



Our reference
F19/13/03-D21/26182

9 May 2024

Policy and Services Committee Meeting (Hearing) and Ordinary Meeting of Council

Notice is hereby given that a Policy and Services Committee Meeting will be held in the **Council Chambers, Stratford District Council, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford** on **Tuesday 14 May 2024** beginning at **10.00am** to hear and consider submissions to the draft Significance and Engagement Policy and draft 2024-2034 Long Term.

The Ordinary Meeting of Council will begin at 3.30pm

Timetable for 14 May 2024 as follows:

10.00am	Policy & Services Committee (Hearing) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Draft Significance and Engagement Policy- Draft 2024-2034 Long Term Plan
12 noon	Lunch
12.30pm	Hearing continued.
3.15pm	Afternoon tea
3.30pm	Ordinary Meeting

Yours faithfully

Sven Hanne
Chief Executive

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AGENDA

Ordinary Meeting of Council



F22/55/05 – D24/15375

Date: 14 May 2024 at 3.30 PM

Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

1. Welcome

- 1.1 Opening Karakia
D21/40748 Page 5
- 1.2 Health and Safety Message
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2. Apologies

3. Announcements

4. Declarations of Members Interest

Elected members to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda.

5. Attendance Schedule

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Attendance schedule for Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

- 6.1 **Ordinary Meeting of Council – 9 April 2024**
D24/17281 Page 8

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 9 April 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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Moved/Seconded

- 6.2 **Policy and Services Committee – 23 April 2024**
D24/20441 (PE) and D24/15375 (Open) Page 14

Recommendations

- 1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 23 April 2024 be received.
- 2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting, including those in the public excluded section, held on Tuesday 23 April 2024 be adopted.

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Moved/Seconded

7. District Mayor's Report
D24/22568 Page 23

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

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Moved/Seconded

8. Decision Report – Reallocation of Better Off Funding
D24/20662 Page 41

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.
2. THAT the Stratford District Council reallocate the Better Off Funding to three water infrastructure projects being the Grit Tank Replacement (**\$2M**); the Wastewater Modelling (**\$50k**) and the Stormwater Modelling (part funding of **\$400k**)

Recommended Reason

The reallocation of the Better Off Funding is necessary to align with the central government directive.

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Moved/Seconded

9. Questions

10. Closing Karakia
D21/40748 Page 50



Our reference
F19/13/03-D21/40748

Karakia

Kia uruuru mai
Ā hauora
Ā haukaha
Ā haumāia
Ki runga, Ki raro
Ki roto, Ki waho
Rire rire hau Paimārire

I draw in (to my being)
The reviving essence
The strengthening essence
The essence of courage
Above, Below
Within, Around
Let there be peace.



Our reference
F19/13/03-D22/17082

Health and Safety Message

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If there is an earthquake, please drop, cover and hold where possible. Remain indoors until the shaking stops and you are sure it is safe to exit or remain where you are until further instruction is given.

5. Attendance schedule for 2024 Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings.

Date	13/02/24	12/03/24	9/04/24	14/05/24	11/06/24	9/07/24	13/08/24	10/09/24	8/10/24	12/11/24	10/12/24
Meeting	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Neil Volzke	✓	✓	✓								
Steve Beck	✓	✓	✓								
Grant Boyde	✓	✓	✓								
Annette Dudley	✓	✓	✓								
Jono Erwood	✓	A	✓								
Ellen Hall	✓	✓	✓								
Amanda Harris	✓	✓	✓								
Vaughan Jones	✓	✓	✓								
Min McKay	✓	✓	✓								
John Sandford	✓	✓	✓								
Clive Tongaawhikau	✓	A	A								
Mathew Watt	✓	✓	✓								

Key	
O	Ordinary Meeting
E	Extraordinary Meeting
EM	Emergency Meeting
✓	Attended
A	Apology/Leave of Absence
AB	Absent
S	Sick
(AV)	Meeting held, or attended by, by Audio Visual Link

MINUTES

Ordinary



F22/55/05 – D24/17281

Date: Tuesday 9 April 2024 at 3.52 PM
Venue: Whangamomona Hall, Ohura Road, Whangamomona

Present

The District Mayor N C Volzke (the Chairman), the Deputy Mayor – M McKay, Councillors: S J Beck, G W Boyde, A M C Dudley, J M S Erwood, A K Harris, E E Hall, V R Jones, W J Sandford, and M J Watt.

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director – Assets Mrs V Araba, the Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant – Mrs E Bishop, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, the Roading Asset Manager – Mr S Bowden, the Project Engineer – Mr O Mabumbo and one member of the media (Stratford Press).

1. Welcome

The District Mayor welcomed Elected Members, members of the public, staff and the media to the meeting.

1.1 Opening Karakia D21/40748 Page 7

The opening karakia was read.

1.2 Health and Safety Message D21/26210 Page 8

The District Mayor reiterated the health and safety message and emergency procedures.

2. Apologies

An apology was received from Councillor C M Tongaawhikau and apologies noted from the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Director – Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu

Recommendation

THAT the apologies be received.

McKAY/WATT
Carried
CL/24/45

3. Announcements

There were no announcements.

4. Declarations of Members Interest

Elected members to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda. There were no declared conflicts of interest.

5. Attendance Schedule

The attendance schedule for Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings was attached.

It was requested that Councillor J M S Erwood's attendance be amended to Leave of Absence for the meeting on 12 March 2024

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 **Ordinary Meeting of Council – 12 March 2024** D24/9404 Page 10

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 12 March 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

VOLZKE/BOYDE
Carried
CL/24/45

6.1.1 Public Forum – 12 March 2024 D24/9408 Page 15

The notes from the March public forum are attached for council's information

The Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant undertook the following amendments:

- Amend the apologies to include the approved leave of absence for Councillor J M S Erwood.
- Page 14, amend *Physical Therapy* to *Physiotherapy*.

6.2 **Farm and Aerodrome Committee – 19 March 2024** D24/10841 Page 17

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Farm and Aerodrome Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2024 be received.
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Farm and Aerodrome Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2024 be adopted.

DUDLEY/McKAY
Carried
CL/24/45

BOYDE/JONES
Carried
CL/24/45

6.2.1 Updated Terms of Reference – Farm Committee D24/9401 Page 23

Councillor Boyde noted the following points:

- This meeting included discussion on the committee self review to ensure it is still fit for purpose going forward. The recommendations from the committee was to amend the title to be *Farm Committee*, update the terms of reference and reduce the meeting frequency to three times a year. It was also requested that, should council not have the appropriate skill sets for the committee, then an independent member could be brought onto the committee.

- He noted the farm was a strategic asset that contributed towards a 1% reduction in rates through rates mitigation.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde noted the operational scope within the terms of reference and although he understood the operational matters do not extend to the committee. He reiterated that the farm is a unique asset and felt that there was not the required skill set amongst council officers to maintain the level the farm is running at in regards to decisions for goods and services, feed contracts and fertiliser. He suggested a change to the wording to ensure the committee can assist with the operational side of the farm.
- The District Mayor noted purchasing of goods and services and approval of invoices were not the role of elected members. He noted the intent was to ensure elected members were not buying goods and services but it did not stop the committee from making recommendations around how much fertiliser was to be applied (as an example).
- The Chief Executive noted there were two sides to this, governance and operational. This committee was the governing body and was advising as it was made up of representatives with farm experience. He noted this did not stop officers conferring with members for advice but it should be done separately from their governance role.
- Councillor Hall noted there are examples of how governance and operation works together such as with iwi organisations.
- It was clarified that the independent position was if council felt there was not the appropriate skill set on council for this committee, then they would put in motion the process for bringing an independent member onto the committee. The District Mayor reiterated it would only be filled if there was a need.

6.3 **Audit and Risk Committee – 19 March 2024**
D24/12999 Page 26

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2024 be received.
VOLZKE/HARRIS
Carried
CL/24/45
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2024 be adopted.
VOLZKE/HALL
Carried
CL/24/45

6.3.1 Updated Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy
D23/22153 Page 34

6.4 **Extraordinary Meeting of Council – 26 March 2024**
D24/15263 Page 41

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 26 March 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

BOYDE/DUDLEY
Carried
CL/24/45

6.5 **Policy and Services Committee – 26 March 2024 (Hearing)**
D24/15333 Page 45

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting, to hear and consider submissions to the Draft King Edward Park Reserve Management Plan, held on Tuesday 26 March 2024 be received.

SANDFORD/McKAY
Carried
CL/24/45

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting, to hear and consider submissions to the Draft King Edward Park Reserve Management Plan, held on Tuesday 26 March 2024 be adopted.

McKAY/WATT
Carried
CL/24/45

6.5.1 Updated King Edward Park Reserve Management Plan
D22/26025 Page 53

6.6 **Policy and Services Committee – 26 March 2024**
D24/7501 Page 102

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26 March 2024 be received.

VOLZKE/HARRIS
Carried
CL/24/45

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26 March 2024 be adopted.

