

2026/27

Annual Plan Mahere ā-Tau



Te Kaunihera ā-Rohē o Taratahi

CARTERTON
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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A message from the Mayor and CE

Karere mai i te mea me te Tumu Whakarae

Welcome to Carterton District Council's Annual Plan for the 2026/27 year.

This Annual Plan outlines how Council will deliver the third year of our Long-Term Plan 2024–34, continuing to focus on the services, projects and investments that matter most to our community.

The year ahead is one of both preparation and delivery. As we continue to provide core services and progress priority projects, we are also laying the foundations for the next stage of planning for our district.

A strong focus of this work is resilience, ensuring our infrastructure, services and organisation are well placed to respond to changing regulatory requirements, climate pressures, and the ongoing challenge of affordability for our community. This approach underpins the decisions and investments set out in this plan, and the work we will undertake to prepare for the future.

During 2026/27, Council will begin work toward the development of its next Long-Term Plan, with community engagement expected to get underway mid-2026. This will provide an opportunity for residents, businesses and stakeholders to help shape the direction of Carterton for the years ahead, building on the progress already made.

A significant area of preparation this year relates to water services reform. Council will continue work to support the implementation of the Local Water Done Well framework, including the planning, governance and service delivery arrangements required ahead of the 1 July 2027 transition to Waiti Waters. This work is essential to ensuring safe, reliable and compliant water services for our community into the future.

Alongside this, we will continue to invest in essential transport and infrastructure, manage rising costs, and advocate for fair funding that recognises the realities of a largely rural district. We also remain focused on supporting community outcomes and sustainable growth, while carefully balancing investment decisions to keep rates as affordable as possible for households and businesses.

Our priorities for 2026/27 include:

- Transport and infrastructure – maintaining and improving core assets,

particularly our roading network, in a challenging funding environment.

- Water services – preparing for the transition to Waiti Waters while continuing to deliver reliable drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services.
- Community outcomes – supporting a connected, inclusive and thriving district, with a strong focus on value for money.

Through careful planning and ongoing engagement, this Annual Plan sets a clear and practical course for the year ahead. Our vision remains unchanged: a welcoming, resilient and thriving Carterton, grounded in its people, proud of its place, and planning responsibly for the future.



Steve Cretney
Mayor



Geoff Hamilton
Chief Executive



About this Annual Plan

Mō tēnei Mahere ā-Tau

This Annual Plan describes the work Carterton District Council will carry out during the 2026/27 financial year, and how that work will be funded. It brings together Council's priorities, key activities and financial information into a single document that shows how decisions for the year ahead fit together.

The focus of this Annual Plan is on preparation and delivery. It sets out how Council will continue providing essential services, maintaining infrastructure and supporting community wellbeing, while also preparing for significant work ahead, including future planning and regulatory change.

The Annual Plan sits within the broader framework of Council's Long-Term Plan 2024-34, which was adopted in 2024 and sets the strategic direction for the district over ten years. This document gives effect to the third year of that Long-Term Plan, highlighting the specific areas of focus for 2026/27 and any refinements needed to respond to current circumstances.

In addition to outlining planned activities, the Annual Plan provides updated financial and operational information required under the Local Government Act 2002. This information is intended to support transparency and help the community understand how Council resources are being managed and invested.

Looking ahead, work during 2026/27 will also support preparation for the next Long-Term Plan, with community consultation expected to begin toward the end of 2026. This will enable residents, businesses and stakeholders to help shape Council's priorities and investment decisions for the following ten-year period.

As the policies, projects and funding outlined in this Annual Plan are consistent with the Long-Term Plan 2024-34, there are no material differences that trigger a requirement for formal consultation under section 95(2A) of the Local Government Act 2002.



Welcome to Carterton

Nau mai haere mai ki Taratahi

Carterton is a thriving rural district in the heart of Wairarapa, known for its strong community spirit, scenic landscapes, and vibrant local economy.

Our District is home to diverse communities, innovative local businesses, and stunning natural assets, including the Tararua Ranges and picturesque farmlands.

The Ranges provide a dramatic backdrop, offering both natural beauty and a vital water source for the region.

Māori have lived in Wairarapa for centuries, with early settlements focused along rivers, wetlands, and coastal areas.

Wairarapa's name reflects its whakapapa with many places still holding traditional names that speak to their history and natural features.

Mana whenua in Wairarapa are represented by Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa, both with whakapapa to the takiwā.

Rangitāne settled along the Ruamāhanga River, while Ngāti Kahungunu expanded south through alliances and trade. In Carterton, Ngāti Kahukuraawhitia and Hurunui-o-Rangi Marae have historical connections to Waiohine, Taratahi and Mangatārere.

European settlement in Carterton began in the mid-19th century, initially as a base for road construction workers building the route between Wellington and the Wairarapa.

Originally known as "Three Mile Bush," the town was renamed after Charles Carter, a key figure in its early development.

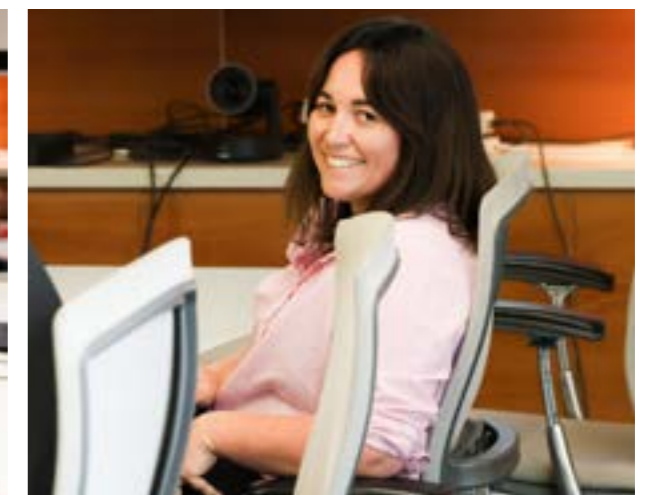
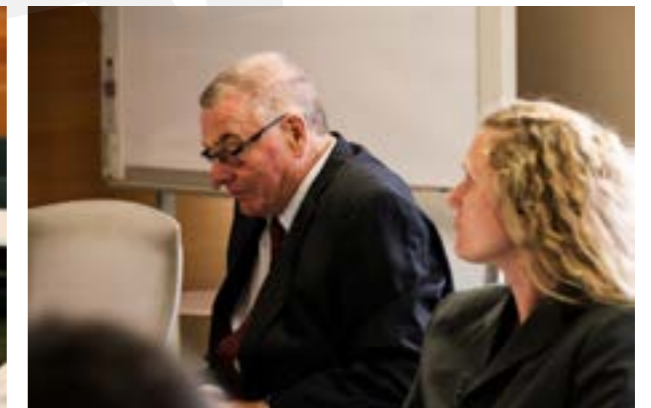
Carterton District Council [CDC] is committed to serving our residents by delivering essential services, planning for the future, and ensuring the well-being of our community. We:

- Provide core infrastructure such as water supply, wastewater management, stormwater, and roading.
- Manage waste collection, recycling services and civil defence.
- Support local economic development, tourism, and business growth.
- Oversee urban planning, environmental management, and regulatory services.
- Deliver community outcomes, including recreational and cultural facilities.
- Advocate for Carterton at a regional and national level.

His Worship Steve Cretney was elected Mayor of the District on 11 October 2025 by the residents of Carterton. The Mayor and Councillors were sworn in on 28 October 2025.

Councils are made up of members of the public elected in local authority elections every three years.

Council is led by the Mayor who provides leadership and direction to the Council and community and chairs meetings.





Financial overview

Tirohanga whānui pūtea

The 2026/27 budget reflects our efforts to balance affordability with maintaining essential services.

The average rates increase for 2026/27 was projected at 5.8%, as outlined in the Long-Term Plan.

