TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O WHAKAAHURANGI
STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Our reference
F19/13/03-D21/26182

4 March 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 10 March 2026,*** beginning at **3.30pm.**

Timetable for 10 March 2026 as follows:

1.00pm	Workshop - Annual Plan
2.00pm	Afternoon tea for councillors
2.15pm	Workshop - Long Term Plan introductions - Early conversations – Roading and Bridges
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

F25/96/05 – D26/2845

Date: 10 March 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

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Attendance schedule for Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings, including updated 2025 summary of meetings schedule.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 10 February
D26/4442 Page 10

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council, held on Tuesday 10 February 2026, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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Moved/Seconded

6.1.2 Public Forum Notes
D26/4440 Page 14

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

6.2 Extraordinary Meeting of Council – 24 February
D26/6228 Page 16

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council, held on Tuesday 24 February 2026, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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Moved/Seconded

6.3 Policy and Services Committee – 24 February
D26/6227 Page 18

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 24 February 2026 be received.
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 24 February 2026 be adopted.

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Moved/Seconded

7. District Mayor's Report

D26/7612 Page 26

Recommendations

THAT the report be received.

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Moved/Seconded

8. Decision Report –Rural Meeting April 2026

D26/6775 Page 29

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.
2. THAT the April 2026 Whangamomona-based Ordinary Council meeting does not proceed and instead be held in the Council Chambers.
3. THAT a Policy & Services Committee meeting be scheduled at Whakaahurangi Marae for 2026; and a rural roadshow be introduced from 2027, with expressions of interest sought early that year.

Recommended Reason
Due to low attendance rates at the Whangamomona rural meeting, it is proposed that the April 2026 meeting not proceed there and instead a Policy & Services Committee meeting be held at Whakaahurangi Marae, strengthening our partnership approach with iwi.

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Moved/Seconded

9. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Recommendation

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

Agenda Item No: 10

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

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
The Percy Thomson Trust Trustee Appointment	The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of a natural person.	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (s 7(2)(a)).

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Moved/Seconded

10. Public Excluded Item

Recommendation

THAT the open meeting resume.

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Moved/Seconded

11. Questions

12. 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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Our reference
F19/13/03-D22/17082

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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	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	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Neil Volzke	✓	✓										
David Chadwick	✓	✓										
Steve Beck	✓	✓										
Jaimie Bertie	✓	✓										
Josh Best	✓	A										
Grant Boyde	✓	A										
Annette Dudley	✓	✓										
Jono Erwood	✓	✓										
Ellen Hall	✓	✓										
Amanda Harris	✓	✓										
Katherine Sextus	✓	✓										
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

Amended Summary (All Committees) -2025 [2022-2025 Triennium]

Note the summary only collates the standing committee members for Audit and Risk and Farm and Aerodrome. The full attendance can be found in the individual committee schedules.

Date	Ordinary	Policy & Services	Audit & Risk	Farm & Aerodrome		
Meeting	**O**	**O**	**O**	**O**	**Total**	**% of attendance**
Neil Volzke	**13/13**	**13/3**	**4/4**	**3/3**	**33/33**	**100.00%**
Steve Beck	**13/13**	**13/13**		**3/3**	**29/29**	**100.00%**
Grant Boyde	**12/13**	**13/13**	**3/4**	**3/3**	**31/33**	**93.94%**
Annette Dudley	**11/13**	**13/13**			**24/26**	**92.31%**
Jono Erwood	**13/13**	**12/13**	**3/3**		**28/29**	**96.55%**
Ellen Hall	**12/13**	**13/13**			**25/26**	**96.15**
Amanda Harris	**13/13**	**13/13**			**24/26**	**100.00%**
Vaughan Jones	**10/13**	**13/13**	**3/4**	**3/3**	**29/33**	**87.88%**
Min McKay	**13/13**	**13/13**	**3/4**		**29/30**	**96.67%**
John Sandford	**13/13**	**13/13**			**26/26**	**100.00%**
Clive Tongaawhikau	**2/13**	**0/13**			**2/26**	**7.69%**
Mathew Watt	**13/13**	**13/13**			**26/26**	**100.00%**

*** Correction to Councillor Harris' attendance record as published in the February 2026 summary table.*

MINUTES
Ordinary

F25/96/05 – D26/4442

Date: 10 February 2026 at 3.37 PM
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

The District Mayor N C Volzke (the Chairperson), the Deputy Mayor A K Harris, Councillors: S J Beck, J Bertie, J R Best, G W Boyde, D K Chadwick, A M C Dudley, J M S Erwood, E E Hall, and M J Watt.

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs R Johnson, the Director – Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu, the Director – Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Governance Advisor & Executive Assistance – Mr G Hancock, the HR & Governance Administrator – Mrs C Reynolds, the Customer Service Officer & Committee Secretary - Ms S West, and one member of the media (Stratford and South).

1. Welcome

The opening karakia was read.

2. Apologies

A leave of absence was noted for Councillor Sextus.

3. Announcements

The District Mayor advised that Council's submission on the Government's proposed changes to rate capping was recently sent out. Council is reviewing the Resource Management Act submission today. He advised members to please keep an eye on timings and upcoming announcements.

4. Declarations of Members Interest

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

5. Attendance Schedule

The Attendance schedule for Ordinary Council Meetings was attached. The District Mayor noted the attendance record for the 2025 period was attached and commended members for their high level of attendance.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 9 December
D25/46311 Page 10

Recommendation

THAT the minutes with the proposed change of the Ordinary Meeting of Council, held on Tuesday 9 December 2025, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

VOLZKE/HARRIS
Carried
CL/26/1

The District Mayor noted a typo on page 11 of the minutes, which will be corrected by the Governance Advisor prior to signing.

