

I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Council Meeting of the Grey District Council will be held:

Date: Tuesday 28 April 2026
Time: 3:00pm
Venue: Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth

Joanne Soderlund
Chief Executive

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

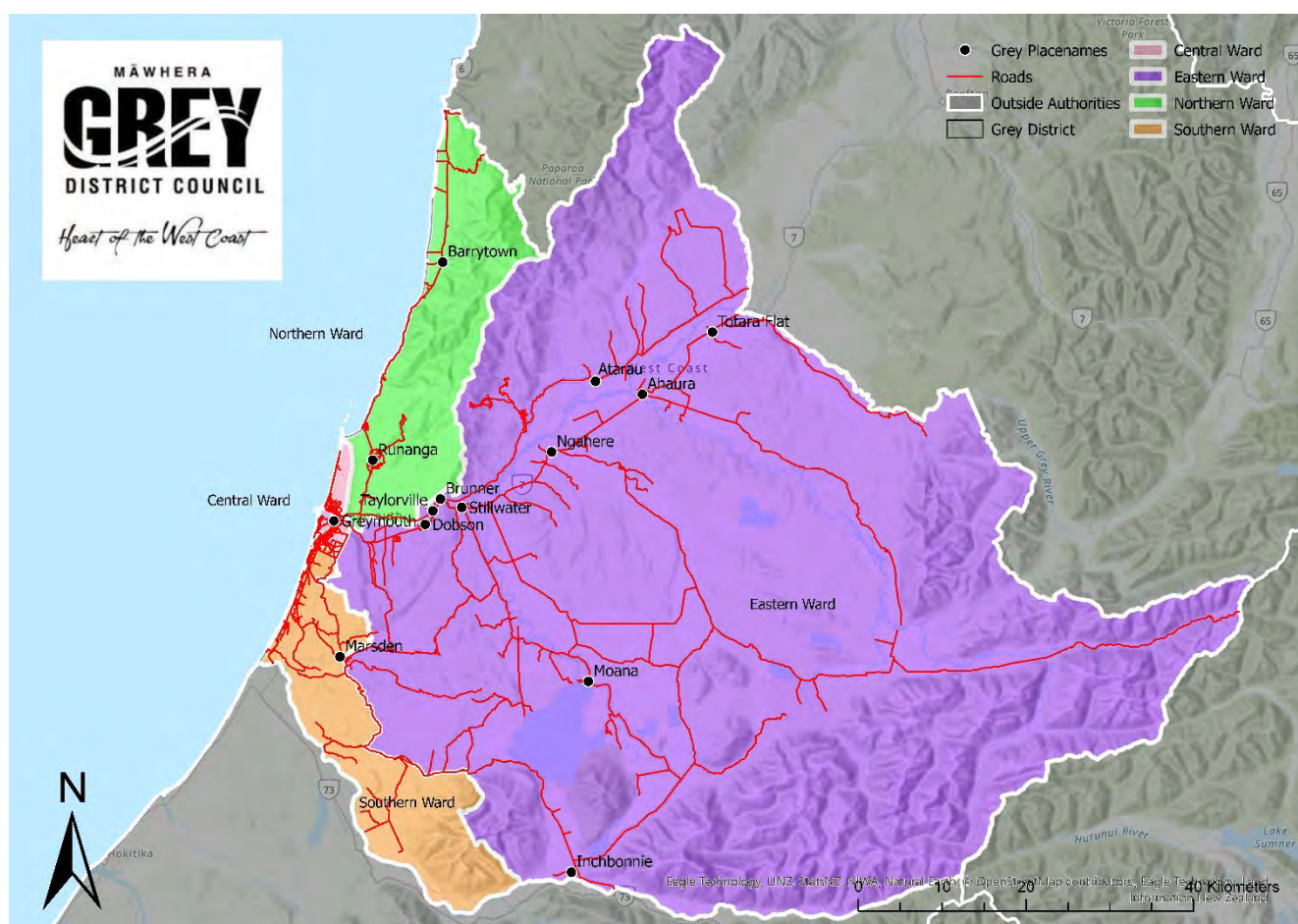
AGENDA

Members:

Mayor: Mayor Tania Gibson
Deputy Mayor: Councillor Allan Gibson
Members: Councillor Paulette Birchfield
Councillor Peter Davy
Councillor Rex MacDonald
Councillor Robert Mallinson
Councillor Tim Mora
Councillor Jack O'Connor
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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL

to be held at Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth on Tuesday 28 April 2026 commencing at 3:00pm

AGENDA

Before Council - Public Forum: 2:30 pm

Note: A period is set aside for the public to speak to Council before the meeting. Members of the public are allocated a time to address the Council on items that fall within delegations of the Council provided the matters are not subject to legal proceedings, and are not already subject to a process providing for the hearing of submissions. Speakers may be questioned through the Chair by members, but questions must be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker(s). Such presentations do not form part of the formal business of the meeting with those requiring further action being referred to the Chief Executive for further reporting at another Council meeting.

Speakers during Council: Nil

COUNCIL IN OPEN MEETING

GENERAL BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

Items not on the agenda for the meeting require a resolution under section 46A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 stating the reasons why the item was not on the agenda and why it cannot be dealt with at a subsequent meeting on the basis of a full agenda item. It is important to note that late items can only be dealt with when special circumstances exist and not as a means of avoiding or frustrating the requirements in the Act relating to notice, agendas, agenda format and content.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MEMBERS' INTERESTS) ACT 1968

Council members are reminded that if he/she has a direct or indirect interest in any item on the agenda be it pecuniary or on grounds of bias and predetermination, then he/she must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item.

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1 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**1.1 APOLOGIES**

Cr Kate Kennedy is on leave of absence from 19/03/26 to 11/05/26

1.2 UPDATES TO THE INTERESTS REGISTER

Elected members to please advise if there are any changes to be made to the current Interests Register.

1.3 IDENTIFY ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS IN THE AGENDA

Notwithstanding that an elected member may declare an interest at any later stage in this Agenda (prior to taking part in the deliberation of a particular item) those items where an interest will be declared may wish to be disclosed now.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 MARCH 2026

SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 March 2026 be confirmed as true and correct.

2.2 RECEIPT OF MINUTES OF THE SPORT NEW ZEALAND RURAL TRAVEL FUND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 18 MARCH 2026

SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Sub-Committee Meeting held on 18 March 2026 be received and noted.

2.3 RECEIPT OF MINUTES OF THE TENDERS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 9 APRIL 2026

SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Tenders Subcommittee Meeting held on 9 April 2026 be received and noted.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL**Held in Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth****on Monday 23 March 2026 commencing at 3.00 pm****PRESENT:**

Mayor Tania Gibson (Chair)

Councillor Allan Gibson (Deputy Mayor), Councillor Paulette Birchfield, Councillor Peter Davy, Councillor Rex MacDonald, Councillor Robert Mallinson, Councillor Tim Mora, Councillor Jack O'Connor

IN ATTENDANCE:

Joanne Soderlund (Chief Executive), Kurtis Perrin-Smith (Group Manager Operations), Kathryn Ruddle (Group Manager Corporate Services), Penny Kirk (Group Manager Community), Peter O'Sullivan (Group Manager Economic Development & Regulatory Services), Emma Topp (Business & Contracts Manager), Nelia Heersink (Community & Recreation Services Manager) Michael McEnaney (Regulatory Manager), Trish Jellyman (Democracy Advisor), Laura Mills (Communication and Engagement Manager), Megan Bourke (Communications Officer), Marina Tomasi (Engagement & Communication Officer), Amie Robinson (Solid Waste Officer) left meeting at 3.49pm, The Media

1 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**1.1 APOLOGIES****APOLOGY****RESOLUTION** OCM 26/03/027**Moved:** Mayor Tania Gibson**Seconded:** Cr Jack O'Connor

That the apologies received from Cr Kate Kennedy and Kw Francois Tumahai be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Carried Unanimously**1.2 UPDATES TO THE INTERESTS REGISTER**

There were no updates to the Interest Register.

1.3 IDENTIFY ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS IN THE AGENDA

Cr MacDonald and Cr Birchfield both signalled that they will be declaring an interest in item 5.11 – West Coast Theatre Trust..

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/028

Moved: Cr Tim Mora

Seconded: Cr Robert Mallinson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 February 2026 be confirmed as true and correct.

Motion Carried

2.2 RECEIPT OF MINUTES OF THE RISK AND ASSURANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 26 FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/029

Moved: Cr Tim Mora

Seconded: Cr Robert Mallinson

That the minutes of the Risk and Assurance Sub-Committee Meeting held on 26 February 2026 be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

2.3 RECEIPT OF MINUTES OF THE TENDERS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 26 FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/030

Moved: Cr Tim Mora

Seconded: Cr Robert Mallinson

That the minutes of the Tenders Subcommittee Meeting held on 26 February 2026 be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

3 LIST OF ACRONYMS USED

Refer page 25 of the agenda.

4 MATTERS UNDER ACTION

4.1 MATTERS UNDER ACTION

Refer page 26 of the agenda.

The GMO advised that options are now being work through for the Nelson Creek Water Supply. He will provide an update to Councillors once further information is to hand.

5 AGENDA ITEMS

L.1 LATE ITEMS:

1. RICHMOND QUAY IMPROVEMENTS
2. ON STREET PARKING - PROPOSED CHANGES
3. PROVISION OF LOAN FUNDING FOR WATER SERVICES COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATION (WSCCO) SETUP AND ESTABLISHMENT COSTS
4. WSCCO CONSTITUTION, SHAREHOLDERS AGREEMENT AND BOARD APPOINTMENT PROCESS.
5. ROAD CLOSURE - WESTLAND CAR RALLY

Refer to page 3 of the late agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/031

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

That Council in accordance with Section 46A (7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act read with Standing Orders 9.12 the following be considered as a late item:

1. Richmond Quay Improvements.
2. On Street Parking – Proposed Changes.
3. Provision of Loan Funding for Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) Setup and Establishment Costs
4. WSCCO Constitution, Shareholders Agreement and Board Appointment process.
5. Road Closure - Westland Car Rally

Against Cr Mallinson

Motion Carried

5.12 RICHMOND QUAY IMPROVEMENTS

Refer page 5 of the late agenda.

Her Worship thanked members of the community who have taken the time to make submissions. 96 submissions were received with 82 of these in support of the proposal to alter part of Richmond Quay as a pedestrian priority street.

Mr Graeme Axford spoke to his submission. He is in agreement with the proposal but would like to see more car parking and more disabled spaces.

Mr Graeme Ford spoke to his submission. He is not in favour of the road being closed as he is concerned that there may be a lack of parking.

Mr Phil McVicar spoke to his submission. He is in favour of the proposed green space area but is concerned about available parking for the disabled as there are three disabled spaces near the current library but only two proposed at the new library.

Her Worship thanked the three speakers.

The GMO advised that options for increasing carparks are being considered.

Cr MacDonald asked if the comments about the grass surface from Fire and Emergency NZ (FENZ) are being investigated to ensure that the surface is hard enough for a fully laden vehicle to use.

The GMO advised that this is being investigated to ensure the area is fit for purpose and if not, then other options will be considered.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/032**Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson****Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson**

That Council:

1. Receives this report, and
2. Thanks the submitters, and
3. Approves the proposal to alter part of Richmond Quay as a pedestrian priority street, with any modification being in line with the requirements of Fire and Emergency New Zealand, and
4. Declares that the area of Richmond Quay identified in the Summary of Proposal be a Pedestrian Mall, and
5. Directs Council staff to investigate options for seating, shade, and accessibility through the upcoming Long Term Plan process.

Carried Unanimously**L.3 WSCCO CONSTITUTION, SHAREHOLDERS AGREEMENT AND BOARD APPOINTMENT PROCESS.**

Refer page 34 of the late agenda.

The CE advised that this report is a late item as staff were waiting for the outcome of Buller District Council's extraordinary meeting prior to proceeding with this report.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/033**Moved: Cr Allan Gibson****Seconded: Cr Robert Mallinson**

That Council:

1. Approves the Shareholders' Agreement for the West Coast Water Services Council Controlled Organisation, as attached as Appendix 1;
2. Approves the Constitution for the West Coast Water Services Council Controlled Organisation, as attached as Appendix 2;
3. Authorise Mayor Tania Gibson and Deputy Mayor Alan Gibson (as Alternate) to execute the Shareholders' Agreement on behalf of the Council and delegate to the Mayor and Chief Executive the power to agree to any minor amendments to the Shareholders' Agreement prior to execution by the Council.
4. Approves the establishment of a joint Director Appointment Subcommittee and delegates to that subcommittee the authority to appoint the Establishment Board of Directors for the WSCCO; and
5. Appoints Mayor Gibson to the joint Director Appointment Subcommittee and confirms the appointment of Francois Tamahai on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae and Paul Madgwick of Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio, and notes that Mayors of Buller and Westland District Councils are to also be appointed by the other Shareholding Councils.

Carried Unanimously**L.4 PROVISION OF LOAN FUNDING FOR WATER SERVICES COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATION (WSCCO) SETUP AND ESTABLISHMENT COSTS.**

Refer page 97 of the late agenda.

The CE advised that not all of the funding may need to be drawn down. She confirmed that this borrowing does not affect Council's debt level.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/034

Moved: Cr Rex MacDonald

Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

That Council:

1. Agrees to fund its share of the setup and establishment costs for the West Coast water services council-controlled organisation via debt up to a limit of \$1.583 million. Noting any interest costs will be passed to the WSCCO along with the balance of any debt drawn down.

Carried Unanimously

5.13 ON-STREET PARKING - PROPOSED CHANGES

Refer page 103 of the late agenda.

Discussion took place on parking options in the CBD, as well as the scope of the consultation and parking wardens.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/035

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

1. Receives the report.
2. Approves the Statement of Proposal for changes to on-street parking to go out for public consultation for a period of one month.
3. Notes that final changes will come back to Council for approval as per the Traffic and Parking Enforcement Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

L.6 ROAD CLOSURE - WESTLAND CAR RALLY

Refer page 116 of the late agenda.

Her Worship stated that this year is the 50th anniversary of this event and the event is massive for the accommodation and hospitality sector. She stated this is a huge event for the district.

Cr Gibson stated that the organisers have always ensured that the road is open for emergency vehicles and they are able to stop the event at any time. He stated this was one of the first rallies ever held in New Zealand.

Cr O'Connor stated that this event is a win win all round and is very good for economic development.

The GMO confirmed that a formal MOU is in place for the rally which will mitigate any areas of concern.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/036

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

That Council

1. Approves the temporary closure of the following roads to ordinary vehicular traffic for the purposes of the Westland Car Rally on 28 March 2026, during the periods specified in the approved Traffic Management Plan, pursuant to section 342(1)(b) and Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974:
 - (a) Kotuku Bell Hill Road (RP 0.600 to RP 10.100)
 - (b) Bell Hill Road (RP 0.300 to RP 10.760)
 - (c) Kumara Inchbonnie Road (Greenstone Bridge to Rothery Road intersection).
2. Notes that one objection was received and has been considered alongside the mitigation measures proposed by the organiser and Council officers.
3. Approves the closure subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) A Traffic Management Plan approved by the Road Controlling Authority is in place prior to the closure.
 - (b) Emergency services access is maintained at all times, in accordance with agreed protocols.
 - (c) The organiser undertakes direct communication with affected residents prior to the event, including confirmation of closure times, access arrangements, and emergency contact details.
 - (d) Statutory public notification requirements are met.
 - (e) Council officers are authorised to finalise operational details and implement the closure.
 - (f) Pre-event and post-event road condition inspections are undertaken by Council staff, with the organiser invited to attend.
 - (g) Any event-related road damage (including ruts and gravel displacement) is reinstated by the organiser, at their cost, to the satisfaction of the Road Controlling Authority.

Carried Unanimously

5.1 MAYOR'S UPDATE

Refer page 27 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/037

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Rex MacDonald

1. That the Mayor's activity report for the month of February 2026 be received.

Carried Unanimously

5.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UPDATE

Refer page 30 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/038

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

1. That the Chief Executive's update for the period 1 – 28 February 2026 be received.

Carried Unanimously

5.3 COMMUNITY REPORT

Refer page 33 of the agenda.

Her Worship congratulated Council's Mayors Taskforce for Jobs team who were ranked 4th in the country but have now moved up to 3rd place. She stated that it is pleasing to see that the team have been offered an extra tranche of funding as a result of their continued success.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/039

Moved: Cr Jack O'Connor

Seconded: Cr Paulette Birchfield

That Council:

1. Receives the Community Report and notes the content herein.

Carried Unanimously

5.4 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Refer page 45 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/040

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

That Council:

1. Receives the report and notes the contents.

Carried Unanimously

5.5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT

Refer page 59 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/041

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

That Council:

1. Receives the report and notes the content herein.

Carried Unanimously

5.6 OPERATIONS GROUP REPORT

Refer page 69 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/042

Moved: Cr Jack O'Connor

Seconded: Cr Robert Mallinson

That Council:

1. Receives the report and notes the content.

Carried Unanimously

5.7 CAPITAL DELIVERY PROGRAMME 2025/26 - PROGRESS UPDATE

Refer page 84 of the agenda.

The GMO advised that other options are currently being looked at to support the team as extra help may be needed in order to keep the programme on track.

Cr Mallinson stated that he is very pleased with this report and noted the improved reporting.

The GMO advised that a paper on the CBD capacity investigation is likely to come to Council once the assessment reports have been reviewed as this will rely on discussions with property owners.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/043

Moved: Cr Jack O'Connor

Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

That Council:

1. Receives this report and notes the content.

Carried Unanimously

5.8 NAMING OF UNNAMED ROADS - CONSULTATION DIRECTION

Refer page 90 of the agenda.

Cr Gibson commented that both proposed names are very fitting.

The GMC clarified how historic investigations around the selecting of appropriate names is carried out.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/044

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

That Council:

1. Receives this report.
2. Instructs staff to proceed with the two-week targeted consultation process as outlined, and report back to Council on the outcome of the consultation process, for Council to decide on the road naming.

Carried Unanimously

5.9 ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN FOR 2027-2037 LONG TERM PLAN

Refer page 96 of the agenda.

Her Worship thanked the Corporate and Strategic Planning Manager for her excellent work. She stated that it is great to see this being done in house.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/045

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson

Seconded: Cr Peter Davy

That Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Notes the Environmental Scan for 2027-2037 Long Term Plan.

Carried Unanimously

5.10 RATES REVIEW

Refer page 99 of the agenda.

Her Worship stated that a rates review will cost ratepayers money and at this stage Council does not have capacity within its resources to do this while staff are working on other reforms such as Local Water Done Well. It was agreed that while Council supports a rates review, now is not the right time to do this.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/046

Moved: Cr Tim Mora

Seconded: Cr Rex MacDonald

That Council:

1. Receives the report; and
2. Notes the current environment Council is operating in and agrees that now is not the right time to undertake a rates review; and
3. Commits to undertaking a full rates review when there is certainty around the current government reforms and their impact on local government.

Carried Unanimously

5.11 WEST COAST THEATRE TRUST

Refer page 112 of the agenda.

Crs MacDonald and Birchfield both declared an interest and took no further part in the discussion or decision and both left the room.

Discussion took place on the role of the Regent Theatre and the role it plays in the community.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/047

Moved: Mayor Gibson

Seconded: Cr Peter Davy

That Council:

1. That Council receives the report.

Moved: Cr Robert Mallinson

Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

That Council:

2. Approves a funding grant of \$50,000 to the West Coast Theatre Trust to be included in the 2026-2027 Annual Plan.

Carried Unanimously

6 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

6.1 DOCUMENTS EXECUTED UNDER THE COMMON SEAL OF COUNCIL

Refer page 120 of the agenda.

Cr O'Connor declared an interest as he is a member of the West Coast Cricket Association.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/048

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

That the following documents be executed under the Common Seal of the Council:

1. Deed of Variation of Lease of Council Reserve Land between Grey District Council and the West Coast Cricket Association for the Harbour Endowment Reserve known as Part Reserve 1779 (LINZ Parcel No. 3688903 and Part Reserve 1426 (LINZ Parcel 3689619) known as Arthur Fong Park.
2. Deed of Variation of Lease of Council Reserve Land between Grey District Council and Blaketown Rugby Football Club Incorporated for the Harbour Endowment Reserve known as Part Reserve 1779 (Authority Parcel No. 9984 & 9987) and Part Reserve 1806 (Authority Parcel No. 9730) and Part Reserve 1426 known as McLean Park.

Carried Unanimously

7 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

7.1 RECEIPT OF MINUTES FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Refer page 121 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/049

Moved: Cr Rex MacDonald

Seconded: Cr Jack O'Connor

That

The Minutes of the following outside organisations be received:

1. Minutes of the meeting of the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee held on 10 February 2025.
2. Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee held on 17 February 2026.
3. Minutes of the meeting of the West Coast Emergency Management Joint Committee held on 20 November 2025.

Carried Unanimously

8 IN COMMITTEE ITEMS

That the public is excluded from this part of the meeting in relation to:

Agenda items 8.1 – 8.4

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:

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/050

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
8.1 - CONFIRMATION OF IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2026	s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
8.2 - RECEIPT OF IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE RISK AND ASSURANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 26 FEBRUARY 2026	s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
8.3 - RECEIPT OF IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE TENDERS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 26 FEBRUARY 2026	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

8.4 - IN COMMITTEE MATTERS UNDER ACTION IN COMMITTEE	s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
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Carried Unanimously

9 COUNCIL RESUME IN OPEN MEETING

CLOSURE OR RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS IN OPEN MEETING.

The meeting concluded at 4.11 pm.

Confirmed

T Gibson

Chairperson

_____/_____/_____
Date

MINUTES OF THE SPORT NEW ZEALAND RURAL TRAVEL FUND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Held in Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth
on Wednesday 18 March 2026 commencing at 4.30pm**

PRESENT: Cr Tim Mora (Chair)

Councillor Jack O'Connor, Councillor Kate Kennedy, Ms Maddy Crawford

IN ATTENDANCE: Marina Tomasi (Engagement & Communications Officer), Laura Mills (Communications & Engagement Manager), Trish Jellyman (Democracy Advisor)

1 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SRTF 26/03/001

Moved: Cr Jack O'Connor

Seconded: Cr Kate Kennedy

That the apology received from Mrs Anna Thompson be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Carried Unanimously

1.2 UPDATES TO THE INTERESTS REGISTER

There were no updates to the Interest Register.

1.3 IDENTIFY ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS IN THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

1.4 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE SPORT NEW ZEALAND RURAL TRAVEL FUND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SRTF 26/03/002

Moved: Cr Jack O'Connor

Seconded: Cr Kate Kennedy

That the minutes of the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Sub-Committee Meeting held on 8 October 2025 be confirmed as true and correct.

Carried Unanimously

3 AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 SPORT NEW ZEALAND RURAL TRAVEL FUND 2025-26 FUNDING ROUND 2 (MARCH 2026)

Refer page 11 of the agenda.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Ms Maddy Crawford

Seconded: Cr Kate Kennedy

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Sub-Committee Meeting notes and receives the above three funding applications.

Moved: Cr Tim Mora

Seconded: Ms Maddy Crawford

3. That the Sub Committee decides on the applications from the applicants below and confirm how much each applicant is granted.
 1. Lake Brunner School \$2,000
 2. Blaketown Rugby Club \$1,611.00
 3. Grey Valley Netball Club \$1,000.00

The following speaker addressed the meeting.

Lake Brunner School:

The Chairman welcomed Amanda Bailey, Principal of Lake Brunner School, to the meeting. She was accompanied by Hazel and Kyah. They spoke to a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions.

Cr O'Connor commented that there are only four pupils from the township itself with the rest of pupils coming from other areas such as Otira and Rotomanu. He stated that the main reason for this fund is to accommodate travel for these locations.

Ms Bailey stated that they are hoping to use the funds for both basketball and touch rugby.

The speaker left the meeting and applications were discussed as follows:

1. Lake Brunner School

Refer page 14 of the agenda.

Ms Crawford stated that it is good to see that training has already started for both sports.

Cr O'Connor noted that there is a lot of travel from Otira and Moana and then into town.

2. Blaketown Rugby Football Club Juniors

Refer page 24 of the agenda.

It was noted that this club applied for the same amount last funding round.

Ms Crawford stated that it is great to see more females becoming involved in this sport. She stated that rugby in general is more financial than other sports clubs.

Cr O'Connor stated that there is a lot of travel for this club to areas such as South Westland.

Cr Kennedy stated that this club is very consistent with their funding applications.

3. Grey Valley Netball Club

Refer page 42 of the agenda.

Ms Crawford stated this club is new with a mix of adults and entry level age groups. She stated that it is great to see this club re-establishing.

Cr O'Connor stated this is a rurally based team and it is pleasing to see more teams coming into town from the Grey Valley.

Cr Mora commented that in view of this being a new club, they will have a lot of travel.

The meeting concluded at 5.06 pm

Confirmed

T Mora

Chairperson

____/____/____
Date

MINUTES OF THE TENDERS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL**Held in Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth****on Thursday 9 April 2026 commencing at 4.00pm**

PRESENT: Cr Allan Gibson (Chair)
Mayor Tania Gibson (Deputy Chair), Councillor Robert Mallinson, Councillor Rex MacDonald, Councillor Peter Davy

IN ATTENDANCE: Joanne Soderlund (Chief Executive), Ayush Yadav (Senior Utilities & Infrastructure Engineer), Paddy Blanchfield (Transport & Infrastructure Manager), Ranjish Jayaraman (Senior Transport & Infrastructure Engineer), Emma Topp (Business & Contracts Manager), Trish Jellyman (Democracy Advisor)

1 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**1.1 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

1.2 UPDATES TO THE INTERESTS REGISTER

There were no updates to the Interest Register.

1.3 IDENTIFY ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS IN THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

1.4 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**2.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE TENDERS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2026**

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TC 26/04/010

Moved: Cr Robert Mallinson

Seconded: Cr Rex MacDonald

That the minutes of the Tenders Subcommittee Meeting held on 26 February 2026 be confirmed as true and correct.

Carried Unanimously

3 IN COMMITTEE ITEMS

That the public is excluded from this part of the meeting in relation to:

Agenda items 3.1, 3.2 & 3.3

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:

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TC 26/04/011

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson

Seconded: Cr Rex MacDonald

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
3.1 - CONFIRMATION OF IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF TENDERS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2026	s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
3.2 - 2025-26-21 - MURRAY STREET STORMWATER RENEWAL	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

	disadvantage, commercial activities s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	
3.3 - 2022-23-12 BRIDGE & STRUCTURES ASSET MANAGEMENT SERVICES - CONTRACT EXTENSION	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

Carried Unanimously

4 SUB-COMMITTEE RESUMES IN OPEN MEETING

CLOSURE OR RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS IN OPEN MEETING.

2025-26-21 - Murray Street Stormwater Renewal

- Based on the NZTA Price Quality Method, which prescribes the pricing evaluation method and Conditions of Tendering, Tru-Line Civil Limited, be awarded the tender, for the sum of \$295,152.00 excluding GST.

2022-23-12 Bridge & Structures Asset Management Services - Contract Extension

- Through delegated authority to the Tenders Sub-committee, the two-year extension of the Bridges and Structures Asset Management Services contract, to WSP New Zealand Limited, is confirmed.

The meeting concluded at 4.11pm.

Confirmed

A Gibson
Chairperson

_____/_____/_____

Date

UNCONFIRMED

3 LIST OF ACRONYMS USED

BCA	Building Consent Authority	LGOIMA	Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act
BCO	Building Control Officer	LGNZ	Local Government New Zealand
CCC	Code Compliance Certificate	LTP	Long Term Plan
CSO	Customer Services Officer	LVT	Land Valuation Tribunal
CDEM	Civil Defence Emergency Management	MBIE	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
CDEMG	Civil Defence Emergency Management Group	MCDEM	Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management
CEC	Community Emergency Centre	MDI	Major District Initiative
CEG	Co-ordinating Executive Group	MOH	Ministry of Health
CIMS	Co-ordinated Incident Management System	NBS	New Building Strength
CPEng	Chartered Professional 'Engineer'	NGO	Non-Government Organisation
DEE	Detailed Engineering Evaluation	NZFS	New Zealand Fire Service
DHB	District Health Board	NZQA	New Zealand Qualifications Authority
DIA	Department of Internal Affairs	NZTA	New Zealand Transport Authority
DOC	Department of Conservation	OAG	Office of the Auditor General
DWC	Development West Coast	OSH	Occupational Safety & Health
EMIS	Emergency Incident Management System	PHO	Primary Health Organisation
EDLG	Economic Development Liaison Group	PDU	Provincial Development Unit
EOC	Emergency Operations Centre	PGF	Provincial Growth Fund
EMO	Emergency Management Officer	PIM	Project Information Memorandum
GPS	Global Positioning System	PCBU	Person conducting a business or undertaking
HSNO	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms	RC	Resource Consent
HSR	Health and Safety Representative	RMA	Resource Management Act
HSWA	Health and Safety at Work Act 2015	SCADA	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
IAP	Incident Action Plan	SO	Standing Orders
IEP	Initial Evaluation Procedure	SOLGM	Society of Local Government Managers
IQP	Independent Qualified Person	SH	State Highway
LGA	Local Government Act	SNA	Significant Natural Area
LIM	Land Information Memorandum	TECNZ	Tourism Export Council of New Zealand
LINZ	Land Information New Zealand	TLA/TA	Territorial Local Authority
		WAG	Welfare Advisory Group

4 MATTERS UNDER ACTION

4.1 MATTERS UNDER ACTION

File Number:

Report Author: Democracy Advisor

Report Authoriser: Chief Executive

Appendices: Nil

Meeting Date	Reference	Subject	Update
11 February 2019	19/02/484	R9/1: Application for Road Closure and purchase of road reserve: LINZ Parcel ID 3701440 adjoining Section 1 SO11661 Nelson Creek	17/4/25: CE met with applicant on 26 March 2025. Waiting for applicant to confirm next steps.
11 December 2024	11/12/015	Runanga Reserve Land Classification	24/02/26: Trust to review response from Solicitor.
25 August 2025	25/08/087	Landfill Financial Assistance Fund 2025-2026 Financial Year	16/09/25: Investigate Funding Criteria and its alignment with the WMMP objectives and report back to Council with improvements. 16/0p4/2026: Work on drafting of funding criteria with other departments is in progress.
23 February 2026	26/02/088	Nelson Creek Community Water Supply	21/04/2026: Pricing has been received for parts and consumables from the UV supplier. Further investigations are still to be undertaken by staff to reinstate the existing treatment system and likely costs to ensure compliance with the new drinking water quality assurance rules.
23 February 2026	26/02/021	Keith Road Playground Redevelopment Project, Paroa – Stage 2	21/04/26: Landscaping, concrete pad, picnic tables, bike stands and small shelter has now been approved. A meeting to discuss fencing along Keith Road and Clough Road frontages to be arranged.
23 March 2026	26/03/035	On- Street Parking-Proposed Changes	21/04/2026: Investigations and parking design around the new library have been completed and now include an additional accessible car park.

Confirmation of Statutory Compliance

Compliance with Statutory Decision-making Requirements (ss 76 - 81 Local Government Act 2002). This report contains:

- (i) sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
 - (ii) adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons bearing in mind any proposed or previous community engagement.
- (b) The information reflects the level of significance of the matters covered by the report, as determined in accordance with the Council's significance and engagement policy.

5 AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 OUTCOME OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION: NGAHERE AREA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND - USE OF MONIES TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS NGAHERE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

File Number:

Report Author: Executive Officer

Report Authoriser: Chief Executive

Appendices:

1. Letter to Community Seeking Support for Funding from the Ngahere Area Infrastructure Fund
2. Feedback Form Comments

1. REPORT PURPOSE

- 1.1. A decision from Council, based on recent consultation with ratepayers in the Ngahere census area, on whether to approve the application from the Ngahere Community Services Group for funding of \$69,133.25 to be released from the Ngahere Area Infrastructure Reserve Fund.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1. Council received a request from the Ngahere Community Services Group applying for funds amounting to \$69,133.25 from the Ngahere Area Infrastructure Reserve Fund.
- 2.2. If approved, the funds will be used to enable various projects to be competed including an upgrade the Ngahere Tennis Courts, installation of a new playground and new signage at either end of the village.
- 2.3. A letter outlining the proposed work was sent to ratepayers in the Ngahere census area. Approximately 109 letters were sent out and 36 responses were received. 34 (94%) responses support approving the application for funding from the Ngahere Area Infrastructure Reserve and 2 (6%) were against.

3. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council considers the submissions received and;

1. Council approves the Ngahere Community Services Association's request for \$69,133.25 from the Ngahere Area Infrastructure Reserve.

OR

2. Council declines the Ngahere Community Services Association's request for funding of \$69,133.25 from the Ngahere Infrastructure Reserve.