3. THAT the Statements of Proposal for the Rate Remission Policy and the Rate Postponement Policy be adopted.

BOYDE/HALL
Carried
CL/24/45

6.6.1 Updated Rates Remission Policy
D24/2230 Page 113

6.6.2 Updated Rates Postponement Policy
D24/3502 Page 122

6.6.3 Statement of Proposal - Rates Remission Policy
D24/15646 Page 124

6.6.4 Statement of Proposal - Rates Postponement Policy
D24/15648 Page 126

6.7 **Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee – 2 April 2024**
D24/15516 Page 128

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2 April 2024 be received.

VOLZKE/ERWOOD
Carried
CL/24/45

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2 April 2024 be adopted.

HARRIS/DUDLEY
Carried
CL/24/45

Councillor Harris noted this was the first time 20 years that the committee had more money than was applied for, which meant it was a good position to award the majority of what was requested. There was a carryover of around \$2,000 which the governing body had confirmed could be carried over it was not a large percentage of allocated funds.

7. **District Mayor's Report**
D24/15644 Page 131

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/JONES
Carried
CL/24/45

The District Mayor noted that the bridge at Kahouri Stream was nearing completion, with the planned end date being in May. The walk around was followed by a hui to discuss the cultural art work that will be attached to the bridge. This will be a waka that is split into segments and displayed the story along the state highway but all displayed together on the bridge. The old bridge will remain to be used for walking and cycling access and create a viewing platform for photos of the mountain.

8. Questions

- Councillor Jones noted the public forum presentation in Whangamomona in 2023 which was regarding Whitianga Road and safety concerns for the bus run. Mr Bowden noted that remedial work and a bank retreat had been completed. Councillor Harris noted that the presenter had been elated with the response and has commended the work completed.
- Councillor Sandford noted there were missing glass panels on the platform overlooking the hockey turf at the TET Multisports Centre. He noted that he had been advised the panels are waiting to be installed but the contractor was not able to do the installation due to council rules. Mr Hanne clarified that this would be due to the contractor needing to provide his methodology for the job as a health and safety plan. Councillor Sandford noted his concern that the missing panels were a health and safety issue. Mr Hanne confirmed that he would look into this matter.

9. Closing Karakia

D21/40748 Page 134

The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 4.24pm.

N C Volzke
Chairman

Confirmed this 14th day of May 2024.

N C Volzke
District Mayor

MINUTES

Policy and Services Committee



F22/55/05 – D24/21643

Date: Tuesday 26 March 2024 at 3.00pm
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

The Deputy Mayor – M McKay (the Chairman), the District Mayor N C Volzke, Councillors: S J Beck, G W Boyle, A M C Dudley, J M S Erwood, A K Harris, E E Hall, V R Jones and M J Watt.

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director – Assets Mrs V Araba, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Director – Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu, the Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant – Mrs E Bishop, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, the Communications Advisor – Mrs S Clarkson (*part meeting*), the Environmental Health Manager – Ms R Otter (*part meeting*), the Roading Asset Manager – Mr S Bowden, the Project Manager – Mr S Taylor and the Acting Community Development Manager – Mrs A Kingston (*part meeting*).

1. Welcome

The opening karakia was read.

The Deputy Mayor welcomed the Chief Executive, Councillors, staff, and the media.

The Deputy Mayor reiterated the health and safety message and emergency procedures.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor W J Sandford and C M Tongaawhikau

Recommendation

THAT the apologies be received.

DUDLEY/BOYDE
Carried
P&S/24/109

3. Announcements

There were no announcements.

4. Declarations of members interest

Elected members were asked to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda.

The District Mayor and Deputy Mayor declared an interest in Item 9 – Decision Report – Stratford District Licensing Committee – Position of Deputy Chairperson

5. Attendance Schedule

The Attendance schedule for Policy and Services Committee meetings, including Hearings, was attached.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Policy and Services Committee – 26 March (Hearing)
D24/15333 Page 12

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee Meeting, to hear and consider submissions to the Draft King Edward Park Reserve Management Plan, held on Tuesday 26 March 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

HALL/HARRIS
Carried
P&S/24/110

The Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant undertook to amend the Chairperson to be the Deputy Mayor.

6.2 Policy and Services Committee –26 March 2024
D24/15493 Page 20

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 26 March 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

BOYDE/DUDLEY
Carried
P&S/24/111

The Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant undertook to amend the Chairperson to be the Deputy Mayor.

7. Matters Outstanding

D16/47 Page 31

Recommendation

THAT the Matters Outstanding be received.

ERWOOD/BECK
Carried
P&S/24/112

8. Information Report – Fenton Street Parking

D2417469 Page 32

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

HARRIS/JONES
Carried
P&S/24/113

Recommended Reason

This report provides information about how parking in Fenton Street is currently managed and how it could be managed in the future to minimise conflict with Scout Hall users.

The Director – Environmental Services noted the following points:

- This information report is responding to concerns raised during the King Edward Park Reserve Management Plan hearing regarding freedom camping and parking along the Portia Street/Fenton Street corner.
- Further investigation shows these issues will be best dealt with under the Parking Bylaw review rather than creating a freedom camping bylaw.
- The websites directing people to this location have been contacted. It has also been suggested that the scouts be provided with a key for the Malone Gates to combat the loading and unloading issues.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was noted that one of the issues in the submissions had been parking after hours, in which case to enforce this officers would need to look at resourcing such as including it within the after-hours contract.
- Councillor Harris noted that she thought the opening hours of the Centennial Rest Rooms could impact the decision to park there overnight. It was noted that these were still accessible from other parking spots in the vicinity.

In accordance with Standing Order 14.2, to allow the chairperson to vacate the chair during Item 9, nominations were called for a Chairperson to preside as chairperson during this item.

Recommendation

THAT Councillor G W Boyde be the Chairperson during Item 9 – Stratford District Licensing Committee – Position of Deputy Chairperson

McKAY/DUDLEY
Carried
P&S/24/114

The Deputy Mayor and District Mayor vacated the table and left the room at 3.08pm.

9. [Decision Report – Stratford District Licensing Committee – Position of Deputy Chairperson](#)
D23/37928 Page 35

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

BECK/JONES
Carried
P&S/24/115

2. THAT the committee approve the appointment of Min McKay as the Deputy Chairperson of the Stratford District Licensing Committee (DLC).

DUDLEY/HARRIS
Division
For 8
Against 0
Abstained 2
Carried
P&S/24/116

3. THAT the appointment of the Deputy Chairperson commence on 15 May 2024.

BOYDE/BECK
Carried
P&S/24/117

Recommended Reason

The Policy and Services Committee agreed to appoint a Deputy Chairperson to the Stratford District Licensing Committee on 22 September 2020 to complete the composition of the committee.

The Environmental Health Manager noted the following points:

- This process completes a necessary step to achieve the agreed composition of the District Licensing Committee.
- Elected members were asked in 2021 to lodge an expression of interest with the Chief Executive for the position of Deputy Chairperson. No expressions of interest were received.
- The Deputy Mayor has recently formalised an expression of interest in the position. She brings with her relevant experience to the position in terms of chairing meetings, legal decision making processes and knowledge of the local community. This experience meets the appropriate criteria in the SOLGM guidelines for appointing a deputy chairperson.

A division was called:

Those voting for the motion: Councillors: Beck, Boyde, Dudley, Erwood, Hall, Harris, Jones and Watt.

There were no votes against the motion.

The District Mayor and Deputy Mayor abstained and were not present for the vote.

The Deputy Mayor and District Mayor returned to the table at 3.12pm. The Deputy Mayor resumed chairing the meeting.

10. Decision Report – Communications and Engagement Strategy Adoption 2024

D24/11385 Page 40

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

HARRIS/VOLZKE
Carried
P&S/24/118

2. THAT feedback on the draft Communication and Engagement Strategy 2024 is acknowledged and considered, and any amendments agreed to by elected members, are incorporated into the final Communication and Engagement Strategy 2024.

3. THAT the Communication and Engagement Strategy 2024 (attached) be approved, and recommended for adoption by Council at the May 2024 Ordinary Council meeting.

HALL/DUDLEY
Carried
P&S/24/119

Recommended Reason

The recommendation from the Committee will enable Council officers' to formally use the strategy as a framework for communications and engagement activity.

The Communications Manager noted the feedback from Te Whatu Ora – Public Health Unit had been tabled. This had been circulated to the committee.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was clarified that all respondents had been contacted and thanked for their feedback, they would also be notified of the final outcome for the document.
- The District Mayor noted the comments made by Alex Corlett relating to him personally. He noted that both instances where it stated the mayor had been advised of the matter and not taken any action were incorrect.

Points noted in discussion:

- Ms Gibson noted the level of consultation was very dependent on the activity that is being discussed. In some instances direct conversation will be needed with hapu as well as iwi. Noting hapu in the strategy does not change the consultation process but it documents that council is not just acknowledging the post settlement agencies for engagement.

