TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O WHAKAAHURANGI
STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Our reference
F19/13/03-D21/26182

4 June 2026

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that, the **Ordinary** Meeting of Council will be held in the **Council Chambers, Stratford District Council, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford**, on **Tuesday 9 June 2026,** beginning at **3.30pm.**

The timetable is as follows:

11.30am	Workshop • Stratford Park • Community Relationships Policy • Long Term Plan – Early Conversations
1.00pm	Lunch break for Councillors
3.30pm	Ordinary Meeting of Council

Yours faithfully

Sven Hanne
Chief Executive

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AGENDA
Ordinary Meeting of Council

TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O WHAKAAHURANGI
STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

F25/96/005 – D26/20208

Date: 9 June at 3.30 PM
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

1. Welcome

1.1 Opening Karakia
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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

Attendance schedule for Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings Page 8.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee – 5 May 2026
D26/16402 Page 9

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5 May 2026 be received.
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5 May 2026 be adopted.

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Moved/Seconded

6.2 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 12 May 2026
D26/17207 Page 11

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 12 May 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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Moved/Seconded

6.3 Audit & Risk Committee – 19 May 2026
D26/18682 Page 19

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 May 2026 be received.

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 May 2026 be adopted.

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Moved/Seconded

6.4 Extraordinary Meeting of Council – 26 May 2026
D26/19437 Page 29

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 26 May 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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Moved/Seconded

6.5 Policy and Services Committee – 26 May 2026
D26/19436 Page 33

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26 May 2026 be received.
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26 May 2026 be adopted.

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Moved/Seconded

7. Decision Report - Summary of Early Conversation Discussions - Roading
D26/19994 Page 40

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.
2. THAT Council approves the option preferences from the Roading Activity Early Conversation Workshops
3. THAT the approved options are further developed into business cases to support the development of the 2027-2037 Long-Term Plan budget and programme of work.

Recommended Reason
The adoption of these option preferences will guide the development of business cases to support the development of the 2027-37 LTP roading budgets and programme of works, which are in themselves subject to public consultation and final approval by Council.

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Moved/Seconded

8. District Mayor's Report

D26/21206 Page 48

Recommendations

THAT the report be received.

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Moved/Seconded

9. Questions

10. Closing Karakia

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Our reference
F19/13/03-D21/40748

Karakia

Kia uruuru mai	I draw in (to my being)
Ā hauora	The reviving essence
Ā haukaha	The strengthening essence
Ā haumāia	The essence of courage
Ki runga, Ki raro	Above, Below
Ki roto, Ki waho	Within, Around
Rire rire hau Paimārire	Let there be peace.

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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.

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5. Attendance schedule for 2026 Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings.

Date	10/02/26	24/02/26	10/03/26	14/04/26	12/05/26	26/05/26	09/06/26	14/07/26	11/08/26	08/09/26	13/10/26	10/11/26	08/12/26
Meeting	O	E	O	O	O	E	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Neil Volzke	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
David Chadwick	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Steve Beck	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Jaimie Bertie	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Josh Best	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓							
Grant Boyde	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Annette Dudley	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Jono Erwood	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Ellen Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Amanda Harris	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	AV							
Katherine Sextus	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
Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Assessment Comittee

TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O WHAKAAHURANGI
STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

F16/1042/003– D26/16402

Date: Tuesday 5 May 2026 3.30pm
Venue: Committee Room, Stratford District Council

Present
Councillor A Dudley (the Chairperson),the District Mayor N Volzke, Councillors: D Chadwick and K Sextus, R Smith and D Christie.

In Attendance
The HR and Governance Administrator – C Reynolds.

Opening Karakia

The opening karakia was read.

1. Apologies

An apology was received from K Dickson.

That the apology be received.

DUDLEY/CHADWICK
Carried

2. Announcements
The Chairperson acknowledged the recent passing of Garry Vincent who was a massive contributor to the Sports NZ Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee for many years.

3.1 Confirmation of Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee meeting held on 2 December 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CHRISTIE/DUDLEY
Carried

3. Correspondence

4.1 Inwards
- 4.1.1 Accountability Form – Toko Junior Rugby Club
- 4.1.2 Accountability Form – Stratford High School
- 4.1.3 Accountability Form – Taranaki Diocesan School for Girls - Tabled

4.2 Outwards

THAT the inwards correspondence be received.

SEXTUS/CHRISTIE
Carried

Points noted in discussion:
- The Chair noted she was impressed with how Toko Junior Rugby completed their accountability form.
  It was acknowledged there were quite a few signatures missing on the accountability form from Stratford High School. It was noted this has also been an issue previously, and when asked to remedy the coordinator did not solve this in a particularly productive way, nor has this advice been taken on board.

4. Declarations of Interest

The Chair requested committee members to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda. There were no declarations of interest.

5. Consideration of Applications

6.1 Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Guidelines – July 2024 – June 2028

6.2 Information Reports
6.2.1 Application Index
6.2.2 Information Report

THAT the report be received.

CHADWICK/DUDLEY
Carried

6.2.3 Summary of Applications

7.3 Applications for Funding

THAT the following funding allocations be approved.

CHRISTIE/SMITH
Carried

6.3.1 Eastern Districts Junior Hockey $1,500
6.3.2 Eastern Districts Netball Club $2,000
6.3.3 Marco School $720
6.3.4 Stratford High School .... ~~$2,000~~ $500
6.3.5 Toko School – Basketball $500
6.3.6 Taranaki Diocesan School for Girls .... ~~$4,000~~ $1,000

Points noted in Discussion:
- It was decided that all Eastern Districts applications would be fully funded.
- The Committee discussed concerns regarding previous guidance has not been followed by Stratford High School, particularly the request that funding be directed toward rural families participating in sport rather than coaches or managers. It was therefore resolved that a letter be sent to the Principal outlining the Committee's recommendations. These include using the standard accountability form provided, rather than creating their own, and ensuring that any funding received is used to directly support the families of students who are playing and travelling for sport. The Committee also noted that no families from the Eastern Districts received funding in previous rounds and encourages a more equitable distribution moving forward, as previously requested. The letter will also advise that the Chair is available to meet with the Principal to discuss these matters if required, and will note that failure to consider these recommendations may impact future funding opportunities.

THAT a letter be sent to the Principal of Stratford High School inviting them to meet with the Chair to discuss future funding applications and expectations.
THAT the balance of $1,748 be carried over into the next funding year.

CHRISTIE/WHITIKA
Carried

6. General Business
- Ms Christie requested that a new report be developed to capture issues raised in previous funding rounds, so that new members are aware of past discussions and recurring matters.

7. Next Meeting
The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 3 November 2026 at 3.30pm.

Closing Karakia

The meeting closed at 4.24pm

Councillor A Dudley
Chairperson

MINUTES
Ordinary

F25/96/005 – D26/17207

Date: 12 May 2026 at 3.30 PM
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

The District Mayor Neil Volzke (the Chairperson), the Deputy Mayor Amanda Harris, Councillors: Steve Beck, Jaimie Bertie, Josh Best, Grant Boyde, David Chadwick, Annette Dudley, Jono Erwood, Ellen Hall, Katherine Sextus and Mathew Watt.

In attendance

The Chief Executive –Sven Hanne, the Director – Environmental Services – Blair Sutherland, the Director – Corporate Services – Raelene Johnson, the Director – Assets – Victoria Araba, the Governance Advisor & Executive Assistance – Gareth Hancock, the Communications Manager – Gemma Gibson, the Senior Accountant – Christine Craig, the Revenue manager – Sallie Barr, the General Manager – Water Service – Deron Sharma, one member of the media (Stratford and South), and one member of the public.

1. Welcome

The opening karakia was read and the H&S message was read. The mayor welcomed members, senior staff to the meeting and members of the public.

2. Apologies

None recorded.

3. Announcements

The Chief Executive advised elected members that he has held discussions with LGNZ regarding uneconomic bridges, as this is a nationwide issue. LGNZ is working on a remit based on this advice, which will be presented at the next meeting. It has already attracted interest from Gisborne and other councils, and will be voted on as a remit to be progressed. This will be subject to the remit process and highlights one of the benefits of LGNZ. The Chief Executive will keep members updated.
Mayor: Firstly, noted that there will be a councillor-only session to provide updates on a couple of matters. Secondly, advised that this morning he attended the turning of the sod at the new equestrian centre, which is part of Stratford Park. Construction of the horse area is now underway, and it is a large development. The Mayor noted this is a significant milestone for the district.

4. Declarations of Members Interest

Elected members were asked to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda. None were noted.

5. Attendance Schedule

The Attendance schedule for Ordinary Council Meetings was attached and noted.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 14 April 2026
D26/13062 Page 12

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 14 April 2026, be confirmed as a true and accurate record w*ith amendment.*

BERTIE/SEXTUS
Carried
CL/26/36

Councillor Sextus noted a comment on page 14 in relation to the funding provided by Creative New Zealand. The minutes will be amended accordingly.

6.1.1 Public Forum Notes
D26/13058 Page 18

The notes from the public forum were attached for Council's information.

6.2 Policy and Services Committee – 28 April 2026
D26/14610 Page 19

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28 April 2026 be received.

CHADWICK/BOYDE
Carried
CL/26/37

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28 April 2026 be adopted.

ERWOOD/BECK
Carried
CL/26/38

7. Decision Report - Adopt Annual Plan 2026/27

D26/14996 Page 24

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/HARRIS
Carried
CL/26/39

2. THAT it is noted that the formatting and design version of the *Annual Plan 2026/27* is still to be fully completed and that the Chief Executive be authorised to make any required minor or editorial changes.

3. THAT the *Annual Plan 2026/27*, including Fees and Charges schedule, be adopted.

BOYDE/HALL
Carried
CL/26/40

Recommended Reason
To adopt the *Annual Plan 2026/27*, in accordance with section 95 of the Local Government Act 2002 to enable Council to set rates for the financial year ended 30 June 2027, and commence its programme of works for the year from 1 July 2026.

The Director – Corporate Services noted the following points:

- This Annual Plan relates to year three of the Long Term Plan and has been workshopped and is a business-as-planned approach. However, page 46 shows a number of key projects as planned and represents a busy year ahead. The rates increase has not changed and remains at 5.9 percent. This increase primarily relates to water and would be lower if this was excluded. The other main changes relate to water and roading and are highlighted on page 27. Fees and charges were approved at the Policy & Service meeting and are incorporated into the plan.
- This document is 99 percent complete and subject only to minor grammatical changes.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The Deputy Mayor advised that, when looking at the district profile, it should also include the Horizons region. This was noted, and the Annual Plan will be amended.
- Councillor Beck sought clarification on the rating increase excluding water, which was confirmed as 3.5 percent.
- Councillor Boyde noted that the increase is higher than in the LTP, with changes driven by roading, central government impacts. It has been a challenging time to keep rates down, and this was considered a good outcome given the circumstances.
- Councillor Hall noted that on page 117, Council provides administrative services to the Percy Thomson Trust, and asked this to be amended. Councillor Hall also sought clarification on the timing of adopting the Annual Plan and receiving the PTT SOI. The Director of Corporate Services advised that there have been no changes from the LTP and that this process is for adopting the Annual Plan. Changes would be outside of the Annual Plan as an approved unbudgeted item.
- Councillor Bertie noted that on page 171, the health licensing fee for hairdressers is still included. This fee has been removed but remains listed. The Director will check with the health team and arrange for the fee to be removed.
- The District Mayor noted the sample rates on pages 47 and 48, including three models showing properties with and without water. The Mayor highlighted the variance in rating increases for properties with water and drew attention to the differences.