4. BACKGROUND

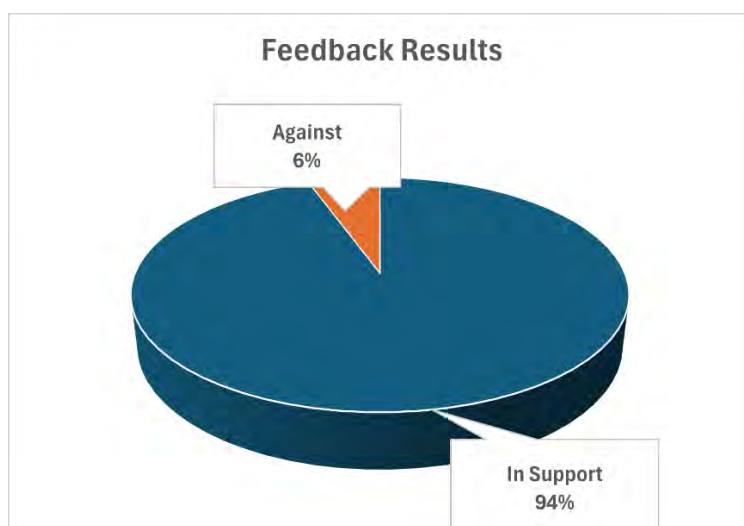
- 4.1. Some years ago, Council allocated \$1 million of the \$7 million economic development fund received from the Crown as part of the indigenous logging settlement towards promoting economic development. The balance, plus interest, was divided up amongst different areas of our district (this was done based on population using the Statistics New Zealand census areas (area units). This request relates to the reserve fund for the Ngahere area.

- 4.2. Projects which develop/improve infrastructure in the Ngahere Area can be considered for funding from the Area Infrastructure Fund. The community must be made aware of any application and asked to indicate whether they approve the funds being used for the project. There must be sufficient community support and the majority of ratepayers that vote must be in favour of the funds being spent on the project proposed.
- 4.3. Council has received a request from Ngahere residents applying for funds amounting to \$69,133.25 from the Ngahere Area Infrastructure Reserve Fund. The current balance of the fund is approximately \$239,000, with interest yet to be allocated.
- 4.4. The Ngahere Community Services Group identified a number of projects that once completed, would improve infrastructure, provide benefits to the community and enhance the visual aspects of the village.
- 4.5. The Community Services Group Chairman, Mr Murray Hay advises that the community have been kept informed via the community newsletter about the projects the Group are seeking funding for. A letter outlining the proposed work was also sent to ratepayers in the Ngahere census area with a summary of the projects detailed as follows:
 - Rejuvenation of the tennis courts including cleaning of the playing surface, installing a donated basketball hoop and back-board and repainting the tennis court lines.
 - Installation of a new playground.
 - Repairs and maintenance to the current bike shed.
 - Making the northern and southern entrances to the village more attractive by the addition of appropriate signage and a mural.

It is noted that the majority of the funding requested is to be used for the purpose of materials with most of the labour being undertaken by community volunteers.

A copy of the letter sent to the community is attached as Appendix 1.

- 4.6. 109 letters were sent out and 36 responses were received, a return rate of approx. 39%. Of the returns 34 (94%) were in support of using the funds and 2 (6%) were against.
- 4.7. The Chairman of the Ngahere Community Services Group has advised he would like to speak in support of the Group's application.
- 4.8. The majority of responses clearly support using the funds to complete the projects outlined in the proposal. A full list of the comments received is attached as Appendix 2.



5. OPTIONS

- 5.1. Although the return rate was only 39%, the results do show a clear majority in support of the application for funds of \$69,133.25 being granted from the Ngahere Infrastructure Fund and Option 1 is recommended:
 - 5.1.1. **Option 1:** Based on feedback received, approve funding of \$69,133.25 to enable the Ngahere Community Services Group to complete the proposed projects, payable upon receipt of invoices.
 - 5.1.2. **Option 2:** The funding request be declined on the basis the feedback return rate was lower than desirable.

6. CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1. Legal and Legislative Implications
 - 6.1.1. None of note.
- 6.2. Financial
 - 6.2.1. The Infrastructure Reserve Fund is held by Council for the community's use. It is not available for Council projects and therefore will not affect Council's financial position.
- 6.3. Existing Policy and Strategy Implications
 - 6.3.1. N/A
- 6.4. Fit with Purpose of Local Government Statement
 - 6.4.1. N/A
- 6.5. Effects on Manawhenua
 - 6.5.1. N/A

6.6. Significance and Engagement

6.6.1.

Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
Is there a high level of public interest, or is decision likely to be controversial?	Low	Relates only to the ratepayers in the Ngahere Area
Is there a significant impact arising from duration of the effects from the decision?	Low	Refer report
Does the decision relate to a strategic asset? (refer Significance and Engagement Policy for list of strategic assets)	No	N/A
Does the decision create a substantial change in the level of service provided by Council?	No	N/A
Does the proposal, activity or decision substantially affect debt, rates or Council finances in any one year or more of the LTP?	No	N/A
Does the decision involve the sale of a substantial proportion or controlling interest in a CCO or CCTO?	No	N/A
Does the proposal or decision involve entry into a private sector partnership or contract to carry out the deliver on any Council group of activities?	No	N/A
Does the proposal or decision involve Council exiting from or entering into a group of activities?	No	N/A

6.7. Community Wellbeings and Outcomes

6.7.1. The proposed projects will provide much improved facilities for the community and others to use and enjoy. The proposal will also enhance the visual aspects of the village making it a more desirable and welcoming place to reside or visit.

6.8. Other

6.8.1. N/A.

7. CONCLUSIONS

7.1. Although the return rate of the feedback form could be considered low, of the 39% who voted, there was clear support that the proposal would make good use of the Infrastructure Funds and the request should be approved.

8. NEXT STEPS

- 8.1. Advise the Ngahere Community Services Group of Council's decision.
- 8.2. Report back to any submitters requiring response.

Confirmation of Statutory Compliance

Compliance with Statutory Decision-making Requirements (ss 76 - 81 Local Government Act 2002).

- (a) This report contains:
 - (i) sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
 - (ii) adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons bearing in mind any proposed or previous community engagement.
- (b) The information reflects the level of significance of the matters covered by the report, as determined in accordance with the Council's significance and engagement policy.



23 February 2026

REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK:

USE OF NGAHERE AREA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND MONIES TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS NGAHERE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

NOTE: This letter has been sent to you as the ratepayer of the following property in the *Ngahere census area* (one letter sent per rates assessment):

Rates Assessment Number:

Property Address:

Background

Council has been approached by the Ngahere Community Services Group with a request for funds from the Ngahere Area Infrastructure Fund. Funding to the value of \$69,133.25 is requested, to enable a number of projects to be completed. An outline of the proposed projects is included in the attached letter from the Ngahere Community Services Group and these include upgrading the tennis court area and installation of a new playground and new signage to improve the entrances to the township. A copy of the request outlining the project is attached.

Council's current policy states projects which develop/improve infrastructure in the Ngahere area can be considered for funding and the community asked for their preference. Therefore, the purpose of this letter is to ask the Ngahere community if they are in approval of money from the Ngahere Area Infrastructure Fund being used for the proposed projects.

Infrastructure Fund History

Some years ago, Council allocated \$1 million of the \$7 million economic development fund received from the Crown as part of the indigenous logging settlement towards promoting economic development. The balance, plus interest, was divided up amongst different areas of our district (this was done based on population using the Statistics New Zealand census areas (area units).

The current balance of the **Ngahere Area Infrastructure Fund** is approximately **\$239,000** with interest to be added.

Reason for Consultation

Council will not release funds from the Ngahere Area Infrastructure Fund unless there is sufficient community support. Council has decided that the **majority of ratepayers that vote** must be in favour of the funds being spent on this project.

Mr Murray Hay, Chairman of the Ngahere Community Services Group can be contacted for questions specifically related to the project. Refer letter attached for his details.

What is the Project?

Project	Funds Requested	Funded From
Upgrade to tennis courts and surrounding area; installation of new playground; signage	<u>\$69,133.25</u>	Ngahere Area Infrastructure Fund

Options

1. Use **\$69,133.25** from the **Ngahere Area Infrastructure Fund** to contribute towards costs associated with projects to upgrade the Ngahere tennis courts area, new playground and township entrance signage.

OR

2. Not use the **Ngahere Area Infrastructure Fund** to contribute towards costs associated with projects to upgrade the Ngahere tennis courts area, new playground and township entrance signage.

Timeline

The funds cannot be released unless there is the required community support. Please complete the attached form and return it to Council no later than **4pm on Friday 27 March 2026** by -

- **Email:** Send a scan or photo of the completed form to info@greydc.govt.nz
- **Post:** Use the enclosed pre-paid envelope to mail your form.

We look forward to receiving your feedback.



Joanne Soderlund
Chief Executive

Proposal

The CEO
Grey District Council
105 Tainui street
Greymouth

Dear Joanne

We are writing on behalf of the Ngahere Community Services Group to ask if you can potentially release some funding for various projects we have been working on within the Ngahere area please.

Following on from the application this time last year from the Nelson Creek committee who asked you to consult with the Ngahere community on releasing funds from the Ngahere Infrastructure Reserve Fund for the purpose to have a new community Centre built in Nelson Creek.

As you will be aware the Ngahere community voted against their application and Council subsequently voted against releasing the Ngahere Area Reserve funds for that particular project.

The Ngahere Residents subsequently had a meeting to discuss potential projects, that may qualify for funding to be released from the Ngahere Area Infrastructure Reserve Funds.

Project 1,

To rejuvenate the tennis courts, by cleaning of the playing surface, putting in a donated basketball hoop and back board, repainting the tennis court lines, repairing an existing older building, which according to older residents was used as a bike shed, that can also be used to shelter from the elements, Dulux New Zealand has kindly donated paint to enhance this repaired building with a fresh new look.

tidying up the existing fence line, and pruning of some vegetation, the area is now being regularly mown by a local volunteer.

Most of this can be done by locals voluntarily.

To date we have spent the sum of \$883.25 to provide some of the building materials for the repairs to the bike shelter / shed.

There has also been more timber kindly donated by the local Timber yard Westimber.

I am in talks with the Mens shed organisation either to have new picnic tables made, or to repair the existing picnic tables.

Little or no cost involved in this.

note that the tennis court area has an old swing set that in its entirety forms a children's play ground and is adjacent to the Fire Station.

Our vision is to upgrade the play ground equipment and further to this we have had a quote from a certified playground equipment provider to supply and install a brand new set of playground equipment suitable for mixed ages of children.

Project 2,

It was suggested we could make the Northern and Southern entrances to our town more attractive with appropriate signage welcoming people to our little town as they pass through.

To this I have had quotes from two sign providers, both are similar in cost,

This would be subject to approval from NZTA.

We are working with NZTA at present to help us navigate our way through gaining resource consents, and finding appropriate areas for the signs, we are on the advice of NZTA most likely looking at road reserve being the more feasible option.

So funding to purchase and install the new playground equipment	\$57,900.00 GST incl.
To carry out repairs and maintenance to the bike shed	\$ 883.25 GST incl.
To provide and erect two signs, welcome to Ngahere on the front, it is estimated to cost around	\$ 8,500.00 GST incl.
We would like to repaint the lines to the tennis courts and new basketball hoop, this would be done by the community by way of working bees.	
To purchase line / road marking paint and 30 seconds spray and walk away type product	\$ 650.00 GST incl.
We have been in discussion with an artist who has been working with me to paint a mural on the Northern side corrugated iron fence. Her estimated costs involved including travel and materials, is note she doesn't charge for her time normally, so no labour costs.	\$ 1,200.00 GST incl.

So we would ask you to again consult with the Ngahere community if required for the amount of \$69,133.25, this being for the above mentioned projects we would like to do to enhance our town for the benefit of both locals and visitors. This would be of course on receipt of invoices received up to this amount.

I can come and discuss further with both yourself and her worship the Mayor, if required and am happy to speak to this in a Council meeting if it gets that far. Obviously if the rate payers don't support this application when you consult them, then quite simply the work won't happen. We have a small amount of savings in our bank account but no where near enough to proceed if we don't receive the support of the community.

We are a Ngahere community group trying to enhance our town, and the help and support of Council to help us achieve our vision is very much appreciated. It is hoped that we can get the support of our rate paying community and get the whole area behind this application.

Kind Regards

Murray Hay
Chairman of the Ngahere Community Services Group
027 6644369

RESPONSE FORM

CONSULTATION ON USE OF NGAHERE AREA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS NGAHERE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

I/WE elect the following (please *tick* the box for either option 1 or 2)

1. The Ngahere Area Infrastructure Fund **BE USED** to fund costs of **\$69,133.25** associated with projects including upgrading the Ngahere tennis courts and surrounding area; new playground; township entrance signage.

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OR

2. The Ngahere Area Infrastructure Fund **NOT BE USED** to fund costs associated with projects including upgrading the Ngahere tennis courts and surrounding area; new playground; township entrance signage.

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Further Comment:

I wish to speak at the Council meeting in support of this submission (tick)

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SIGNED _____

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

**Please return this form in the envelope provided or,
email to info@greydc.govt.nz
CLOSING DATE: [FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2026] AT 4PM**

Appendix 2

Application for Monies from the Ngahere Area Infrastructure Fund for community projects: Feedback Form Comments	
In favour	Comments
Yes	Fantastic ideas to tidy up and improve our somewhat untidy looking town. Signage at both ends of Ngahere is good, as this also will enhance our wee community. The voluntary work already carried out has brightened up the courts for the kids. Great effort team.
Yes	It will be good to use this money for something positive for the community.
Yes	As volunteer of lawn mowing and gardening of tennis court, playground and fire station I, on behalf of my mother-in-law would love to see all of the improvements commenced ASAP to Ngahere township.
Yes	We feel that the funds be used in Ngahere for the tennis courts play area and equipment i.e. swings, seesaws etc. A lot of young children come to play when their parents are at the garage getting warrants, repairs etc. If any funds are left over they may use the surplus in the Nelson Creek camping ground play area as a lot of Ngahere people use the hotel and visit the grounds while there.
Yes	Would be good to tidy/re-erect all tall fences around tennis courts.
Yes	Can we have input/information about the mural.
Yes	Such fantastic ideas for development have been put forward. Fingers crossed this awesome little community gets behind it and supports this all the way.
No	I believe some things should be done as in the tennis courts. I am a volunteer firefighter at Ngahere and would like to see them think about where they are going to go in a state of emergency they were against helping with a new civil defence at Nelson Creek they have nowhere as the fire station will be for our priority as a fire service. The children of Ngahere spend their summers at Nelson Creek. We were one community so why do they want to split us now.
Yes	Good to see something being done.
Yes	Small rural community need support.

5.2 MAYOR'S UPDATE

File Number:**Report Author:** Mayor Tania Gibson**Report Authoriser:** Chief Executive**Appendices:** Nil

1. REPORT PURPOSE

- 1.1. To provide an update of the Mayor's activity for the month of March 2026.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1. I will begin this report with the good news received during the month from the Government that Tai Poutini Polytechnic will be retained. This will sit under the Open Polytechnic, but the campus here will continue to deliver practical training. This means that tertiary training opportunities will continue to be available here on the Coast and this is vital in supporting our youth and others wanting to retrain or upskill so they remain on the Coast and are available for the various employment opportunities arising from new business developments, in particular mining. A note of thanks must go to all members of the Stakeholders group who fought hard to achieve this outcome.
- 2.2. NZ First members, Hon Winston Peters, Hon Shane Jones, Mark Patterson and Jamie Arbuckle have spent time on the Coast and I attended public forums held in Blackball and Westport. They were also quite visible out and about in Greymouth and this provided a good opportunity for more informal discussion. While here they announced that former Buller Mayor, Jamie Cleine, was the West Coast-Tasman candidate for the upcoming election. Other very welcome news was the potential for 50% of royalties from the minerals sector to come back to the Coast. Work on this proposal is still needed to get it finalised and across the line but is something MCI have been working on for some time and if successful, would be a valuable income boost for larger infrastructure projects.
- 2.3. During the month I met over breakfast with Sam MacDonald, Development West Coast Chair and who is also the DWC representative for West Coast councils. These regular meetings are very useful, for discussion on topical matters and ongoing strategic development for the Coast.
- 2.4. This month marked 130 years commemoration of the Brunner Mine disaster. A lot of work had gone into the preparation of this memorial event with Cr Gibson being fully involved. Although a miserable wet day, there was good attendance from the public including some direct descendants of those killed as well as significant participation from local schools. Cr Mallinson and I joined Cr Gibson in attending this occasion.
- 2.5. Our Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) continues to deliver positive outcomes and Grey District is now placed third in the country for placement of youth into jobs. This is a great achievement and our two staff must be commended on their dedication and hard work.
- 2.6. Local Water Done Well (LWDW) continues to progress with West Coast WSCCO Mayors, Iwi Leads and the Steering Group having regular monthly online meetings. The process of Board appointments is now getting underway with the three Mayors having full involvement in this process.
- 2.7. In response to a recommendation from a local business, a letter of appreciation was sent to Nigel Todd, acknowledging his voluntary work picking up litter after he finishes work most days.

3. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1** That the Mayor's activity report for the month of March 2026 be received.

4. MAYORAL ACTIVITY SUMMARY

- 4.1. 2 March: Regular meeting with the CE; meeting with a resident for a general chat on district matters; The GM Community (GMC) and I had met with the NZ Police Community Prevention Officer and although this meeting had been scheduled several weeks earlier, was very timely as staff have in recent weeks experienced a concerning increase in angry and abusive customers.
- 4.2. 3 March: Recording two-minutes with the Mayor; West Coast WSCCO Mayors, Chairs & Iwi (MCI) monthly catch-up; in the evening the CE, Cr Gibson, some senior staff and I attended a meeting organised by the Rapahoe community to discuss their concerns about the TiGa Mining (now Taiko) processing plant project at Rapahoe.
- 4.3. 4 March: TTPP Committee followed by TTPP Positions Subcommittee; The CE and I met with LGNZ Interim Chief Executive, Scott Necklen and Chair, Dan Gordon, when they recently visited the West Coast. With recent changes in leadership at LGNZ, they wanted to share their direction and priorities for the year ahead. They are also interested in comments on how LGNZ could best support councils moving forward. We intend to attend the LGNZ conference in Christchurch at the end of April to learn more about the organisation's future direction.
- 4.4. 5 March: Cr Mora and I had a chat about general matters. It is always of value to have one on one chats with councillors and I welcome councillors to take up the opportunity to call in and see me. MTFJ Mayors' debrief with the LGNZ Programme Coordinator.
- 4.5. 6 March: Meeting with the NZ Police Area Commander for a general chat on district matters; a resident met with me to discuss some concerns regarding council processes; regular meeting with the CE.
- 4.6. 7 March: Funeral of James Mason-Russell, former Mawhera Inc. Chair.
- 4.7. 9 March: General discussion with the CE and to go through matters requiring attention in the week ahead.
- 4.8. 10 March: Update with the DIA on West Coast Waters Services CCO (WSCCO); recording two minutes with the Mayor; Coast FM new studio launch.
- 4.9. 11 March: West Coast WSCCO Mayors, Chairs, CEs catch up.
- 4.10. 12 March: Regular catch-up with the MTFJ coordinator, Community & Recreation Services Manager and the GM Community. In the evening I attended a Runanga Village People meeting.
- 4.11. 13 March: The CE and I had a general catch-up; I attended a meeting with staff to discuss the naming of roads; A WestREAP representative working on the issue of school bus transport met with me to gather information from work I have done previously on this matter. Provision, or lack of, transport for children to get to school is an increasing concern. Transport should not be a barrier to school attendance and although I have tackled this issue in recent years, it is good to see another organisation approaching the Government seeking their support for improvement to school transport services.
- 4.12. 14 March: Vintage Car Rally.
- 4.13. 16 March: Morning meeting with the CE; Tai Poutini Polytechnic Graduation.
- 4.14. 17 March: Recording of weekly two minutes with the Mayor; Funeral of Mick Collins – a veteran of the Vietnam War and local identity who will be missed by many.
- 4.15. 18 March: Morning catch up with CE; radio interview with Neville Wallace on Waitaha and general West Coast related topics; Life Education Trust.

- 4.16. 19 March: West Coast Te Rito Network meeting; Opening of the Emerald Lounge at the Regent Theatre.
- 4.17. 20 March: The CE and I met for a general catch up; Friday Night Street Eats.
- 4.18. 22 March: Greymouth Street Sprints.
- 4.19. 23 March: Breakfast meeting with DWC Chair; regular meeting with the CE; GDC TTPP members met with the Regulatory Manager to work through papers for the upcoming meeting; the Dixon Park working group provided an update to Council on their work to date and plans for the upgrade to this facility; Councillor Workshop covering the 2027-2037 Long Term Plan; March Council meeting; Grey District Youth Trust meeting.
- 4.20. 24 March: Two minutes with the Mayor recording; West Coast WSCCO working group meeting which focused on recruitment planning for Board appointments; A representative from the Kotuku Surf Lifesaving Club visited to discuss with how council might support their search for new members; GDC & WCRC CE and Chairs met to discuss the upcoming joint committee meeting agenda.
- 4.21. 25 March: Morning catch up with CE; Blessing of eight new Kāinga Ora houses in Tasman Street; Mawhera Library Governance Group meeting; presentation to winners of the GDC Library Summer Reading Challenge.
- 4.22. 26 March: Brunner 130 years commemoration; Greymouth Rading District Joint Committee Meeting.
- 4.23. 28 March: NZ First visit to the Coast and I attended their meeting in Blackball. Mayors, Chairs & Iwi also had the opportunity to meet Ministers for an hour at the Pounamu Pathway and this enabled time for some good discussion.
- 4.24. 29 March: NZ First public forum in Westport.
- 4.25. 30 March: Monday catch-up with CE.
- 4.26. 31 March: Two minutes with the Mayor recording; Meeting with a visitor to the district.

Confirmation of Statutory Compliance

Compliance with Statutory Decision-making Requirements (ss 76 - 81 Local Government Act 2002).

(a) This report contains:

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5.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UPDATE**File Number:****Report Author:** Chief Executive**Report Authoriser:** Chief Executive**Appendices:** Nil**1. REPORT PURPOSE**

- 1.1. To provide an update of the Chief Executive's activity for the period 1 – 31 March 2026.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1. A summary of the Chief Executive's programme during the report period follows.

3. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1. That the Chief Executive's update for the period 1 – 31 March 2026 be received.

4. SUMMARY

- 4.1. I attended the Taituara Navigating Reform CE Forum , which brought together local government Chief Executives to discuss the scale and pace of reform currently facing the sector. Discussion focused on the cumulative impact of water services reform, resource management changes and local government funding pressures, and the associated organisational and workforce implications. The forum provided a useful opportunity to strengthen relationships that will support ongoing collaboration and information-sharing.
- 4.2. Work on the Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) continues to be a key priority, with a strong focus on governance establishment and readiness activities. Key matters included confirmation of the name Coast Waters Ltd, along with the adoption of the Constitution and Shareholders' Agreement as foundational governance documents. The board appointment process has kicked off with advertising currently underway for the inaugural board.
- 4.3. The Mayor and I met with LGNZ Chief Executive, Scott Necklen and Chair, Sam Gordon, when they recently visited the West Coast. With recent changes in leadership at LGNZ, they were keen to reconnect with colleagues and share their direction and priorities for the year ahead. They also welcomed feedback from us on how LGNZ could best support councils moving forward. It is our intention to attend the LGNZ zone 5 & 6 conference in Christchurch at the end of April to learn more about the organisation's future direction.
- 4.4. During the month I attended the opening of the Emerald Lounge at the Regent Theatre, marking a positive milestone for the West Coast Theatre Trust and its work to enhance the viability and community value of the theatre. The initiative demonstrates the Trusts strong focus on creating new opportunities that support patron experience and enhance revenue options.
- 4.5. Work has continued on the development of the upcoming Annual Plan, alongside early planning discussions to inform future Long Term Plan assumptions. A series of meetings has supported shared understanding of key pressures, priorities and trade-offs, and reinforced alignment between short-term affordability and longer-term strategic direction. This planning work

remains critical as Council balances service delivery expectations with a complex financial and reform environment.

- 4.6. The Mayor and I met with Paul Barker from the Department of Internal Affairs while he was on the Coast to discuss the current water reform process and the broader suite of reforms affecting local government. The discussion provided an opportunity to share perspectives on progress, challenges and next steps, and to consider the cumulative impacts of reform on councils and communities. Ongoing engagement of this nature supports constructive government relationships and ensures the Grey District Council remains well informed as these reforms continue to evolve.
- 4.7. I attended the Greymouth Rating District Joint Committee meeting alongside elected members and the GM Operations. The Committee received updates on the Greymouth flood protection and flood resilience programmes, including progress on IRG and Regional Infrastructure Fund projects, asset transfer considerations and annual works for the rating district.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (LGOIMA) REQUESTS

5.1. Summary of requests received for the period 1 – 31 March 2026

Received	Requested By	Subject	Referred To
02/03/2026	Silks Accountants	Toimata Foundation	Fin Mgr
02/03/2026	Lincoln University Student	Planning information	Reg Mgr
05/03/2026	Resident	Council CCOs	Fin Mgr
09/03/2026	NZME	Gloriavale Entities <i>withdrawn / considering review of scope</i>	CE
12/03/2026	Resident	Taylorville Resource Park costs	GMCS
23/03/2026	East Skate Club	Greymouth Skate Park costs	GMCS / GMO
Total requests received for period 1 – 31 March 2026			6
Total requests received YTD (1 January – 31 March 2026)			30
Total requests received previous YTD			26
Requests completed YTD			28
Requests not completed within 20 working days			4

6. MEDIA REQUESTS

Received	Requested By	Subject	Total
02/03/2026	Grey Star	Hokitika Recycling	
03/03/2026	Grey Star	Questions around recent cemetery vandalism	
09/03/2026	NZME	Historic Greymouth Courthouse	
09/03/2026	NZ Herald	Hilton Bench	
10/03/2026	The Press	Blackball Hilton	
10/03/2026	Grey Star	Blackball Hilton	2
10/03/2026	Grey Star	Library Opening	
16/03/2026	Grey Star	Westland Mineral Sands Care and Maintenance	
25/03/2026	Grey Star	Tenders meeting	
26/03/2026	Grey Star	Boats sheltering from storm	
30/03/2026	Grey Star	Town Clock repairs	
Total			12

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5.4 COMMUNITY REPORT

File Number:

Report Author: Group Manager Community

Report Authoriser: Chief Executive

Appendices: Nil

1. REPORT PURPOSE

- 1.1. This report is to provide an update to Council with respect to the delivery of functions and activities within the Community Group.

2. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

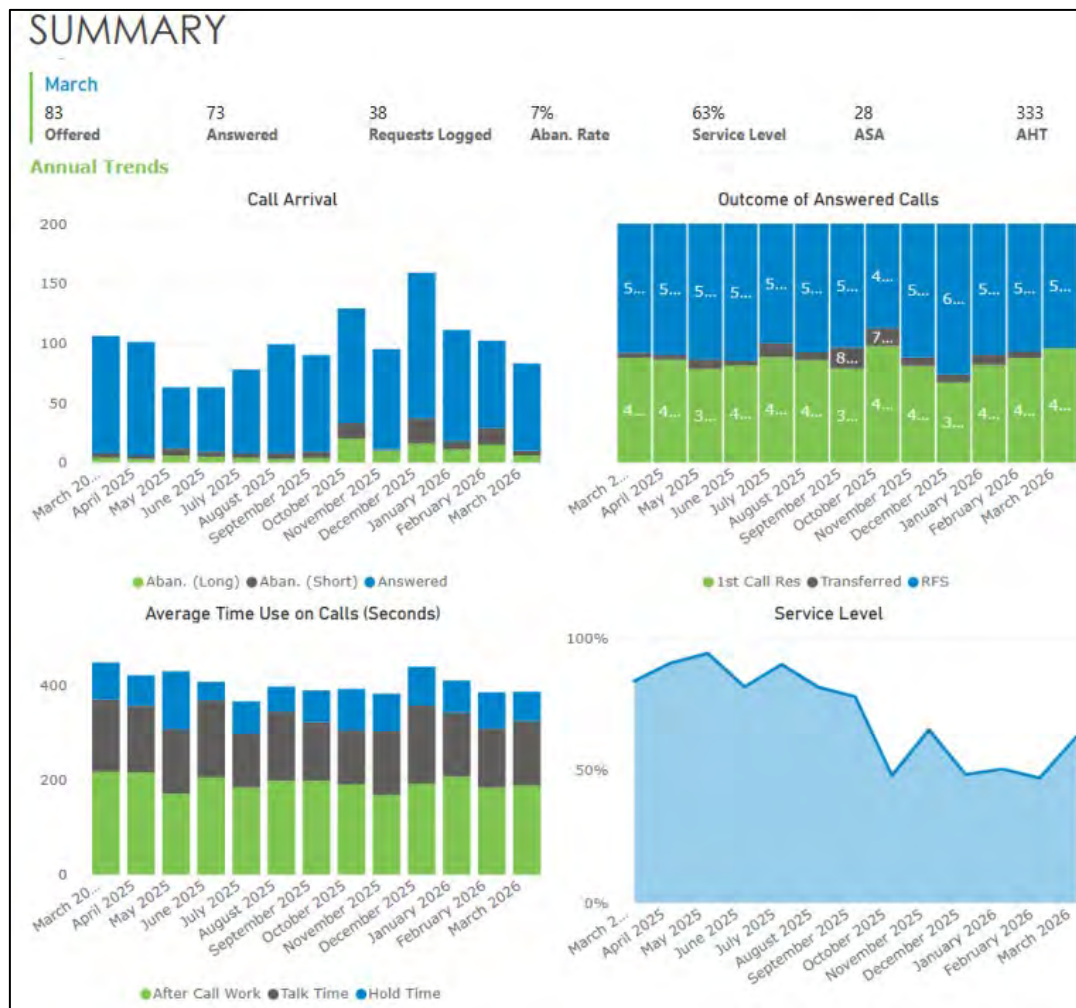
1. Receives the Community Report and notes the content herein.

3. COMMUNITY AND RECREATION SERVICES

- 3.1. The after-hours service received 73 calls in March, of which 39 resulted in new service requests, and 30 were for general information which was provided at the time. Of the general information calls, the majority were regarding water supply, Council details and bylaws, parks and reserves.

PNCC – AFTER HOURS CALL SERVICE

Count of Action	Column Labels					
Row Labels	Existing Job Updated	Handed Call off to Staff/Contractor	Info Only - General Info	New Job Logged	Wrong Number	Grand Total
Animal Control	1			2	12	15
Bylaws				3	9	12
Council Details				6		6
Council Property/Alarms				1		1
Missed Call		1				1
Parking				1		1
Parks and Reserves				3		3
People and Performance (HR)					1	1
Rates/Finance				1	1	2
Waste Management				1	3	4
Water Supply	1			10	14	25
Wrong Number				2		2
Grand Total	2	1		30	39	73

Summary of service delivered in March:**4. PROJECTS**

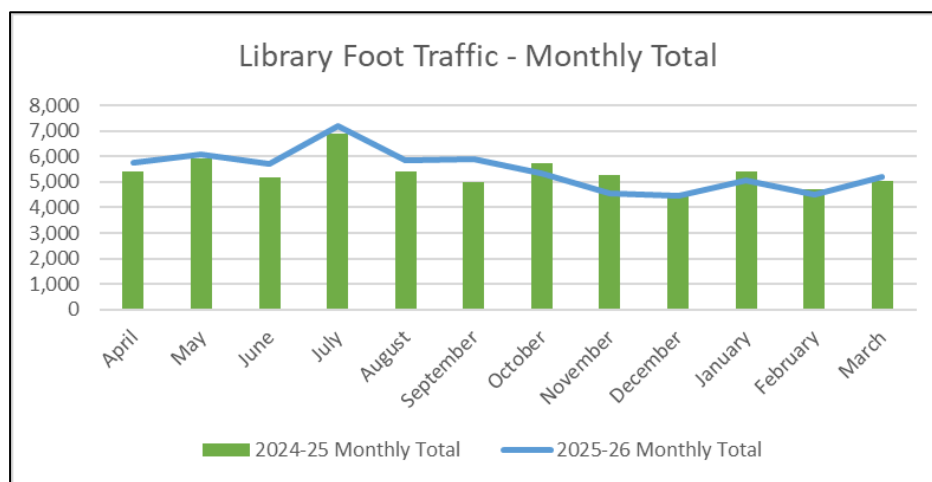
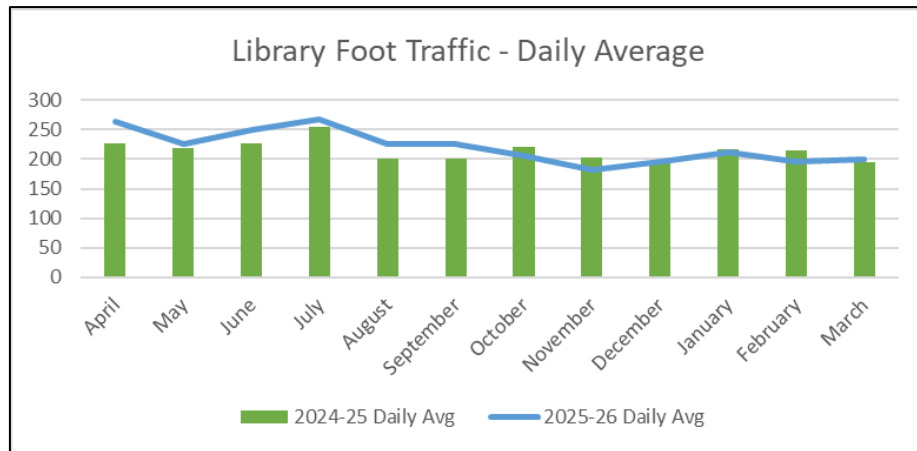
- 4.1. **Customers Service and CRMs** – The work is continuing to progress the administration of historic CRMs; however, resources have been under strain throughout March, and progress has not been as fast as originally anticipated. Expectation is that the progress should continue at a faster pace from April and May.
- 4.2. **Policies & Procedures review** – Procedures are under review to improve Health & Safety for customer facing staff, with a report going to the Risk and Assurance Committee seeking support for improved safety measures and procedures at Customer Service.
- 4.3. **New Library** – Fortnightly Library Fit out meetings continue, to ensure the fit out stays on track. Recruitment of new staff is underway.
- 4.4. **West Coast Spaces & Places Strategy review** – Complete.

