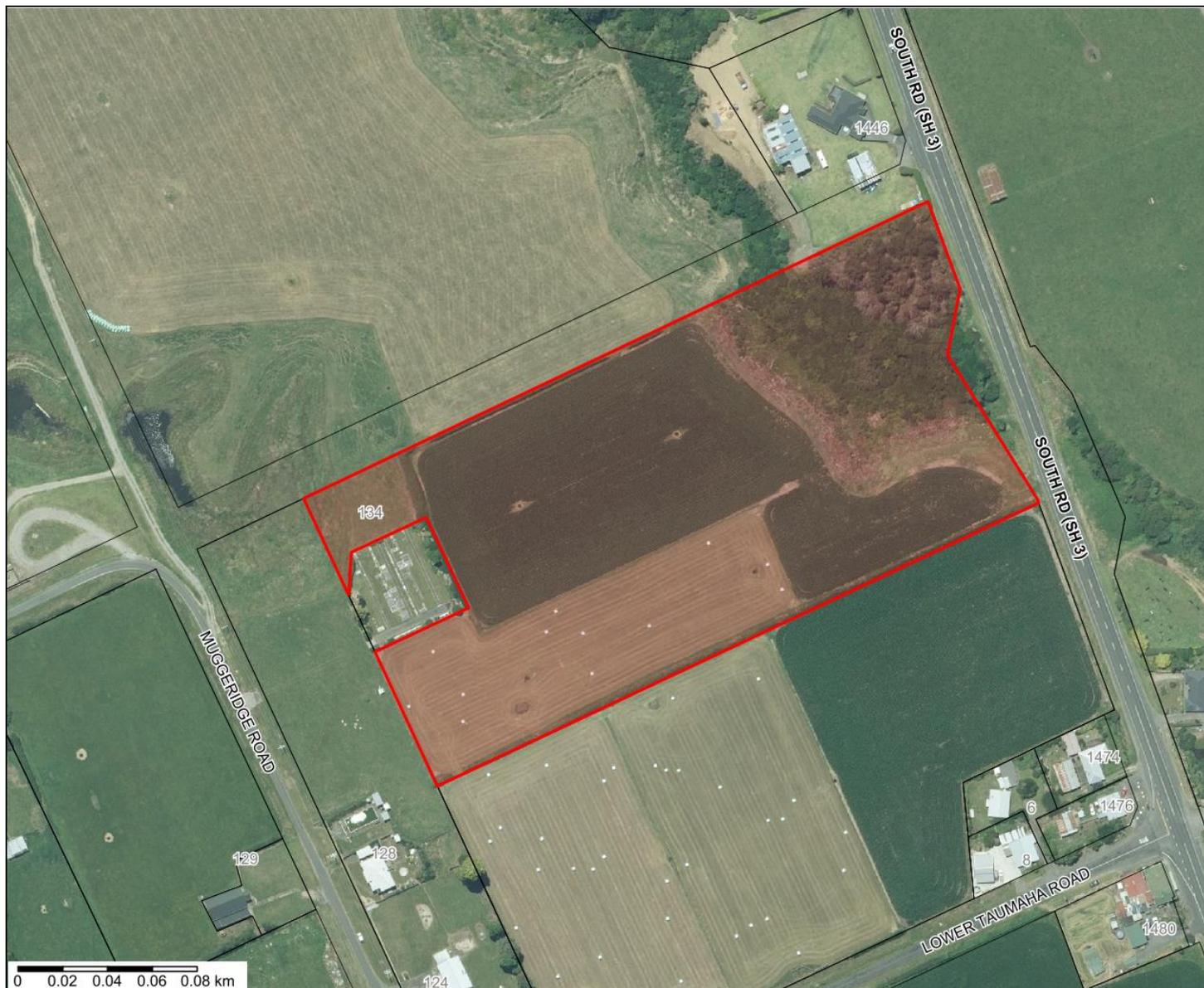
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**Property 10664**  
Manutahi Cemetery Reserve  
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**Property 10659**  
**Manutahi Domain**

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**Property 2776**  
Mangamingi Domain

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**Property 4590**  
Kaūpokonui  
Recreation Reserve –  
Grazing land

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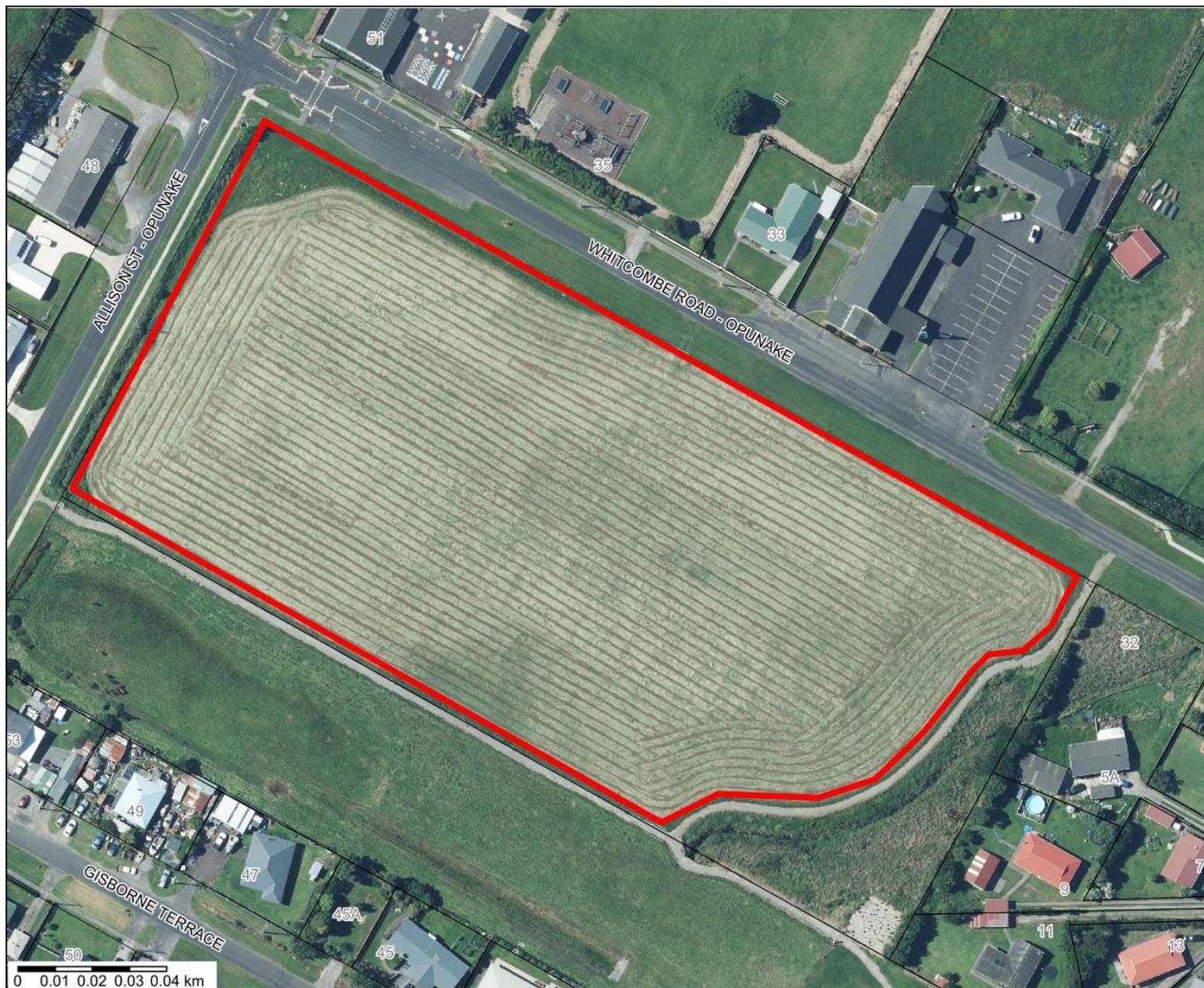


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**Property 1670**  
**Hurst Park**

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Property 1700  
Ex-railway Reserve, Ōpunakē

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# Pūrongo Report

To	Ordinary Council
From	Kaitātari Tūrawa / Property Officer Legal – Hayley Old
Date	14 April 2025
Subject	<b>Surplus Property Proposal</b>

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

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## Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. This report proposes that the Council declare three residential sections as surplus. The properties are 104 Ihaia Road Ōpunakē (Lot 10 DEED 20), 25 Gibson Place Pātea (Lot 25 DP 11947) and vacant land on Kent Street, Pātea (Sections 9-12 Block XXVII Town of Pātea). The report requests that the Council authorise the Chief Executive to dispose of the properties in the most appropriate and cost-effective method, in accordance with the Property Acquisition and Disposal Policy.
2. The Council's Property Acquisitions and Disposal Policy states that when a property is no longer required for its original or intended purpose, a review of all options for the future of the property, including alternative use or disposal, will be completed. If the Council decides the land should be disposed of and declares it as surplus, the first right of refusal offer is made to the relevant Iwi at market value. Should Iwi not show any interest in purchasing the land, the property would go to the open market.

## Taunakitanga / Recommendation(s)

THAT the Council:

- a) Agrees to declare 104 Ihaia Road, Ōpunakē (Lot 10 DEED 20); 25 Gibson Place Pātea (Lot 25 DP 11947); and vacant land on Kent Street, Pātea (Sections 9-12 Block XXVII Town of Pātea) as surplus.
- b) Notes that a Right of First Refusal will be offered to Te Kāhui o Taranaki Iwi (Ōpunakē section) and Te Runanga o Ngāti Ruanui (Pātea sections) in line with Council's Property Acquisition and Disposal Policy.
- c) Authorises the Chief Executive to complete negotiations to enter into a Sale and Purchase Agreement for each section.

## **Kupu Whakamārama / Background**

### **104 Ihaia Road, Ōpunakē**

3. This section of land was purchased on 7 July 1995 from Clyde and Colleen Espiner for the purchase price of \$5,300 plus GST, for the purpose of laying a stormwater main. There is no evidence of this section being purchased under the Public Works Act, so the land does not need to be offered back to the original owners should the Council wish to declare as surplus.
4. In 2015, the Council received an enquiry from the neighbouring property owner into purchasing the property. Council officers advised the land was being retained for flood defence purposes and did not intend to sell.
5. In 2019, the Council's property officer enquired with the infrastructure team as to whether there was any need for the Council to keep this property, and it was advised that it was no longer required for stormwater purposes. This was confirmed again recently.
6. The property's capital value is \$210,000 and is currently sitting vacant.

### **25 Gibson Place, Pātea**

7. This section of land was purchased on 2 February 2001. It was initially offered as a donation from the Estate of John O'Brien, then subsequently purchased by the Council through the Public Trust for \$800.
8. The section was possibly purchased to provide alternate access to the Pātea Cemetery. However, in 2020, it was discussed by Council officers that the section was not required for use as part of the cemetery. The section has no specific designation, it is held in fee simple and therefore able to be declared as surplus.
9. The property's capital value is \$100,000 and currently sits vacant and overgrown. It is not used as access to the cemetery. The section has had interest over time from neighbours who have indicated they would be interested in purchasing it.

### **Kent Street, Pātea**

10. It is unclear how the Council acquired the land on Kent Street, Pātea. The total area is approximately 0.4048 hectares. The contour of the land has defined limited options for use and interest.
11. The property has been put out for tender twice since the most recent Licence to Occupy expired and has only had one offer of \$10 per annum plus rates. This is not enough to cover the maintenance. This offer was declined, meaning the Council is currently paying the rates on this land.
12. Stock is at risk of injury due to the steep contour of the land, and rubbish dumping has been an ongoing issue at this site. Currently, the land is unused and vacant. The grass is getting long and has been a potential fire hazard in the recent dry conditions.
13. The property's value is \$160,000.

## Ngā Kōwhiringa / Options – Identification and analysis

### Options

14. Option One: Declaring all three parcels of land as surplus with the intention to sell in accordance with the Council’s Property Acquisition and Disposal Policy. The appropriate lwi within the rohe of each property would be offered the first right of purchase at market rates. If they choose to decline, the properties would be offered for sale on the open market. The preferred option is to declare the sections as surplus.
15. Option Two: Declare only one or two parcels of land as surplus and continue maintaining the remaining section(s).
16. Option Three: Do not declare any of the land as surplus. The Council will continue to pay rates and ongoing maintenance costs until a suitable use for the land can be found.

## Whaiwhakaaro me ngā aromatawai / Considerations and Assessments

### Local Government Purpose

17. The recommendations in this report align with the purpose of Local Government to enable democratic local decision making and action by, and on behalf of communities. The disposal of the sections would promote Mana Tangata (Social Well-being), Mana Oranga (Economic Well-being) and Mana Mauri (Cultural Well-being) now and into the future by managing the Council’s property portfolio efficiently.

### Assessment of Significance and Engagement

18. The level of significance of this matter has been determined by considering the following criteria and levels of engagement:

Criteria	Measure	Assessment
Degree	The number of residents and ratepayers affected and the degree to which they are affected by the decision or proposal.	The affected parties are primarily the adjacent landowners and local hapū/lwi. Efficient management of the Council’s property portfolio helps ensure the effective use of rates funding.
LOS	The achievement of, or ability to achieve, the stated levels of service set out in the Long Term Plan.	A decision to declare land as surplus will not affect the Council’s ability to meet its stated levels of service.
Decision	Whether this type of decision, proposal or issue has generated wide public interest in South Taranaki.	In regards to the sale of Council property, the level of community interest would be based on the significance of the property being sold. There is no evidence that the properties recommended to be declared surplus in this report hold significant value for the community.

Criteria	Measure	Assessment
Financial	The impact of the decision or proposal on the Council’s overall budget or its inclusion in an approved Long Term Plan and the ability to carry out existing or proposed functions and activities now and in the future.	The sale of the properties will generate income for the Council and remove any ongoing costs of maintaining the sections.
Reversible	The degree to which the decision or proposal is reversible.	If a decision is made to declare the land as surplus and a written agreement for the sale of the land is executed, that decision cannot be reversed.
Environment	The degree of impact the decision will have on the environment.	This decision will have no impact on the environment.

19. In terms of the Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy this matter is of low significance.
20. The level to which the Council will engage will align with the significance of the decision to be made. If the Council supports the recommended option, local Iwi will be informed of the decision and asked for a response within a certain time frame.

**Legislative Considerations**

21. If the Council wishes to proceed with the recommended option, a formal resolution to declare the property as surplus will be required.