8. Decision Report - Setting of Rates, Due Dates and Penalties Regime for 2026/27

D26/14924 Page 182

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/DUDLEY
Carried
CL/26/41

2. THAT the Stratford District Council sets the following rates, due dates, and penalties regime under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *Annual Plan 2026/27* and Funding Impact Statement, on rating units in the Stratford District for the financial year commencing 1 July 2026, and ending 30 June 2027.

HARRIS/WATT
Carried
CL/26/42

Important: All charges are GST inclusive, and funds raised are stated GST exclusive.

GENERAL RATE

Council set a general rate under section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (“LGRA”) calculated on the capital value of each rateable rating unit within the district.

The general rate is set with no differential.

The rate (in cents per dollar of capital value) for 2026/27 is 0.17984 cents, raising $6,879,000.

General rates will be used to fund all activities that are not covered by the uniform annual general charge, targeted rates or other funding mechanisms outlined in the Revenue and Financing Policy.

UNIFORM ANNUAL GENERAL CHARGE

Council set a UAGC under section 15 of the LGRA in respect of every separately used or inhabited part of a rateable rating unit (SUIP) within the district.

The UAGC for 2026/27 is $1,008 per SUIP, raising $4,585,000.

TARGETED RATE – ROADING

Council set a targeted roading rate under section 16 in respect of roading and street services based on the capital value of each rating unit within the District as follows:

The Default category rate (in cents per dollar of capital value) under section 16 for 2026/27 is 0.09209 cents, with a differential factor of 1, raising $3,467,000.

The Forestry category rate (in cents per dollar of capital value) under section 16 for 2026/27 is 0.57916 cents, with a differential factor of 6.29, raising $350,000.

For the purposes of this rate the differential categories are defined as follows:

Default Category

All rateable land not in the Forestry Category

Forestry Category

This category includes:
a) All rating units where the primary land use is exotic forestry; and
b) All land used for exotic forestry with an area of greater than 10 ha in any rating unit where the primary land use is not exotic forestry.

The capital value of rating units to which b) applies will be apportioned between the Forestry category and the Default category.

For the purposes of this definition, "exotic forestry" does not include land that is categorised under the valuer general's rules as indigenous forests or protected forests of any type.

The Roading rates for 2026/27 will be used to fund the Roading activity.

TARGETED RATE – SOLID WASTE (RUBBISH AND RECYCLING)

Council set a targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA for refuse and recycling collection on the basis of the extent to which the property receives a refuse and recycling service in the Stratford and Midhirst domestic collection area. Refer to the maps of the collection area on Council's website, https://www.stratford.govt.nz/our-services/rates-and-property/district-boundaries-and-maps.

The Solid Waste rate under section 16 for 2026/27 is $564 per extent of provision of service, raising $1,374,000. An additional rate of $564 per each additional refuse and/or recycling container provided will be charged to eligible properties that have had approval by council for additional containers.

The Solid Waste rates for 2026/27 will be used to fund the Solid Waste (Rubbish and Recycling) activity.

TARGETED RATE – WASTEWATER (SEWERAGE)

Council set a targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA for sewerage as a fixed amount per SUIP, and a targeted rate as a fixed amount per rating unit for serviceable properties. Serviceable properties are properties that have Council wastewater reticulation services adjacent, contiguous or nearby to the serviceable properties, and the property boundary is within 30 metres of a public wastewater drain, but are not connected.

For all non-commercial properties the differential factor is 1 (base), and the Wastewater rate for each rating unit is $488 per SUIP, and for serviceable properties is $244 per rating unit, being 50% of the targeted rate.

Commercial properties are rated separately based on the number of toilets, and serviceable properties are not charged. Commercial properties are defined as properties that are used for a commercial purpose under the valuer general rules, and are connected to the Wastewater network.

Commercial properties are differentiated by use as follows:

Commercial base category (all commercial rating units not included in any other commercial category) and the differential factor is also 1 (base) and the amount is $488 per SUIP

- Commercial 2 (commercial rating units used for an activity requiring 2 toilets) differential factor 150% of base and the amount is $732 per SUIP.
- Commercial 3 (commercial rating units used for an activity requiring 3 toilets) differential factor 200% of base and the amount is $976 per SUIP.
- Commercial 4 (commercial rating units used for an activity requiring 4 toilets) differential factor 225% of base and the amount is $1,098 per SUIP.

- Commercial 5 (commercial rating units used for an activity requiring 5 toilets) differential factor 250% of base and the amount is $1,220 per SUIP.
- Commercial 6 (commercial rating units used for an activity requiring 6 toilets) differential factor 275% of base and the amount is $1,342 per SUIP.
- Commercial 7 (commercial rating units used for an activity requiring 7 toilets) differential factor 300% of base and the amount is $1,464 per SUIP.
- Commercial Large (commercial rating units used for an activity requiring 8 or more toilets) differential factor 325% of base and the amount is $1,586 per SUIP.

The sewerage system rates for 2026/27 is to raise $1,286,000 and will be used to fund the Wastewater activity.

TARGETED RATES - WATER SUPPLY

Council set a targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA for water supply on the basis of the number of connections to the Stratford, Midhirst, or Toko Water Supply per rating unit under Schedule 3, Clause 8 of the LGRA, and a targeted rate as a fixed amount per rating unit for serviceable properties. Serviceable properties are properties that have Council water reticulation services adjacent, contiguous or nearby to the serviceable properties, and the property boundary is within 100 metres of a water main, but are not connected.

The Water Supply rate for properties connected is $856 per connection, and for serviceable properties is $428 per rating unit, being 50% of the targeted rate, and raising $2,357,000.

In addition, Council set a targeted rate for extraordinary water supply under section 19 of the LGRA on the basis of an amount per unit of water supplied as follows:

Stratford Water Supply Area - to any rating unit which meets the definition of an Extraordinary Use Property in the Council Water Supply Bylaw and has been fitted with a water meter in the application of clause 13.7.3 of the Bylaw.
Refer to the Water Supply Bylaw on Council's website, https://www.stratford.govt.nz/our-council/council-documents/bylaws

The Stratford water supply rate under section 19 for 2026/27 is $2.77 per cubic metre of supply in excess of 250 cubic metres per annum, raising $763,000.

Midhirst Water Supply Area - to any rating unit which has been fitted with a water meter.

The Midhirst water supply rate under section 19 for 2026/27 is $2.77 per cubic metre of supply in excess of 250 cubic metres per annum, raising $28,000.

Toko Water Supply Area - to any rating unit which has been fitted with a water meter.

The Toko water supply rate under section 19 for 2026/27 is $2.77 per cubic metre of supply in excess of 250 cubic metres per annum, raising $5,000.

The water supply rates for 2026/27 will be used to fund the water supply activities in the Stratford, Midhirst and Toko areas.

TARGETED RATES - COMMUNITY CENTRES

Council sets targeted rates under section 16 of the LGRA for community centres on the basis of an amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the listed community areas. This rate uses a fixed charge based on the location of the rating unit.

The community centre rates for 2026/27 are:

- A fixed charge of $23.00 within the Wharehuia Community Centre area per SUIP collecting $1,980.
- A fixed charge of $23.00 within the Te Popo Community Centre area per SUIP collecting $1,020.
- A fixed charge of $13.80 within the Pembroke Road Community Centre area per SUIP collecting $1,944.
- A fixed charge of $50.00 within the Toko Community Centre area per SUIP collecting $6,521.
- A fixed charge of $17.25 within the Pukengahu Community Centre area per SUIP collecting $825.
- A fixed charge of $17.25 within the Midhirst Community Centre area per SUIP collecting $5,460.

- A fixed charge of $11.50 within the Makahu Community Centre area per SUIP collecting $530.
- A fixed charge of $30.00 within the Cardiff Community Centre area per SUIP collecting $2,870.

The community centre rates for 2026/27 will be used to fund the operating costs of the community centres and will raise $21,150.

Refer to the boundary maps for each Community Centre area on council's website, https://www.stratford.govt.nz/our-services/rates-and-property/district-boundaries-and-maps.

PAYMENT DUE DATES AND PENALTIES

All rates, except those for metered water supply, will be payable in four equal instalments due on:

1st Instalment:	26 August 2026
2nd Instalment:	25 November 2026
3rd Instalment:	24 February 2027
4th Instalment:	26 May 2027

Pursuant to Sections 57 and 58 of the LGRA the following penalties on unpaid rates (excluding metered water rates) will be added:

- A charge of 10% on so much of any instalment that has been assessed after 1 July 2026 which remains unpaid after the due date for that instalment. The penalty will be added on the following dates:
  - 1st Instalment 2 September 2026
  - 2nd Instalment 2 December 2026
  - 3rd Instalment 3 March 2027
  - 4th Instalment 2 June 2027
- A charge of 10% on so much of any rates assessed before 1 July 2026 which remain unpaid on 1 July 2026. The penalty will be added on 13 July 2026.
- A continuing additional penalty of 10% on so much of any rates assessed before 1 July 2026, to which a penalty has been added under the immediately preceding bullet point, and which remain unpaid six months after the previous penalty was added. The penalty will be added on 13 January 2027.
- Penalties imposed are exempt from GST.

Payment Due Dates for Metered Water Supply

The due dates are set out in the table below. A charge of 10% on any amount outstanding for the quarter which remains unpaid on the following dates will be added on the dates below:

Period	**Due Date**	**Penalty Date**
1 July to 30 September 2026	25 November 2026	2 December 2026
1 October to 31 December 2026	24 February 2027	3 March 2027
1 January to 31 March 2027	26 May 2027	2 June 2027
1 April to 30 June 2027	25 August 2027	1 September 2027

EARLY PAYMENT

Sections 55 and 56 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 empowers Council to allow for the early payment of rates.

- Council proposes to accept early payment of all rates assessed for the 2026/27 year, but no discount will be applied for early payment. (Section 55).
- Council proposes to accept early payment of all rates assessed for the 2027/28 and subsequent years, but no discount will be applied for early payment. These payments will be applied to general rates or individual targeted rates if requested by the ratepayer, otherwise they will be applied against future general rates. (Section 56).

PAYMENT LOCATIONS – ALL RATES AND CHARGES

Direct Debits are the preferred method of payment. Direct Debit Authority Forms are available at our Council office, or online.

Payments can be made online at the Council website www.stratford.govt.nz .

Mail and electronic payments shall be deemed to be received at the Council Office on day of receipt.

The Council accepts payments by cash, eftpos or credit card between the hours of 8.30 am to 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday, at the Council offices, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford.

Recommended Reason
The *Annual Plan 2026/27* contains the activities and associated costs of Council and the funding mechanisms, including rates, to meet those costs. The Rates to be set above are consistent with the Funding Impact Statement in the *Annual Plan 2026/27*, as required by law.

The Director – Corporate Services noted the following point that this is the next step following the adoption of the Annual Plan and aligns with the Funding Impact Statement, as required by law.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The Mayor sought clarity around GST-exclusive statements. The Director of Corporate Services confirmed that the finance team has run reports through modelling to ensure GST has been properly factored in, and reassurance was provided.
- Councillor Boyde noted that the funding impact shows 29 percent and queried why this was not 30 percent. The Director clarified that this provides a buffer to ensure the cap is not breached.

9. District Mayor's Report

D26/12400 Page 30

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/BEST
Carried
CL/26/43

The District Mayor did not provide any comments on his report but noted that the Taranaki Triennium Agreement attached to the report had not been referred to during his whole tenure until last Thursday, as part of the Mayoral Forum.

10. Questions

- None.