5. HISTORY HOUSE MUSEUM

- 5.1. The first phase of the project to catalogue the collection has been completed, and external funding is being sought to proceed. There will likely be an update before the beginning of June if the funding is successful.

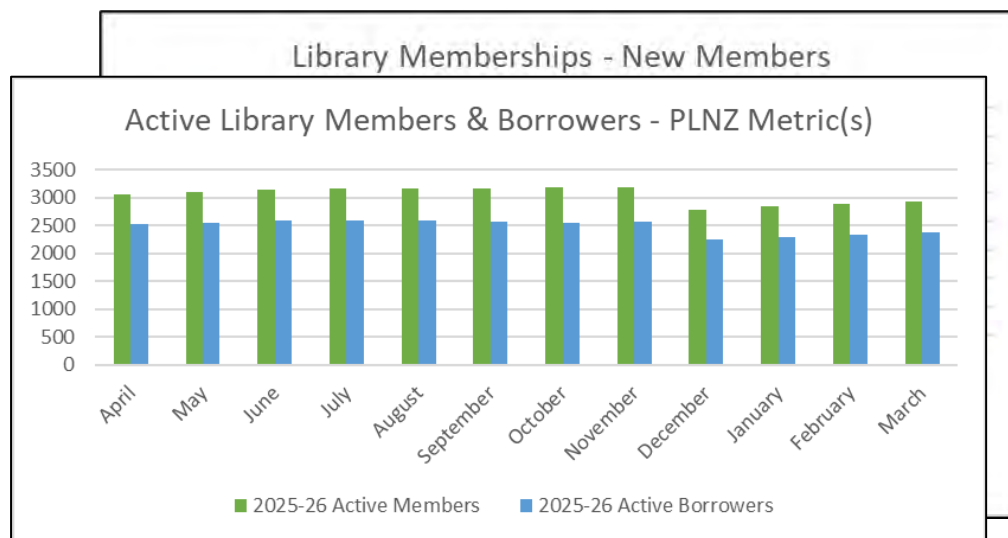
6. GREY LIBRARY

- 6.1. The library was open for 26 days during March including 4 Saturdays. During this time there was a total of 5,197 patron visits at an average of 200 per day.

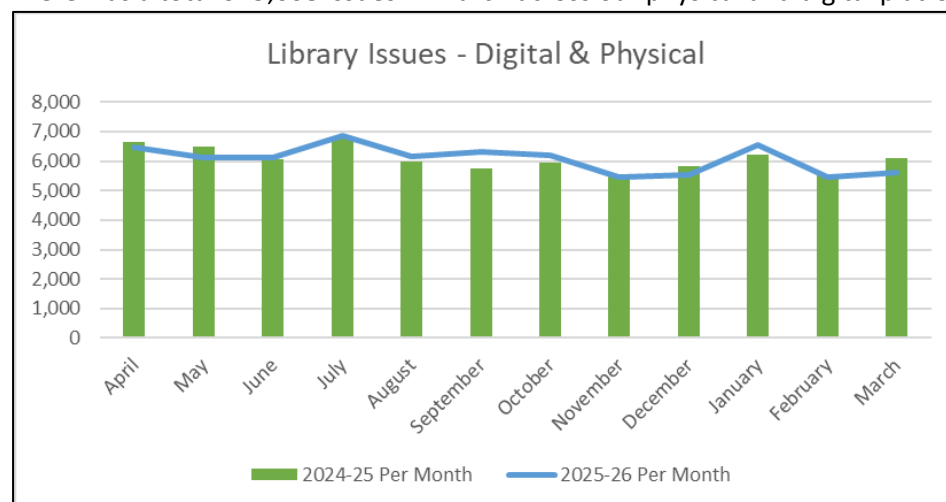


- 6.2. The library welcomed 26 new members in March and has 2,941 active members with 2,379 active borrowers.¹

¹ PLNZ (Public Libraries New Zealand) defines active members as having had activity on their library card, including, but not limited to borrowing within the past 24 months; active borrowers as having borrowed a physical or digital item within the past 24 months.



There was a total of 5,608 issues in March across our physical and digital platforms.



6.3. There were 509 APNK computer sessions in March, our highest ever recorded figure. At the time of this report, the APNK Wi-Fi sessions data for March wasn't available.

6.4. PROGRAMMES AND OUTREACH

- **Summer Reading Challenge Prize- Giving:** On March 25, a great crowd was on hand to recognise and celebrate some of the Grey District's superstar readers as they received their Summer Reading Challenge prizes from Mayor Gibson.



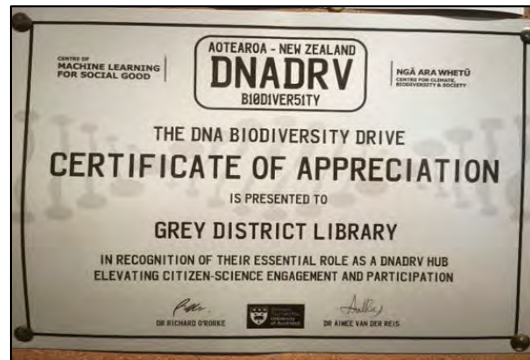
- **Autumn Holiday Programme:** The library team has been hard at work preparing the upcoming holiday programme and there have even been reported sightings of a mysterious figure in purple.



- **Greymouth Guide Artwork:** The library was thrilled to be able to display some amazing artwork from the Greymouth Guide Club, reminding us all of the importance of a clean, green earth.



- **DNADRV Wrap-Up:** The organisers of the DNA Biodiversity drive, a project designed to map and track insect biodiversity across New Zealand, picked up the last kits from the Library and passed on their gratitude to everyone involved. Coasters did a great job supporting the project by completing dozens of kits!



- **Digital advice:** As part of our core services the library assisted the community with a variety of digital needs and issues during March. In addition to drop-ins, the team ran a total of 29 individual sessions which covered topics such as creating CVs, transferring phone data to a USB drive, navigating the 3G shutdown, and helping draft an email to Parliament.

7. WESTLAND RECREATION CENTRE

Summary

7.1 Member visits across the month of March declined, with feedback that limiting travel due to fuel increases is the reason. Total membership numbers managed to hold at the same level, with casual visits all being higher than the previous month. The numbers are being closely monitored and will be included in subsequent reports.

	February 2026	March 2026
Casual visits	Quantity	Quantity
Gym	197	210
Stadium	117	141
Swim	3375	3560
Hydro	318	513
Total	4007	4424
Current members	1609	1611
Member visits	5911	3532



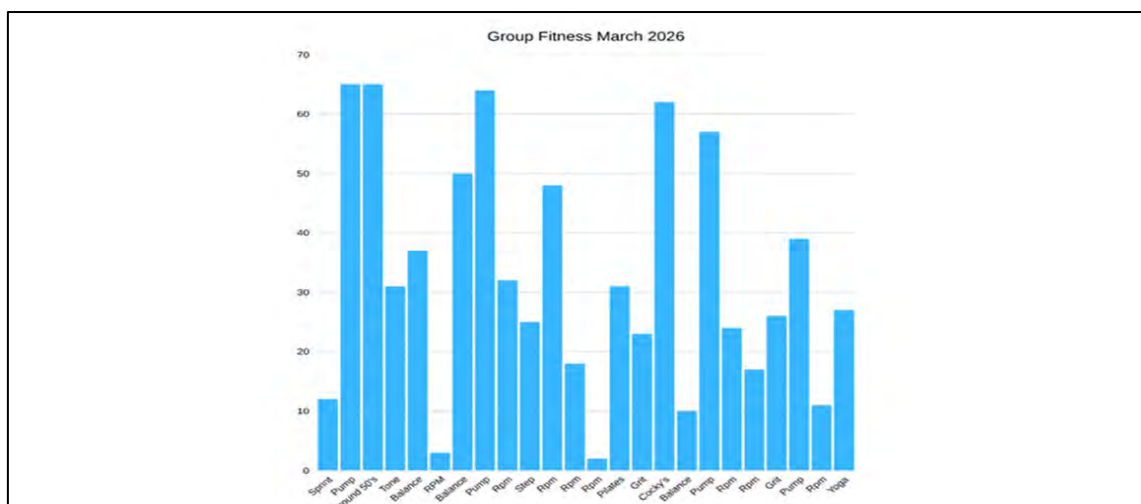
Wet side

7.2 We wrapped up school swimming sports for Term 1 in March, with the Grey District Swim Sports and West Coast Swimming Sports taking place. We also had the Greymouth Amateur Swim Clubs’ last month of summer season training. Most of the group will take a break or significantly reduce training for the winter now.

Dry side

Fitness Centre

7.3 March has seen a small increase in some classes from the previous month, with Grit seeing more visitors and Cocky's Circuit attracting larger numbers. Yoga saw an increase in numbers with the classes coming to an end with the instructor leaving.



Stadium

7.4 Volleyball wrapped up their season as we say goodbye to summer sports for now. Netball has started with their competition as well as Badminton. Basketball season is on the horizon as we brace for a very busy winter sport season. Hockey has also started utilising the facility changing rooms as their season starts. It is great see so many users in the stadium.

8. CUSTOMER SERVICE

CRMS

- 8.1. High volume categories in March were Water Supply, Refuse & recycling, Roading and Planning. The work on the historic CRM's has been continuing as resources have allowed, which has seen some improvement in the numbers of CRMS remaining open.
- 8.2. Work is ongoing to improve the administration of historic CRM's and the CRM system.
- 8.3. March saw a total of 362 new CRMS created, 163 completed and 199 remaining for work to be completed.

Category	CRMs brought forward (i.e. 1 Jan 25- 28 Feb 26)	New CRM's 1-31March	CRMs solved 1-31 March	Total CRM's Remaining open	Notes
Animals incl. barking, roaming, general	30	10	6	34	Administration of historic CRMs has bought a decrease in the numbers; however, work is continuing.

Assets incl. connections, general	3	6	4	5	
Category	CRMs brought forward (i.e. 1 Jan 25- 28 Feb 26)	New CRM's 1-31March	CRMs solved 1-31 March	Total CRM's Remaining open	Notes
Building Control incl. unsafe buildings, unconsented works	5	3	2	6	
Cemeteries incl. information, maintenance	5	5	4	6	
Council Property incl. purchase, lease, LTO	26	13	1	38	High numbers can be attributed to Waiting for the Lease agreements to expire, and agreements from external agencies.
Footpath	30	12	3	39	Investigations on the high numbers in historic CRM's needs to be undertaken
Parking and Freedom Camping Objections	18 Parking 14 Freedom camping	6 6	5 3	19 17	As above
Health – Unsanitary Buildings, fire hazards etc	0 unsafe 3 hazards	1 1	0 1	1 3	
Litter	15	5	2	18	Administration of historic CRMs has bought a slight decrease in these numbers; however, work is continuing.
Noise Complaints	28	13	13	28	Ongoing administration of historic CRMS needs to be completed.

Parks and Reserves incl. general, mowing	15 general	1	0	16	
	5 mowing	0	0	5	
Category	CRMs brought forward (i.e. 1 Jan 25- 28 Feb 26)	New CRM's 1-31March	CRMs solved 1-31 March	Total CRM's Remaining open	Notes
Pensioner Housing	0	0	0	0	
Planning incl. enquiries	117	30	2	145	Investigations and administration of the high numbers in historic CRM's needs to be undertaken.
Public Toilets incl. general, damage	8	5	4	9	
Refuse and Recycling incl. missed collection, bins damage, new request	3 missed	24	21	6	Investigations and administration of the high numbers in historic CRM's needs to be undertaken.
	18 damage	9	1	26	
	23 new	17	4	36	
Roading incl. potholes, general	17 potholes	4	0	21	Investigations and administration of the high numbers in historic CRM's needs to be undertaken.
	24 general	7	3	28	
Sandwich Board	1	1	1	1	
Stormwater incl. general, flooding, blockages	10 general	1	0	11	Investigations and administration of the high numbers in historic CRM's needs to be undertaken.
	6 flooding	1	0	7	
	8 blockages	6	1	13	
Vegetation Requests	18	3	0	21	Investigations and administration of the high numbers in historic CRM's

					needs to be undertaken.
Abandoned Vehicles	6	1	1	6	
Wastewater/Sewage incl. separation, blocked, general	18 separations 1 blocked 3 general	0 0 3 general	0 0 1	18 1 5 general	Sewer separations waiting to be completed.
Water Supply incl. breaking/leaking	49	33	13	69	Total number of leaks/bursts have increased

9. RETIREMENT HOUSING

9.1. There are currently 16 people over 65 actively on the waiting list, with two additional applications currently under review.

9.2. No units are available at this point.

10. CAR PARK LEASING

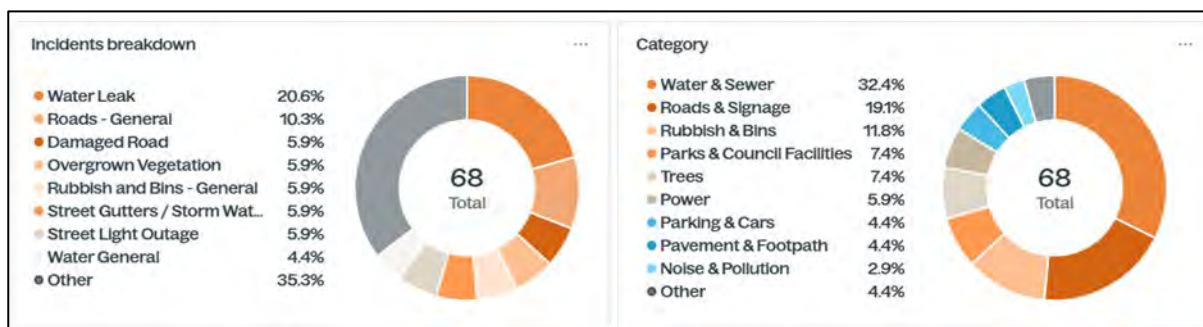
10.1. One lease was renewed and awarded in March.

11. SNAP SEND SOLVE

68 Snaps Created in March

46 In Progress Overall Total

These figures are included in the CRM figures.



12. LAND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (LIMS)

Total Requested LIMS	34	
Average days to complete	5.6	(Maximum of 10 days allowed)
Refunded LIM's	0	
Cancelled	0	

13. MAYOR'S TASK FORCE FOR JOBS

13.1. Over the past month, the MTFJ team was part of a national video project that will be rolled out over the coming weeks. This project forms part of a wider campaign highlighting the purpose of the MTFJ Community Employment Programme and how the team connects and works one-on-

one with local businesses and young people seeking additional support to become work ready. A sneak preview has been posted on the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs NZ Facebook page.



COMMUNICATIONS, ENGAGEMENT AND EVENTS

14. EVENTS

- 14.1. The summer events season was beset by bad weather, causing cancellations and postponements.
- 14.2. The largest events by far were the New Year's Eve fireworks, and Christmas Carnival, which staff assisted with. This Christmas, staff are considering using the new library's outdoor area for some events.
- 14.3. The Adventure Land event in the Town Square, which was one of the postponed events, was subsequently combined with the final Friday Night Streets Nights. This drew a good crowd to the Town Square, and lots of people stayed at the event for some time. In future, our focus will be on fewer, but larger, events with more economic benefit.
- 14.4. Throughout the summer, we have struggled with last-minute cancellations from food vendors. While some cancellations are to be expected, it is disappointing when an event has been marketed and there are public expectations. Staff are considering ways to lower the cancellation rate.
- 14.5. Staff have put resources into boosting the What's on Greymouth events Facebook page. Giveaways and interactive posts have attracted new followers, and posts are reaching far more members of the public.
- 14.6. The two children's triathlons were a success, and it was positive to take events outside of Greymouth.
- 14.7. Looking to next summer, staff want to work more closely with existing events, to encourage people to come into Greymouth – and stay longer. There will be a focus on supporting these large events that bring economic benefit to the Grey District, for instance, staff already undertake the Labour Weekend markets, which coincide with the Motorcycle Street Races.
- 14.8. The attention of staff is now turning to Ag Fest, which will be held this spring, and staff will be providing support to connect with Council, as well as looking at ways the Grey District can support the theme of AgFest while it is underway.

15. COMMUNICATIONS

Channel	Number	Notes
Media Release/Facebook Posts	45	Month of March
Facebook Followers	11K	The followers of the Facebook page has been steadily rising, with the continued push for more engaging content.
Facebook Engagement statistics	1064 comments	Similar to last month
Instagram Followers	1527	Slight increase from previous month
TikTok	1165	Slight increase from previous month
Email Newsletter Followers	1732	Slight increase from previous month

- 15.1. Planning is under way for the new library opening. As well as a fun social media campaign, we plan on using several different channels.
- 15.2. Campaigns are under way around a parking review, which is currently out for consultation.
- 15.3. With lots of motorsport events in March, staff put some posts on our social media channels, which were well received. Staff worked closely with the Westland Car Club, hoping to support these successful events.
- 15.4. The development of a professional template for consultations has been completed, and will be available from the Westland Recreation Centre, library, and council when consultations are underway.
- 15.5. The Communications staff have been developing website content for Coast Waters Ltd.
- 15.6. Some favourite **Facebook comments**:
- 15.7. On the Brunner Mine 130th: *"Thanks for sharing the photos, magnificent to see and the reminder of so many who lost their lives in the mines on the Coast."*
- On the barber at sunrise: *"I will miss this place forever."*
- On the Greymouth Street Sprints: *"How wicked that the locals get behind something like this! Very cool. Well done to the local council."*
- On the port being busy with fishing boats: *"Hope all you lads and girls having a good season go hard keep pulling in the lines and keep them tight."*

16. DIXON PARK

- 16.1. The Dixon Park Redevelopment Project is being supported, with an opportunity being progressed to receive funding for the planning phase of the project. Early engagement data has been collated with the Dixon Park Redevelopment Group, with early themes emerging on options to be progressed through the Long-Term Plan process.

17. ENGAGEMENT

- 17.1. Council moved to a new engagement platform in early-March, which replaced 'Have Your Say'. After temporarily operating with two platforms, the transition is now complete. We initially asked people to register to use the site, but this feature was off-putting and has now been disabled due to feedback received that this was a barrier to taking part.
- 17.2. Staff did targeted consultation on two road naming proposals. Parking stakeholders – including some CBD businesses – were also visited by staff.
- 17.3. Planning is progressing for the opening of the new library, and there is strong interest from schools. Staff are working closely with library staff to plan the opening events.

Two solar projects were almost ready for installation to begin at the time of writing. Last minute reporting requirements have taken up considerable staff time.

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5.5 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**File Number:****Report Author:** GM Corporate Services**Report Authoriser:** Chief Executive**Appendices:** 1. Management Accounts to 28 February 2026**1. REPORT PURPOSE**

- 1.1. To provide an update to Council with respect to the delivery of functions and activities within the Corporate Services Group.
- 1.2. The Corporate Services Group is made up both the Finance and Information Technology functions of Council.

2. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receives the report and notes the contents.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. Council's financial year runs from 1 July to 30 June 2026. The attached financial reports are for the period ending 28 February 2026. The Budgets included relate to those approved in year 1 of the 2025-2034 Long Term Plan and include carry forwards, and additional expenditure approved by Council since September 2025.

4. FINANCE**4.1. Staff Vacancies**

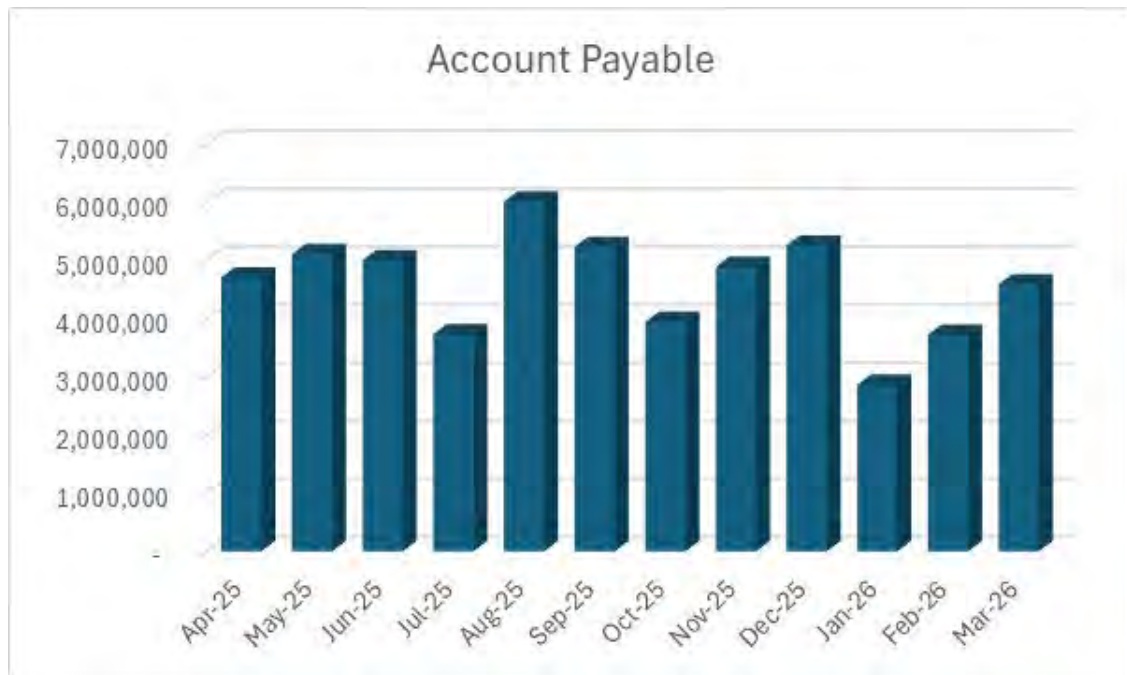
- The Management Accountant position is currently out for recruitment.

4.2. 2026 Financial Year Audit

The Audit Plan for the 2026 year has now been finalised with EY. The year 2026 Annual Report audit is set to run from September until the end of October. There are six key focus areas for this audit including Asset Valuations, Rates Strike, Grants and Subsidies, non-financial performance reporting, Debt and expenditure, procurement and tendering.

4.3. Accounts Payable

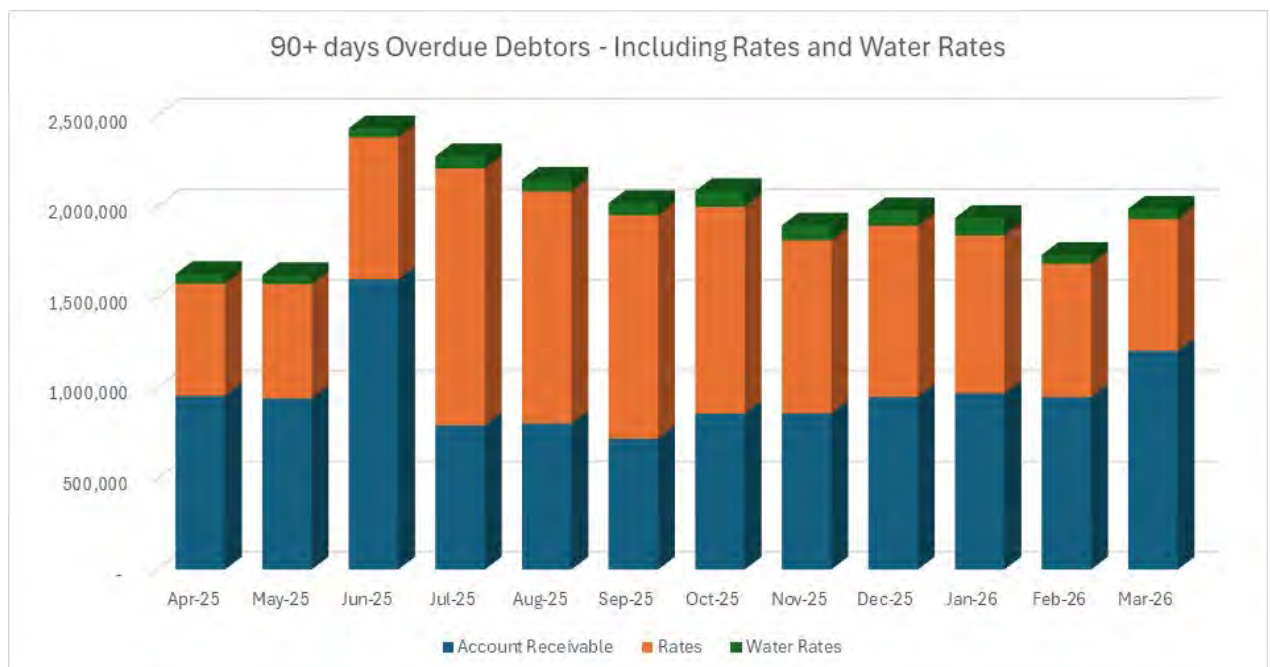
4.3.1. Supplier invoices are paid on the 20th of the month. Payables increased from the previous two months; this is due payment for capital items including seasonal roading expenditure.



4.4. Debtors (including Rates and Water Billing).

Rates and Water billing 90+ days continued to show a reduction in the outstanding amounts.

Sundry Debtors overdue debtors had an increase for the period this is due to two invoices which are in dispute. Other overdue debtor balances have decreased overall.



4.5. Expenditure

Operational Expenditure by activity



Operational Expenditure by Type



5. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**5.1. Work Projects**

Staff are evaluating long term backup storage options for Council with the view to replace the existing system in the near future.

Short term backup systems were updated at the end of March and are operating as expected.

Human Risk Management training has been initiated for all staff and a second phase is being investigated.

Confirmation of Statutory Compliance

Compliance with Statutory Decision-making Requirements (ss 76 - 81 Local Government Act 2002).

(a) This report contains:

- (i) sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
- (ii) adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons bearing in mind any proposed or previous community engagement.

(b) The information reflects the level of significance of the matters covered by the report, as determined in accordance with the Council's significance and engagement policy.

Grey District Council
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE
For the period ended 28 February 2026

		Actual 2026 \$000	YTD Budget \$000	Full Year Budget \$000
REVENUE				
Rates revenue		19,518	19,574	29,362
Subsidies and grants	1	2,649	3,827	5,740
Fees and charges	2	4,402	5,458	8,187
Financial and Development Contributions		107	233	350
Interest revenue		60	165	248
Other revenue	3	1,728	884	1,326
Total revenue		28,464	30,141	45,213
EXPENSES				
Personnel costs	4	6,008	6,700	10,049
Finance costs		974	1,331	1,997
Other expenses	5	15,855	16,159	26,575
Depreciation and amortisation expense		9,249	9,249	13,877
Total expenses		32,086	33,439	52,498
Surplus / (deficit) before TAX		(3,622)	(3,298)	(7,285)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE				
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to surplus/(deficit)</i>				
Gains/(Losses) on revaluations of assets		-	-	48,287
Total other comprehensive revenue and expense		-	-	48,287
Total comprehensive revenue and expense		(3,622)	(3,298)	41,002

Variance reporting:

1. Subsidies and Grants income is currently tracking lower than budgeted. YTD Actuals sitting at \$2,649m while budgeted YTD is \$3,827m this is due to timing of the subsidised roading programme expenditure and claims. Subsidies for this programme are able to be claimed after the expenditure is incurred.

2. Fees and Charges income is \$1,056m below budget for the period. \$1.5m income was budgeted for enforcement cost recovery of sewer separation. Council Staff have been exploring other options for the separation process rather than enforcement.

3. Other revenue is \$844k more than expected this is due to revenue received from first tranche of the suspensory loan for port capital works from Development West Coast and Kanoa which was not included in the LTP budget.

4. Staff costs lower than budgeted this is due to new positions and existing vacancies remaining unfilled.

5. Other expenditure is \$324k lower than anticipated due to corresponding expenditure for sewer separation enforcement not being incurred as per the above. Other expenditure also includes unbudgeted expenditure of \$225k for council's participation in the Taylorville Resource Park resource consent variation.