11. Monthly Reports

11.1 Assets Report
D24/14553 Page 64

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

ERWOOD/BOYDE
Carried
P&S/24/120

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was clarified that the generator had been put in its own shed for protection against the weather. There were examples given where frames had rotted away and required a full generator replacement.
- Councillor Boyde noted there seemed to be a massive increase in fly tipping, particularly around his area. The Director – Assets noted there had also been an increase in the urban area with an example on Portia Street given from this week. Officers are following through with investigations when able.
- Councillor Boyde noted the farm was up by 5% for the month and 4% up for the year for production. The sematic cell count was 50% lower than last year. Worksafe had visited today and had noted the health and safety system was one of the best systems they had seen in place.
- It was clarified that a request for proposal is a request to consultants to put together a proposal for an investigation around wetland.
- It was noted that members of the public had questioned the accuracy of the kerbside collection contamination, a second audit had been undertaken to validate those concerns and still showed our contamination level was very low. Councillor Harris congratulated the community for providing such a low contamination rate and asked that the second results be relayed to those who raised the concerns.
- The District Mayor asked if the changes to the Resource Management Act and suspension of the Significant Natural Areas would impact the wetlands at the subdivision? The Director Environmental Services noted the changes so far will not make a difference but it is unknown what subsequent changes will be.
- It was clarified that \$150,000 of the better off funding had been committed to the Flint Road connection for wastewater, but it was not known at the time where the nearest point with sufficient capacity would be. The modelling has since come back and indicated that the capacity is significantly better than anticipated so the idea is now to go to a central point on the boundary of the Stratford Park. Internal infrastructure would be their responsibility. Mrs Araba noted that this would only get 100 metres towards Stratford Park from the connection point.
- Councillor Jones commended the inclusion of routine maintenance under roading and noted this had been quite insightful.

11.2 Community Services Report
D24/15391 Page 87

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

HARRIS/DUDLEY
Carried
P&S/24/121

The Director – Community Services noted that those who wanted to march in the ANZAC Day parade needed to meet at 5.40am at the netball courts. The service will begin at 6am.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde questioned when the report on cost savings and future plans for the pool would be received. Ms Whareaitu noted this was currently a working draft and could not give a definite date at this point.
- It was noted that there had been a meeting with MTFJ this month and there was discussion about re-negotiating the current contract and targets. There was a definite indication that Year 2 funding will continue. The District Mayor noted the target was being revised and reset at 28. Funding will be reduced to reflect the lower target but the programme will still be able to continue.

11.3 Environmental Services Report
D24/11879 Page 94

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

McKAY/BECK
Carried
P&S/24/122

The Acting Community Development Manager left the meeting at 3.33pm.

11.4 Corporate Services Report
D24/17581 Page 101

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

JONES/ERWOOD
Carried
P&S/24/123

The Director – Corporate Services noted that \$1 million of debt had been refinanced in April for four years at 5.41%, this had been at 1.14%. There was a further \$2 million maturing in May which was currently at 2.35%. It was not possible to see which way the rates will go so council will be only borrowing what it needs.

The Communications Advisor left the meeting at 3.37pm.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde noted the roading budget was to be exceeded by at least \$600,000 and that the expenditure for the aquatic centre was well over budget and felt this was a hugely concerning trend.
- The Roading Asset Manager explained that current cost escalations were at 20.3%. NZTA releases cost escalations every quarter based on CPI and the difference in cost from when the contract was awarded. This is done all the way through long term contracts. The next cost escalation will be released at the end of May/June. He noted that within the contracts themselves there are lump sums that council needs to pay for work such as potholes, bridge maintenance, street cleaning, leaf clearance and rubbish collection from fly tipping. These lump sums add up to about \$67,000 per month. Discretionary work could be cut back to save costs.
- It was clarified that the capital costs at Wai o Rua – Stratford Aquatic Centre were work that had not been completed and now these have been paid out as the jobs are closed off and finished. This work was always within the budget, but it would have been tidier if these expenses had been carried over into another budget. The pool build is still under budget.
- Councillor Jones noted his concerns with the interest rates on debt registered and asked if the A&P Association would be able to sustain a 5-6% interest rate when it comes off 1% in a year or so. Councillor Hall felt it would be worthwhile starting those conversations now to communicate the anticipated increase. The Chief Executive noted there was a request for a subgroup of council to have a conversation regarding the loan with the association and to look at ways forward.
- Councillor Jones asked if CPI and increasing annual costs was factored into all contracts? It was clarified that this is factored into all long term contracts and the indices are provided by an independent authority.
- The District Mayor noted that putting the deficit for the roading spend against the reserve is not sustainable. Council cannot continuously put expenses against the reserve till the point it gets to nothing. He asked how this was being addressed in the Long Term Plan (LTP)? Mr Hanne noted the overdrawn reserve was addressed in the LTP and an increase made to the roading budget. Mrs Radich noted this was identified as a key issue in the consultation document. She noted there were also options within the Revenue and Financing Policy for consideration as operational work is funded by rates and not loans, so it is proposing to allow some flexibility as there are not many funding options.
- Mrs Araba noted that just today a report had been received on damage caused by forestry trucks to a road, this will cost about \$250,000 to fix. She noted there was no solution other than overspending due to the safety issues.
- The District Mayor noted this type of expenditure was effectively bringing the FAR rates down substantially. Councillor Hall noted there are the requirements on council to pay for these services but with capped funding there are complete ambiguities in the format they are following for the funding. She noted she would rather have a budget that is bigger and being met as opposed to a budget council cannot meet.
- The District Mayor noted he will be taking the opportunity to raise these issues at Local Government level. Mayor Holdom is the chair of the subcommittee that deals with these issues and he is right across these issues. He will also raise them at the regional transport committee.
- It was noted that there were no bonds received for the pensioner housing but the table states rent and bond in advance. This will be amended.

12. Questions

There were no questions.

13. Resolution to Exclude the Public

RECOMMENDATION

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

Agenda Item No: 14

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 to each matter	Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Land Acquisition	The withholding of the information is necessary for commercial sensitivity	The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. Section 7(2)b(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

ERWOOD/JONES
Carried
P&S/24/124

14. Public Excluded Item - Decision Report – Cardiff Road Realignment
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Recommendations

- THAT the report be received.

BOYDE/ERWOOD
Carried
P&S/24/125
- THAT Council consent to the acquisition for road pursuant to Section 17 of the Public Works Act 1981 of the land described as Lot 4 DP 20954 containing approximately 450 square metres as shown on Drawing D1 attached to this report (**Attachment 1**).

[REDACTED]
- THAT the subject and discussion regarding this matter be released from being public excluded, with the exception of the compensation amount.

ERWOOD/BOYDE
Carried
P&S/24/126

Recommended Reason
To achieve safety improvements along Cardiff Road, the road requires widening along the curve approach immediately to the north of the Patea River bridge.

The Roading Asset Manager noted this report seeks endorsement to purchase 450 square meters of land on Cardiff Road to complete safety improvements.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The compensation price was based on 450 square meters, however the resolution noting *no more than* was to provide an allowance if any additional land was required to complete the safety work. The price per square meters was established through a calculation completed by Telfer Young.

Recommendation

THAT the open meeting resume.

WATT/VOLZKE
Carried
P&S/24/127

15. Closing Karakia

D21/40748

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The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 4.03pm.

M McKay
Chairman

Confirmed this 28th day of May 2024.

N C Volzke
District Mayor

MONTHLY REPORT

District Mayor



F22/55/04 – D24/22568

To: Council
From: District Mayor
Date: 14 May 2024
Subject: District Mayor Monthly Report – April 2024

Recommendations

THAT the report be received.

/
Moved/Seconded

1. SH43 Kahouri Bridge Opening

Over the last 18 months I have been able to provide periodic updates on construction progress on the new bridge over the Kahouri Stream. I am very pleased to report that traffic is now driving over the new, two-lane bridge. Last week Councillor Harris and myself attended the formal blessing/opening of the bridge. This new infrastructure is part of a near \$30 million package of safety improvements along SH43 which also includes the sealing of the Tangarakau Gorge. Once complete, the Forgotten World Highway will be a much more user friendly scenic drive which we anticipate will lead to a growth in visitor numbers, as well as adding to the resilience of road access to the region.

Successive Stratford mayors have been lobbying for improvements on SH43 for over 60 years with mixed success along the way. Therefore, it is very gratifying to be in the mayoral role when this series of significant improvement projects have come to fruition. Continual lobbying will still be required to ensure ongoing maintenance programmes are delivered and safety improvements are implemented

2. Taranaki Regional Land Transport Plan Review

The regional land transport committee met recently to consider and hear submissions to the Regional Land Transport Plan review. Public transport and more specifically bus services in New Plymouth were the focus of many of the submissions. Routes, frequency, timetables, ticket prices, safety and emissions were all raised as issues by submitters, although many of the issues could be regarded as operational matters rather than governance matters.