**Financial/Budget Considerations**

22. Some advertising costs for marketing and legal costs would be incurred as part of any Sale and Purchase agreement. If the properties are sold there will be savings of rates and maintenance costs.
23. The Council’s Acquisition and Disposal Policy states that sale proceeds of freehold property are to be paid into the respective Ward Property Reserves, to be used for the purchase or development of properties within that ward.
24. No independent valuations have been undertaken on these sections. The capital rating values of each section are as follows:

Section	Capital Rating Value
104 Ihaia Road, Ōpunakē	\$210,000
25 Gibson Place, Pātea	\$100,000
Vacant land, Kent Street, Pātea	\$160,000

**Risks**

25. There are no major risks associated with this proposal. There is a risk that there will be no interest in one or more of the properties and the Council will continue to have the ongoing costs associated with rates and maintenance.

### Environmental Sustainability

26. The preferred option will have no positive or negative environmental impacts.

### Consistency with Plans/Policies

27. The recommendations in this report are consistent with the Council's Property Acquisition and Disposal Policy by recommending the properties be declared as surplus and that the first right of refusal is offered to the appropriate Iwi.

### Consideration of Iwi/Māori

28. These residential sections are in the rohe of Te Kāhui o Taranaki Iwi (Ōpunakē section) and Te Runanga o Ngāti Ruanui (Pātea sections). The first right of refusal will be offered to each Iwi in line with Council's Property Acquisition and Disposal Policy. Informal discussions with representatives of Te Kāhui o Taranaki Iwi and Te Runanga o Ngāti Ruanui have been had.

### Whakakapia / Conclusion

29. Three parcels of Council owned land, one in Ōpunakē and two in Pātea, have been reviewed to consider the best use of the land. Currently, all parcels are vacant and unused.
30. The three parcels would provide a better return to the Council if they were declared as surplus and sold at market value, rather than sitting derelict and incurring ongoing maintenance costs.



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### Attachments:

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Appendix 2: [Aerial Map Attachment – 12624, 25 Gibson Place, Pātea](#)  
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Property 971  
104 Ihaia Road, Ōpunakē

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Property 12624  
25 Gibson Place, Pātea

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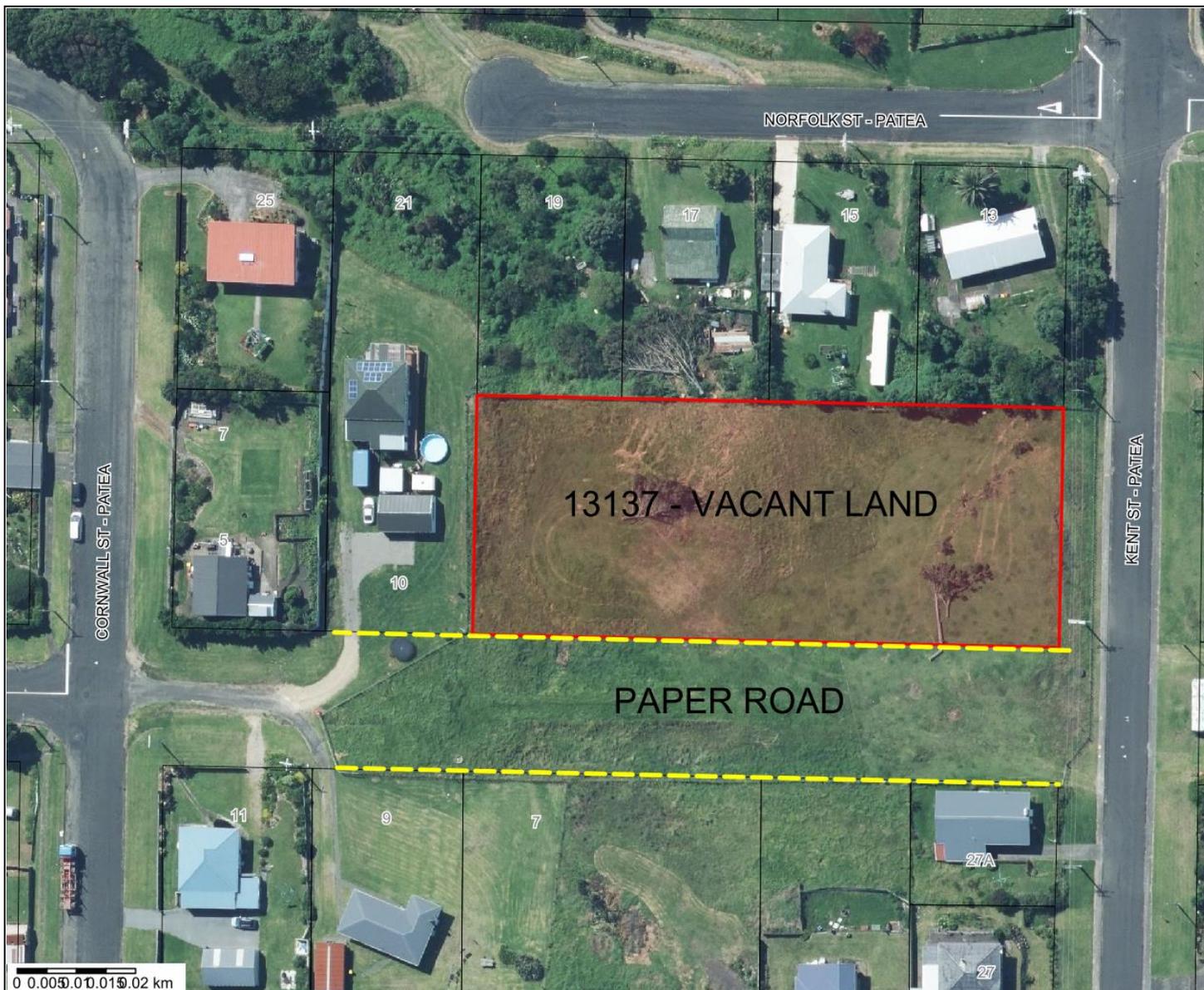
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Property 13137  
Vacant land - Kent Street

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# Kaupapa Here Whiwhinga Whairawa me te Whakawāteatanga

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## Property Acquisition and Disposal Policy

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# Kaupapa Here Whiwhinga Whairawa me te Whakawāteatanga Property Acquisition and Disposal Policy

## Executive Summary

The Council owns or administers properties that support the delivery of Council services including water supply, wastewater, roading, offices, parks and facilities and public spaces. Council also owns properties that contribute to the protection of, and access to, environmental, cultural and heritage sites of importance to the community.

This Policy sets out the Council's expectations for the future acquisition and disposal of properties to ensure that Council properties are providing the maximum benefit to the District and properties that do not serve a useful purpose or provide a financial benefit are properly disposed of.

## Council's Role and Responsibility

The Council acknowledges the history of land ownership through confiscation, and the Crown settlement process in South Taranaki. Deeds of Settlements are now in place with Taranaki, Ngāruahine, Ngāti Ruanui and Ngaa Rauru Kiiitahi Iwi. The processes outlined in the Deeds of Settlement in relation to Council owned or administered properties that are specifically included in the Deeds of Settlement take precedence over any processes outlined in this Policy.

The Council has multiple functions in property management. It manages properties to provide Council offices and public facilities, greenspace and recreation areas, public works such as water, wastewater and other infrastructure, and properties set aside for future public use.

The Council also administers Crown-owned reserves, some of which are leased and the returns invested for the development of reserves within the District.

Council property acquisition and disposal requires strategic oversight to ensure the best use is made of public funds.

## Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this Policy is to set out the Council's approach to the acquisition and disposal of property to ensure property transactions contribute to its vision, community outcomes, well-beings and priorities.

The Policy includes a robust process to ensure consistent decision making and diligent management of financial and legislative risks relating to the Council's property portfolio.



# Kaupapa Here Whiwhinga Whairawa me te Whakawāteatanga

## Property Acquisition and Disposal Policy

The Policy also provides guidance for staff on providing accurate, timely information, to enable good decision making.

### Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

1. Provide a consistent approach to assessing whether property should be acquired or disposed of.
2. Ensure acquisitions and disposals support the achievement of the Council's vision, community outcomes, well-beings and priorities.
3. Support growth and enable the timely provision of infrastructure and services.
4. Ensure that the Council meets its legislative responsibilities.
5. Define the processes the Council will follow when acquiring or disposing of property.
6. Define how acquisitions will be funded and how funds from the disposal of properties will be allocated.
7. Define how opportunities to acquire property are prioritised.
8. Define when the Council will consider disposing of property.
9. Minimise the risks and costs associated with retaining properties that have no use or benefit to Council.

### Legislation

The management, acquisition and disposal of Council owned and administered properties is governed by the following legislation and the requirements of these Acts have been considered in the development of this Policy and the related processes and procedures:

#### **Building Act 2004**

The Building Act governs the construction of buildings. There are several provisions in this Act that need to be considered in the disposal of property to ensure the Council complies with the vendor's warranties required as a part of any sale agreement.



# Kaupapa Here Whiwhinga Whairawa me te Whakawāteatanga Property Acquisition and Disposal Policy

## **Land Transfer Act 2017**

The Land Transfer Act determines the manner, procedure and rules relating to the transfer of land.

## **Local Government Act 1974**

Although largely repealed, some provisions of the Local Government Act 1974 still apply. These largely relate to the disposal of roads. There are several provisions regarding the stopping and disposal of different classifications of road and the appropriate consultation and notification processes must be followed.

## **Local Government Act 2002**

Section 12 of the Local Government Act provides the Council with the powers to acquire and dispose of land for the benefit of the District and there are provisions within the Act on how consultation should be carried out. Section 189 provides the Council with the power to acquire land in accordance with the Public Works Act 1981.

## **Public Works Act 1981**

A property acquired for a public work and no longer required for that, or any other, public work must, in most cases be offered back to the previous owner if they are still alive or to the person entitled under the will or intestacy of the previous owner. This is a requirement of section 40 of the Public Works Act 1981. This section is complex and there is considerable scope for litigation, so great care must be taken to follow the correct process for the disposal of any property acquired under the Public Works Act.

## **Reserves Act 1977**

The Reserves Act governs the process to be followed when considering or undertaking the disposal of any reserve land. The process depends on the classification of a reserve (for example, recreation, local purpose, scenic). Because reserves have generally been provided to, vested in or created by the Council or the Crown for a community purpose, a higher level of community consultation is required when considering disposal and some special consultative provisions are provided for in the Act.

## **Resource Management Act 1991**

The Resource Management Act provides a range of mechanisms for the protection of significant areas of land that should be considered in the first instance, prior to the Council considering the acquisition of land for reserve purposes. These include esplanade reserves and esplanade strips, heritage orders and financial contributions.



# Kaupapa Here Whiwhinga Whairawa me te Whakawāteatanga

## Property Acquisition and Disposal Policy

### Policy

#### 1.0 Principles

- 1.1 The following principles reflect the Council's approach to the acquisition and disposal of land and should be applied consistently in all acquisition and disposal decisions. The Council will:
- Make decisions on the acquisition and disposal of land that reflect its strategic plans and the priorities and well-being of our communities.
  - Exercise financial responsibility to get the best value for public money and seek to maximise the value of its land assets and minimise whole-of-life costs.
  - Operate within applicable statutes and regulations at all times to ensure statutory and regulatory compliance.
  - Recognise the special interests to relevant Iwi in the land and the importance of the inclusion of relevant Iwi in decision making.
  - Ensure the acquisition and disposal of Council property is managed transparently, subject to reasonable commercial confidentiality constraints.

#### 2.0 Long Term Planning

- 2.1 In planning for land acquisition and disposal the Council is generally required to undertake public engagement through the preparation of Long Term Plans and Annual Plans. Preparation of these planning documents will identify strategic property requirements to meet future needs at a non-property specific level of detail.

#### 3.0 Acquisitions Policy

- 3.1 It is the Council's preference that acquisitions are identified, planned and budgeted for in the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan.
- 3.2 When a need to acquire property is identified, the Council will also assess non-ownership alternatives and their consequences such as partnerships, joint ventures or leasing.
- 3.3 A full report to the Council, applying this Policy, will be required for the consideration of property acquisition. The assessment criteria and process to be used for acquisitions are attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.4 The process and assessment criteria will apply to any ad hoc opportunity presented to the Council to acquire a property, through either purchase, gifting, bequest, land swap or any other method.



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### 4.0 Funding of Acquisitions

The Council may fund land or property acquisitions from the following sources:

- a. General Rates and Revenue
- b. Borrowings
- c. Property Reserves including proceeds from disposals

### 5.0 Disposals Policy

5.1 When a property is no longer required for its original or intended purpose:

- a. A review of all options for the future of that property, including alternative use or disposal, will be completed.
- b. The costs and benefits of retention or disposal will be fully explored.
- c. A report to the Senior Leadership Team, applying this Policy, will be required for the consideration of a change of use of any property. The assessment criteria and process to be used for a change of use are attached as Appendix 2.

5.2 All properties should be considered for disposal when:

- a. They are no longer required for their intended purpose; and
- b. They are not required or suitable for any alternative Council purpose; and
- c. They do not contribute to the Council's strategic vision and community outcomes or any growth strategy, structure plan, asset management plan or other plan; and
- d. The ongoing costs of the property are not sustainable; or
- e. Disposing of the property will be of financial benefit to the Council.

5.3 Stopped roads should be disposed of immediately following the road stopping process and a plan developed to dispose of existing stopped roads.

5.4 If the Council is approached with an ad hoc request to purchase a Council owned property:

- a. The same assessment criteria must be used as applied to planned disposals.
- b. Any decision must be made by Council resolution based on that assessment.
- c. Where a member of the public applies to the Council to purchase Council owned or administered property, and the property is not sold through an



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open market process, all costs associated with the sale and purchase will be borne by the applicant.

- 5.5 A full report to the Council, applying this Policy, will be required for the consideration of all disposals of property. The assessment criteria and process to be used for disposals are attached as Appendix 2.
- 5.6 Where an agreement is in place with occupiers or lessees, the Council will adhere to the agreement over any processes outlined in this Policy.

### 6.0 Proceeds from Disposals

Proceeds from the disposal of Council property will be utilised in the following ways:

- 6.1 **Housing for the Elderly**  
Sale proceeds will be used for the development of housing for the elderly or the purchase of property for that purpose after the repayment of any debt associated with the asset.
- 6.2 **Freehold Property**
  - a. Sale proceeds are to be paid into the respective Ward Property Reserve to be used for the purchase or development of properties within that Ward, after the repayment of any debt associated with the property.
  - b. To offset the project costs associated with the use of the surplus property.
- 6.3 **Reserve Land**  
The use of proceeds from the sale of reserves is subject to the Reserves Act 1977. If the reserve is Crown owned, all or part of the proceeds may have to be paid back to the Crown. If proceeds are able to be retained, they must be used for the acquisition of new land for reserves or the development of reserves. Any proceeds from the sale of reserve land will be held in a District wide property reserve for those purposes.
- 6.4 **Endowment Land**  
The Council must use the proceeds of the sale for a purpose that is consistent with the purpose of the endowment, after the repayment of any debt associated with the property. It may apply for ministerial approval to use the proceeds for a different purpose.