Grey District Council
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at 28 February 2026

	Notes	Actual 2026 \$000	Budget 2026 \$000	Actual 2025 \$000
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents		2,900	10,934	2,938
Receivables		6,425	7,732	4,092
Prepayments		1,248	-	693
Other financial assets		1,188	596	1,188
Derivative financial instruments		-	-	-
Total current assets		11,761	19,262	8,911
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment		575,835	639,817	574,767
Intangible assets		132	90	132
Investment property		6,142	5,695	6,142
Other financial assets		860	-	860
Derivative financial instruments		-	-	-
Total non-current assets		582,969	645,602	581,901
Total assets		594,730	664,864	590,812
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
Payables and deferred revenue		10,269	6,599	9,188
Employee benefit liabilities		495	497	515
Finance lease obligation		79	-	93
Borrowings		12,600	-	13,950
Derivative financial instruments		-	-	21
Total current liabilities		23,443	7,096	23,767
Non-current liabilities				
Employee benefit liabilities		180	-	180
Provisions		1,126	1,539	1,784
Borrowings		32,598	62,133	24,100
Derivative financial instruments		33	95	12
Total non-current liabilities		33,937	63,767	26,076
Total liabilities		57,380	70,863	49,843
Net assets		537,350	594,001	540,969
EQUITY				
Accumulated Funds		212,791	224,149	216,413
Reserves		10,144	7,154	10,143
Revaluation Reserves		314,415	362,698	314,413
Total equity		537,350	594,001	540,968

Funding Impact Statement - Council Wide

For the period ended 28 February 2026

	Budget 2025-26 \$000	Budget YTD 2025-26 \$000	Actual 2025-26 \$000
OPERATING FUNDING			
Sources of operating funding			
General Rates, Uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	15,967	7,983	11,047
Targeted Rates (other than metered water supply rates)	12,864	6,432	8,469
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	3,493	1,746	2,314
Fees and charges	9,068	4,534	4,764
Interest and dividends from investments	7,676	3,838	3,840
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	671	335	1,354
Total Operating Funding	49,739	24,868	31,788
Applications of operating funding			
Payments to staff and suppliers	36,708	17,896	21,714
Finance costs	1,997	998	974
Internal charges and overheads	7,467	3,733	3,910
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	46,172	22,627	26,598
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF OPERATING FUNDING	3,567	2,241	5,190
CAPITAL FUNDING			
Sources of capital funding			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	2,250	1,125	1,625
Development and financial contributions	370	185	109
Increase/(decrease) in debt	13,782	14,819	7,148
Gross proceeds from the sale of assets	-	-	69
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	16,403	16,129	8,951
Applications of capital funding			
Capital expenditure			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	14,187	13,275	9,420
- to replace existing assets	16,151	11,102	3,897
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	(10,368)	(6,007)	-
Increase/(decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	19,970	18,370	13,317
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF CAPITAL FUNDING	(3,567)	(2,241)	(4,366)
FUNDING BALANCE	-	(1)	824

FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT - Land Transport

For the period ended 28 February 2026

	Budget 2025-26 \$000	Budget YTD 2025-26 \$000	Actual 2025-26 \$000
OPERATING FUNDING			
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING			
General Rates, Uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	2,731	1,820	1,820
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	3,296	2,198	1,822
Fees and charges	90	60	20
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	191	127	96
Total Operating Funding	6,308	4,205	3,758
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING			
Payments to staff and suppliers	4,959	3,456	2,924
Finance costs	-	-	1
Internal charges and overheads	791	527	621
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	5,750	3,983	3,546
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF OPERATING FUNDING	558	222	212
CAPITAL FUNDING			
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	2,250	1,500	335
Development and financial contributions	-	-	3
Increase/(decrease) in debt	606	370	-
Gross proceeds from the sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	2,856	1,870	338
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Capital expenditure			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	1	-	19
- to replace existing assets	5,155	4,808	1,308
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	(1,742)	(2,716)	-
Increase/(decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	3,414	2,092	1,327
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF CAPITAL FUNDING	(558)	(222)	(989)
FUNDING BALANCE	-	-	(777)

FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT - Stormwater

For the period ended 28 February 2026

	Budget 2025-26 \$000	Budget YTD 2025-26 \$000	Actual 2025-26 \$000
OPERATING FUNDING			
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING			
General Rates, Uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	1,095	730	730
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
Fees and charges	-	-	-
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
Total Operating Funding	1,095	730	730
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING			
Payments to staff and suppliers	992	662	398
Finance costs	108	72	22
Internal charges and overheads	287	191	188
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	1,387	925	608
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF OPERATING FUNDING	(292)	(195)	122
CAPITAL FUNDING			
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	1,652	1,895	-
Gross proceeds from the sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	1,652	1,895	0
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Capital expenditure			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	875	792	57
- to replace existing assets	1,982	1,766	244
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	(1,497)	(858)	-
Increase/(decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	1,360	1,700	301
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF CAPITAL FUNDING	292	195	(301)
FUNDING BALANCE	-	-	(179)

FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT - Wastewater

For the period ended 28 February 2026

	Budget 2025-26 \$000	Budget YTD 2025-26 \$000	Actual 2025-26 \$000
OPERATING FUNDING			
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING			
General Rates, Uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	-	-	-
Targeted rates	4,281	2,854	2,849
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
Fees and charges	1,806	1,204	57
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
Total Operating Funding	6,087	4,058	2,906
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING			
Payments to staff and suppliers	3,765	2,023	1,060
Finance costs	610	407	296
Internal charges and overheads	365	244	244
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	4,740	2,674	1,600
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF OPERATING FUNDING	1,347	1,384	1,306
CAPITAL FUNDING			
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	370	247	(12)
Increase/(decrease) in debt	2,759	4,287	-
Gross proceeds from the sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	3,129	4,534	12
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Capital expenditure			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	4,041	3,591	1,589
- to replace existing assets	1,776	1,678	671
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	(1,341)	649	-
Increase/(decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	4,476	5,918	2,260
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF CAPITAL FUNDING	(1,347)	(1,384)	(2,272)
FUNDING BALANCE	-	-	(966)

FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT - Water Supply

For the period ended 28 February 2026

	Budget 2025-26 \$000	Budget YTD 2025-26 \$000	Actual 2025-26 \$000
OPERATING FUNDING			
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING			
General Rates, Uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	-	-	-
Targeted rates	4,650	3,100	3,008
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
Fees and charges	-	-	-
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
Total Operating Funding	4,650	3,100	3,008
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING			
Payments to staff and suppliers	2,339	1,573	1,445
Finance costs	447	298	175
Internal charges and overheads	443	295	440
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	3,229	2,166	2,060
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF OPERATING FUNDING	1,421	934	948
CAPITAL FUNDING			
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	(4)
Increase/(decrease) in debt	3,507	4,045	-
Gross proceeds from the sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	3,507	4,045	(4)
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Capital expenditure			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	3,465	3,389	230
- to replace existing assets	2,336	2,168	1,191
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	(873)	(578)	-
Increase/(decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	4,928	4,979	1,421
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF CAPITAL FUNDING	(1,421)	(934)	(1,425)
FUNDING BALANCE	-	-	(477)

FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT - Solid Waste

For the period ended 28 February 2026

	Budget 2025-26 \$000	Budget YTD 2025-26 \$000	Actual 2025-26 \$000
OPERATING FUNDING			
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING			
General Rates, Uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	586	390	390
Targeted rates	3,597	2,398	2,397
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	219
Fees and charges	1,618	1,079	1,166
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
Total Operating Funding	5,801	3,867	4,172
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING			
Payments to staff and suppliers	5,042	3,362	2,811
Finance costs	153	102	57
Internal charges and overheads	168	112	195
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	5,363	3,576	3,063
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF OPERATING FUNDING	438	291	1,109
CAPITAL FUNDING			
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	137	1,547	-
Gross proceeds from the sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	137	1,547	0
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Capital expenditure			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	425	425	262
- to replace existing assets	148	148	22
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	2	1,265	-
Increase/(decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	575	1,838	284
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF CAPITAL FUNDING	(438)	(291)	(284)
FUNDING BALANCE	-	-	825

FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT - Environmental Services

For the period ended 28 February 2026

	Budget 2025-26 \$000	Budget YTD 2025-26 \$000	Actual 2025-26 \$000
OPERATING FUNDING			
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING			
General Rates, Uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	1,929	1,286	1,286
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
Fees and charges	2,039	1,359	1,298
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	58	39	31
Total Operating Funding	4,026	2,684	2,615
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING			
Payments to staff and suppliers	2,735	1,823	1,732
Finance costs	9	6	3
Internal charges and overheads	1,088	725	633
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	3,832	2,554	2,368
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF OPERATING FUNDING	194	130	247
CAPITAL FUNDING			
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	122
Increase/(decrease) in debt	(5)	(7)	-
Gross proceeds from the sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	(5)	(7)	122
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Capital expenditure			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	-	-	-
- to replace existing assets	55	55	2
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	134	68	-
Increase/(decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	189	123	2
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF CAPITAL FUNDING	(194)	(130)	120
FUNDING BALANCE	-	-	367

FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT - Commercial & Property

For the period ended 28 February 2026

	Budget 2025-26 \$000	Budget YTD 2025-26 \$000	Actual 2025-26 \$000
OPERATING FUNDING			
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING			
General Rates, Uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	545	364	364
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
Fees and charges	1,736	1,157	1,176
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	94	63	1,139
Total Operating Funding	2,375	1,584	2,679
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING			
Payments to staff and suppliers	1,646	1,097	1,023
Finance costs	246	164	143
Internal charges and overheads	520	346	318
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	2,412	1,607	1,484
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF OPERATING FUNDING	(37)	(23)	1,195
CAPITAL FUNDING			
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	1,290
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	(12)	185	-
Gross proceeds from the sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	(12)	185	1,290
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Capital expenditure			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	60	60	56
- to replace existing assets	4,252	1,931	392
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	(4,361)	(1,829)	-
Increase/(decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	(49)	162	448
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF CAPITAL FUNDING	37	23	842
FUNDING BALANCE	-	-	2,037

FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT - Community & Recreation

For the period ended 28 February 2026

	Budget 2025-26 \$000	Budget YTD 2025-26 \$000	Actual 2025-26 \$000
OPERATING FUNDING			
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING			
General Rates, Uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	6,363	4,242	4,242
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	15	10	38
Fees and charges	1,453	969	969
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	66	44	21
Total Operating Funding	7,897	5,265	5,270
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING			
Payments to staff and suppliers	5,856	3,905	3,640
Finance costs	396	264	199
Internal charges and overheads	1,065	710	364
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	7,317	4,879	4,203
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF OPERATING FUNDING	580	386	1,067
CAPITAL FUNDING			
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	4,576	7,026	7,000
Gross proceeds from the sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	4,576	7,026	7,000
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Capital expenditure			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	5,031	5,031	7,195
- to replace existing assets	250	250	56
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	(125)	2,131	-
Increase/(decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	5,156	7,412	7,251
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF CAPITAL FUNDING	(580)	(386)	(251)
FUNDING BALANCE	-	-	816

FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT - Democracy & Administration

For the period ended 28 February 2026

	Budget 2025-26 \$000	Budget YTD 2025-26 \$000	Actual 2025-26 \$000
OPERATING FUNDING			
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING			
General Rates, Uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	2,718	1,679	2,215
Targeted rates	337	224	215
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	181	121	235
Fees and charges	326	217	79
Internal charges and overheads recovered	7,676	5,118	3,840
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	261	174	67
Total Operating Funding	11,499	7,533	6,651
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING			
Payments to staff and suppliers	9,374	6,266	6,681
Finance costs	28	19	79
Internal charges and overheads	2,739	1,826	906
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	12,141	8,111	7,666
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF OPERATING FUNDING	(642)	(578)	(1,015)
CAPITAL FUNDING			
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	562	410	148
Gross proceeds from the sale of assets	-	-	69
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	562	410	217
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Capital expenditure			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	290	290	13
- to replace existing assets	197	180	12
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	(567)	(638)	-
Increase/(decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	(80)	(168)	25
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF CAPITAL FUNDING	642	578	192
FUNDING BALANCE	-	-	(823)

5.6 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT

File Number:

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Report Authoriser: Chief Executive

Appendices: Nil

1. REPORT PURPOSE

- 1.1. This report is to provide an update to Council with respect to the delivery of functions and activities within the Economic Development & Regulatory Services Group during March 2026.

2. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives the report and notes the content herein.

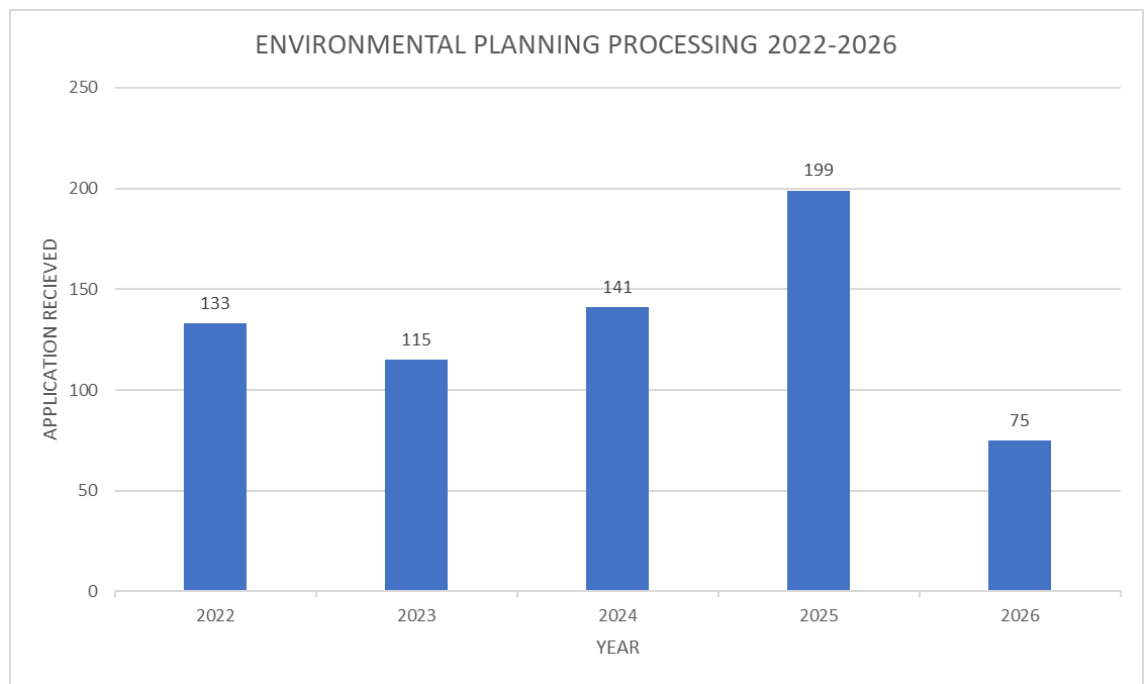
3. REGULATORY DEPARTMENT

3.1. Planning

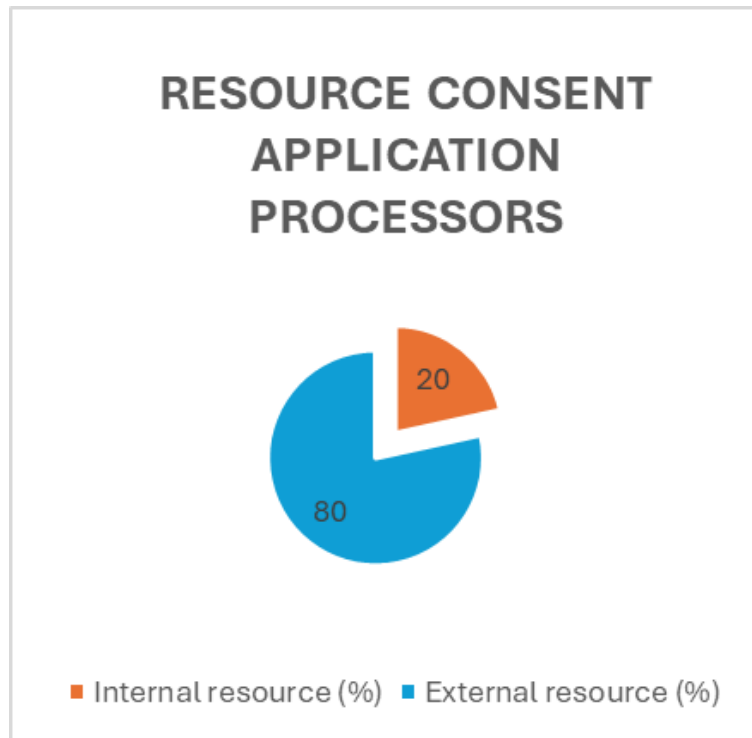
3.1.1. Processing 2026 – March:

- Applications lodged: **29**
- Applications granted: **36**
- Subdivision - Additional Lots approved: **21**

3.1.2. Rolling Total for 2026 (including 5-year comparison):



3.1.3. Processing: Internal (In-house Planners) vs External (Consultant Planners)



3.1.4. Te Tai o Poutini Plan

- In late March the three District Councils received correspondence from Forest and Bird advising that they do not believe the Councils involvement in the appeal process to be lawful. Unless voluntarily removing ourselves they will apply for a strikeout from the Environment Court. The three Councils jointly sought an opinion from a KC and have provided this to Forest and Bird. Forest and Bird sought an extension for lodgement, this was granted by the Court (end April 2026). To date no strike out request has been lodged.

3.2. Freedom Camping and Parking Compliance

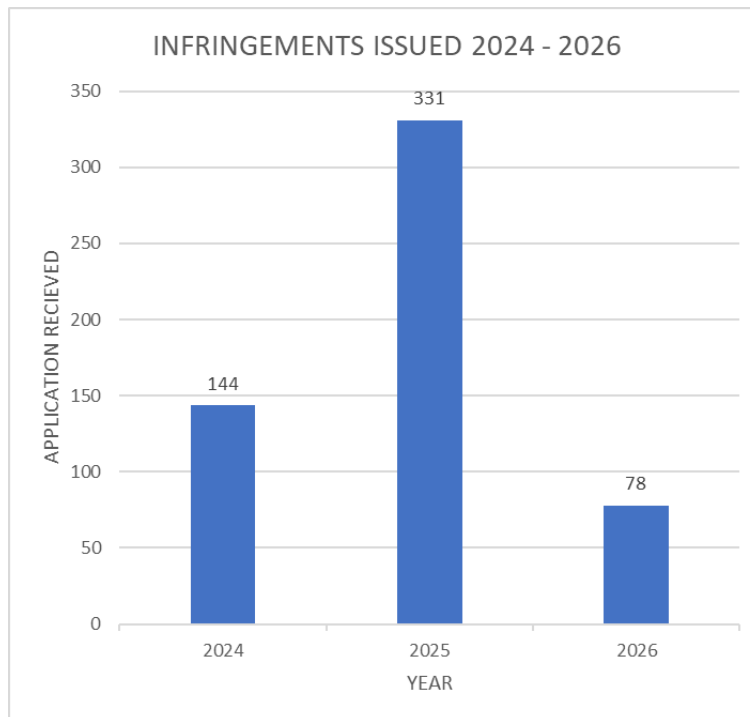
3.2.1. Freedom Camping

- Infringement notices issued – March: **24**
- Infringement notice breakdown (%):

Withdrawn/Cancelled/Warning	12.5
Camped in a Restricted Local Area	87.5
Miscellaneous	0

- Occupation of the campsites remains high. Camper compliance is very good.

3.2.2. Rolling total for 2026 (including 3-year comparison)

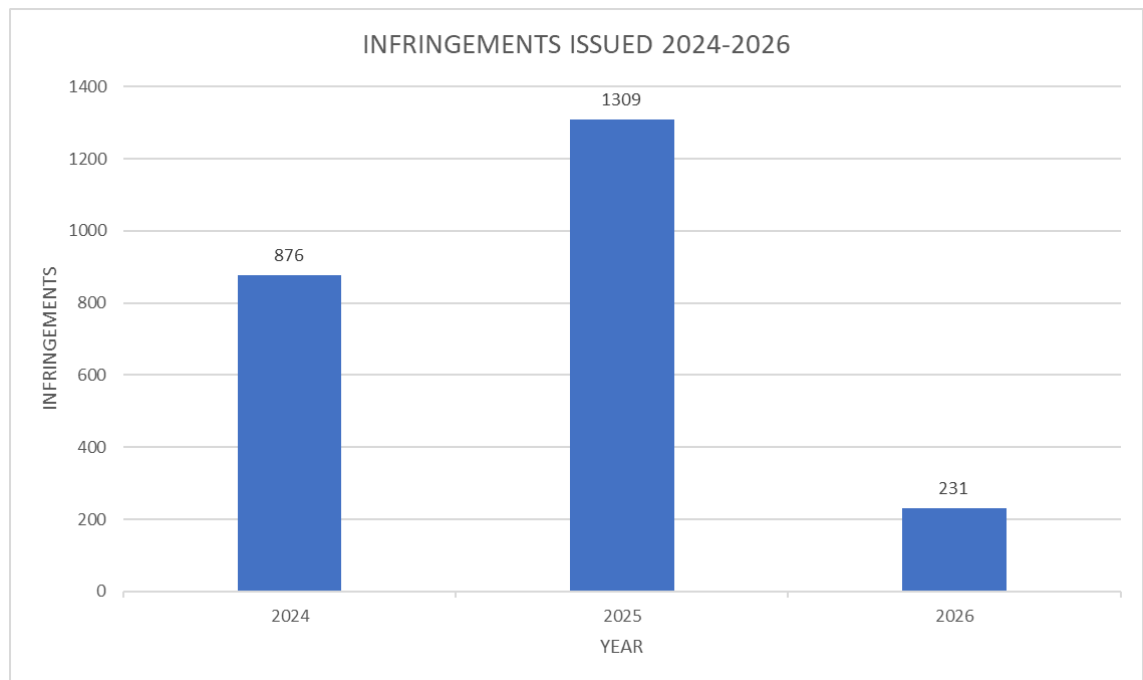


3.2.3. Parking

- Infringement notices issued - March: **62**
- Infringement notice breakdown (%):

Withdrawn/Cancelled/Warning	8.1
Parked in prohibited area	4.8
Parked in accessible space (without permit)	3.2
Parked on broken yellow lines	3.2
Parked in carpark without paying	8.1
Parked overtime	61.3
Miscellaneous	11.3

3.2.4. Rolling total for 2026 (including 3-year comparison)



3.2.5. Parking and infringements observation

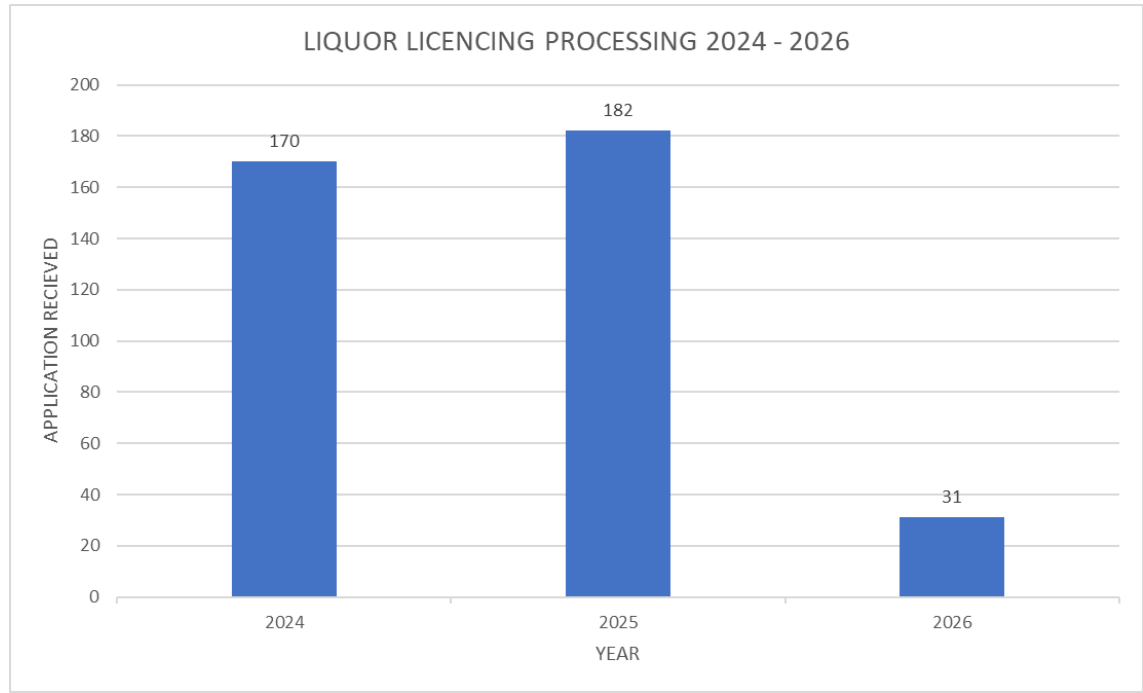
- Due to staff leave Parking and Freedom Camping enforcement was undertaken on a reduced capacity.

3.3. Food, Health and Liquor Licencing

3.3.1. Liquor Licencing Processing - March:

- Applications lodged: **8**
- Applications granted: **17**
- Applications year to date: **31**

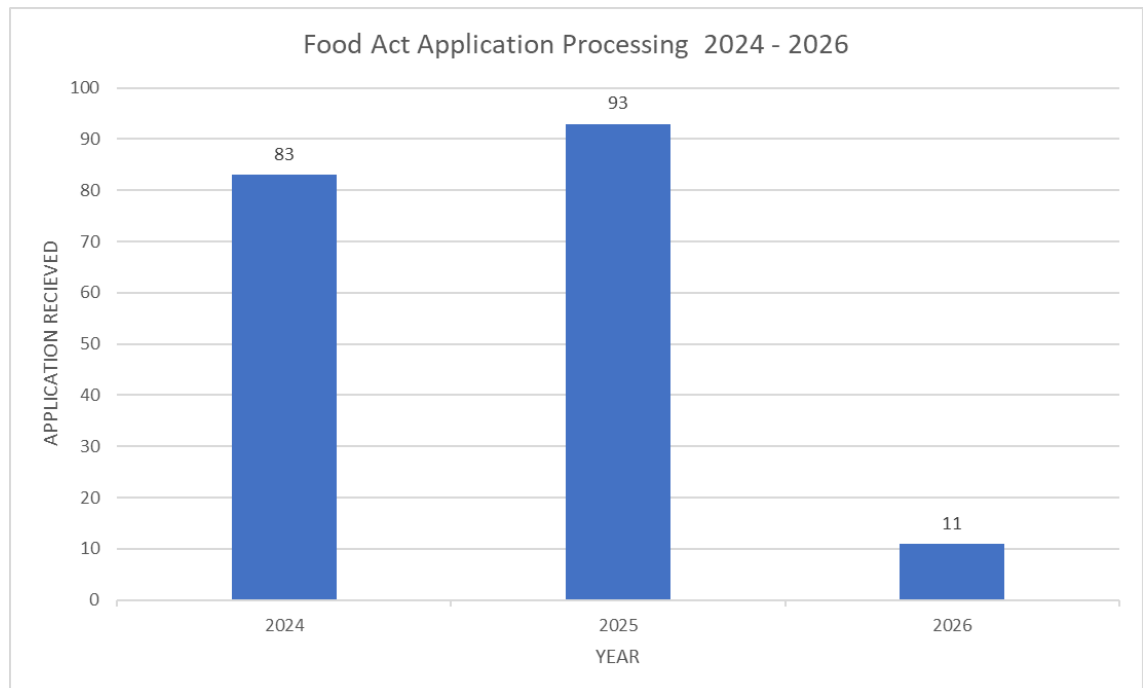
3.3.2. Rolling Total for 2026 (including 3-year comparison):



3.3.3. Food Licencing Processing – March:

- Applications lodged: 6
- Applications granted: 6
- Applications year to date: 11

3.3.4. Rolling Total for 2026 (including 3-year comparison):



3.4. Noise Complaints

- Complaints received - March: **13**
- Complaints year to date: **38**

3.5. Animal Control

- Enquiries received - March: **19**
- Enquiries year to date: **38**
- Infringements Issued 2026: **1**

3.6. Other Regulation**3.6.1. Bylaw Compliance**

- Compliance is generally good. Three events of fly tipping have occurred.

3.6.2. RMA Compliance/District Plan Complaints:Land Use Consent Monitoring

- March – **9**

4. LAND LEASES

- 4.1. Maintenance of leases and licences continue with renewals and rental reviews coming up throughout the year.
- 4.2. Enquiries regarding land remain active. Majority of these are for Licenses to Occupy. We have a number of enquiries currently going through the departmental approval process and are awaiting more applications to come in from interested parties.

Update on the total number in progress

Current Leases:	112
Lease Rental reviews:	7
Lease CPI Rental reviews:	0 (all completed due July)
Lease renewals:	3
New Leases/enquiries:	6
Cancellation/Potential Surrender of Leases	2
Assignment of Leases	1
Current Licences to Occupy:	171
Licence to occupy CPI Rental reviews:	0 (all completed due July)
Licence to Occupy Renewals:	140
New Licence to Occupy/ enquiries:	16
Freeholding of Land/Sale of Land:	4
Freeholding Land Enquiries:	1
Land purchase enquiries:	6

- 4.3. The Policy for Community Leases is currently under consideration by the Executive Leadership Team.
- 4.4. Efforts continue with debt recovery and identifying problematic debtors who are non-responsive to payment demands. Such debtors are being considered for debt collection and cancellation of their Lease if arrears remain outstanding outside of acceptable timeframes.

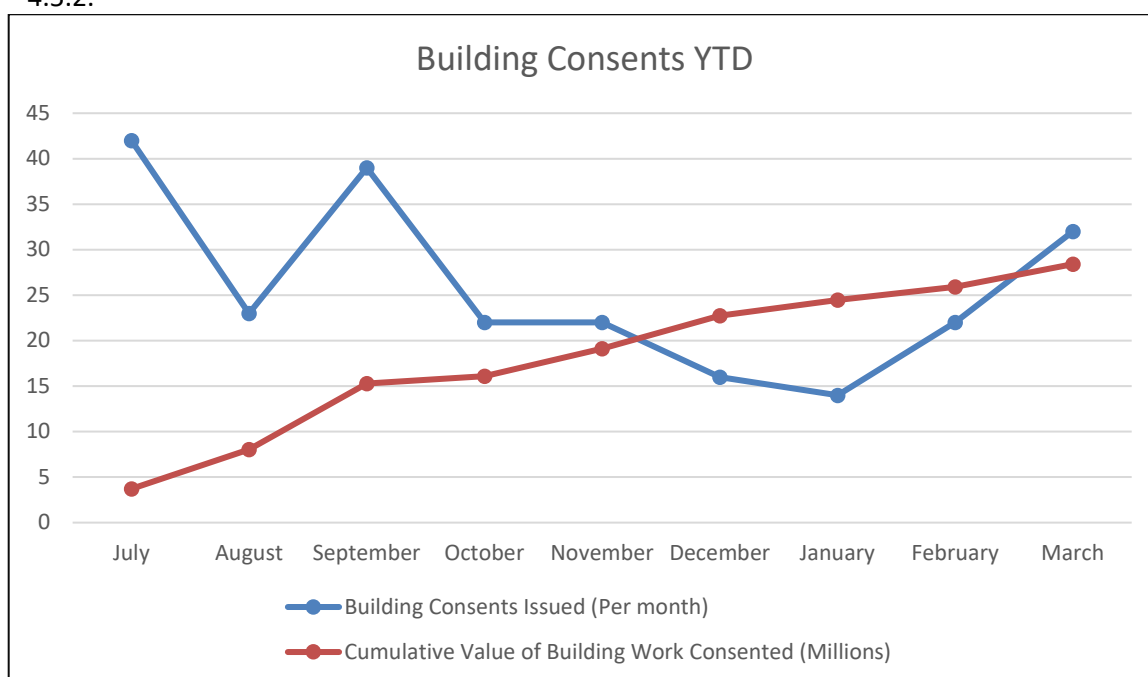
BUILDING CONTROL

4.5. Building consents

4.5.1. March - 32 Building Consent applications were received.

- 4 applications for minor commercial/industrial projects.
- 4 applications for domestic shed / outbuildings
- 2 applications for a new dwellings
- 6 applications for Separation of Services (drainage)
- 10 applications for solid/liquid fuel heaters.
- Other applications were amendments, alterations etc.

4.5.2.



4.6. Building Consent Authority (BCA) Accreditation and Territorial Authority (TA) assessments

- 4.6.1. Internal audits have been undertaken in accordance with the audit schedule. No serious non-compliances raised worthy of noting.

4.7. Territorial Authority Functions

4.7.1. BWOFF

An audit programme has been developed on a risk-assessed basis, which will take audits conducted above the 20% target by 30 June.

4.7.2. Dangerous, Affected or Insanitary Building Notices (DAI) - Section 124

- 3 DAI notices issued since 1st Jan.
- 9 DAI notices currently under monitoring.

4.7.3. Notices to Fix (NTF)

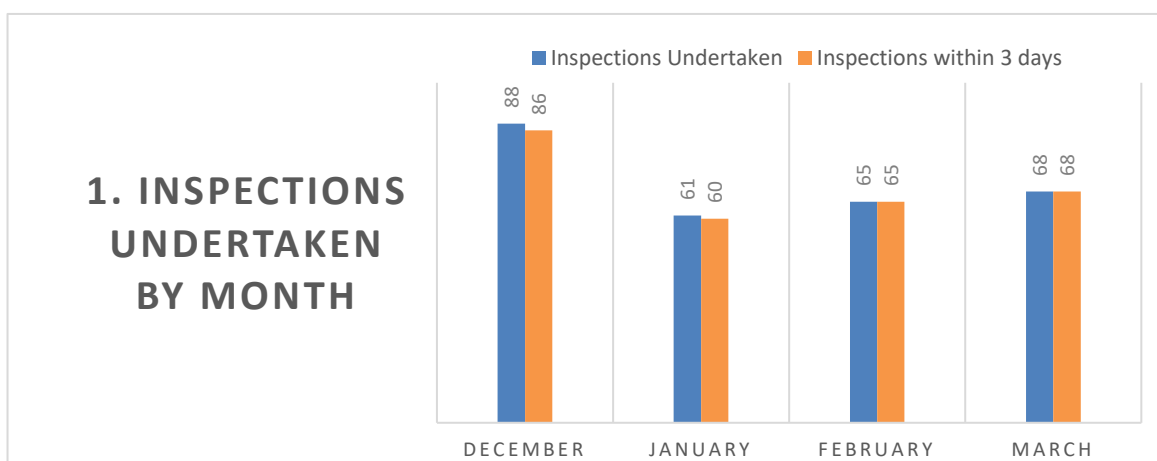
4.7.4. Notice to Fix is a tool to formally notify people that building work needs fixing. It is not a punitive measure, however, is required to be issued with a timeframe to comply. If the notice is not resolved in the timeframe enforcement measures can be used.

- 13 NTF's issued since 1st January by the TA relating to public complains about illegal building work.
- 1 NTF issued by the BCA for work under Building Consent.

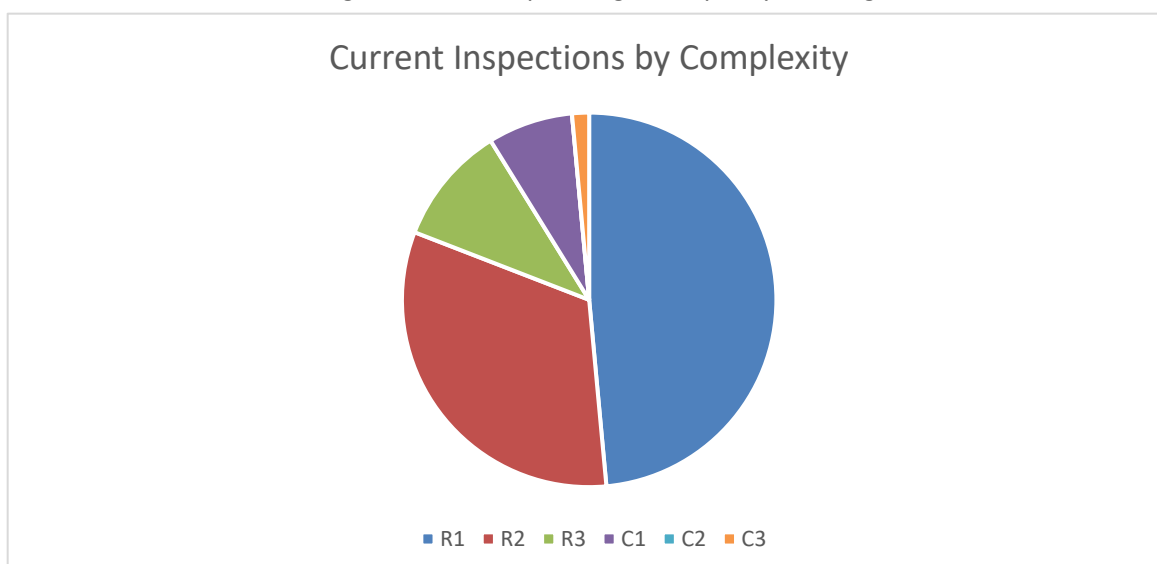
4.8. Resourcing and Training

4.8.1. The BCA continues to use external contractors to undertake overflow building consent processing and technical audits.