11. Closing Karakia

D21/40748 Page 36

The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 4.05 pm.

N C Volzke
Chairman

Confirmed this 9th day of June 2026.

N C Volzke
District Mayor

MINUTES
Audit and Risk Committee

TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O WHAKAAHURANGI STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

F25/96/006 – D26/18682

Date: Tuesday 19 May 2026 at 1.00PM
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

Mr Phillip Jones (the Chair), the District Mayor Neil Volzke, the Deputy Mayor Amanda Harris, Councillors: Grant Boyde, Jono Erwood, and Ellen Hall.

In attendance

Councillors: Steve Beck, Annette Dudley, Jaimie Bertie, Katherine Sextus, the Chief Executive –Sven Hanne, the Director – Corporate Services –Raelene Johnson, the Director – Community Services –Kate Whareaitu, the Director – Assets –Victoria Araba, the Director – Environment – Blair Sutherland, the Health and Safety/Emergency Management Advisor –Daniel Pemberton (part meeting), the Property and Project Manager –Steve Taylor (part meeting), the Policy Analyst – Rebecca Dearden (part meeting), the Governance Advisor and Executive Assistant – Gareth Hancock.

1. Welcome

The opening karakia was read.

2. Apologies

None.

3. Announcements

None.

4. Declarations of Members Interest

The Chair requested councillors to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on the agenda. Councillor Hall declared an interest around item 19 on the agenda.

5. Attendance Schedule

The Attendance schedule for Audit and Risk Committee meetings was attached. This was noted.

6. Programme of Works

D25/45958 Page 12

Recommendation

THAT the Audit and Risk Committee's rolling programme of works be received.

JONES/HARRIS
Carried
A&R/26/16

- The Chair expressed concern about the level of government changes and requested a report on LTP risks. The Director of Corporate Services noted that this risk is now included in the regular LTP report. It was also noted that Water Services Committee is being established, and operational risks will be reported to there. Operational items and risk will no longer be reported to Audit & Risk.

7. Confirmation of Minutes

7.1 Audit and Risk Committee - 17 March 2026

D26/9317 Page 14

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting, held on Tuesday 17 March 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

BOYDE/ERWOOD
Carried
A&R/26/17

8. Matters Outstanding

D18/27474 Page 19

Recommendation

THAT the matters outstanding be received.

BOYDE/HARRIS
Carried
A&R/26/18

- It was agreed to remove the Insurance Surplus item, as a paper is presented to Audit and Risk today on this item.

9. Information Report – Health, Safety and Wellbeing

D26/16455 Page 24

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

ERWOOD/HALL
Carried
A&R/26/19

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde sought clarification on page 26 regarding how many of those categories relate to abusive customers and whether there has been an increase. The Health & Safety Advisor noted that incidents tend to peak and trough, throughout the year. The CE noted that these predominantly relate to customer-facing roles.
- The Chair sought clarification on how the critical risks are arrived. The Health & Safety Advisor noted that this is derived from the reporting tool, and that any new risks identified would be brought to this committee.

10. Decision Report -Procurement Policy Review – May 2026

D26/12953 Page 30

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

2. THAT the updated Procurement Policy be adopted with a*mendment clause 17 to a maximum bias of $10,000.*

HALL/BOYDE
Carried
A&R/26/20

Recommended Reason
It is recommended that Council adopt the revised Procurement Policy to ensure the policy is current, aligned with best practice and legislative requirements, and provides clear and effective guidance for procurement activity. Adoption of the updated policy will support robust governance, transparency, and value for money outcomes across Council's procurement processes.

The Director Corporate Services noted the following points:

- This policy has been improved to provide clearer guidance to staff on which procurement process to follow. It was last updated in 2019 and has since received significant attention.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The District Mayor sought clarification on the definition of "buy local," the Stratford district boundary, and which businesses this would apply to. It was noted that this refers to businesses with an established office within the district boundary that pay rates in the district. Downer and Fulton Hogan were considered local, as they have offices and pay rates in the district. The Mayor also queried the health and safety responsibilities outlined in section 9.2 and provided an example.
- The Chair clarified the New Zealand procurement rules and how they apply to Council. It was noted that these rules do not directly apply, but that Council considers their principles. It was also noted that NZTA procurement rules must be followed where Council receives funding from them.
- The Chair further sought clarity on exceptions to the policy and whether these are reported elsewhere. It was confirmed that contracts over $500,000 would be reported to Council, while the remainder would be recorded in a register to be reviewed by auditors. It was agreed that further work would be undertaken as part of the procurement manual and how this is reported internally.
- Members further discussed the "buy local" definition and the intent behind the wording, including the application of a 5% price bias. There was particular consideration of larger companies such as Downer and Fulton Hogan and how this would apply to them. Discussion included options such as removing the bias, reassessing the definition, unbundling larger capital works, considering how the policy would operate in a local context, and potentially not having a definition at all. Councillor Hall moved a motion to amend the policy to include a $10,000 price bias, which members agreed was sufficient to carry the motion.

11. Information Report – Risk Management

D26/16377 Page 57

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

BOYDE/HARRIS

Carried
A&R/26/21

Recommended Reason
To provide an update to the Audit and Risk Committee of any risk events or threats in relation to significant risks on Council's risk register, as part of Council's risk management processes.

The Director of Corporate Services noted that the government announcement and the Head Start pathway.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The Mayor noted that the government is further considering advice regarding the LTP, Water Services, and the Representation Review in light of the announcement.
- The Chair referred to advice on the spatial plan, particularly in relation to the Head Start policy.
- Councillor Erwood commented on the proposed local government changes and questioned whether council population size is a consideration. The Mayor noted that there are no specific criteria for size of population. It was stated that a majority of the population is not required, as long as there are at least two councils involved. Sub-regional models were considered appropriate.

12. Decision Report – 2025/26 Insurance Premiums Underspend

D26/16861 Page 66

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

2. THAT the Committee approves the creation of an *Insurance Surplus Reserve* to enable the carry forward of unspent insurance budgets to assist the funding of future unbudgeted insurance premium increases, insurance deductibles and insurance claim shortfalls.

3. THAT the Committee approves the transfer of the 2025/26 $60,000 insurance premiums underspend to the newly created *Insurance Surplus Reserve* as at 30 June 2026.

HARRIS/HALL
Carried
A&R/26/22

Recommended Reason
It is recommended that Council create a reserve to provide the ability to separately account for the balance of funds that were funded specifically for insurance purposes and to improve financial resilience to fund unplanned increases in insurance costs and losses from events.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde sought clarification regarding the Council's broker and whether the insurance figures are known at the start of the year. The Director confirmed that these are known for above-ground assets. Costs for below-ground assets are variable, and accruals occur. It was confirmed that insurance is funded from general rates. The insurance market has volatility, and this approach helps smooth fluctuations over the year. This is particularly important in a rates-capped environment, where funds would be ring-fenced.
- The District Mayor asked whether there are any plans to provide additional funding to the reserves beyond the surplus. It was confirmed that there are no such plans at this stage.

13. Information Report - Annual Report Audit Proposal Letter
D26/16683 Page 72

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

ERWOOD/JONES
Carried
A&R/26/23

Recommended Reason
This report receives, considers and informs the Committee of the Audit Proposal Letter for the audit of the 2026, 2027 and 2028 financial years.

14. Information Report - Audit Matters Outstanding - 2024/25 Annual Audit
D26/16653 Page 82

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

HARRIS/BOYDE
Carried
A&R/26/24

Recommended Reason
This report informs the Committee on progress made on issues identified in the Deloitte Audit Reports for the 2024/25 Annual Report.

- The Chair asked whether any comments from management or additional requests from the auditors have been received. The Director confirmed that none have been received at this stage but noted they have been responding to requests for traffic count information.

15. Information Report - 2027/37 Long Term Plan Update
D26/16970 Page 103

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

BOYDE/JONES
Carried
A&R/26/25

Recommended Reason
This report informs the Committee on progress made on issues identified in the Deloitte Audit Reports for the 2024/25 Annual Report.

The Director of Corporate Services noted that this is the riskiest LTP in her 14 years in local government.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The Chair noted that a number of councils may not exist under the proposed changes and reminded members of the 2009 Super City changes, when all councils still completed an LTP. Those that prepared strong LTPs benefited in the first five years.

- Councillor Boyde noted a correction to page 105, section 6.1, where the date should be amended to 2027.

16. Information Report -2025/26 Capital Works Programme – Key Projects Update

D26/6877 Page 109

Recommendations

THAT the report be received.

HARRIS/BOYDE
Carried
A&R/26/26

Recommended Reason

To provide a summary on the progress of our main capital projects for the 2025/26 financial year and assess Council's ability to complete them on time and within budget.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The Chair noted the subdivision and timeframe for delivery, highlighting that any subdivision projects undertaken by Council are high risk. The Chair requested that an initial risk assessment be undertaken, particularly in relation to the design and tender process. This was agreed.

17. Information Report -Water Services Reform Implementation Update #2

D26/17053 Page 117

Recommendations

THAT the report be received.

JONES/HALL
Carried
A&R/26/27

Recommended Reason

This report covers the progress made to date regarding the implementation of council's Water Services Business Unit. It enables council to monitor compliance with the submitted Water Services Delivery Plan and keeps it abreast of progress as well as any subsequent changes.

The CE noted the following points:

- This is the second report of this nature. The previous report included a DIA update, and the next report is not due till June, so it is not attached. The Council has adopted the Terms of Reference (TOR), although the committee has yet to meet. Material is building up, so it will convene, hopefully within the next four weeks.
- A progress report has been submitted to DIA, with no feedback received to date. The General Manager has been appointed, and Deron is now in his second week.
- Key pieces of work include the drinking water assessment, which will be presented at the next P&S meeting. Emerging risks have also been added.
- There was discussion regarding government reform and the likelihood that a standalone business unit will not exist under the change.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde sought clarification on the implications of "pushing pause," questioning whether continuing would result in wasted money and resources, and what the ramifications would be for not proceeding. The CE noted that, in reality, Council must

continue to work to the deadline, and could prioritise elements that can be delivered under a non-unitary model.
- There was further discussion regarding the changes to local government. The Mayor confirmed that there is legislation in place for water services, but none specifically relating to amalgamation.

18. Information Report -Percy Thomson Trust - Quarterly Report for the period ended 31 March 2026

D26/17641 Page 121

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.
2. THAT Council receive the quarterly report for Percy Thomson Trust for the period ended 31 March 2026.

BOYDE/ VOLZKE
Carried
A&R/26/28

Recommended Reason
The Trust has agreed to provide quarterly reporting to Council. The attached report represents the third quarter of the 2025/26 financial year.

The Chair of the Percy Thomson Trust noted the following points:

- While this has not been formally required, it has been provided voluntarily to support transparency and communication with the shareholder. This follows the previous quarterly report, with no significant changes made. Additional financial supporting documents have been included, such as cashflow information. No requests to change the quarterly report have been received. Three successful exhibitions were noted during the period. A quarterly newsletter and opening invitation have been distributed, with the electronic newsletter and social media generating increased traffic. A TET grant has been received for full building works, which is being progressed with the building consent process. And a $6,000 grant was received from the Ostler Gardening Trust for the Arboretum. Shares have been divested. The operating deficit was also noted, with differences from the original budget attributed to changes in investment returns and depreciation costs, which were elaborated on.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde noted that on pages 138 and 141 the report does not show a full year-to-date position and that depreciation is not included. The Chair of PTT advised that they are open to feedback and happy to make changes. It was noted that showing a full year-to-date position would be helpful to provide a clearer picture of the year.
- Councillor Boyde noted that salaries appeared to be higher. The Chair of the PTT advised that they are only slightly higher and are likely due to casual staffing and salary reviews.
- It was noted that the $50k funds introduced in May was a Trust decision to bring funds from Craigs Investment Partners into cashflow.
- The District Mayor queried whether it would be easier to have a quarterly report every three months, as opposed to both quarterly and six-monthly reporting. The Mayor also noted page 140, specifically the “Other revenue and expenditure” section and the $117k line, and sought clarification regarding proceeds from property. This was elaborated on.
- The Deputy Mayor sought clarification on who produces the report and whether an accountant assists with it. It was noted that Baker Tilly is engaged as needed, but the Trust produces the report.