6.1.2 Public Forum Notes
D25/42438 Page 15

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

6.2 Audit and Risk Committee – 16 December 2025
D25/47158 (Open) Page 16

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting, held on Tuesday 16 December 2025 be received.

BOYDE/BERTIE
Carried
CL/26/2

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee, held on Tuesday 16 December 2025 be adopted.

HALL/ERWOOD
Carried
CL/26/3

6.3 Policy and Services Committee – 27 January 2026
D26/2728 Page 22

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27 January 2026 be received.

DUDLEY/BEST
Carried
CL/26/4

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27 January 2026 be adopted.

HARRIS/BECK
Carried
CL/26/5

7. District Mayor's Report
D26/2845 Page 27

Recommendations

THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/BERTIE
Carried
CL/26/6

The District Mayor noted the following points:

- Item three of his report, regarding the Summer Nights event, the District Mayor clarified his comments around attendance. The movie night did not have strong attendance, whilst the concert drew high attendance. This has traditionally been the trend. He requested that this be raised when Council undertakes its review, and that a report be brought back to Council.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Hall sought clarification on item 8, page 28, regarding the Regional House Fund and what it may look like in the future. The District Mayor advised that the fund is supported by the Toi Foundation. Their intention is to establish an ongoing housing fund rather than a one-off initiative. He noted that several models are used to guide how funding is allocated. The fund is expected to grow each year, with the purpose of bridging the gap between what banks will not support in terms of lending. The delivery model was discussed, with the intention being to provide assistance to the community.

8. Decision Report – Submission on proposed Resource Management Legislation

D26/1727 Page 31

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/BECK
Carried
CL/26/7

2. THAT the submission on the Natural Environment Bill and the Planning Bill included in the appendix be approved.

3. THAT the Director – Environmental Services be authorised to lodge the submission on behalf of the Council.

HALL/BOYDE
Carried
CL/26/8

Recommended Reason
Submitting on the proposed Bills is the only way for Council's to contribute to developing new resource management legislation.

The Director – Environmental Services noted the following point:

- This is the latest round of submissions being called for on the proposed government changes. This work is based on the workshops held in December at Taranaki Regional Council (TRC), which elected members were involved in. The attached table provides an overview of Council's proposed response. The full submission is twelve pages in length, with the major points summarised in the cover letter for members to read.
- The Resource Management Act (RMA) is being replaced with two pieces of legislation, and the goals within the RMA are now replaced and outlined within those new Acts. One particular point of interest relates to the proposed boundary alignment changes, noting that the district spans two regions. This would likely have cost implications for Council, as well as affect regulatory requirements under any new regional boundaries. It was noted that the proposed changes signal a shift towards regional plans.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Hall sought clarification on how much this submission differs from other councils and their submissions. The Director clarified that there is strong commonality across councils, and boundary alignment is not an issue for councils like South Taranaki District Council and New Plymouth District Council, noting that our submission has been written with similar themes and reflects a collective approach.
- Councillor Beck sought clarification over the waterfall risk noted on page 38 of the report. The Director explained that this is likely a TRC issue, but that through existing consents, which all need to be renewed at the same time, relate to this matter. The Director also clarified the spread of those consents.
- Councillor Beck questioned if there is support for a single bill. The Director explained that, as practitioners, one bill would be preferable. However, the current government is committed to the existing approach.
- Councillor Boyde queried how much resource the proposed changes would require from Council, and work involved, particularly in relation to any zoning issues.
- The District Mayor referenced compensation and the role of the regulatory authority, noting that if it makes certain decisions there are questions around what this could mean, which may be challenging. The Director clarified that this is addressed on page 46. The District Mayor further noted that if compensation is required, it would fall to the ratepayer, and the accompanying letter should reference that we are a small council and any compensation would impact our limited ratepayer base. The Director clarified that compensation would likely arise from the zoning of land.
- It was noted by the Director that the standard wording in the submission regarding the right to be heard and to appear before the committee is simply an observation of that right.
- The Director noted that the timeline for the submission closes this Friday.

9. Public Forum Response

Speaker Michael Carr
Topic Sport Taranaki

Response:
- That a letter acknowledging the work they do be sent to Sport Taranaki.

Speaker Terry Hancock
Topic On The House

Response:
- That a letter acknowledging the work they do be sent to Mr Hancock.

10. Questions

There were no questions.

11. Closing Karakia
D21/40748 Page 51

The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 4.09 pm.

N C Volzke
Chairman

Confirmed this 10th day of March 2025.

N C Volzke
District Mayor

PUBLIC FORUM
Notes

TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O WHAKAAHURANGI STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

F25/96/005 – D26/4440

Date: 10 February 2024 at 3.00 PM
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

The District Mayor N C Volzke (the Chairperson), the Deputy Mayor A K Harris, Councillors: S J Beck, J Bertie, J R Best, G W Boyde, D K Chadwick, A M C Dudley, J M S Erwood, E E Hall, and M J Watt.

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director – Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs R Johnson, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Director – Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu, the Governance Advisor and Executive Assistant – Mr G Hancock, one member of the Media (Stratford and South), Mrs C Reynolds - HR & Governance Administrator, Ms S West - Customer Service Officer & Committee Secretary, two members of the public and one member of the Media (Stratford and South).

