

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

Date: Monday 24 August 2026
Time: 3:00pm
Venue: Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth

Joanne Soderlund
Chief Executive

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

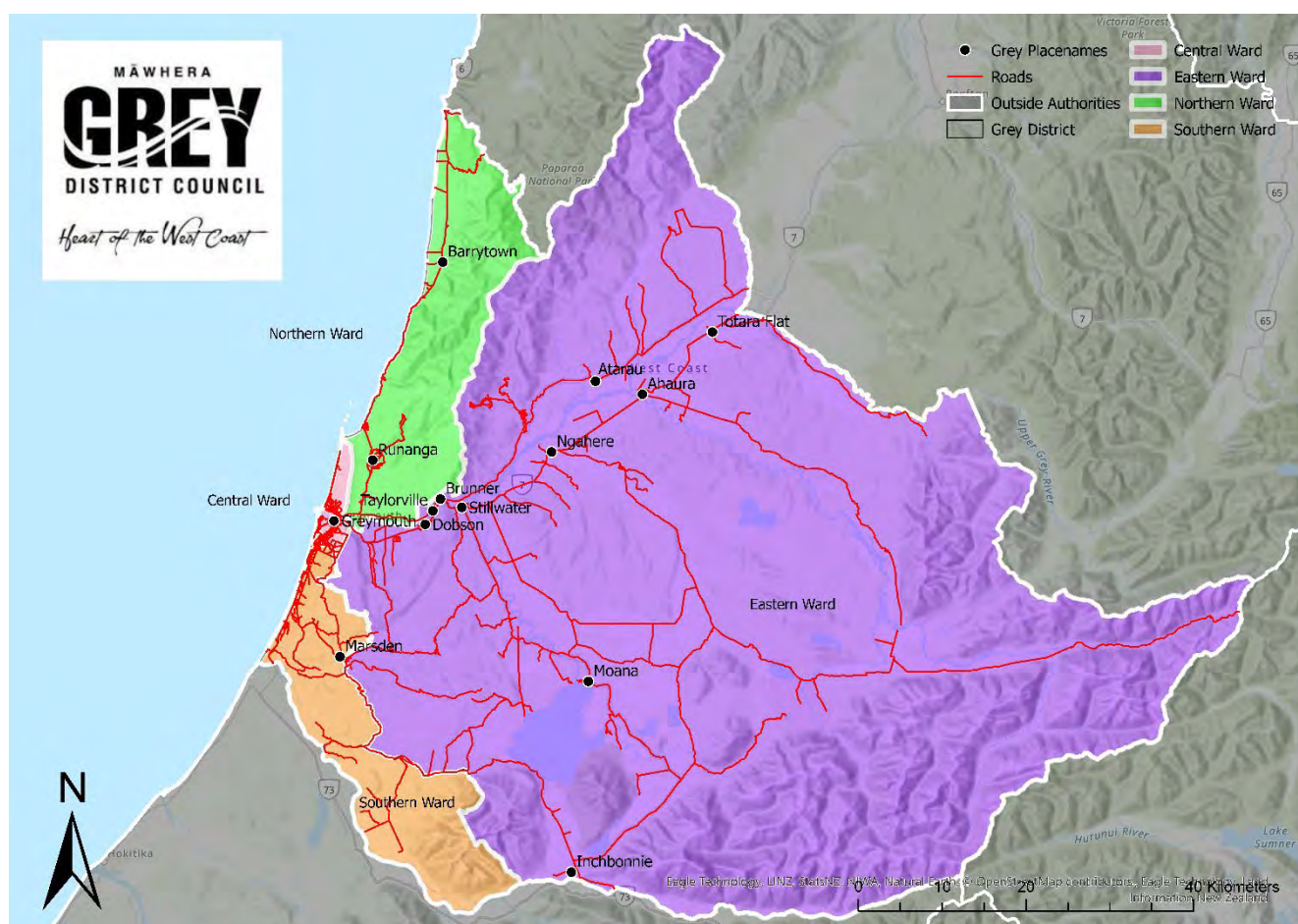
AGENDA

Members:

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

to be held at Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth on Monday 24 August 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

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1 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1.1 APOLOGIES

Nil

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 29 JUNE 2026

SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 June 2026 be confirmed as true and correct.

2.2 CONFIRMATION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2026

SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 24 June 2026 be confirmed as true and correct.

2.3 CONFIRMATION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 AUGUST 2026

SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 3 August 2026 be confirmed as true and correct.

2.4 RECEIPT OF MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY TENDERS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 24 JULY 2026

SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Tenders Subcommittee Meeting held on 24 July 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 29 June 2026 commencing at 3:00pm**

PRESENT: Mayor Tania Gibson (Chair)

Councillor Allan Gibson (Deputy Mayor), Councillor Paulette Birchfield, Councillor Peter Davy, Councillor Kate Kennedy, 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), Steve Adam (Water Services Manager), Emma Topp (Business & Contracts Manager), Nelia Heersink (Community & Recreation Services Manager), Michael McEnaney (Regulatory Manager), Alicia Paulsen (Assets and Infrastructure Manager), Paddy Blanchfield (Transport & Infrastructure Manager), Amie Robinson (Solid Waste Officer), Laura Mills (Communication and Engagement Manager), Megan Bourke (Communications Officer), Trish Jellyman (Democracy Advisor), The Media

Mr Peter Moreton (member of the public – retired Town Clerk)

Welcome: Her Worship welcomed Mr Peter Moreton to the meeting. Mr Moreton was the former Town Clerk and started in his role 50 years ago. During this time amalgamation of Local Government reform of the Borough, County and Harbour Board took place. He also oversaw the construction of this building, the replacement of old wooden bridges, construction of the 118 pensioner housing units and the devastating floods of 1988. He was the catalyst for the building of the floodwalls which our district is very grateful to have today.

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.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 MAY 2026

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/083

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson

Seconded: Cr Peter Davy

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 May 2026 be confirmed as true and correct.

Carried Unanimously

2.2 CONFIRMATION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2026

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/084

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson

Seconded: Cr Peter Davy

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 4 June 2026 be confirmed as true and correct.

Carried Unanimously

2.3 RECEIPT OF MINUTES OF THE CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 27 MAY 2026

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/085

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson

Seconded: Cr Peter Davy

That the minutes of the Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Sub-Committee Meeting held on 27 May 2026 be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

2.4 RECEIPT OF MINUTES OF THE RISK AND ASSURANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 23 APRIL 2026

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/086

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson

Seconded: Cr Peter Davy

That the minutes of the Risk and Assurance Sub-Committee Meeting held on 23 April 2026 be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

2.5 RECEIPT OF MINUTES OF THE RISK AND ASSURANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 15 JUNE 2026

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/087

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson

Seconded: Cr Peter Davy

That the minutes of the Risk and Assurance Sub-Committee Meeting held on 15 June 2026 be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

2.6 RECEIPT OF MINUTES OF THE TENDERS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 4 JUNE 2026

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/088

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson

Seconded: Cr Peter Davy

That the minutes of the Tenders Subcommittee Meeting held on 4 June 2026 be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

2.7 RECEIPT OF MINUTES OF THE TENDERS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 18 JUNE 2026

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/089

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson

Seconded: Cr Peter Davy

That the minutes of the Tenders Subcommittee Meeting held on 18 June 2026 be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

3 LIST OF ACRONYMS USED

Refer page 45 of the agenda.

4 MATTERS UNDER ACTION

4.1 MATTERS UNDER ACTION

Refer page 46 of the agenda.

5 AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 DRAFT CLASS 4 GAMING AND TAB BOARD VENUES POLICY

Refer page 48 of the agenda.

Her Worship thanked those that made submissions, she noted that 45 submissions were received with the majority of submitters in favour of the status quo remaining.

She welcomed Mr Jarrod True (via Zoom) from the Gaming Machine Association NZ to the meeting. Mr True spoke to his submission and advised that his organisation supports the current cap of machines.

Her Worship thanked Mr True for his presentation.

Discussion took place around gambling in general, problem gambling and the benefits of gambling proceeds to sports and community groups.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/090

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

That Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Thanks the submitters; and
3. Council approves the status quo of no reduction in the number of gaming machines (to remain at 130) and gaming venues (to remain at 18) in the Grey District in the final Policy; and
4. Council adopts the Class 4 Gaming and TAB Board Venues Policy with the caps as per (3) above.

In Favour: Mayor T Gibson, Cr A Gibson, Cr P Birchfield, Cr P Davy, Cr K Kennedy and Cr J O'Connor

Against: Cr R MacDonald, Cr R Mallinson and Cr T Mora

CARRIED 6/3

5.2 MAYOR'S UPDATE

Refer page 85 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/091

Moved: Cr Jack O'Connor

Seconded: Cr Peter Davy

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

Carried Unanimously

5.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UPDATE

Refer page 88 of the agenda.

The CE stated that the consultation process for the future of Local Government has commenced with the Head Start pathway underway. She stated it would be great to see a good community response as consultation closes Monday 6 July.