Council has since continued to review activities to ensure cost efficiency and avoid unnecessary expenditure. As a result, the average rates increase projection for 2026/27 is now 3.9%.

This projection reflects our continued investment in critical infrastructure, while closely managing rising costs and regulatory changes.

Our infrastructure is essential to the health, safety, and transport requirements of the district, and has a significant impact on the physical environment. As such, maintaining and upgrading our infrastructure accounts for more than half of our annual operating expenditure, and most of Council's capital expenditure.

It's important that Council strike the right balance between ensuring we have reliable, quality infrastructure, while weighing up the needs of our growing community, and how our infrastructure will be funded.

What are rates for, and why are they important?

In the same way, our national taxes contribute to the running of the country, Council rates are important to ensure Carterton's services are delivered.

We set our rates based on the needs of the community, demand for services and affordability.

Financial overview

Tirohanga whānui pūtea

Making sense of the numbers

The following table outlines the different financial meanings of each row of the funding impact statements through this section of the plan, and how the funds are being treated.

Operational	
Sources of operating funding (Revenue)	
General rates, Uniform Annual General Charges, rates penalties	Income from general rates charged on the capital value of all properties within the District, fixed charges across the whole district (UAGC), and penalties for late payment of rates.
Targeted rates	Rates where the benefit or use of a service can be assigned to specific households or communities, such as stormwater or district growth. Includes targeted rates for water supply.
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	Money received from other organisations that contribute to the operational cost of the service.
Fees and charges	Includes admission charges for Council facilities and regulatory fees e.g. permits, dog registration.
Internal charges and overheads recovered	Money received from other departments of the Council such as overheads and direct costs.
Interest and dividends from investments	Money earned from our savings and investments through interest and dividend payments.
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees, and other receipts	Miscellaneous income from other sources generally not of a significant or core nature e.g. local authority petrol tax, investment revaluations.
Total operating funding	Total income from the day-to-day operation of this activity.
Applications of operating funding (Expenditure)	
Payments to staff and suppliers	The day-to-day cost running this activity e.g. salaries and wages, materials and services.
Finance costs	Interest payments we make on borrowed funds (loans).
Internal charges and overheads applied	Money paid to other departments of the Council such as overheads and direct costs.
Other operating funding applications	Miscellaneous expenses including bad debt expense, rates remissions and loss on disposal of assets.
Total applications of operating funding	Total operating expenditure for this activity.
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding	Total revenue less total expenditure.

Capital	
Sources of capital funding	
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	Money received from other organisations that contribute to the capital cost of the service.
Development and Financial Contributions	Money paid by developers towards providing assets or extending existing assets to cater for increased demand due to growth, e.g. extending sewerage systems.
Increase (decrease) in debt	Borrowing money to pay for new assets, parts of assets or to fund temporary deficits, less loan repayments.
Gross proceeds from the sale of assets	Revenue to be raised from the sale of assets belonging to this activity.
Lump sum contributions	Payments made by an eligible ratepayer for the purposes of contributing to a capital project. However, we do not accept lump sum contributions for targeted rates.
Total sources of capital funding	Total capital funding for this activity.
Applications of capital funding	
Capital expenditure	Capital expenditure creating a completely new asset or extending or renewing an existing asset to provide the same or greater service than it currently provides e.g. extending a sewer pipe to increase capacity. The expenditure is split to fund level of service improvements versus population growth and/ or renewal works.
Increase (decrease) in reserves	Transferring money into and from a reserve account held for a special purpose. Includes: transferring development contribution revenue to development contribution reserves; using funds from depreciation reserves, and using funds from operational reserves to provide or to assist with maintaining existing assets or services.
Increase (decrease) of investments	Net movement of investments.
Total applications of capital funding	Total capital expenditure for this activity.
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding	Net operating funding less net capital funding.
Funding balance	Net operating funding less net capital funding.

Strategic direction

Te aronga rautaki

Our Long-Term Plan sets out our strategy for the next ten years.

This strategy ensures that all of the work we do helps to realise our vision – *a welcoming and vibrant community where we all enjoy living.*

Our strategy has been developed in the context of:

- Population and demographic change in the demand for infrastructure services
- A changing climate
- Funding challenges
- Protecting public health
- Protecting the environment
- Infrastructure resilience
- Inflation

This Annual Plan aligns with the strategic priorities outlined in our Long-Term Plan 2024–2034.

Statutory obligations

The Local Government Act 2002 sets out the purpose of Local Government, which is, 'to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities by way of a sustainable development approach'.

It requires all regional, city and district councils produce a Long-Term Plan which describes the activities of Council in line with this purpose.

Long-Term Plan projects:

- **Water supply upgrades**
Improvements to water treatment and reticulation systems.
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades**
Initial stages of significant investment in wastewater infrastructure.
- **Stormwater network enhancements**
Targeted improvements to drainage and flood management systems.
- **Roading and transport repair and improvement**
Upgrades to roads, footpaths, and bridges. Ongoing transport network improvements.
- **Council digital infrastructure**
Enhancements in Council IT and digital engagement platforms.

Planning for growth

The Wairarapa Combined District Plan (WCDP) identifies how the district is planning for growth.

It includes smaller lot sizes for General Residential Zones which provides for greater housing density and urban population growth.

The infrastructure required to cater for this housing growth has been included in our Infrastructure Strategy. This looks at our ability to supply drinking water to a growing population base up to 2043 and beyond, and deal with wastewater demands up to 2052 when our current consent expires.

Further wastewater demand analysis is included in the first three years of our Long-Term Plan. Previously the Eastern Growth Area had been considered necessary to cater for population growth in the district.

Under the Resource Management Act 1991, each District Council must set rules and requirements to manage activities including new buildings, removal of vegetation, earthworks, and using water from streams and rivers.

With the smaller lot sizes available in Carterton's urban General Residential Zone, the development of the Eastern Growth Area and associated infrastructure has been placed on hold for the foreseeable future.

Our District

We have allowed for limited growth in the rating base. This includes an increase from the last ten-year period of 1.5% to 1.8% for 2026/27.

Council activities and services

Ngā mahi me ngā ratonga a te kaunihera

This section details the Council's planned activities and corresponding financial impact statements for the 2025/26 year. Carterton District Council delivers its services through the following activity groups, each aligned to our community outcomes and strategic priorities.



Governance | Te Kāwanatanga

Governance ensures transparent, democratic decision-making that represents community interests and supports strategic leadership. In the coming year, Council will continue to strengthen community engagement, maintain open decision-making processes, and guide Carterton's long-term direction.



Community Support | Ngā Tautoko Hapori

Community Services will continue enhancing community outcomes by providing high-quality facilities, funding, and programmes across libraries, parks, recreation, and community development. These services support resilience, cultural diversity, environmental responsibility, and a vibrant local economy.



Regulatory and Planning | Ngā Ture me te Rautaki

Regulatory and Planning will ensure Carterton's growth remains safe, sustainable, and aligned with environmental goals. The service will manage resource and building consents, public health standards, and bylaw compliance to support a well-planned, thriving district.



Transportation | Te Whakahaere Tūmatanui

Transportation will focus on maintaining safe, accessible roads and pathways, working alongside NZTA and regional partners. Planned activities include local road maintenance, bridge upgrades, footpath improvements, and initiatives to improve road safety across the district.



Wastewater | Te Wai Para

The Wastewater service will manage the collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater to safeguard public health and protect the environment. Council will continue maintaining the network and treatment facilities to meet compliance requirements and future growth needs.



Stormwater Drainage | Wai Āwhā

Stormwater services will manage rainwater runoff to reduce flooding risks, prevent erosion, and protect waterways. Council will maintain the urban stormwater network and develop targeted solutions for areas at risk of surface water impacts.