This made for an interesting debate later in the meeting as committee members were asked to prioritise different aspects of the plan. Initially officers had placed public transport as the number priority for the region, in contrast, the road safety, maintenance and resilience cluster only ranked number four. History shows that if something is not in the first one or two spots, it is unlikely to attract any significant funding from government sources and will quietly fall away. It was my view that this prioritisation was not in the best interests of all road users and the improvements, safety, maintenance and resilience aspects needed to be our number one priority. I am pleased to report that after some discussions, other committee members agreed and the list was reshuffled accordingly.

I am also of the view that anything less than a number one ranking for this work, will lead to questions about the need for important safety improvements such as the planned roundabouts on SH3 New Plymouth to Waitara. These and other heard earned improvement projects are essential needs that we cannot jeopardise by sending the wrong signals to Wellington.

3. Mayor's Task Force for Jobs

As we approach the end of the financial year, so to do we approach the end of the first tranche funding. Our target number of work placements was set at 38 people but this has proved to be a real challenge due to a number of factors well beyond our control. It was therefore pragmatic to reassess our target for the second tranche of funding and this has been agreed at 28 people for year two of the current contract. Funding will be reduced proportionately but will still be sufficient to employ our current co-ordinator, support employers and young workers in the way we have done previously.

4. Stratford Health Trust

The Stratford Health Trust was established by the Stratford District Council around 20 years ago. The District Mayor is a settlor of the Trust. The Trust owns the building known as the Stratford Health Centre where the Avon Medical practice is based, along with physiotherapy and audiology services. The recent expansion of the medical practice has allowed the introduction of a very welcome walk-in service. A number of new medical workers have been employed to deliver this and other new services.

An issue has arisen with the lack of space to accommodate these services which has resulted in the Trust agreeing to make alterations to the existing building and add on an ambulance bay. The cost of this upgrade project is circa \$550K. The Trust has been successful in raising the necessary funds via grants from TOI Foundation and the Taranaki Electricity Trust. The HealthTrust has contributed over \$100K of its own funds to make this project viable.

Work is due to commence very soon and the Trust is confident that by providing improved and quality facilities, the medical centre will be able to function more efficiently and deliver quality service to the rapidly growing number of patients that utilise the medical services available.

5. Kiwi Release at Tututawa

Last month I had the pleasure of attending a Kiwi release. Two young birds were released at a property in Tututawa owned by the Miranda 800 Trust, which is restoring a large block of eastern hill country into native bushland. Both Kiwi's quickly disappeared into their new burrows, not to be seen again (by us). They will add to the Kiwi population already present in the area and more birds will be added next year.

It was a special occasion in a number of ways, but to sense the pride and emotion shown by iwi and to be associated with this event was a great feeling. Ngati Maru representatives and the group of trainees from the Tree Machine training course were all contributors to the day. The trainees are part of the course sponsored by the MTFJ programme and much of the planting in the area has been done by them. The bird release was made possible by the environment they have been creating, so the sense of achievement was obvious.

6. ANZAC Day Commemorations

ANZAC Day commemorations went really smoothly and the Stratford dawn service was very well attended. Being a beautiful clear, mild morning there was no weather obstacle for those wanting to attend and in particular, it was very gratifying to see the number of young people present. There seems to be a growing awareness among them of the sacrifice made by our defence force personnel over many generations.

The changes made to the dawn service event during the Covid lock down period have since been tweaked slightly and the current format appears to be very well received by members of the public. My thanks to all those who have again supported this event in 2024.

7. Percy Thompson Gallery Rita Angus Exhibition

The gallery continues to lift the bar with its exhibitions and the current display of Rita Angus works is evidence of that. This particular exhibition is possibly the most prestigious selection the gallery has had and it is a credit to all involved that Te Papa Museum holds Percy Thompson Gallery in high enough regard to loan the exhibition to them. Congratulations on this achievement.

8. Correspondence

- Stratford Volunteer Fire Brigade Call Outs – April 2024
- Chorus – update April 2024
- Hon Simeon Brown – Rate Rebate Scheme
- Hon Simeon Brown – Local Water Done Well stage 2
- Hon Simeon Brown – Māori Wards

9. Some Events Attended

- Attended – Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Committee meeting
- Attended – Stratford District Youth Council meeting
- Attended – Stratford Park Steering representative meeting (by zoom)
- Attended – Stratford Rotary Club meeting – LTP Presentation
- Attended - Stratford Business Association meeting – LTP Presentation
- Attended – Justice of the Peace training session
- Attended – Meeting with representatives of Mayors Task Force for Jobs
- Attended – Avon Bowling Club meeting – LTP Presentation
- Attended – Public meeting on LTP at War Memorial Centre
- Attended – Met with Regional Relationship Manager of Waka Kotahi
- Attended – Met with representative of Te Korowai o Ngāruahine
- Attended – Met with MSD Regional Commissioner Gloria Campbell
- Attended – Taranaki Regional Land Transport Committee hearing on Plan Review
- Attended – Met with Member of Parliament Carl Bates (by zoom)
- Attended - Met with group interested in Stratford/Ohura rail corridor
- Attended – Creative Communities Committee meeting
- Attended – Opening of new office for Carl Bates MP
- Attended – Met with Minister Melissa Lee
- Attended – Public meeting on LTP at Whakaahurangi Marae
- Attended - Kiwi Release at Tututawa with Miranda 800 Trust
- Attended – ANZAC Day Dawn Service
- Attended - Percy Thompson Gallery - Opened Rita Angus Exhibition
- Attended – Official Blessing/Opening of the new Kahouri Bridge
- Attended - Stratford Health Trust meeting (x1)
- Radio Interview - Access Radio (x1)
- Newspaper - Stratford Press Interviews and Articles (multiple)
- Newspaper - Daily News, Glenn McLean – Interview
- Attended - Regional Mayors and Chairs weekly meeting (x3)
- Attended - Council Pre-Agenda meetings (x2)
- Attended - Council Public Forums and Deputations (x1)
- Attended - Council Workshops (x1)
- Attended - Council Meetings (x2)



N C Volzke JP
District Mayor

Date: 7 May 2024

Stratford Volunteer Fire Brigade

April 2024

Calls this month: **15** Calls this year: **64**



Fire related calls

01-04-24
Vegetation Fire - rural appliance stood down before arrival - Opuia Road Opunake

02-04-24
Tanker required vegetation fire assist Hawera and rural brigades - Morea Road Ararata Road

03-04-24
Alarm activation Stratford High School - Swansea Road

03-04-24
Alarm activation - New Commercial Hotel Broadway

04-04-24
Tanker required Building fire, assist North Taranaki fire brigades - Waitara Road

07-04-24
Rural appliance required vegetation fire - Ingahape Road Ohangai

10-04-24
Rural appliance required at vegetation fire - Block Eight Road Waverley

11-04-24
Tanker and rural appliance required at vegetation fire - Ingahape Road Manutahi

18-04-24
House fire, assisted by Eltham and New Plymouth fire brigades - Opunake Road

18-04-24
Re-ignition house fire - Opunake Road

18-04-24
Alarm activation Stratford High School - Swansea Road

19-04-24
Alarm activation Stratford High School - Swansea Road

21-04-24
Hybrid car smoking in Countdown car park - Broadway North

22-04-24
Alarm activation Stratford Primary School - Regan Street

29-04-24
Investigate power box smoking - Broadway

From: Jo Seddon <Jo.Seddon@chorus.co.nz>
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 7:08 AM
To: Neil Volzke <nvolzke@stratford.govt.nz>
Subject: Chorus update April 2024

Hi Neil

There have been a few changes at Chorus in recent months, most notably the resignation of our Chief Executive JB Rousselot and the appointment of Mark Aue into the role.

Mark was an internal appointment, serving as Chorus' Chief Operating Officer for a year beforehand. He is a Kiwi who has worked in the telecommunications industry for more than 20 years, holding senior positions in New Zealand, Australia, and the UK.

Connecting our communities: New subdivisions and fibre

- As many councils review their district plans, it is crucial to **recognise fibre broadband as an essential utility for new subdivisions**, like water or electricity.
- We know that **great connectivity is vital** and part of that is **being able to go with providers of choice**.
- This is where an **open access fibre network** comes in – where people can **tailor a plan that best serves them** through a **provider that serves their own needs**.
- Many councils are **currently going through their District Plan reviews** and we believe it's important that **any new subdivisions require connections to open-access fixed-line fibre telecommunications networks**, just as they require connections to electricity networks.
- Having **open-access fixed-line fibre connections gives people access to a world-class uncongested service** that is **easily scalable to meet future needs** and a **choice of who they connect with**.
- We therefore **encourage all councils to consider this as they review their subdivision requirements**.
- Let me know if you'd like to talk this through, otherwise come to see us at the LGNZ conference in August.

Digital Safety

- The need to stay safe online has been highlighted recently, with many new scams doing the rounds.
- As outlined earlier this year, Chorus worked with Netsafe to identify how to **keep seniors safe and confident online**, and the findings have been used to create **a range of free resources**.
- Our **'Get set up for safety'** resources come in booklets, online guides (**also available in Te Reo**), and instructional videos.
- These **free resources** will benefit many seniors and we hope you can **help us distribute them** to your local community.
- All our resources are available on the **Netsafe website**: [Top resources and tips for older people - Netsafe – social media and online safety helpline](#).