Discussion took place on Forrest & Bird's application to the Environment Court to strike out Council's and Buller District Council's appeals on the Te Tai o Poutini Plan. The CE advised that both Council's appeals were deemed to be valid and therefore Forrest & Bird lost their application to strike out.

Cr O'Connor commented that the appointment of Mr Anton Becker as Chair of Council's Risk & Assurance Subcommittee is a very good decision.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/092

Moved: Cr Rex MacDonald

Seconded: Cr Jack O'Connor

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

Carried Unanimously

5.4 COMMUNITY REPORT

Refer page 91 of the agenda.

Her Worship congratulated Council teams for their work in getting the new library up and running as this has been a mammoth effort.

The GMC answered questions from Councillors around the cataloguing of contents at History House and advised that costs are likely to be over \$100,000.00. She advised that other funding options and assistance from community groups is being considered.

Discussion took place on carparks leased by Council. The GMC agreed to update Council on the exact number of carparks available for leasing.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/093

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

That Council:

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

Carried Unanimously

5.5 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Refer page 103 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/094

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Rex MacDonald

That Council:

- a) Receives the report and notes the contents.

Carried Unanimously

5.6 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT

Refer page 119 of the agenda.

Discussion took place on the legal costs incurred with the Forrest & Bird strike out appeal.

Her Worship advised that costs to the Te Tai o Poutini Plan committee were around \$7,000.

The CE advised that Council is sharing legal costs with Buller District Council. She will circulate costs to Councillors after today's meeting.

Discussion took place on infringement numbers over the last few years. It was agreed that the GMEDRS would circulate updated numbers to Councillors.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/095

Moved: Cr Jack O'Connor

Seconded: Cr Paulette Birchfield

That Council:

1. Receives the report and notes the content herein.

Carried Unanimously

5.7 OPERATIONS GROUP REPORT

Refer page 132 of the agenda.

Discussion took place on litter bin renewals and waste management. The GMO advised that via the budget process, 8-10 litter bins are usually replaced each year, staff are currently working through the roll out of replacements. He offered to provide an update to Councillors on replacement bins and liners following today's meeting.

Discussion took place on backflow prevention. The GMO advised that there has been a significant amount of surveying done on both commercial and industrial properties, water leaks have been identified during this process.

Her Worship noted that of the 70% of water leakage reported a portion of that leakage is due to water leaks on private properties.

Her Worship thanked the Operations Team for their work with the new library. She acknowledged that there has been a considerable amount of work done in a very short space of time.

Her Worship expressed concern around the amount of aggression directed at staff and contractors when they are going about their work.

Discussion took place on the current state of the skate ramp at Moana as feedback from the community has revealed that the skate ramp is quite old and may no longer be fit for purpose.

The GMO advised that the structure itself has been inspected and is in good condition. There has been work done around the possibility of re-decking the skate ramp and likely costs. He stated that once further information is to hand this will be brought back to Council for further discussion and a decision. He stated that there has been discussion within community members on whether or not a skate ramp is appropriate going forward.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/096

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Robert Mallinson

That Council:

1. Receives the report and notes the content.

Carried Unanimously

5.8 ADOPTION OF 2026/2027 ANNUAL PLAN AND FEES AND CHARGES

Refer page 146 of the agenda.

Her Worship thanked staff for their hard work on this year's Annual Plan. She reminded the meeting that Council did not go out for consultation as this is now Year 2 of the Long Term Plan and there are no significant changes. She stated that it is pleasing to see that staff managed to get the predicted rate strike down from 10.9% to 8.68%. She stated that Council still needs to be keeping up with services as there is a lot happening with water and capital projects.

Discussion took place and it was noted that the average rate increase around the country is 8%.

The GMCS advised that staff have gone into the finer details and have done the best they could.

Cr O'Connor stated that it is pleasing to see that the rate strike is less than what was forecast in the LTP despite a lot of increasing costs. He stated that everyone is facing harsh times and Council doesn't want to drop service levels as we are all impacted.

Cr Mallinson stated that he is opposed to the 8.6% rate increase and will be abstaining from voting.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/097

Moved: Cr Rex MacDonald

Seconded: Cr Jack O'Connor

That Council:

1. Receive the report.
2. Approve and adopt the Grey District Council 2026/2027 Annual Plan tabled at the meeting (noting staff will correct any minor grammatical errors in the final version).
3. Approve and adopt the list of 2026/2027 fees and charges as included in the Annual Plan.

In Favour: Mayor T Gibson, Cr A Gibson, Cr PB Birchfield, Cr PD Davy, Cr K Kennedy, Cr R MacDonald, Cr T Mora and Cr J O'Connor

Against: Nil

Abstained: Cr RM Mallinson

Carried 8/0

Her Worship stated that she would be bringing agenda item 5.10 - Setting Rates for 2026/2027 of rates forward as it makes sense for the agenda items to follow on from each other.

5.10 SETTING RATES FOR 2026/2027

Refer page 158 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/098

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson

Seconded: Cr Jack O'Connor

That Council:

1. Receive the report.
2. Pursuant to the provisions in the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, resolves to set the following rates on rating units in the Grey District for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027. Such rates shall become due and payable by instalments on the dates prescribed in clause 8 of this resolution.
3. Note all rates and charges are inclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST).
4. Definitions
 - (a) Connected means the rating unit is connected to a Council operated water or wastewater reticulation scheme
 - (b) Serviceable means the rating unit is not connected to a Council operated water or wastewater reticulation scheme but is within 50 metres of such a scheme. Rating units which are not connected to the scheme and which are not serviceable, will not be liable for this rate.
 - (c) A separately used or inhabited part (SUIP) of a rating unit is defined as any part of a rating unit that which can be:
 - Separately let and/or permanently occupied; and
 - Used for separate purposes.

These are separately used parts of a rating unit:

- A residential property that contains two or more separately occupiable units, flats or houses each of which is separately inhabited or is capable of separate habitation.

- Commercial premises which contain separate shops, kiosks or other retail or wholesale outlets, each of which is operated as a separate business or is capable of operation as a separate business.
- An office block which contains several sets of offices, each of which is used by a different business or which is capable of operation as separate businesses.
- Commercial premises which contain separate living quarters.

Not separately used parts of a rating unit:

- A residential sleep-out or granny flat without independent kitchen facilities.
- A hotel room with or without kitchen facilities.
- Motel rooms with or without kitchen facilities.
- Individual storage garages/sheds/partitioned areas of a warehouse.
- Individual offices/premises of partners in a partnership.

5. Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)

A uniform annual general charge (UAGC) of \$1,051.05 per rating unit, set under section 15 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

Total revenue sought from the UAGC is \$8,538,232.50 (including GST).

6. General Rate

A general rate set as a rate in the dollar on the land value of all rating units within the Grey District under sections 13 and 14 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, assessed on a differential basis as described in the Funding Impact Statement (FIS) are as follows:

Differential category	Total general rate (including GST)	Total value properties	Total revenue (including GST)
Residential Zone 1	0.0091551	\$545,941,000	\$4,998,131.00
Residential Zone 2	0.0077269	\$114,867,500	\$887,570.00
Residential Zone 3	0.0034035	\$217,729,000	\$741,030.00
Rural Residential	0.0018892	\$309,349,900	\$584,428.00
Rural Use	0.0059230	\$102,998,000	\$610,059.00
Commercial Zone 1	0.0234280	\$157,054,000	\$3,679,468.00
Commercial Zone 2	0.0220311	\$26,227,000	\$577,811.00
Commercial Zone 3	0.0172181	\$11,045,800	\$190,188.00
Farming/Forestry	0.0023455	\$612,427,500	\$1,436,441.00

The differential categories are defined in the 2026/2027 FIS.

7. Targeted Rates

(a) Water supply

Targeted rates for the purposes of water supply, set on the basis of one (1) targeted rate per separately used or inhabited part (SUIP) of a rating unit which is either connected to the scheme or which the connection is available and set under sections 16 and 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 are as follows:

Scheme	Rate for units classified as service available and connected	Total revenue (including GST)
Blackball	\$868.50	\$173,700.00
Dobson/Taylorville	\$868.50	\$300,501.00
Greymouth	\$868.50	\$3,460,140.00
Runanga	\$868.50	\$554,971.50
Kaiata	\$671.90	\$46,361.10
Kaiata Park Year 1*	\$559.92	\$13,997.92
Stillwater	\$793.50	\$31,740.00
South Beach Water Loan	\$151.30	\$7,111.11

*** Kaiata Park Water Supply is not expected to be vested into Council until 1 September 2026 therefore applicable properties will pay a pro-rata rate for year 1.**

Scheme	Rate for units classified as service available and NOT connected	Total revenue (including GST)
Blackball	\$434.25	\$15,663.00
Dobson/Taylorville	\$434.25	\$868.50
Greymouth	\$434.25	\$108,996.75
Runanga	\$434.25	\$35,174.25
Kaiata	\$335.95	\$0.00
Kaiata Park Year 1*	\$279.96	\$1,399.79
Stillwater	\$396.75	\$2,380.50
South Beach Water Loan	\$151.30	\$0.00

*** Kaiata Park Water Supply is not expected to be vested into Council until 1 September 2026 therefore applicable properties will pay a pro-rata rate for year 1.**

(b) Metered water supply

A targeted rate for the purposes of water supply set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$2.09 per cubic metre of water consumed in excess of 75m³ per quarter where the volume supplied is considered to be in excess of 300m³ per annum to any rating unit that is classified as commercial/industrial.