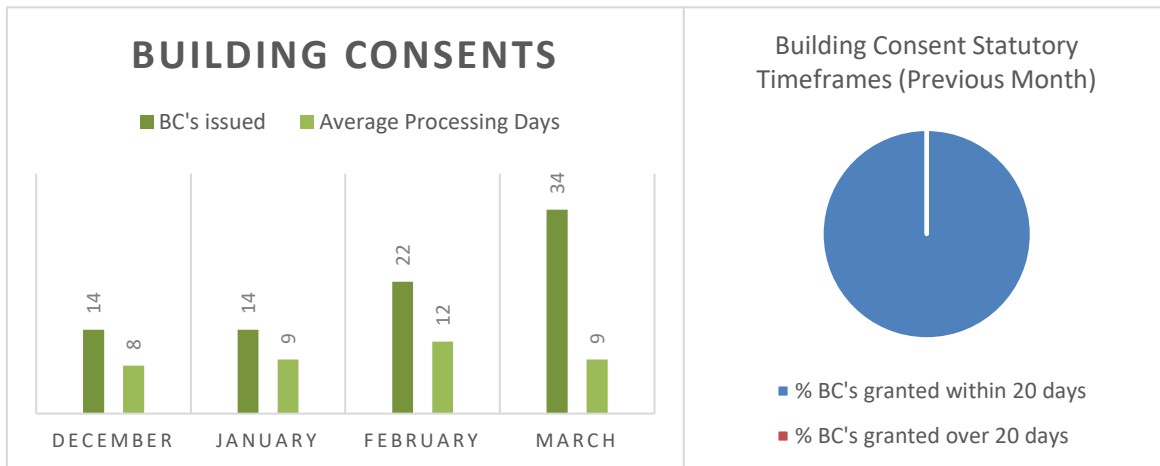
4.8.2. Inspection statistics graphs below:



1. Inspections undertaken monthly for the previous 4 months and compliance with 3-day stat timeframe.
2. Previous months inspections displayed by complexity. R1 complexity is simple residential building work, R2 is moderately complex building work and R3 is complex building work like multi-unit dwellings. C1 is simple low occupancy Commercial, and the same range applies as the residential complexities, with C3 being the most complex, high occupancy buildings.



4.8.3. The graphs below illustrate building consents issued, average processing times, and compliance with statutory timeframes. Compliance in March was 100%. No consents exceeded the statutory timeframe.



4.8.4. Table below shows the previous 4 months of compliance with statutory timeframes for issuing Code Compliance Certificates (CCC) and Building Consents (BC).

Consent and Code Compliance Certificate Key Statistics				
	Dec	Jan	Feb	March
Building Consents issued within 20 days	100%	100%	96%	100%
Code Compliance Certificates issued within 20 days	100%	94%	94%	96%
Inspections undertaken within 3 days of requested date (80% target)	98%	98%	100%	100%

4.9. LTP Performance Measures

4.9.1 Year to date LTP performance measures.

4.10. Measure	Target	Current Performance
4.11. Customer satisfaction with building control information	65%	52%
4.12. % of building consents issued within 19 working days	95%	92%
4.13. Grey District Council maintains accreditation as a building consent authority	Achieved	Achieved
4.14. Building Warrant of Fitness audits are undertaken in line with MBIE guidance recommendations (20% of buildings with BWoF annually)	20%	7%

Confirmation of Statutory Compliance

Compliance with Statutory Decision-making Requirements (ss 76 - 81 Local Government Act 2002).

This report contains:

- (i) sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
 - (ii) adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons bearing in mind any proposed or previous community engagement.
- (b) The information reflects the level of significance of the matters covered by the report, as determined in accordance with the Council's significance and engagement policy.

5.7 OPERATIONS GROUP REPORT

File Number:

Report Author: Group Manager Operations

Report Authoriser: Chief Executive

Appendices: Nil

1. REPORT PURPOSE

- 1.1. This report is to provide an update to Council with respect to the delivery of functions and activities within the Operations Group.

2. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:1. Receives the report and notes the content.

2. Notes that; Council, with the assistance of the Dixon Park Redevelopment Committee, will shortly commence work to remove the existing toddler playground area shelter.
3. The shelter is being removed due to its current state, to ensure safety of users.
4. Council notes its thanks to the Dixon Park Redevelopment Committee for their assistance with this matter.

3. HEALTH & SAFETY

- 3.1. Health and safety support and advice to managers and the wider organisation is an ongoing activity with a key focus on worker engagement, reporting and risk management.

- 3.2. Safe365 reporting of events logged this period 23 March – 15 April 2026, includes all active and closed events. These are shown in the summary and events logged across Council since the last Council meeting.

- (a) Incident reports 16
- (b) Hazards reports 0
- (c) Safety Records 2
- (d) Closed reports 5
- (e) Open reports 6
- (f) Actions pending 4

- 3.3. GDC's Overall safety performance is increasing reflective of:

- 3.3.1 The continuation of process and policy review, updates and overall staff awareness.
- 3.3.2 Compliance training and staff awareness training as required to meet the current legislative guidance.
- 3.3.3 Maturing of reporting and documenting data collection relating to hazard/risk management from GDC workers critical in terms of preventing incident reoccurrences.
- 3.3.4 Incident Report reviews, follow up and actions are assigned and actioned in a timely manner.

- 3.4. Continuous improvement - The Safe365 management platform capability and employee reporting efficiencies continues to show areas for improvement. Staff continue to see increasing levels of aggression from members of the public. Lone work application implementation is in progress and will add a layer of safety for those exposed to this risk.
- 3.5. The Health and Safety Policy working group undertaking review of the health and safety policies within the 'Draft Health, Safety and Wellbeing (system) Manual' have evaluated and accepted 3 of the 8 drafts proposed. The workgroup verify:
 1. The policy is 'fit for purpose',
 2. Is effective in the management of GDC's health and safety risk profile,
 3. Meet current legislative requirements, and
 4. Do not conflict with wider GDC policies
- 3.6. Vis Tab visitor management system has been in operation for some time and is well embedded into visitor management. This system is proposed for the WRC and Library services in the future.
- 3.7. A full health & safety report will be provided to the next meeting of Council's Risk & Assurance Sub-committee in April.

4. TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

- 4.1. **Roading Network Maintenance Contract** – The contract works is progressing well. The contractor has been responding to service requests and continue to deliver work to a good standard. The following section provides reports and photographs of works completed during the current reporting period.
 - 4.1.1. **Pavement Repairs** – Pavement repair work continues throughout the network. Contractors completed surface repairs in Moana, on Nelson Creek Road and along Taylorville Road last month.

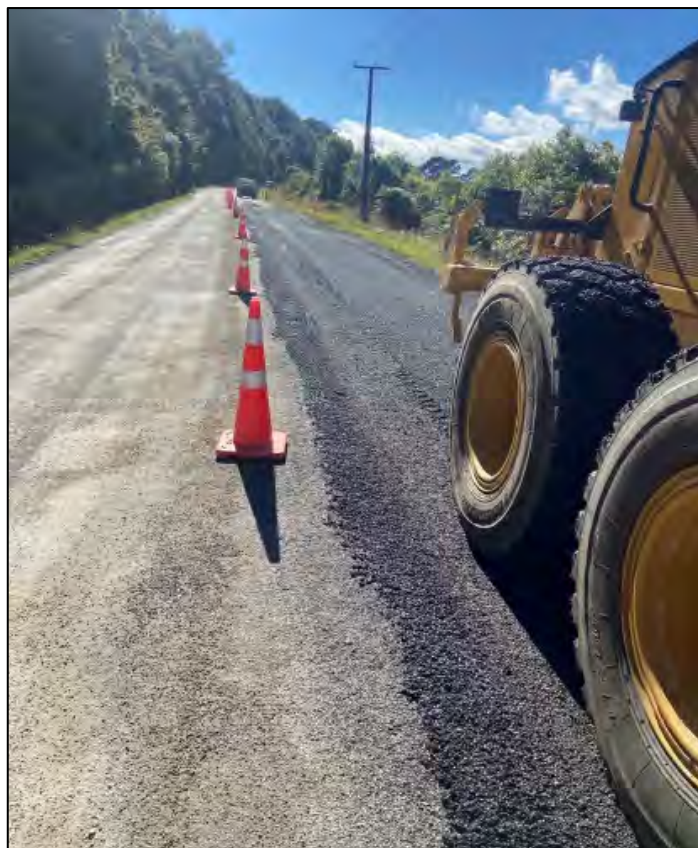


Fig 1: Surface repairs on Taylorville – Blackball Road



Fig 2: Pavement repair works on Nelson Creek Road

- 4.1.2. **Footpath Renewal Works (NZTA Subsidised)** – Footpath renewals work is progressing well within the available budget. This year, work is focused around the high used areas and sees some footpaths on High Street, Joyce Crescent, Shakespeare Street and Ashley Drive being renewed.



Fig 3: Footpath Renewal on Shakespeare Street



Fig 4: Footpath Renewal Works on Joyce Crescent

- 4.1.3. **Resealing Works** – Contractors have completed the sealing works for this year in the last week. Good weather assisted in achieving the completion of the reseals programme without any delays. Sealing works were completed on Atarau Road, Stillwater – Blackball Road, Taylorville Road, Arnold Valley Road, Blair Road and Lake Brunner Road. 18 Kilometres of road was resealed this year which makes up to 5% of the districts total sealed network. Asphalt works on Boundary Street will be completed in the coming months.



Fig 5: Sealing works on Taylorville Road

- 4.1.4. **Structure Maintenance Works** – Bridges, retaining walls, handrails and other structures around the district are getting cleaned and painting works are being carried. This is to ensure the longevity of these structures and their components.

4.2. Port

- 4.2.1. A relatively quiet month at the slipway has given port staff a chance to carry out necessary maintenance of plant including removal of a failed winch, replaced wire rope / pullies on the dredge. The replacement of the out of water sections of rails on the slipway, was also completed.
- 4.2.2. Staff have spent time clearing out a port building and securing it, following it being vacated by a previous tenant. Council is currently in negotiations with a potential new tenant for this space.



Fig 7: FV Progress being brought up to the slipway for maintenance.

4.3. Aerodrome

- 4.3.1. The aerodrome operated as per normal during March.

(1) Runway Usage Summary

Aircraft Type Summary: Unknown 58, Helicopters 28 and Aeroplanes 39, Microlights 34.

- (2) **Activity Level** – During March 2026, the airport had 159 movements, which was an increase of 165% from 60 movements on previous month.
- (3) The increases observed this month mainly relates to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association AGM meeting, which was held locally.



Fig 8: Multiple aircraft in town for the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association AGM.

5. UTILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

5.1. Water Supplies

5.1.1. Greater Greymouth Water Supply

- (a) Replacement control cabinets for the two UV reactors at the Greater Greymouth Water Treatment Plant and planning work to install them is well underway. Work is likely to occur during June, when we typically see the lower demand time of the year.
- (b) Staff continue to update the Drinking Water Regulator (Taumata Arowai), on a number of key projects, including the Greater Greymouth water treatment plant upgrade, backflow investigation project and leak detection work. Regular updates to the Drinking Water Regulator are planned, moving forward.

5.1.2. Runanga Water Supply

- (a) Stage 2 of the Rapahoe Watermain Renewal project is now complete, with approximately 950 m of watermain installed, including the bridge crossing at Raleigh Creek on Somerled Avenue and the rail crossing on the Rapahoe Straight. The connection was successfully made live on 31 March 2026. Staff have now turned their attention to the design of the final stage of works, near the Rapahoe end of the network. This stage also includes the renewal across the State Highway Road bridge at Rapahoe. This stage will be tendered early in the new financial year (2026/27).



Fig 9: Photo taken during Live Connection (Rapahoe side)

5.1.3. Blackball Water Supply

- (a) The supply operated as per normal during March. While staff are focused on the Greater Greymouth Water Treatment Upgrade, they will shortly turn their attention to the detailed investigation and design work relating to the Blackball treatment upgrade. This treatment upgrade is planned for year 2 of the Long Term Plan.

5.1.4. Water Supply - Break Trends

- (a) Water supply pipework breaks are shown below, over a twelve-month period.
- (b) In March 31 service breaks and 4 mains / ridermain break were observed.
- (c) While mains breaks levels appear reasonably constant, staff are closely monitoring an upward trend in the level of service connection leaks/repairs. In March, on average, one service connection leak/repair was completed every day.



Fig 10: Water Supply Break Trend - 12 Months

5.2. Wastewater Schemes

5.2.1. Greater Greymouth

- (a) Works on the new wastewater pumping station at the existing Cobden Wastewater Treatment Plant have now been completed. The previously delayed connection works at Johnston Street, Greymouth, has now been successfully completed. Final commissioning of the Cobden wastewater pumping station to the Greater Greymouth Wastewater Treatment Plant is scheduled to be undertaken by the end of April 2026. Once commissioned, this will mark a significant milestone, enabling separated wastewater flows from the Cobden area, to be treated at the Greater Greymouth Wastewater Treatment facility, for the first time.
- (b) The Smith Street sewer separation project has now been completed by our contractor. State Highway crossing works, including pipe laying and reinstatement, were carried out on 30 March 2026 overnight, between 6 pm to 6 am. All remaining works have subsequently been completed.
- (c) The contract documents and plans for the new UV treatment plant at the Greater Greymouth Wastewater Treatment Plant (Preston Road) were released for tender, and a site meeting was held on 17 March 2026 with prospective tenderers. The tender closed on 10 April 2026 and staff are currently evaluating submissions. Once constructed and commissioned, the new UV treatment plant will enable the decommissioning of the existing Johnston Street facility, which was commissioned in 2004 and upgraded in 2014. The existing UV systems are now at the end of their service life and are becoming uneconomical to maintain.
- (d) The Cobden UV treatment plant underwent significant maintenance in February, including replacement of lamps, sleeves, wipers, and key electrical components to maintain treatment quality. Similar maintenance for the Johnston Street UV treatment

facility has been rescheduled, with the specialist maintenance contractor's visit postponed. The works are now expected to be completed by the end of April 2026.

- (e) All other areas of the Greater Greymouth Wastewater Scheme were operating as normal (Cobden, Greymouth, Blaketown, Boddytown, Kaiata, Dobson and Taylorville).

5.2.2. Runanga / Dunollie

- (a) The next stage of the Runanga wastewater reticulation renewal in Carroll Street is nearing completion. The works include renewal of wastewater infrastructure, along with associated stormwater and water supply upgrades to mitigate historic surface flooding. Staff have spent significant time on site during this project, to enable the required outcomes. Work on Pitt Street near the Runanga Workingmen's Club has also been completed by our contractor.



Fig 11: Runanga Stormwater Improvement works on Kotare Domain area.

5.2.3. Karoro / South Beach / Paroa

- (a) The Karoro Wastewater Treatment plant continues to show some out of the ordinary monitoring results, despite active staff investigation. Staff have sought the advice of a wastewater treatment specialist in order to resolve the current situation. Since the last report, monitoring results within the plant area continue to show concern and one sample result from coastal marine area shows elevated results. Staff are actively working to resolve the current situation and will continue to update Council through this report.
- (b) Following the tender release of the Greater Greymouth Wastewater Treatment Plant UV Treatment upgrade tender release and subsequent tender evaluation, staff are now turning their attention to determining the preferred option and design work, for conveying wastewater flows from Karoro, South Beach, and Paroa to the Greater Greymouth Wastewater Treatment Plant. This project is to start in year 2 of the Long Term Plan.

5.2.4. Blackball

- (a) The scheme operated as normal throughout the previous month.

5.2.5. Moana

- (a) The scheme was operating as normal throughout the previous month. The wetland drop/soakage test noted within the March report, wasn't able to be completed due to weather. This is planned to occur shortly, with results being provided to the consent authority, once complete.

5.2.6. Te Kinga

- (a) The scheme was operating as normal throughout this period. A review of the longer-term monitoring data is currently being considered by staff. While the discharge consent for the site has limited parameters, staff will be in detail checking original design parameters against monitoring trends.

5.3. Stormwater & Flood Protection

- 5.3.1. Staff are continuing to review the findings of the recent stormwater investigations for the CBD area. Work is ongoing to prioritise improvement options, with detailed design and tender documentation to follow once priorities are confirmed. Stormwater improvement works for Murray Street have now been awarded, with works to be progressed. A section of stormwater renewal on Shakespeare Street, near Marsden Road is currently going through the tender evaluation process.

5.4. Refuse & Recycling

- 5.4.1. **McLeans Pit Landfill & Recycling Centre** – Contractors operating the landfill and recycling centre have continued to demonstrate strong progress in the processing of accumulated recyclable materials. Ongoing efforts to sustain continuous operations at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) are now yielding positive outcomes, with a measurable reduction in stockpiled materials. Planned maintenance shutdowns are being effectively managed, with minimal disruption to overall processing schedules and operational targets.

5.4.2. Resource Centres

- (a) The Moana Resource Centre has continued to operate effectively under standard operating conditions. At this time, there are no substantive updates regarding changes to the site or its operations.

- (b) The Blackball Resource Centre has continued to undertake routine site maintenance and tidy-up works to support efficient day-to-day operations. An option to upgrade the site's security fencing is currently under review, with a decision expected in the coming weeks.
- (c) The Nelson Creek Resource Centre continues to operate effectively and is being managed efficiently. A decline in site utilisation has been observed over recent months, with the contractor reporting minimal visits from the general public.

5.4.3. Mitchells & Preston Road

- (a) **Mitchells Skip Site:** Preliminary discussions have commenced with the landowner of the site to negotiate a lease agreement. Upon receipt of a formal proposal from the landowner, it will be subject to review and evaluation.
- (b) **Preston Road:** site continues to operate effectively, with services currently provided on a weekly basis. Recent contamination issues have been identified, including an increased presence of large volumes of commercial recycling in and around the container. An internal review is underway, alongside ongoing monitoring of the situation.

5.4.4. **Kerbside Collection** – Kerbside collection services have continued to operate, with service request volumes remaining elevated; however, a reduction is anticipated from April onwards. The recent delivery of new wheelie bins and crates has begun to alleviate the backlog of overdue service requests. Interim measures implemented during this period have proven effective, and contractors have now addressed and brought service requests up to date.

- (a) Kerbside recycling audits continue to be undertaken at a reduced level each month. This shortfall is planned to be addressed over the coming months, with increased audit activity scheduled to bring monthly totals back in line with expected targets. Updated audit results are reflected in the table and graph below.

Area	Total Audits	Pass (Green)	Warning/Fail (Orange-Red)
Runanga	40	33	7
Dunollie	9	8	1
Cobden	84	65	19

Fig 12: Kerbside Recycling Audit Data – March

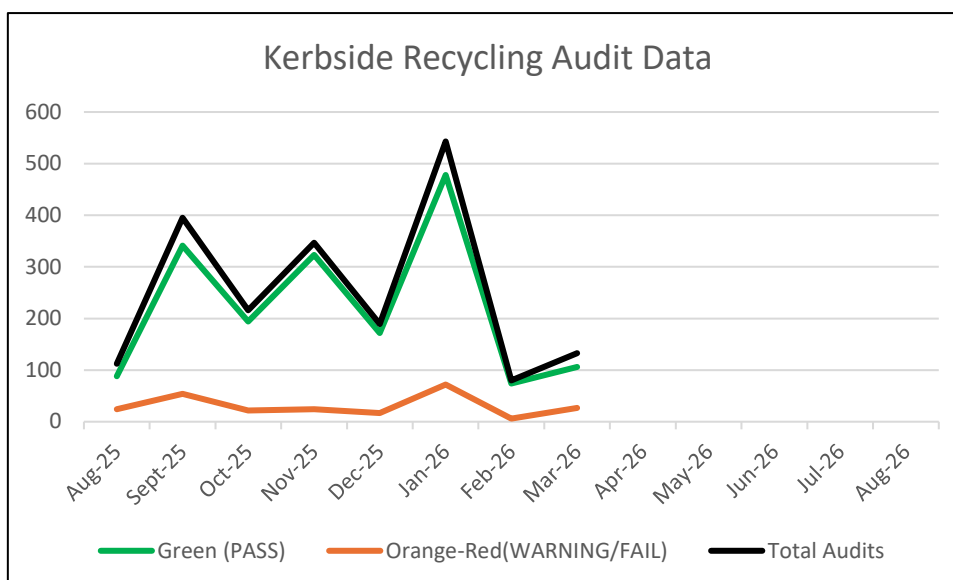


Fig 13: Kerbside Recycling Audit Data – August 25 – March 26

- 5.4.5. **Litter Bins** – A review of the litter bin placement within the CBD is currently underway in response to ongoing issues of damage caused by vehicles parking in close proximity to bin locations. The review will assess current positioning and identify opportunities to mitigate damage risk while maintaining accessibility and service efficiency.
- 5.4.6. **Waste Minimisation Management Plan** – The legacy tyre stockpile at McLeans Pit Landfill has commenced removal by a registered Tyrewise collector. Tyres are being transported to a Tyrewise depot, with additional volumes diverted for beneficial reuse within the agricultural sector. This work is being undertaken at no cost to Council.
- 5.4.7. **Enviroschools Programme** – EnviroSchools is an important education programme aimed at children, which will provide significant benefit in the short and longer terms. The programme continues to provide significant benefit to our district.

5.5. Parks & Reserves

- 5.5.1. Staff continue to work closely with the maintenance contractors to the necessary outcomes required of the Parks & Reserves contracts. Maintenance levels are improving as we approach a lower growth period of the year.
- 5.5.2. Regular meetings with the Dixon Park Redevelopment Committee are occurring and discussions are progressing well. The possibility of external funding to enable three concepts to be developed, may result in the planning elements of the project moving forward on a quicker basis than previously thought. At a recent meeting, the toddler playground roof and the roof of the band rotunda were discussed. The committee have shown interest in working with Council to assist with these two projects, which would include the removal of the playground roof structure and the re-roofing of the band rotunda structure.
- (a) The band rotunda roof is nearing end of life and requires specialised fabrication of a new roof cladding, given its shape. Council will assist the project by funding materials and likely removal/reinstatement of the roof, while the committee believe they can complete the physical work to replace roof cladding. This will result in a good outcome for the park area.
- (b) The toddler playground area roof structure has reached end of life and now needs to be removed, to ensure safety of park users. While the roof area provides shelter form the

elements, the removal of the corroded shelter will enable better planning for the redevelopment of the area, which will likely see some playground elements moved. It is expected that the overall redevelopment of the park will see some sheltered areas reinstated.

5.5.3. Structural maintenance work on the clock tower structure, is now well underway. A number of structural members are being repaired as part of the work. This is expected to be completed in May. The work is being completed under urgency, and it is believed that existing budgets will fund the works.

5.5.4. The main access footbridge off Lydia Street, to the Grand Jeans walkway remains closed while structural inspection is carried out. It is expected that significant work will be required to reinstate a bridge crossing, noting that the width of the replacement structure could be narrower. Once the full scope of work is understood, further detail will be provided to Council. It is hoped that existing renewal budgets will be able to fund this work.

5.6. Cemeteries

5.6.1. Staff continue to work collaboratively with the contractor to ensure cemeteries are maintained in accordance with the required specifications and standards. Improvements in maintenance outcomes have been observed during this reporting period.

5.7. Public Conveniences

5.7.1. Staff will soon increase the frequency of site audits, to ensure the required cleaning standards are being met. Over the last month, several concerns around the cleaning standard have been raised, and staff are actively looking into these concerns.

5.8. Vehicle Fleet

5.8.1. Pricing has now been received for one of the fleet vehicles and these are being reviewed.

6. BUSINESS & CONTRACTS

6.1. Retirement Housing

6.1.1. Resealing of the driveway at the Blackmore Street complex is 90% completed.

6.2. Buildings

6.2.1. The work to compile a list of all council buildings is still underway, which will lead onto a condition assessment being undertaken. This will provide Council with detailed information on the current state of all buildings and allow for better, informed budgeting and renewals programming.

6.3. Inhouse taskforce

6.3.1. Staff are continuing with general maintenance and assisting other Council departments. Recent high growth has resulted in increased mowing and weed eating needs. The team are working hard to ensure any areas that have high growth at present will quickly be brought back under control.

6.3.2. A lot of vegetation work has been undertaken on the walking tracks.

6.4. Contractor Performance

6.4.1. Staff are currently looking at different options for a contractor performance framework, including discussing existing frameworks with other Council's. A draft framework will then be developed and presented to the Council.

7. CAPITAL PROGRAMME DELIVERY

- 7.1. Staff continue to work on delivering the capital delivery programme for the 2025/26 financial year, as reported to Council through the August 2025 meeting.
- 7.2. The 2025/26 capital programme has a significant focus on the three waters infrastructure. Planned projects include renewal of aging reticulation, commencement of work to upgrade the Greater Greymouth Water Treatment Plant (to ensure compliance with modern standards), the commencement of work on the new UV treatment plant at the Greater Greymouth Wastewater Treatment Plant (on Preston Road) and improving stormwater systems to reduce urban flooding risks.
- 7.3. Numerous projects are underway or have been completed during this financial year.
- 7.4. Several key projects continue to be behind schedule, but updates on progress towards achieving these is outlined below;
 - 7.4.1. The UV Treatment upgrade tender for the Greater Greymouth Wastewater Treatment Plant closed on 10 April 2026. Staff are currently evaluating tender submissions, with a report to be presented to the Tenders Sub-committee for direction. The project remains behind the original programme and construction is not expected to be completed this financial year. Work is however, anticipated to be well underway by 30 June 2026. This project is critical to maintaining treatment quality, as the existing Johnston Street UV facility is nearing the end of its service life and is increasingly costly to maintain.
 - 7.4.2. Council has engaged additional specialist assistance to move forward work relating to the most appropriate filtration treatment for the planned treatment upgrade of the Greater Greymouth Water Treatment Plant (Coal Creek). While the project is behind schedule, good progress has been made around reviewing information around treatment options. Our consultant is working towards providing treatment option analysis and a recommendation to council on the preferred treatment option by early June. Once this element of work is completed, contract documents and tender information will be put together to support a contract process (which will in part be design/build).
 - (a) This project is a critical treatment improvement project and signifies one of the largest projects within the capital programme. Ensuring that the correct filtration treatment option is selected, is crucial to ensure Council meet its objectives of meeting the current Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules. The filtration systems will remove organic loading within the raw water and improve water quality being treated through the ultraviolet systems already in operation at the treatment plant reducing the production of chlorine byproducts. This project is a two-year project, currently being in its first year.
 - 7.4.3. The McLeans Pit Landfill and Recycling Centre Improvements project remains behind schedule, with no significant change from the previous reporting period. The project includes installation of two new weighbridges, site office relocation and staff amenity upgrades. The project will not be completed by 30 June, but the two weighbridges have already been procured and are currently held in storage for the project.
- 7.5. Numerous water supply, wastewater and stormwater renewal projects are currently either under construction or about to be tendered.
- 7.6. The 2026 chip seal reseals programme is now completed, with a section of hotmix to be completed on Boundary Street by the new Library in the coming two months.
- 7.7. A detailed report will be provided to Council at their ordinary May Council meeting.
- 7.8. Council's new Water Services Manager starts on Tuesday 28 April, with both the new Assets & Infrastructure Manager and Capital Design Engineer commencing their roles in May. This will provide much needed additional resource to the team. Council will shortly be recruiting a new

Parks & Reserves Officer, an Environmental Monitoring Officer and is currently recruiting a Water Services Engineer.

8. GENERAL

- 8.1. Staff continue to support annual plan development, long term plan development, Local Water Done Well / asset valuations and regional partnering opportunities.
- 8.2. A significant amount of work is going into supporting ongoing discussions with Westland and Buller District Council's, and the creation of an implementation plan for the new Water Services Council Controlled Organisation. The new multi-Council Controlled Organisation known as Coast Water Limited, is set to commence operations from 1 July 2027.

9. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / LIFELINES

- 9.1. There were no significant weather events during March that required increased input from staff.

Confirmation of Statutory Compliance

Compliance with Statutory Decision-making Requirements (ss 76 - 81 Local Government Act 2002).

(a) This report contains:

- (i) sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
- (ii) adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons bearing in mind any proposed or previous community engagement.

(b) The information reflects the level of significance of the matters covered by the report, as determined in accordance with the Council's significance and engagement policy.

5.8 NAMING OF UNNAMED ROADS - CONSULTATION OUTCOME

File Number:

Report Author: Senior Transport and Infrastructure Engineer

Report Authoriser: Group Manager Operations

Appendices: Nil

1. REPORT PURPOSE

- 1.1. To confirm the outcome of a request for naming two unnamed roads, following targeted consultation.

2. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. In accordance with Section 319(j) of the Local Government Act 1974, Council approves the naming of Gage Lane and Hahn Road.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. Council recently carried out a two-week targeted consultation process, closing April 10, to ensure the naming was appropriate and correct for the community.
- 3.2. **Proposal One** is a new subdivision comprising of six residential lots recently developed, with dwellings currently under construction connecting to State Highway 6, adjacent to 402 Main South Road, Paroa.
- 3.3. As this is a new legal road providing primary access to the subdivision, it requires an official road name to enable property addressing and to ensure clarity for emergency and postal services.
- 3.4. The preferred name is 'Gage Lane'. The surname Gage is historically linked with West Coast and Greymouth. Henrietta Gage (1876 – 1951) was born in Hokitika and died in Greymouth, and her father Simeone Gage was an early resident of the region. Previously 402 Main South Road where the new subdivision is located) was owned for many years by the Gage family, descendants of Henrietta and Simeone Gage.
- 3.5. **Proposal Two** is due to construction of the new Ahaura bridge, State Highway 7 and realignment meaning the former section of the highway now functions as a local road but does not currently have an official road name.
- 3.6. Properties located along the former highway alignment continue to carry State Highway 7 addresses, which are no longer accurate. This has resulted in confusion for residents, visitors, and service providers.
- 3.7. To rectify inconsistencies and improve clarity, this road requires a new official name, and properties along it will need to be re-addressed accordingly.
- 3.8. The preferred name is 'Hahn Road – The Hahn family of Ahaura, established themselves in the district during the late 19th century, becoming prominent figures in the local sawmilling industry and community life. Much of the surrounding area is still in the ownership of the Hahn Family.
- 3.9. Just one submission was received in support of both proposals.

4. OPTIONS

- 4.1. **Option One (Preferred)**
- 4.2. Approve the proposal to alter two unnamed roads: Gage Lane and Hahn Road.
- 4.3. **Option Two**
- 4.4. Do not approve the proposal.

5. CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1. Legal and Legislative Implications
 - 5.1.1. Road naming is governed by local authorities under the Local Government Act 1974. Standards set by Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) have been followed to ensure clarity for emergency services and postal delivery.
- 5.2. Financial
 - 5.2.1. Minor costs. Purchase of street signs and confirming section numbers for properties if necessary.
- 5.3. Existing Policy and Strategy Implications
 - 5.3.1. Existing legislation allows for Council to name and rename roads and re-number sections whenever necessary. This is all covered in the Local Government Act 1974.
- 5.4. Fit with Purpose of Local Government Statement
 - 5.4.1. Deemed to fit the purpose being:
 - 5.4.2. To enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and,
 - 5.4.3. To promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.
- 5.5. Effects on Mana whenua
 - 5.5.1. Council consulted with Mana Whenua who confirmed that they have no concerns.

5.6. Significance and Engagement

Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
Is there a high level of public interest, or is decision likely to be controversial?	Low to medium	Some affected parties and residents may take issue with the new names; however, this is unlikely.
Is there a significant impact arising from duration of the effects from the decision?	Low	Impacts of not naming are considered to be of a higher impact.
Does the decision relate to a strategic asset? (refer Significance and Engagement Policy for list of strategic assets)	Medium	Roads are a strategic asset, however the roads in the report are of low significance.
Does the decision create a substantial change in the level of service provided by Council?	Low	No change to the level of service.
Does the proposal, activity or decision substantially affect debt, rates or Council finances in any one year or more of the LTP?	Low	N/A
Does the decision involve the sale of a substantial proportion or controlling interest in a CCO or CCTO?	N/A	N/A
Does the proposal or decision involve entry into a private sector partnership or contract to carry out the delivery on any Council group of activities?	N/A	N/A
Does the proposal or decision involve Council exiting from or entering into a group of activities?	N/A	N/A

6. CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1. Local residents were contacted, and stakeholders including emergency services. This generated one submission in support.

7. NEXT STEPS

- 7.1. The public will be notified of Council's decision.
- 7.2. Transport staff to request that LINZ update and label the road in the digital cadastral database.

Confirmation of Statutory Compliance

Compliance with Statutory Decision-making Requirements (ss 76 - 81 Local Government Act 2002).