Waste Management | Te Whakahaere Para

Waste Management will deliver effective kerbside rubbish and recycling collection, operate the transfer station, and promote waste minimisation initiatives. Council will continue encouraging sustainable practices to reduce waste and support a healthier environment.



Water Supply | Te Ratonga Wai

Water Supply services will ensure the provision of safe drinking water and management of water races for Carterton's urban and rural communities. Priorities include maintaining infrastructure, supporting water conservation, and ensuring a reliable supply to meet future needs.



Administration and Support Services | Ngā Whakahaere me ngā Tautoko

Administration and Support Services will provide essential financial, digital, HR, and customer support to underpin Council operations. The focus remains on ensuring high-quality service delivery, regulatory compliance, and efficient, effective governance.

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Governance | Te Kāwanatanga

For the year ending 30 June 2027

	Annual Plan 30 June 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 30 June 2027 \$000	LTP 30 June 2027 \$000
Operating Funding			
Sources of operating funding			
General rates, UAGC, rates penalties	881	951	939
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
Fees and charges	-	-	-
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other	2	2	2
Total operating funding	883	953	941
Applications of operating funding			
Payments to staff and suppliers	705	747	752
Finance costs	-	-	-
Internal charges & overheads	175	204	187
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	880	951	939
Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding	2	2	2
Sources of capital funding			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase / (decrease) in debt	-	-	-
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	-	-	-
Applications of capital funding			
Capital expenditure			
• to meet additional demand	-	-	-
• to improve level of service	-	-	-
• to replace existing assets	-	-	-
Increase / (decrease) in other reserves	2	2	2
Increase / (decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	2	2	2
Surplus/(deficit) of Capital Funding	(2)	(2)	(2)
Funding balance	-	-	-

Variations from the Long-Term Plan:

Variations to expenditure between year 3 of the Long term plan 2025-2034 and the Annual Plan 2026/27 are listed below

Activity	Year 3 of LTP \$000	Annual plan 2027 \$000	Diff \$000	Explanation
No Material Variances				

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Community Support | Ngā Tautoko Hapori

For the year ending 30 June 2027

	Annual Plan 30 June 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 30 June 2027 \$000	LTP 30 June 2027 \$000
Operating Funding			
Sources of operating funding			
General rates, UAGC, rates penalties	6,267	6,312	6,234
Targeted rates	117	117	24
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	33	303	35
Fees and charges	74	204	231
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other	562	452	604
Total operating funding	7,053	7,388	7,128
Applications of operating funding			
Payments to staff and suppliers	3,775	4,275	3,580
Finance costs	114	100	25
Internal charges & overheads	1,603	1,562	2,442
Other operating funding applications	221	220	267
Total applications of operating funding	5,712	6,157	6,314
Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding	1,341	1,231	815
Sources of capital funding			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	224	224	229
Increase / (decrease) in debt	(210)	(181)	(218)
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	14	43	11
Applications of capital funding			
Capital expenditure			
• to meet additional demand	-	12	13
• to improve level of service	27	75	80
• to replace existing assets	471	3,262	377
Increase / (decrease) in other reserves	857	(2,075)	355
Increase / (decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	1,355	1,274	825
Surplus/(deficit) of Capital Funding	(1,341)	(1,231)	(815)
Funding balance	-	-	-

Variations from the Long-Term Plan:

Variations to expenditure between year 3 of the Long term plan 2025-2034 and the Annual Plan 2026/27 are listed below

Activity	Year 3 of LTP \$000	Annual plan 2027 \$000	Diff \$000	Explanation
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	280	280	Increase due to Grant for Mayors taskforce for Jobs not included in LTP
Payments to staff and suppliers	1,889	2,579	690	Increase due to reallocation of Costs from Administration and Support (internal charges and overheads) and Costs related to Mayors taskforce for Jobs not included in LTP
Capital - To replace existing assets	-	2,900	2,900	Increase due to capital project upgrade Carrington Park not included in LTP - funded by reserves and not by rates
Increase / (decrease) in other reserves	-	2,900	2,900	Decreased in reserves due to upgrade Project Carrington Park is fully funded by reserves

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Regulatory and Planning | Ngā Ture me te Rautaki

For the year ending 30 June 2027

	Annual Plan 30 June 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 30 June 2027 \$000	LTP 30 June 2027 \$000
Operating Funding			
Sources of operating funding			
General rates, UAGC, rates penalties	345	389	332
Targeted rates	351	435	611
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
Fees and charges	1,206	1,256	1,284
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other	467	467	488
Total operating funding	2,369	2,547	2,715
Applications of operating funding			
Payments to staff and suppliers	1,588	1,807	1,667
Finance costs	23	18	100
Internal charges & overheads	699	670	734
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	2,310	2,495	2,500
Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding	59	52	214
Sources of capital funding			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase / (decrease) in debt	99	107	(58)
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	99	107	(58)
Applications of capital funding			
Capital expenditure			
• to meet additional demand	-	-	-
• to improve level of service	150	150	161
• to replace existing assets	-	-	-
Increase / (decrease) in other reserves	7	9	(5)
Increase / (decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	157	159	156
Surplus/(deficit) of Capital Funding	(59)	(52)	(214)
Funding balance	-	-	-

Variations from the Long-Term Plan:

Variations from the long term plan

Variations to expenditure between year 3 of the Long term plan 2025-2034 and the Annual Plan 2026/27 are listed below

Activity	Year 3 of LTP \$000	Annual plan 2027 \$000	Diff \$000	Explanation
Payments to staff and suppliers	-	130	130	Increase due to costs incurred in relation to building and planning reform initiatives.
Increase / (decrease) in debt	(58)	107	165	Increase due to funding for District plan timing shifted from that assumed in the LTP

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Transportation | Te Whakahaere Tūmatanui

For the year ending 30 June 2027

	Annual Plan 30 June 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 30 June 2027 \$000	LTP 30 June 2027 \$000
Operating Funding			
Sources of operating funding			
General rates, UAGC, rates penalties	4,668	4,538	5,089
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	1,415	1,415	1,577
Fees and charges	-	45	-
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other	185	145	197
Total operating funding	6,268	6,142	6,862
Applications of operating funding			
Payments to staff and suppliers	3,168	3,222	3,519
Finance costs	31	28	40
Internal charges & overheads	1,448	1,418	1,506
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	4,647	4,669	5,065
Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding	1,621	1,474	1,797
Sources of capital funding			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	1,600	1,571	1,884
Development and financial contributions	198	198	202
Increase / (decrease) in debt	(61)	(71)	(91)
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	1,737	1,697	1,994
Applications of capital funding			
Capital expenditure			
• to meet additional demand	-	-	-
• to improve level of service	10	-	11
• to replace existing assets	3,138	3,080	3,694
Increase / (decrease) in other reserves	210	91	87
Increase / (decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	3,358	3,171	3,791
Surplus/(deficit) of Capital Funding	(1,621)	(1,474)	(1,797)
Funding balance	-	-	-

Variations from the Long-Term Plan:

Variations to expenditure between year 3 of the Long term plan 2025-2034 and the Annual Plan 2026/27 are listed below

Activity	Year 3 of LTP \$000	Annual plan 2027 \$000	Diff \$000	Explanation
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	27	14	(13)	Decrease due to footpath subsidy adjusted to reflect funding changes
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other	106	60	(46)	Decrease due to Petrol tax revenue has been revised to reflect lower consumption levels than those assumed in the LTP
Payments to staff and suppliers	83	28	(55)	Decrease due to footpath Maintenance costs being reduced to reflect funding changes
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	235	37	(198)	Decrease due to footpath subsidy adjusted to reflect funding changes
Capital - Replace existing assets	480	76	(404)	Decrease due to footpath capital expenditure reduced to reflect funding changes