Total revenue sought from water meter rates is \$382,950.00 (including GST).

(c) Wastewater

Targeted rates for the purposes of wastewater (sewage disposal), set on the basis of one (1) targeted rate per separately used or inhabited part (SUIP) of a rating unit which is either connected to the scheme or which the connection is available and set under sections 16 and 19AA of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 are as follows:

Scheme	Rate for units classified as service available and connected	Total revenue (including GST)
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Blackball	\$1,093.00	\$213,135.00
Dobson/Taylorville/Kaiata – capital rate	\$790.80	\$141,553.20
Dobson/Taylorville/Kaiata – operating and maintenance rate	\$468.70	\$162,170.21
Kaiata Park – operating and maintenance rate year 1 *	\$390.58	\$9,764.58
Greymouth	\$1,181.20	\$3,711,330.40
Karoro	\$634.50	\$258,876.01
Moana	\$495.20	\$149,550.40
Runanga	\$493.50	\$263,529.00
South Beach/Paroa	\$564.00	\$188,376.00
Te Kinga	\$1,363.60	\$58,634.80
South Beach Water Loan	\$432.20	\$20,313.40

*** Kaiata Park Wastewater System is not expected to be vested into Council until 1 September 2026 therefore applicable properties will pay a pro-rata rate for year 1.**

Scheme	Rate for units classified as service available and NOT connected	Total revenue (including GST)
Blackball	\$546.50	\$19,127.50
Dobson/Taylorville/Kaiata – capital rate	\$790.80	\$0.00
Dobson/Taylorville/Kaiata – operating and maintenance rate	\$234.35	\$468.71
Kaiata Park – operating and maintenance rate year 1 *	\$195.29	\$976.45
Greymouth	\$590.60	\$115,757.60
Karoro	\$317.25	\$2,855.25
Moana	\$247.60	\$8,666.00
Runanga	\$246.75	\$13,818.00
South Beach/Paroa	\$564.00	\$24,816.00
Te Kinga	\$681.80	\$5,454.40
South Beach Water Loan	\$432.20	\$0.00

*** Kaiata Park Wastewater System is not expected to be vested into Council until 1 September 2026 therefore applicable properties will pay a pro-rata rate for year 1.**

Targeted rates for the purposes of wastewater (sewage disposal) set as a charge for each water closet (pan) or urinal connected to a public sewage drain and set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 are as follows:

Scheme	Charge for each water closet (pan) or urinal connected to a public sewerage drain	Total revenue (including GST)
Dobson/Taylorville/Kaiata operating and maintenance rate - used for commercial or educational purposes	\$97.64	\$0.00
Moana – used for commercial or education purposes	\$123.37	\$2,714.14
Te Kinga – used for commercial or educational purposes	\$340.90	\$0.00

(d) Refuse and recycling collection

Targeted rates for the purposes of kerbside refuse and recycling collection, set per separately used or inhabited part (SUIP) of a rating unit on a differential basis based on land use and set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 are as follows:

	Charge where service is available	Total revenue (including GST)
Residential, township, commercial, industrial, rural, rural residential, recreational and/or farming properties, outside the Greymouth CBD that receive a weekly refuse/recycling collection	\$510.49	\$3,389,639.03
Commercial and industrial properties within the Greymouth CBD that receive a twice weekly refuse/recycling collection	\$1,020.98	\$168,461.69

(e) Economic development

- A targeted rate for the purposes of Economic Development of \$0.0008555 cents in the dollar of Capital Value on every Commercial/Industrial rating unit within the district and set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.
- Total revenue sought from the commercial/industrial economic development rate is \$377,101.10 (including GST).
- A targeted rate for the purposes of Economic Development of \$508.14, set per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that is not Commercial/Industrial and being used as an operating Bed and Breakfast, Homestay or Farmstay and set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.
- Total revenue sought from the bed and breakfast, homestay or Farmstay economic development rate is \$21,850.00 (including GST).

8. Instalment Dates

All rates, apart from metered water rates, will be payable in four equal instalments with the final dates for payment being:

Instalment One	4.30pm 31 August 2026
Instalment Two	4.30pm 30 November 2026
Instalment Three	4.30pm 28 February 2027
Instalment Four	4.30pm 31 May 2027

Metered water rates will be payable in four instalments with the final dates for payment being:

Instalment One	4.30pm 20 November 2026
Instalment Two	4.30pm 20 February 2027
Instalment Three	4.30pm 20 May 2027
Instalment Four	4.30pm 20 August 2027

9. Penalties on Unpaid Rates

Pursuant to Section 57 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 Grey District Council prescribes the following penalties to be added to unpaid rates:

(a) Rates Instalment Penalty

A penalty under section 58(1)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act of 10% of the amount of the rates instalment that remains unpaid after the due date of that instalment will be added on or after the following dates:

Instalment One	Five business days after the due date
Instalment Two	Five business days after the due date
Instalment Three	Five business days after the due date
Instalment Four	Five business days after the due date

(b) Rates Annual Penalty

A further penalty under section 58(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of 10% of the amount of any rates from previous financial years remaining unpaid on 1 July or five business days after Council has passed the rates resolution (whichever is the later).

(c) Rates Other Penalty

A further 10% penalty will be added to rates under s58(1)(c) that remain unpaid from previous years. This will be added six (6) months after the penalty made in 9(b) above if the rates remain unpaid.

(d) Metered Water Instalment Penalty

A penalty under section 58(1)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act of 10% of the amount of the rates instalment that remains unpaid after the due date of that instalment will be added on or after the following dates:

Instalment One	1 December 2026
Instalment Two	1 March 2027
Instalment Three	1 June 2027

Instalment Four

1 September 2027

10. Authority to apply Council's policy on remission on penalty rates will be dealt with in terms of Council's Delegations Manual.
11. In accordance with section 54 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, where the annual amount assessed is less than \$10.00 (including GST), Council will not collect all rates due to amounts less than this being uneconomic to collect.
12. A discount of 2.5%, calculated on total assessed rates in the current year less adjustments and remissions, will apply when all due rates are paid in full (which includes current rates and any outstanding rates and penalties from prior years). The total amount must be paid by the due date for payment of the first instalment being 31 August of each year.

Carried Unanimously**5.9 ON-STREET PARKING CHANGES FOLLOWING CONSULTATION**

Refer page 152 of the agenda.

Discussion took place and it was noted that significant feedback was received via the consultation process.

Cr Birchfield stated that it is encouraging to see less P15 only parks and more P60 only parks.

The GMO confirmed that there will be additional bike stands at new library.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/099**Moved: Cr Robert Mallinson****Seconded: Cr Jack O'Connor**

1. Receives the report;
2. Approves the following changes to Council's Parking Strategy:

Location	Current Zone	Change
Mawhera Quay (between Tainui Street and Albert Street)	Bus stop (for four vehicles) 4pm to 9pm, P60 for vehicles outside of those hours 1 x P60 (near Albert Street)	Parking for four buses changed to two buses (outside Copthorne Hotel) and the remainder between Tainui Street and Copthorne Hotel changed to P60 parking only. 1 x P60 changed to a bus stop between the hours of 4pm and 9pm and P60 for vehicles at other times
Guiness Street between Tainui Street and Blanchfield's Bakery (south side)	P30	P60
Mackay Street (outside current library building), 1 x park	P15	P60
Mawhera Quay between Mackay Street and Waite Street (south side)	P60	P120

Gresson Street between Johnston Street and Boundary Street	P15	P60
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Carried Unanimously**5.11 GREYMOUTH PONY CLUB - PUBLIC TOILET ARRANGEMENTS**

Refer page 167 of the agenda.

Discussion took place. Cr O'Connor stated that historically this funding application was associated with the cycleway. He stated that if the pony club is amicable to a \$5,000.00 grant then this is a reasonable outcome. He stated that the pony club is a good facility, the club's events bring people into our town the location is the gateway to the town.

The GMCS advised that the Pony Club is undecided on how to move forward as there were no conditions in the original grant application.

Cr O'Connor stated that this is an example of the importance of ensuring MOU's are in place when entering into these types of agreements.

It was agreed that this is a well used facility and that the Pony Club have done a good job of maintaining the facility over the years.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/100**Moved: Cr Robert Mallinson****Seconded: Cr Rex MacDonald**

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the efforts of the Greymouth Pony Club in providing a publicly accessible toilet for users of the cycle trail since 2013; and
2. Approve an annual grant of \$5,000 to the Greymouth Pony Club for the provision of a publicly accessible toilet facility to cycle trail users, acknowledging the work required by the club to maintain the facility.