- Thank you for your ongoing support and we hope to work together to connect Aotearoa to the digital world.

Digital Equity

We continue to work with **RAD**, Digital Seniors and the 20/20 Trust and **you may be able to help**.

RAD

- Our friends at RAD (Recycle A Device) need our help! They are **on the hunt for laptops to fill a need in our communities** so it would be great if you can spread the word to help students in need.
- RAD NZ is a remarkable organisation dedicated to enhancing technology accessibility. They **actively address the issue of insufficient access to devices by providing them to those in need**.
- Students, equipped with laptops, not only benefit from the devices but also participate in fixing them, gaining invaluable skills along the way. However, the demand exceeds the current supply, and **more laptops are urgently required**.
- It's imperative that more businesses recognise the importance of this cause and join hands with RAD NZ to ensure equitable access to technology for all. Information is here: [Recycle A Device](#)

Other stuff

Cabinet Art: Our thanks to all our councils who worked with us over the past year to bring our Cabinet Art out to our communities.

We know this is a commitment from councils and staff, so our thanks for this. We couldn't do it without you on the scale that we currently undertake.

Things are currently on hold while internally review the programme and I hope to have some news in June on the next round.

Conference: We will have a stand at the LGNZ conference in August and are also sponsoring at the Community Boards conference at the same venue. We're looking forward to being able to chat with you there.

Leave: Finally, I will be on leave from **26 April and return to work on 10 June**. I'll be around next week if you have any questions, otherwise **Liam Kernaghan** (liam.kernaghan@chorus.co.nz) will be your contact while I am away.

Regards

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Hon Simeon Brown

Minister for Energy
Minister of Local Government
Minister of Transport
Minister for Auckland
Deputy Leader of the House



By email

Dear Mayors and Chairs,

How Cabinet decisions relating to 2025 Local Elections will affect councils with established Māori wards

I am writing to give you an update on the Government's progress implementing coalition agreements on changes to the legislation for Māori wards and constituencies. This letter also outlines the proposed timing for changes, and the next steps and options for your council.

Reinstatement of the pre-2021 binding poll provisions

The Government will introduce a Bill in the next few months to restore binding polls on the establishment of Māori wards (and constituencies). The intention is that the changes will be enacted by the end of July 2024. There will be an opportunity to make submissions to select committee on this Bill.

From the next term of local government, councils will be able to initiate binding polls on Māori wards. Electors will also be able to petition their council to hold a binding poll. The policy settings for binding polls will be restored to as they were prior to 2021, including the 5% threshold for petitions calling for a binding poll.

Transitional arrangements and options for your council

The Bill will also include transitional arrangements for councils, such as yours, that established Māori wards since 2021 without an opportunity for a binding poll. This is to deliver on the coalition agreements to require these councils to hold polls at the 2025 local elections. The Government is conscious that many councils have unique local circumstances and so the Bill will include options for how your council manages the transition.

Your council is one of a group that established Māori wards or constituencies for the first time at the 2022 local elections. Government policy is that you will have the option to either:

- Option 1 - resolve this year to disestablish the Māori wards or constituencies by council resolution (to take effect at the 2025 local elections); or
- Option 2 - hold a binding poll on the question of Māori wards/constituencies at the 2025 local elections (to take effect at the 2028 local elections).

If your council resolves this year to disestablish the Māori wards/constituencies (Option 1) you will need to complete a shortened representation review process by the beginning of April 2025 (Option 1A). The shortened process will be provided for in the Bill.

If completing a shortened representation review process will be challenging for your council, there may also be an alternative implementation option (Option 1B). Option 1B would mean reverting back to your most recent representation arrangements, from before the Māori wards/constituencies were established, for the purposes of the 2025 local elections. This option is still under development and my officials will be happy to discuss it with you. Under either of 1A or 1B your council would be required to complete a standard representation review prior to the 2028 local elections.

If your council prefers the default option of holding a binding poll at the 2025 local elections (Option 2), and the poll result is against Māori wards/constituencies, your council will then need to follow the standard representation review process before the 2028 local elections.

Local elections timeframes

The Bill will also make changes to some of the statutory timeframes for the 2025 local elections and future elections and polls, including increasing the voting period from 22.5 to 32.5 days. The postal delivery period for voting papers will increase to 14 days in response to advice from NZ Post that they will not be able to meet current statutory timeframes. This will seek to ensure that NZ Post can deliver voting papers to all electors within legislated timeframes. My officials can provide more information on the proposed timing changes if you wish.

Contacts for more information

Officials from the Department of Internal Affairs and the Local Government Commission will be available to discuss these options and provide advice and support on how your council will be affected.

For questions about the Bill, and the changes to Māori ward processes (including transitional arrangements) and election timelines, please contact: Rowan Burns, Policy Manager, Governance and Democracy Team, Department of Internal Affairs, rowan.burns@dia.govt.nz, 027 302 5426.

For questions about how to manage representation review processes, please contact the Local Government Commission. You can contact the Commission by email at info@LGC.govt.nz, or by phone at (04) 460 2228.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simeon Brown', written in a cursive style.

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Local Government

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Minister for Energy
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Deputy Leader of the House



By email

Dear Mayors and Chairs

I am writing to inform you of my recent decision to make an adjustment to the Rates Rebate Scheme (the Scheme). This Government is committed to helping low-income earners. The adjustment represents part of this commitment.

From 1 July 2024, the maximum rebate and income abatement threshold of the Scheme will be adjusted by increasing:

- the maximum annual rebate from \$750 to \$790; and
- the income abatement threshold from \$30,100 to \$31,510.

These changes reflect the 4.7 percent movement of the Consumer Price Index All Groups Index for the 2023 calendar year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Simeon Brown".

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To: All Council Mayors + Greater Wellington Regional Council Chair

Dear Mayor / Chair

Local Water Done Well stage 2: Establishing the framework and transitional arrangements for the new water services system

This morning I will be making an announcement about the next stage of Local Water Done Well (LWDW).

I wanted to provide you with a heads-up in advance of my announcement, and to share key information that will be of interest.

Cabinet has agreed to the first set of policies that will establish the Local Water Done Well framework and the transitional arrangements for the new water services system.

This includes streamlined processes for setting up water services council-controlled organisations (water services CCOs), requirements for councils to develop Water Services Delivery Plans, and steps towards future economic regulation.

The policies will be introduced through legislation to be passed by mid-2024, as part of the second stage of our implementation plan.

Attached to this letter you will find information prepared for councils, covering:

- Water Services Delivery Plans
- Steps towards future economic regulation
- Streamlined processes for establishing water services CCOs
- Indicative policy, legislation and related council activity timings for LWDW
- Retaining current Better Off and Transition Support funding arrangements.

I also wanted to acknowledge the important role that you have played in getting to this point, and in the work that lies ahead of us.

Role of local government in implementing LWDW

The Coalition Government strongly believes in empowering communities and supporting local governance in managing and delivering water services.

We believe that communities are best placed to make decisions about things that directly affect them – like the future of their water assets, and ensuring sustainable, high-quality management of water services.

And underpinning all of this, we believe in setting clear expectations and bottom lines. This means stronger support and oversight from central government, to promote efficiency and accountability within the sector.

Today's announcement is another step forward in delivering on these fundamental elements of LWDW – and empowering local government to lead the way in delivering the changes required for your communities.

My expectation is that discussions and decisions are already happening at a local level, both within and between councils.

Today's announcement and next steps

The Cabinet decisions I will be announcing today will be given effect to in legislation, which is expected to be introduced and enacted around the middle of the year, subject to Parliamentary timelines.

There will be an opportunity to provide feedback as part of the select committee process.

Around the middle of this year is also when I expect to provide details on a range of options for councils to choose from to access long-term borrowing for investment in water services, in many cases by working together.

These funding and financing tools will be implemented through further legislation setting out the enduring settings for LWDW to be introduced in December 2024 and passed by mid-2025.

The Government recognises that certainty around timings, and details of the new regime, is needed quickly – for councils, for your communities and for the water sector.

I look forward to sharing further details as our policy is developed, and to seeing the progress of conversations between councils about your future service delivery arrangements.

Current Better Off and Council Transition Support funding arrangements will be retained

The Government has reviewed all funding under the previous Government's water reform programme and considered opportunities to retain existing funding arrangements to support LWDW.

The existing funding arrangements were designed to work for the previous government's model, and it makes sense to relook at these to ensure this money is being spent to support the transition to LWDW.

Cabinet has agreed to retain and redirect existing funding programmes, and has asked the Department of Internal Affairs to work with councils to align these to LWDW.

This includes retaining current Better Off funding for all councils, but for officials to work with councils to identify opportunities to redirect unspent Better Off funding to increase investment in water infrastructure or to help establish new water services delivery organisations.