1. Welcome

The District Mayor welcomed the Chief Executive, Councillors, members of the public, staff, and the media.

2. Speakers

Speaker: Michael Carr
Topic: Sport Taranaki

Points noted in the presentation:

- Mr Carr welcomed the new Council members and provided a presentation on Sport Taranaki and their Active for Life programme.
- Sport Taranaki has provided $25,000 to Stratford for various active programmes across the District. Mr Carr shared examples of this work, noting their involvement with the majority of schools around Stratford as well as with local sports clubs.
- The Healthy Learning programme was discussed, including the work being carried out in schools. Sport Taranaki outlined the initiatives they are delivering, including student coaching day.
- The Taranaki Sport Awards were discussed with Elected Members.
- An overview of Sport Taranaki's Board membership was presented. Members were advised that Councillor Boyde is now the Council representative.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Cr Dudley sought clarification on why some schools have not been involved. Sport Taranaki explained that this is linked to the equity index, noting the different levels (light, medium, touch) which inform their decisions.
- Cr Erwood complimented the programme, particularly the Out and About initiative, and highlighted the positive impact it has on the community.
- Cr Hall sought clarification on the Green Prescription programme and how its impact is measured. Sport Taranaki advised that they have completed evaluation work and have seen strong results, describing it as an incredibly powerful programme.

Speaker: Terry Hancock
Topic: On the House

Points noted in the presentation:

- On the House is a reduce and redistribution organisation, with over 40 regular suppliers of rescue food. On the House takes this food direct to the General Public through stores, one of which is located in Stratford and anyone is welcome to use the services. On the opening night in Stratford, 75 parcels were given out, with the largest being 125.
- On the House received funding from Council's Waste Levy Fund.

- 60 community organisations around the Taranaki region are supported, including 2 food banks in Stratford.
- Stratford New World is ready to come on board.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The District Mayor questioned what the money from the Waste Levy was used for. Mr Hancock advised it was spent on a freezer and a commercial Fridge for the Stratford branch which is run out of the Salvation Army Hall.

The forum closed at 3.32pm.

MINUTES
Extraordinary

F25/96/05 – D26/6228

Date: 24 February 2026 at 2.30 PM
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

The District Mayor N C Volzke (the Chairperson), the Deputy Mayor A K Harris, Councillors: S J Beck, J Bertie, D K Chadwick, A M C Dudley, J M S Erwood, E E Hall, K A Sextus, and M J Watt.

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs R Johnson, the Director – Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu, the Director – Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Governance Advisor & Executive Assistance – Mr G Hancock, the Customer Service Officer & Committee Secretary - Ms S West, one member of the public, and one member of the media (Stratford and South).

1. Welcome

The opening karakia and H&S message was read.

2. Apologies

An approved leave of absence was noted for G W Boyde, and an apology was received from J R Best.

Recommendation

THAT the apologies be received.

DUDLEY / BERTIE
Carried
CL/26/9

3. Announcements

- There were no announcements.

4. Declarations of Members Interest

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

5. Attendance Schedule

The District Mayor noted that the attendance schedule for Ordinary Council Meetings was attached and advised that the attendance rate stood at one hundred percent for all members.

6. Decision Report – Triennial Agreements

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE / ERWOOD
Carried
CL/26/10

2. THAT the District Mayor be authorised to sign the Triennial Agreement for the Taranaki Region on behalf of the Stratford District Council.

3. THAT the District Mayor be authorised to sign the Triennial Agreement for the Manawatū-Whanganui Region on behalf of the Stratford District Council.

HARRIS / HALL
Carried
CL/26/11

Recommended Reason
The Stratford District Council is required to enter into Triennial Agreements for both regions and the proposed agreements are fit for purpose.

The Chief Executive noted the following points:

- The Triennial Agreements are a legislative requirement. As a district, we straddle two regions. In the past, we have been the primary party in one and a secondary party in the other. We have a choice as to which agreement we are primarily aligned with, but traditionally it has been the Taranaki Regional Agreement and secondary for the Manawatū–Whanganui Regional Agreement. The Council delegates authority to the Mayor to sign these agreements.
- If there is disagreement over clauses or wording within the agreements, these have normally been worked through, often going through multiple versions with changes incorporated as requested by parties.
- The agreements largely set the parameters for the Mayoral Forum and foundational for regional arrangements.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Hall sought clarity around the Mayor's role in the Mayoral Forum, and what the role involves and whether the Mayor represents the Council's view or his own. The District Mayor advised that it is both. Every region is required to have a Mayoral Forum, and it functions largely as a forum focused on communication and cooperation. Decisions are made by consensus, and where consensus cannot be reached, a collective position is not held. Positions are formed on an issue-by-issue basis. The District Mayor noted he is conscious of his view when exercising his responsibilities.
- Councillor Hall sought clarification on whether having two agreements creates any issues where the Council may be compromised or conflicted. The District Mayor could not recall any such instances, and the Chief Executive also advised the same.
- Councillor Hall noted that the Manawatū–Whanganui Region has a climate change action committee and enquired whether there is a similar group in Taranaki. The District Mayor advised that there is one.

7. Closing Karakia

The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 2.44 pm.

N C Volzke
Chairman

Confirmed this 10th day of March 2026.

N C Volzke
District Mayor

MINUTES
Policy and Services Committee

TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O WHAKAAHURANGI STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

F22/96/005 – D26/6227

Date: Tuesday 24 February 2026 at 3.00pm
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

The Deputy Mayor A K Harris (the Chairperson), the District Mayor N C Volzke, Councillors: S J Beck, J Bertie, D K Chadwick, A M C Dudley, J M S Erwood, E E Hall, K A Sextus and M J Watt.