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Wastewater | Te Wai Para

For the year ending 30 June 2027

	Annual Plan 30 June 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 30 June 2027 \$000	LTP 30 June 2027 \$000
Operating Funding			
Sources of operating funding			
General rates, UAGC, rates penalties	186	184	223
Targeted rates	3,708	3,691	4,419
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
Fees and charges	552	689	595
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other	-	-	-
Total operating funding	4,445	4,564	5,237
Applications of operating funding			
Payments to staff and suppliers	995	1,012	1,205
Finance costs	822	848	895
Internal charges & overheads	866	878	902
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	2,683	2,739	3,002
Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding	1,762	1,825	2,234
Sources of capital funding			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	99	99	101
Increase / (decrease) in debt	2,224	2,669	2,775
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	2,323	2,768	2,876
Applications of capital funding			
Capital expenditure			
• to meet additional demand	-	-	-
• to improve level of service	346	236	253
• to replace existing assets	4,223	4,085	4,371
Increase / (decrease) in other reserves	(484)	272	486
Increase / (decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	4,085	4,593	5,110
Surplus/(deficit) of Capital Funding	(1,762)	(1,825)	(2,234)
Funding balance	-	-	-

Variations from the Long-Term Plan:

Variations to expenditure between year 3 of the Long term plan 2025-2034 and the Annual Plan 2026/27 are listed below

Activity	Year 3 of LTP \$000	Annual plan 2027 \$000	Diff \$000	Explanation
Targeted rates	1,444	673	(771)	Decrease due to funding of Deprecation adjusted to 50% from 100%
Fees and charges	559	655	96	Increase due to Lease income from land and farm purchased for discharge to land not included in the LTP and a decrease in trade waste disposal income.
Payments to staff and suppliers	223	50	(173)	Decrease due to critical review of operating expenditure budgets

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Stormwater Drainage | Wai Āwhā

For the year ending 30 June 2027

	Annual Plan 30 June 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 30 June 2027 \$000	LTP 30 June 2027 \$000
Operating Funding			
Sources of operating funding			
General rates, UAGC, rates penalties	32	36	45
Targeted rates	285	321	407
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
Fees and charges	-	-	-
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other	-	-	-
Total operating funding	317	356	453
Applications of operating funding			
Payments to staff and suppliers	128	138	124
Finance costs	7	3	25
Internal charges & overheads	89	90	92
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	224	231	242
Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding	93	126	211
Sources of capital funding			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	25	25	25
Increase / (decrease) in debt	(7)	(4)	(27)
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	18	21	(2)
Applications of capital funding			
Capital expenditure			
• to meet additional demand	-	-	-
• to improve level of service	-	-	-
• to replace existing assets	-	80	321
Increase / (decrease) in other reserves	111	67	(112)
Increase / (decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	111	147	209
Surplus/(deficit) of Capital Funding	(93)	(126)	(211)
Funding balance	-	-	-

Variations from the Long-Term Plan:

Variations to expenditure between year 3 of the Long term plan 2025-2034 and the Annual Plan 2026/27 are listed below

Activity	Year 3 of LTP \$000	Annual plan 2027 \$000	Diff \$000	Explanation
Targeted rates	188	122	(67)	Decrease due to funding of Deprecation adjusted to 50% from 100%
Capital - To replace existing assets	321	80	(241)	Decrease due to timing of the stormwater strategy has been revised from LTP assumptions, with delivery now occurring later than originally planned

Prospective Funding Impact Statement 2026/27

Waste Management | Te Whakahaere Para

For the year ending 30 June 2027

	Annual Plan 30 June 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 30 June 2027 \$000	LTP 30 June 2027 \$000
Operating Funding			
Sources of operating funding			
General rates, UAGC, rates penalties	239	568	416
Targeted rates	463	343	346
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
Fees and charges	451	427	611
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other	247	199	125
Total operating funding	1,400	1,537	1,498
Applications of operating funding			
Payments to staff and suppliers	1,078	1,171	1,078
Finance costs	13	12	18
Internal charges & overheads	223	267	240
Other operating funding applications	-	-	40
Total applications of operating funding	1,314	1,449	1,375
Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding	87	88	123
Sources of capital funding			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase / (decrease) in debt	47	47	45
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	47	47	45
Applications of capital funding			
Capital expenditure			
• to meet additional demand	-	-	-
• to improve level of service	50	50	54
• to replace existing assets	25	25	27
Increase / (decrease) in other reserves	59	60	87
Increase / (decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	134	135	167
Surplus/(deficit) of Capital Funding	(87)	(88)	(123)
Funding balance	-	-	-

Variations from the Long-Term Plan:

Variations to expenditure between year 3 of the Long term plan 2025-2034 and the Annual Plan 2026/27 are listed below

Activity	Year 3 of LTP \$000	Annual plan 2027 \$000	Diff \$000	Explanation
Fees and charges	153	-	(153)	Decrease due to waste minimisation levy recategorised to Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other	100	153	53	Increase due to waste minimisation levy recategorised from Fees and charges and a decrease due to the removal of recoveries income no longer expected
Payments to staff and suppliers	920	998	78	Increase due to an increase in waste minimisation initiatives from the LTP and waste disposal costs

Prospective Funding Impact Statement 2026/27

Water Supply | Te Ratonga Wai

For the year ending 30 June 2027

	Annual Plan 30 June 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 30 June 2027 \$000	LTP 30 June 2027 \$000
Operating Funding			
Sources of operating funding			
General rates, UAGC, rates penalties	282	427	375
Targeted rates	3,097	3,410	4,040
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
Fees and charges	16	65	17
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other	-	-	-
Total operating funding	3,395	3,902	4,431
Applications of operating funding			
Payments to staff and suppliers	1,364	1,499	1,553
Finance costs	227	356	297
Internal charges & overheads	872	885	1,000
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	2,463	2,740	2,850
Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding	931	1,162	1,581
Sources of capital funding			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	130	130	134
Increase / (decrease) in debt	1,664	3,137	827
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	1,794	3,267	961
Applications of capital funding			
Capital expenditure			
• to meet additional demand	75	3,194	80
• to improve level of service	100	30	32
• to replace existing assets	2,201	563	1,458
Increase / (decrease) in other reserves	349	642	971
Increase / (decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	2,725	4,429	2,542
Surplus/(deficit) of Capital Funding	(931)	(1,162)	(1,581)
Funding balance	-	-	-

Variations from the Long-Term Plan:

Variations to expenditure between year 3 of the Long term plan 2025-2034 and the Annual Plan 2026/27 are listed below

Activity	Year 3 of LTP \$000	Annual plan 2027 \$000	Diff \$000	Explanation
Targeted rates	1,105	569	(536)	Decrease due to funding of Deprecation adjusted to 50% from 100%
Fees and charges	-	50	50	Increase due to lease income from land purchased for the water storage project not included in the LTP
Payments to staff and suppliers	82	44	(38)	Decreased due to critical review of operating expenditure budgets, increase expenditure to cover water services levies
Increase / (decrease) in debt	-	3,119	3,119	Increase due to funding of the Waingawa water storage project was not in the LTP
Capital - To meet additional demand	-	3,119	3,119	Increase due to Waingawa storage project was not a project at the time of LTP
Capital - To replace existing assets	1,437	563	(874)	Decrease due to water main renewals budget has been brought forward into 2025/26 from the timing assumed in the LTP