Current Council Transition Support funding will also be retained to enable councils to use this funding for work relating to LWDW.

This includes supporting the establishment of new water services delivery organisations, or other planning work to support the transition to LWDW.

The Department will work with councils on any changes to current contractual arrangements to reflect decisions in relation to aligning funding to LWDW.

I have asked my officials to follow up with councils to provide further details.

Support for councils' early discussions about possible future service delivery arrangements

As previously indicated, I have instructed officials at the Department to be available to assist with early discussions that councils may be having about their possible future service delivery arrangements.

Please contact Hamiora Bowkett, Executive Director, Water Services Policy, Legislation and Stewardship, by emailing waterservices@dia.govt.nz, should your council wish to set up initial discussions with Department officials.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Simeon Brown".

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Local Government



April 2024

Local Water Done Well: Information for councils

This document provides an overview of policy decisions that will be reflected in the proposed Local Government Water Services (Transitional Provisions) Bill, which will soon be considered for introduction to Parliament. It also contains information on other transitional matters that may be of interest to councils.

It is based on Cabinet decisions announced by the Minister of Local Government in April 2024.

Introduction

Measures to be introduced through new legislation in mid-2024 will establish the Local Water Done Well framework and the transitional arrangements for the new water services system.

The measures include requirements for councils to develop Water Services Delivery Plans, steps towards future economic regulation, and streamlined processes for setting up water services council-controlled organisations (water services CCOs).

Water Services Delivery Plans

What are they?

The overarching purpose of the Plans is for councils – individually or jointly – to publicly demonstrate their intention and commitment to deliver water services in ways that are financially sustainable, meet regulatory quality standards for water network infrastructure and water quality, and unlock housing growth.

What do they mean for councils?

Through the development of these Plans, councils will provide an assessment of their water infrastructure, how much they need to invest, and how they plan to finance and deliver it through their preferred service delivery model.

Ringfencing of water services and revenue from other council activities is a key feature of the Plans.

The Plans will be a way for councils to provide transparency to their communities about the costs and financing of water services, and empower them to make decisions about managing and delivering high-quality water services that reflect their local needs and circumstances.

The Plans can also be prepared jointly, and so provide an opportunity for councils to have conversations with other councils about joint arrangements for water services delivery.

Local Water Done Well: Information for councils (April 2024)

What information do they need to cover?

The Plans cover information across three key areas:

1. Financial and asset information	Information about each council’s financial and asset information and performance measures, pricing and other related policies, methodologies, and assumptions
2. Investment required	Planned levels of investment, approach to operations, and whether these are sufficient to deliver proposed level of service, meet infrastructure standards and meet regulatory standards
3. Service delivery arrangements	Councils’ proposed service delivery arrangements – including proposals for joint arrangements, across more than one council

To demonstrate financial sustainability, councils will have to show what needs to be invested to deliver water services to regulated standards and to provide for growth. They will also have to show how they will fund and finance long-term investment in water infrastructure, including renewals and operating costs.

What is the process and timeline for producing a Plan?

Activity	Indicative timing / milestone
DIA releases Plan guidance Councils formally begin development of Plans	Mid-2024 Local Government Water Services (Transitional Provisions) Bill enacted
DIA/council check-in Councils identify contact point(s), whether they will be submitting an individual or joint Plan, whether they need technical support	+ 3 months (following Bill enactment)
DIA/council check-in(s) to monitor progress	+ 6-9 months (following Bill enactment)
Councils submit final Plan to DIA	Within 12 months (of Bill enactment)
DIA accepts the Plan meets statutory requirements or refers back to council for further work	Following submission of Plan
Council publishes Plan on council website	Once Plan is accepted by DIA

What happens if council(s) don’t submit a Plan?

There will be a series of check-ins by the Department of Internal Affairs throughout the Plan development process to ensure councils are on track in preparing and submitting an acceptable plan. There will be guidance and some ‘light touch’ technical support provided by DIA.

During the Plan preparation process, councils may request, and the Minister of Local Government will be able to appoint, a Crown Facilitator who could provide additional assistance (at councils’ expense). For example, the Crown Facilitator could assist and advise a council on how to prepare a Plan, or work across a group of councils to facilitate or negotiate a joint Plan (including providing an arbitration role if requested and agreed by councils).

Local Water Done Well: Information for councils (April 2024)

If a council fails to submit a plan by the statutory deadline, the Minister of Local Government will be able to appoint someone to prepare a Plan on that council’s behalf, and (if necessary) to direct the council to adopt and submit this Plan (a ‘regulatory backstop’ power). Again, any expenses associated with this appointee and the preparation of the Plan would be covered by the council.

Key information



Plans are one-off, transitional documents, to set a pathway forward to sustainability.



Plans can be developed by individual councils, or jointly where groups of councils are planning to jointly establish a water organisation.



Plans must include drinking water, wastewater and stormwater – but councils have flexibility about transferring stormwater in proposed new service delivery arrangements.



It will be up to councils to determine how best to engage with their communities as part of the Plan development process.



Plans have no regulatory function – LTPs continue to be councils’ primary planning and accountability document.



Plans cover a 10-year timeframe, with detailed information provided on the first three years.

Steps towards future economic regulation

Economic regulation is a key feature of Local Water Done Well. It is intended to ensure consumers pay efficient, cost-reflective prices for water services, that those services are delivered to an acceptable quality, and that water services providers are investing sufficiently in their infrastructure.

Development of an economic regulation system for water services will be led by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. Relevant provisions would be included in the third Local Water Done Well Bill (to be passed in mid-2025), and implemented by the Commerce Commission after that point.

Through the Water Service Delivery Plans, councils will be asked to provide baseline information about their water services operations, assets, revenue, expenditure, pricing, and projected capital expenditure, as well as necessary financing arrangements.

This is not a regulatory information gathering exercise, but is a useful first step to build the capability of councils and prepare the Commerce Commission ahead of the full economic regulation regime being introduced from the middle of next year.

All councils that have water service delivery responsibilities (either directly or through existing council-controlled organisations) will be subject to these requirements. As well as the Plans being published, information collected through them will be shared with the Commerce Commission, to help them with the development of the future regulatory regime.

The Bill will also provide for some councils to be subject to an early form of information disclosure by the Commerce Commission, prior to the full economic regulation regime.

Local Water Done Well: Information for councils (April 2024)

This will build on the information collected through the Plans, and is intended to be for councils that have more advanced asset/financial management practices, or those that moved quickly to establish new organisations and are ready for a faster track toward more detailed oversight.

Streamlined processes for establishing council-controlled organisations

Under Local Water Done Well, a range of structural and financing tools will be available to councils to use for water services including a new class of financially independent council-owned organisations.

These options will be included in the third Local Water Done Well Bill, with policy decisions expected to be announced in mid-2024. This Bill is expected to be introduced in December 2024, and passed in mid-2025.

However, it is recognised that some councils may want to move quickly to start shifting the delivery of water services into more financially sustainable models. The Local Government Water Services (Transitional Provisions) Bill will include provisions that help streamline the process for establishing water services CCOs, as currently provided for under the Local Government Act 2002.

The Bill will contain a bespoke set of consultation and decision-making arrangements that will enable councils to streamline this process, while continuing to provide the opportunity for community input. These streamlined arrangements are voluntary for councils to choose to use, as an alternative to some of the standard requirements in the Local Government Act.

The arrangements include provisions that:

- Clarify that councils can set up joint committees that can consult on a proposal across multiple districts (instead of each council carrying out separate consultation), and to make recommendations to participating councils
- Set minimum consultation and information requirements – so one round of consultation is required, and information only needs to be provided on the analysis of two options (status quo + preferred option)
- Enable councils to consider the collective benefits/impacts of a proposal (across multiple districts), in addition to the interests of their individual districts – and to factor in the view of other participating councils.

Current Better Off and Transition Support funding arrangements will be retained

Cabinet has agreed to retain existing funding arrangements under the previous Government's water reform programme, and has asked the Department of Internal Affairs to work with councils and Iwi Collectives to align these to Local Water Done Well.

This includes:

Local Water Done Well: Information for councils (April 2024)

- Retaining current Better Off funding for all councils, but for the Department of Internal Affairs to work with councils to identify opportunities to redirect unspent Better Off funding to increase investment in water infrastructure or to help establish new water services delivery organisations.
- Retaining current Council Transition Support funding to enable councils to use this funding for work relating to Local Water Done Well, including supporting the establishment of new water services delivery organisations, or other planning work to support the transition to Local Water Done Well.

The Department of Internal Affairs will work with councils on any changes to current contractual arrangements to reflect decisions in relation to aligning funding to LWDW.

The Department of Internal Affairs will follow up with individual councils to provide further details.

Next steps

The Government will provide details in mid-2024 on the broader range of structural and financing tools, including through the New Zealand Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA), which will be available to councils to ensure they can access the long-term debt required for investment in water services infrastructure. These tools will be implemented through further legislation that will establish the enduring settings for the new system.