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director – Community Services– Ms K Whareaitu, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs R Johnson, the Director – Assets – Mrs Victoria Araba, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Governance Advisor and Executive Assistant – Mr G Hancock, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, the Roading Manager – Mr S Bowden, the Property and Projects Manager – Mr S Taylor, the Property Officer – Mrs R Reader, the Corporate Accountant – Mrs C Christine, the Community and Economic Development Manager – Ms S Afzal , the Customer Service Officer & Committee Secretary – Ms S West, one member of the public, and one member of the media (Stratford and South).

1. Welcome

The opening karakia was read. The Deputy Mayor reiterated the health and safety message and emergency procedures.

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted from Councillor Boyde who had an approved leave of absence. Apologies were also noted from Councillor Best, who would be partially joining via AV for the Prospero Place Development decision.

3. Announcements

- There were no announcements.

4. Declarations of members interest

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

5. Attendance Schedule

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

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Policy & Services Committee – 27 January 2026

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 27 January 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

DUDLEY/SEXTUS
Carried
P&S/26/9

7. Matters Outstanding

Recommendation

THAT the Matters Outstanding be received.

Hall/Beck
Carried
P&S/26/10

The Chief Executive noted the following points:

- The accessible parking space matter was discussed in January and a workshop is currently being prepared. Heavy vehicles will be addressed in a later workshop. A report on the Community Group Relationship/Funding Policy will be presented next month. The District Mayor provided an update on the Broadway buildings at the last Ordinary Meeting. A workshop on the strategy for farm profits has been held, and a decision report is now being prepared based on this.

8. Decision Report - Delivery Prospero Place Development – Options for Physical Works

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/BERTIE
Carried
P&S/26/11

2. ~~THAT the final design as shown in Appendix 1 is adopted for implementation.~~
THAT the final design as shown in appendix 2 (tabled today), excluding all secondary paths and associated gardening/planting, bar the path connecting the main path to the pedestrian crossing is adopted for implementation.

VOLZKE/ERWOOD
Division
11 for
0 against
Carried
P&S/26/12

3. THAT the buffer panting labelled as item 3 on Appendix 2 be removed.

DUDLEY/SEXTUS
Division
6 for
3 against
Carried
P&S/26/13

4. THAT Council adopts a delivery timeframe option – officers recommend **Option 2 - Full ~~Works Delivery~~ *funding* in a single financial year.**

WATT/VOLZKE
Carried
P&S/26/14

5. ~~THAT Council adopts a funding option – officers recommend **Option 3a - Approve Additional loan funding to complete the works within a single financial year**, hence, an additional **$785k** to make up the total estimated cost of **$1.2M**, subject to tender pricing.~~
THAT Council adopts funding **Option 3a** to proceed in the 2025/26 financial year via additional loan funding to a maximum of **$785k**.

HALL/WATT

Carried
P&S/26/15

Recommended Reason
The recommended options provide the most practical and efficient delivery pathways, ensuring project completion, making effective use of available funding and reducing the risk of cost escalation associated with staged delivery. They also support the timely completion of the Prospero Place development. Adopting these recommendations minimises reputational risk and positions the project for delivery ahead of Stratford District's 150th Jubilee in 2028, aligning with Council's long-term placemaking objectives.

The Chief Executive noted the following points:

- The Chief Executive apologised that the correct design plan had not been attached. The correct version was tabled for members.
- The Director Community Services noted that the Prospero Place Development is the cornerstone of the Stratford 2025 project. The Director further noted that this paper seeks a decision to confirm the final design and the pace at which the project will progress.

Questions/points of clarification:

- The District Mayor clarified the secondary paths, labelled as number 19 on the plan, and those that criss-cross the main diagonal path. The placement of the secondary paths was confirmed by Mr Taylor. The District Mayor further sought confirmation on whether the costs attributed to these paths were part of the design, and this was confirmed as correct.
- Councillor Dudley sought clarification regarding item number 9 on the plan and the fixed bollards, asking whether there was space for mobility devices and pushchairs. Mr Taylor confirmed that there was.
- Councillor Sextus sought clarification on the secondary path and whether this meant it would not form part of the main path. Mr Taylor stated that this was an option for councillors to decide.
- Councillor Erwood asked about the planting and whether it would be low maintenance with no ongoing costs. Mr Taylor confirmed that there would be ongoing maintenance costs associated with plant care.
- Councillor Hall sought clarification on whether the planting would consist of evergreen species. This was confirmed.
- The Deputy Mayor sought clarification regarding page 20 and whether there were any provisional conditions attached to certain elements of the grant funding. The Director Community Services confirmed there were no conditions, provided everything remained within the plan presented.
- The Deputy Mayor questioned the capital works savings and how confident staff were in the projected savings. Mr Taylor confirmed that the savings were based on anticipated savings.
- The Deputy Mayor sought clarification on page 20, item 5.2, relating to incorporating culture and story, and whether this would incur additional costs. The Director Community Services stated that the scope and funding would be assessed, and once formally confirmed, discussions would be held with partners.
- Councillor Beck sought clarification on the $415k funding noted in table two, asking if this was the amount currently available. The Chief Executive stated that the available amount is $215k in carryover and confirmed grant funding, with the remaining $170k in unconfirmed grants. Some of these grants may relate to specific aspects of the design. The Chief Executive advised that unconfirmed grant funding should be treated as an additional contribution.
- Councillor Hall asked whether in-kind contributions and other funding sources could result in the project coming in under budget. The Director Community Services stated that this could not be confirmed. The Chief Executive reiterated that in-kind helps support the project, noted that the market is currently keen to progress projects, and advised that the QS opinion reflects the market at the time.