19. Decision Report - Percy Thomson Trust - Draft Statement of Intent 2026-2029

D26/17715 Page 143

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

BOYDE/ERWOOD
Carried
A&R/26/29

2. ~~THAT Council supports the draft Statement of Intent (SOI) for Percy Thomson Trust for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029 as presented.~~

Or

3. ~~THAT Council do not support the draft Statement of Intent (SOI) for Percy Thomson Trust for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029 as presented, on the basis that elements of the document are inconsistent with Council's funding intent and are unlikely to meet the requirements of section 64(7) of the Local Government Act 2002, which requires that information included in an SOI be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.~~

~~Or~~

4. THAT Council ~~respond with alternatives, which could include:~~

   - ~~Resolve, to require modifications to the SOI pursuant to Schedule 8, clause 6 of the Local Government Act 2002, and request that the PTT consider and respond to Council's required changes within the statutory timeframe; and/or~~
   - Direct the Chief Executive to issue a Letter of Expectation to the PTT under section 64B(1)(b)(i) of the Local Government Act 2002, setting out:
     - Council's expectations that the SOI be prepared in full compliance with section 64 and Schedule 8 of the Act;
     - Council's position in respect of the funding assumptions contained in the SOI; and
     - Council's expectation that the SOI be revised to address the identified deficiencies.

BOYDE/HARRIS
Carried
A&R/26/30

Recommended Reason

In terms of Schedule 8 of the Local Government Act 2002, Percy Thomson Trust, being a Council Controlled Organisation, must deliver a draft Statement of Intent on or before 1 March 2026. The first draft was delivered to the Mayor and Chief Executive on 27 February 2026 and this revised draft on 9 May 2026.

The Chair of PTT noted the following points:

- It was noted that the Trust has circulated information to Elected Members explaining its recommendation, particularly in relation to generally accepted accounting practice. The Trust's decision has been to retain the $93k in Council funding, rather than the $50k from the Annual Plan, as the Annual Plan had not been adopted at the time. To date, the Trust has not had the opportunity to discuss this with Council through the Annual Plan or LTP processes. The Trust considers it important to retain this figure, and its position is outlined further in the cover letter to the SOI. The Trust also wishes to correct the statement that approximately 0.5 percent. Information, recently received from the Mayor, sets out the historical resolution details and confirms that the funding was intended to be linked to rate revenue, based on an "up to one percent" model. This context remains important in understanding the financial pressures faced by the organisation.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Erwood enquired whether the SOI differs from what has previously been provided. The Chair of the PTT noted that the SOI is transparent, intention and evidence-based, and reflects the actual position of the organisation. The Chair also referenced the advice provided in the cover letter.
- The District Mayor referred to page 146 (section 8.2 data) and listed half a dozen amendments that have been made. The Mayor noted an increase in salary, asking what is driving the wage increase. The Chair of the PTT advised that a restructure has taken place, the organisation is now operating sustainably and efficiently, and a revised staffing position has been in place for 18 months. It was also noted that audit fees were included and are to be discussed at a future Council meeting. The Mayor also queried the capital profit from a pending sale, with payment due in July; the Chair of the PTT clarified this as a $177k profit.
- The Mayor sought clarification regarding a depreciation transfer error, which was then corrected, and noted a further discrepancy in depreciation figures. The Chair of the PTT advised that Baker Tilly has revised the figures and that the error related to the previously provided $99k figure.
- The Mayor referenced an email sent the previous night by the Chair of the PTT, noting the circulation of requested information had not been done. This was disputed in the Chair's email. The Mayor requested that it be formally recorded that the Chair withdraw and apologise, as the statement was not correct. The Chair of the PTT apologised for the comment.
- Councillor Boyde sought clarification on the public toilets at Percy Thomson Gallery and how they are funded. It was confirmed that this is a Council decision, with Council continuing to fund and maintain them. The Deputy Mayor also asked whether there are additional toilets, and it was confirmed there is only one staff toilet.
- The Chair noted that on page 59, the legal and entity basis refers to a future debate that has not yet occurred.
- The Chair also noted an error on page 162 relating to the purchasing ability of the noted bonds.
- The Chair raised difficulties reconciling the cashflow forecast on page 172, noting the absence of a year-to-date cashflow statement and that the figures do not align with the prospective financial position. The Chair of the PTT responded, noting that the SOI is intended to show cash in the bank and is focused on the coming financial year. Further discussion addressed differences in cash, with the Chair of the PTT advising it is consistent with previous SOIs. The Chair also raised concerns on page 169 about cashflow losses not being reflected in the financial statements, creating a disconnect between pages 169 and 171. In response, the Chair of the PTT emphasised the bottom line, noting the deficit is less than the previous year and that the Trust is moving in the right direction.
- Councillor Dudley sought clarification on salaries and whether these include employing an additional person. It was confirmed that they do.
- Councillor Boyde noted a mismatch between pages 155 and 171 and asked whether this was a typo. The Chair of the PTT indicated that it possibly was.
- The CE noted that Elected Members may request amendments to the SOI in line with recommendation four. The key point was that if there are one or two items, these could be requested as amendments; anything more substantial should be addressed through a Letter of Expectations. Once amended, the SOI would likely go to the Policy & Services Committee due to the timing of the next Audit & Risk meeting.
- The Deputy Mayor expressed a desire to progress the matter and noted she could not accept the SOI as it stands, particularly as Council has recently adopted its Annual Plan. Given the level of complexity, and that it was previously prepared by a corporate accountant, the Deputy Mayor expected future plans to have endorsement from Baker Tilly or professional accounting input in their preparation.

20. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

21. General Business

There was no general business.

22. Questions

There were no questions.

23. Closing karakia

D21/40748 Page 223

The closing Karakia was read.

The Meeting closed at 3.37 pm.

P Jones
Chairman

Confirmed this 21th day of July 2026.

N C Volzke
District Mayor

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TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O WHAKAAHURANGI
STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

F25/96/05 – D26/19436

Date: 26 May 2026 at 2.00 PM
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

The District Mayor Neil Volzke (the Chairperson), the Deputy Mayor Amanda Harris (partial meeting), Councillors: Steve Beck, Jaime Bertie, David Chadwick, Annette Dudley, Jono Erwood, Ellen Hall, Katherine Sextus, and Mathew Watt.

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Sven Hanne, the Director – Environmental Services – Blair Sutherland, the Director – Corporate Services – Raelene Johnson, the Director – Community Services – Kate Whareaitu, the Director – Assets – Victoria Araba, the Governance Advisor & Executive Assistance – Gareth Hancock.

1. Welcome

The opening karakia and H&S message was read.

2. Apologies

THAT the apology from Deputy Mayor Amanda Harris be received, noting that she may be present via Zoom for part of the meeting.

VOLZKE/BOYDE
Carried
CL/26/44

3. Declarations of Members Interest

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

4. Decision Report- Heads of Agreement - the Government's Head Start Process.

D26/18987 Page 6

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/BERTIE
Carried
CL/26/45

2. ~~THAT the Council approve participation in the Taranaki Future Local Government Partnerships Programme, Heads of Agreement and associated Terms of Reference, or~~

~~THAT the Council approve participation in the Taranaki Future Local Government Partnerships Programme, Heads of Agreement and associated Terms of Reference with amendments, or~~

THAT the Council does not approve participation in the Taranaki Future Local Government Partnerships Programme, Heads of Agreement and associated Terms of Reference.

BOYDE/HALL
Division 12 For 0 Against
Carried
CL/26/46

3. *Agrees to participate in the Central Government Head Start pathway;*
Notes that this does not commit the Council to submitting a proposal;
Authorises the Chief Executive to allocate appropriate resources to developing a Head Start proposal; and
Notes that any financial contribution to this work is unbudgeted.

ERWOOD/DUDLEY
Carried
CL/26/47

4. *Authorises the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to finalise a suitable agreement with one or more councils in Taranaki which outlines how they will work together to develop a proposal for council adoption under the Head Start Pathway.*

BOYDE/BECK
Carried
CL/26/48

Recommended Reason
The matter for consideration by the Council is the Taranaki Future Local Government Partnerships (FLGP) Programme, Heads of Agreement and the associated FLGP Oversight (Joint) Committee Terms of Reference.
Not agreeing to participate in the Head Start pathway would result in the Council being subject to the backstop approach, whereby the Government would determine the future structure and arrangements for the Council.

The CE and Mayor noted the following points:

- The CE noted that no recommendations are being made by officers, as this is considered a political matter and therefore a decision for elected members to make.
- The CE further clarified the wording around the backstop process and the intent of the recommendation, noting that the Council will still have other options should they choose not to adopt the terms of reference. If not adopted, alternative mechanisms would be sought. The CE also noted that the agreement relies on multiple parties agreeing to it, and that every council in Taranaki is making its decision today. By the end of the day, all decisions should have been made.
- The District Mayor noted that today's decision is whether to sign the document included in the agenda. This is not the first version of the agreement and dates back to December last year. It was previously declined to be put to Council by both himself and the South Taranaki District Mayor. Today's version is the most recent and has changed slightly. If not adopted, further recommendations will be sought to establish a pathway ahead, should that be the Council's decision.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde stated that he could not support the heads of agreement document and believed this should be a decision made solely by territorial authorities. He noted that the triennium agreement should be used instead, and that too much power is tied to the Regional Council. The Councillor highlighted that the Chair has a casting vote, the Regional Council CE has two votes (three including a casting vote). In effect, this creates three votes for the CE as is acting for the New Plymouth District. He expressed concerns about his level of trust with NPDC and the Regional Council, and stated that the Regional Council should not be involved. He emphasised that this is a decision for elected members to make, with voting rights resting with Mayors rather than Chair and Chief Executives, as no one elected those individuals. He asked the Mayor whether the Heads of Agreement was necessary. The Mayor responded that it may not be required and that progress could instead be made through the triennium agreement and under a "no surprises" approach. The Councillor also sought further information on costs. The Mayor noted that the total cost had previously been indicated as approximately $1.5 million over a number of years. Under the Heads of Agreement proposal, costs would be split according to the usual share arrangement, with Stratford contributing 8 percent as part of the council funding split.
- Councillor Hall raised a query regarding item 4.13 and the difference between the Mayoral Forum, which was clarified as having joint decision-making power. Further clarification was sought around community engagement and what this would look like. The CE noted this is something to be worked towards, and it is not feasible to achieve full community engagement within the four-week timeframe; instead, it is likely to be more focused engagement. The Mayor noted there will be some engagement as part of progressing through the first gateway, and that there is another pathway for full community engagement as part of the following six-month process. It was further queried why there are two groups, with the CE explaining that it is easier to bring staff together opposed to Elected Members.