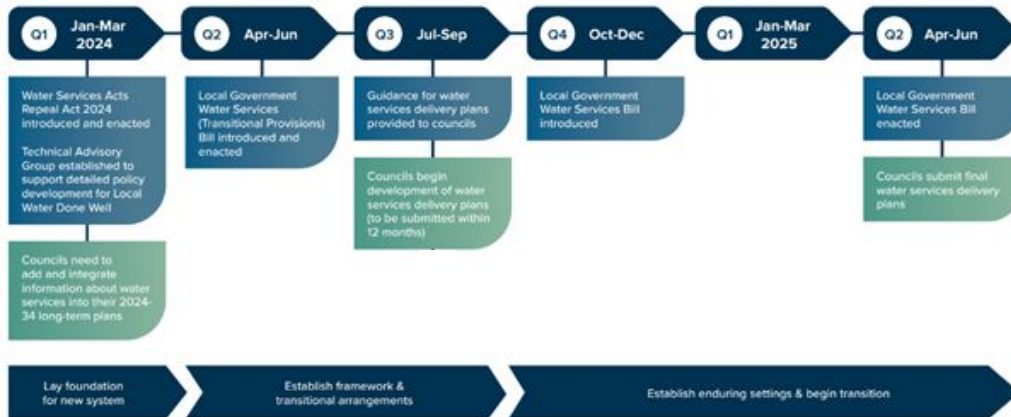
Policy areas to be included in further legislation include:

- Setting long-term requirements for financial sustainability
- Providing for a range of structural and financing tools, including a new class of financially independent council organisations
- Planning, accountability and reporting frameworks for water services
- Considering the empowering legislation for Taumata Arowai to ensure the regulatory regime is efficient, effective, and fit-for-purpose, and standards are proportionate for different types of drinking water suppliers
- Providing for a complete economic regulation regime
- Considering additional Ministerial powers of assistance and intervention in relation to water services, and regulatory powers to ensure effective delivery of financially sustainable water services.

Indicative timeline

The below timeline provides an indicative outline of policy, legislation and related council activity. It is subject to parliamentary processes and timetables.

Local Water Done Well: Information for councils (April 2024)



Further information

Once the proposed Local Government Water Services (Transitional Provisions) Bill has been introduced to Parliament, it will be available at www.legislation.govt.nz.

For further information about Local Water Done Well, visit www.dia.govt.nz/Water-Services-Policy-and-Legislation

Questions? Contact waterservices@dia.govt.nz

DECISION REPORT



F22/55/04 – D24/20662

To: Council
From: Director – Assets
Date: 14 May 2024
Subject: Reallocation of Better Off Funding

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.
2. THAT the Stratford District Council reallocate the Better Off Funding to three water infrastructure projects being the Grit Tank Replacement (**\$2M**); the Wastewater Modelling (**\$50k**) and the Stormwater Modelling (part funding of **\$400k**)

Recommended Reason

The reallocation of the Better Off Funding is necessary to align with the central government directive.

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Moved/Seconded

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to recommend the reallocation of Council's **Better Off Funding (BOF)** previously allocated for non-water infrastructure projects, to water infrastructure projects, to align with central government directive received in April 2024.
- 1.2 Details of the specific directive are provided in Appendices 1 & 2 of this report.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 Central government in their letter dated 18 April 2024, provided the next steps in transitioning current BOF (in addition to the Transition Support Funding) arrangements to support the implementation of the Local Water Done Well (LWDW).
- 2.2 Central Government has now directed a review of the status of the current Better Off projects and identification of opportunities to redirect unspent funds to increase investment in water infrastructure. As a result, Officers have proposed the reprioritisation and reallocation of the remaining BOF not already allocated for water infrastructure.
- 2.3 The reallocation of this fund means that the non-water infrastructure projects originally allocated the BOF will be stranded, and the Council must decide if and how to progress the delivery of these stranded projects. This will be discussed at the 2024-34 Long Term Plan (LTP) hearing scheduled for 14 May 2024.

3. Local Government Act 2002 – Section 10

Under section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Council’s purpose is to “enable democratic local decision making by and on behalf of communities; as well as promoting the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities now and into the future”			
Does the recommended option meet the purpose of the Local Government 4 well-beings? And which:			Yes
Social	Economic	Environmental	Cultural
✓	✓	✓	✓

4. Background

- 4.1 When the BOF of \$2.57M was first announced, the Stratford District Council approved that the funds be applied to the following projects:
- Brecon Road Extension - **\$750k (commenced)**;
 - Skate Park Development - **\$150k (completed)**;
 - Victoria Park Drainage - **\$70k (completed)**;
 - Prospero Place - **\$1.25M (not yet commenced)**;
 - Broadway Beautification - **\$200k (not yet commenced)**; and
 - Wastewater Enabling Infrastructure for the proposed Stratford Park - **\$150k (commenced)**.
- 4.2 Of the **\$2.57M**, **\$257k** has been awarded. Of the remaining **\$2.313M**, **\$150k** is currently allocated to a water infrastructure project. Therefore, the amount available for reallocation is approximately **\$2.163M**.
- 4.3 In accordance with the new directive, it is proposed to reallocate approximately **\$2.163M** to the following capital projects proposed in **Year 1** of the 2024-34 LTP:
- Grit Tank Replacement - **\$2M**;
 - Wastewater Modelling - **\$50k**; and
 - Stormwater Modelling – **\$400k** (to be partly funded).
- 4.4 The reallocation of this fund means that the non-water infrastructure projects originally allocated the BOF will be stranded, and the Council must decide if and how to progress the delivery of these stranded projects. Options include loan-funding, seeking other grants and/or deferring the implementation of the projects. Elected Members will have the opportunity to discuss these options and agree the preferred option at the hearing of the draft 2024-34 LTP.
- 4.5 The reallocation will have a positive impact on targeted rates for water and wastewater activities.

5. Consultative Process

- 5.1 **Public Consultation - Section 82**
- No public consultation is necessary as the projects align with those proposed in Year 1 of the draft 2024-34 LTP.
- 5.2 **Māori Consultation - Section 81**
- As above.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1 The following corporate risk is relevant to this report.
- 6.2 *Risk 78 – Government Policy Impacting on Local Government - If Government Policy significantly changes the services Council delivers or the way they are delivered, THEN this could put financial pressure on the district to fund investment in changes, or it may mean previous investment has become redundant.*
- 6.3 In this case, while the government directive favours the 3-waters function, it leaves in limbo the delivery of the non-water infrastructure projects originally allocated the BOF. As discussed in Section 4.4 of this report, Elected Members will have the opportunity to decide on the future of these projects during the 2024-34 LTP hearing in May.

7. Decision Making Process – Section 79

7.1 Direction

	Explain
Is there a strong link to Council's strategic direction, Long Term Plan/District Plan?	Yes, the projects put forward for funding were already part of the LTP programme. The projects losing allocated funding were also identified for delivery in the LTP. Council will need to consider these for loan funding.
What relationship does it have to the communities current and future needs for infrastructure, regulatory functions, or local public services?	The identified projects are delivering key public infrastructure.

7.2 Data

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do we have complete data, and relevant statistics, on the proposal(s)? Do we have reasonably reliable data on the proposals? What assumptions have had to be built in?
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For supporting data, please refer to the Appendices attached to this report and the draft LTP 2024-34 for the central government directive and LTP proposed projects respectively.

7.3 Significance

	Yes/No	Explain
Is the proposal significant according to the Significance Policy in the Long-Term Plan?	No	
Is it:	N/A	
• considered a strategic asset; or		
• above the financial thresholds in the Significance Policy; or	No	
• impacting on a CCO stakeholding; or	No	
• a change in level of service; or	No	
• creating a high level of controversy; or	No	
• possible that it could have a high impact on the community?	No	

In terms of the Council's Significance Policy, is this proposal of high, medium, or low significance?		
High	Medium	Low
		✓

7.4 **Options**

Council is required to reallocate this funding to water infrastructure projects or risk losing it.

7.5 **Financial**

There is financial implication on the delivery of the stranded projects, if Council desires to continue as per the draft 2024-34 LTP programme.

7.6 **Prioritisation & Trade-off**

Have you taken into consideration the:

- Council's capacity to deliver;
- contractor's capacity to deliver; and
- consequence of deferral?

This has been considered in the draft 2024-34 LTP. This recommendation will have no effect on Council's capacity to deliver.

7.7 **Legal Issues**

- Is there a legal opinion needed?
- Are there legal issues?

No legal opinion needed.

7.8 **Policy Issues - Section 80**

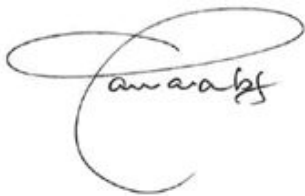
- Are there any policy issues?
- Does your recommendation conflict with Council Policies?

No policy issues.

Attachments

Appendix 1 – Email from the Department of Internal Affairs

Appendix 2 – Transitioning Better Off Funding letter from the DIA.