- *The District Mayor moved a motion amending the wording of recommendation two. A division was called on recommendation two.*

- *Those voting for the motion: Harris, Volzke, Beck, Bertie, Chadwick, Dudley, Erwood, Hall, Sextus and Watt.*

- *Those voting against the motion: None.*

Points in discussion for recommendation two:

- The District Mayor noted that the plan has been through a robust design process and consultation. The primary path is popular, and the diagonal path reflects where people naturally walk. The criss-cross paths are surplus other than the one to the pedestrian crossing. The District Mayor reiterated the desire to retain green space. By removing the proposed paths, and given that $312k is allocated for paths, this would result in some savings.
- Councillor Erwood, as seconder of the motion, advised that removing these paths represents a significant saving and noted community feedback regarding the cost of the project.
- Councillor Dudley queried whether the removal of the flower bed labelled number 8 should also occur. The removal was agreed to by both the mover and seconder.
- Discussion was held regarding the accompanying paths in the design, and clarification was sought from members about which paths were proposed for removal.
- A point of order was raised by the District Mayor to remind members to speak to the motion being debated. The Chair agreed and reminded members accordingly.
- Councillor Hall reiterated support for the amendment on the table, expressing excitement for the project and a desire to progress.
- Councillor Beck sought clarification on the motion, and the wording was read aloud to members.

Councillor Dudley moved a motion to insert recommendation three in relation to the buffer planting. Those voting for the motion: Harris, Beck, Chadwick, Dudley, Erwood, Sextus, and Watt.

Those voting against the motion: Bertie, Hall, and Volzke.

Points in discussion for recommendation three

- Councillor Dudley noted that the likely effect of the planting is that it would become trapped and would not add to the design.
- Councillor Sextus noted the cost of this planting and suggested time could be saved by removing it. The Director Community Services clarified that the planting was proposed with children in mind, helping to prevent them from running onto the road. This was reiterated by Mr Taylor, who advised that the designer had observed this behaviour during the observation phase of the original plan.
- Councillor Hall reiterated that young children can be deterred by buffer planting. She questioned that if both the planting and paths were removed, what would remain other than the stage. The District Mayor endorsed this comment and added that if too much is removed, what are you left with. The District Mayor noted that the planting encourages people to follow the path, acts as a good buffer for children, and has practical application.
- Councillor Erwood noted that some responsibility rests with parents and that the space still needs to be inviting.
- Councillor Beck noted that removing the planting would create great overflow space for large events and would enhance the aesthetic of the area.
- Further discussion was held regarding the bollards, including their spacing and placement on the plans, and whether these should also be removed. This was not progressed.

Points in discussion for recommendation four:

- Councillor Watt reiterated the sentiment from the community to get the works completed and not to extend the timeframe further.
- The District Mayor stated that there would be cost implications for delaying or spreading over years, and that if the project were fully funded, there would be savings in completing it in a single phase. Any further delays would result in additional costs.
- Councillor Beck reiterated support for the funding and noted that the Council is in a financially sound position to undertake the project, with savings already achieved through the design changes.

Points in discussion for recommendation four:

- Councillor Hall noted that her reason for putting this motion forward is her desire to progress the project. She reminded members that, through the LTP process, Council should be cautious about grant funding and how it is applied to projects such as this.
- Councillor Watt stated that this is an investment; when the town looks better, people stop, and it contributes to the beautification of Broadway.
- Councillor Beck reiterated support for the project and for the amended amount, noting he had been hoping it would come in under $800k.

- The Deputy Mayor spoke about her reservations regarding the project given its cost. She noted that Council is operating in a climate of high scrutiny. The Deputy Mayor expressed acknowledgement of what the project can achieve and that it has been on the table for some time, and supports progressing it. However, she also noted that many people campaigned strongly against rates increases, and that this project could be viewed as a prime candidate for keeping rates lower.

9. Decision Report - Taranaki Regional Council Proposal to instal a Meteorological Monitoring Station – Aerodrome Farm

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

ERWOOD/DUDLEY
Carried
P&S/26/16

2. THAT the Committee approves Taranaki Regional Councils proposal to instal a Meteorological Monitoring Station at the Aerodrome Farm, Stratford.

3. THAT approval be subject to the completion of a signed land access agreement between Stratford District Council and Taranaki Regional Council, and compliance with all relevant Building Act and Civil Aviation Act requirements.

VOLZKE/SEXTUS
Carried
P&S/26/17

Recommended Reason
Approval is recommended to enable the installation of a new meteorological monitoring station that will provide accurate and reliable weather data for Stratford and surrounding areas. The station will replace the existing Pātea Street site, which is no longer suitable due to interference from nearby buildings and vegetation, thereby improving data quality and long-term reliability.

The Property Officer noted the following points:
- The Property Officer noted there were two amendments to the report. The first relates to the current location: the original location is at the Taranaki Regional Council building. The new site location, as noted in section 4.7, is in the middle of the paddock rather than along the fence line.
- The Regional Council approached us to advise that the new location is more suitable. This has been discussed with the sharemilker, who agrees with the proposed location.