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### 7.0 Consultation Policy

- 7.1 The Council will apply its Significance and Engagement Policy when determining the appropriate level of engagement on decisions to acquire or dispose of property.
- 7.2 Where appropriate the Council will consult with relevant Iwi and community or key stakeholders on specific acquisitions or disposals.
- 7.3 In some cases, such as disposal of reserves, endowments or land purchased for a specific purpose, the Council has additional legal obligations to inform specific parties, offer the land back, or undertake additional consultation when disposing of land. The Council will implement sound processes to ensure these obligations are met, including any obligations agreed as a part of any Iwi-Council Partnership Strategy or similar agreement.

### 8.0 Right of First Refusal

- 8.1 Following the discharge of any pre-existing statutory or other legal obligations by Council, relevant Iwi will be provided with the opportunity to purchase surplus property prior to it being sold via an open market process.
- 8.2 The right of first refusal applies to surplus property that has been assessed as suitable for sale via an open market process. Right of first refusal does not apply to strategic disposals or atypical properties.
- 8.3 The right of first refusal offer will be made to the relevant Iwi.
- 8.4 The relevant Iwi will determine if they have an interest in purchasing the property and which Iwi or hapū will proceed with the purchase.
- 8.5 Market value will be paid for surplus property sold via the right of first refusal.

### 9.0 Delegations

- 9.1 The Chief Executive has the power to negotiate and enter into contracts to acquire or dispose property:
  - a. Where a specific level of delegation is included in the Council resolution to purchase: or
  - b. Provided the terms of sale or purchase are conditional on ratification by the Council.



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### 10.0 Release of Information Policy

The Council will release information relating to acquisition and disposal transactions on specific properties when it is no longer confidential in terms of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987; and

The limitations of commercial sensitivity no longer apply.

### 11.0 Reporting

The Property Unit will report annually to the Council on the number of properties held for each activity or purpose and in particular, the number of properties that are identified as having no current Council purpose or where disposal would be of financial benefit to the Council. The report will also include a summary of sales or purchases completed during the previous financial year.

### 12.0 Definitions

**Acquisition** means the procurement of property including but not limited to, purchase, compulsory acquisition and land exchanges.

**Disposal** means the disposal of property including, but not limited to, sale, gift, vesting and land exchange.

**Endowment land** means land that has been transferred to the ownership of the Council through gift or endowment for a specific purpose.

**Market value** means the estimated amount for which a property should exchange between a willing buyer and a willing seller after proper marketing or a registered valuation.

**Open market process** means a competitive process that provides unrestricted access to all potential purchasers.

**Reserve land** means any land set aside by the Crown or a local authority for any public purpose and classified as a reserve.

**Strategic disposal** means a disposal approved by Council for a specific purpose and may include special conditions associated with disposal.

**Strategic purchase** means an acquisition planned and budgeted for in the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan.



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**Surplus Property** means property that has been reviewed from a whole-of-organisation perspective and assessed as no longer required for operational, strategic or investment purposes and approved by the Council as ready for disposal.



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### 13.0 Contacts

Property and Facilities Operations Manager  
South Taranaki District Council  
06 278 0555 or 0800 111 323

### 14.0 Review of Policy

This Policy shall be reviewed two years following adoption and every five (5) years thereafter, to ensure it is effective and efficient at achieving the objectives.



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### Appendix One

#### Assessment Criteria and Process for Acquisitions

The following criteria will be used to assess an opportunity to acquire land and decide whether it contributes to the objectives and principles of this policy.

Every acquisition will be considered on its own merits and no one of the criteria listed is necessarily of greater weight; nor is an acquisition required to meet every one of the criteria. The Council can decide to proceed with an acquisition if one or more of the below criteria are not met. Any criterion not met will be analysed in the decision-making report, and this will be considered along with any proposed mitigation when the Council considers whether or not to acquire the property.

#### a. Overall strategic fit of the acquisition

- i. The need for acquisition is in a growth strategy, structure plan, asset management plan or similar.
- ii. The proposed site improves functionality or access to existing Council-owned or administered land.
- iii. The acquisition provides a connection or improves safety and access to the coast, waterways, walkways, cycle tracks or other recreational connections.
- iv. The acquisition will protect ecological values, historic heritage, cultural value, geological value, or landscape values.
- v. There are demonstrable social and environmental benefits to the acquisition.
- vi. No other Council-owned or administered land could fulfil the need.
- vii. The acquisition will contribute to one or more of the community well-beings.

#### b. Costs and land value

- i. A valuation of the property has been obtained.
- ii. The cost of development for the intended purpose.
- iii. The whole-of-life costs of the acquisition have been considered.
- iv. An appropriate source of funding has been identified.
- v. The funding of the acquisition will be equitable for current and future generations.

#### c. Alternative ownership or acquisition options

- i. Opportunities for alternative ownership arrangements on the site such as joint ventures or leasing have been investigated.
- ii. Opportunities for alternative methods of acquisition other than purchase, such as endowment, vesting, land exchange or partnerships have been explored.
- iii. The consequences of any alternative ownership options have been identified.



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**d. Property Suitability**

- i. Access to and functionality of the site for the intended purpose is achievable.
- ii. Services and infrastructure required for the intended purpose is accessible and cost effective.
- iii. Any zoning or designations on the site are appropriate for the intended use.
- iv. Any natural hazards on the site have been identified and will not prevent or impede the planned use of the site.
- v. The current use of the property does not prevent or impede the planned use of the site.

**e. Restrictions and Impediments**

- i. There are no encumbrances on the title that prevent or impede the planned use of the site such as easements, caveats, memorials on titles, or Māori settlement claims.
- ii. A check for compliance with building code, drainage, disconnection or decommissioning of services, seismic assessment or contamination does not reveal anything that will prevent or impede the planned use of the site.
- iii. There are no existing tenancies on the property that prevent or impede the planned use of the site.

**f. Urgency / Time Constraints**

- i. Is there a risk of the acquisition opportunity being lost or the property being rendered unsuitable for intended use.
- ii. Are any alternatives available? If the specific site is not purchased, will the Council be unable to fill the identified need?

**Methods of Acquisition**

The Council may use the following methods to acquire properties.

<b>Willing seller – willing buyer</b>	Direct negotiation between the Council and the landowner. The terms of the sale are determined by negotiation.
<b>Compulsory acquisition</b>	The Council can acquire land for a public work through the Public Works Act 1981, with or without the agreement of the landowner and must comply with its obligations under this legislation. The landowner is compensated in accordance with the Act.
<b>Gifting and bequeathing</b>	A landowner may approach the Council to gift or bequeath land.



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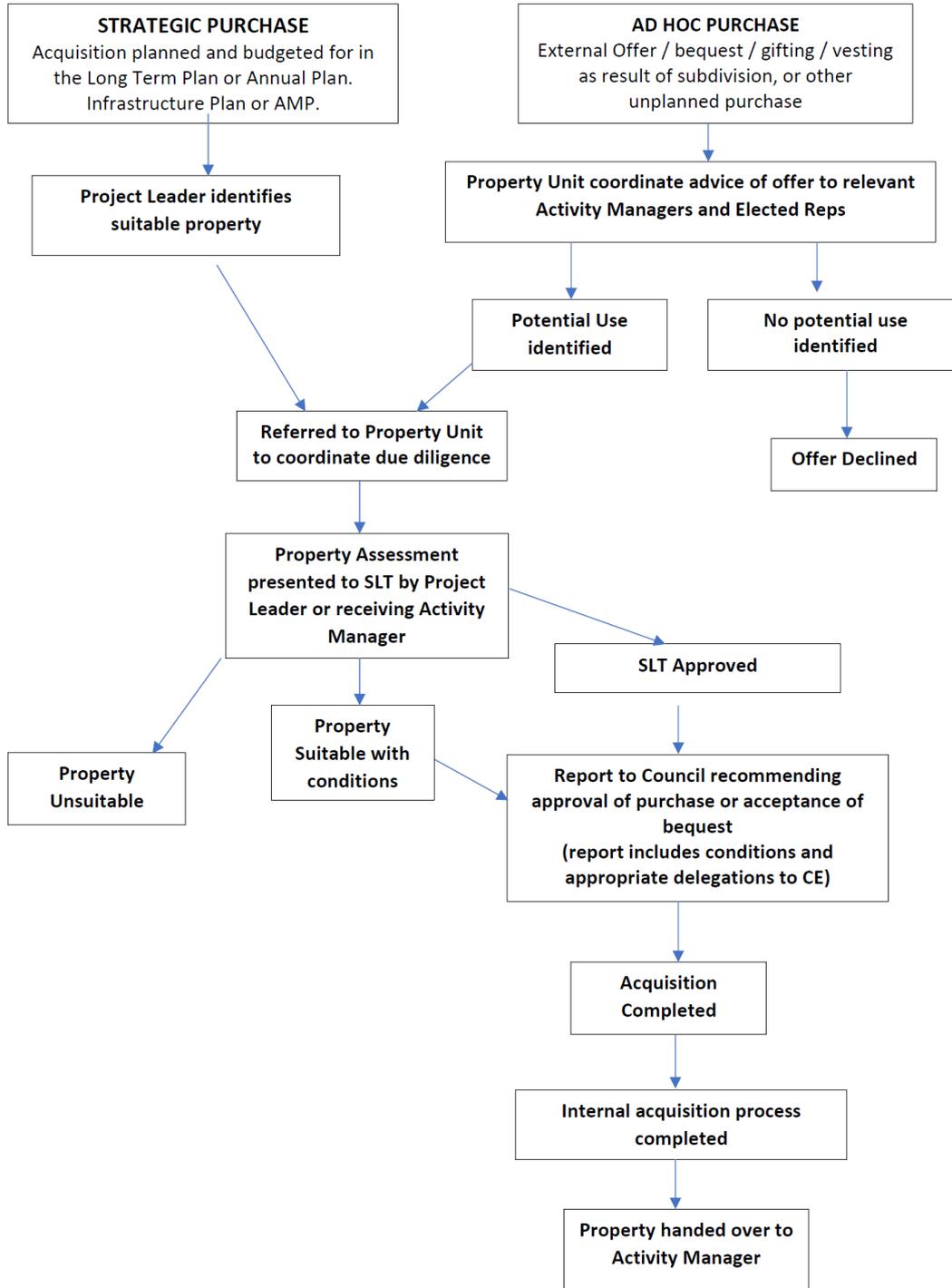
<b>Vesting</b>	Land can be vested in the Council as a reserve as a result of a subdivision, usually as a recreation or esplanade reserve.
<b>Land exchange</b>	Opportunities can arise for the mutually beneficial exchange of land through boundary adjustments or outright 'swapping' of land, usually as a result of public works acquisitions.
<b>Private Public Partnerships</b>	The Council can enter into agreements with the private sector to undertake capital works projects and this can include land acquisition. In these agreements the Council could work with and share risk with a private company to deliver better outcomes for the community.
<b>First right of purchase agreement</b>	The Council and the landowner enter into an agreement that the Council has the option to purchase the property prior to it being offered for sale on the open market. The agreement may be a simple exchange of letters or it may be an encumbrance recorded on the property title that sets out the terms and conditions under which the property will be offered to the Council to purchase.



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## Property Acquisition and Disposal Policy

### ACQUISITION PROCESS





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## Appendix Two

### Assessment Criteria and Process for Disposals

When a property is no longer required for its original or intended purpose a review of all options for the future of that property, including alternative use or disposal, will be completed.

#### Step 1. Decommissioning and Remediation

The Property Unit will oversee the decommissioning and reinstatement of the site to ensure the property is safe and fit for any future use or for disposal, with the cost of decommissioning and reinstatement to be funded by the Council activity that last used the property.

#### Step 2. Property handed over to Corporate Property Unit

#### Step 3. Options for Alternative Council Use

Options for use by another Council activity will be considered and assessed based on the following considerations:

- a. Alignment with the Council's strategic plans.
- b. Suitability for the proposed activity.
- c. The cost of development for alternative use.
- d. The whole of life costs for the proposed alternative use.
- e. The costs and benefits of retention versus disposal.

A proposal applying this policy must be submitted to the Senior Leadership Team for the consideration of a change of use of any property.

#### Step 4. Consideration for Disposal

The following criteria will be used to assess any proposal to dispose of a property and decide whether it contributes to the objectives and principles of this policy.

*The criteria are a guide to decision making by the Council. Every proposed disposal will be considered on its own merits, and no one of the criteria listed is necessarily of greater weight, nor must a property disposal meet every one of the criteria.*

*The Council may decide to proceed with the disposal if one or more of the criteria are not met. Any criterion not met will be analysed in the decision-making report, and this will be taken into account when the Council decides whether or not to dispose of the property.*



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**1. Market considerations**

- a. Whether the property market is significantly depressed and will have an impact on the potential financial benefits of the sale.
- b. There are parties interested in purchasing the property.
- c. The financial benefits of disposal outweigh the costs and benefits of retention of the property for the existing or any other proposed use.

**2. Restrictions and Impediments**

- a. The Council is able to legally dispose of the land in the manner proposed.
- b. There are no existing tenancies on the property that may affect the future use or financial benefits from the sale.

**3. Community Views**

- a. Any known community interest or preferences for the particular site and its retention or disposal have been taken into account.

**4. Cultural Heritage**

- a. The property does not contribute to ecological, historic heritage, cultural, geological or landscape values.

**5. Legislative Requirements**

- a. The Council must comply with legislative requirements when disposing of land, such as the Reserves Act 1977, the Public Works Act 1981 and the Local Government Act 2002. These determine the public consultation process, who obtains the proceeds from disposing of land, rights to purchase once the Council decides it is surplus and how the proceeds from disposal can be spent.

**Methods of Disposal**

The Council may use the following methods to dispose of properties.

<b>Council owned freehold land</b>	The Council may choose to sell a freehold property by tender, private contract, advertising with an asking price, auction or listing with a real estate agent.
<b>Reserve Land</b>	If the Council wishes to dispose of a reserve, it must first revoke the classification of the reserve. The process is detailed in the Reserves Act 1977 and includes a public consultation process and consultation with Iwi and the Department of Conservation. The method of disposal is linked to how the Council originally acquired the land – a reserve derived from the Crown will return to Crown ownership for disposal and the Council and the Crown will share the proceeds.