- (a) This report contains:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and(ii) adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons bearing in mind any proposed or previous community engagement. <p>(b) The information reflects the level of significance of the matters covered by the report, as determined in accordance with the Council's significance and engagement policy.</p> |
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5.9 2026/2027 ANNUAL PLAN CONSULTATION

File Number:

Report Author: Corporate and Strategic Planning Manager

Report Authoriser: GM Corporate Services

Appendices: Nil

1. REPORT PURPOSE

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to recommend that the 2026/2027 Annual Plan does not require formal consultation on the basis that the proposed Plan does not contain any significant or material differences from the content of Year 2 of the 2025-2034 Long Term Plan.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1. The report recommends that Council is not required to undertake formal consultation on the 2026/2027 Annual Plan as it does not contain any significant or material differences from the content of Year 2 of the 2025-2034 Long Term Plan.
- 2.2. Under section 95(2A) of the Local Government Act 2002, councils are not required to consult if an annual plan does not include significant or material differences from the relevant year of the LTP.
- 2.3. Following a detailed assessment, staff have concluded that the 2026/2027 Annual Plan does not contain any significant or material changes from Year 2 of the LTP. There are no proposed changes to levels of service, projects or strategic direction. Adjustments that have been made relate primarily to cost pressures outside Council's control (such as electricity, fuel, insurance, depreciation and salaries), minor budget management changes, updated fees and charges largely in line with CPI and funding source of some capital works. These changes do not alter Council's overall outcomes or priorities.
- 2.4. The Annual Plan continues to focus on delivering core infrastructure and services while maintaining affordability for ratepayers. Year 2 LTP forecast the total rates increase would not be greater than 10.09%; whilst financial modelling is still being completed, the total indicative increase in rate revenue for 2026/2027 is 8.68% with final figures to be confirmed prior to adoption.
- 2.5. Importantly, Council has undertaken extensive community engagement in the past 12–18 months through the LTP process and subsequent surveys, providing a strong and current understanding of community priorities, particularly the desire to focus on essential services and constrain rates increases.
- 2.6. On this basis, the report recommends that Council confirm that formal consultation on the 2026/2027 Annual Plan is not required. This approach is legally sound, consistent with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy and represents a cost-effective and proportionate response given the absence of substantive change. Council will still proactively communicate with the community about why consultation is not being undertaken, what the Annual Plan includes and the expected financial impacts on ratepayers.

3. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note the contents of this report;

2. Confirm the recommendation to not undertake formal consultation on the 2026/2027 Annual Plan on the basis that the proposed Annual Plan includes no significant or material differences from Year 2 of the 2025-2034 Long Term Plan;
3. Note Council will adopt the final 2026/2027 Annual Plan prior to 30 June 2026; and
4. Agree to inform the community why consultation is not required, the proposed financial impact and Council's focus.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1. Under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), all councils are required to adopt a Long Term Plan (LTP) once every three years and in the intervening years, prepare and adopt an Annual Plan. The purpose of an Annual Plan includes setting out budgets for the coming financial year, identifying any variations from the financial statements and funding impact statement included in the LTP for the relevant year and providing the basis for Council to strike the rates.
- 4.2. Grey District Council (Council) only adopted its current LTP last year, in June 2025 – the 2025-2034 Long Term Plan – and it is for a period of nine years, rather than the usual ten as Council opted to defer its Long Term Plan (LTP) in preference for an Enhanced Annual Plan in 2024/2025 after the Government gave local authorities the flexibility to do so amid uncertainties around the future of Three Waters service delivery and funding.
- 4.3. The 2026/2027 Annual Plan (which will cover the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027) is based on Year 2 of the 2025-2034 LTP.
- 4.4. The LGA provides that **if** the Annual Plan includes *significant or material* differences from the content of the LTP for the financial year to which the proposed Annual Plan relates, the local authority must consult with the public during the Annual Plan process. However, under section 95(2A) of the LGA, where there are no significant or material differences from the content of the LTP and the year to which the Annual Plan relates, the Council is not required to consult as part of the development of the Annual Plan.
- 4.5. Council's Significance and Engagement Policy sets out the degree of significance attached to particular Council issues, proposals, decisions and activities and provides direction about when communities can expect to be engaged in the decision-making process.

Rationale for recommendation to not consult

- 4.6. The 2026/2027 Annual Plan is based on Year 2 of the 2025-2034 LTP. Council undertook consultation on the 2025-2034 LTP in May 2025.
- 4.7. Projects, expenditure and levels of service for 2026/2027 are as proposed in Year 2 of the LTP. Some minor variations have been allowed for and these are detailed further in this report. These variations are not considered to be significant or material from what was proposed in Year 2 LTP and some changes, i.e. cost of electricity, insurance and fuel, are due to price increases outside of Council's control.
- 4.8. There is a cost associated with consultation. Given there are no significant or material differences between the proposed 2026/2027 Annual Plan and Year 2 of the LTP, it is suggested that this is a cost that could be saved.
- 4.9. Councils must have regard to the views and preferences to those affected in their decision-making, however this alone does not require them to consult. It is respectfully suggested that with extensive consultation undertaken just 12 months prior with the 2025-2034 LTP, the "How did we do survey?" undertaken in December 2025 and, more recently, the "What matters to you?" survey asked in March 2026, Council should have a solid understanding of what is important to its community. The community have repeatedly advised that they want Council to focus on core services and to reduce rates.

- 4.10. The 2026/2027 Annual Plan continues to focus on core infrastructure and the services the community needs to be a thriving, connected and resilient Grey District.
- 4.11. It is acknowledged that the community is accustomed to an annual consultation cycle and Council will likely still receive submissions. The work programme for the 12 months commencing 1 July 2026 will be as outlined in the LTP and noting that affordability is a key concern for the community, any projects and costs outside of this workplan and budget will be referred to the 2027-2037 LTP, which will be available for public consultation around March 2027.

Year 2 LTP adjustments

- 4.12. Since the 2025-2034 LTP was adopted in June 2025, some financial adjustments for operating income and expenditure have been made for Year 2 (2026/2027). Some of these are the result of external factors outside of Council's control and others have been made in order to manage budgets and fulfil operational requirements.
- 4.13. There is no change proposed to any levels of service from the 2025-2034 LTP. The adjustments below maintain the levels of service.
- 4.14. **Total rates increase:** Financial funding analysis is ongoing at the time of writing. Year 2 of the LTP forecast the rates increase would be not exceed 10.09%. All budgets have been reviewed, line by line, and an indicative increase for 2026/2027 total rates revenue is 8.68%². The final total rates revenue increase will be confirmed when Council adopts the final 2026/2027 Annual Plan by 30 June 2026. Staff will continue to keep Council and the community informed and will provide examples showing the community how the proposed increase might affect their rates.
- 4.15. The following table highlights some of the major cost adjustments for the 2026/2027 Annual Plan relative to what was in Year 2 of the LTP:

Item	LTP Year 2	2026/2027 AP	% change from LTP Year 2	Commentary
Electricity	1,776,445	1,736,598	-2.24%	Increase in electricity expense. Some areas had savings 2026/2027, such as the Port and water supply where previous year was over-budgeted.
Insurance	1,715,646	1,878,393	9.49%	Increase in insurance expense.
Depreciation	15,452,310	14,239,558	-7.85%	Increase in depreciation expense. This is lower than anticipated in Year 2 due to the infrastructure asset revaluation being moved to the 2026/2027 year.
Salary and wages	10,746,527	11,207,457	4.29%	Replaced contractors with full time staff; increase in KiwiSaver compulsory employer contribution and anticipated additional operational staff as outlined in LTP for library (2), business analyst, environmental monitoring and separation of services (will be partially offset by additional income).
Professional services	18,352,665	18,055,137	-1.62%	Decrease in professional services expense. Consultant use replaced with full time staff.
Interest payments	2,621,999	2,521,999	-3.81%	Increased interest expense.

² The total rates increase will affect each property differently depending on the valuation, location and use of the property as well as the targeted rates which are applicable.

Item	LTP Year 2	2026/2027 AP	% change from LTP Year 2	Commentary
Library operations	1,972,152	1,635,491	-17.07%	Operational budget for library decreased from that forecast in LTP Year 2. <i>Note: Total library budget includes electricity, interest and staff costs.</i>

4.16. Other main items to note are as follows:

- a) **Capital programme:** The capital programme remains that outlined in Year 2 of the LTP. The only addition is works planned for the Port, which have associated Government funding.
- b) **Fuel:** Increased costs for fuel have been allowed for.
- c) **Debt:** New debt for 2026/2027 will be taken over 30 years rather than 20 years to lower the cost of repayments and help ease the rates burden. Planned capital upgrades for the Westland Recreation Centre (approximately \$660,000) will be debt funded in 2026/2027 rather than rate funded as there are currently no reserves for the Westland Recreation Centre. Loans for previous Council resolutions also need to be included in 2026/2027, namely \$105,000 for Arnott Heights emergency repairs not funded by NZTA and additional Richmond Quay build costs (\$2,750,000). This will bring Council's total debt to \$80,858,000. It is noted the 140% self-imposed Council debt benchmark was not met in years 2-5 of the LTP due to the need to keep rate rises affordable – this additional debt does not change that, nor does it breach the 175% LGFA debt cap.
- d) **Proposed changes to fees and charges:** Proposed increases to fees and charges are largely in line with CPI inflation of 3.1% (to March 2026) plus rounding. At the time of writing, fee increases outside of CPI are likely to some Westland Recreation Centre fees, abandoned vehicle callout and other miscellaneous fees. Overdue fees and large print borrowing fees will be removed from the Library. Planning fees and food licensing fees are not increasing in 2026/2027 (excluding the Food Business Levy, which is set by Ministry for Primary Industries).
- e) **Grants and funding:** There is one minor change to grants and funding for 2026/2027 - the Signage, Interpretation and Public Arts Fund is removed. All other grants remain the same, with a full review to take place as part of the 2027-2037 LTP.
- f) **Subsidies:** Council has received additional subsidies towards works at the Greymouth Port for the 2026/2027 year which were not included in the LTP. These subsidies are offset by planned capital projects at the Port.

4.17. Each of the items above have been considered against the test for significant or material difference from that planned for 2026/2027 in the LTP as well as against the criteria for significant in our Significance and Engagement Policy. Our assessment concluded that the changes are not significant or material and it is therefore recommended that formal consultation on the 2026/2027 is not legally required in line with section 95(2A) of the LGA.

5. OPTIONS

5.1. There are two options:

5.2. **Option 1: Do not undertake formal consultation on the 2026/2027 Annual Plan (recommended).**

5.2.1. *Advantages:*

- Avoids inviting submissions when no other activities can be accommodated within the 2026/2027 budget which is focussed on core infrastructure and reduced costs.
- This option also precludes unnecessary workload and assists with the reduction in consultation fatigue.

5.2.2. *Disadvantages:*

- Does not provide a formal mechanism for consultation for the community on the Draft Annual Plan. The community is accustomed to a consultation cycle.

5.2.3. *Financial implications:*

- This is the most cost-efficient option, reducing cost in staff and Councillor time, as well as printing and other sundry costs.

5.3. **Option 2: Undertake formal consultation on the 2026/2027 Annual Plan.**

5.3.1. *Advantages:*

- Provides an opportunity for members of the public to make formal submissions and hold hearings on the Draft 2026/2027 Annual Plan.

5.3.2. *Disadvantages:*

- Council is not proposing any substantive change to its Year 2 programme and is therefore not actively seeking community feedback on new programmes or funding options, making full consultation unnecessary.
- Sets an expectation in the community that Council may be able to adjust its programme to accommodate submissions for new projects or activities, noting that any changes to the workplace will have financial and rating implications.
- The shortened timeframe between deferred LTP consultation and consultation on a draft Annual Plan would like result in consultation fatigue and the community's attention would be best directed towards the 2027-2037 LTP in March next year.

5.3.3. *Financial implications:*

- There is a cost to undertaking formal consultation.

6. CONSIDERATIONS

6.1. Legal and Legislative Implications

- 6.1.1. As per section 95(2A) of the LGA, councils do not need to consult if the "proposed annual plan does not include significant or material differences from the content of long-term plan for the financial year to which the proposed annual plan relates".
- 6.1.2. This is a practice that has been undertaken by Grey District Council before, most recently in 2022/2023 when the annual plan was based on Year 2 of the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.
- 6.1.3. It is also an approach that is common practice for councils when the LTP has only just been approved.
- 6.1.4. There is no audit requirement for annual plans.

6.2. Financial

- 6.2.1. Major financial variations from Year 2 LTP and the 2026/2027 Annual Plan are noted in this report.
- 6.2.2. To proceed with public consultation will incur cost.

6.3. Existing Policy and Strategy Implications

6.3.1. The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:

- 2025-2034 Long Term Plan
- Significance and Engagement Policy
- Revenue and Financing Policy

6.3.2. The recommended option is consistent with the principles set out in the above policies.

6.4. Fit with Purpose of Local Government Statement

6.4.1. Section 10 of the LGA states the purpose of local government is (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. The recommendation in this report is appropriate and within the scope of Section 10 of the LGA.

6.5. Effects on Mana whenua

6.5.1. The Council engaged with our mana whenua representatives as part of the 2025-2034 LTP process and there are no changes planned in the 2026/2027 Annual Plan that involve any issues raised by mana whenua through that process.

6.6. Significance and Engagement

Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
Is there a high level of public interest, or is decision likely to be controversial?	Low to Moderate	There may be some members of the public who are expecting Council to consult on a Draft Plan but with no significant or material changes from Y2 LTP, there is nothing to consult on. The LTP was consulted on in 2025.
Is there a significant impact arising from duration of the effects from the decision?	No	There are no significant changes from what is proposed in Y2 LTP.
Does the decision relate to a strategic asset? (refer Significance and Engagement Policy for list of strategic assets)	No	No changes to strategic assets
Does the decision create a substantial change in the level of service provided by Council?	No	No changes to levels of service
Does the proposal, activity or decision substantially affect debt, rates or Council finances in any one year or more of the LTP?	No	Rates and finances are as proposed in Y2 LTP, with no significant or material differences Debt does increase from that signalled in the LTP but does not breach the LGFA cap.
Does the decision involve the sale of a substantial proportion or controlling interest in a CCO or CCTO?	No	N/A
Does the proposal or decision involve entry into a private sector partnership or contract to carry out the deliver on any Council group of activities?	No	N/A
Does the proposal or decision involve Council exiting from or entering into a group of activities?	No	N/A

6.7. Community Wellbeings and Outcomes

- 6.7.1. The 2026/2027 Annual Plan has been developed to ensure that Council's services and activities contribute to achieving the community outcomes outlined in the LTP.

7. NEXT STEPS

- 7.1. Staff will complete the final 2026/2027 Annual Plan and Council will adopt it prior to 30 June 2026.
- 7.2. Staff will inform the community with regards to why consultation is not required, what is included in the 2026/2027 Annual Plan and what the impact is on ratepayers.

Confirmation of Statutory Compliance

Compliance with Statutory Decision-making Requirements (ss 76 - 81 Local Government Act 2002).

- (a) This report contains:
 - (i) sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
 - (ii) adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons bearing in mind any proposed or previous community engagement.
- (b) The information reflects the level of significance of the matters covered by the report, as determined in accordance with the Council's significance and engagement policy.

5.10 SUMMARY OF WORKSHOP #1 - 2027-2037 LONG TERM PLAN**File Number:****Report Author:** Corporate and Strategic Planning Manager**Report Authoriser:** GM Corporate Services**Appendices:** 1. Workshop 1 - LTP - 23 March 2026 - Public Slides**1. REPORT PURPOSE**

- 1.1. To summarise the discussion which took place at Workshop #1 on 23 March 2026 regarding the 2027-2037 Long Term Plan and provide a summary of this discussion for the community in the interests of ensuring transparency of the planning process.

2. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council receive and note the contents of the report.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. As per section 93 of the Local Government Act 2002, all councils must have in place a long term plan. Grey District Council's next long plan will be for the period 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2037.
- 3.2. As part of the development of the 2027-2037 Long Term Plan (LTP), Council and staff will hold a series of workshops. The outcome of these workshops will be reported on in the following month to provide transparency to the community of the planning process and advise them of progress.
- 3.3. The first workshop was held on 23 March 2026, where Council and staff discussed:
 - Project plan
 - Vision and community outcomes
 - Environmental scan
 - Core services
 - Results from community pre-engagement
 - Current strategies
 - Next steps
- 3.4. A summary of each of these topics follows.

Project plan

- 3.5. Community pre-engagement was undertaken in February and March 2026.
- 3.6. A series of workshops will be held with Council and staff between now and January 2027, to inform staff of the strategic direction and discuss proposed funding and levels of service.
- 3.7. Adoption of the final plan must be done by 30 June 2027.
- 3.8. Audit are required to review and approve the consultation document (basis for community consultation and engagement) and the final LTP. There are critical points in the timeline to ensure that Council are prepared for the auditors and to meet statutory deadlines.

- 3.9. There are numerous documents and supporting information which need to be developed as part of an LTP.

Vision and community outcomes

- 3.10. The existing community outcomes were developed in 2020 following extensive community consultation, they are structured around the four well-beings which are in the current Local Government Act 2002 (economic, social, cultural and environmental). With the Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill, due to be adopted by Government shortly, the four well-beings are removed from the purpose of local government.
- 3.11. It is therefore proposed that the new community outcomes are updated in line with the feedback received in the 2027 LTP community pre-engagement and to align them with the proposed new purpose of local government.
- 3.12. The proposed outcomes are structured around pillars of: growing our economy, quality living, strong identity and environmental sustainability. This makes the community outcomes relevant to what the community has expressed is important to them. It is noted that the outcomes are aspirational and intended to represent end goals, not the current state.
- 3.13. Council advised they are happy with the updated outcomes, with staff noting that further minor adjustments may be required as the draft LTP is developed and levels of service to be provided become clear.

Environmental scan

- 3.14. The environmental scan was approved by Council at the meeting on 23 March 2026.
- 3.15. It provides evidence-based information on the Grey District community and potential impacts to both the community and Council which should be taken into account for LTP development.
- 3.16. Key trends include: ageing population, shortage of working-age population, low household incomes, high deprivation areas, multiple reforms affecting local government and more.

Core services

- 3.17. The Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill, due for enactment in the next couple of months, will update the purpose of local government and require that councils prioritise what is termed “core services”. Under the proposed amendment, these include: network infrastructure, public transport, waste management and minimisation, civil defence and libraries, museums, reserves and community and recreational facilities. Local government is also responsible for undertaking regulatory functions.
- 3.18. As part of the development of the 2027-2037 LTP, Council will need to look the services it provides and where these sit in the definition of core services.
- 3.19. Discussion emphasised the need to prioritise core services in line with future rate caps and expectations from the community about efficient spending.

Results from community pre-engagement

- 3.20. The community were asked:
- What services they thought were core services.
 - Which core services were the most important to them.
 - If Council had to adjust levels of service to comply with the upcoming rates cap, which activities would they be happy to Increase, Reduce or Keep.
- 3.21. Council was not surprised that the community understood that the three waters (stormwater, wastewater and drinking supply), rubbish/recycling, roading and footpaths, public toilets, civil defence, parks and reserves, regulatory services and cemeteries are core services of local government mandated by legislation, e.g. Local Government Act 2002, Building Act 2004, Health

Act 1956, Resource Management Act 1991 and Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002. Note this is not an exhaustive list.

- 3.22. Council noted that the library, which scored lower, is a core service, as are the Port and Aerodrome, which are classed as other transport under network infrastructure as well as being lifelines in terms of access in the event of an emergency.
- 3.23. The community's top core services were also no surprise to Council, with those being rubbish and recycling, three waters, roading, footpaths and bridges, civil defence, public restrooms, regulatory services and parks and reserves.
- 3.24. The responses to trade-offs gave Council valuable insights into the activities which are important to the community and where changes in levels of service might be able to be contemplated. Feedback included:
- A clear desire for Council to stick to the basics and reduce spending on non-core areas.
 - Support for practical, low-cost maintenance and improvements.
 - Hold owners of untidy and derelict buildings accountable.
 - Financially sustainable models across Council activities, i.e. user pays where appropriate.
- 3.25. Council is extremely grateful to the 324 people who took the time to complete the LTP pre-engagement questionnaire. Their response was "we've heard you" and this feedback will be invaluable and referred to as Council look to develop the strategic direction going forward.

Current strategies

- 3.26. Council has to develop a Financial Strategy, which must contain limits on rates and debt, and a Revenue and Financing Policy, which determines how Council activities are funded.
- 3.27. As part of the development of the LTP, Council will have to determine the limits on rates and debt that it feels comfortable with and will provide the levels of service agreed to. These will be included in the draft LTP which will go out for consultation in March 2027. The rates cap which is expected to come into effect from 1 July 2029 (with oversight from 1 January 2027) was noted.
- 3.28. There was discussion amongst Council on the requirement to comply with an impending rates cap and a good review is required of our Revenue and Financing Policy to align with robust funding principles, i.e. user fees, borrowing versus operational funding, financial sustainability of Council facilities etc.

Next steps

- 3.29. Staff will commence work on the activity management plans, Infrastructure Strategy and Financial Strategy.
- 3.30. A schedule of future workshops to discuss the development of the 2027-2037 LTP was accepted by Council, with workshops to take place in June, August and November 2026 and January 2027. Additional workshops will be scheduled if required.
- 3.31. A public copy of the slides presented to Council at the workshop are attached for information.

As this is an information only report, the additional customary headings are not required.

Confirmation of Statutory Compliance

Compliance with Statutory Decision-making Requirements (ss 76 - 81 Local Government Act 2002).

(a) This report contains:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and(ii) adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons bearing in mind any proposed or previous community engagement. <p>(b) The information reflects the level of significance of the matters covered by the report, as determined in accordance with the Council's significance and engagement policy.</p> |
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2027-2037 Long Term Plan

WORKSHOP #1
23 March 2026

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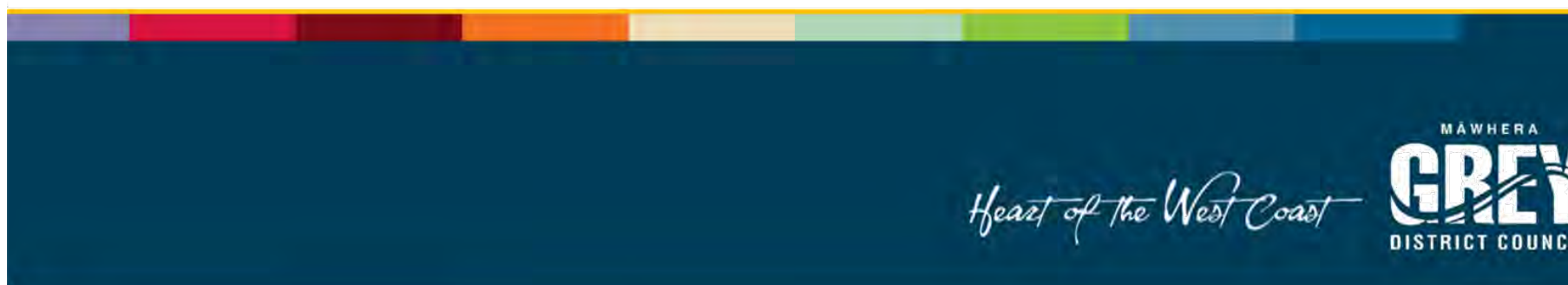
AGENDA

1. Project plan
2. Vision and community outcomes
3. Environmental Scan – current state and impacts
4. Core services
5. Results from community pre-engagement
6. Current strategies
7. Next steps

Note: This is a workshop and therefore for discussion purposes only.

At the Council meeting the following month, a summary of the workshop discussion will be presented in a paper to Council and Council will be asked to confirm any required decisions/direction. This helps to ensure transparency of the process for the community.

»» Project plan



PROJECT PLAN

2027-2037 Long Term Plan (LTP) covers ten year period from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2037



WHAT NEEDS TO BE DEVELOPED AS PART OF AN LTP

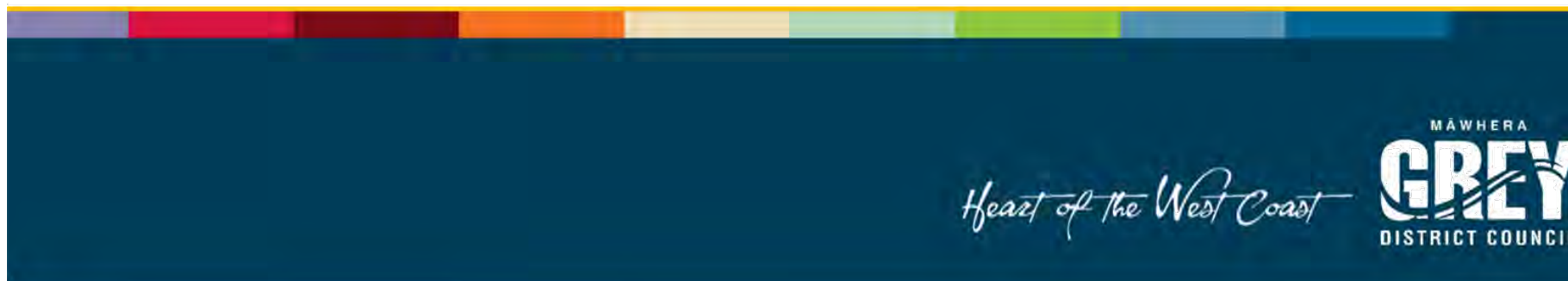
- Infrastructure Strategy – 30-year plan for Council infrastructure
- Financial Strategy – 10-year plan, including rates and debt limits
- Asset/Activity Management Plans for Council assets/services
- Review of policies:
 - Treasury Management Policies (Investment Policy and Liability Management Policy)
 - Significance and Engagement Policy
 - Revenue and Financing Policy
- Performance framework (measuring Council's level of service)
- Draft and Final LTP
- Consultation document – including key issues and options

Council to
provide the
strategic
direction

THINGS TO BE CONSIDERED...

- Government reform:
 - Removal of three waters from 1 July 2027 to new WSCCO
 - Rates cap (if legislation passed) – oversight will start from 1 January 2027, cap to start from 1 July 2029
 - Simplifying local government proposal – potential impacts on GDC, requirement to develop a Regional Reorganisation Plan
 - Focus on core services and removal of well-beings – Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill (not passed yet)

»» Vision and community outcomes



CURRENT VISION AND COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

A thriving, connected and resilient Grey District

- Current vision and outcomes were developed in 2020
- Significant engagement was undertaken with community at the time – what would they like for their **Ideal Grey District**
- Current community outcomes are grouped by the well-beings, which are about to be removed from the purpose of local government:
 - Economic
 - Social
 - Cultural
 - Environmental

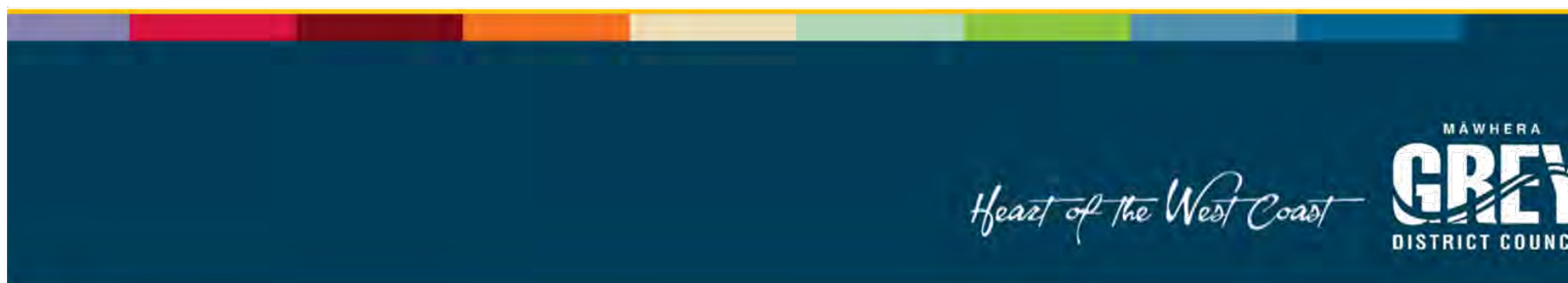


PROPOSED VISION AND COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

- Councils need to have community outcomes under S93 LGA.
- Legislation about to be amended refers to community outcomes as “the outcomes that a local authority aims to achieve in meeting the current and future needs of communities for good-quality, cost-effective and local infrastructure, public services and performance of regulatory functions”.
- Previous reference to well-beings removed - changed to:
 - Growing our economy
 - Quality living
 - Strong identity
 - Environmental sustainability
- The outcomes have been updated slightly – to align with purpose of local government and with community feedback from LTP pre-engagement. Changes to levels of service and/or priorities may mean further changes are needed.



»» Environmental Scan



WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN?

- Sets the scene for the development of the LTP.
- Outlines what the issues the Grey District community and Council are facing, now and into the future.
- Information is gathered from a variety of sources.
- Helps to identify key, long term trends to inform strategic decision making.
- Going to Council on 23 March 2026.
- When making decisions in the LTP, consider information in Environmental Scan.



Scan on a Page

Our community

Current population **14,043**

Static population growth

Ageing population

Affects demand for services

21% of Grey District population aged 65+ - forecast to grow to 33% in 2053 (NZ: 16%; forecast to increase to 23%)

Becoming more ethnically diverse

Below average income

Affects ability to pay

Median income - \$34,200 (NZ: \$41,500)

45.6% of people aged 15+ earn less than \$30,000 per annum (NZ: 39.7%)

28.3% of people aged 15+ earn more than \$60,000 per annum (NZ: 34%)

Activity limitations – above NZ rates in all age groups

Affects planning for accessibility

Higher deprivation levels than rest of NZ

More trade and labourer workers, less managers and professionals

No public transport

Affects residents' ability to access services and independence

Grey District climate change

Susceptible to natural hazards:

Alpine Fault, flooding, tsunami, tornadoes

More frequent and intense weather events

Increased rainfall, hotter days, sea level rise

Risks to lives, property and infrastructure

Look to adaptation, mitigation and managed retreat.
Need to align to Government strategies, e.g. National Adaptation Plan and Government climate change targets

Reform/legislation changes

PROPOSED

Rates cap

Capped 2-4% rates increases from 1 July 2029; monitoring from 1 January 2027

Councils need to demonstrate how they will fall within the parameters from date of monitoring; could have impacts on levels of service Council can provide; could affect fees and charges

RMA reforms

Abolishment of Resource Management Act & introduction of Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill

Likely TTPP changes; Regional Spatial Plan to be developed; increased cost to councils

Simplifying Local Government

Abolishment of Regional Council governance & creation of Combined Territories Boards (CTB)

Increased workload for district Mayors; increased cost to councils; more collaboration and shared services

LG (System Improvements) Bill

Removal of well-beings from LGA & focus on core services

Review LTP programme against core services

CONFIRMED

Local water done well

New multi-council water services CCO from 1 July 2027

Removal of three waters from Council/LTP from 1 July 2027

What we're currently doing

- 13.71% rates increase in 2025/2026
- Focus is on core infrastructure
- Plan in place to address deferred renewals
- Richmond Quay development complete 2026, including new library (partnership with DWC)

Economy

0.1% decline in GDP - \$1.157 billion (provisional)

Top contributor – health care and social assistance

Goods-producing industries contribute most GDP

Consumer spending and tourism expenditure declined last year

Housing

More affordable to buy or rent than rest of NZ

69 consents for new houses last year (65 previous year)

Main growth in Paparoa Views subdivision, Kaiata and some infill subdivisions in central Greymouth

Lack of housing availability

Hard to attract and retain skilled workers

Community perceptions

- ⊗ Rates are too high
- ⊗ Neglect of core infrastructure, e.g. roads, footpaths
- ⊗ Opposition to "vanity projects"
- ⊗ Poor communication/consultation
- ⊗ Concern about town appearance
- ⊗ Desire to return to basics

Also need to consider...

Reliance on technology

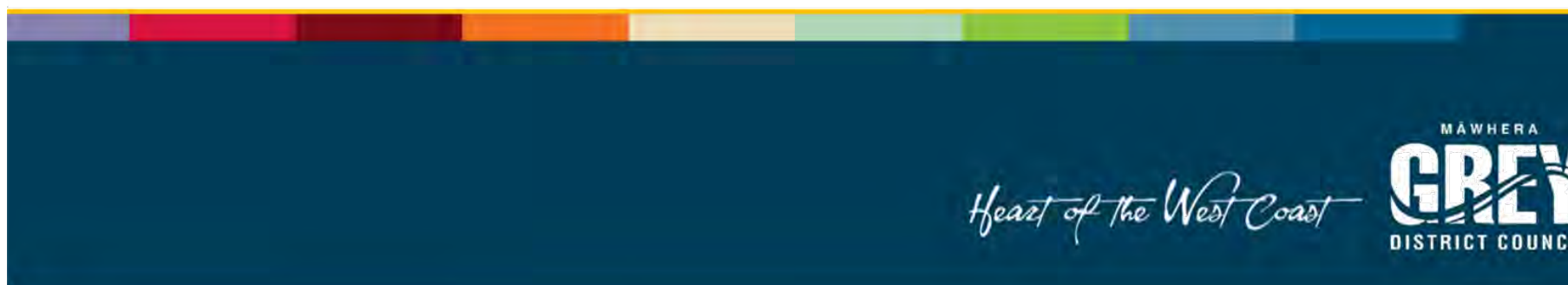
– opportunities and risks, e.g. AI

Rates review signalled in last LTP

Other strategies, e.g. Te Whanaketanga Tai Poutini West Coast Economic Strategy 2050, PARS, Draft Our Places Regional Strategy

Other legislation changes, i.e. new Emergency Management Bill; granny flats not requiring building consent, proposed earthquake prone buildings legislation changes; waste legislation review

»» Core services



CORE SERVICES ARE...