Questions/points of clarification:
- The District Mayor sought clarification on the design and whether the design requires power. The Property Officer advised that they are solar powered, with only cabling running between the two masts.
- The District Mayor sought further clarification regarding the need for a building consent. The Property Officer confirmed that consent is required only for the mast.
- Councillor Hall sought clarification regarding consultation with the sharemilker and why the farm owner was not consulted. The Chief Executive explained that the sharemilker is very experienced and, in this case, it was appropriate to consult directly with them.
- It was clarified that this is a routine decision and that there is no cost to Council. Civil aviation requirements are addressed within the report.

10. Decision Report –Proposed Road Closure for Mangaotuku Road Car Club Event - March 2026

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

CHADWICK/DUDLEY
Carried

P&S/26/18

2. THAT Council approve, pursuant to Section 342(1) (b) in accordance with Schedule 10 Clause 11 (e) of the Local Government Act 1974, the notice given by the Stratford District Council for the following road closures for the purpose of the Mangaotuku Road Team Drift car event:

Date: Saturday 28 March 2026

Time: Between the hours of 7.30 am and 5.30 pm

Roads:
- **Mangaotuku Road** – from the intersection with SH43 to 303 Mangaotuku Road

HALL/ERWOOD
Carried
P&S/26/19

Recommended Reason
In order for the South Taranaki Car Club to host a Team Drift motorsport event, it is proposed to close the road listed above. This proposed road closure will require formal endorsement by a Council resolution.

The Roading Manager noted the following points:
- It was clarified that there was one typo in the Executive Summary, and the correct date is 28 March as noted.

Questions/points of clarification:
- Councillor Hall sought clarification on whether this event has been run before. The Roading Manager confirmed it has not, although hill climbs have been held previously. The Councillor asked whether there had been any damage to property, and Mr Taylor advised that none had occurred to his knowledge.
- The Deputy Mayor reiterated support, noting that locals really enjoy these events and that any incidents are rare.

11. Information Report – Governance Statement

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

HARRIS/WATT
Carried
P&S/26/20

2. THAT the *Local Governance Statement 2026* be reviewed and received.

HARRIS/HALL
Carried
P&S/26/21

Recommended Reason
Section 40 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires that a *Local Governance Statement* be prepared and made publicly available by Council within six months after each triennial election.

The Director Corporate Services noted the following points:

- The Director Corporate Services confirmed that this is a legislative requirement under section 40 of the Local Government Act. The statement must be completed next month and provides transparency over Council activities.

Questions/points of clarification:

- The District Mayor sought clarification on page 51 under Acts of Parliament, noting that the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act should read 2012.
- Clarification was also sought regarding page 52 under Bills Forthcoming, noting that the list does not include changes relating to earthquake-prone Buildings. The Director Corporate Services advised that it can be added.
- On page 57, under Partnerships, within the Elected Members section, the references to Stratford Community House, Te Wera, Ostlers, and the Youth Council were queried, as it is unclear whether these are elected members. The wording would be amended.
- On page 68 under Licensing Committee, the reference to Mayor (Deputy Chair) should instead read Deputy Mayor.
- For the Employment Relations Committee, it was noted that this Chair Person should be the Deputy Mayor.

12. Monthly Reports

12.1 Assets Report

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

HARRIS/WATT
Carried
P&S/26/22

Questions/points of clarification:

- Councillor Hall sought clarification on page 70 regarding project spend, completion dates, and underspends, and asked whether a number of projects would be completed this year. The Director Assets confirmed that most projects are on track to be completed, and there are none that have not yet started.
- The Deputy Mayor sought clarification on page 84 under Civic Amenities in relation to the table showing “Not Achieved” for a BRAD target linked to a lift. She queried where the lift is located. Mr Taylor confirmed that the lift is in the archive rooms and that it is currently not operational.

12.2 Community Services Report

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

BERTIE/DUDLEY
Carried
P&S/26/23

12.3 Corporate Services Report

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

HARRIS/ERWOOD
Carried
P&S/26/24

Questions/points of clarification:

- The District Mayor referred to page 100, item 1.3, noting the A&P loan, and the equestrian land held by them. It was noted that the A&P Association is in a position to service the loan. Councillor Beck supported the Mayor's comments.

12.4 Environmental Services Report

Recommendation

<u>THAT</u> the report be received.

ERWOOD/WATT
<u>Carried</u>
<u>P&S/26/25</u>

The Director Environmental Services noted the following point:

- It was noted that the report on the solar farm has now been completed. The notice of motion has been lodged with the Court. There is a timeframe for submitters to join the process, and Council is required to provide information to the Court.

13. Questions

- Councillor Hall asked about the submission on Local Government reforms that was due on 20 February. The District Mayor advised that Council had submitted on the Simplifying Local Government proposals, and that the submission was a cover letter endorsing Local Government New Zealand's recommendations. It addressed key points, including the proposal to replace regional councils. The Mayor would circulate the final submission to elected members. Councillor Hall queried why this had not already been circulated given the timeframe, the District Mayor noted the timeframes imposed create difficulties. The Chief Executive clarified that an extraordinary meeting would need to be held if the matter needed to be brought before Council.
- Councillor Beck asked about LGNZ membership fees. The District Mayor advised that there would be a 3.1 percent increase, which reflects inflation and sends a strong message from LGNZ.

14. Closing Karakia

The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 4.55 pm.

A K Harris
Chairman

Confirmed this 24th day of March 2026.