Prospective Funding Impact Statement 2026/27

Administration and Support Services | Ngā Whakahaere me ngā Tautoko

For the year ending 30 June 2027

	Annual Plan 30 June 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 30 June 2027 \$000	LTP 30 June 2027 \$000
Operating Funding			
Sources of operating funding			
General rates, UAGC, rates penalties	(280)	(278)	(67)
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	90	90	96
Fees and charges	-	-	-
Internal charges and overheads recovered	5,975	5,970	7,103
Interest and dividends from investments	119	118	218
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other	75	75	80
Total operating funding	5,980	5,975	7,430
Applications of operating funding			
Payments to staff and suppliers	5,482	5,442	6,291
Finance costs	23	103	99
Internal charges & overheads	-	-	-
Other operating funding applications	5	5	5
Total applications of operating funding	5,510	5,550	6,395
Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding	470	425	1,034
Sources of capital funding			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase / (decrease) in debt	(26)	1,136	(47)
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	(26)	1,136	(47)
Applications of capital funding			
Capital expenditure			
• to meet additional demand	-	-	-
• to improve level of service	11	1,258	8
• to replace existing assets	79	217	93
Increase / (decrease) in other reserves	354	86	886
Increase / (decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	444	1,560	987
Surplus/(deficit) of Capital Funding	(470)	(425)	(1,034)
Funding balance	-	-	-

Variations from the Long-Term Plan:

Variations to expenditure between year 3 of the Long term plan 2025-2034 and the Annual Plan 2026/27 are listed below

Activity	Year 3 of LTP \$000	Annual plan 2027 \$000	Diff \$000	Explanation
Payments to staff and suppliers	731	177	(554)	Decrease due to reallocation of Costs to Community support (internal charges and overheads)
Increase / (decrease) in debt		1,250	1,250	Increase due to loan for the LWDW Transition Project not included in the LTP
Capital - To improve level of service	-	1,250	1,250	Increase due to costs related to the LWDW Transition Project not included in the LTP
Capital - To replace existing assets	-	180	180	Increase due to vehicles and equipment not budgeted in LTP



Financial information
Ngā Pārongo Pūtea

Prospective statement of comprehensive revenue and expenses

For the year ending 30 June 2027

	Annual Plan 30 June 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 30 June 2027 \$000	LTP 30 June 2027 \$000
Revenue			
Rates	20,581	21,383	23,368
Rates penalties	60	60	64
Finance revenue	120	118	218
Fees and charges	2,427	2,569	2,578
Waka Kotahi (NZTA) subsidy	3,015	2,986	3,461
Grants and subsidies	123	392	131
Petrol tax	100	60	106
Recoveries	818	703	844
Rental	150	317	160
Event	379	360	403
Forestry	5	1	5
Commissions	73	73	78
Miscellaneous revenue	65	65	59
Development and financial contributions	676	676	690
Total revenue	28,591	29,762	32,165
Expenditure			
Governance	883	953	941
Transportation	7,810	7,531	8,143
Water Supply	3,677	3,956	4,077
Wastewater	4,074	4,086	4,446
Stormwater	396	474	430
Waste Management	1,392	1,529	1,466
Community Services	6,979	7,159	7,030
Regulatory and Planning	2,439	2,506	2,641
Bad Debt write off/(recovered)	5	5	5
Total operating expenditure	27,655	28,199	29,179
Net Operating Surplus/(deficit)	937	1,564	2,987
Revaluation gains	-	-	-
Fair value gains/(losses)	-	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) before tax	937	1,564	2,987
Taxation expense	-	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) after tax	937	1,564	2,987
Other comprehensive income			
Gain on property, plant & equipment revaluation	-	-	-
Total other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	937	1,564	2,987
Note: Total expenditure includes -			
Depreciation	7,706	7,066	7,598
Finance	1,260	1,468	1,499
Personnel	7,158	7,299	7,476

Prospective statement of changes in equity

For the year ending 30 June 2027

	Annual Plan 30 June 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 30 June 2027 \$000	LTP 30 June 2027 \$000
Equity at start of year	308,291	301,822	314,851
Total comprehensive revenue and expense	937	1,564	2,987
Equity at end of year	309,228	303,386	317,838
Components of equity			
Retained earnings at start of year	129,773	129,588	125,669
Opening adjustment retained earnings	-	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) after tax	937	1,564	2,987
Other adjustment to retained earnings	-	-	-
Transfers (to)/from equity for revaluation reserves	-	-	-
Transfers (to)/from equity for restricted/Council created reserves	(158)	2,325	-
Transfers (to)/from equity for other reserves	(1,308)	(1,479)	-
Retained earnings at end of year	129,244	131,998	128,655
Revaluation reserves at start of year	166,639	158,259	171,058
Opening adjustment to revaluation reserves	-	-	-
Transfers (to)/from revaluation reserves	-	-	-
Financial asset revaluation gains	-	-	-
Asset Revaluation gains	-	-	-
Revaluation reserves at end of year	166,639	158,259	171,058
Restricted/council created reserves at start of year	4,990	5,603	6,909
Opening adjustment to restricted reserves	-	-	-
Transfers (to)/from reserves	-	-	-
Transfers (to)/from restricted reserves	158	(2,325)	(111)
Restricted reserves at end of year	5,148	3,278	6,799
Other (Council created) reserves at start of year	6,889	8,372	8,612
Opening adjustment to other reserves	-	-	-
Transfers (to)/from other reserves	1,308	1,479	2,714
Other (Council created) reserves at end of year	8,197	9,851	11,326
Equity at end of year	309,228	303,386	317,838

Prospective statement of financial position As at 30 June 2027

	Annual Plan 30 June 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 30 June 2027 \$000	LTP 30 June 2027 \$000
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalent	5,655	4,239	5,238
Debtors and other receivables	2,320	3,288	4,093
Investments	7,694	7,900	12,213
Inventory	20	16	28
Total current assets	15,688	15,443	21,573
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	323,316	327,340	329,954
Forestry asset	1,036	1,089	893
Intangible assets	802	769	817
Investments	5,793	6,429	5,842
Other financial assets:			
Investment in CCOs and section 6(4) entities	21	21	21
Investment in other entities	1	1	1
Total non-current assets	330,968	335,648	337,529
Total assets	346,656	351,091	359,101
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Creditors and other payables	4,461	5,005	4,703
Employee entitlements	806	608	806
Borrowings	2,300	7,200	2,711
Leases	8	9	7
Total current liabilities	7,574	12,821	8,227
Non-current liabilities			
Employee entitlements	-	-	-
Borrowings	29,840	34,875	33,035
Leases	14	9	-
Total non-current liabilities	29,854	34,884	33,035
Equity			
Public equity	129,244	131,998	128,655
Restricted reserves	5,148	3,278	6,799
Revaluation reserves	166,639	158,259	171,059
Other reserves	8,197	9,851	11,326
Total equity	309,228	303,386	317,839
Total liabilities and equity	346,656	351,091	359,101

Prospective statement of cash flows For the year ending 30 June 2027

	Annual Plan 30 June 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 30 June 2027 \$000	LTP 30 June 2027 \$000
Cash flows from Operating Activities			
Cash was received from:			
Receipts from rates revenue	20,641	21,443	23,432
Grants, subsidies and donations	3,138	3,378	3,592
Petrol tax	100	60	106
Receipts from other revenue	4,566	4,642	4,817
Finance revenue	120	118	218
	28,565	29,641	32,165
Cash was applied to:			
Payments to suppliers and employees	18,664	19,543	20,081
Finance expenditure	1,260	1,468	1,499
	19,923	21,011	21,580
Net cash flow from operating activities	8,642	8,630	10,585
Cash flows from Investing Activities			
Cash was received from:			
Sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Cash was applied to:			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	10,906	16,317	11,031
Purchase of term deposits, shares and advances	1,585	(728)	2,606
	12,492	15,589	13,637
Net cash flow from investing activities	(12,492)	(15,589)	(13,637)
Cash flows from Financing Activities			
Cash was received from:			
Proceeds from borrowings	5,564	9,041	5,640
	5,564	9,041	5,640
Cash was applied to:			
Repayment of borrowings	1,835	2,201	2,435
	1,835	2,201	2,435
Net cash flow from financing activities	3,730	6,840	3,204
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(120)	(119)	153
Add cash at start of year (1 July)	5,774	4,358	5,085
Balance at end of year (30 June)	5,655	4,239	5,238
Represented by:			
Cash, cash equivalents and overdrafts	5,655	4,239	5,238