From **Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill** – to be passed early to mid 2026

10 Purpose of local government

The purpose of local government is—

- (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and*
- (b) to meet the current and future needs of communities for **good-quality, cost-effective**, and local—*
 - (i) **infrastructure**; and*
 - (ii) **public services**; and*
 - (iii) **performance of regulatory functions**; and*
- (c) to **support local economic growth and development** by fulfilling the purpose set out in paragraph (b).*

11A Core services to be considered in performing role

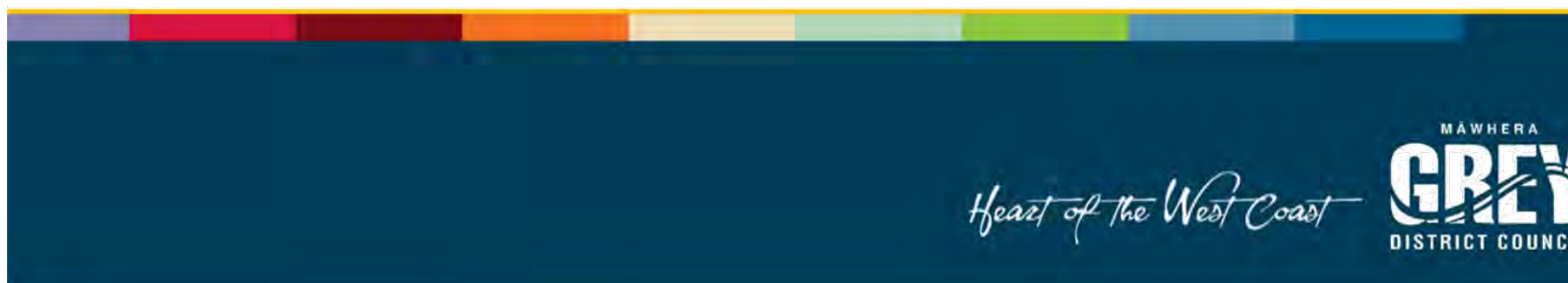
(1) In performing its role, a local authority must have particular regard to the contribution that the following core services make to its communities:

- (a) **network infrastructure**: [means the provision of roads and other transport, water, wastewater, and stormwater collection and management]*
- (b) **public transport services**:*
- (c) **waste management and minimisation**:*
- (d) **civil defence emergency management**:*
- (e) **libraries, museums, reserves, and other community and recreational facilities**.*

[Community and recreation facilities: Libraries, museums, parks, reserves, playgrounds, sports arenas and community halls]

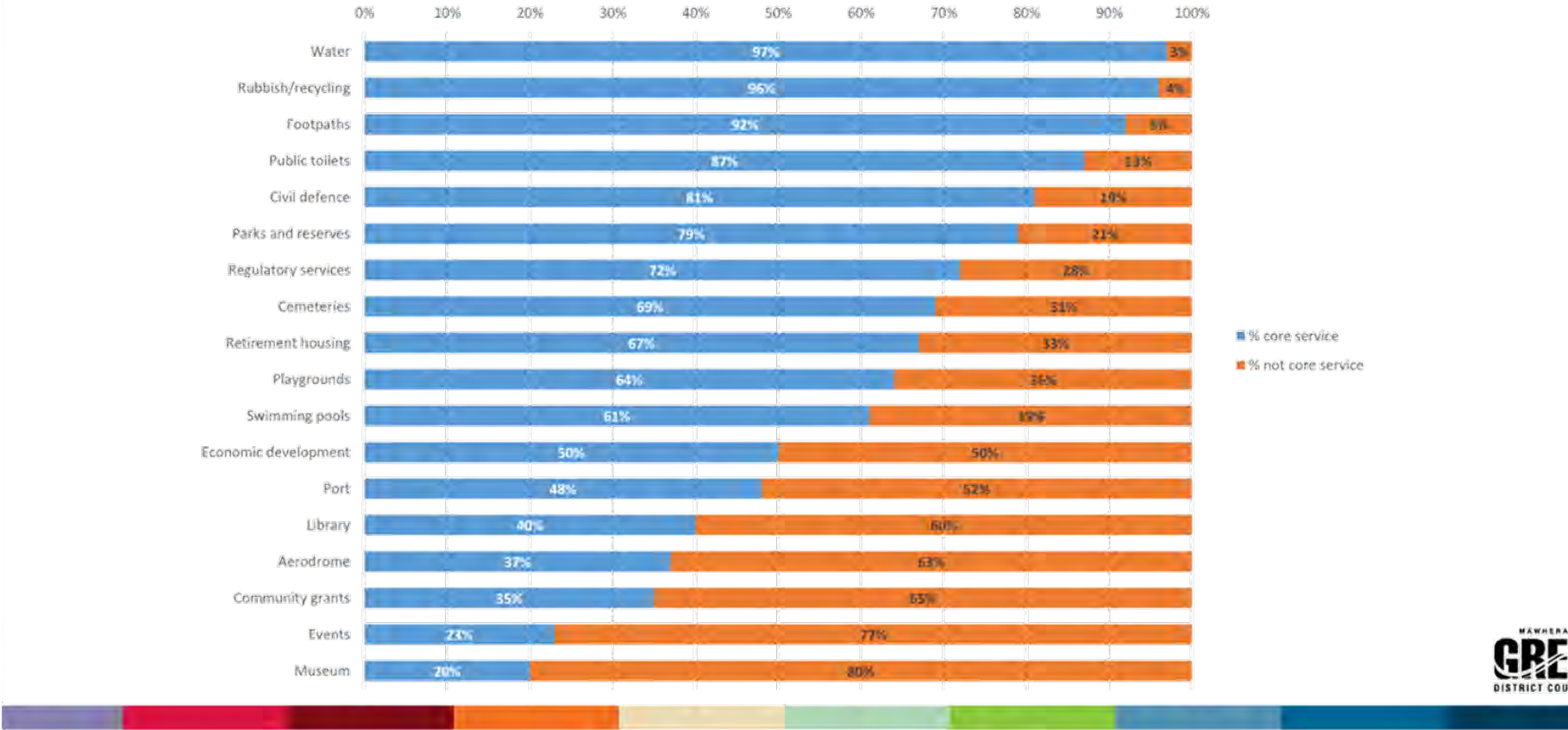
The core services listed are not intended to capture all statutory responsibilities of a local authority but to help Councils prioritise their responsibilities.

»» Community pre-engagement



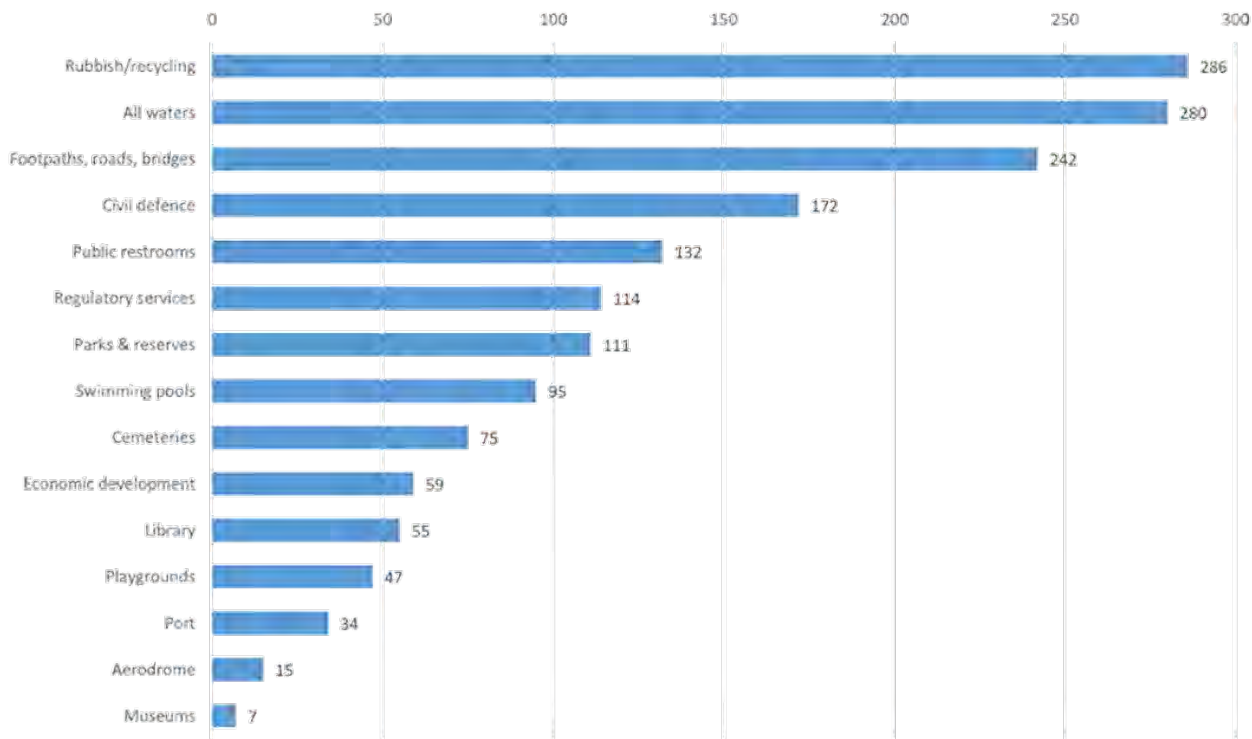
COMMUNITY PRE-ENGAGEMENT

What the community thinks are core services



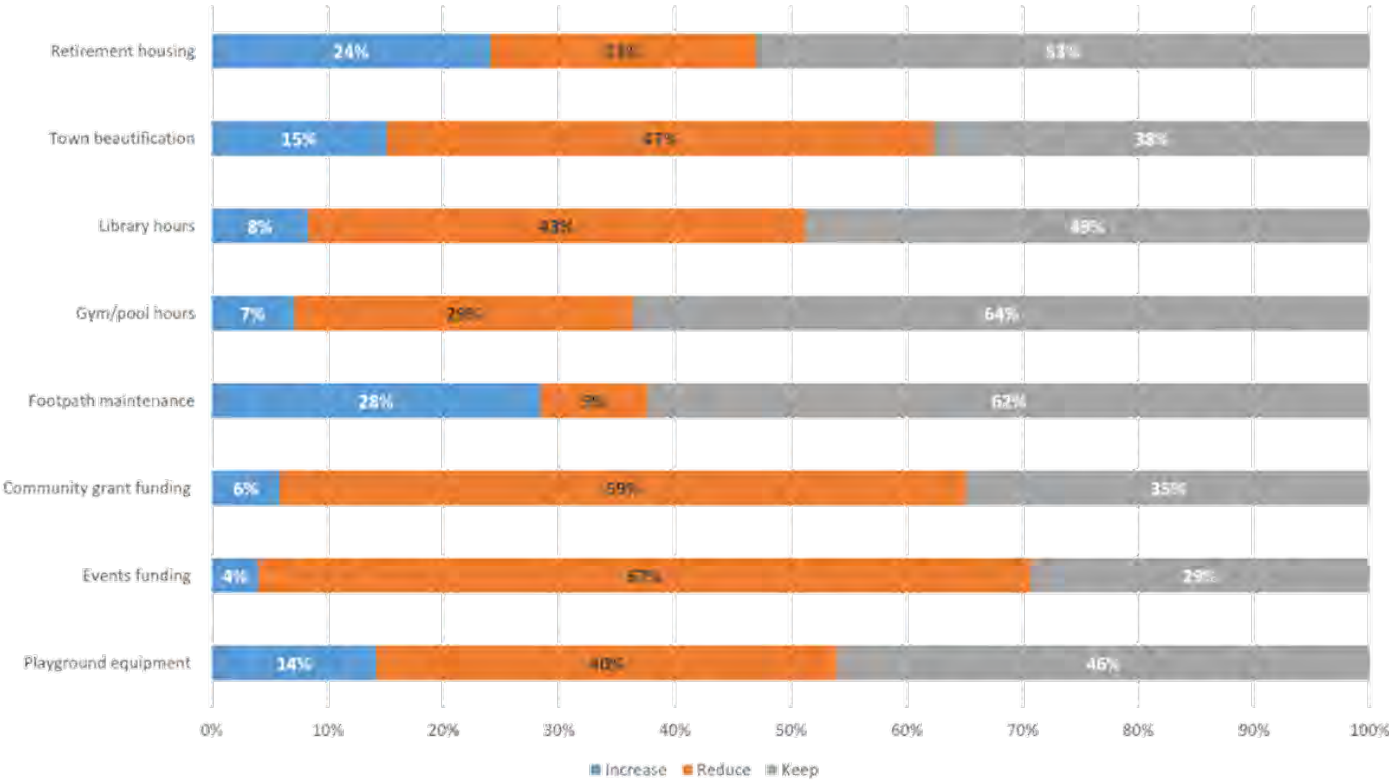
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Core services which are most important to the community (324 survey responses in total)



COMMUNITY PRE-ENGAGEMENT

Trade offs

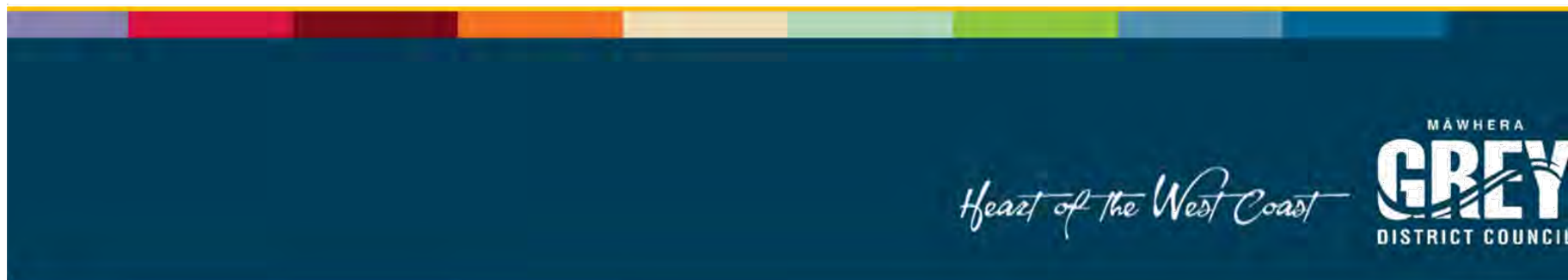


COMMUNITY PRE-ENGAGEMENT

KEY THEMES

- Stick to the basics/core services (waters, roading, refuse/recycling, basic maintenance)
- Do the basics well
- Live within our means – reduce spending, be financially responsible
- Listen to the ratepayers
- Better communication, transparency and engagement
- Maintain what we already have
- Look at opportunities to reduce costs/increase income, i.e. in-house works, leases
- Make owners of derelict buildings accountable
- Work in partnership with communities – share costs and responsibilities, provide support, co-fund
- Improve the town appearance – sensibly, practically and cheap
- Fairness for all communities – not just Greymouth and not just CBD

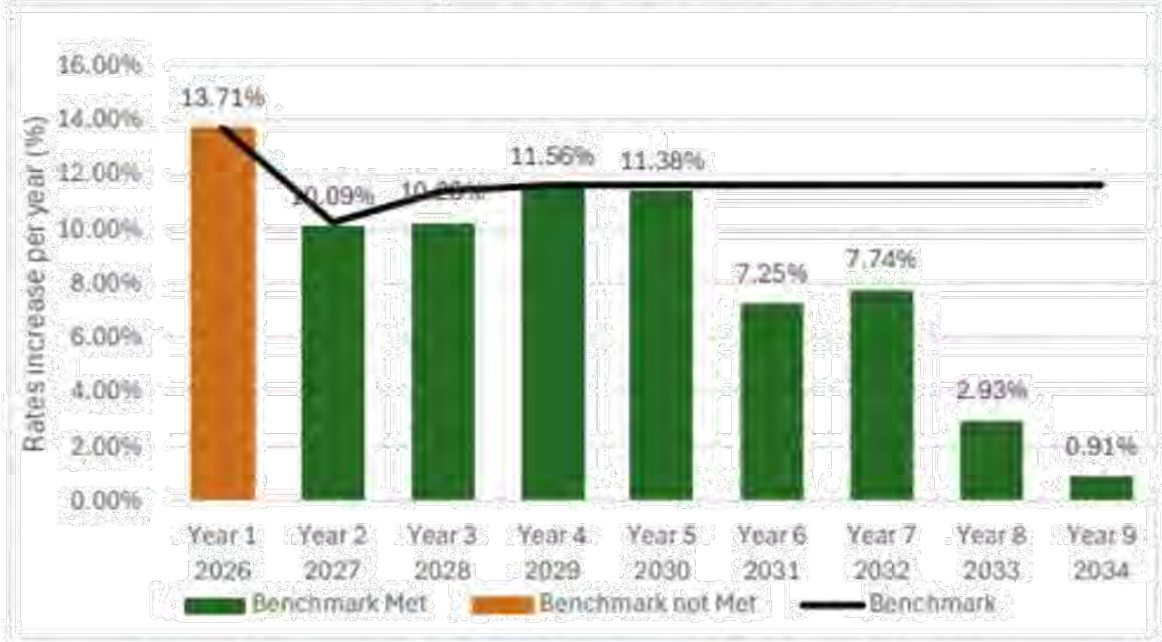
»» Current strategies



FINANCIAL STRATEGY

- Contains limits on rates – required under S101A(3), LGA

Figure C-3: Rates increase 2025-2034



Rate limits in the Financial Strategy:

- Total rates increase to be no greater than 13.70% for Year 1;
- 10.09% for Year 2;
- 10.31% for Year 3; and
- Not exceed 11.60% for the remaining years.

The average rates across the nine years to be no more than 7.9%, inclusive of inflation.

FINANCIAL STRATEGY

- Contains limits on debt, required under S101A(3), LGA
- In 2025-2034 LTP:
 - Debt to increase significantly over first four years
 - Starts to reduce from Year 7

Figure C-8: Total overall debt 2025-2034 (projected debt as a % of revenue)



Debt limits in Financial Strategy & Liability Management Policy:

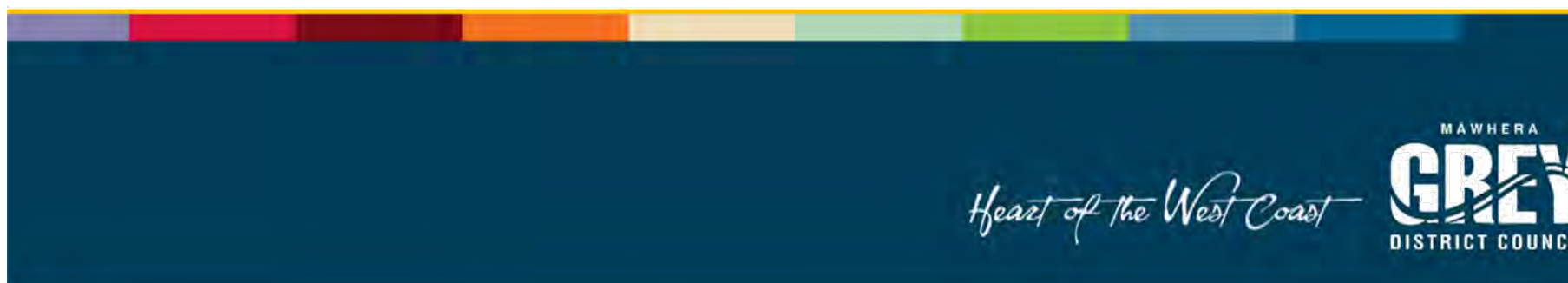
- Net interest payments to service external debt must be less than 10% of our total revenue.
- Net interest payments to service external debt must be less than 25% of total rates for the year.
- Net debt shall not exceed 175% of total revenue.
- Council must maintain access to liquidity of not less than 110% of projected core debt.
- Total net debt per ratepayer for Years 1 to 9 shall not exceed \$8,600 per ratable unit.
- Total debt will not exceed 20% of total carrying value of assets (LMP).

REVENUE & FINANCING POLICY

- Determines how Council activities are funded:
 - General rates – activities where there is a general District-wide benefit
 - Targeted rates – activities where there is a direct benefit to ratepayers receiving the service
 - Fees and charges
 - Grants and subsidies
 - Debt (borrowing)

Activity	Rates	Subsidies	User Fees	Borrowing	Other
Land Transport	19% - 58%	35% - 73%	0% - 3%	0% - 17%	0% - 20%
Stormwater	55% - 100%	0% - 45 %	0% - 20%	0% - 35%	0% - 20%
Flood prevention	55% - 100%	0% - 45 %	0% - 20%	0% - 32%	0% - 20%
Wastewater (sewerage)	62% - 100%	0% - 38 %	2% - 5%	0% - 60%	0% - 20%
Water supply	25% - 95%	0% - 55%	2% - 9%	0% - 60%	0% - 20%
Refuse Collection/Landfill & recycling	40% - 80%	2% - 5%	15% - 30%	0% - 40%	0% - 20%
District Planning	10% - 30%	0% - 20 %	50% - 75%	0%	0% - 30%
Building Control	30% - 60%	0% - 20 %	40% - 65%	0%	0% - 20%
Health Regulation	60% - 80%	0%	20% - 40%	0%	0% - 20%
Dog/Stock Control	15% - 43%	0%	22% - 60%	0% - 60%	0% - 20%
Other Regulation	44% - 82%	0% - 20 %	7% - 30%	0%	0% - 20%
Greymouth Aerodrome	25% - 86%	0% - 20 %	10% - 40%	0%	0% - 60%
Parking	30% - 100%	0% - 20 %	0% - 65%	0%	0% - 20%
Port of Greymouth	5% - 91%	0% - 20 %	5% - 50%	0% - 42%	0% - 20%
Retirement Housing	0%	0% - 20 %	80% - 100%	0% - 20%	0% - 20%
Property	0%	0% - 20 %	10% - 30%	0% - 40%	40% - 50%
Libraries	50% - 99%	0% - 20 %	0% - 1%	0% - 50%	0% - 20%
Heritage, Arts & Culture	60% - 99.5%	0% - 20 %	0.5 - 5%	20% - 35%	0% - 20%
Recreation Centre (Incl. Swimming Pools)	50% - 67%	0% - 20 %	30% - 50%	0%	0% - 20%
Cemeteries	75% - 90%	0% - 20 %	10% - 15%	0%	0% - 20%
Parks and Tracks	75% - 100%	0% - 20 %	0% - 5%	0% - 20%	0% - 20%
Council's In-house task force	80% - 100%	0% - 20 %	0%	0%	0% - 20%
Public Restrooms	45% - 100%	0% - 20 %	0%	0% - 30%	0% - 25%
Council	85% - 95%	0% - 20 %	0% - 5%	0%	0% - 20%
Public consultation	80% - 100%	0% - 20 %	0%	0%	0% - 20%
Council's Administration	0% - 10%	0% - 20 %	0% - 5%	0%	85% - 95%
Economic development	95% - 100%	0% - 20 %	0% - 5%	0%	0% - 20%

»» Next steps



NEXT STEPS FOR COUNCIL STAFF

- Set up financial models
- Start work on:
 - Activity Management Plans
 - Infrastructure Strategy
 - Financial Strategy
- Start looking at performance framework (measuring Council's level of service)

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5.11 DRAFT CLASS 4 GAMING AND TAB BOARD VENUES POLICY**File Number:****Report Author:** Regulatory Manager**Report Authoriser:** Chief Executive

Appendices:

1. Draft Class 4 Gaming and TAB Board Venues Policy
2. Summary of Proposal for Draft Class 4 Gaming and TAB Board Venues Policy
3. Current Class 4 Gaming Venues Policy
4. Current TAB Board Venues Policy

1. REPORT PURPOSE

- 1.1. That Council approves the attached Draft Class 4 Gaming and TAB Board Venues Policy and Summary of Proposal for the purposes of public consultation.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1. Grey District Council staff have completed a review of the Class 4 Gaming Policy and TAB Board Venues Policy to meet statutory requirements under the Gambling Act 2003 and the Racing Industry Act 2020. For convenience, the two separate policies have been merged into one: Class 4 Gaming and TAB Board Venues Policy.
- 2.2. The policy review included a reassessment of the cap on the number of gaming machines and venues in the Grey District. Staff are proposing to lower the cap on the number of gaming machines in the district from 130 to 100 and reduce the maximum number of venues from 18 to 10. Council are asked to confirm their approval of this approach for consultation purposes.

3. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives the report; and
2. Council approves a proposed reduced cap on gaming machines and venues in the Grey District in the Draft Policy;
3. Council adopts the Draft Class 4 Gaming and TAB Board Venues Policy and Summary of Proposal for public consultation; and
4. Notes the consultation period will be from 29 April 2026 to 29 May 2026, with a report to come back to Council at the ordinary meeting on 29 June 2026.

OR

1. Receives the report; and
2. Council approves the status quo of no reduction in the number of gaming machines and venues in the Grey District in the Draft Policy; and
3. Council adopts the Draft Class 4 Gaming and TAB Board Venues Policy and Summary of Proposal for public consultation subject to amendments to reflect status quo numbers; and
4. Notes the consultation period will be from 29 April 2026 to 29 May 2026, with a report to come back to Council at the ordinary meeting on 29 June 2026.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1. Councils are required to review their Class 4 Gaming and TAB Board Venue policies every three years. Grey District Council is overdue reviewing these policies; they were last reviewed in 2018.
- 4.2. Previously Council had two separate policies – Class 4 Gaming Venues Policy and TAB Board Venues Policy. For convenience, the two policies have been merged into one document: Class 4 Gaming and TAB Board Venues Policy.
- 4.3. There have been legislation changes and updates which have been incorporated into the policy review. They include the Gambling Act 2003 changes which strengthened the Act's harm minimisation framework. And racing legislation was updated from the Racing Act 2003 to the Racing Industry Act 2020.
- 4.4. It is proposed to lower the cap on the number of gaming machines and venues in the Grey District by:
 - Reducing the cap on the maximum number of gaming machines allowed in the Grey District from 130 to 100; and
 - Reducing the maximum number of venues from 18 to 10.
- 4.5. There are currently 67 gaming machines in the Grey District across seven venues. With the proposed reduced cap on maximum numbers of gaming machines and venues, the **total number of gaming machines and venues allowed in the district would reduce**. The proposed reduced caps still provides capacity for additional machines and venues should further applications be received. There would be no changes for existing businesses.
- 4.6. No other changes to the policy are proposed.
- 4.7. A copy of the proposed combined Draft Class 4 Gaming and TAB Board Venues Policy and Summary of Proposal are attached. Note: The Draft Policy and Summary of Proposal have been prepared on the basis of the proposed reduced cap, however Council are asked to decide on their preferred option. If Option Two is selected, the Draft Policy and Summary of Proposal will be updated accordingly prior to going out for public consultation.
- 4.8. Copies of the current Class 4 Gaming Venues Policy and TAB Board Venues Policy are attached for reference. They are planned to be superseded with the new draft combined policy.
- 4.9. Public consultation is planned to run from 29 April 2026 to 29 May 2026. Anyone wishing to speak to their submission will get an opportunity to do so and staff will bring a report back to Council at the ordinary meeting on 29 June 2026.

5. OPTIONS

- 5.1. There are two options:
 - 5.1.1. **Option One – Consult on the Draft Policy with the Proposed Reduced Cap on Gaming Machines and Venues (Recommended)**
 - 5.1.2. *Advantages:*
 - Council meets its obligations under the Gambling Act 2003 and the Racing Industry Act 2020 by facilitating the minimisation of the harm that gambling can cause to society whilst also allowing those who wish to participate in gambling to do so in a safe environment.
 - This reduced cap does not affect existing businesses.
 - 5.1.3. *Disadvantages:*
 - There is no reduction in the number of gambling venues and machines in the Grey District.

5.1.4. *Financial implications:*

- Nil

5.1.5. **Option Two – Consult on the Draft Policy with No Reduction in the Number of Gaming Machines and Venues Allowed in the Grey District**

5.1.6. *Advantages:*

- There is no change to the status quo for existing gaming businesses and plenty of room for additional gaming machines and venues.

5.1.7. *Disadvantages:*

- Council is not meeting its obligations under the Gambling Act 2003 and the Racing Industry Act 2020 to facilitate the reduction of the harm caused by gambling.

5.1.8. *Financial implications:*

- Nil

6. CONSIDERATIONS

6.1. Legal and Legislative Implications

- 6.1.1. Under the Gambling Act 2003 and the Racing Industry Act 2020, Council must have policies for Class 4 Gambling Venues and TAB Board Venues and review these policies every three years.

6.2. Financial

- 6.2.1. There are no financial implications. Consultation can be undertaken within existing Council budgets.

6.3. Existing Policy and Strategy Implications

- 6.3.1. Council is reviewing existing Council policies which are overdue for review.

6.4. Fit with Purpose of Local Government Statement

- 6.4.1. Fits with purpose of local government by enabling democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and promoting the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.

6.2 Significance and Engagement.

Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
Is there a high level of public interest, or is decision likely to be controversial?	Medium	There may be some public interest in the proposed changes to the reduced cap on the number of gaming machines and venues in the District.
Is there a significant impact arising from duration of the effects from the decision?	No	As above.
Does the decision relate to a strategic asset? (refer Significance and Engagement Policy for list of strategic assets)	No	NA
Does the decision create a substantial change in the level of service provided by Council?	No	NA
Does the proposal, activity or decision substantially affect debt, rates or Council finances in any one year or more of the LTP?	No	NA
Does the decision involve the sale of a substantial proportion or controlling interest in a CCO or CCTO?	No	NA
Does the proposal or decision involve entry into a private sector partnership or contract to carry out the deliver on any Council group of activities?	No	NA
Does the proposal or decision involve Council exiting from or entering into a group of activities?	No	NA

6.5. Community Wellbeing and Outcomes

- 6.5.1. The proposed reduction in cap on numbers of gaming machines and venues contributes to the social and economic well-being of the Grey District community.

7. NEXT STEPS

Council staff will undertake consultation with the community and provide a report to Council on the community's views. This will be provided at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 29 June 2026, with a decision scheduled after submissions have been heard.

Confirmation of Statutory Compliance

Compliance with Statutory Decision-making Requirements (ss 76 - 81 Local Government Act 2002).

- (a) This report contains:

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Policy

Draft Class 4 Gaming and TAB Board Venues Policy

External Policy

First adopted: June 2010

Last reviewed: April 2026

Next review due: April 2029

Policy owner: Group Manager Economic Development and
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1. Background

The TAB Board Venues Policy was first adopted on 14 February 2011 and reviewed 13 August 2018. The Class 4 Gaming Venues Policy was first adopted on 1 June 2010 and reviewed 13 August 2018. The policies were combined and reviewed in April 2026.

2. Introduction

Under the Gambling Act 2003 and the Racing Industry Act 2020, Council must have both a Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy and a TAB Venue Policy for TAB venues operated by TAB NZ. Council has chosen to combine these policies into one Class 4 Gaming and TAB Board Venues Policy. These Acts set out factors that Council must take into consideration when developing the policy.

3. Objectives of the policy

- 1) To ensure the community, through Council, has influence over the location and number of Class 4 Gaming Venues and machines and TAB board venues within the Grey District.
- 2) To set restrictions on the establishment of Class 4 gaming venues, number of gaming machines and establishment of TAB board venues in the Grey District.
- 3) To facilitate minimisation of the harm to the community caused by gambling.
- 4) To allow those who wish to participate in gambling to do so in a safe and well managed environment.
- 5) To comply with legislative requirements of the Gambling Act 2003 and the Racing Industry Act 2020 to adopt policies for Class 4 gaming machines and TAB board venues within the Grey District.

4. Interpretation

In this policy:

TAB Board Venue

means a stand-alone premises that is owned or leased by the TAB Board and operated primarily for the purpose of providing racing and sports betting services and excludes any TAB facility or terminal located within a bar, hotel, club, or other licensed premises.

Gaming Venue

means a place where pokie machine gambling can take place under the Gambling Act 2003.

5. Class 4 Gaming Venues

1. Background

- a) This section of the policy is developed in accordance with section 101 of the Gambling Act 2003.

2. Where Class 4 gambling venues may be established

- a) Class 4 gambling venues may be established within any area of the Grey District, subject to:
 - i) Meeting application and fee requirements.
 - ii) Not being a venue at which the primary activity of the venue is associated with family or children's activities
 - iii) Meeting the requirements of Sections 3-4 of this policy.

3. Numbers of gaming machines to be allowed

- a) New venues, excluding relocations, shall be allowed a maximum of nine (9) gaming machines.
- b) Existing venues with licences ~~issued after 17 October 2001~~ and operating fewer than nine (9) gaming machines shall be allowed to increase the number of machines operated at the venue to nine (9) **subject to the maximum number as outlined in d) hereunder in the District is not exceeded.**
- c) Maximum venues allowed in the District shall be capped at ~~18~~ 10 sites.
- d) Maximum number of machines allowed in the District shall be capped at ~~130~~ 100 machines.

4. Primary activity of Class 4 gambling venues

- a) The primary activity of any Class 4 gambling venue shall be the sale of liquor or liquor and food.

5. Relocation of Class 4 venues

- a) A new venue consent will be issued by Council in the following circumstances:
 - i) Where the venue is intended to replace an existing venue within the district;
 - ii) Where the existing venue operator consents to the relocation; and
 - iii) Where the proposed new location meets all the other requirements in this policy.
- b) In accordance with section 97A of the Gambling Act 2003, when a relocation consent is sought under this relocation provision, the new venue may operate up to the same number of machines that were permitted to operate at the old venue immediately before the old venue licence was cancelled as a result of the relocation.
- c) In accordance with section 97A(c) of the Gambling Act 2003, when the new venue is

established following a consent being granted under this relocation provision, the old venue is treated as if no class 4 venue licence was ever held for the venue.