Carried Unanimously**5.12 DRAFT WASTE BYLAW AND POLICY FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Refer page 196 of the agenda.

The GMO advised that initial discussions were held with contractors last week and contractors advised that they are happy to work with Council, and wanted to ensure that the information provided was not overly cumbersome.

Cr Birchfield stated that she is pleased to see the potential for people to be liable for an offence under the Litter Act if they dump unwanted goods outside second hand stores and donation points. She feels this will help manage illegal dumping as it is big problem.

Cr Kennedy stated that she recently dumped green waste at McLeans Pit and it is not as expensive as people think as it is priced per tonnage and there is a lot of green waste in a tonne. She also stated that it is great to see that it is proposed that semi permanent dwellings be eligible for wheelie bins.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/101**Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson**

Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

That Council:

1. Receives the report; and
2. Adopts the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw and draft Waste Management Services Policy and Summary of Proposal for public consultation; and
3. Notes the consultation period will be 1 July 2026 to 1 August 2026, with a report to come back to the Council at the ordinary meeting on 24 August 2026.

Carried Unanimously

5.13 DRAFT RESPONSIBLE FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Refer pge 254 of the agenda.

Discussion took place and it was noted that most changes are legislation driven.

Her Worship spoke of the positive feedback often received from campers at locations such as the Cobden Tiphead.

Cr O'Connor stated he is looking forward to seeing feedback from submitters, as there are some great places for people to enjoy in our district and is very good for the district's economy.

Cr Kennedy commented that there are now two businesses at the Cobden tiphead and this area is providing great economic spinoffs.

The GMEDRS clarified matters relating to enforcement and the role of Compliance Officers.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/102

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Kate Kennedy

That Council:

1. Receives the report; and
2. Adopts the draft Responsible Freedom Camping Policy and Summary of Proposal for public consultation; and
3. Notes the consultation period will be 1 July 2026 to 1 August 2026, with a report to come back to the Council at the ordinary meeting on 24 August 2026.

Carried Unanimously

6 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**6.1 DOCUMENTS EXECUTED UNDER THE COMMON SEAL OF COUNCIL**

Refer page 282 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/103

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

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

1. Variation and Furtherance of Agreement of Maintenance of Infrastructure to be vested in Council between Ball Developments Ltd and Grey District Council.
2. Consent to the partial surrender of a Right of Way to convey Electricity, Telecommunications and Computer Media shown as I on DP 620349 under Easement 6974339.11 from Records of title 1250286 (Burdened Land) and 1250285 (Benefited Land), Beechwater Drive, Arnold Valley.

Carried Unanimously

7 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

7.1 RECEIPT OF MINUTES FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Refer page 283 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/06/104

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Jack O'Connor

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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 11 May 2026.
2. Minutes of the Greymouth Rating District Joint Committee Meeting held on 26 March 2026.

Carried Unanimously

8 IN COMMITTEE ITEMS

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

Agenda items 8.1- 8.8

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 26/06/105

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

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 25 MAY 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	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

	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	withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
8.2 - CONFIRMATION OF IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2026	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
8.3 - RECEIPT OF IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE RISK AND ASSURANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 23 APRIL 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)(d) - the withholding of the information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public	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 - RECEIPT OF IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE RISK AND ASSURANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 15 JUNE 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	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

	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	
8.5 - RECEIPT OF IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE TENDERS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 4 JUNE 2026	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
8.6 - RECEIPT OF IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE TENDERS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 18 JUNE 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
8.7 - 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
8.8 - RECEIPT OF MINUTES FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	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

	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	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 4.16 pm.

Confirmed

T Gibson
Chairperson

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Date

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL**Held in Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth****on Wednesday 24 June 2026 commencing at 4:00pm**

- PRESENT:** Mayor Tania Gibson (Chair)
- Councillor Allan Gibson (Deputy Mayor), Councillor Paulette Birchfield, Councillor Peter Davy, Councillor Kate Kennedy, Councillor Rex MacDonald, Councillor Robert Mallinson, Councillor Tim Mora, Councillor Jack O'Connor, Kaiwhakahaere Francois Tumahai
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Joanne Soderlund (Chief Executive), Kurtis Perrin-Smith (Group Manager Operations), 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.

2 LIST OF ACRONYMS USED

Refer page 6 of the agenda.

3 IN COMMITTEE ITEMS

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

Agenda item 3.1

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 **SCM 26/06/081**

Moved: **Mayor Tania Gibson**

Seconded: **Cr Robert Mallinson**

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 - COAST WATERS RATIFICATION OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	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 COUNCIL RESUME IN OPEN MEETING

CLOSURE OR RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS IN OPEN MEETING.

The meeting concluded at 4.08pm

Confirmed

T Gibson

Chairperson

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Date

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL**Held in Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth****on Monday 3 August 2026 commencing at 3:00pm**

PRESENT: Mayor Tania Gibson (Chair)
Councillor Allan Gibson (Deputy Mayor), Councillor Peter Davy, Councillor Kate Kennedy, Councillor Rex MacDonald, Councillor Robert Mallinson, Councillor Tim Mora, Councillor Jack O'Connor, Kaiwhakahaere Francois Tumahai

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), Laura Mills (Communication and Engagement Manager), Megan Bourke (Communications Officer), Trish Jellyman (Democracy Advisor),
Ashley Stuart (Local Government Project Lead), Sarah Polaschek (Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions & Transport)

Her Worship welcomed Ashley Stuart and Sarah Polaschek to the meeting.

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.

2 LIST OF ACRONYMS USED

Refer page 6 of the agenda.

3 AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 HEAD START PATHWAY - DECISION ON JOINT SUBMISSION OF THE WEST COAST OUTLINE PROPOSAL

Refer page 7 of the agenda.

Her Worship stated that Council has been working alongside its neighbouring councils on the Head Start Proposal which provides an opportunity to consider the future of local government on the West Coast.

She advised that 196 submissions were received from the community with 118 submitters indicating that they are in favour of further investigations into the option of a single West Coast unitary authority.

She thanked Ashley and staff for the significant amount of work undertaken to prepare the proposal in such a short timeframe.

She advised that Westland District Council today voted in favour of the proposal, but Buller District Council did not. She emphasised that if the proposal is successful government funding and support will be required.

Extensive discussion took place and all Councillors were in support of the proposal.

RESOLUTION SCM 26/08/094

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Robert Mallinson

That Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Approves the Draft West Coast Local Government Reform Head Start Outline Proposal, attached as Appendix 1, for submission to MCERT by 9 August 2026 by Grey District Council jointly with any other West Coast territorial authorities that approve participation in the submission.
3. Notes that approval does not establish a unitary authority or approve final representation, local-board, rating, asset, debt, staffing, service-delivery, office, transition or implementation arrangements this would be developed in the next phase of work.
4. Notes that the proposal seeks Government and MCERT specialist support and coordination for the evidence and detailed-design programme, and that any material unbudgeted Council expenditure would require separate approval.
5. Notes that if fewer than two West Coast territorial authorities approve submission, the proposal would not meet the Head Start entry requirements and would not be submitted as a Head Start proposal.
6. Authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive to approve minor editorial or factual amendments that do not materially alter the proposal, and to sign and submit the final proposal on behalf of Council.

Carried Unanimously

4 COUNCIL RESUME IN OPEN MEETING

CLOSURE OR RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS IN OPEN MEETING.

The meeting concluded at 3.14 pm

Confirmed

T Gibson

Chairperson

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Date

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY TENDERS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL
Held in Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth
on Friday 24 July 2026 commencing at 3.42pm

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), Kurtis Perrin-Smith (Group Manager Operations), 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 IN COMMITTEE ITEMS

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

Agenda item 2.1

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 26/07/002

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson

Seconded: Mayor Tania 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

2.1 - 2025-26-43A - GREATER GREYMOUTH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UV PREFILTERS	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
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Carried Unanimously

3 SUB-COMMITTEE RESUMES IN OPEN MEETING

CLOSURE OR RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS IN OPEN MEETING.

The meeting concluded at 3.48 pm

Confirmed

A Gibson

Chairperson

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Date

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	17/4/2025: 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	5/08/2026: Next steps are being further investigated by ELT.
23 February 2026	26/02/088	Nelson Creek Community Water Supply	19/08/2026: Ongoing. Will now have external support to determine the scale of treatment upgrades likely required.
23 February 2026	26/02/021	Keith Road Playground Redevelopment Project, Paroa – Stage 2	20/08/2026: Final requirement is to align fence along road frontages for Keith & Clough Road. Action to be closed once this is completed.

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 LATE ITEM: FLOOD EVENTS 15 & 24 JULY 2026

File Number:

Report Author: Democracy Advisor

Report Authoriser: Chief Executive

Appendices: Nil

1. REPORT PURPOSE

- 1.1. In terms of Clause 9.12 of Standing Orders, read with S.46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, 1987, an item can be considered as a late item of business.