Prospective statement of movements in reserves For the year ending 30 June 2027

Special Reserve Funds	Annual Plan 30 June 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 30 June 2027 \$000	LTP 30 June 2027 \$000
Recreation and reserve account			
Opening balance	2,489	2,866	2,474
Transfer to Reserves	224	224	262
Transfer from Reserves		2,407	
Closing balance	2,713	683	2,736
Waste disposal fund			
Opening balance	97	136	375
Transfer to Reserves	-	-	167
Closing balance	97	136	542
Clareville grave maintenance trust			
Opening balance	3	3	3
Closing balance	3	3	3
Memorial Square fund			
Opening balance	9	10	9
Closing balance	9	10	9
WWII Memorial trust			
Opening balance	88	91	91
Transfer to Reserves	-	-	2
Closing balance	88	91	92
Election contingency fund			
Opening balance	39	48	8
Closing balance	39	48	8
Roading contribution fund			
Opening balance	1,138	1,589	2,124
Transfer to Reserves	198	198	229
Transfer from Reserves	148	143	284
Closing balance	1,188	1,644	2,069
Infrastructure contributions fund			
Opening balance	838	555	1,449
Transfer to Reserves	223	223	235
Transfer from Reserves	370	451	760
Closing balance	691	327	924
Waingawa infrastructure contributions fund			
Opening balance	289	305	328
Transfer to Reserves	31	31	39
Closing balance	320	336	367
Creative NZ			
Opening balance	-	-	1
Closing balance	-	-	1
Roading Emergency fund			
Opening balance	-	-	46
Closing balance	-	-	46
Special funds reserves Totals	5,148	3,278	6,798

Prospective whole of Council funding impact statement For the year ending 30 June 2027

	Annual Plan 30 June 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 30 June 2027 \$000	LTP 30 June 2027 \$000
Operating Funding			
Sources of operating funding			
General rates, UAGC, rates penalties	12,621	13,127	13,585
Targeted rates	8,020	8,316	9,847
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	1,538	1,807	1,708
Fees and charges	2,577	2,569	2,738
Interest and dividends from investments	120	118	218
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	1,413	1,457	1,496
Total operating funding	26,289	27,394	29,591
Applications of operating funding			
Payments to staff and suppliers	18,214	19,083	19,769
Finance costs	1,260	1,468	1,499
Other operating funding applications	450	459	312
Internal charges & overheads	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	19,924	21,012	21,580
Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding	6,365	6,383	8,011
Capital Funding			
Sources of capital funding			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	1,600	1,571	1,884
Development and financial contributions	676	676	690
Increase / (decrease) in debt	3,731	6,841	3,204
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total capital funding	6,007	9,087	5,779
Applications of capital funding			
Capital expenditure			
• to meet additional demand	75	3,206	93
• to improve level of service	727	1,799	598
• to replace existing assets	10,104	11,312	10,340
Increase / (decrease) in reserves	1,466	(846)	2,759
Increase / (decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	12,372	15,471	13,790
Surplus/(deficit) of Capital Funding	(6,365)	(6,383)	(8,011)
Funding balance	-	-	-

Funding impact statement

Clause 20 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires a funding impact statement for the year to which the Annual Plan relates.

All Funding Impact Statements for individual Council activity groups, together with the Whole-of-Council Funding Impact Statement, are presented above. They identify:

- The sources of funding to be used by the Council.
- The amount of funds expected to be produced from each source.
- How the funds are to be applied.

If the sources of funding include a general rate, the funding impact statement must:

- Include particulars of the valuation system on which the general rate is to be assessed, e.g. land, annual, or capital value.
- State whether a uniform annual general charge is to be included and, if so, how the charge is to be calculated and the Council's definition of a separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit if the charge is to be calculated on that basis.
- State whether the general rate is to be set differentially and, if so, state the category or categories that will be used for differentiating the general rate within the meaning of Section 14 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and the objectives of the differential rate in terms of the total revenue sought from each category of rateable land or the relationship between the rates set on rateable land in each category.

If the sources of funding include a targeted rate, the funding impact statement must:

- Specify the activity or groups of activities for which a targeted rate will be set.
- Specify any category or categories of rateable land that will be used to set a targeted rate on a differential basis or determine whether a property will be liable for a targeted rate.
- State any factor or factors that will be used to calculate liability for a targeted rate.
- State the Council's definition of a separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit if the rate is to be calculated on that basis.
- State the total revenue sought from each category of rateable land or the relationship between the rates set on rateable land in each category if the targeted rate is to be set differentially.
- State whether lump sum contributions will be invited in respect of the targeted rate.
- State the basis for setting charges for water supply if it is to be by volume of water consumed, e.g. as a fixed charge per unit of water consumed or supplied or according to a scale of charges.

The revenue and financing mechanisms to be used to cover the estimated expenses of the Council are covered in the Revenue and Financing Policy.

The method and impact of both general and targeted rates is covered in the 'Rating System' section that follows.

Rating system

The rating system comprises either general or targeted rates, or specific charges such as a uniform annual charge or excess water meterage charges. Rates are set each year through the annual planning process.

The principles by which rates are imposed and their variation in nature are a consequence to rating reviews that are conducted from time-to-time. When a rating review is conducted is determined by Council.

All rates including in the **Funding impact statement** are GST inclusive.

General rate

A general rate on the capital value of each rating unit in the district.

The general rate is set on a differential basis over three rating categories as follows:

General rates – differential factor

- Residential 1.0
- Commercial 1.8
- Rural 0.8

Where –

Residential means:

- All rating units used primarily for residential purposes within the residential zone of the Carterton District as depicted in the District Plan
- All rating units located in the commercial and industrial zones of Carterton District, as depicted in the District Plan, that are used primarily for residential purposes
- All rating units associated with utility services (water, telecommunications, etc.) that are located in the urban area.

Commercial means:

- All rating units in the commercial zone of Carterton District, including the Carterton Character Area, as depicted in the District Plan, and all rating units outside the said commercial zone that have existing use rights or resource consent to undertake commercial land use activities under the Resource Management Act 1991
- All rating units in the industrial zone of Carterton District, as depicted in the District Plan, and all rating units outside the said industrial zone that have existing use rights or resource consent to carry out industrial land use activities under the Resource Management Act 1991.
- Excludes any rating units used primarily for residential purposes.
- Includes any rating units within the rural zone of Carterton District, as depicted in the District Plan, holding or exercising existing use rights or resource consent to carry out commercial or industrial land use activities under the Resource Management Act 1991.

Rural means:

- All rating units within the rural zone of Carterton District, as depicted in the District Plan, but excluding those rating units that hold and are exercising existing use rights or resource consent to carry out commercial or industrial land use activities under the Resource Management Act 1991.
- All rating units associated with utility services (water, telecommunications, etc) that are located in the rural area

A General Rate set under section 13(2)(b) Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on every rating unit on a differential basis as described below:

- A rate of 0.19488 cents in the dollar (including GST) of capital value on every rating unit in the residential category.
- A rate of 0.35079 cents in the dollar (including GST) of capital value on every rating unit in the commercial category.
- A rate of 0.15590 cents in the dollar (including GST) of capital value on every rating unit in the rural category.