The Councillor also questioned why meetings are scheduled every six weeks, with the Mayor suggesting this is likely a hangover from an earlier version. The Councillor queried the dispute resolution provisions in section QB, particularly the reference to “senior suitable officers,” with the Mayor noting this should instead be an elected members. Further clarification was sought on whether an independent chair for the governance group had been considered. The Mayor noted that, as the role is rotational and currently sits with the Regional Council, no consideration has been given to an independent chair, and that this should remain an elected member. The quorum requirement was noted as being only half rather than a majority, with the Mayor indicating this is likely consistent with standing orders. The Councillor also asked whether membership of the oversight group had considered extending the delegation, with the Mayor noting he was not aware of any.

- Councillor Beck noted, on page 13, the importance of public participation and stated that nothing should fall short of a referendum. In his opinion, the Chair of the Regional Council should not have a say.
- The District Mayor then provided members with further clarity on the Head Start process and the role of a unitary authority.

Points noted in the discussion to recommendation two:

- Councillor Hall, this does not preclude us from participating in the process, nor does it mean we are opposed to working together. However, there would need to be significant amendments to the agreement. TRC should not be involved, and elected members should be part of the process. Financial information should be known and made to Council and reported. This is a significant matter, and we are being rushed. There has not been sufficient engagement with our communities, and there is no clear focus on engagement. We must prioritise meaningful consultation with our communities and uphold strong localism. And was happy to work together as neighbours but there needs to be changes.
- Councillor Watt noted that there has been no consultation with iwi, and that iwi have been left out of the process. He expressed concern that this is pushing toward amalgamation and that the agreement is weighted in favour of TRC, giving them too much power in the process.
- The District Mayor supported a number of the points raised, particularly around financial costs. He noted that it is unclear what is being purchased and what services are included. He also raised concern that the Regional Council has appointed a policy analyst without consultation. He shared reservations about the concentration of power in a single individual, particularly the Chief Executive role, and how this would need to be managed, noting that decisions could effectively be made independently. He acknowledged that some engagement with iwi has occurred, but their views have not yet been shared, and there has been no iwi input into the TORs. He also raised concerns about the haste of the process and the expectation to choose a pathway quickly, which does not support good decision-making. He emphasised that public engagement may be compromised and a pathway suited to the district is needed.
- Councillor Dudley noted that she felt bullied into making a decision. She also raised concerns about a potential conflict of interest within the TOR.
- Councillor Sextus expressed support for the concerns raised, stating that the process feels rushed, and noted scammers make people rush.
- The Deputy Mayor noted that, based on what she has heard since joining, there is nothing new in the proposal and therefore cannot support signing the agreement. And highlighted perceived irony in the HOA, particularly regarding dual roles and no surprises, and raised concerns about the financial implications for council.

A division was called, with all members voting in support of the recommendation.

The District Mayor noted a follow-up question regarding the next steps. He had prepared some recommendations to assist with this and passed them to the Chief Executive, who read them to the members. These were as follows:

Agrees to participate in the Central Government Head Start pathway;
Notes that this does not commit the Council to submitting a proposal;
Authorises the Mayor to finalise a suitable agreement with the other councils in Taranaki which outlines how they will work together to develop a proposal under the Head Start Pathway;
Authorises the Chief Executive to allocate appropriate resources to developing a Head Start
proposal; and
Notes that any financial contribution to this work is unbudgeted.

Points noted in the discussion to recommendation three and four:

- The District Mayor noted that there is already a group of Chief Executives undertaking work, and that this proposal would provide authorisation to engage with another territorial council to work together on a pathway forward.
- Councillor Hall noted some ambiguities in the wording of Recommendation Four, particularly regarding authorising the Mayor to enter into an agreement. She stated that expertise could be sought from the Regional Council but should not be involved, but expressed concern about engaging with only one territorial authority, emphasising that all parties should be involved. The Mayor elaborated on the intent of the wording, noting that collaboration would lead to better outcomes. Councillor Beck spoke in support of the amendment. Councillor Hall further noted that there should be clear parameters for success for the Mayor within the wording and suggested that representation include the Deputy Mayor and one other member.
- The Deputy Mayor noted that they were not opposed to cross-regional collaboration, while acknowledging that other options still exist.
- Councillor Hall sought clarity on the phrase “one or more,” asking if one council declined, work could proceed with another council and potentially lead to a recommendation for a single unitary authority. This was confirmed.
- Councillor Boyde noted that all councillors are committed to working together.

5. Closing Karakia

The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 3.14 pm.

N C Volzke
Chairman

Confirmed this 9th day of June 2026.

N C Volzke
District Mayor

MINUTES
Policy and Services Committee

TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O WHAKAAHURANGI STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

F25/96/005 – D26/19437

Date: Tuesday 26 April 2026 at 3.24pm
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

the District Mayor Neil Volzke, Councillors: Steve Beck, Jaimie Bertie, Josh Best, Grant Boyde, David Chadwick, Annettee Dudley, Jono Erwood, Ellen Hall, Katherine Sextus and Mathew Watt.

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Sven Hanne, the Director – Community Services – Kate Whareaitu, the Director – Corporate Services – Raelene Johnson, the Director – Assets – Victoria Araba, the Director – Environmental Services – Blair Sutherland, the Governance Advisor and Executive Assistant – Gareth Hancock, the Property and Projects Manager – Steve Taylor, the Servies Asset Manager – John Cooper, the Special Project Engineer - Neil Cooper, the Assets Officer - Tatyana Kooznetzoff, General Manager - Water Services Business Unit - Deron Sharma, Parks & Reserves Officer - Melanie McBain, the Policy Analyst - Rebecca Dearden.

1. Welcome

The Deputy Mayor has submitted an apology for the meeting, and Elected Members were asked to elect a Chair for the Committee. The District Mayor was put forward to chair the meeting.

Recommendation

THAT the District Mayor act as Chairperson for the Policy and Service meeting.

BECK/DUDLEY
Carried
P&S/26/45

The opening karakia was read. The District Mayor reiterated the emergency procedures.

2. Apologies

The Deputy Mayor's apologies were noted as above.

3. Announcements

The Chief Executive noted that the next workshop would start earlier, as a number of papers are building.

4. Declarations of members interest

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

5. Attendance Schedule

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

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Policy & Services Committee - 28 April 2026
D26/14610 Page 11

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28 April 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

BOYDE/BEST
Carried
P&S/26/46

7. Matters Outstanding

D16/47 Page 21

Recommendation

THAT the Matters Outstanding be received.

VOLZKE/CHADWICK
Carried
P&S/26/47

The Chief Executive noted:

- The Communities Group relationship funding will be brought to the next meeting.
- Stratford Park will also be presented at the next meeting.
- Councillor Boyde raised the farm profits matter and asked when this would be revisited. The Chief Executive confirmed that resourcing is currently tight due to the completion of the Annual Plan and the focus on the Long-Term Plan, but the matter remains active. At present, the funds are sitting in reserve.

8. Decision Report - Prospero Place Development - Paper Plus Building Easements

D26/19108 Page 17

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE /ERWOOD
Carried
P&S/26/48

2. THAT Council, as landowner, consents to the granting of a drainage (stormwater) easement over the land described as Lots 1 and 4 DP 416 in favour of the adjoining land described as Lot 2 DP 416 (Paper Plus site) in exchange for the surrender of the existing right of way easement over the land.

BOYDE/HALL
Carried
P&S/26/49

Recommended Reason
The Council-owned land in question is part of the Prospero Place landscape development site, the design of which is constrained by the existence of a right of way easement in favour of the adjoining land. The owner of that land has agreed to surrender the easement in exchange for a formal drainage easement for an existing stormwater line that will not impact the development.

The Special Project Engineer noted the following:

- It was noted that the pending upgrade incorporates a strip along the paper plus boundary. There are two easements within this site, which were noted in the report. The easement cannot legally be altered if it interferes with the rights of the easement holder. This paper proposes to surrender the stormwater easement to obtain those rights.

Questions/points of clarification:

- Councillor Hall asked how much it is expected to cost to upgrade the stormwater. It was noted that the cost will not be known until groundworks begin, but is estimated to be around $2,000–$3,000, plus legal fees. It is considered an equitable deal from the Council's perspective.

Points noted in discussion:

- Discussion was held regarding the mural and low-cut shrubs, and staff are in discussions with the property owner.
- Councillor Sextus noted the planting along the area will receive little sunlight. There are concerns over additional costs and that the path could become slippery.
- Councillor Watt commented that it appears to be a good deal and should be accepted.

9. Decision Report - Assessment of Drinking Water Services - May 2026

D26/17894 Page 24

Recommendations

1. THAT the draft report be received:

VOLZKE/DUDLEY
Carried
P&S/26/50

2. THAT the draft Assessment of Drinking Water Services be adopted; and

3. THAT the Chief Executive is Authorised to submit the Assessment to the Water Services Authority [WSA] and make it publicly available as required by section 70 of the Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025 [LGWSA].

BERTIE/DUDLEY
Carried
P&S/26/51

Recommended Reason
It is recommended that Council adopt the Assessment of Drinking Water Services to ensure the Stratford District Council [SDC] meets its legislative obligations under Section 69 LGWSA.

The Assets Officer noted the following:

- It is a legislative requirement under the Water Services Act, relating to access to drinking water, associated health risks, and the need to ensure accessibility to safe drinking water.

Questions/points of clarification:

- The District Mayor noted single-supply standards. He also asked if we are developing an education programme for suppliers. It was noted that Council is having conversations with suppliers and referring them to Taumata Arowai as the regulatory authority. Council acts as a guide to direct them there.

10. Decision Report - New Changing Rooms and Toilet Facilities – Stratford Cricket Club

D26/14545 Page 75

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

ERWOOD/BEST
Carried
P&S/26/52

2. THAT the Committee approves, as Administrator of Victoria Park, the proposal from the Stratford Cricket Club to extend their existing clubroom facilities, subject to all required statutory approvals (including building consents) being obtained.

HALL/BEST
Carried
P&S/26/53

Recommended Reason
The extension of clubroom facilities at Victoria Park Sportsground will support the ongoing growth and sustainability of the Stratford Cricket Club, particularly in response to increased participation, including in women's cricket.

Questions/points of clarification:

- Councillor Boyde sought clarification on whether the building was single-storey or double-storey; it was confirmed as double-storey.
- The District Mayor sought clarity on whether this was included in, and consistent with, the management plan. It was confirmed that it is.
- Councillor Boyde questioned why the buildings could not be joined together. The Chief Executive noted that this would likely require alterations to the existing building.

11. Decision Report - Policy Review – May 2026 – New Policies

D26/17763 Page 82

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

BOYDE/WATT
Carried
P&S/26/54

2. THAT the Provision of New Footpaths Policy be adopted *with change*

HALL/SEXTUS
Carried
P&S/26/55

3. THAT the Dust Suppression ~~Sites~~ Policy be adopted

BECK/BOYDE
Carried
P&S/26/56

Recommended Reason
It is recommended that Council adopt the two policies to provide clear and transparent frameworks for prioritising roading investment and ensuring limited funding is directed to areas of greatest safety, accessibility, health, and amenity benefit.

The Roading Manager noted the following:
- The Footpath Policy captures new footpath and sets out the criteria to assess them, creating a fair and transparent policy.
- The Dust Suppression Policy provides clear ground rules.

Questions/points of clarification:
- The District Mayor raised the private driveway shown on the map (Cressida Avenue, Stratford) and noted that it should be removed. This was agreed, as it is a private driveway. It was also agreed to label Appendix One as “no footpath.”
- Councillor Erwood noted that the recommendation should remove the word “site.”