N C Volzke
District Mayor

MONTHLY REPORT
District Mayor

TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O WHAKAAHURANGI STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

To: Council
From: District Mayor
Date: 10 March 2026
Subject: District Mayor Monthly Report – February 2026

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

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Moved/Seconded

1. Te Papakura O Taranaki Visitor Numbers

Elected members may recall that during a recent presentation by Venture Taranaki, it was asked if there was current data available on visitor numbers to the national park. This information was held by the Department of Conservation. We have since received a reply that said: "‘the Pembroke Road entrance has had the highest number of vehicle counts for the last nearly 2 years since the bridge opened, almost double what they were previously. Visitor numbers are now just as busy as the Egmont Road entrance”. That is great news for Stratford and the Taranaki region.

2. All of Local Government Meeting and Rural & Provincial Sector Meeting

Last week the Chief Executive and myself attended these two meetings at Parliament Buildings in Wellington. The agenda’s were very full and included an address from the Deputy Prime Minister David Seymour. He spoke of the regulatory changes that would reduce costs and restrictions on what people can do with their own properties. He questioned the need for many of the rules currently in place and wanted to see far less agenda’s driving legislation. Examples given were: earthquake prone buildings, methane targets, health and safety, as well as resource management reform. He also gave examples of council spending on sister cities, council declarations on overseas wars and sea bed mining as outside the scope of councils. The clear message was, stick to your lane.

Minister of Civil Defence Mark Mitchell spoke about recent weather events and the need to declare early when these events happen. Complacency is one of the biggest challenges encountered in the civil defence sector and as councils we need to do our part to overcome this. A sobering statistic I noted was that 31 emergency declarations have been made in the last two years, including 9 so far this year. As a region Taranaki has come through this relatively unscathed but this will not remain the case.

We also heard addresses from Damien O’Connor Member of Parliament, John Small from the Commerce Commission and Simon Upton the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment. We also received updates on the rates capping proposals and the impacts that would have on councils current activities.

3. Ministry of Regulation Hospitality Review meeting

Recently I was part of group that met with representatives from the Ministry of Regulation. They were conducting a review project of the hospitality sector, specifically targeting alcohol on licenses, club licenses and special licenses. The project was focussed on identifying unnecessary regulations, barriers and red tape compliance with a view to simplifying processes and reducing costs.

We had no difficulty finding opportunities to streamline processes and there were plenty of suggestions from our group collectively, that would reduce compliance costs. The project report will be released mid-year and I am optimistic that positive changes will be recommended for the Minister to consider, followed by legislative changes.

4. Annual General Meeting of Grey Power

Recently I had the pleasure of attending the local Grey Power Association Annual General Meeting as their guest speaker. Make no mistake, these people are very passionate about their community and what is happening around the district. Among several topics I spoke about was councils Local Alcohol Policy review, and I encouraged members to have their say. Rates, water services, re-organising local government and the solid waste transfer station were among the other topics discussed.

5. ANZAC Day Preparations

Preparations for the annual ANZAC Day services and parade are well advanced. The services on the day will be slightly different from previous years as we have added in a short, mid-morning service dedicated to the Victoria Park Memorial Gates at the southern entrance of Victoria Park. These gates, now 100 years old, were unveiled on ANZAC Day in 1926 to honour soldiers from Stratford and surrounding districts who died in World War One.

6. Correspondence

- Stratford Volunteer Fire Brigade Call Outs – February 2026

7. Some Events Attended

- Attended – Powhiri for the new Regional Police Commander
- Attended – Youth Council meeting (x1)
- Attended – Stratford Park Steering Group Committee meeting
- Attended – Grey Power Annual General Meeting as Guest Speaker
- Attended – Local Government Update & Developments meeting by Zoom
- Attended - District Licensing Committee Induction training
- Attended – All of Local Government meeting in Wellington
- Attended - Rural & Provincial Sector meeting in Wellington
- Attended – meeting of the Stratford Health Trust (x1)
- Met – with representatives of the Ministry of Regulation Hospitality Review Team
- Met- with NZTA Regional Relationships Director
- Met – with Raffaele Sindoni from Yale University
- Met – with representative of A & P Association
- Met – with Percy Thompson Trust trustees
- Met – with Zone 3 meeting organising group (x2)
- Met – with ANZAC Day organising group
- Met – with Taranaki Regional Council Chairman
- Met – with the Principal of the Stratford Primary School
- Met – with representatives of Stratford Speedway
- Met - with Scott Necklen, CEO Local Government New Zealand
- Met – with Mayor Dan Gordon. Vice President Local Government New Zealand
- Newspaper - Stratford Press Interviews (multiple)
- Newspaper - Daily News / Stuff (multiple)
- Attended - Regional Mayors and Chairs weekly meeting (x3)
- Attended - Council Pre-Agenda meetings (x2)
- Attended – Council Workshop (x1)
- Attended – Public Forum (x1)
- Attended - Council Meetings (x3)

N C Volzke JP
District Mayor **Date**: 4 March 2026

Stratford Volunteer Fire Brigade Callouts February 2026

The Stratford Fire Brigade responded to 26 calls in February 2026:

01-02-26	Alarm activation Marire Home Portia Street
02-02-26	Motor vehicle accidents Ohura Road near Kirai Road assist Toko Fire Brigade
03-02-26	Investigate house fire Juliet Street False Alarm Good Intent
05-02-26	Scene protection after power pole caught fire and exploded Juliet Street
05-02-26	Alarm activation Stratford Primary School Regan Street assisted by theToko Fire Brigade
06-02-26	Motor vehicle accident upper Manaia Road assist Kaponga Fire Brigade
06-02-26	Assist ambulance with medical call Brecon Road
07-02-26	Rubbish fire threatening shed and hedge Celia Street assisted by the Eltham Fire Brigade
07-02-26	Assist ambulance with medical call Waingongora Road stood down before arrival
09-02-26	Investigate backyard fire Miranda Street
11-02-26	Tanker required vegetation fire St Andrews Drive Bell Block assist New Plymouth and Ngamotu rural fire brigade
11-02-26	Assist ambulance with medical call Achilles Street
12-02-26	Brigade van required alarm activation Eltham Primary school Conway Road assist Eltham fire brigade stood down before arrival
12-02-26	Assist ambulance with medical call Lear Street
12-02-26	Motor vehicle accident Bedford Road North stood down before leaving the station
13-02-26	Alarm activation Huiakama School Ohura Road assist Toko fire brigade stood down before arrival
14-02-26	Motor vehicle accident car vs. power pole Broadway North outside Woolworths
15-02-26	Special Service tree falling threatening house Regan Street
15-02-26	Rural appliance required hay barn fire Ararata Road Tangahoe Valley assist Hawera and Kohi fire brigades
15-02-26	Brigade van requires alarm activation Te Kura O NGA Ruahine Rangi Eltham Road assist Eltham fire brigade stood down before arrival
16-02-26	Brigade van required switchboard on fire Raekohua Road Tangarakau assist Toko, Taumarunui and Ohura fire brigades stood down
16-02-26	Assist ambulance with medical call Brecon Road stood down
21-02-26	Investigate backyard fire Ulysses Street
22-02-26	Alarm activation Stratford Primary School Regan Street
23-02-26	Alarm activation Marire Home Portia Street
26-02-26	Appliance sent to cover move Hawera stood down before arrival

DECISION REPORT

TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O WHAKAAHURANGI
STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

F25/96/004 – D26/6775

To:	Council
From:	Governance Advisor and Executive Assistant
Date:	10 March 2026
Subject:	Rural Meeting April 2026

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

2. THAT the April 2026 Whangamomona-based Ordinary Council meeting does not proceed and instead be held in the Council Chambers.

3. THAT a Policy & Services Committee meeting be scheduled at Whakaahurangi Marae for 2026; and a rural roadshow be introduced from 2027, with expressions of interest sought early that year.

Recommended Reason
Due to low attendance rates at the Whangamomona rural meeting, it is proposed that the April 2026 meeting not proceed there and instead a Policy & Services Committee meeting be held at Whakaahurangi Marae, strengthening our partnership approach with iwi.

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Moved/Seconded

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report seeks council guidance on the annual council meeting currently scheduled to be in Whangamomona in April 2026. It is proposed that this meeting be moved to the Council Chambers, that a Policy & Services Committee meeting be scheduled at Whakaahurangi Marae, and that a rural roadshow be introduced the following year.

2. Executive Summary

2.1 Council has historically held one meeting per year at the Whangamomona Town Hall. This meeting is a full council meeting providing the opportunity for a public forum to be held prior and is held in April to allow for public consultation on the Long Term or Annual Plan. It proposed a meeting now be held at Whakaahurangi Marae instead.

3. Local Government Act 2002 – Section 10

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

4. Background

4.1 Council has held an annual meeting in the Whangamomona Town Hall since April 2009. This is a full Council meeting that begins with a public forum, providing an opportunity for members of the community to speak directly to Council about matters affecting the area.

4.2 On 11 November 2025, Council adopted the 2025–26 Meeting Schedule, which states that the April Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled to be held in Whangamomona, unless Council decides otherwise at a later date.

5. Consultative Process

5.1 **Public Consultation - Section 82**
Not required.

5.2 **Māori Consultation - Section 81**
Not required.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 The following risk applies:

Reputational and Conduct	Elected Members - Decision Making	IF elected members make significant decisions based on inaccurate/insufficient information, "biased" influences, conflicts of interest not disclosed, or lack of understanding of the financial or legislative impacts, THEN there could be funding access difficulties, audit scrutiny, financial penalties, and/or community distrust in elected members. Potential breach of Local Authorities (Member's Interests) Act 1968, and Councillors may be personally financially liable under S.47 of LGA 2002.

7. Sustainability Consideration

7.1 None.

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?	Yes
What relationship does it have to the communities current and future needs for infrastructure, regulatory functions, or local public services?	Meetings in rural areas enables elected members to see firsthand, and hear directly about, the current and future needs of those communities.

8.2 **Data**
Attendance at the Whangamomona meeting has dwindled, with only two people attending last year and none the year before.

8.3 **Significance**

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

• possible that it could have a high impact on the community?	No	

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

8.4 **Options**

Option 1

The meeting be held in Whangamomona for April 2026.

Option 2

That the April meeting in Whangamomona does not proceed and be held in council chambers instead, and that an appropriate time is identified for a Policy & Services Committee meeting to be held at Whakaahurangi Marae. A Policy & Services meeting is proposed because these meetings consider substantial matters and allow the community to observe this decision-making.

It is further proposed that a rural roadshow be introduced the following year, with expressions of interest sought from elected members and the community in early 2027 for potential locations. A report would then be presented to Council for a decision on locations. This initiative would provide both elected members and the community an opportunity to contribute to determining where future meetings should be held.

8.5 **Financial**

None.

8.6 **Prioritisation & Trade-off**

None.

8.7 **Legal Issues**

None.

8.8 **Policy Issues - Section 80**

There are no policy issues.

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Gareth Hancock
Governance Advisor and Executive Assistant

[Approved by]
Sven Hanne
Chief Executive **Date 4 March 2026**

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STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Our reference
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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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