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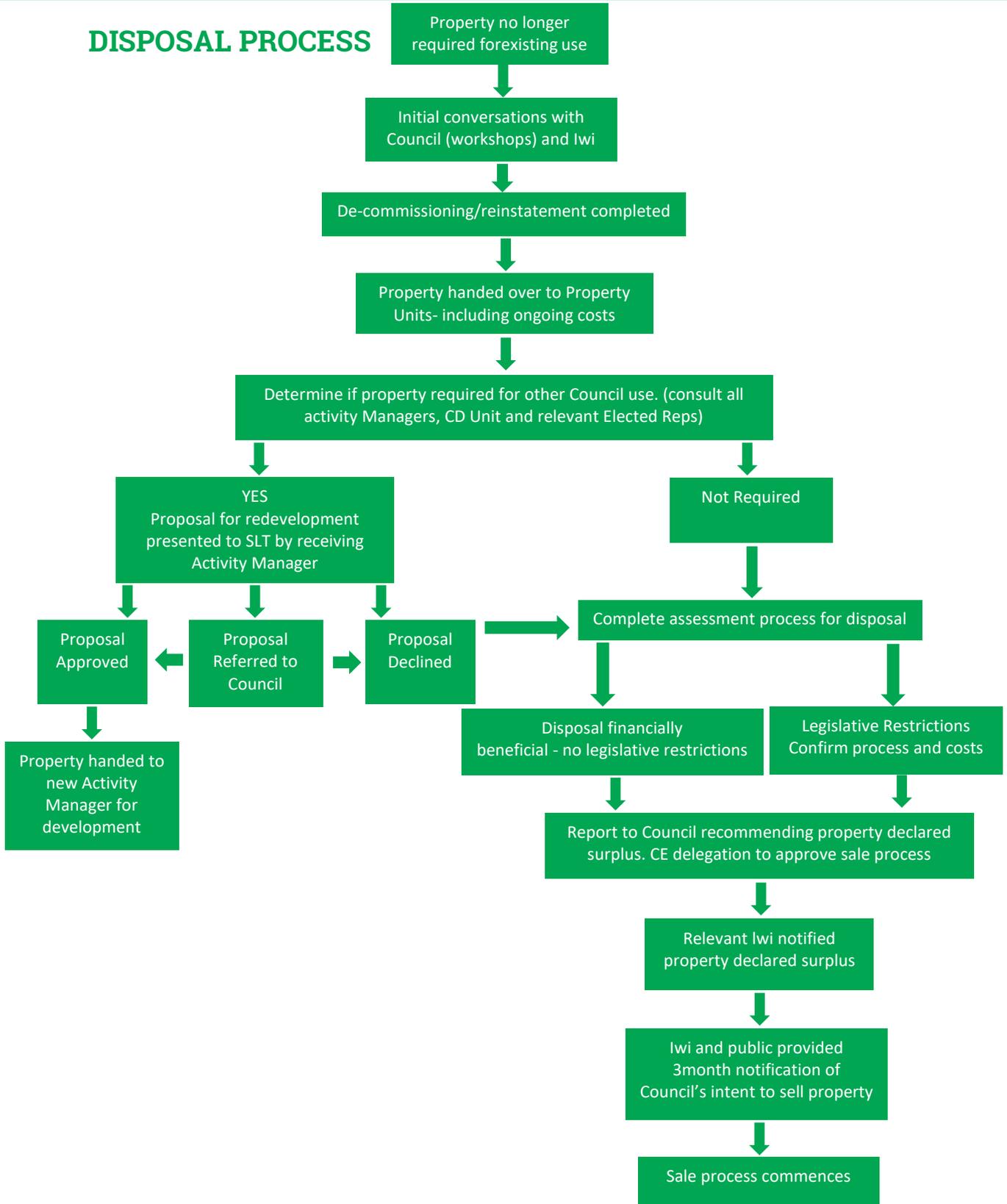
<b>Land acquired for public works</b>	If land bought for a specific public work is no longer required for that public work, any other public work, or an exchange, the Council can dispose of the land. However, it must first offer the land back to the original owners or their representatives.
<b>Endowment land</b>	If land endowed in the Council for a specific purpose is considered for disposal or use for a different purpose the Council must first obtain the approval of the Minister and comply with conditions in section 141 of the Local Government Act 2002
<b>Gifted or bequeathed land</b>	Before disposing of gifted or bequeathed land, the Council must seek the views of the original owners or their successors, where reasonably practical to do so.
<b>Stopped roads</b>	Following completion of the road stopping process under sections 319(1)(h) and 342 (1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1974, and the fulfilment of any obligations under section 40 of the Public Works Act 1981, the Council may negotiate the sale or transfer of the land to adjoining property owners.
<b>Exchange of land</b>	The Council may exchange land it owns for other land that fits better with its strategic land acquisition criteria. This mutually beneficial exchange of land could occur through boundary adjustments or swapping of land and is governed principally by the Reserves Act 1977 and the Public Works Act 1981.



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## Property Acquisition and Disposal Policy

### DISPOSAL PROCESS



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# Pūrongo Report

To	Ordinary Council
From	Tumu Whakahaere / Chief Executive, Fiona Aitken
Date	14 April 2025
Subject	<b>Local Water Done Well – Consultation Document</b>

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

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## Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. The government has repealed the previous Affordable Waters legislation and is undertaking a water reform programme known as Local Water Done Well (LWDW). This is the government's plan to address New Zealand's long-standing water infrastructure challenges. It recognises the importance of local decision-making and flexibility to determine how water services will be delivered in the future.
2. The water service delivery models available to councils through the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 are:
  - In-house Business Unit (Enhanced Status Quo)
  - Single council owned Council Controlled Organisation (CCO)
  - Multi-council owned Council Controlled Organisation
  - Mixed council/consumer trust owned
  - Consumer trust owned
3. This Act requires councils to develop, and submit for approval, Water Services Delivery Plans (WSDPs) by 3 September 2025 that identifies a financially viable pathway to deliver water services and requires councils to consult on a **minimum of two of the above options**.
4. The Council must state their **proposed option for service delivery** in the consultation document. At an Extraordinary Council meeting on 26 February 2025 the Council confirmed that they would consult on two options: in-house business unit (enhanced status quo) and a multi-council owned CCO (Joint Taranaki Water Services CCO) with their **proposed option for service delivery** being the Joint Taranaki WSCCO. This allowed officers to develop the consultation material for Council approval.
5. The purpose of this report is for the Council to approve the consultation document for public consultation, which is scheduled to take place from 30 April through to 30 May 2025.

## Taunakitanga / Recommendation(s)

THAT the Council;

- a) **Receives** the Local Water Done Well - Consultation Document Report; and

- b) **Approves** the consultation document for Local Water Done Well in accordance with the Local Government (Waters Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024.
- c) **Notes** the consultation document includes analysis of two models for the delivery of water and wastewater services to the South Taranaki District, these are:
  - i. In-house Business Unit (enhanced status quo)
  - ii. Joint Taranaki Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) as the proposed model for water and wastewater services;

## Kupu Whakamārama / Background

### Local Water Done Well Legislative and Regulatory Framework

- 6. The government is undertaking a water reform programme known as Local Water Done Well (LWDW), with the repealing of the previous water services legislation and establishment of a framework and preliminary arrangements for the new water services system. The final stage is a Bill which establishes long-term settings for water services including a new economic regulatory system, changes to the environmental and water quality regulations, financial sustainability objectives and restrictions against privatisation and will become law mid-2025.
- 7. The Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act (the Act) requires councils to develop Water Service Delivery Plans (WSDPs) which must include a self-assessment of the financial viability of councils' water services delivery. Under the Act 'financially sustainable' in relation to a council's delivery of water services, is defined as:
  - The revenue applied to the council's delivery of those water services is sufficient to ensure the council's long-term investment in delivering water services; and
  - The council is financially able to meet all regulatory standards and requirements for the council's delivery of those water services.
- 8. The government is also developing a new planning and accountability framework for water services which is intended to improve transparency and accountability for the future delivery of water services. Continuing to operate water and wastewater services in the same way as the Council does now is not feasible, as substantial modification is required to meet the legislated requirements.

### Consultation with the Community

- 9. At a Council meeting on 26 February 2025 the Council resolved to prepare a consultation document that included two service delivery models, an in-house business unit and Joint Taranaki WSCCO:
  - a) *Receives the Local Water Done Well – Options for Consultation Report;*
  - b) *Notes that Central Government has legislated that Local Authorities are to develop and publicly consult on a proposed model for water services delivery and submit a Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) for approval;*
  - c) *Notes that legislation requires the Council to:*

- a. *Identify a proposed water services delivery model in a WSDP and formally adopt the WSDP via Council resolution before submitting to the Secretary of Local Government by 3 September 2025;*
  - b. *Demonstrate compliance with financial sustainability tests by 30 June 2028; and*
  - c. *Ring-fence revenue and expenditure for water and wastewater so that it is separate from Council activities from 30 June 2028.*
- d) *Instructs the Chief Executive to prepare consultation material for consideration at a meeting on 14 April 2025 that:*
- a. *Includes analysis of two models for the delivery of water and wastewater services to the South Taranaki District, these are:*
    - i. *In-house Business Unit (enhanced status quo)*
    - ii. *Joint Taranaki Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO);*
  - b. *Specifies an asset-owning Joint Taranaki WSCCO with New Plymouth District Council and Stratford District Council as the proposed model for water and wastewater services; and*
- e) *Notes that Stormwater assets and services will remain under South Taranaki District Council ownership and responsibility.*
10. In carrying out consultation the Act sets out what information must be provided to the community:
- a. Specify a proposed service delivery model and the reasons for it.
  - b. Provide analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of at least two options including the proposed service delivery model and the Council’s existing approach.
  - c. Identify potential impacts of proceeding or not proceeding with the proposed service delivery model, including impact on rates, debt, levels of service and any water services charges.
  - d. Outline implications for communities and accountability arrangements of a joint service delivery model.
11. The consultation document ([attached as Appendix 1](#)) outlines the two options for service delivery the Council agreed to consult on, states the proposed model of delivery is the Joint Taranaki WSCCO and provides the information to the community as outlined above.

## **Ngā Kōwhiringa / Options – Identification and analysis**

### **Options available**

- 12. Option One: Approve the Consultation Document as presented to be released to the public on 30 April 2025.
- 13. Option Two: Approve the Consultation Document with changes to be released to the public on 30 April 2025.
- 14. There is no option to not consult. It is a statutory requirement under the Act to present at least two options for water service delivery to the community within a statutory timeframe.

**Risks**

- 15. The Long Term Plan 2024-34 projections for water services are based on the Councils’ infrastructure assets database and current asset conditions. All three councils in Taranaki agree that the asset data base information quality could be further improved and that condition ratings within their databases do not necessarily accurately reflect the true state of some of these assets. Consequently, additional borrowing could become necessary.
- 16. There is a risk that the assumptions used in the financial modelling for both models are not accurate and may be materially different to what has been used, resulting in less/greater savings or less/greater costs going forward. To mitigate this risk the consultation documents refers to the financial analysis and data as projections and includes an overall disclaimer that the financial analysis is based on assumptions.

**Whaiwhakaaro me ngā aromatawai / Considerations and Assessments**

**Local Government Purpose**

- 17. The purpose of local government is to enable democratic local decision-making on behalf of communities. The government has repealed the previous Affordable Waters legislation that mandated councils to become part of a larger water entity. The LWDW legislation that has now been enacted provides for local decision making.

**Assessment of Significance and Engagement**

- 18. South Taranaki District Council’s general approach to determining the level of “significance” will be to consider:

Criteria	Measure	Assessment
Degree	The number of residents and ratepayers affected and the degree to which they are affected by the decision or proposal.	All residents will be affected by the way water services are delivered in the future. The approval of the consultation document will provide an opportunity for the community to have their say.
LOS	The achievement of, or ability to achieve, the Council’s stated levels of service as set out in the Long Term Plan.	Both options being consulted on can deliver the stated levels of service in the LTP and could meet any stated levels of service set out in water legislation or regulations in the future.
Decision	Whether this type of decision, proposal or issue has a history of generating wide public interest within South Taranaki.	Ownership and delivery of water infrastructure has previously generated wide public interest.
Financial	The impact of the decision or proposal on the Council’s overall budget or included in an approved Long Term Plan and its ability to carry out its existing or proposed functions and activities now and in the future.	The Council has approved a budget of \$250,000 for the development of WSDPs and the work to date, consultation and development of a final WSDP are expected to fit within this budget.

Criteria	Measure	Assessment
Reversible	The degree to which the decision or proposal is reversible.	The decision to approve the consultation document is not reversible once the Council releases its consultation document.
Environment	The degree of impact the decision will have on the environment.	The decision to approve the consultation document has minimal impact on the environment (hard copies will be printed).

- 19. In terms of the Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy the decision on the future service delivery model for water services is of **high significance**.
- 20. Under the Act councils must consult on the proposed model for delivering water services in the WSDP. The Council must ensure that its consultation and decision-making comply with Section 51-54 (Part 3 of the Act), not the consultation requirements of the Local Government Act 2002.

**Legislative Considerations**

- 21. Ultimately the Council is required to decide on the model for water service delivery and develop a WSDP that must be presented to the government by 3 September 2025 for the DIA to approve. Adoption of the WSDP is scheduled for 28 July 2025.
- 22. The Council is required to consider its options, determine a proposed service delivery model and consult on these with the community. As stated in paragraph 10, the legislation sets out what information must be provided to the community.

**Financial/Budget Considerations**

- 23. The Council approved a budget of \$250,000 for the development of WSDPs and the work to date, consultation and development of a final WSDP are expected to fit within this budget.

**Environmental Sustainability**

- 24. The main focus of the models being put out for public consultation is financial sustainability as per the LWDW legislation. However, whatever model of service delivery is implemented, the entity (either the Council or a CCO) will be required to meet environmental standards for both water quality and wastewater discharge.
- 25. The model of service delivery will also need to consider the resilience of water and wastewater infrastructure, as climate change affects sea level rise and more severe weather events potentially put infrastructure at risk (e.g. infrastructure close to eroding cliffs).