12. Decision Report - Policy Review – May 2026 – Revised Policies

D26/17763 Page 102

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/SEXTUS
Carried
P&S/26/57

2. THAT the revised Vehicle Crossing Policy be adopted

BOYDE/WATT
Carried
P&S/26/58

3. THAT the revised Pegging & Maintenance of Roads & Bridges Policy be adopted

DUDLEY/BEST
Carried
P&S/26/59

4. THAT the revised Elizabeth Maree Watson Estate Fund Policy be adopted

VOLZKE/HALL
Carried
P&S/26/60

Recommended Reason
This is part of council’s rolling review of policies. Policies require review from time to time to ensure they still reflect current legislation and best practice, as well as elected members’ views and meet the business needs of the organisation.

The following points were noted in the discussion:
- Vehicle Crossing Policy – no changes.
- Pegging – minor changes.
- Elizabeth Watts – this was presented earlier, and the updates have been highlighted. There were further changes following Public Trust engagement.
- Councillor Hall noted that the wording in the Elizabeth Watts policy was changed to be more appropriate, which is positive.
- The District Mayor noted that $111,000 remains in the Elizabeth Watts fund account, and funds are available.

13. Monthly Reports

13.1 Assets Report

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

BOYDE/DUDLEY
Carried

P&S/26/61

Questions/points of clarification:

- Councillor Hall noted the current dry spell and asked for information on water levels and any potential restrictions. It was noted that with rain in the forecast, the situation is expected to remain manageable.
- Councillor Beck asked about desludging, noting the $3.2 million budget, and queried progress against targets. It was noted that the contractor is working to recover some additional costs, and there is sufficient budget to accommodate this. The final cost is expected to be closer to $2 million. Some local contractors have been involved.
- Councillor Boyde referred to page 121 and questioned the performance measures relating to water loss and water connections, including whether water meters are being used. It was noted that this will be calculated at the end of the year. The Chief Executive added that water meters would improve the quality of this data, as they would feed into it.
- Councillor Boyde also raised the Council farm, noting that the sharemilker is leaving.

13.2 Community Services Report

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

CAHDWICK/VOLZKE
Carried
P&S/26/62

The Director reminded members that citizen awards nominations close this Friday.

Questions/points of clarification:

- Councillor Hall commended the Living Expo and sought clarity on when Venture Taranaki would return to present their report. It was noted that this is expected soon.
- Councillor Beck asked about the ease of achieving PoolSafe accreditation for the pool. The Director elaborated on the process, noting that it involves a significant amount of work.
- Councillor Dudley commended the Service Centre for achieving a top-five result among small councils.
- The Mayor noted a successful Anzac Day and acknowledged a bugle player, to whom he has written. He also referred to the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs (page 147), noting that the key figures year-to-date are 25, against a target of 27, and that the target will be met.

13.3 Corporate Services Report

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/BECK
Carried
P&S/26/63

Points in the discussion:

- Councillor Beck commented on the debt ratio, and it was noted that it is expected to increase next year due to the subdivision.
- Councillor Boyde commented on an outstanding debt with NZTA, and it was noted that this is due to timing.

13.4 Environmental Services Report

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/BOYDE
Carried
P&S/26/64

The Director noted that the Mana Whakahono ā Rohe agreement is currently being drafted and will be brought forward soon for adoption.

Questions / points of clarification:

- The District Mayor asked whether this is an agreement with a single party or multiple parties. It will involve multiple parties.
- Councillor Boyde asked whether this is an RMA process, which was confirmed.
- The District Mayor noted it is good to see new dwellings.

14. Questions

- Councillor Erwood noted the Deputy Mayor's absence and commented that it could have been a good opportunity for professional development to have another member chair the meeting.
- Councillor Dudley raised the motorpark and asked whether there are any conditions on the loan. The Chief Executive advised that the loan is secured against the whole site, and that the drift pad is funded through a TSB loan. It was noted that the workshop will consider what has changed, and, when the loan comes up for renewal, whether it still aligns with the original intent. The Mayor spoke about discussions he has had and noted that an article will appear in the Stratford and South Press. It was also noted that A&P can service the loan, and that grazing is currently occurring on the site.

15. Closing Karakia

The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 4.28 pm.

A K Harris
Chairman

Confirmed this 23 day of June 2026.

N C Volzke
District Mayor

DECISION REPORT

TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O WHAKAAHURANGI STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

F26/3/002 – D26/19994

To: Ordinary Council Meeting
From: Roading Manager
Date: 9 June 2026
Subject: Summary of Early Conversation Discussions – Roading

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

2. THAT Council approves the option preferences from the Roading Activity Early Conversation Workshops

3. THAT the approved options are further developed into business cases to support the development of the 2027-2037 Long-Term Plan budget and programme of work.

Recommended Reason
The adoption of these option preferences will guide the development of business cases to support the development of the 2027-37 LTP roading budgets and programme of works, which are in themselves subject to public consultation and final approval by Council.

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Moved/Seconded

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval of the option preferences expressed by Elected Members during the Roading Activity Early Conversation Workshops held between March and May 2026. These workshops provided an opportunity for Members to consider a range of options and signal their preliminary preferences to help guide future planning.

1.2 Approval in principle will enable Officers to progress the development of these preferred options, including the preparation of formal business cases where required. Where required, these business cases will further assess scope, costs, benefits, risks and delivery timelines to ensure robust and evidence-based planning. This work will inform the development of the proposed roading budgets and programme of works for the 2027 - 2037 Long-Term Plan (LTP). It is noted that these proposals will remain subject to further refinement, public consultation and final approval by Council through the formal LTP process.

1.3 In addition, this report provides Council with a cumulative overview of the programme of works approved to date. It is the first in a series to be presented to Council, and is designed to support Elected Members' decision-making by, enabling them to consider alternative options and priorities as necessary.

2. Executive Summary

2.1 The early conversation workshops provided a structured platform to explore and discuss options across key budget areas, enabling Elected Members to develop a clearer understanding of the scope, priorities and potential trade-offs associated with the suite of roading projects proposed for delivery during the 2027 - 2037 LTP period. These discussions supported informed consideration of service levels, affordability and the strategic direction of the roading activity.

2.2 Of the projects presented, three did not receive support to proceed at this stage. These were:

- The development of the Oberon Road Extension;
- The construction of new footpaths across the district; and
- The implementation of the *Connecting Our Communities Strategy*.

2.3 In considering the available options, Elected Members adopted a prudent, back-to-basics approach. This reflected a clear awareness of the potential introduction of rates capping and a broader emphasis on affordability for the community. As a result, priority was generally given to options considered critical for maintaining existing levels of service, with a focus on core infrastructure and essential maintenance activities deemed acceptable.

2.4 The implications of these decisions, particularly in relation to levels of service and associated funding requirements, will be further explored in an upcoming workshop. This subsequent analysis will provide additional context to support ongoing deliberations and enable Elected Members to refine their decisions as the LTP is developed. The financial and rating impacts will be calculated and considered when completing the detailed 2027-2037 Long-Term Plan budgets later in 2026. **Table 1** provides a summary of the resulting budget estimates arising from these outcomes, please note that these estimates do not represent the **total LTP** roading budget.

Table 1: Summary of the 2027 – 2037 LTP annual budget estimates

	Long Term Plan Year (from 2027 to 2037) and Estimated budget									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total annual estimate	$ 10,807,000	$ 11,085,000	$ 9,864,400	$ 11,145,258	$ 11,787,730	$ 10,241,677	$ 10,862,506	$ 10,640,026	$ 9,629,347	$ 14,070,780

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**
X	X	X	

4 Background

4.1 For the development of the 2027 - 2037 LTP, a series of early conversation workshops has been undertaken to examine the key programme and budget areas of the roading activity. These workshops have provided a forum for Elected Members to consider priorities, evaluate options and indicate their preferences for funding the projects outlined in **Table 2**, which consolidates and summarises the outcomes of those early conversation workshops, described in detail in **Table 3**.

4.2 The workshops enabled an open exchange of ideas and early consideration of priorities before formal planning commences. For each workshop, officers prepared briefing papers outlining a range of options, along with indicative costs and associated considerations. The primary purpose of these sessions was to seek initial direction from Elected Members to guide the preparation of detailed business cases. These business cases will subsequently support funding proposals for inclusion in the 2027 - 2037 LTP.

Table 2: Summary of the Early Conversation Workshops outcomes

Date Discussed	Early Conversation Report #	Content Manager Reference	Early Conversation Discussion Paper	Option inclination	Option Description	Funding Source		
10th March 2026, 26th May 2026	**1**	**D26/5022**	Un-economic bridge replacements	**Option 3**	Replace structural components of the bridge instead of the entire bridge.	Loan		
24th March 2026	**2**	**D26/2736**	30 Year Structural Asset Replacements - Bridges	**Option 4**	Replace the bridge/components as deemed fit for cost effectiveness, based on the bridge condition.	Loan		
24th March 2026	**2**	**D26/2736**	30 Year Structural Asset Replacements - Retaining wall	**Option 2**	Replace retaining walls as necessary		Renewals Reserve	
24th March 2026	**3**	**D26/3598**	Future Impacts of Forestry 2035-2050	**Option 5 + Increase targeted rates from $350k**	Routine maintenance, re-metalling and programmed pavement strengthening as required			Rates
24th March 2026	**4**	**D26/5017**	Recovery from forestry impacts	**Option 5**	Loan fund recovery forestry work (over 3 years) in addition to renewals, routine and pavement maintenance	Loan	Renewals Reserve	Rates
14th April 2026	**5**	**D26/2737**	Brecon Road Extension	**Option 1 (or Option 3)**	2-lane bridges preferred, starting in Year 4 of LTP, retain in RLTP	Loan		
14th April 2026	**6**	**D26/10208**	Funding of Emergency Works	**Option 3**	Fund outstanding emergency works from reserves and loan fund where reserves are depleted.		Renewals Reserve	Rates
14th April 2026, 26th May 2026	**7**	**D26/5018**	Dust Suppressant vs Dust Coat Seals Strategy	**Option 7**	6x sites in Year 1			Rates
14th April 2026	**8**	**D26/5016**	Oberon Street Extension	**Option 1**	Do Nothing	N/A	N/A	N/A
28th April 2026	**9**	**D26/5015**	Low-Cost Low Risk Improvements	**Option 2 (or Option 4 fall back position)**	Jointly funded by NZTA/SDC at 63%FAR/37%	Loan		
12th May 2026, 26th May 2026	**10**	**D26/3021**	Footpaths (Replacement/Renewals)	**Option 2**	Replace Very Poor and Poor footpaths in the first 10 years - averaged over the first 10 years - 80 year Useful life		Renewals Reserve	
12th May 2026, 26th May 2026	**10**	**D26/3021**	Footpaths (New footpaths)	**Option 1**	Do nothing	N/A	N/A	N/A
12th May 2026, 26th May 2026	**10**	**D26/3021**	Footpaths (Maintenance)	**Option 1**	Continue with footpath maintenance at 100% funding			Rates
26th May 2026	**11**	**D26/11467**	Implementation of Connecting our Communities Strategy	**Option 1**	Do Nothing - Allow the Connecting our Communities Strategy to remain on the table till further notice	N/A	N/A	N/A
Not yet discussed	**12**	**D26/5014**	Level of Service Implications			N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 3: Roading Early Conversation Workshops programme and estimated budget