Uniform annual general charge

A uniform annual general charge on each rating unit in the District to fully fund governance activities and to fund community support activities under section 21 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

The uniform annual general charge is calculated as one fixed amount per rating unit, for the rating year 2026–27 this rate will be \$1,318.83 (including GST) per rating unit set under section 15(1)(a) Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

Targeted rates

Definition of 'separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit'

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

Examples of properties with multiple SUiPs include, but are not limited to, the following situations:

- Single dwelling with flat attached
- Two or more houses, flats or apartments on one record of title
- Business premise with flat above
- Separate business premise and dwelling on same record of title
- Commercial building leased, or sub-leased, to multiple tenants
- Farm or horticultural property with more than one dwelling
- Council property with more than one lessee
- Individually surveyed lots of vacant land on one record of title offered for sale separately or in groups

Targeted rates continued

- Where part of a rating unit that has the right of exclusive occupation by more than one ratepayer/owner
- Retirement village with self-contained flats or dwellings

Regulatory and planning service rate

A regulatory and planning service rate for regulatory, resource management, and district planning services on every rating unit in the district, calculated on capital value.

A targeted regulatory and planning services rate of 0.01041 cents per dollar of capital value set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every rating unit in the district.

Urban wastewater rates

A differential targeted rate for the Council's urban wastewater and treatment and disposal of wastewater services of a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in relation to all land in the district to which the Council's urban wastewater service is provided or available.

The rate applied is as follows:

- A charge per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that is able to be connected.
- A charge per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit connected.

The Council also sets a rate (pan charge) per water closet or urinal within each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit after the first one for rating units with more than one water closet or urinal.

For the purposes of this rate:

- 'Connected' means the rating unit is connected to the Council's urban wastewater service directly or through a private drain.
- 'Able to be connected' means the rating unit is not connected to the Council's urban wastewater drain but is within 30 metres of such a drain.
- A separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit used primarily as a residence for one household is treated as not having more than one water closet or urinal.

a) A rate of \$630.50 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for rating units that are not yet connected but are able to be connected to the Council's urban sewerage reticulation system.

b) A rate of \$1,260.99 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for rating units that are connected to the Council's urban sewerage reticulation system.

c) A rate of \$1,260.99 set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for each water closet or urinal after the first in each separately used or inhabited part of a non-residential rating unit connected to Council's urban sewerage reticulation system.

Waingawa wastewater rates

A targeted rate of a fixed amount on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that is connected to the Waingawa wastewater service.

And

A differential targeted rate on capital value on all properties connected or able to be connected to the Waingawa wastewater service. The rate will be set on a differential basis over two rating categories:

- All rating units located in the Waingawa industrial zone of Carterton District, as depicted in the District Plan, that are used primarily for residential purposes.
- All other rating units in the Waingawa industrial zone of Carterton District.

For the purposes of these rates:

- 'Connected' means a rating unit that is connected to the reticulated wastewater service.
- 'Able to be connected' means a rating unit that can be connected to the wastewater service, but is not, and is a property situated within 30 metres of such a drain.

The purpose of these rates is to fund the operation and maintenance of the Waingawa wastewater service:

- a) A targeted Waingawa Sewerage Rate of \$184.16 set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that is connected to the Waingawa Sewerage Service located in the Waingawa industrial zone of Carterton District.
- b) A rate of 0.21901 cents per dollar of capital value set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rating units connected or able to be connected to the Waingawa Sewerage Service, in the Waingawa industrial zone of Carterton District that are not used primarily for residential purposes.
- c) A rate of 0.10950 cents per dollar of capital value set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all properties used primarily for residential purposes connected or able to be connected to the Waingawa Sewerage Service located in the Waingawa industrial zone of Carterton District.

Stormwater rate

A stormwater rate on all rating units within the urban area calculated on land value.

For the purposes of this rate the 'urban area' is rating units:

- Within the residential zone of the Carterton District as depicted in the District Plan.
- Adjacent to the residential zone where stormwater from the property drains to the Council's urban stormwater system.
 - A targeted Stormwater Rate of 0.04589 cents per dollar of land value set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rating units within the urban area.

Refuse collection and kerbside recycling rate

A refuse collection and kerbside recycling rate for kerbside refuse and recycling collection on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit to which the Council's collection service is provided or available.

- a) A targeted Refuse Collection and Kerbside Recycling Rate of \$134.24 set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit where Council provides the service, or the service is available.

Urban water rates

A differential targeted urban water rate of:

- A fixed amount on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that has been fitted with a water meter or meters and is connected to the Council's urban water supply system.
- A fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit for rating units that are not yet connected but are able to be connected to the urban water supply.

Additionally, a targeted metered water rate per cubic metre of water supplied, as measured by meter, for water consumed over 225 cubic metres per year. This rate will be invoiced separately from land rates.

For the purposes of the differential targeted rate:

- 'Connected' means a rating unit to which water is supplied.
- 'Able to be connected' means a rating unit to which water can be, but is not, supplied being a property situated within 100 metres of the water supply.

The purpose of these rates is to fund the operation and maintenance of the urban water supply.

- a) A rate of \$958.79 set under section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that has been fitted with a water meter or meters and is connected to the Council's urban water supply system.
- b) A rate of \$479.40 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for rating units that are not yet connected but are able to be connected to the urban water supply system.
- c) A targeted Metered Water Rate of \$2.16 per cubic metre set under section 19(2)(a) Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for each cubic metre of water supplied, as measured by meter, over 225 cubic metres per year.
- d) A targeted Metered Water Rate of \$3.30 per cubic metre set under section 19(2)(a) Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for each cubic metre of water supplied, for temporary connections for Commercial and Industrial rating units as defined by the differential for General Rate.

Carterton Water Race Systems targeted rates

A targeted rate on a differential basis, calculated on land area, on rating units within the Carrington or Taratahi water race system classified areas as follows:

- Class A land area 200 metres either side of the centreline of the water race
- Class B land area from 200 to 500 metres either side of the centreline of the water race
- Class C land area able to be irrigated from water drawn from natural watercourses fed from the Water Race System, calculated from conditions of the applicable resource consent

Additionally, a rural water services rate on every rating unit situated in the Carrington or Taratahi Water Race Classified Areas for provision of the service. The amount is a rate per rating unit.

For the purposes of this rate 'provision of the service' means the provision of water for stock or domestic use, including where:

- The water race channel passes over the ratepayer's property
- The water race is piped through the ratepayer's property
- Water is extracted from the water race on a neighbouring property.
 - A targeted Rural Water Race Rate of \$288.35 set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 per rating unit on land situated in the Carrington and Taratahi Water Race System Classified Areas that has provision of the service.
 - A targeted Rural Water Race Rate set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, calculated on land area on rating units within the Carrington and Taratahi Water Race System Classified Areas as follows:
 - Class A \$34.05444 per hectare
 - Class B \$7.81435 per hectare
 - Class C \$209.40164 per hectare

a) A targeted metered Water Race Rate for principally commercial/industrial use of \$2.37 per cubic metre set under section 19(2)(a) Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for each cubic metre of water supplied.

b) a targeted metered Water Race Rate for principally horticultural use of \$1.44 per cubic metre set under section 19(2)(a) Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for each cubic metre of water supplied.

Waingawa water rates

A targeted rate of a fixed amount on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that has been fitted with a water meter or meters and is connected to the Waingawa Water Supply service.

For the purposes of this rate:

- 'Connected' means a rating unit to which water is supplied.

Additionally, a targeted rate per cubic meter of water supplied, as measured by meter.

The purpose of these rates is to fund the operation and maintenance of the Waingawa Water Supply service.

a) A targeted Waingawa Water Rate of \$380.56 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rating units that are connected to the Waingawa reticulated water service.

b) A targeted metered Waingawa Water Rate of \$3.32 per cubic metre set under Section 19(2)(b) Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, as measured by meter, for all water supplied to each rating unit which has been fitted with a meter or meters with consumption up to and including 50,000 cubic metres per year and is connected to the Waingawa reticulated water service.

c) A targeted metered Waingawa Water Rate of \$2.88 per cubic metre set under Section 19(2)(b) Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, as measured by meter, for all water supplied to each rating unit with consumption over 50,000 cubic meters per year, which has been fitted with a meter or meters and is connected to the Waingawa reticulated water service.

d) A targeted metered Waingawa Process Water Rate of \$1.25 per cubic metre set under section 19(2)(a) Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for each cubic metre of water supplied.