**Consistency with Plans/Policies/Community Outcomes**

- 26. Whatever service delivery model the Council proceeds with, following consultation with the community, will be a strategic decision for the Council to make in July this year.
- 27. The Local Government Act 2002 requires councils to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the community, now and for the future. The

effective and efficient delivery of drinking water and wastewater services to the community are crucial to all four community outcomes:

- a) Mana Oranga/Economic Wellbeing: flourishing communities with a diverse economy, innovative people and resilient infrastructure
- b) Mana Mauri/Cultural Wellbeing: creative, diverse communities that enhance the mauri (wellbeing) of our people
- c) Mana Taiao/Environmental Wellbeing: sustainable communities that manage resources in a way that improves our environment for future generations
- d) Mana Tangata/Social Wellbeing: safe, connected communities where people feel happy and proud of where we live.

### **Consideration for Iwi/Māori**

- 28. To date, the Water Service Delivery for Taranaki Project has had involvement and input from iwi/mana whenua by way of Post Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE) members' participation in the Steering Group, Pou Taiao staff on the Project Working Group and briefings to Taranaki Iwi Chairs. Council's Te Kāhui Matauraura members were invited to Council workshops.
- 29. Water is a taonga for mana whenua and iwi/Māori have ancestral or spiritual relationships with water bodies. The Council's Iwi partners have a holistic view of water and do not differentiate between regulatory decisions on water management and decisions on infrastructure to provide water services.
- 30. A likely key outcome for our Iwi partners will be that a strong governance framework, which includes Iwi partners, is part of the decision making for either a Joint Taranaki WSCCO or an in-house business unit. It is anticipated that Iwi will want an active role in governance which is consistent with the Council's Partnership Strategy.

### **Whakakapia / Conclusion**

- 31. The Council is required to consult on a minimum of two options for water services delivery and consult on these options with the community. Based on the previous decisions of Council the consultation document has been developed to consult on the two options Council agreed on – in-house business unit (enhanced status quo) and a Joint Taranaki WSCCO with the proposed method of delivery being the Joint Taranaki WSCCO.
- 32. The consultation document must be approved by the Council before it is released to the public for the consultation period (30 April – 30 May). The recommended option is Option One, to approve the consultation document as presented.



Fiona Aitken

**Tumu Whakahaere /  
Chief Executive**

Appendix 1: [Local Water Done Well consultation document](#)

## **Local Water Done Well**

### **Have your say on the future delivery of water and wastewater services in South Taranaki**

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We're consulting on the best option for delivering water and wastewater services in a way that will meet the needs of our community and the Government's new requirements for financial sustainability.

We need to your feedback by 5pm Friday 30 May 2025.

From the Mayor

The delivery of good quality water and wastewater services is vital to our health, environment and economy. However, decades of underinvestment in water and wastewater infrastructure across New Zealand has prompted successive governments to reform the sector. Local Water Done Well (LWDW), is a programme of changes introduced by the Government in February 2024 that replaced what was previously known as *Three Waters Reform*. This is the Government's plan to address New Zealand's long-standing water infrastructure challenges. It recognises the importance of local decision-making and flexibility to determine how water services will be delivered in the future. **Councils can choose to deliver water services either by themselves or with other councils.**

In South Taranaki we are in a unique position because we have historically invested well in our water services infrastructure, we have relatively low net debt (thanks to our Long-Term Investment Fund) and consequently we have two options that are financially sustainable. However, we still have significant expenditure coming up in wastewater and the costs to comply with health and environmental standards continue to rise. The important thing to remember is that this decision is about the best way of delivering water services over the long term.

The government has also made it clear that collaboration is an important element of Local Water Done Well. Along with the Stratford and New Plymouth district councils, we recognise that working together should be the best way to achieve the greatest efficiencies and deliver better services while meeting new legislative requirements. This is why, after considerable investigation and independent advice, the three Taranaki district councils are proposing the best way to deliver water services for the next 30 plus years is through the establishment of a joint multi council-controlled organisation.

This is a complex issue and there is a lot to take in. Understanding the views of our diverse communities is always an important part of our decision-making process, so I urge you to read this document to help with forming your view. If you are unsure or would like more information, you can come along to one of our **community meetings** held across the District during the course of this consultation or visit our website [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com)

We want to make the best decisions we can for the long-term future of South Taranaki and your feedback will help us do that. It's incredibly important, that we get this right.

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### **Our proposal for water services delivery**

**We are proposing that the best way to deliver safe, reliable and affordable drinking water and wastewater services for South Taranaki over the next 30-plus years is through a council-controlled organisation that is jointly owned by the South Taranaki, Stratford and New Plymouth district councils.**

**This document sets out why that is, and how you can have your say about the options.**

Notes on the proposal:

1. The proposal affects consumers who are provided drinking water and wastewater services by their council. It does not affect those who self-supply either or both of those services.
2. Stormwater services will remain with the individual councils. A council may choose to contract out some or all of their stormwater related services, including to a future jointly owned water services organisation.

## 1. What's happening with our water services?

Safe drinking water and the safe disposal of wastewater have made massive differences to our health and wellbeing, even in the past few decades. How we care for water affects not just us and the environment today, but our future.

It's not surprising then that managing the three waters\* is one of the biggest items in the Council's budget. And meeting the costs of delivering these community water services is increasing. Some reasons for that are:

- It's more expensive to replace old, and build new infrastructure than before
- increased community expectations
- increased environmental and health standards
- population and economic growth.

**Local Water Done Well** is the Government's plan to address New Zealand's water infrastructure challenges. It aims to provide local councils with the **choice** on how they will provide reliable and safe water services to their communities over the next 30 years and beyond.

Councils can choose to deliver water services themselves, with other councils, or through other arrangements so long as they can show their choice will meet the Government's core requirements. These include cost effectiveness and affordability, financial sustainability, and compliance with legislation.

Since March 2024 our Council has been looking at several different options for the future delivery of water services including delivering water independently, as well as working with the Stratford and New Plymouth district councils to consider what joint water services delivery could look like in Taranaki.

After a lot of work and thorough investigation by all councils **we are proposing that the best way to deliver safe, reliable and affordable water services over the next 30-plus years is through a council-controlled organisation that is jointly owned by the South Taranaki, Stratford and New Plymouth district councils.**

We'd like your thoughts about this proposal, and the **alternative option** of keeping the delivery of water services within the South Taranaki District Council.

\*Community water services include



**Drinking water** - what comes out of the tap that you drink, cook or clean with.



**Wastewater** - what goes down the drain when you use your bathroom, laundry and kitchen.



**Stormwater** – rainwater that flows over land and into streams and rivers

\*Stormwater services are not included in the proposed regional model

Stormwater services are very complex. They are dependent on and influence many other council services and activities including roading, parks and land management, and growth planning. They are very different between each council, and at this stage will be best delivered under each council. So, the three Taranaki district councils have agreed that they will keep control of stormwater services at this time. That position may change in future, but **the current consultation proposal for a joint Taranaki water service delivery model is for drinking water and wastewater services only.**

## 2. Local Water Done Well – and what that means

**Local Water Done Well** gives Councils the **choice** as to how best to provide water services to their communities, providing they can show their choice:

- Will be **financially sustainable**, – meaning that the income from water services delivery covers all costs, including those to provide the service as well as investment and finance costs.
- Ensures **sufficient investment** needed to replace and renew existing infrastructure and build new to meet future demand.
- Is **cost-effective and affordable**, with prices that reflect the costs of delivery.

- Is **ringfenced** or completely separate from the rest of Council's income and expenditure.
- Meets other **new financial and regulatory requirements**.

Under **Local Water Done Well**, councils and water organisations will not be able to privatise water services.

Councils must complete a **Water Services Delivery Plan** by early September 2025, showing how their proposed choice meets these requirements.

### Local Water Done Well and Water Services funding

One of the features of Local Water Done Well is that water services organisations that are separate from councils can borrow up to five times the amount of revenue they receive. This is about twice the ratio that most councils are permitted.

Borrowing (using debt) to fund infrastructure investment spreads the cost of something that can be very expensive over the entire time of its useful life. That means it is paid for by all the people who benefit from it. Debt can spread costs over many years, keeping charges to consumers fairer and more affordable.

Any borrowing by a water service organisation must be guaranteed by its owner council or councils.

If you want to dive a bit deeper, there is a lot of information about Local Water Done Well, as well as links to the new regulation and the current Water Services Bill on the Government's DIA website [www.dia.govt.nz/Water-Services-Policy-and-Legislation](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Water-Services-Policy-and-Legislation)

### 3. What are we consulting on?

This proposal is about deciding on the best option for delivering **water services** in a way that will meet the needs of the community and the Government's new financial sustainability and water regulatory requirements.

#### About our water services

- STDC owns and operates ten water treatment plants, 11 bores, 38 reservoirs, 642km of water pipes, 75 water pipe bridges, eight wastewater treatment plants, 40 pump stations, 204km of wastewater pipes and over 100 kilometres of stormwater assets.
- The cost to replace our three waters assets is \$710 million (estimated 2022).
- Of the 29,600 people living in South Taranaki, 20,907 (71%) are provided with water supply services and 16,653 (56%) are provided with wastewater services.
- Inaha and Waimate West are the two rural schemes that consume 61% of the total water supply.
- Every day on average 28,105 cubic metres of water is produced and 12,571 cubic metres of wastewater is treated.
- On average water services cost \$32.3 million each year to operate which is around 29% of Council's total operating expenditure
- On average water services cost about \$20.8 million each year in capital works which is around 47% of Council's capital works expenditure
- **Over the next ten years key water and wastewater investment/upgrades total \$230 million**
- Water Services Debt is expected to increase from \$88 million to \$153 million over the ten years of Council's 2024-34 Long Term Plan which is on average about 60% of total Council debt.
- For a typical South Taranaki urban household water and wastewater charges account for 43% average of the total rates bill.

## 4. What are the options?

Under Local Water Done well, there were several options we could choose from. These included keeping delivery in-house; establishing a consumer trust; or setting up a single or jointly owned council-controlled organisation.

For South Taranaki establishing a consumer trust was not practical and setting up a council-controlled organisation on our own was not financially sustainable - so these options were ruled out. This left us with two, financially sustainable options to further investigate; establishing a Taranaki water services council-controlled organisation (WSCCO) with New Plymouth and Stratford district councils or keeping water services delivered in-house within South Taranaki District Council.

To help narrow down the choices, the three Taranaki councils identified objectives for water services delivery that would meet our communities' needs, and which models would be best suited to deliver those while also meeting Government requirements.

These community objectives are:

- **Sustainably funded** – having enough income to meet standards while remaining affordable
- **Operationally efficient** – keeping costs down
- **Attractive for investment** and growth - to keep the community and business strong
- **Supportive of Te Mana o te Wai** – taking care of water in the environment
- **Well maintained and compliant** with regulations
- Supported by a **capable and resilient workforce**
- **Understanding of local needs** and responding quickly

The Government also made it clear that it is expecting councils to work together to see if regional models would be suitable.

## Our proposal

We are proposing that the best way to deliver safe, reliable and affordable water services over the next 30 plus years is through:

- A) A council-controlled organisation that is jointly owned by the South Taranaki, Stratford and New Plymouth district councils; with the alternative option being to;
- B) Keep the delivery of water services within South Taranaki District Council (also known as an in-house business unit, or status quo option)

Each option has its own advantages, disadvantages and impacts, which is why we'd like your feedback.

Understanding the perspective of our community is an important part of our decision-making process and your views will help the Mayor and Councillors decide the best way forward for our community.

**We need your help - what do you think about the different water service delivery options and our proposal for change?**

### 3. Some myth busting (These can go anywhere in the document)

- **Water services (including assets) will remain in council ownership and cannot be privatised** – this is set out in the legislation, along with the requirements for future water service delivery models.
- **Councils are not amalgamating** – this consultation is about water services delivery. Council amalgamation is not being discussed or proposed.
- **The bigger district will not control the decisions of a regional organisation** – the way the proposed model is set up means no single council would have a majority vote.
- **Staff won't all be based in New Plymouth** – Staff will be needed in every district, just as they are now, to meet levels of service.
- **Costs are increasing** – no matter what option you choose, the cost of **delivering water and wastewater services** will increase over time. Increasing compliance costs are part of this.

## Option 1- Joint regional model (Proposed option)

**A Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) jointly owned by the three Taranaki district councils, is set up to deliver water services across the region.**

### How it would work

Each council would be a shareholder in the new jointly owned organisation. They would create a committee to oversee the organisation made up of representatives from each council and Iwi. The committee would appoint an independent Board of Directors, chosen for their skills in relevant areas. The Board would be responsible for ensuring the organisation meets the expectations and levels of service set by the Council shareholders, as well as all legal requirements.

### Impact on the community

The three Councils believe working together is the best way to meet the challenges of providing water services now and in the future.

Pooling our resources gives us greater access to the finance, people and systems that will ensure our water services are safe and support communities and businesses. A larger customer base means the organisation will have greater access to funding for investment or to meet unexpected events and will help to keep costs to individual consumers lower than the alternative.

We recognise that some people, especially in smaller communities, may be concerned that ‘bigger isn’t always better’. However, it is important to remember that any water service organisation must meet national requirements for quality and service, and council requirements for current levels of service to our communities regardless of size. Over time, the same quality and services will be delivered to more people. So, it won’t be a case of bigger centres receiving priority. In fact, it’s more likely to be the opposite at first, as communities are brought up to the same levels of service across the region.

The proposed model means that consumers will continue to pay for what they use, at a fair cost based on their level of service.

*This is the proposed model for all three Taranaki district councils*

Having considered the Government’s plans under Local Water Done Well, and the options available, all three councils believe their communities will be best served in the long run by a jointly owned organisation focused on delivering water services.

## Water services at a regional level

- The Joint CCO would provide water services to 79% of the region's residents and wastewater services to 72%. This covers 45,899 water connections and 40,913 wastewater connections.
- The Joint CCO would cover 17 water supplies and 12 wastewater schemes with 2773km of pipes.
- These assets are currently worth \$1.2 billion and would cost \$2.2 billion to replace
- Water and wastewater services (current) cost is around \$75 million each year to operate.
- The water and wastewater services debt is expected to increase from \$266 million to \$429 million over the 10 years from 2024-2034.
- Key Investment required – All councils have a significant investment programme in renewals. South Taranaki and Stratford district councils have major wastewater treatment plant upgrades while NPDC has a drinking water treatment plant upgrade, and improvements to Waitara and Inglewood drinking water networks.



## Option 2 - An in-house business unit within South Taranaki District Council, modified to meet new requirements

**A council business unit, dedicated to delivering water and wastewater services across the district.**

We (STDC) continue to deliver water services from an in-house business unit but make changes to the way this unit is set up to meet the new rules and regulations set by Government.