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DIRECTOR – ASSETS



[Approved by]
Sven Hanne
Chief Executive

Date 7 May 2024

Appendix 1

From: waterreformfunding <waterreformfunding@dia.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 1:57 PM

To: Sven Hanne <shanne@stratford.govt.nz>

Subject: Transitioning Better Off and Council Transition Support funding arrangements to support Local Water Done Well – next steps

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Tēnā koe Sven,

Earlier this month the Minister of Local Government provided an update about the next stage of Local Water Done Well (LWDW). This included Cabinet decisions in relation to how current Better Off funding and Council Transition Support funding arrangements would be retained to support the implementation of LWDW.

Please find attached a letter from Hamiora Bowkett, Executive Director Water Services Policy, Legislation and Stewardship, which sets out further information on transitioning these funding arrangements to LWDW.

For Better Off funding, we are asking each council Chief Executive to consider:

- Whether there is any ability or appetite for your council to voluntarily redirect any unspent Better Off funding (where applicable) towards investment into water services or water services infrastructure, or to establish new service delivery vehicles for the provision of water services.
- To provide your initial views on this to the Department by 17 May 2024.

Your views will help inform discussions between the Department and your council about potential redirection opportunities and to mutually agree your council's remaining Better Off programme, to be included in contract variations.

We have provided a copy of this letter to your council's appointed Crown Infrastructure Partners Relationship Manager, who will be in touch with your council's appointed Better Off contact to assist with reviewing Better Off programmes.

In the meantime, the Department will continue to pay claims made by councils for progress on existing Better Off projects.

For Council Transition Support funding, we are asking each council Chief Executive to let us know if you have incurred any Council Transition Support costs to the end of March 2024 that exceed the funding paid to you by the Department, to date.

We are currently preparing contract variations to enable councils to access remaining unpaid Council Transition Support funding, which we will send out within the next two weeks.

Should you require any clarification on any of the matters in this letter, or would like to discuss with the Department, then please let us know by responding to this email.

Nāku noa, nā
Water Services Policy, Legislation and Stewardship team

Appendix 2



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18 April 2024

Sven Hanne
Chief Executive
Stratford District Council
Shanne@stratford.govt.nz

Tēnā koe Sven

Transitioning Better Off and Council Transition Support funding arrangements to support Local Water Done Well – next steps

Earlier this month the Minister of Local Government provided an update about the next stage of Local Water Done Well (LWDW).

This included Cabinet decisions in relation to how current Better Off and Council Transition Support arrangements would be retained to support the implementation of LWDW.

Following the Minister's announcement you would have received an email from Michael Lovett, Department of Internal Affairs Deputy Chief Executive Local Government branch, outlining these decisions and indicating that the Department would be in touch with further information.

Better Off funding

Cabinet has directed the Department to work in partnership with Crown Infrastructure Partners and councils to:

- Review the status of current Better Off projects, including expenditure incurred to date and currently committed expenditure; and
- Identify, by mutual agreement, if any opportunities exist for your council to redirect unspent Better Off funding to increase investment in water infrastructure or to help establish new water services delivery organisations.

Given the direction received from Cabinet, and recognising the need for increased investment in water infrastructure as identified through councils' long-term planning, we encourage councils to consider reprioritising remaining funding that is not already allocated for water infrastructure where this is possible.

We note that councils have active projects underway and have made commitments for future spend based on receiving Better Off funding from the Department. We would therefore like to work through the specific circumstances of your Better Off project portfolio with you.

Current status of your Better Off funding

Your maximum funding amount under the Better Off funding agreement is \$2.570 million, of which \$0.257 million has been paid (being the 10% paid upon initial signing of the contract). This leaves \$2.313 million in remaining Better Off funding.

We note that \$220,000 of your Better Off funding is already allocated to water infrastructure or services.

Reviewing current Better Off projects and identifying redirection opportunities – council action required

We would like to hear from you about whether you see any opportunities to redirect any of your unspent Better Off funding, to increase investment in water infrastructure or to help establish new water services delivery organisations.

To help inform your initial thoughts, please find attached (in Schedule 1) your council's current Better Off projects. This Schedule also includes an indicative view, based on the information the Department holds, on where there may be opportunities to investigate potential redirection of funding.

Please let us know your thoughts, or let us know if you would like to set up a time to discuss with the Department, by emailing waterreformfunding@dia.govt.nz by 17 May 2024.

We have provided a copy of this letter to your council's appointed relationship manager at Crown Infrastructure Partners, who will also be in touch with your council's nominated Better Off contact to provide further information as required.

Once we have received your initial position on potential redirection opportunities, we would like to discuss this with you and mutually agree your remaining Better Off programme by 30 June 2024.

Any mutually agreed changes will be confirmed through a formal contract variation when the Local Government Water Services (Transitional Provisions) Bill passes into law, which is expected around mid-2024.

I would like to reiterate that any potential redirection of Better Off funding would only occur where agreed to by your council.

In the meantime:

- For existing Better Off projects, the Department will continue to pay claims as these are submitted by councils in accordance with the terms of the Better Off funding agreement.
- Any project substitution requests (or other changes to project scopes) that increase allocations of funding to non-water activities will not be approved by the Department and Crown Infrastructure Partners until we have agreed your remaining Better Off programme.

Council Transition Support funding

Cabinet has also agreed that current Council Transition Support funding will be retained but that remaining funding be used by councils for work relating to LWDW. This includes supporting the establishment of new water services delivery organisations, or other planning work to support the transition to LWDW.

Existing Council Transition Support funding contracts are for establishment and transition activities relating to the previous Government's Three Waters Reform programme. The repeal of the Water Services Entities Act 2022 earlier this year removed the legislative basis for carrying out the permitted funding activities under existing contracts.

Current status of your Council Transition Support funding

Your maximum funding amount under the current Council Transition Support funding agreement is \$575,000, of which you have been paid \$462,500. There is \$112,500 of unpaid funding remaining.

New Council Transition Support funding agreement – council action required

The Department is currently developing a new funding agreement which will allow any unpaid funding from the original arrangement to be used for LWDW activities.

To access this funding under the new arrangement, your council will need to advise the Department of the LWDW activities and timeframes for which this funding will be used.

Note that the end date under the new funding agreement will be 30 June 2025, to enable the remaining unspent funding to be applied to LWDW activities in the next financial year, including the preparation of Water Services Delivery Plans and investigating new organisational structures for water services delivery.

If your council has incurred costs on Three Waters transition activities up to 31 March 2024 that exceed the amount of funding already paid to you, please let us know by emailing waterreformfunding@dia.govt.nz.

We will ensure that the new funding agreement enables you to be paid for these eligible costs incurred (even though they relate to historical Three Waters transition activities), however the total funding available will not exceed the total funding amount under the original funding agreement.

Next steps

Our Grants and Funding Team will send you the new funding agreement later this month.

Nāku noa, nā



Hamiora Bowkett
Executive Director, Water Services Policy
Department of Internal Affairs

SCHEDULE 1: YOUR BETTER OFF PROJECTS

The following table sets out the current status of your Better Off projects, based on the Department's records.

Status of Better Off projects (from the Department of Internal Affairs records)					
Project	Project classification	Contract value	Paid (or payment request submitted)	Remaining	Notes
Brecon Road Extension - Business Case Development and Detailed Design	Transport & roading	\$750,000	\$37,000	\$713,000	Confirm whether your council would like to investigate any redirection opportunity
Town Centre Project – Skate Park Development	Community infrastructure	\$150,000	\$100,000	\$50,000	
Town Centre Project - Victoria Park Drainage	Water infrastructure / services	\$70,000	\$70,000	-	Completed, no redirection opportunity
Town Centre Project - Prospero Place	Community infrastructure	\$1,250,000	\$10,000	\$1,240,000	Confirm whether your council would like to investigate any redirection opportunity
Town Centre Project - Broadway Beautification	Community infrastructure	\$200,000	\$10,000	\$190,000	
Wastewater Enabling Infrastructure for the proposed Stratford Park	Water infrastructure / services	\$150,000	\$30,000	\$120,000	Already for water infrastructure or services – no action required
Total		\$2,570,000	\$257,000	\$2,313,000	

Your maximum funding amount under the Better Off funding agreement is \$2.570 million, of which \$0.257 million has been paid (being the 10% paid upon initial signing of the contract). This leaves \$2.313 million in remaining Better Off funding.

We note that \$220,000 of you Better Off funding is already allocated to water infrastructure or services.

We would like to discuss this with your council to confirm whether you would like to redirect any remaining unspent funding from any projects not yet completed and are not for water infrastructure or services. Any such redirection would only occur with the mutual agreement of your council.



Our reference
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Karakia

Kia uruuru mai
Ā hauora
Ā haukaha
Ā haumāia
Ki runga, Ki raro
Ki roto, Ki waho
Rire rire hau Paimārire

I draw in (to my being)
The reviving essence
The strengthening essence
The essence of courage
Above, Below
Within, Around
Let there be peace.