9.12 Items of business not on the agenda which cannot be delayed

A meeting may deal with an item of business that is not on the agenda where the meeting resolves to deal with that item and the Chairperson provides the following information during the public part of the meeting:

(a) The reason the item is not on the agenda; and

(b) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting

- 1.2. LGOIMA s, 46A(7)

Items not on the agenda may be brought before the meeting through a report from either the Chief Executive or the Chairperson.

Please note that nothing in this standing order removes the requirement to meet the provisions of Part 6, LGA 2002 with regard to consultation and decision-making.

The Chief Executive and Chairperson has advised their intention to introduce one late item for Council to consider being:

Flood Events 15 & 24 July 2026:

2. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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. Flood Events 15 & 24 July 2026

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 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.

5.2 FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW - PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS AND DELIBERATIONS

File Number:

Report Author: Group Manager of Economic Development and Regulatory Services

Report Authoriser: Chief Executive

Appendices: 1. Responsible Freedom Camping - Summary of Submissions

1. REPORT PURPOSE

- 1.1.1. For Council to hear and consider the submissions received on the draft Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw and Summary of Proposal.
- 1.1.2. For Council to provide direction to staff following receipt and consideration of submissions for the final Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw, which will be brought back to the 28 September 2026 Council meeting for adoption.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1. The draft Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw was out for public consultation, using the special consultative procedure, for the period 1 July to 1 August 2026.
- 2.2. A total of nine submissions were received. The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association has indicated it would welcome the opportunity to speak to its submission online if that option is available.
- 2.3. Overall, submitters generally supported the proposed changes, including the increase from two nights to three nights in any four-week consecutive period, the ability to temporarily restrict or close areas where necessary, and updates to designated freedom camping locations and boundaries.
- 2.4. The main themes raised during consultation were the need for education before enforcement, concerns about who should fund and undertake compliance monitoring, support for retaining suitable freedom camping locations such as Cobden Bridge, concerns about responsible campers or smaller vehicles being unfairly excluded, and concerns raised by the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association about temporary restriction provisions and the legal robustness of existing prohibited areas.
- 2.5. Council is now asked to hear and consider submissions received and provide direction to staff for finalising the Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw.
- 2.6. The final Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw will be brought to the 28 September 2026 Council meeting for adoption.

3. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Receives the report; and
- 2. Following hearing and consideration of submissions, provides verbal direction to staff for inclusion in the final Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw, which will come to Council for adoption on 28 September 2026.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1. The current Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw was adopted in 2014 and was last reviewed in 2020.
- 4.2. Since it was last reviewed, the Self-contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act 2023 has come into effect. This overhauls freedom camping in New Zealand by mandating campervans must have fixed, permanently installed toilets to be considered self-contained. They also need to have a valid certificate of self-containment issued in accordance with section 87U(3)(d) of the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Act 2006 (noting transitional period arrangements as specified in the Freedom Camping Act 2011). This eliminates previous loopholes of vehicles utilising portable toilets and qualifying for a self-containment sticker.
- 4.3. Councils may choose to define areas within their local authority that allow for freedom camping in motor vehicles which are not self-contained. The Draft Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw does not include any such areas.

Summary of changes

Change	Rationale
Reference to Self-contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act 2023 included in the Bylaw.	New legislation since the bylaw was last reviewed.
Definition of freedom camping has been expanded.	To include situations where a person is not considered to be freedom camping. A person is not considered to be freedom camping if the person is unable to live in appropriate residential accommodation. This is to ensure that the rules are not used against homeless people.
Change of night period from 8pm to 7am to 7pm to 8am.	To make it easier for staff working in low light to see the vehicles.
Updated definition of self-contained.	Clause included from the Freedom Camping Act 2011 which specifies the current self-containment criteria, including reference to transitional arrangements. For avoidance of doubt, it means the toilet must be permanent fixed to the vehicle.
The bylaw has restrictions on freedom camping duration – longer duration stays can be allowed at Council's discretion. Number of nights in any four-week consecutive period has been updated from two (2) to three (3).	To provide Council the discretion to make allowances depending on circumstances. Change in night numbers to reflect actual practice and provide standardisation across sites.
Ability to close or restrict freedom camping when considered necessary.	To prevent damage to areas or during events. Reasonable notice must be given of temporary closures or restrictions.

Change	Rationale
Updated clauses from the Freedom Camping Act 2011 regarding penalties and offences.	These were updated as part of the enactment of the Self-contained Motor Vehicle Legislation Act 2023.
Update of Map 3 – Moana, Lake Brunner Foreshore.	The current map includes the Yacht Club, which is not Council property and is privately owned.
Update of Map 4 – Cobden Breakwater and Sanctuary area.	Map has been updated to use new aerial photos to reflect the current infrastructure in the area.
Update of Map 9 – Cobden bridge area.	Realignment of freedom camping area, including prevention of parking on the entrance/exit to the boat launch.
Removal of reference to Lake Brunner Country Motel, Cabins and Campervan Park.	No longer operating.

4.4. Other minor administrative changes have been made.

4.5. All changes are tracked on the Draft Bylaw.

5. Summary of submissions

A total of nine submissions were received. A summary of submissions is included as Appendix One.

Specific questions asked as part of the consultation

Consultation question	Response summary
Overall, do you support the proposed changes to the Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw?	Five in support, two neutral, one opposed.
Do you support clarifying that people unable to live in appropriate residential accommodation are not considered to be freedom camping?	Four in support, one against, three unsure.
Do you support increasing the maximum stay from two nights to three nights within any four-week consecutive period?	All eight respondents supported this change.
Do you support allowing Council to temporarily restrict or close freedom camping areas when necessary, provided reasonable notice is given?	Seven in support, one did not answer.
Do you support changing the overnight freedom camping period from 8:00 pm–7:00 am to 7:00 pm–8:00 am?	Six in support, two unsure.
Do you support the proposed updates to designated freedom camping locations and boundaries shown in the consultation maps?	Four in support, three against, one unsure.

Summary of feedback and staff comments:

Issue	Summary of feedback	Staff comments
Education before enforcement	Several submitters asked Council to focus on education before issuing fines. Submitters considered that responsible	Education is an important part of implementation. Staff will ensure information on Council's website, signage and visitor information

	campers are more likely to comply, return and spend money locally if the rules are clear and well communicated.	clearly explains the rules, including self-containment requirements, permitted locations, maximum stay periods, waste disposal expectations and infringement risks.
Compliance monitoring and funding	One submitter questioned why monitoring certified self-containment, vehicle compliance and warrant of fitness requirements sits with local ratepayers rather than being managed nationally through transport compliance systems.	The national regulatory framework sets self-containment requirements, while local authorities are responsible for managing freedom camping on local authority land through bylaws. Council can enforce the bylaw within existing operational budgets, but broader national compliance settings sit outside Council's direct control. GDC Do not monitor WoF or CoF
Support for suitable freedom camping areas	Submitters supported retaining suitable places to stay, including Cobden Bridge. Some submitters were concerned that overly restrictive settings could cause freedom campers to bypass the Grey District and spend money elsewhere.	The proposed bylaw continues to allow responsible freedom camping in permitted areas, subject to conditions. The proposed Map 9 changes realign the Cobden Bridge area while retaining freedom camping capacity and preventing parking on the boat launch entrance and exit.
Responsible campers, smaller vehicles and seasonal workers	Some submitters were concerned that responsible campers, smaller vehicles, seasonal workers and New Zealanders may be unfairly excluded by the self-containment requirements, particularly where public toilets or dump stations are available.	The fixed toilet and certified self-containment requirements are required by national legislation. Councils may identify areas where non-self-contained vehicles are allowed, but the draft bylaw does not propose any such areas. Council may provide direction if it wishes staff to investigate whether any locations should be considered in future.
Temporary restrictions and closures	The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association did not oppose temporary restrictions in principle, but raised concern that proposed clause 5(13) does not define what temporary means or set out criteria, timeframes, public notice expectations or a process for reopening areas.	This is a matter for Council direction. Council may wish staff to amend clause 5(13) to provide more guidance on when temporary restrictions may be used, how affected areas will be described, what public notice will be given, and how long restrictions may remain in place or be reviewed.
Existing prohibited areas and site-specific assessments	The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association submitted that it does not support retaining existing prohibited areas because Council has confirmed that no site-specific assessments were undertaken as part of the current review or when the existing bylaw was adopted.	This is a matter for Council direction. The current review was primarily to incorporate legislative changes and update maps. Council may either proceed with the current amendments and direct staff to undertake a fuller future review of restricted and prohibited areas, including site-specific assessments, or request further work before adoption.