Early Conversation Report #	Early Conversation Discussion Paper	Long Term Plan Year (from 2027 to 2037) and Estimated budget									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Un-economic bridge replacements				$ 300,000	$ 1,000,000	$ -	$ 210,000	$ 250,000	$ -	$ -
2	30 Year Structural Asset Replacements - Bridges	$ 1,400,000	$ 1,300,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,600,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 500,000	$ 500,000	$ 750,000	$ 650,000	$ 650,000
	30 Year Structural Asset Replacements - Retaining wall	$ 400,000	$ 550,000	$ 300,000	$ 400,000	$ 300,000	$ 200,000	$ 250,000	$ 350,000	$ 200,000	$ 200,000
3	Future Impacts of Forestry 2035-2050	$ 1,750,000	$ 1,750,000	$ 1,750,000	$ 1,750,000	$ 1,750,000	$ 1,750,000	$ 1,750,000	$ 1,750,000	$ 1,750,000	$ 1,750,000
4	Recovery from forestry impacts	$ 5,070,000	$ 5,070,000	$ 5,070,000	$ 3,800,000	$ 3,800,000	$ 3,800,000	$ 3,800,000	$ 3,800,000	$ -	$ -
5	Brecon Road Extension	$ -			$ 20,000	$ 630,000	$ 650,000	$ 975,000	$ 325,000	$ 3,575,000	$ 7,975,000
6	Funding of Emergency Works	$ 500,000	$ 525,000	$ 551,250	$ 578,800	$ 607,800	$ 638,100	$ 670,100	$ 703,600	$ 738,700	$ 775,700
7	Dust Suppressant vs Dust Coat Seals Strategy	$ 27,000	$ 27,000	$ 27,000	$ 27,000	$ 27,000	$ 27,000	$ 27,000	$ 27,000	$ 27,000	$ 27,000
8	Oberon Street Extension	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
9	Low-Cost Low Risk Improvements	$ 1,500,000	$ 1,700,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 2,500,000	$ 2,500,000	$ 2,500,000	$ 2,500,000	$ 2,500,000	$ 2,500,000	$ 2,500,000
10	Footpaths (Replacement/Renewals)	$ 100,000	$ 100,000	$ 100,000	$ 100,000	$ 100,000	$ 100,000	$ 100,000	$ 100,000	$ 100,000	$ 100,000
	Footpaths (New footpaths)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
	Footpaths (Maintenance)	$ 60,000	$ 63,000	$ 66,150	$ 69,458	$ 72,930	$ 76,577	$ 80,406	$ 84,426	$ 88,647	$ 93,080
11	Implementation of Connecting our Communities Strategy	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total		**$ 10,807,000**	**$ 11,085,000**	**$ 9,864,400**	**$ 11,145,258**	**$ 11,787,730**	**$ 10,241,677**	**$ 10,862,506**	**$ 10,640,026**	**$ 9,629,347**	**$ 14,070,780**

4.3 In some instances, Elected Members indicated a preference for a ***Do-Nothing*** option, meaning that no additional work or investment would be pursued for that activity. An example of this is the Early Conversation paper on the proposed Oberon Street Extension, which examined the potential benefits of creating a connection between Oberon Street and Flint Road East. Following consideration, the decision was made not to progress this project and therefore, will therefore not form part of the 2027–2037 LTP programme.

4.4 In other instances, prioritisation matrices based on the drafted policies – *Dust Suppression Policy* and *Provision of New Footpath Policy* - were used to confirm the quantum of work approved for implementation

4.5 The proposed budgets associated with these activities will be incorporated into the financial modelling for the 2027–2037 LTP, to assist in determining the overall programme of works for Stratford District Council.

4.6 The majority of these projects are expected to be co-invested by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), at a Financial Assistance Rate (FAR) of 63%. However, at this preliminary stage, the confirmed level of funding support from NZTA remains uncertain. Final funding allocations will not be confirmed until the National Land Transport Plan is formally adopted by the NZTA Board, anticipated in August 2027.

5. Consultative Process

5.1 **Public Consultation - Section 82**

No public consultation is required for this report as it presents the recommended options from the Early Conversation workshops.

5.2 **Māori Consultation - Section 81**

This report has no impacts on tangata whenua that requires specific consultation.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 The risks associated with this report are outlined below:

6.2 ***Risk 9 - Compliance and Legislation - LTP/Annual Plan****. IF LTP/Annual Plan is not adopted by 30 June (updated to 31 July for 2024) THEN council rates setting is compromised, statutory breach reported to Minister, there is no mandate for service delivery, additional audit scrutiny, and uncertainty around future service provision for the community.*

These discussion papers identify roading activities that may or may not be included in the 2027-2037 LTP.

6.3 ***Risk 17 – Financial – Roading Annual Work Programme.*** *IF non-availability of labour and plant or weather events affect ability to complete annual programme of work, THEN risk of spend being under budget (over-rating) and unable to access NZTA claims originally budgeted for, and services being unavailable to the public.*

Officers will continue to work closely with the local contracting industry to support the timely delivery of projects within the financial year. At the same time, the procurement process is attracting competitive tenders from contractors outside the region, some of which are submitting bids at lower rates than local suppliers. Council will need to balance achieving value for money through competitive pricing with the benefits of supporting local industry and ensuring reliable project delivery.

6.4 ***Risk 18 – Financial – Accessing Funding.*** *IF incorrect assessment is made to determine required maintenance funding, all funding options are not sought, or insufficient funding is made available THEN Council may miss out on funding and Council must fully fund projects.*

The cost estimates outlined in **Table 3** are provided to inform the Long-Term Plan (LTP) budgeting process and are subject to agreement and endorsement by NZTA. Securing this endorsement is necessary for Council to access co-funding from NZTA, which is expected to contribute at a Financial Assistance Rate (FAR) of 63%.

6.5 ***Risk 74 – Financial - Inadequate financial provision to fund asset replacement.*** *IF there is inadequate financial provision in reserves to fund the replacement of assets, THEN the Council may have to borrow more than expected, or asset replacement may need to be delayed which may affect service level performance.*

The Roading Renewals Reserve has been created for the accumulation of depreciation on road and street services.

6.6 ***Risk 86 – Operational – Asset / Infrastructure Failure causing Public Health risk.*** *If Council assets or infrastructure fail to work as intended, are unsafe, cause harm, public damage or endanger the public, THEN the public may be exposed to health, wellbeing or safety risks, that may put Council's reputation at risk, and Council could be subject to various penalties if found negligent*

The LTP provides for the renewal and replacement of key structural assets within the roading network. Timely replacement of these assets is critical to maintaining network integrity and ensuring the safety of the community. The scheduling of renewals is informed by annual condition assessments, which identify asset performance, deterioration and priority needs to support effective lifecycle management.

7. Sustainability Consideration

The **Guiding Principle No. 4** applies to this report as the purpose is to provide a resilient roading infrastructure network which meets the needs or the current and future community. The roading assets are inter-generational therefore it is vital that we maximise the life of these assets.

8. Decision Making Process – Section 79

8.1 **Direction**

	Explain
Is there a strong link to Council's strategic direction, Long Term Plan/District Plan?	These activities are included in the 2027-2037 Long-Term Plan subject to the funding available.
What relationship does it have to the communities current and future needs for infrastructure, regulatory functions, or local public services?	Some of these projects are required to provide a reasonable level of service to the community to provide a resilient roading network.

8.2 **Data**

As shown in **Table 3**, the costs associated with the various activities are shown, which will form part of the development of the National Land Transport Plan (NLTP).

8.3 **Significance**

	Yes/No	Explain
Is the proposal significant according to the Significance Policy in the Long-Term Plan?		
Is it: • considered a strategic asset; or	Yes	Replacement of bridges provide the connectivity and resilience of the district's roading network

	Yes/No	Explain
• above the financial thresholds in the Significance Policy; or	No	
• impacting on a CCO stakeholding; or	No	
• a change in level of service; or	Yes	Some of the option preferences may result in a reduction of the level of service previously provided by council.
• 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
		X

8.4 **Options**

The options before Elected Member are:

- Option 1 – Approve the recommendations of this report;
- Option 2 – Decline the recommendations of this report; or
- Option 3 – Delay to approve/decline recommendations of this report.

The preferred is **Option 1,** as it will enable officers to proceed with business case development as required.

8.5 **Financial**

The full financial implications of these roading preferences will be calculated and considered when the detailed 2027-2037 LTP budgets are completed later in 2026. These decisions will have implications on rates and debt levels, and elected members will have an opportunity to reassess the final programme of works before budgets are set and finally adopted.

All option preferences will be completed with the budget allocated. Funding sources are indicated in **Table 2**.

8.6 **Prioritisation & Trade-off**

While the option preferences reflect the trade-offs considered at this stage, the final balance of trade-offs will not be confirmed until Council approves the final budgets

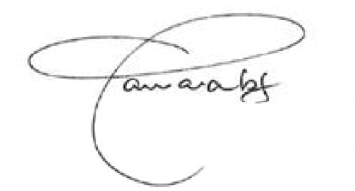
8.7 **Legal Issues**

The primary legal considerations relate to the replacement of uneconomic bridge assets, including the question of NZTA's and/or central government's obligation to contribute to their replacement through co-funding arrangements. However, the preferred option reflects an approach that is not reliant on pursuing or resolving these matters through formal legal opinion.

8.8 **Policy Issues - Section 80**

There are no known policy issues this report contravenes.

Stephen Bowden
Roading Manager



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Director - Assets

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Sven Hanne
Chief Executive **Date 27 May 2026**

MONTHLY REPORT
District Mayor

TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O WHAKAAHURANGI STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

F25/96/004 – D26/21206

To: Council
From: District Mayor
Date: 9 June 2026
Subject: District Mayor Monthly Report – May 2026

Recommendations

THAT the report be received.

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Moved/Seconded

1. Stratford Park Project - Motorsport

The plans for a motorsport complex at Stratford Park have come to an end, with the Taranaki Motorsport Facility Charitable Trust confirming it has withdrawn from the project. The announcement was made in a press release from the Trust last week, citing recent changes to government policy as having been a major factor in the decision.

The motorsport facility was planned as part of the Stratford Park project, a long-term vision combining the Stratford A&P Association, equestrian facilities and motorsport activities on a shared site. The idea was that each group would operate independently but benefit from shared infrastructure, coordinated planning and the ability to host larger events, more than any could manage alone. In last week's statement, the Trust said the motorsport project had struggled to gain the support it needed, despite an early economic impact report stating that the Stratford Park project could generate $35m to the local economy annually,

The Trust applied to and received acceptance of the project into the governments Fast Track Consent process, however, the financial cost was too high for the trust, with an upfront deposit of $350,000 required before the application would be looked at.

A further major setback came with recent changes to government planning policies, which placed a halt on all zone changes nationwide. In practice, this meant the Trust had to obtain a resource consent to operate under the land's existing zoning regulations, and this has proved to be a formidable challenge for several reasons.

The Trust has said the proposed consent conditions included strict noise controls that would significantly reduce operating hours and activity types, and these restrictions meant the facility could not operate at a viable level. A Drag Racing group had also advised earlier that they could not continue with the project at the current site. Accordingly, the Trust has advised council that their motorsport facility cannot be operated on the site.

Whilst attempts to build the facility at Flint Road have ceased, the Trust continues to operate and will explore other opportunities. In the coming months, the Trust will consider options for the piece of land they own, and in the meantime will continue to operate the land as a farm.

The Stratford Speedway is unaffected by the decision and continues to operate independently of the Motorsport Trust.

While the decision to discontinue with Motorsport is hugely disappointing, the Stratford Park project is multi-faceted, and it is pleasing that the Stratford A&P Association and the speedway are still pushing on with their plans to improve their facilities and that the brand-new equestrian centre on Flint Road is now under construction.