### How it would work

Water services delivery would remain the responsibility of a council business unit. However, under this model, any revenue we get, either through rates or other charges, for providing water service would be ringfenced and used specifically to pay for the cost of delivering those water services. We would prepare a Water Services Strategy, setting out priorities and ensuring the business unit has the funding it needs. The business unit will prepare separate performance and financial reports for council.

### Impact on the community

Keeping waters in-house is a viable option for us because it is financially sustainable in the long-term. Our community would continue to receive compliant and reliable water services by a team who understand local issues. We can still continue to work in collaboration with the other Taranaki councils to gain efficiencies over time.

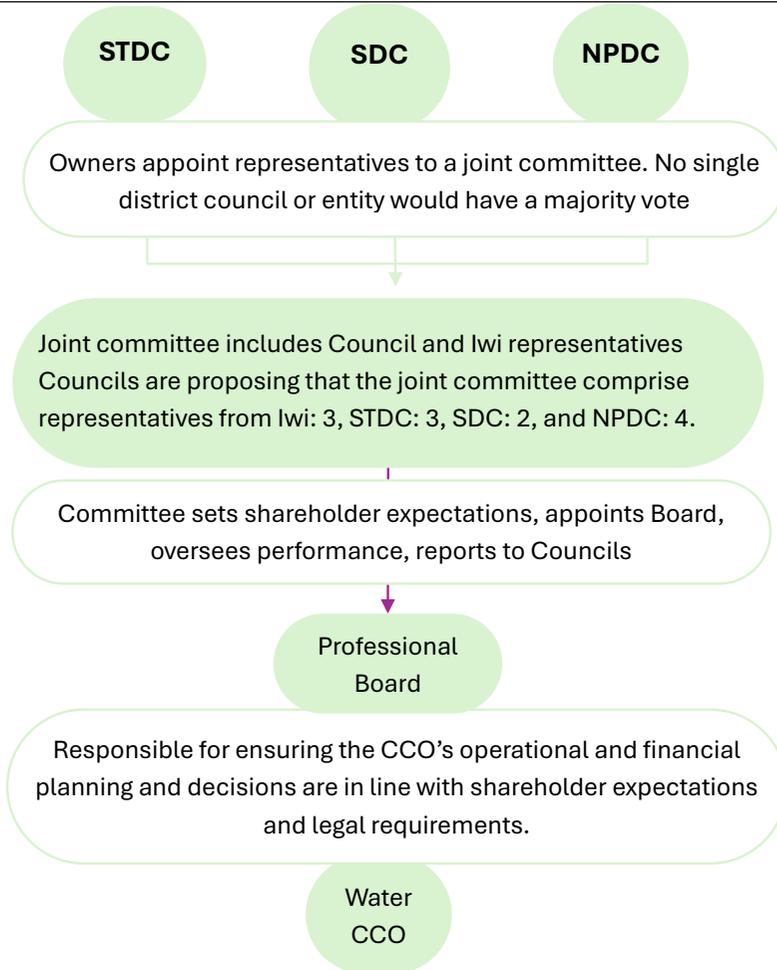
However, this option does not maximise opportunities to increase regional investment. It also offers no benefits of scale, potentially hindering or slowing our ability to make change quickly and find efficiencies.

## Let's compare the options: 1. Ownership and control

Feature	Option 1 - A jointly owned Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (CCO)	Option 2 - STDC inhouse business unit
<b>Who owns the water infrastructure assets?</b>	100% owned by the South Taranaki, Stratford and New Plymouth district councils.	No change, remains within Council
<b>Who is accountable for performance?</b>	An independent Board oversees the CCO and is accountable to a joint committee made up of representatives from each Council and Iwi.	The Council sets overall direction and priorities. A separate committee made up of elected members, iwi representatives and independent experts could be set up to oversee water and wastewater service delivery.
<b>Who decides what work gets done?</b>	The Joint Committee agree on priorities and expectations for the organisation. The Board prepares a water services strategy to achieve these and ensures the organisation is focused on delivery.	A water services strategy is developed by Council outlining the priorities for service delivery and future investment. The business unit manages the delivery of those services.
<b>How does the community have a say?</b>	Community feedback processes for the CCO will be determined by shareholding councils	The water unit reports to Council just like now. Delivery is accountable to the public through usual democratic processes; community consultation and feedback on Council planning documents.
<b>How does the funding work?</b>	Consumers pay water charges to the CCO. A water services CCO can borrow up to 500% of its revenue. Any loans are guaranteed by shareholding councils.	Water charges paid to Council. Funding for water remains part of overall Council revenue and debt but is fully separated (ringfenced) from all other Council activities.

## Let's compare the options: 2. Governance and Accountability

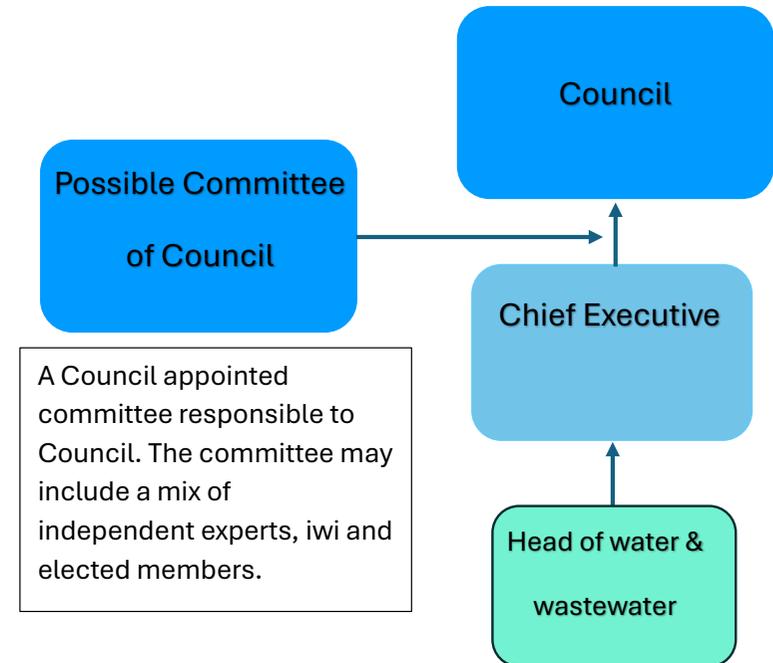
**Jointly owned council-controlled organisation (CCO)**  
Shareholder agreements set out ownership and priorities.



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**STDC In-house business unit**

Water service delivered through in-house business unit, with ring-fencing of revenue and expenditure.



## Let's compare the options: 3. Advantages and Disadvantages

Each model has its own characteristics. Note that some people may think something is an advantage that others would see as a disadvantage. Any proposed model and plan must meet Government criteria. If the Government is not satisfied that a preferred plan meets requirements, it can step in to help.

Option 1 - A Joint Taranaki Council Controlled Organisation	Option 2 - STDC inhouse business unit
<p><b>Advantages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Combines the resources and customer base of all three Councils.</li> <li>- Has the ability to borrow more money for investment which improves affordability.</li> <li>- Removing water services debt from council will improve our ability to borrow and service loans for other activities if we choose to.</li> <li>- Provides a clear separation between council and water services governance, management and finances.</li> <li>- A regional programme of work will provide better opportunities for efficiencies and savings through economies of scale. These are projected* to reduce cost increases for South Taranaki ratepayers by about \$56 million over the next 30 years (see pg xx)</li> <li>- Compliance costs are shared, and service levels will be improved and standardised across the region.</li> <li>- Greater capacity to respond to emergencies.</li> </ul> <p><b>Disadvantages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cost to establish</li> <li>- Potential impact on council staff and other council business units</li> <li>- Communities may feel disconnected from decision-making</li> </ul>	<p><b>Advantages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Least disruptive in the short term</li> <li>- Less cost to establish</li> <li>- Keeps council officer management of council water assets</li> <li>- Local knowledge remains inhouse</li> <li>- Provides the community more direct link to the people who control investment decisions i.e. elected members</li> </ul> <p><b>Disadvantages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Less opportunity to achieve the benefits of scale</li> <li>- Smaller customer base to pay for services - Financial projections* show the cost of providing water services will be higher over the long run (see pg xx)</li> <li>- May limit the ability of council to respond to an emergency</li> <li>- Costs of increased compliance and reporting requirements will be met by council alone</li> </ul>

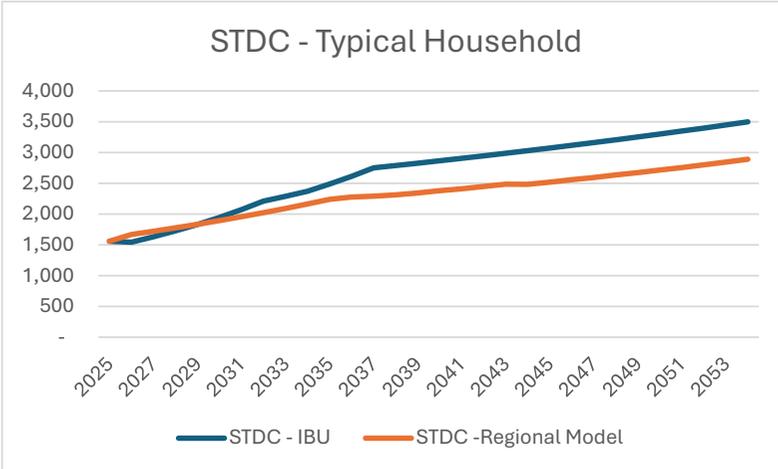
## Let's compare the options: 4. Impact on Rates and Charges

These notes about impacts on rates and charges are based on assumptions about what may or may not happen in the future. They are provided for guidance only. The actual numbers will be a result of decisions made by councils and any future entity.

Option 1 - A Joint Taranaki Council Controlled Organisation	Option 2 – STDC inhouse business unit
<p>Customers will pay water service charges to the water CCO.</p> <p>Ratepayers would see a drop in their rates bill, as their payments for water services would be made to the new council-controlled organisation.</p> <p>It is unlikely that your overall rates bill would reduce by the same amount. This is because Council would continue to provide services to the new organisation such as IT, finance, human resources or customer service support. Over time, these services and costs would likely transfer to the new entity.</p> <p>If the two waters revenue is taken out of councils' total income, it could affect how rates are distributed or calculated for residents meaning a greater proportion of Council's rates revenue will have to come from general rates.*</p> <p>Financial modelling* shows that due to the benefits of scale, and a larger base of customers, cost increases would be lower under a regional CCO.</p>	<p>Water service charges will continue to be paid to Council.</p> <p><i>The amount you pay for all water services will be clearly set out on your rates bill or separate water bill.</i></p> <p>Financial modelling* shows that due to the benefits of scale not being realised and with a smaller base of customers to cover new compliance requirements the cost of providing water services will be higher than the regional CCO over the long run.</p>
<p>For example, below is a financial projection* of what a typical South Taranaki urban household could expect to pay on average for water and wastewater services</p>	

**Cost \$ approx**  
**Now \$1500**  
**10 years \$2200**  
**30 years \$2900**

**Cost \$ approx**  
**Now \$1500**  
**10 years \$2500**  
**30 years \$3500**



The graph compares what a typical South Taranaki urban household (2.7 people) could expect to pay on average for water and wastewater services between the STDC in-house business model and the joint Taranaki model over 30 years. It shows that over the long run the more cost-effective option for delivering water and wastewater services would be the regional model.

**An important note about these numbers.**

*When making projections about the future we have to make certain assumptions, which may or may not turn out to be totally accurate. The information used for making financial projections are based on things like past history, the experiences of others, efficiencies achieved through economies of scale, budgets and projects from our Councils' Long-Term*

*Plans, Asset Management Plans and 30-year infrastructure strategies. They also include the assumption of price harmonisation of water and residential wastewater services over 10 – 15 years. While the numbers may vary from what will actually happen, the graphs are useful for comparative purposes.*

## Changing the incidence of rating

The Council gets a significant part of its revenue from a mixture of **rates** (both targeted, general and roading) and **charges** like the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC). The general and roading rates are calculated on the capital value of a property, so each property pays a different amount. The UAGC is a flat charge all ratepayers pay regardless of the value of their property. By law it cannot be more than 30% of the total rates revenue collected.

One of the consequences of removing the two waters revenue from councils' total revenue is that it could affect how rates are distributed or calculated for residents. Because the UAGC revenue is capped at 30%, a greater proportion of Council's rates revenue will have to come from general rates. So those properties whose capital value is above the average will pay (proportionately) a bit more than currently, compared to those whose capital value is below the average who will (proportionately) pay a bit less. However, it is likely that the Government will introduce transitional provisions to the legislation that lets councils increase the UAGC above 30% for a period to minimise this.

## Standardising charges

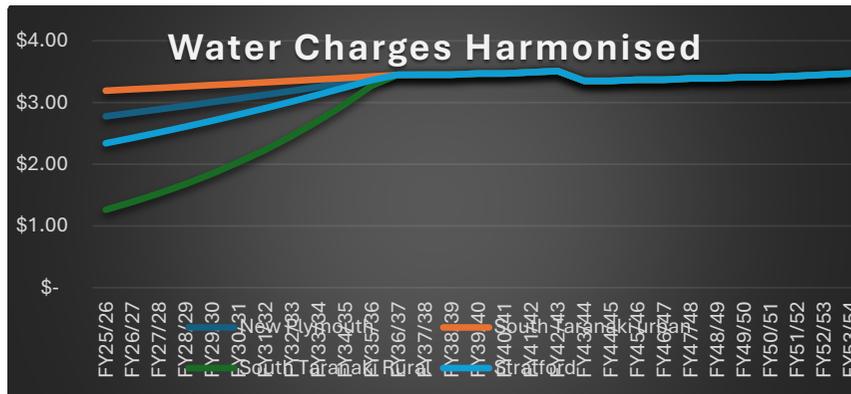
Currently in South Taranaki there are some different charges for different kinds of users. For example, most town (urban) properties pay a flat charge each year for water (called a water targeted rate) while rural and high users pay by the amount of water they use through meters (called volumetric charging).

The financial modelling for both options assume that, to achieve greater fairness and equity, water supply charges will be made the same (harmonised) over 10-15 years. This means everyone in the service area will pay the same price for the same service, and the harmonisation will be gradual to avoid large price increases all at once.

In South Taranaki this would have the greatest impact on the Waimate West/Inaha rural properties where the water by meter charges have been projected to increase each year for 10 – 15 years by a maximum of 10%.

Similarly for wastewater most town and business properties pay a flat wastewater charge and/or a trade waste charge, while most large industries have trade waste agreements. For the regional CCO over 10 – 15 years the different residential wastewater charges between the three districts may come to be harmonised. For both the regional CCO and the STDC in-house model, additional wastewater charges could be applied, for example based on the number of toilets at a commercial property (a 'pan tax') – again, better reflecting the actual cost of the service that is provided.