Economic development rate

The economic development rate is primarily used to fund regional and local economic development initiatives.

- A targeted Economic Development Rate of \$588.66 per rating unit on all Commercial and Industrial rating units as defined by the differential for General Rate.

Due dates for rate payments (excluding metered water rates)

Pursuant to Section 24 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, that the rates (excluding metered water rates) for the year 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 be assessed in four equal instalments with each instalment due on the due date for payment for that instalment set out in table 1 below.

Table 1: Due dates and penalty dates for rate payments (excluding metered water rates)

Instalment	Due date for payment	Penalty date
One	20 August 2026	21 August 2026
Two	20 November 2026	23 November 2026
Three	20 February 2027	22 February 2027
Four	20 May 2027	21 May 2027

Due dates for metered water rates payments

Pursuant to Section 24 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, that the due dates for metered water rates are as set out in table 2 below for each reading period for the year 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.

Table 2: Due dates and penalty dates for metered water rates.

Meters read in	Due date for payment	Penalty date
September 2026	31 October 2026	2 November 2026
January 2027	28 February 2027	1 March 2027
March 2027	30 April 2027	3 May 2027
June 2027	31 July 2027	2 August 2027

Penalty charges (additional charges on unpaid rates)

Pursuant to Sections 57 and 58(1)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a penalty of 10% of the amount of each instalment of rates (except metered water rates) remaining unpaid after the relevant due date for payment will be added on the relevant penalty date for the instalment stated in table 1.

Pursuant to Sections 57 and 58(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a penalty of 10% will be added on 1 July 2026 to the amount of rates assessed in previous financial years and remaining unpaid as at 30 June 2026 excluding metered water rates.

Pursuant to Sections 57 and 58(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a penalty of 10% will be added on 1 July 2027 to the amount of rates assessed in previous financial years and remaining unpaid as at 30 June 2027 excluding metered water rates.

Targeted rates for metered water supply will be invoiced separately from other rates. A 10% penalty will be added to any part of the invoiced metered water rates that remain unpaid after the relevant due date stated in table 2 as provided in Sections 57 and 58(1)(a) Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The penalty will be added on the relevant penalty date for the instalment stated in table 2.

Pursuant to Sections 57 and 58(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a penalty of 10% will be added on 3 August 2026 to the amount of water meter rates assessed in previous financial years and remaining unpaid as at 31 July 2026.

Pursuant to Sections 57 and 58(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a penalty of 10% will be added on 2 August 2027 to the amount of water meter rates assessed in previous financial years and remaining unpaid as at 31 July 2027.

Rate examples

Some examples are provided below of the general and targeted rates for a range of rateable land types and property values.

Property Type	Land Value	Capital Value	2025-26	2026-27	Increase /	Increase /
			Total Rates	Total Rates	(Decrease) \$	(Decrease) %
Residential - Vacant	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 4,113	\$ 4,300	\$ 187	4.5%
Residential - Low	\$ 240,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 4,410	\$ 4,603	\$ 193	4.4%
Residential - Low	\$ 180,000	\$ 530,000	\$ 4,646	\$ 4,842	\$ 196	4.2%
Residential - Medium	\$ 250,000	\$ 580,000	\$ 4,774	\$ 4,977	\$ 202	4.2%
Residential - Medium	\$ 245,000	\$ 690,000	\$ 7,215	\$ 7,554	\$ 339	4.7%
Residential - High	\$ 440,000	\$ 970,000	\$ 5,633	\$ 5,863	\$ 230	4.1%
Residential - High	\$ 1,350,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 6,866	\$ 7,162	\$ 297	4.3%
Residential - High	\$ 810,000	\$ 4,200,000	\$ 35,882	\$ 36,158	\$ 276	0.8%
Rural - Residential (less than 0.75 Ha)	\$ 220,000	\$ 360,000	\$ 2,603	\$ 2,693	\$ 90	3.4%
Rural - Residential (less than 0.75 Ha)	\$ 265,000	\$ 1,020,000	\$ 4,108	\$ 4,292	\$ 185	4.5%
Rural - Residential (less than 0.75 Ha)	\$ 410,000	\$ 1,210,000	\$ 4,073	\$ 4,292	\$ 219	5.4%
Rural - lifestyle	\$ 395,000	\$ 1,020,000	\$ 4,174	\$ 4,353	\$ 180	4.3%
Rural - lifestyle	\$ 510,000	\$ 1,120,000	\$ 3,102	\$ 3,184	\$ 82	2.6%
Rural	\$ 119,000	\$ 127,000	\$ 1,494	\$ 1,530	\$ 37	2.4%
Rural - with Water Race	\$ 4,840,000	\$ 5,580,000	\$ 11,378	\$ 11,584	\$ 206	1.8%
Rural - with Water Race	\$ 6,140,000	\$ 7,180,000	\$ 16,282	\$ 16,387	\$ 105	0.6%
Rural	\$ 7,180,000	\$ 8,900,000	\$ 16,528	\$ 17,098	\$ 569	3.4%
Rural	\$ 10,550,000	\$ 13,300,000	\$ 22,829	\$ 23,466	\$ 637	2.8%
Commercial - Rural	\$ 260,000	\$ 395,000	\$ 3,272	\$ 3,332	\$ 59	1.8%
Commercial - Rural	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 5,590	\$ 5,693	\$ 103	1.8%
Commercial - Waingawa	\$ 280,000	\$ 940,000	\$ 8,221	\$ 7,920	-\$ 301	-3.7%
Commercial - Waingawa	\$ 450,000	\$ 1,270,000	\$ 10,101	\$ 9,832	-\$ 269	-2.7%
Commercial - Waingawa	\$ 3,030,000	\$ 13,500,000	\$ 65,355	\$ 66,408	\$ 1,053	1.6%
Commercial - Light Industrial	\$ 390,000	\$ 590,000	\$ 6,470	\$ 6,702	\$ 232	3.6%
Commercial - Light Industrial	\$ 455,000	\$ 1,450,000	\$ 10,684	\$ 10,959	\$ 275	2.6%
Commercial - Urban	\$ 128,000	\$ 360,000	\$ 5,423	\$ 5,618	\$ 195	3.6%
Commercial - Urban	\$ 435,000	\$ 650,000	\$ 9,116	\$ 9,327	\$ 211	2.3%
Commercial - Urban	\$ 420,000	\$ 1,560,000	\$ 19,953	\$ 20,166	\$ 214	1.1%

Annual Plan financial prudence disclosure statement

What is the purpose of this statement?

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

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

Refer to the Regulations for more information, including definitions of some of the terms used in this statement.

Benchmark	Description	Quantified maximum Limit	Planned Limit	Met
Rates affordability benchmark				
Increases	Percentage change in average rates must not exceed the increase in the BERL local government cost index 3.1% plus 2%	5.1%	3.9%	Yes
Debt affordability benchmarks				
Net External interest expense as a percentage of annual rates income		15%	6.31%	Yes
Net interest expense as a percentage of total revenue		15%	4.63%	Yes
Net external debt as a percentage of total revenue		150%	52%	Yes
External debt plus unutilised committed facilities plus liquid assets over existing external debt		Are maintained at or above 110%	144%	Yes
Balanced budget benchmark	Planned revenue equals or is greater than its planned operating expenses	100%	103%	Yes
Essential services benchmark	Planned capital expenditure on network services equals or is greater than expected depreciation on network services	100%	199%	Yes
Debt servicing benchmark	Planned borrowing cost equal or are less than 10% of its planned revenue	10%	5.1%	Yes

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