The group of people driving the whole project have put in an enormous effort involving many hours of work and often at their own personal expense. Let's not forget all the people working on the project over the last six years were volunteers. The planning work that has been done has been exhaustive, but with the tough economic times, the scarcity of investment money and the consenting issues they faced, these challenges have proven to be insurmountable.

While Stratford District Council had loaned enabling money for the land purchase for this project, there was no loss of money or cost to ratepayers. The loan was made to the Stratford A & P Association, not the Motorsport Trust, and is secured against the land that was bought and the existing A&P showgrounds. Council has not invested or granted any funds directly into the project.

2. Rural & Provincial Sector Meeting

The sector meeting was held in Wellington in May and the key topic was, as expected, Simplifying Local Government. The keynote speakers included Minister Chris Bishop and senior officials from the Department of Internal Affairs.

There was great debate among Mayors present. The reform proposals had enthusiastic supporters and staunch opponents, plus opinions everywhere in-between. An interesting internal survey showed that 50% said they wanted to be part of the Head Start process; 74% said the three-month timeframe was not achievable; 43% supported the threshold of at least two local authorities representing a council majority or population majority being required to be part of a Head Start proposal (28% said it should be more councils while 15% said it should be less).

This is a rapidly changing and developing process for amalgamation. At the extra ordinary meeting of council held in May, elected members passed a resolution to continue with the Head Start pathway and develop a proposal for consideration in August 2026. I haven't elaborated on the current state of play in this report as any written comment will almost certainly be out of date by the time our monthly meeting takes place. A verbal update will be provided.

3. NZTA – Budget announcement for Awakino Gorge

Following the most recent closure of the Awakino Gorge, the regions Mayors came together to discuss the negative impact prolonged and frequent closures of the gorge was having on our communities and the businesses that rely on this important route north. We had decided on an action plan that included gaining the support of our colleagues in the neighbouring districts.

At a meeting with NZTA senior officials including the Chief Executive held on 29 May, we were set to discuss the impact of closures and the need for urgent remedial work. However, these matters were trumped by the announcement in the budget that the $400 million package for resilience work through a number of problematic gorges listed across the country, now had the Awakino Gorge included. The allocation to the Awakino Gorge was $50 million. This is great news for the region.

The NZTA/Mayors meeting was then able to focus on how and where the money should be spent. A working group focussed on the resilience work, will be established to work alongside NZTA to ensure a local input is included when decisions are being made. I point out, that the funding is not expenditure elsewhere on the route and is targeted at resilience and preventative work only.

4. Equestrian Centre – Stratford Park

In May, the Stratford Park Equestrian Centre passed a significant milestone with the turning of the first sod ceremony. The groundbreaking signalled the start of the construction phase of the project. There were two diggers and a bulldozer parked nearby, ready to get underway with the earthmoving for the arena. When you see this project marked out, it is a large footprint that includes the arena with room for multiple support facilities.

This project design has had several versions over time and an enormous amount of researching, planning, consultation and consenting work has been undertaken to reach this point. This has been a volunteer driven project. Adding to the challenges was securing the funding to enable the facility to be built and we should be grateful that funders have come on board and supported the project.

Congratulations to everyone involved with the project to date. When finished, it will a great asset for this district and region.

5. Federated Famers

Last week I met with representatives of Taranaki Federated Farmers. They were keen to discuss their views on the Simplifying Local Government reforms and to receive a first hand update on the position of the Stratford District Council. I was able to provide that and answer a number of questions they had about the reform process. I also gave them an assurance that we would be seeking direct feedback from them at some stage in the future. Their discussion points were summarised in a statement that has been made available to our CE steering group.

6. Stratford Community House

Last month I attended the Annual General Meeting of the Stratford Community House. I am pleased to report back that the organisation is in good heart and doing well. There is very good occupancy of the facility and the financial statements show sound management and planning. The trustees are currently considering alterations to the building and a possible extension, to increase floor space to meet the continuously growing demand.

Correspondence

- Stratford Volunteer Fire Brigade Call Outs – May 2026
- Letter from Minister Simon Watts – voting restrictions
- Letter to Minister Chris Bishop – Awakino Gorge

Some Events Attended A

- Attended – meeting with Te Runanga O Ngati Ruanui Trust representatives
- Attended – meeting of the Stratford District Youth Council (x1)
- Attended – LGNZ Rural and Provincial Sector meeting in Wellington
- Attended – the Annual General Meeting of the Community House
- Attended – Pembroke School- Careers opportunities as guest speaker
- Attended – meeting of the Stratford Park Steering Group
- Attended – meeting of the LGNZ National Council (x4) (by zoom)
- Attended – the Annual General Meeting of Robus – guest speaker
- Attended – meeting of the Sport Travel Fund Committee
- Attended – the Annual General Meeting of the A & P Association
- Attended – the blessing ceremony for the new Equestrian Centre
- Attended – Justice of the Peace – members retirement gathering
- Attended – meeting of the Stratford Health Trust (x2)
- Attended – Justice of the Peace training meeting
- Met – with Kelvin Wright, Chief Executive Venture Taranaki
- Met – with Carl Bates – National, Member of Parliament
- Met – with representatives of Federated Farmers
- Met – with CE and representatives of NZTA
- Newspaper - Stratford Press Interviews (multiple)
- Newspaper - Daily News / Stuff (multiple)
- Access Radio – Conversation with Mayor Interview (x1)
- Attended - Regional Mayors and Chairs weekly meeting (x4)
- Attended - Council Pre-Agenda meetings (x3)
- Attended – Council Workshop (x3)
- Attended - Council Meetings (x7)

N C Volzke JP
District Mayor **Date**: 3 June 2026

Stratford Volunteer Fire Brigade Callouts May 2026

The Stratford Fire Brigade responded to 25 calls in May 2026:

01-01-26	Brigade van required motor vehicle accident Taylor / Bedford Street Eltham assist Eltham fire brigade stood down before arrival
03-05-26	Assist ambulance with medical call Juliet Street
04-05-26	LPG cylinder leaking Caltex Stratford Broadway
07-05-26	Brigade van required motor vehicle accident SH 3 south of Inglewood assist Inglewood, New Plymouth and Waitara fire brigades
07-05-26	Alarm activation Elizabeth R Life Care Elizabeth Grove
08-05-26	Investigate power lines down Miranda Street
10-05-26	Alarm activation Bees and Trees Stratford Orlando Street
10-05-26	Investigate electrical fire in cowshed Opunake Road
12-05-26	Motor vehicle accident car rolled SH 43 Pohokura assist Toko fire brigade stood down before arrival
12-05-26	Alarm activation New Commercial Hotel caused by a smouldering bag of laundry in upstairs room assisted by the Toko fire brigade
14-05-26	Tanker required house fire Moki Road Uruti assist Urenui and New Plymouth fire brigades stood down before arrival
16-05-26	Tree down on power lines Flint Road West scene protection
20-05-26	Alarm activation Maryann Rest Home and Hospital caused by a microwave catching fire
23-05-26	Assist ambulance medical call Achilles Street
23-05-26	Smoke logged house East Road Toko assist Toko fire brigade
25-05-26	Alarm activation Stratford Police Station
26-05-26	Motor vehicle accident car vs. car vs. power pole Pembroke Road assisted by the Eltham fire brigade
26-05-26	Brigade van required alarm activation Coronation Hotel York Street Eltham assist Eltham fire brigade stood down on arrival
29-05-26	Motor vehicle accident car vs. car East Road / Beaconsfield Road
30-05-26	Investigate smell of gas Caltex stood down before leaving the station
30-05-26	Motor vehicle accident car vs. pole Cardiff Road
30-05-26	Investigate house fire Fenton Street
30-05-26	Assist with medical call Ahuroa Road assist Toko fire brigade stood down before arrival
31-05-26	Tanker required pine trees on fire Wilson Road Kakaramea, assist Hawera and Kohi Rural fire brigades

31-05-26 Tanker required rubbish fires out of control Mangawhero Road assist Kaponga , Manaia and Hawera fire brigades

Hon Simon Watts

Minister of Climate Change
Minister of Local Government
Minister of Revenue
Minister for Auckland

3 June 2026

Dear Mayors

Council Committee voting to be restricted to elected members

Yesterday I announced the Government is amending the Local Government Act 2002 so that only elected members of councils will hold voting rights at council committee meetings.

Councils and the public nationwide have raised concerns about non-elected individuals holding voting rights on council committees. While it is useful and appropriate for councils to make appointments of professional advisors or individuals that bring skills, attributes, and knowledge, those individuals are not elected by ratepayers and therefore have no democratic accountability to voters.

Under the new law, councils will still be able to appoint non-elected members to offer professional advice and represent communities. However, those appointments will not come with voting rights and will not count towards a quorum. This ensures that expert input and community perspectives can still be heard, while protecting the integrity of democratic decision-making by elected representatives.

I want to be clear that this change does not prevent councils from engaging with iwi, young people, or other community representatives. Their advice and input remain valuable and welcome. The reform simply ensures that the power to vote on committee decisions rests with those who have been democratically elected by their communities.

Statutory committees and appointments, including those agreed as part of a Treaty settlement, will be excluded from this change. Committee members appointed under Acts other than the Local Government Act 2002 will also retain their voting rights.

These changes will be included in the Local Government (System Improvements) Bill currently before Parliament. Once the Bill is passed, councils will have six months to review their delegations and appointments before the law change takes effect.

Yours sincerely

Hon Simon Watts
Minister of Local Government

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2 June 2026

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Transport and Associate Minister of Finance
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CC: Hon Nicola Willis, Minister of Finance
Hon David Seymour, Associate Minister of Finance
Hon Shane Jones, Associate Minister of Finance
David MacLeod MP
Barbara Kuriger MP

Dear Minister Bishop

Budget 2026 investment in SH3 Awakino Gorge resilience

As Mayors and Chairs of our respective territorial and regional authorities, we write to thank you for your decision to allocate $50 million in Budget 2026 to resilience improvements along State Highway 3 through the Awakino Gorge.

This investment is both timely and critical. As you are aware, the Awakino Gorge is a vital lifeline connecting our regions; supporting freight, tourism, essential services, and the daily movements of our people.

We strongly support the Government’s focus on proactive resilience investment. The planned works, including slope stabilisation, improved drainage and culverts, retaining structures, and measures to reduce river erosion, will strengthen known weak points along the route. Importantly, this investment will provide greater certainty for our people, improve safety for road users, support economic resilience, and reduce long-term costs to taxpayers. It also signals confidence in the future of our regions by recognising the strategic importance of maintaining reliable north–south connectivity.

We are pleased to advise that on 29 May 2026, we met with the Chief Executive of the NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi to proactively map out the next steps for timely delivery of the resilience works.

Thank you again for your leadership and for recognising the importance of this critical corridor to our regions and the wider New Zealand economy.

Yours sincerely,

Max Brough, Mayor, New Plymouth District Council

On behalf of:

John Robertson, Mayor, Waitomo District Council

Phil Nixon, Mayor, South Taranaki District Council

Neil Volzke, Mayor, Stratford District Council

Craig Williamson, Chair, Taranaki Regional Council

Weston Kirton, Mayor, Ruapehu District Council

Rodney Dow, Mayor, Ōtorohanga District Council

Mike Pettit, Mayor, Waipā District Council

Andrew Tripe, Mayor, Whanganui District Council

Warren Maher, Chair, Waikato Regional Council

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STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Karakia

Kia uruuru mai	I draw in (to my being)
Ā hauora	The reviving essence
Ā haukaha	The strengthening essence
Ā haumāia	The essence of courage
Ki runga, Ki raro	Above, Below
Ki roto, Ki waho	Within, Around
Rire rire hau Paimārire	Let there be peace.

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