Option 1 - A Joint Taranaki Council Controlled Organisation	Option 2 - STDC inhouse business unit
<p><b>Water</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Price harmonisation over 10 -15 years.</li> </ul> <p><b>Wastewater</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special charges for commercial and industrial users</li> <li>• Price harmonisation between the three districts residential users over 10 -15 years.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Water</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Price harmonisation over 10-15 years</li> </ul> <p><b>Wastewater</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special charges for commercial and industrial users</li> <li>• Residential users pay targeted rate similar to how we do now</li> </ul>



This graph shows the projected increase in water charges (for every 1,000 litres of water used) resulting from price harmonisation. This shows the biggest impact would be on rural consumers on the Waimate West and Inaha water supply schemes. The proposed harmonisation is the same for both options.

- **Price harmonisation** – The purpose of harmonisation is that all consumers in the service area pay the same price for the same service.

## Let's compare the options: 5. Impact on Debt

One of the benefits that Local Water Done Well introduces is the ability for a separate water services organisation to borrow more money based on its revenue, than a council can. This is particularly helpful in a case where a council is at or near its borrowing limits. This isn't the case for our Council, which has sufficient borrowing capacity to meet forecast water infrastructure investment needs. However, creating a new water entity, and moving existing debt related to two waters off the council balance sheet, would improve our ability to service remaining debt (a bit like a mortgage interest rate cut would leave more money in the household budget) or have more room to borrow for other activities.

	Total debt (\$m)	Two waters debt (\$m)	Per cent two waters / total
<b>STDC total Debt:</b>	170	88	52%

Option 1 - A Joint Taranaki Council Controlled Organisation	Option 2 - STDC in house business unit
<p>Along with the revenue from water service charges, all existing STDC water services debt (\$88 million) would be transferred from the Council to the regional CCO. This will mean STDC has more room to borrow for other activities if it chooses to.</p> <p>Under LWDW a water services CCO can borrow more money to fund infrastructure projects than Councils can, based on the same revenue.</p> <p>For example, most councils can currently borrow up to 280% of their <i>total</i> revenue. A new regional CCO would be able to borrow up to 500% of its revenue for water infrastructure.</p> <p>Projections show that the regional CCO's debt would remain well below the 500% limit, allowing for room to borrow more if unexpected circumstances arise.</p> <p>With greater revenue, and more options to balance investment, debt and revenue, a joint CCO will have greater flexibility to provide affordability for consumers in the long run.</p>	<p>There would be very little change in debt levels for the council in the short term. Over time, debt would change in line with the requirements of upgrades, growth and replacements of key assets, as set out in council's Long Term Plan.</p> <p>The Council could generate enough money to deliver water services and cover any loans (ie Debt) needed to build new infrastructure over the next 30 years, while staying under key debt limits*. For example, under the Local Government Act the ratio of council's net debt to revenue** must not exceed 280%. Council has its own self-imposed limit of 150%. Thanks to Council's Long Term Investment Fund there would also be room to borrow for future unexpected expenditure, as well for other non-water activities if needed.</p> <p><i>** Debt to Revenue ratio – the amount of money that can be borrowed based on the amount of revenue received. A higher ratio means being able to borrow more. Debt headroom refers to how much more can be borrowed based on the debt and revenue amounts.</i></p>

## Let's compare the options: 7. Impact on Levels of Service

Option 1 - A Joint Taranaki Council Controlled Organisation	Option 2 - STDC inhouse business unit
<p>No change is expected to levels of service</p> <p><b>Water services</b> CCO staff will deliver the services and contractors used to maintain the networks. Over time, it is likely that service levels would standardise, in line with future Government regulations around water quality, engineering and customer service. A standalone organisation solely focussed on water services should be better able to manage assets, finance, procurement and compliance.</p> <p><b>Other Council services</b> Would be unaffected, although some services will be needed to support the establishment of the new entity.</p> <p><b>Growth</b> With a larger customer and revenue base, the regional entity would be better able to deliver investment to support growth and manage the growing water network.</p> <p><b>Civil defence</b> A regional entity will be better placed to respond to emergencies relating to the two waters.</p>	<p>No change is expected to levels of service as set in the Council's Long Term Plan, except for meeting the increased reporting and compliance requirements under Local Water Done Well.</p> <p><b>Water services</b> Council staff will deliver the services (such as treatment, planning, projects, monitoring) and contractors used to maintain the networks.</p> <p><b>Other Council services</b> <i>Would be unaffected.</i></p> <p><b>Growth</b> The ability to service debt to invest in new infrastructure would be limited by our revenue.</p> <p><b>Civil defence</b> No change.</p>

## Achieving scale is important

The Government has repeatedly talked about the need for councils to work together to achieve scale in the delivery of water services and keep costs to consumers down. In general, it is more efficient, effective, and sustainable to deliver water services to a larger number of consumers than a smaller one. A regional CCO offers:

**Cost Efficiency:** Larger organisations reduce per-user costs for infrastructure investment, maintenance, and compliance with regulatory standards. This is because costs are spread across a larger customer base.

**Shared Expertise:** Pooling resources allows access to a broader range of technical expertise, skilled staff, and operational capabilities, improving service quality and driving innovation.

**Better Resilience:** A larger-scale model provides greater capacity to respond to emergencies, manage risks, and adapt to future challenges like climate change.

**Improved Investment Capability:** The bigger the entity, the greater the ability to access better funding, spread costs over a wider base, and invest in critical infrastructure upgrades.

**Better Regulatory Compliance:** Scaling up enables more efficient implementation of increasing health, environmental, and economic regulations. This means a greater focus on securing good environmental outcomes through more resourcing for compliance monitoring including consent conditions, and increased ability to meet compliance standards.

By achieving greater scale, councils can deliver more sustainable, affordable, and high-quality water services for their communities.

## Submission Form – tell us what you think

Submissions close at 5pm Friday 30 May 2025

Contact details:

Name (who is the submission from?)

Contact person (if the name above is an organisation)

Postal address

Telephone: Day/Night

Email Address

Do you wish to speak at hearing....

Do you support the proposal (OPTION #1) for STDC to join a Taranaki multi council-controlled organisation (with NPDC and SDC) to provide future water and wastewater services?

Yes (Comments: add any comments you feel are relevant)

No – I support the option (OPTION #2) of providing water services in South Taranaki through an in-house STDC business unit. (Comments: add any comments you feel are relevant)

*Do you have any comments on the inclusion or exclusion of stormwater in the proposed regional model?*

Do you have any other comments?

We need to receive your feedback by 5pm Friday 30 May 2025.

### Privacy Statement:

We collect your personal information so we can contact you throughout this consultation process. Any submissions received play an important role in the decision-making process. Any personal information, e.g. your name and statements made in your submission will be publicly available. Providing your personal information is optional, however Council will be unable to contact you regarding important dates, the process or provide a response to your submission and any outcomes. You have the right to ask for a copy of any personal information we hold about you and, if applicable, request correction of that information. If you want to check personal information that we hold about you please contact us at [privacyofficer@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:privacyofficer@stdc.govt.nz)

## 10. Timeline and next steps

	30 April 2025	Public consultation opens
	30 May 2025	Public consultation closes
	16 June 2025	Hearing
	30 July 2025	Council decisions on water services delivery option
	3 Sept 2025	Water service delivery plan submitted to government

### Community Meetings

Hawera Tues 13 May 5:30-6:30pm Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub, Camberwell St  
 Opunake Wed 14 May 5:30pm-6:30pm, Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration Events Centre, 156 Tasman St  
 Kapuni Thurs 15 May 7-8pm  
 Patea Mon 19 May 5:30-6:30pm, Hunter Shaw Building

### Webinar

Monday 19 May 5:30-6:30pm

### It's easy to have your say

This is your opportunity to let the Council hear your views and preferences about the proposal. Please take the time to get involved and have your say. There are several ways you can share your thoughts with us.

Give your feedback online: Complete the online submission form at [www.southtaranaki.com/](http://www.southtaranaki.com/) (use a QR code?)

Give your feedback on paper: Complete the hardcopy feedback form and post it to Private Bag 902, Hāwera 4640 or email it to xxxxx or drop it into any LibraryPlus centre in the district.

### Need more information?

To find more information about this proposal, the consultation process or the Government's Local Water Done Well reforms you can:

Visit our **website**: [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com) or the Department of Internal Affairs website: [www.dia.govt.nz/Water-Services-Policy-and-Legislation](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Water-Services-Policy-and-Legislation)

**Phone** us toll free on 0800 111 323

**Email** us at [contact@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:contact@stdc.govt.nz)

Attend one of our **Community Meetings**

Attend our **webinar**



# Pūrongo Report

To	Ordinary Council
From	Kaiarataki Ratonga Hapori / Group Manager Community Services, Rob Haveswood
Date	14 April 2025
Subject	<b>Project Tūkau</b>

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

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## Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. The Manaia War Memorial Hall (the Hall) and Manaia Sports Complex (the Complex), both Council-owned facilities, have been closed since 2015 and 2017 respectively due to their classification as earthquake-prone buildings. In response to this, the Council has undertaken work to address the future of these facilities.
2. This report outlines the background and collaborative efforts between the Council and Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust (TKONT) to explore the development of a multi-purpose, multi-use Iwi and community facility in Manaia. It also presents the challenges encountered and the subsequent recommendation to cease work on a shared facility, opting instead for separate developments by each party.

## Taunakitanga / Recommendation(s)

THAT the Council agree to cease work on further development of a shared facility in Manaia with Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust and commence planning for a standalone facility.

## Kupu Whakamārama / Background

3. The Hall and the Complex are two Council-owned facilities that have been closed since 2015 and 2017 respectively. Both facilities have been assessed as being less than 34% of the New Building Standards (NBS) and as such are considered earthquake prone under the building code.
4. In 2018, the Council approved funding of up to \$1 million in the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan to remediate the Hall so that it met 34% of NBS. Work simultaneously commenced regarding the future of the Complex and an investigation on whether a combined facility or two separate facilities would be appropriate.
5. Between 2018 and 2021 the Council pursued options for the Complex and the Hall. At the same time TKONT was responding to a call from its people to relocate its tari (office) from Hāwera to within the Ngāruahine rohe. Manaia was investigated as a viable option. An initial assessment identified a need for a cultural and commercial asset greater than just office accommodation, but also a catalyst for cultural expression and community strengthening.

6. The Head of Agreement (HoA) between TKONT and the Council for Project Tūkau was signed on 23 June 2022. The agreement allowed for the initial development of an outcomes framework and investigation (business case) into a multi-purpose, multi-use Iwi and community facility in Manaia, and the ongoing viability of the proposed development. Numerous public meetings were held to inform the development of the outcomes framework.
7. Funding was secured by TKONT to undertake an Initial Business Case (IBC) for a multi-use shared facility. Te Kīwai Mauī o Ngāruahine, the commercial entity accountable to TKONT, led the procurement and management of the IBC. The Building Intelligence Group secured the contract to create the IBC and work started in December 2023. The IBC was completed in June 2024 and was received by Council on 5 August 2024 (Resolution 127/24). It was agreed that the Council would proceed to the Stage 2 Business Case. The first step of the Stage 2 Business Case was to progress commercial and relationship agreements between TKONT and the Council relating to ownership, operating model, funding, financing, leases, and acquisitions. Once complete it was requested that a report be brought back to the Council for a decision on whether to proceed with any further steps.
8. Since August 2024, TKONT and the Council have been working collaboratively to progress the first step of the Stage 2 Business Case. This has involved exploring all potential ownership and operating models. In relation to a shared facility on the Hall site, the strong preference from TKNOT is that land ownership be transferred from the Council to TKNOT, TKNOT construct the facility and the Council lease back their portion for operations.
9. As part of due diligence, it became clear that transfer of land ownership of the Hall site from the Council to TKONT, and by virtue potential lease back arrangements, are not viable options for the Council. In March 2025 this was communicated to TKNOT through a project governance group meeting (membership consisting of the board chair / Mayor and Chief Executives of both TKNOT and the Council). The governance group came to an agreed position to recommend to their respective Board/Council to cease work on further development of a shared facility and each party develop their respective components separately. There is still a desire to work in partnership where opportunities exist, and both parties are open to what this could look like.

## Ngā Kōwhiringa / Options – Identification and analysis

### **Option One: Cease work on further development of a shared facility in Manaia with TKONT and commence planning for a standalone facility.**

10. It has become clear that transfer of land ownership of the Hall site, and by virtue lease back arrangements, are not viable options for the Council. There are two main factors that inform this position. The first being that the Council is constrained regarding land transfer of the Hall site due to limitations imposed on the land as a Local Purpose Reserve under the Reserves Act. It was a requirement as part of due diligence to undertake a land status check through the Department of Conservation (DOC) to get clarity on the process regarding potential land transfer. Key findings from the land status check are outlined below.
  - a. A Local Purpose Reserve cannot be transferred or sold by its administering body under the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977.

- b. A transfer of ownership between the Crown and a local authority may be possible under section 50 of the Public Works Act, however there would need to be a very compelling reason for the transfer, and Project Tūkau does not qualify for this.
  - c. The vesting of certain reserves in iwi authorities has occurred in situations where a case has been made that the Trustees, representing the mana whenua of that land, are better placed to administer the land for the purposes it is held for. The purpose of the land at the Hall site is for public buildings (War Memorial Hall). Council is deemed to be the appropriate organisation to administer the land for this purpose.
  - d. There is insufficient information for DOC to adequately assess whether office space is interpreted as an approved activity on a Local Purpose Reserve site.
11. The second is that the Council’s funding for the project is heavily weighted towards capital expenditure, making the ongoing costs in the form of a lease cost prohibitive and not good use of ratepayer funds.
  12. This option provides clarity on the path forward and enables both parties to progress with the planning and development of their respective facilities. Whilst developing separate facilities was not the intended outcome of undertaking shared feasibility work, the Council has maintained a strong relationship with TKNOT.
  13. More funding than is currently committed will be needed to complete the project. This is in part due to the amount of time taken since the funding was committed.

**Option Two: Continue work investigating options for the development of a shared facility.**

14. Council could continue to pursue the development of a shared facility with TKNOT, however representatives of the governance group have agreed that developing separately is now the best course of action. Further work undertaken to continue investigation of a shared development would extend the length of time before a facility is progressed and, given the information discovered through due diligence, would not change the constraints that Council is able to operate within.