- d) The old venue will therefore require a new territorial authority consent from Council before being relicensed to host gaming machines and will be limited to a maximum of nine (9) machines if such a consent is issued by Council.

6. Where Class 4 gambling venues may be established on relocation

- a) A Class 4 venue required to relocate under Section 5 of this policy may do so subject to meeting the following conditions:
 - i) The new site being restricted to an area within the **Grey District** ~~same Census Area Unit as defined by Statistics New Zealand~~; and
 - ii) Meeting conditions set out in Section 2(a)(ii) and (iii) of this policy.

7. Applications

- a) Applications for territorial authority consent must be made on the approved form and must provide:
 - i) Name and contact details for the application;
 - ii) Street address of premises proposed for the Class 4 licence;
 - iii) The names of management staff;
 - iv) A 12-month business plan or budget for the establishment, covering both gambling and other activities proposed for the venue, or other evidence that gambling is not the primary activity at the establishment;
 - v) A site plan covering both gambling and other activities proposed for the venue, including details of each floor of the venue; and
 - vi) Details of liquor licence(s) applying to the premises.

8. Application fees

- a) These will be set by the territorial authority from time to time and shall include the following considerations:
 - i) The actual cost of processing the application, consultation and hearings involved plus staff time at the charges set out in the Annual Plan at the time;
 - ii) A **deposit fee of \$200.00 (excluding GST)** shall be paid on filing an application (refer to Council's fees and charges); and
 - iii) Should the actual costs of processing the application exceed the deposit paid, the balance shall be payable by the applicant on the date of issue of the Licence.

6. TAB Board Venues

1. Background

- a) This section of the policy is developed in accordance with ~~Section 65D of the Racing Act~~ **Section 96 of the Racing Industry Act 2020**.
- b) The policy covers stand-alone TAB Board Venues which are owned or leased by the New Zealand Racing Board.
- c) Under the legislation, Council consent is not required to establish a TAB facility in a bar, hotel or club.

2. Policy for establishment of TAB Board Venues

- a) One TAB Board Venue may be established within the Grey District during the life of this policy.
- b) No gaming machines are allowed on TAB Board Venue premises.
- c) **A deposit fee of \$200.00 (excluding GST) shall be paid on filing an application (refer to Council's fees and charges); and should the actual costs of processing the application exceed the deposit paid, the balance shall be payable by the applicant on the date of issue of the Licence.**

7. Review

This policy will be reviewed every three years in accordance with the requirements of the Gambling Act 2003 and the Racing Industry Act 2020.



PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Glass 4 Gaming and TAB Board Venue Policy

Issued	29 April 2026
Submissions close	29 May 2026

Summary of Proposal

Under the Gambling Act 2003 and the Racing Industry Act 2020, Council must have both a Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy and a TAB Venue Policy for TAB venues operated by TAB NZ. Previously Council had two separate policies but for simplicity purposes, Council has chosen to combine these policies into one updated policy: the Class 4 Gaming and TAB Board Venues Policy.

What is being proposed?

Councils need to review their Class 4 Gaming and TAB Board Venue policies on a regular basis. As part of the current review, Council is proposing to lower the cap on the number of gaming machines and venues in the Grey District by:

- Reducing the cap on the maximum number of gaming machines allowed in the district from 130 to 100; and
- Reducing the maximum number of venues from 18 to 10.

There are no other material changes proposed to the policy. A copy of the proposed combined policy and previous separate policies are available to view.

How would it work?

There are currently 67 gaming machines in the Grey District across seven venues. With the proposed reduced cap on maximum numbers of gaming machines and venues, the total number of gaming machines and venues allowed in the district would reduce. The proposed reduced caps still provide capacity for additional machines and venues from current.

Why is this being proposed?

Councils are required to review their Class 4 Gambling and TAB Board Venue policies regularly. The objectives of the combined policy include:

1. To ensure the community, through Council, has influence over the location and number of Class 4 Gaming venues and machines and TAB board venues within the Grey District.
2. To set restrictions on the establishment of Class 4 gaming venues, number of gaming machines and establishment of TAB board venues in the Grey District.
3. To facilitate minimisation of the harm to the community caused by gambling.
4. To allow those who wish to participate in gambling to do so in a safe and well managed environment.

Reducing the cap on the total number of gaming machines and venues within the Grey District helps Council achieve the objectives of the policy by minimising the harm of gambling in the community through reduced gaming machines

and venues, whilst still providing an appropriate number of facilities for those who wish to participate in gambling.

What would change?

There would be no changes for existing businesses.

For new applications or relocations, the numbers of gaming machines and venues will not be able to exceed the maximum caps for the Grey District stated in the final adopted policy.

It is worth noting the Gambling Act 2003, which underpins this policy, was updated in 2023. The changes strengthened the Act's harm minimisation framework:

- Venue staff must actively monitor gambling behaviour
- Staff must identify and respond to observable signs of harm
- Conversations and interventions must be recorded
- Infringement offences and fines apply if venues fail to comply
- Training requirements for staff and managers were clarified and strengthened

Where to find more information

Grey District Council
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How to have your say

We want your feedback.

All submissions must be through the online submission platform "Have your Say Grey" form or a paper submission form available from Council offices, the library and the Westland Recreation Centre.

You are welcome to speak in person in support of your submission — if you wish to do this, please clearly indicate this in your submission.

Submissions will be heard and considered at a hearing at Council offices on Monday 29 June 2026.

Submissions close at **5pm on Friday 29 May 2026**.



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Policy: Class 4 Gaming Venues

First adopted: 1 June 2010

Last reviewed: 13 August 2018

1. Objectives of the policy

- a) To ensure the community, through Council, has influence over the location and number of Class 4 Gaming Venues and machines within the Grey District.
- b) To facilitate minimisation of the harm caused by Class 4 gambling.
- c) To allow those who wish to participate in gaming machine gambling to do so in a safe and well managed environment.

2. Where Class 4 gambling venues may be established

- a) Class 4 gambling venues may be established within any area of the Grey District, subject to:
 - i) Meeting application and fee requirements.
 - ii) Not being a venue at which the primary activity of the venue is associated with family or children's activities.
 - iii) Meeting the requirements of Sections 4-5 of this policy.

3. Numbers of gaming machines to be allowed

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- c) Maximum venues allowed in the District shall be capped at 18 sites.
- d) Maximum number of machines allowed in the District shall be capped at 130 machines.

4. Primary activity of Class 4 gambling venues

- a) The primary activity of any Class 4 gambling venue shall be:
 - i) The sale of liquor or liquor and food.

5. Relocation of Class 4 venues

- a) A new venue consent will be issued by Council in the following circumstances:
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- ii) Where the existing venue operator consents to the relocation; and
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 - iii) Should the actual costs of processing the application exceed the deposit paid, the balance shall be payable by the applicant on the date of issue of the Licence.



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POLICY:

TAB Board Venues

First adopted: 14 February 2011

Last reviewed: 13 August 2018

1. Purpose of the policy

- This policy is adopted in accordance with Section 65D of the Racing Act as a TAB Board Venue policy.
- The policy covers stand-alone TAB Board Venues, which are owned or leased by the New Zealand Racing Board.
- Council consent is not required under the legislation to establish a TAB facility in a bar, hotel or club.

2. Objectives

To ensure the Council and the community has influence over the location of TAB Board Venues in the district.

3. Policy for establishment of TAB Board Venues

One TAB Board Venue may be established within the Grey District during the life of this policy.

No gaming machines are allowed on TAB Board Venue premises.

4. Application of the policy

This Policy will become effective on the day following it being finally approved by Council.

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5.12 OUR SPACES PLAN

File Number:

Report Author: Group Manager Community

Report Authoriser: Chief Executive

Appendices: 1. Our Places Plan (under separate cover)

1. REPORT PURPOSE

- 1.1. For Council to receive the Our Places – A Regional Approach to Spaces and Places Planning in Waitaha and Te Tai Poutini 2026.

2. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives the ***Our Places – Regional Spaces and Places Plan 2026***; and
2. Endorses the key issues and strategic priorities identified for the Grey District; and
3. Agrees that the Plan will be used to inform future Council decision-making, planning and investment in spaces and places; and
4. Supports a collaborative, regional approach to the planning and provision of spaces and places across the West Coast; and
5. Notes that further work will be undertaken to prioritise and rationalise Council's spaces and places network.

3. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 3.1. The Our Places – Regional Spaces and Places Plan 2026 provides a strategic framework to guide the future planning and provision of recreation and sport facilities across the region. For Grey District, it highlights key challenges including constrained funding, ageing and underperforming assets, changing participation patterns, declining volunteer capacity, and uneven access to facilities across a geographically dispersed community. These pressures indicate the current model of provision is not sustainable and requires a more focused and collaborative approach.
- 3.2. In response, five strategic priorities have been identified: to prioritise and rationalise the facility network; invest in multi-use, fit-for-purpose and resilient assets; align provision with changing community needs; strengthen partnerships and regional collaboration; and improve access, inclusion and overall community outcomes. Together, these priorities shift the focus from maintaining a broad asset base to delivering a smaller number of higher-quality, more sustainable and better-utilised facilities.
- 3.3. Endorsement of these priorities provides a clear strategic direction to guide future Council decision-making, without committing to specific projects or funding. It also signals Council's intent to work collaboratively across the region and to undertake further work to prioritise and rationalise its local spaces and places network.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1. Our Places – A Regional Approach to Spaces and Places Planning in Waitaha and Te Tai Poutini 2026 has been developed by Sport Canterbury West Coast to understand the future requirements for sport and recreation facilities in the area.
- 4.2. As a stakeholder, Grey District Council was represented by the Group Manager - Community, who was involved in discussions and community workshops held.

4.3. The final plan was confirmed on 20 March 2026.

4.4. Key issues for the Grey District identified in the Strategy include:

- **Financial Sustainability & Funding Constraints** – Not enough funding for renewals, or new builds, rising construction, compliance and insurance costs, and affordability issues of users.
- **Ageing, Underperforming and Misaligned Assets** – Many facilities are old, deteriorating or not fit for modern expectations. Underutilisation or duplicated facilities while some under pressure and basic amenities are often substandard.
- **Changing Participation & Demand Patterns** – Shift towards flexible and low cost recreation, with less reliance on traditional club based sport and growing demand for multi use and informal spaces.
- **Declining Community Capacity (Volunteers & Clubs)** - Fewer volunteers to run clubs and maintain facilities, and reduced ability of community groups to fund and sustain assets.
- **Access, Equity & Geographic Challenges** – Rural communities face distance and limited local provision of facilities. Gaps in inclusion, accessible and culturally appropriate spaces.

4.5. Key strategic priorities for Grey District Council:

- **Prioritise and rationalise** – Move from an everything for everyone approach to a planned and sustainable network of facilities. Identified core facilities versus lower priority assets. Consolidate duplicated or underutilised sites with fewer more high quality facilities, and do not spread funding too thinly across assets.
- **Invest in Multi-Use, Fit-for-Purpose and Resilient Assets** – Build for flexibility, longevity and real community use. Focus on developing multi-use hubs, upgrade key assets, and incorporate climate resilience and planning.
- **Align provision with changing needs** – Design for how people participate today, focusing on supporting casual and informal low-cost recreation. Balance traditional sport with open space and active recreation and ensure affordability.
- **Strengthen Partnership Models** – Work across West Coast Councils and Regional Partners, support shared use and co-location models and Council and community partners working together.
- **Improve Access, Inclusion and Community Outcomes** – Make spaces for everyone and not just some users. Improve basic amenities, ensure inclusive and accessible design and imbed iwi partnership and cultural connections.

4.6. The Grey District Council, along with many Grey District facilities are under pressure from many of the key points of the report.

5. OPTIONS

5.1. **Option One** – Council endorses and proceeds with recommendations (recommended)

Benefit/Risks: Supports future decision making without having any making any decisions on specific facilities, closures, or funding allocations. These will be considered through future, separate processes. There are no foreseen risks with taking this approach.

5.2. **Option two** – Council notes the strategy only and does not proceed with recommendations.

Benefits/Risks: Does not support any form of future decision making, and acknowledges the existence of the report, without having any form of true meaning or potential change.

6. CONSIDERATIONS

6.1. Legal and Legislative Implications

6.1.1. Nil

6.2. Financial

6.2.1. Nil

6.3. Existing Policy and Strategy Implications

6.3.1. Aligns and connects with Councils Long-Term Planning documents and should be utilised to inform Council decisions.

6.4. Fit with Purpose of Local Government Statement

6.5. This report aligns with the purpose of local government under the Local Government Act 2002 by supporting informed, democratic decision-making and promoting the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of the Grey District community. The strategic direction outlined in this report responds to current and future community needs, while recognising the importance of sustainable asset management and intergenerational stewardship. It provides a framework to guide future decisions on spaces and places in a way that balances community outcomes with financial responsibility.

6.6. Effects on Mana whenua

6.6.1. Mana Whenua have partnered and been involved in the process of bringing the strategy together.

6.7. Significance and Engagement

- 6.7.1. This is not significant in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as it is not a Council strategy but may be significant or important in the future when Council is making decisions on the provision or funding of recreational facilities.

Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
Is there a high level of public interest, or is decision likely to be controversial?	Low	Unlikely due to this being a guiding document
Is there a significant impact arising from duration of the effects from the decision?	Low	As above
Does the decision relate to a strategic asset? (refer Significance and Engagement Policy for list of strategic assets)	Low	As above
Does the decision create a substantial change in the level of service provided by Council?	No	As above
Does the proposal, activity or decision substantially affect debt, rates or Council finances in any one year or more of the LTP?	No	As above
Does the decision involve the sale of a substantial proportion or controlling interest in a CCO or CCTO?	No	As above
Does the proposal or decision involve entry into a private sector partnership or contract to carry out the deliver on any Council group of activities?	No	As above
Does the proposal or decision involve Council exiting from or entering into a group of activities?	No	As above

6.8. Community Wellbeings and Outcomes

Social Wellbeing - Supports health, recreation, and community connection and focus on accessible, inclusive spaces for all groups

Economic Wellbeing - Encourages efficient use of limited resources, reduces long-term financial burden of maintaining unsustainable assets

Environmental Wellbeing - Promotes sustainable facility planning, Encourages fewer, better assets rather than unnecessary duplication

Cultural Wellbeing - Recognises the need for inclusive, culturally appropriate spaces, supports engagement with iwi and community identity

Confirmation of Statutory Compliance

Compliance with Statutory Decision-making Requirements (ss 76 - 81 Local Government Act 2002).

- (a) This report contains:
 - (i) sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
 - (ii) adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons bearing in mind any proposed or previous community engagement.
- (b) The information reflects the level of significance of the matters covered by the report, as determined in accordance with the Council's significance and engagement policy.

6 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

6.1 DOCUMENTS EXECUTED UNDER THE COMMON SEAL OF COUNCIL

File Number:

Report Author: Democracy Advisor

Report Authoriser: Chief Executive

Appendices:

1. Rapahoe Camping Ground
2. Deed of Sublease - GDC & Rockgas Ltd mapped area

1. PURPOSE

The following documents have been prepared in accordance with previous resolutions of the Council and/or the provisions of the Local Government Act, 2002 and other relevant statutes.

It is now proposed that the Council authorise the signing and sealing of these documents.

2. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the following documents be executed under the Common Seal of the Council:

1. Lease of Conservation Reserve under Council control and management for land at 10 Hawken Street, Rapahoe, between Grey District Council (Lessor) and Rapahoe Beach Holiday Park Ltd (Lessee) and Jason Miles Fletcher (Guarantor) for the land Reserve 1000 (LINZ Parcel No. 3696802) known as Rapahoe Camping Ground measuring approximately 0.8268 hectares, as outlined in red on the plan attached.
2. Deed of Sublease between Grey District Council (Landlord) and Richmond Glass (2014) Ltd (Tenant) and Glenys Ann Glover and Michael John Glover (Guarantor) for the property situated at 33 Lord Street, Greymouth being legally described as part of Part Section 197 Block 30, Greymouth or Mawhera 31 Māori Reserve and Part Section 198 Block 30 Greymouth or Mawhera 31 Māori Reserve.
3. Deed of Sublease between Grey District Council (Sublessor) and Rockgas Limited (Sublessee) for property at Lord Street, Greymouth, being Part Section 197 Blk 30, and being all the land comprised in record of title WS5C/1253 (Westland Registry). Subleased premises the part of the land comprising of an approximate area of 1,032m² as shown for identification purposes as the approximate area shown outlined in red in the plan attached at The Third Schedule.

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Compliance with Statutory Decision-making Requirements (ss 76 - 81 Local Government Act 2002).

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7 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

7.1 RECEIPT OF MINUTES FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

File Number:

Report Author: Democracy Advisor

Report Authoriser: Chief Executive

Appendices:

1. Minutes of the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee held on 4 March 2026
2. Minutes of the Greymouth Rating District Joint Committee Meeting held on 25 November 2025

1. REPORT PURPOSE

1.1. To receive the minutes from Outside Organisations.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1. Receipt of minutes.

3. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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The Minutes of the following outside organisations be received:

1. Minutes of the meeting of the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee held on 4 March 2026.
2. Minutes of the Greymouth Rating District Joint Committee Meeting held on 25 November 2025.

Confirmation of Statutory Compliance

Compliance with Statutory Decision-making Requirements (ss 76 - 81 Local Government Act 2002).

(a) This report contains:

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE HELD AT GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL
TAINUI STREET, GREYMOUTH AT 9.00 AM ON 4 MARCH 2026**

Present

R. Williams (Chairman), Mayor T. Gibson (GDC), Mayor H. Lash (WDC), Mayor C. Russell (BDC), Cr A. Cassin (WCRC), Kaiwhakahaere P. Madgwick (Makaawhio), Cr L. Webb (BDC), Cr A. Gibson (GDC), Cr G. Maitland (WDC), Chair C. Smith (WCRC)

In attendance

Matt Smith (WCRC), Darryl Lew (WCRC), J. Armstrong (TTPP Project Manager), Alice Balme (Wynn Williams), Joanne Soderlund (GDC), Carissa du Plessis (BDC), Lois Easton (TTPP Principal Planner), Doug Bray (WCRC).

Welcome

Apologies

Kaiwhakahaere F. Tumahai (Ngāti Waiwae)

Moved (Kaiwhakahaere Madgwick/ Cr. Cassin)

That the apology be accepted

Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration

None raised

Re-circulation of the Interests Register was requested

Accepting Late Paper

Chair Williams explained that some information impacting the 2027 TTPP budget had recently come to hand, and he proposed a resolution to hear and make a decision on that paper following the Financial Report.

Moved (Cr. Cassin/Cr. Webb)

That TTPP Committee resolves to receive and make decisions on the late paper entitled:

Proposed Change to TTPP 2027 Budget

The reason the item is not on the agenda is that information impacting the 2027 budget was presented to TTPP Staff after the current agenda was circulated.

The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting is that any changes to the 2027 TTPP Budget must be communicated to West Coast Regional Council by 15 March for inclusion in their Annual Plan decision making.

Carried

Confirm minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 February**Moved** (Mayor Russell / Cr. Gibson)*That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2026 be confirmed.**Carried***Confirm minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 17 February****Moved** (Mayor Lash / Mayor Russell)*That the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 17 February 2026 be confirmed.**Carried***Matters arising from previous meetings**

None raised

Update on Appeals

L. Easton explained that a lot of time was required to analyse the RMA section 274 applications from parties wishing to join one of the 36 appeals received. Many of the 274 parties are appellants who are either supporting or opposing the other appeals.

Ms. Easton explained that the analysis required assigning each point individually to an appropriate appeal, to enable all appeal and s274 points to be grouped into topics for mediation. This enables the production of reports which aid the efficiency and effectiveness of the mediation meetings.

Moved (Chair Williams / Kaiwhakahaere Madgwick)

1. *That the Committee receive the report*

*Carried***Verbal update on Mediation Processes**

Ms. Balme explained that Wynn Williams had filed a Case Management Memorandum with the Environment Court on 3 March 2026. The memorandum provides information about appellants, appeals points which will support the Court's mediation process for TTPP appeals.

Ms. Balme then discussed the process for making application to the Court to strike out appeal points which do not have legal standing. This is generally because the parties either did not submit or did not join an appeal on the matter. The legal team has contacted parties where legal standing is a concern, asking for justification for inclusion of the points in question. Ms. Balme explained that it would only be a few points within an appeal, in all but one case, and that strike out would only be considered where it was really clear there was no legal standing and the court would not grant relief. If it is a grey area the team would leave the point in.

D. Lew questioned whether the staff should make the decisions on striking out these appeals points or if they needed to bring a paper to the Committee.

Chair Smith commented that this was a legal matter to determine on jurisdictional or standing issues, but that it would be helpful for the Committee to receive notice of the parties impacted.

Ms. Balme agreed to give notice to the Committee about who is affected before filing the application with the Court.

MS. Balme commented that the Court has identified a commissioner who will run the mediation meetings on the West Coast. Court staff will be arranging the venues for the mediation meetings. They have also booked time in the Greymouth and Westport courtrooms in October and November for possible hearings.

Financial Report to 31 January 2026

J. Armstrong presented the financial statement to 31 January 2026. She took the standard reporting points as read but drew the Committee's attention to point 4 regarding the contract for planning representation at the mediation and possible hearings for the Energy and Mineral Extraction topics.

Mrs Armstrong said that a competitive selection process had been undertaken and that the CEO of West Coast Regional Council had approved the selection and signed the contract under his financial delegation from the TTPP Committee.

Moved (Cr Webb / Chair Williams)

1. *That the Committee receive the report.*

Carried

Late Report – Proposed Change to the TTPP 2027 Budget

J. Armstrong presented this report noting that new information on the time required for mediation had recently been supplied to staff, and that this information had the direct effect of increasing the expected expenditure for TTPP in the 2027 financial year. Staff had originally budgeted for 1 week of appeals occurring in the 2027 financial year, but court extensions and recent calculations indicated that 13 weeks of mediation would be needed in that period.

Mrs Armstrong reminded TTPP Committee that staff had committed to keep them informed of any updates to the budget, as they were working with a high level of uncertainty during the mediation and hearings process, which is controlled by the Environment Court.

It was estimated that a further \$290,000 would be needed across three budget items - Consultants/Contractors, Meals/Travel and Accommodation, and Legal Fees, as these expenses are highly influenced by the length of the Court processes.

Cr Gibson expressed horror at the level of the daily costs, and queried if this was an average cost for these processes.

Mrs Armstrong suggested that consultant costs are likely to be below the average as staff have always been very careful to employ very reasonably priced contractors, and keep costs down for the West Coast.

Chair Smith asked if costs could be awarded against the Committee

Ms. Balme responded it would be a very remote and unfair possibility to have costs awarded against the Committee as they are obliged to be part of this process.

Mrs Armstrong spoke to point 12. She reminded TTPP Committee that the three affected expense items had previously been identified as carrying the highest level of budgetary risk, and that this new information, while increasing the certainty, does not cover the whole of the Court process and she will continue to bring budget updates to the Committee.

Moved (Chair Smith / Cr. Cassin)

1. *That the Committee receive the report.*
2. *That the TTPP Committee approves an increase of \$290,000 to the 2027 budget to account for up to 13 weeks of anticipated additional mediation meetings.*

Carried

Meeting ended at 9.46 am.

Attachment 6.1

GREYMOUTH JOINT COMMITTEE**MINUTES OF THE GREYMOUTH JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER
2025 AT WEST COAST COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT
10:00AM**

- PRESENT:** Cr Colin Smith (Chair of Greymouth Rating District Joint Committee; WCRC)
Cr Allan Birchfield (WCRC)
Cr Peter Ewen (WCRC)
Mayor Tania Gibson
Cr Allan Gibson (GDC)
Cr Tim Mora (GDC)
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Joanne Soderlund (GDC Chief Executive)
Kurtis-Perrin Smith (GDC GM Operations)
Tom Hopkins (WCRC Capital Programme Manager)
Shanti Morgan (WCRC Acting Chief Executive)
Paulette Birchfield (WCRC Area Engineer)
Tracy Fitzgerald (WCRC Senior Management Accountant)
Rasela Barrow (WCRC Executive Assistant)
Meryl Wilde (WCRC Governance Support Officer)
Via Zoom:
Scott Hoare (INOVO – Project Manager)
Chantel Mils (WCRC Project Accountant)

1. Welcome

Cr Smith opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance.

2. Apologies

Moved (Cr Gibson/Cr Ewen) *apology for (lateness) for Mayor Gibson was received and accepted.*

Carried

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3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Forum, Petitions and Deputations

There were no public forum, petitions or deputations.

5. Confirmation of Minutes**5.1 Minutes of Greymouth Joint Committee Meeting – 19 February 2025**

The Chair invited corrections to the minutes dated 19 February 2025. There were none.

Moved (Cr Gibson/Cr Birchfield) *that the Minutes of Greymouth Joint Committee Meeting – 19 February 2025 are a true and accurate record.*

Carried

6. Actions List

The actions list was reviewed, and the following updates were noted.

- Item 1 (ACT0028) – Completed. This item can now be removed.
- Item 2 (ACT0029) – Completed.
- Item 3 (ACT0030) – Completed.
- Item 4 (ACT0031) – Completed. There was a query regarding the abatement notice issued related to this report, and it was suggested that a follow-up meeting between WCRC CE and Chair and GDC CE and Mayor is arranged to address any further updates.
- Item 5 (ACT0032) – Ongoing. There was an apology for the lateness of actioning this item.
- Item 6 (ACT0033) – Complete.

Moved (Cr Mora/Cr Ewen) *that the Committee receives the Actions List and information noted.*

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7. Chair's Report

There was no formal report as it was the Chair's first attendance at the Greymouth Rating District Joint Committee meeting forum, however Cr Smith expressed his enthusiasm for being a part of the forum.

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Moved (Cr Birchfield/Cr Mora) *that the Committee receives the Chair's report.*

Carried

[Mayor Gibson entered the meeting at 10:08am].

8. Reports

8.1 Induction Briefing to New Members of Greymouth Rating District Joint Committee

T. Hopkins addressed the report, noting it was intended to inform new Joint Committee members of the Committee's Terms of Reference, Greymouth flood protection scheme development, and key current issues.

Moved (Cr Birchfield/Cr Gibson) *that the Committee receive the report.*

Carried

8.2 IRG 'Shovel Ready' Projects – Greymouth Stages 1 & 2

S. Hoare addressed the report, noting the following:

- The only remaining work involves the potential realignment of a section of the stopbank along Gresson Street where WMS are negotiating a lease with Grey District Council over two parcels of land to accommodate their intended port operations. Additional investigations have been conducted to inform the feasibility and cost of the proposed realignment around the port site and WCRC is awaiting a decision from WMS on whether or not they wish to proceed.
- The project remains on track to complete within budget. With regards to the cost of the proposed realignment at Gresson Street there is close collaboration between WMS and WCRC over cost, with all costs associated with the realignment being funded by WMS.
- There was discussion about consenting processes, with concerns raised about delays and increased costs. However, it was clarified that the work carried out for Stages 1 & 3 was authorised under existing consents granted in 2010, with only potential amendments needed for the WMS alignment changes.

Moved (Cr Ewen/ Cr Mora) *that the Committee receive the report.*

Carried

8.3 RIF 'Flood Resilience' Projects – Greymouth Stages 2, 4 & 5 and Flood Gates

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S. Hoare addressed the report, noting the following:

- Successful funding applications have been made for Stages 2, 4 and 5 of the flood protection scheme, along with an upgrade to existing flood gates at Preston Rd bridge and Sawyers Creek railway crossing. This funding differs from IRG projects as it requires upfront expenditure before drawdown from Kānoa, but consists of grant funding rather than suspensory loans as offered to some councils.
- It is proposed to engage the contractor from the original tender process, with updated pricing remaining within allocated budgets.
- Total funding of \$4 million is comprised of \$2.4 million Crown funding and \$1.6 million local share (on a 60:40 split basis).
- Current programme targets completion of Stages 2, 4 and 5 by August 2026.
- Flood gate upgrades are scheduled for completion by June 2027.
- The flood gate upgrades will focus on railway and bridge locations, with optioneering work underway to determine the most effective upgrade options, ranging from concrete stop logs to potentially swing gates or other alternatives.

Moved (Cr Gibson/Cr Birchfield) *that the Committee receive the report.*

Carried

8.4 RIF 'Flood Resilience' Tranche 3 Projects – Range Creek and Saltwater Creek

T. Hopkins addressed the report, noting the following:

- The Range Creek feasibility study is completed, with a draft brief for flood mitigation investigations at Saltwater Creek currently being priced by the preferred supplier.
- The Range Creek and Saltwater Creek package has been included within the first cut of Tranche 3 projects sent to and received by Minister Jones for consideration.
- Funding assistance rates are expected to follow the standard 60:40 though not yet confirmed.
- An outcome on the funding applications is expected mid-2026.
- Early investigation work will be carried out whilst awaiting funding decisions.

Moved (Cr Mora/Cr Ewen) *that the Committee receive the report.*

Carried

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8.5 Greymouth Flood Protection Scheme Asset Transfer

T. Hopkins addressed the report, noting the following:

- Significant progress has been made on developing a detailed asset register for the Greymouth Flood Protection Scheme, with a curated inventory independently commissioned and in the process of being integrated into WCRC's new asset management system.
- The Johnson Street pump station remains a contestable point of discussion, particularly given Three Waters reforms.
- A full schedule of assets and proposed allocation to each council will be brought to the next joint committee meeting for endorsement before proceeding to respective councils for approval. It was emphasized that further discussions between WCRC and GDC staff are required prior to the next report being presented to the Committee.

Moved (Cr Gibson/Cr Mora) *that the Committee:*

1. *Receive the report.*
2. *Endorse West Coast Regional Council recommendations for ownership principles to be adopted and applied in completing a full inventory of Greymouth Floodwall assets and apportioning ownership to either West Coast Regional Council or Grey District Council, ahead of the intended formal transfer of assets.*

Carried

8.6 Greymouth Rating District Financial Statement FY2025

T. Fitzgerald addressed the report, noting the following:

- The maintenance financials showed total revenue of \$196,000 against expenses of \$85,000 and capital expenditure of \$4,000, resulting in the prudent reserve increasing from \$214,000 to \$321,000.
- An analysis of previous financial statements revealed that rates collected for loan servicing were not prioritized for application to loan repayments.
- The committee expressed satisfaction with significant debt reduction if the loan reserve credit were to be applied to the Greymouth loan repayment.

Moved (Cr Birchfield/Cr Ewen) *that the Committee:*

1. *Receive the report.*
2. *Accept the financial statement for the 2024/25 financial year.*
3. *Apply the balance of the Greymouth loan reserve to loan repayments.*

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Carried

8.7 Greymouth Rating District Annual Works Report FY2025

P. Birchfield addressed the report, noting the following:

- Maintenance activities undertaken during the 2024-25 financial year, and proposed future work programmes including the annual Cobden Cut trial opening, opening of New River and Saltwater Creek river mouths, and weed spraying at various locations.
- The proposed maintenance rate for 2026-27 totals \$187,212 excluding GST, with the committee's attention being drawn to the likelihood that the full \$100,000 unforeseen works allocation will be required for the Coal Creek erosion repair due to the difficult site conditions and steep batter slopes.
- It was confirmed that if assets are not third-party insured and damages to the assets are incurred during a flooding or environmental-catastrophe event, council will not be eligible for the 60% funding contribution from NEMA.

Moved (Cr Birchfield/Cr Ewen) *that the Committee:*

1. *Receive the report.*
2. *Endorse the recommended maintenance rate strike for the 2026/27 financial year of \$187,212.00 excluding GST.*

Carried

9. General Business

Update on Range Creek culvert – P. Birchfield

P. Birchfield tabled the following 'Update on Range Creek culvert' report (see attached):

- Staff are to progress with weed spraying of the stopbank prior to Christmas.
- Staff are to progress with a diversion of the river at Coal Creek to mitigate current erosion and further scouring. A design for rip-rap repair is underway with tenders for the physical works expected to be issued shortly.
- Staff are consulting a specialist for advice on how to implement the WCRC 10-year river and coastal strategy programme.
- The Range Creek flood gate improvement project is being progressed, with a detailed design with updated cost estimates to be confirmed (a report tabled at the meeting is attached to the minutes).

Diversion of Range Creek into Lake Ryan was suggested as a possible alternative.

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Weststone Quarry & Clean Fill Site, Land, River, and Sea modelling report – Cr. Ewen

The LRS report (on page 8 of the previous minutes dated 19 February 2025) was requested to be circulated to GDC councillors.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10:56am.

Chair

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8 IN COMMITTEE ITEMS

COUNCIL IN-COMMITTEE

That the public is excluded from this part of the meeting in relation to:

Agenda item(s)

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:

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
8.1 - CONFIRMATION OF IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 MARCH 2026	s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
8.2 - RECEIPT OF IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE TENDERS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 9 APRIL 2026	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
8.3 - IN COMMITTEE MATTERS UNDER ACTION IN COMMITTEE	s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

9 COUNCIL RESUME IN OPEN MEETING

CLOSURE OR RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS IN OPEN MEETING