6. Council direction required

Following hearing and considering submissions, Council is asked to confirm direction on the following matters to allow staff to finalise the bylaw:

Issue	Comments/confirm direction	Council direction
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Temporary restrictions and closures	Council to confirm whether clause 5(13) should proceed as consulted on, or whether staff should amend it to include additional safeguards such as criteria for use, description of affected areas, public notice, expected duration and review or reopening considerations.	Proceed as drafted / amend clause 5(13) / other direction.
Existing prohibited and restricted areas	Council to confirm whether it wishes to proceed with the current review and adoption process and consider a future fuller review of restricted and prohibited areas, or whether further site-specific assessment work is required before adoption.	Proceed to adoption / undertake further review before adoption / future review programme / other direction.
Non-self-contained vehicles	The draft bylaw does not identify any areas where freedom camping in non-self-contained vehicles is permitted. Council may confirm this approach or request staff to investigate whether any areas should be considered in future.	Confirm current approach / investigate options / other direction.
Education and implementation	Submitters asked for education before enforcement. Staff can strengthen implementation material, signage and public information to support voluntary compliance before enforcement action is taken.	Confirm education-first implementation approach / other direction.
Any other changes	Council to advise staff of any other changes it wishes to make to the draft Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw following consideration of submissions.	Council direction.

7. CONSIDERATIONS

7.1. Legal and Legislative Implications

- 7.1.1. The Bylaw is in line with the Freedom Camping Act 2011, which allows Territorial Authorities to make a Freedom Camping Bylaw.
- 7.1.2. The Draft Bylaw has been updated to incorporate the Self-contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act 2023.
- 7.1.3. Under both the Local Government Act 2002 and the Freedom Camping Act 2011, Council is required to utilise the special consultative procedure to consult on amendments to the Bylaw. Consultation has been undertaken in accordance with that process.
 - (a) The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association has raised matters for Council to consider regarding the temporary restriction provision and the robustness of existing prohibited areas. These matters are addressed in the Council direction section of this report.

7.2. Financial

- (a) There are no direct financial costs associated with hearing and considering submissions. Enforcement of freedom camping under the proposed changes can be undertaken within existing operational budgets. If Council directs a fuller future review of prohibited and restricted areas, including site-specific assessments, staff will assess the resourcing requirements and report back as required.

7.3. Existing Policy and Strategy Implications

- (a) The current Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw has been updated to incorporate legislative changes and proposed map amendments. It is important that Council bylaws remain current to enable Council to manage the effects of freedom camping in the Grey

District while balancing the needs of responsible freedom campers, local communities and the environment.

7.4. Fit with Purpose of Local Government Statement

7.4.1. This option meets the purpose of local government by:

- Providing for democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities.
- Meeting the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure and regulatory activities.

7.5. Effects on Mana whenua

- (a) Mana whenua were included as stakeholders during the public consultation process. No specific mana whenua effects have been identified through the submissions received. If Council directs further site-specific assessment work or a fuller future review of restricted and prohibited areas, staff will ensure mana whenua engagement is included as appropriate.

7.6. Significance and Engagement

7.6.1. It is considered the bylaw is of medium significance when measured in terms of the Significance and Engagement Policy.

Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
Is there a high level of public interest, or is decision likely to be controversial?	Medium	The bylaw will continue to regulate where and how freedom camping may occur. The proposed changes are not expected to create significant long-term impacts, although any future fuller review of prohibited or restricted areas may require further assessment.
Is there a significant impact arising from duration of the effects from the decision?	No	NA
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 delivery 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

8. NEXT STEPS

8.1.1. Council staff will finalise the Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw based on direction received from Council following hearing and consideration of submissions and bring the final bylaw to the Council meeting of 28 September 2026 for adoption.

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.

Submissions

Caroline Blann

Please use education first rather than fines as people are more likely to 🍏 me to your areas which means more spending of money in your shops, cafes, restaurants & sightseeing.

Nathaniel Fittock

Why is monitoring freedom campers left to local ratepayers to fund? These vehicles require a warrant of fitness (WoF) every year, so their roadworthiness, registration, and certified self-containment should be monitored and enforced directly by Land Transport (NZTA) at a national level. Local councils shouldn't have to waste ratepayer money patrolling long roads to police vehicle compliance when central government transport agencies already have the framework to do it. (If the vehicle is non-compliant it should fail a warrant fitness)

Ronald Burt

Great to have Cobden bridge site available to come back to for stays for family reasons

Andy Tot

It's time the self containment laws were policed, the behaviour of a lot of people that I've witnessed first hand is disgusting, both mainly from tourists but also from a few New Zealanders, let's keep our country clean and green.

Angela Fogerty

its not whether people have the built in loo or not that is the issue...it is whether they use it..and if there are appropriate dumping stations in the area..if there is a public loo in the area, then why do you need a fixed loo? As a responsible freedom camper, i feel it is about education more than a green sticker...the Responsible Campers Assn ltd have an excellent education programme, and a large membership. It is important for those who are in vans to be able to still freedom camp..they are the ones who will be buying in your town as they cant carry alot with them...also more likely to be seasonal labourers who need somewhere to stay. When i travelled the South Island i found it so hard to find a place to park in the Grey area, that i just kept driving..and spent my money in the next area... as a NZer i find it very distressing that i cant even camp in my own country due to rushed and not well thought out laws pushed by a large group with an agenda to exclude the smaller vehicles.

Janette Reid

In some instance the certified green labelled campers are being punished for the slides vans and some of the homeless people who do not respect these areas regardless.

New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc

Kia ora,

The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc. appreciates the opportunity to submit on the proposed changes to the Grey District Council Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw. Our submission is brief and has been lodged slightly after the closing date of 1 August, as we needed time to review requested information that was only provided at the end of last week.

The NZMCA supports

1. The changes required by operation of law;
2. The proposed amendments to clause 5(2); and
3. The proposed changes to Map 9 (Cobden Bridge), following confirmation from Council at the end of last week that it recognises the NZMCA's previous support for this site (as attached) and that the changes will not affect the site's current freedom camping capacity.

The NZMCA does not support**1. Proposed clause 5(13)**

We do not support this clause because it does not define what "temporary" means or establish any criteria for reopening areas once a temporary restriction or prohibition has been imposed. We are not opposed to temporary restrictions and prohibitions in principle. We recognise there are situations where they may be necessary. However, any temporary restriction or prohibition should be clearly defined, proportionate, and consistent with section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011 and the Bylaws Act 1910. Other councils, including the Manawatu District Council, have adopted more robust provisions that require the Council to:

- a. Confirm any temporary decision is consistent with section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011, that it is the most appropriate and proportionate way of addressing the perceived problem in relation to that

area, and that it is consistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990;

- b. Define the area where the temporary prohibition or restriction applies, either by a map or a description of its locality; and
- c. Give appropriate notice to the public and key stakeholders, including a timeframe and criteria to be met for the temporary prohibition or restriction to be lifted.

Without similar safeguards in place, the proposed clause creates uncertainty. For example, a restriction or prohibition that remains in place indefinitely, without a clear timeframe or pathway to removal, risks ceasing to be genuinely temporary and may be vulnerable to legal challenge.

We recommend that clause 5(13) be amended to incorporate the principles outlined above.

2. Remaining prohibited areas

We do not support retaining the remaining prohibited areas within the bylaw because the Council has confirmed that no site assessments have been undertaken as part of the current review, and that no site assessments were undertaken when the existing bylaw was adopted. Since 2020, the High Court has provided substantial guidance on how councils must approach restrictions and prohibitions under the FCA. In particular, the High Court has overturned freedom camping bylaws where councils failed to undertake genuine site-specific assessments and relied on matters that are not permitted under the Act, such as protecting the commercial interests of accommodation providers and private property amenity values. Given the absence of site assessments and the evolution of case law since 2020, there is a real risk that some existing restrictions and prohibitions may no longer be legally robust.

The NZMCA recommends the Council undertakes a full review of the bylaw, taking into account:

- Relevant case law since 2020;

- The review requirements in section 13 of the FCA; and
- The bylaw's own commitment, in section 10, to review restricted and prohibited areas annually as new information becomes available regarding the effects of freedom camping.

The NZMCA would welcome the opportunity to speak to this submission online if that option is available to submitters.

Ngā mihi,

James Imlach

National Manager | Property and Policy

5.3 WASTE BYLAW AND POLICY - PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS AND DELIBERATIONS**File Number:****Report Author:** Assets and Infrastructure Manager**Report Authoriser:** Group Manager Operations**Appendices:** 1. Submissions - Draft Waste Bylaw and Policy**1. REPORT PURPOSE**

- 1.1. For Council to hear and consider the submissions received on the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw and draft Waste Management Services Policy.
- 1.2. For Council to provide direction to staff following receipt and consideration of submissions for the final Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw and final Waste Management Services Policy, which will be brought to the September meeting for adoption.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1. The draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw and draft Waste Management Services Policy were out for public consultation, using the special consultation procedure, for the period 1 July to 1 August 2026.
- 2.2. A total of 59 submissions were received, with five submitters wishing to speak to their submission.
- 2.3. Staff also held a pre-engagement session with waste collection operators and private waste management facility operators to discuss the proposed bylaw and proposed changes which may affect them.
- 2.4. Staff also met with not-for-profit stores and second-hand store operators to discuss the proposed bylaw and the proposed changes which may affect them.
- 2.5. A summary of the submissions is as follows:
 - 2.5.1. A clear majority support the focus on reducing waste and increasing recycling.
 - 2.5.2. A slight majority support the three-strike rule for those who are continually non-compliant with the kerbside collection service.
 - 2.5.3. A majority agree with introduction of registration of waste collection operators and private waste management facilities for the purposes of creating a district wide view of progress towards waste minimisation.
 - 2.5.4. The main themes raised during the public consultation process include red rubbish bin capacity and collection frequency, risk of illegal dumping, need for better education regarding recycling, concerns about the proposed three-strikes penalty, cost and fairness concerns, need for better disposal options and requests for Council to work with the community.
- 2.6. Council is now asked to hear and consider the submissions received and provide direction to staff for finalising the final bylaw and policy.
- 2.7. The final Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw and Waste Management Services Policy will be brought to the 28 September 2026 Council meeting for adoption.

3. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives the report;
2. Thanks the submitters; and
3. Following hearing and consideration of submissions, provides verbal direction to staff for inclusion in the final Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw and Waste Management Services Policy, which will come to Council for adoption on 28 September 2026.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1. Staff developed a new bylaw to replace the lapsed Solid Waste Bylaw 2012 for the regulation of effective waste management and minimisation activities in the Grey District. The draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw has been created under current legislation, incorporating modern practices and reflecting today's waste management environment.
- 4.2. Council's current Refuse and Recycling Kerbside Collection Policy was last reviewed in 2012, when wheelie bins were introduced. The policy was reviewed alongside the new draft bylaw and expanded to include waste facilities, prohibited items and hazardous waste – the new proposed policy is called the Waste Management Services Policy.
- 4.3. All councils have obligations with regards to reducing waste under the Waste Minimisation Act (WMA) 2008. The West Coast Regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) outlines Council's obligations towards efficient and effective waste management and minimisation in the Grey District. The draft bylaw and policy ensure Council meets their obligations under both the WMA and WMMP.
- 4.4. Significant proposed changes in the draft Bylaw and Policy were:

Document	Change	Rationale
Bylaw	Registration of waste collection operators and private waste management facilities and annual reporting to Council. An annual registration fee of \$165 (inclusive of GST, 2026/2027 fee) is proposed.	New to bylaw. Introduced to enable Council to report on a district-wide view of waste disposal and track our progress against the WMMP. Currently Council can only report on waste that is disposed of at Council-run facilities. Council will aggregate the information received and report on progress in the District on an annual basis.
Policy	Three-strike rule for non-compliance with kerbside recycling collection conditions. Three strikes will result in suspension of the recycling service.	The current policy does not include a fixed term collection suspension provision – in the proposed policy three orange or red tags (for non-compliance) within a 12-month period will result in suspension of recycling services for three months. This clause has been introduced as presently contamination is quite high and this has significant consequences in the waste chain. The penalty holds those who are non-compliant accountable for their actions when many others are doing the right thing. This practice is used by other councils in New Zealand. Collection of the red refuse bin will continue while the recycling service is suspended, provided users comply with

		red bin conditions. The full targeted rate for kerbside collection will still apply during the period of suspension.
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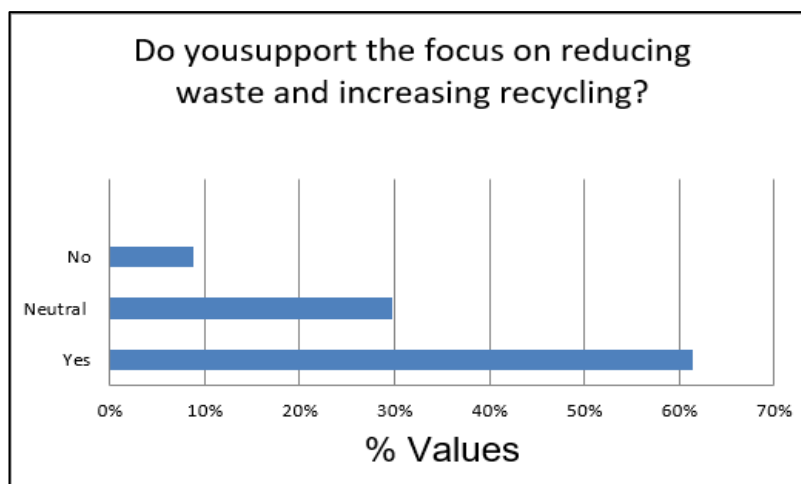
- 4.5. Consultation ran from 1 July to 1 August 2026.
- 4.6. Staff also met with waste collection operators and private waste management facility operators to discuss the proposed bylaw and proposed changes which may affect them, namely the requirement to register with Council and provide annual reporting. The pre-engagement session was productive, and attendees are keen to work with Council to refine the reporting requirements to ensure they allow Council to provide a district wide view of waste flows, activity and disposal without being too onerous on the operators.
- 4.7. Staff also met with not-for-profit stores and second-hand store operators to discuss the proposed bylaw and the proposed changes which may affect them, namely the provisions relating to donation collection points and controls on the depositing of diverted material at their premises. The pre-engagement session was productive, with attendees acknowledging that Council is not currently aware of any significant issues in this area, and understanding that the proposed provisions are intended as a proactive measure should such issues arise in the future. Discussions also explored the challenges associated with materials being left outside stores outside of operating hours, which store operators have limited ability to control, and considered potential ways Council could support operators in managing the build-up of diverted material while maintaining positive diversion and reuse outcomes.

5. SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS

- 5.1. A total of 59 submissions were received.
- 5.2. Five submitters will speak to their submission during the meeting – they are:
 - Karen Hamilton
 - Jessica Ritchie
 - Angela Brooking (subsequently withdrawn)
 - Jessie Lott (subsequently withdrawn)
 - Chris Bock
- 5.3. A summary of the submissions received is as follows. A full list of submissions is included as Appendix One.

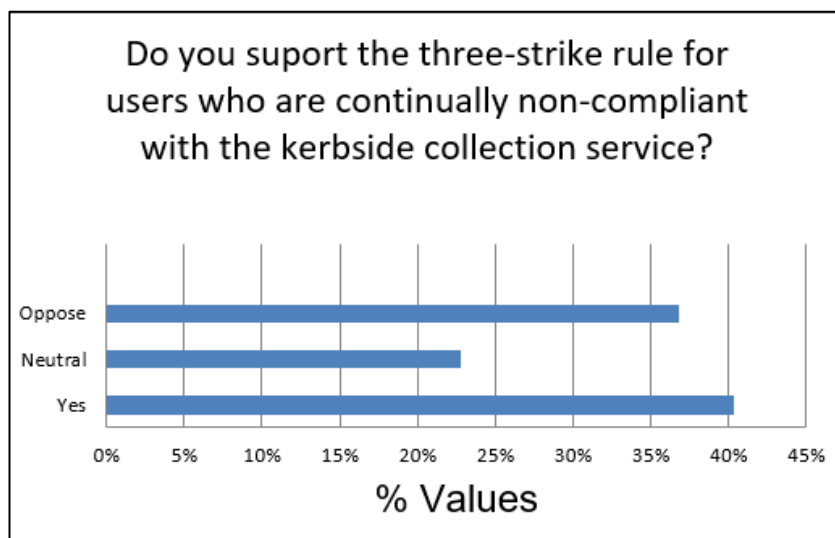
Specific questions asked as part of the consultation

- 5.4. **Q1: Do you support the focus on reduced waste and increased recycling?**



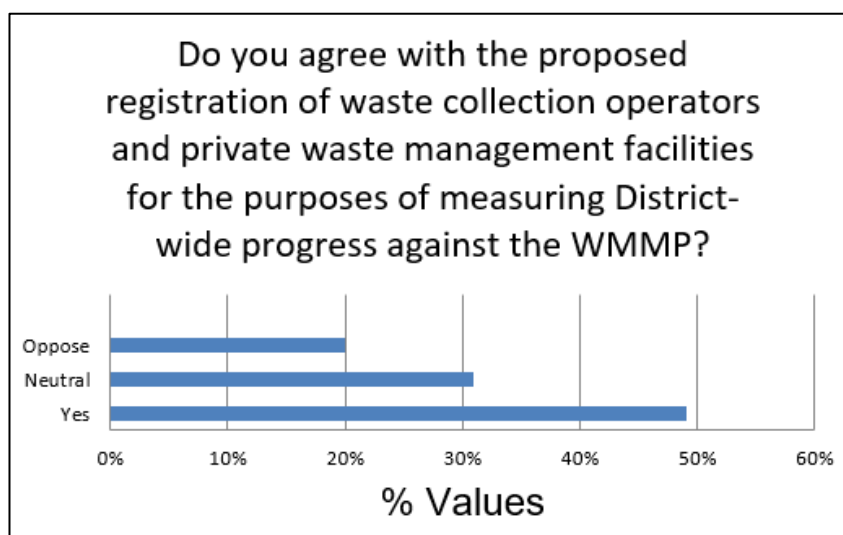
Yes – 35 | Neutral – 17 | Oppose/No – 5 | Not stated - 2