**Whaiwhakaaro me ngā aromatawai / Considerations and Assessments**

**Local Government Purpose**

The purpose of local government is to:

- a) Enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and
- b) promote one or more of the social, economic, environmental or cultural well-beings for the community, now and into the future?

15. The community have had significant involvement in the development of the Outcomes Framework, which has underpinned the project to date. Through the development of the business case a community reference group was established to provide input. This has enabled local participation in the project and contributes to Mana Mauri (Cultural) and Mana Tangata (Social) well-being of the community.

**Assessment of Significance and Engagement**

16. The level of significance of this matter has been determined by considering the following criteria and levels of engagement:

Criteria	Measure	Assessment
Degree	The number of residents and ratepayers affected and the degree to which they are affected by the decision or proposal.	The Manaia residents and ratepayers will be affected by the decision on a community facility.
LOS	The achievement of, or ability to achieve, the stated levels of service set out in the Long Term Plan.	The Hall and the Complex have been closed for some time. Providing community spaces for the Manaia community will help the Council meet their levels of service.
Decision	Whether this type of decision, proposal or issue has generated wide public interest in South Taranaki.	The Manaia community have been consulted, and several public meetings have been held to find out the community's needs. This is a key decision in the project and will likely generate localised community interest.
Financial	The impact of the decision or proposal on the Council's overall budget or its inclusion in an approved Long Term Plan and the ability to carry out existing or proposed functions and activities now and in the future.	Funding has been budgeted through the Council's long term planning process for a community facility. The amount committed will not be sufficient to build the facility.
Reversible	The degree to which the decision or proposal is reversible.	Once the decision it will not be reversible as each organisation will commence work developing their own facilities.
Environment	The degree of impact the decision will have on the environment.	There is no impact on the environment from this decision. Environmental impacts will be identified and mitigated where possible during the planning and construction phases.

17. In terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy this matter is of medium significance and the level to which the Council needs to engage is to inform. The Council and TKNOT will inform the public of their decision through a joint media release. Minutes will be available on the Council website and the decision will be communicated at the next Taranaki Coastal Community Board meeting.

**Legislative Considerations**

18. The decision to cease shared development with TKONT and proceed alone will not impact on Council's ability to operate within the remit of the Local Government Act.

19. The Council is the administering body of the Hall site as a Local Purpose Reserve. A Local Purpose Reserve cannot be transferred or sold by its administering body under the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977. This has been a contributing factor in the recommendation being made.

### **Financial/Budget Considerations**

20. Funding of \$1 million has been budgeted through the Council's long term planning process for the remediation of the Hall facility. The amount committed will not be enough to plan, demolish, and construct a new facility. This is partly due to the extended time taken since the initial funding commitment, which has led to increased costs (factors such as inflation and changes in construction costs). Consequently, additional funding will be required to ensure the project's completion. Indicative costs will be determined during the design phase. A report will be presented to the Council before procurement of construction commences.
21. In the 2018-28 Long Term Plan \$1,793,600 was allocated for the Manaia town revitalisation. To date this funding is unspent as clarity regarding the future of the Hall and the Complex was sought. There is potential to utilise town revitalisation funding for development of the Hall, though no decision on this has been made to date.

### **Risks**

22. The extended duration since the initial funding commitment has impacted the project's progress and has caused frustration within the Manaia community. After years of completing investigatory work together with TKONT, ceasing the development of a shared facility will likely cause further frustration. Whilst a shared facility is not the recommended option, the Outcomes Framework and the Business Case will serve as useful documents for Council's progression of a stand-alone facility.

### **Environmental Sustainability**

23. There is no impact on the environment from this decision. Environmental impacts would be identified and mitigated where possible during the design, consenting and construction phases.

### **Consistency with Plans/Policies**

24. Nothing in this report is inconsistent with any Council policy, plan or strategy.

### **Consideration of Iwi/Māori**

25. The HoA between TKONT and the Council for Project Tūkau was signed in June 2022. The Council have been working closely with TKONT on this project since then through the development of the Outcomes Framework and subsequent Business Case for the potential shared facility for Manaia. Working in partnership with TKONT honours He Pou Tikanga, Ngā Iwi o te Tai Whakarunga - Council Partnership Strategy. Although the recommendation in this report is to cease work on the development of a shared facility, there is still a desire to work in partnership where opportunities exist. There was a suggestion at the Governance Group meeting that the facilities could be physically or visually linked through main street upgrades as part of the Manaia town revitalisation.

### Affected Parties Consultation

26. Since the closure of the Hall and the Complex, the community have been asked for their feedback. Council has been engaging with the community and key stakeholders over the last few years on the project. The Outcomes Framework was based on community input and further engagement took place through the Initial Business Case.

### Whakakapia / Conclusion

27. The collaborative efforts between the Council and TKONT have highlighted the complexities and challenges associated with developing a shared facility on the Hall site. Despite the initial intent, the constraints related to land ownership and financial viability have led to the recommendation to pursue separate developments. This approach provides clarity and allows both parties to focus on their respective projects while maintaining a strong relationship and exploring future partnership opportunities. Moving forward, the Council and TKONT remain committed to enhancing the cultural and community assets in Manaia, ensuring that the developments meet the needs of the community.



Rob Haveswood

**Kaiarataki Ratonga Hapori**  
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**Chief Executive**



# Pūrongo-Whakamārama

## Information Report

To	Ordinary Council
From	Kaihautū Whakawhanake Pakihi / Business Development Manager, Scott Willson
Date	14 April 2025
Subject	<b>Quarterly Economic Development and Tourism Report to 31 March 2025</b>

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

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### Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. This report provides a combined update of activities of the Economic Development and Tourism Units, including highlights of the key activities undertaken at the South Taranaki isite Visitor Information Centre.

### Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT the Council receives the Quarterly Economic Development and Tourism Report to 31 March 2025.

### Whakawhanake Ohanga / Economic Development

#### South Taranaki Business Park (the Business Park)

2. Work on roading, electrical and three waters infrastructure on Kerry Road was completed this quarter. With Houston Road (formerly Little Waihi Road) also formed, businesses and residents will be able to use these two roads for access while Fitzgerald Road is upgraded.
3. Work has begun at the western end of Fitzgerald Road (near Houston Road) and will progress towards State Highway 3 (SH3). The work will continue for approximately seven months, weather permitting, and will consist of stormwater and wastewater installation, power undergrounding, a new gas main and road improvements including widening, kerb and channel, streetlights and footpath.
4. During this period, residents and businesses on Fitzgerald Road may experience some inconvenience with parking and/or access to their properties. However, every effort will be made to complete the work as quickly as possible with minimal disruption. Alternative property access will be considered if required and dust mitigation measures will also be in place throughout.
5. Construction of the wastewater pump station began on 15 January, and it will be operational later this year once a power supply is completed.

6. A competitive process for the next phase of work in the West End Precinct was completed by the private developer with oversight from Council staff. This phase includes extending the section between Fitzgerald Road to Glover Road to subgrade level and installing a wastewater rising main from the pump station to Glover Road. Beginning in March, the work will take around four months, weather dependant.
7. The South Taranaki Business Park hosted the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce Network of Trades event on 11 March. Around 50 attendees from a range of trades businesses in South Taranaki, Stratford and New Plymouth came together for an update of project progress and the next stages of construction.
8. The Hāwera to Normanby Corridor Strategy consultation opened in December and continued until 28 February. The document sought feedback on speed limits and safety improvements on SH3 between Hāwera and Normanby, including the intersections at Fitzgerald Road and Kerry Road. A range of submissions were received from Business Park stakeholders that will be important as the Council continues to work with the New Zealand Transport Agency towards achieving the aims within the strategy.
9. Construction of another new premises within the Business Park began in March. Euromarc, who provide consumables for the engineering industry, will be completing their build within the Business Park's West End Precinct over the next few months.
10. Work continued on the Financial Contribution Plan Change to enable the settings for financial contributions from the South Taranaki Business Park. A workshop was held with councillors in April which included an illustration of the proposed financial contribution formula and process for businesses establishing in the park.

#### **Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ)**

11. The Council completed the application for funding for the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) Community Employment Programme for the 2025/26 financial year. The funding available has decreased, while the required number of sustainable job placements has increased by one (to 31 placements).
12. The Council will be informed about the outcome of the funding application in April and if successful, the new contract begins in July.
13. During Te Matatini, two jobseekers secured paid work with Tika Catering. Another young person enjoyed the week volunteering as a marshal to build up work experience while aiming for a career in engineering.
14. On 7 March, the MTFJ team took a group of young people to Fonterra Whareroa to learn about employment opportunities. The informative discussion and inspiring plant tour was timed to coincide with an upcoming intake of staff. This initiative proved very popular with MTFJ jobseekers, with enough interest to run three separate tours.
15. Several Youth Employability Skills (YES) workshops have been run to support jobseekers with seven vital skills; communication, thinking skills, teamwork, resilience, active listening, self management and positive thinking.
16. The team has now reached the 2024/25 target of 30 sustainable employment (more than 30 hours paid work for at least three months placements). With many more opportunities

to pursue in the next quarter, MTFJ South Taranaki looks set to achieve another strong end of year result.

17. MTFJ has also achieved their overall national target of 888 outcomes. From July 2024 – 10 March 2025, 987 young people being placed into employment opportunities nationwide.

### **Te W'anake The Foundry**

18. The coworking space and enterprise hub celebrated two years of supporting businesses and entrepreneurship in South Taranaki in February. Now utilised by more than 150 customers, Te W'anake The Foundry has become a hub for a wide range of industries, including trades, professional services, social services, Iwi organisations and government agencies. A recent survey revealed that users value the strong sense of community and flexibility the space offers, with many noting it helps them feel less isolated, share ideas and connect with others.
19. The fortnightly Business Startup Clinics run by Venture Taranaki at The Foundry have seen a significant increase in the number of locals seeking advice and resources to start or grow their ventures.

### **Business Events**

20. It was a busy quarter for major events in Taranaki. AmeriCARna (19 - 22 February), Te Matatani (25 February to 1 March), and WOMAD (14 - 16 March) brought thousands of visitors to the region. The Council supported the event organisers in a range of ways as required, including promotional assistance, engaging with businesses, town centre activities, volunteers and venue bookings.
21. The first Bizlink Hāwera "Business After 5" event for the year was hosted by Taranaki Offshore Partnership in February. Taranaki Offshore Partnership shared a project update and discussed the significance of the Offshore Renewable Energy Bill, which aims to give greater certainty for developers to invest in offshore renewable energy developments and allow the selection of offshore renewable energy developments that best meet New Zealand's national interests. Submissions on the bill closed in February.
22. The March Business After 5 event was hosted by the Council, with local businesses and organisations showcasing their efforts in waste reduction, resource recovery, and circular economy initiatives.
23. Members of the Council's Business Development Team attended the 'Positioning for the Future' event hosted by Venture Taranaki in March. The event was a chance to hear the latest on the Taranaki economy and be inspired by future opportunities in the region.

## **Te Puna Umanga - Whakatairanga Tāpoi me to Rohe / Venture Taranaki - Tourism and Regional Promotion**

### **Regional Promotions**

24. A significant amount of social media engagement was achieved in January with a Rotokare Reel on the Taranaki Like No Other channels. This activity totalled a combined reach on Facebook and Instagram of 72,500 and combined engagement of 258 (comments and shares), making this the top performing post for the month.

25. A campaign ran throughout the quarter on We are Explorers. This online platform reaches over three million 18 – 40 year old Australians each month who are actively seeking new places to explore, off-the-beaten-track road trips and nature escapes. The online partnership aims to increase awareness across the eastern seaboard about Taranaki and one of the feature articles highlights Surf Highway 45.
26. Taranaki took centre stage on TVNZ’s Breakfast show in February to leverage the huge national viewership of Te Matatini to showcase the region and run a nationwide competition to win a family getaway. This coverage had a rate card value of \$315,000 and featured Tawhiti Museum as one of the prize inclusions. The competition attracted more than 7,000 entries and boosted the Taranaki Like No Other database by more than 5,000.
27. The ‘Fill Your Cup’ campaign has been in market since 24 March. This campaign is to encourage domestic visitation during the shoulder season from main centres, and leverages Easter, ANZAC Day, and the school holidays. Live across TVNZ+, Stuff and social media advertising, the campaign includes South Taranaki content.
28. Venture Taranaki pitched and hosted a writer in region, resulting in a seven-page feature in the March edition of Kia Ora Magazine. With a monthly readership of 451,000, Air New Zealand’s inflight magazine puts Taranaki in front of a large audience of domestic travellers. The key hook was initially around Ngā Rere and showcasing the south side of Taranaki Maunga, however Ngā Rere requested to be removed due to delays, this demonstrates the media interest this asset is already generating, and VT look forward to generating more opportunities to showcase the lodge once it has opened.
29. Escape Video were in Taranaki from 13 - 16 March. Escape Video is New Zealand’s largest travel platform, with a monthly reach of 2 million plus on Instagram and 1 million plus on TikTok. Their Instagram audience is from New Zealand (52%), Australia (14%), USA (9%) and the rest of the world (25%). While in Taranaki, Escape visited Lake Rotokare and Someday Café in Hāwera, along with road-tripping Surf Highway 45.
30. The WOMAD festival programme featured Lake Rotokare with the tagline ‘Come for the Festival, Stay for Nature’s Playground’.



Scott Willson

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**10. Whakataunga kia noho tūmatanui kore / Resolution to Exclude the Public**

**THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:**

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

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
1. Confirmation of minutes – Ordinary Council held on 3 March 2025  2. Receipt of minutes – Extraordinary Council held on 24 March 2025  3. Receipt of minutes – Risk and Assurance Committee held on 17 February 2025	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7.	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists. Section 48(1)(a)

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This resolution is made in reliance on sections 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item No	Interest
1, 2, 3	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (Schedule 7(2)(i)).

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
<p>4. Receipt of minutes – Environment and Hearings Committee held on 26 March 2025.</p>	<p>To enable the Council to:</p>	<p>That the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Council/Committee to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation in any proceedings where: ii) the local authority is required, by any enactment, to make a recommendation in respect of the matter that is the subject of those proceedings. Section 48(1)(d).</p>



# Karakia

## 11. Karakia

Ruruku Whakakapi – Closing Prayer

Unuhia, unuhia

Unuhia ki te uru tapu nui

Kia wātea, kia māmā te ngākau, te  
tinana, te wairua i te ara takatū

Kia wātea, ka wātea, āe rā, kua wātea

Rire rire hau pai marire!

*Draw on, draw on,*

*Draw on the supreme sacredness*

*To clear, to free the heart, the body and the  
spirit of mankind*

*To be clear, will be clear, yes is cleared.*

*Deeply in peace!*