- 5.5. **Q2: Do you support the three-strike rule for users who are continually non-compliant with the kerbside collection service?**



Yes – 23 | Neutral – 13 | Oppose/No – 22 | Not stated - 1

- 5.6. **Q3: Do you agree with the proposed registration of waste collection operators and private waste collection operators and private waste management facilities for the purposes of measuring District-wide progress against the WMMP?**



Yes – 27 | Neutral – 17 | Oppose/No – 11 | Not stated - 4

Summary of feedback and staff comments:

Issue	Summary of feedback	Staff comments
Red rubbish bin capacity and collection frequency	The strongest theme of feedback received is that the red bin is too small and/or collected too infrequently, especially for families, households with nappies and larger households. Many submitters want a bigger red bin, weekly red-bin collection, the ability to swap bin sizes or an option	Councils have legislative obligations to minimise waste. This includes acting under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008, Waste and Resource Efficiency Strategy and West Coast Regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP). As part of this, to reduce waste and increase recycling, Council provides

Issue	Summary of feedback	Staff comments
	to pay for an additional/larger red bin. It was suggested that people put rubbish in the recycling bin due to the red bin being too small, therefore leading to contamination within the recycling bin.	smaller refuse bins and bigger recycling bins to eligible properties in the Grey District. To provide additional or larger refuse bins or additional collection will be at extra cost to the ratepayer, will be against Council's statutory responsibilities for waste minimisation and the additional waste generated would reduce the lifespan of the landfill (new landfills cost millions of dollars to build). It is noted that there are commercial operators who can provide a service to properties who do require additional refuse bins.
Risk of illegal dumping	Submitters are concerned that suspending collection services, enforcing penalties or keeping disposal costs high could push people to dump rubbish in bush, beaches, rivers, forestry roads, public bins or other unwanted places.	Council believes that fly-tipping is a societal behaviour and does not consider it to be linked to kerbside recycling collection. Evidence to date shows that the majority of fly-tipping is from household items or green waste, not recycling. It is not envisaged that penalising people who are deliberately non-compliant with recycling rules will increase incidences of fly-tipping. Recycling waste can be disposed of for free at any of Council's resource centres or the facility on Preston Road. However, if the three-strikes rule is approved, Council will monitor the levels of fly-tipping for any change.
Need for clearer recycling education	Many people say contamination is partly caused by confusion about what can and cannot go in recycling. Suggestions include bin-lid stickers, flyers, school education, workshops, clearer local guidance and targeted education before penalties.	It is acknowledged that Council needs to do better with its education around what can be recycled and a campaign around this is already underway. Stickers which go under the lid of each bin have been made up and are already being placed on new bins. The logistics of placement onto existing bins are still being worked through.

Issue	Summary of feedback	Staff comments
Concern about the three-strikes penalty	Submitters are worried the penalty is too harsh, especially losing recycling collection for three months. They question whether it distinguishes between genuine mistakes, deliberate misuse and contamination caused by neighbours or passers-by.	These are genuine concerns raised by submitters. The three-strikes rule is aimed at people who are being deliberately non-compliant, not those who have made genuine mistakes. Education will always be the first pathway and suspension will be taken on a case-by-case basis and only imposed as a last resort. The purpose of the suspension is to try and improve contamination by penalising those not following the rules and improving compliance by changing behaviour. A concern was raised about being penalised for items being placed in the bin by another person – this would be an offence under the proposed Bylaw and once reported, would be investigated.
Cost and fairness concerns	Some submitters argue they already pay for collection through rates and should not lose a paid service. Others are concerned that extra compliance costs or registration fees for waste operators may be passed on to customers.	Suspension of the non-complying service for the set period is a last resort and only for those who have repeatedly and deliberately been non-compliant. There is a cost to Council and all ratepayers for having continuing contamination and it is in everyone's interest to get this contamination rate down. Suspension of recycling services for non-compliance is now common across New Zealand councils. Suspension of the service is to penalise the user who is not following the rules, similar to a person who loses their licence and cannot drive their car despite it still being warranted and registered. Refuse collection will continue, provided it is compliant. The cost for the service is a targeted rate (Kerbside Refuse/Recycling Collection) set under Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and applicable to each rating unit or separately used or inhabited part (SUIP) of a rating unit and is

Issue	Summary of feedback	Staff comments
		charged on the availability of the service, not the daily use of the service, similar to the water and wastewater targeted rates. With regards to the registration fee for waste collection operators and private waste management facilities, the fee is modest and covers staff time to collate the data only.
Need for better disposal options	Submitters want cheaper or easier ways to dispose of waste, including free or cheaper dump days, bulky-waste kerbside collection, green-waste services, green bins/food scraps collection and more recycling options.	Services such as heavy trash days, green waste and organic food collection are suggestions which should be directed to the 2027-2037 Long Term Plan as they relate to changes in current levels of service.
System-level concerns	A few submitters argue the problem is not just household behaviour but also packaging, limited local recycling options, unclear product labelling and recycling infrastructure limitations.	These are valid points – recycling is a shared responsibility across many parties. Council can only manage the aspects it has control over, which is the service it provides, the information it distributes and the contractors it uses. Council will continue to encourage stewardship of recyclable products and collaborate with all parties across the recycling network to reduce waste.
Impact of tourism	Impact of tourism is absent in the proposed Bylaw and Policy.	It is acknowledged that tourism does indeed contribute to the generation of waste in the Grey District and this is appropriately included as part of the West Coast Regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP).
Work with community	Submitters want Council to work with community organisations, including Poutini Ngāi Tahu, commercial businesses and West Coast Food Security Network, around initiatives for food rescue and recycling opportunities.	Staff will explore such initiatives and approach relevant groups.

- 5.7. There was also significant feedback received via social media echoing many of the sentiments above, especially the requests for larger refuse bins or additional refuse collection and more education on what should be placed in the recycling bin.

- 5.8. Our community want to see a focus on increasing recycling (61% of respondents), however on the other hand they wanted bigger refuse bins, which in turn contributes to the generation of additional waste and reduces the lifespan of the landfill. We hope that by providing better information and education, this will help people to utilise their bins more efficiently.
- 5.9. The proposed three-strike rule, as a last resort, is also aimed at penalising those who are repeat offenders is an attempt to reduce the high recycling contamination rate in the Grey District. It is not aimed at penalising those who make genuine mistakes.
- 5.10. Council will also look at other ways it can work towards improving recycling and reducing waste, which could involve lobbying Government, stewardship programmes, working with community groups and businesses and food rescue and recycling initiatives; these are just some examples.

6. COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUIRED

- 6.1. Following hearing and considering submissions, Council is asked to confirm the [following options](#) to allow staff to finalise the Bylaw and Policy:

Issue	Comments/confirm direction	
Red rubbish bin capacity and collection frequency Requests for heavy trash, green waste and organic waste collection	Staff recommendation: This relates to level of service changes and should be directed to the 2027-2037 Long Term Plan. As per the item later in this agenda, Council is not proposing significant changes to current levels of service in the next LTP at this stage, however submitters should be advised they can request changes to levels of service when the draft 2027-2037 Long Term Plan goes out for public consultation. People who wish to get additional refuse bins can also contact commercial operators for collection options.	
Suspension for non-compliance (three-strikes rule) <i>Waste Management Services Policy</i>	Council to confirm: Proceed with three-strikes rule or not?	Yes or No
	If proceed, a suspension period of three (3) months was proposed – proceed with this or amend it? Longer or shorter?	Number of weeks/months?
	Staff recommendation: Council proceed with three-strikes rule, with the suspension period to be xxxx months (as above). The policy is updated to clarify that genuine mistakes will be handled through targeted education and deliberate non-compliance will be enforced, with repeated non-compliance (i.e. three deliberate orange or red tags) resulting in suspension of the relevant service (recycling bin or glass crate or both (not both automatically as proposed in the consultation). Staff proceed with an information campaign prior to implementing the three-strikes regime for three to six months. The three-strikes regime is to be monitored for a	

Issue	Comments/confirm direction	
	year after implementation and any issues reported to Council.	
Registration of waste collection operators and private waste management facilities <i>Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw</i>	Council to confirm: Proceed with registration or not?	Yes or No
	If yes, proceed with proposed registration fee of \$165 (including GST) for 2026/2027?	Yes or No Change amount?
	Staff recommendation: Council proceed with registration of waste collection operators and private waste management facilities at an annual registration fee of \$165 (including GST) for 2026/2027.	
Any other changes?	Council to advise staff of any other changes they wish to be made to the draft Bylaw and Policy following the submissions.	

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

7. NEXT STEPS

- 7.1. Council staff will finalise the Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw and Waste Management Services Policy based on direction received from Council following hearing and consideration of submissions and bring them to the Council meeting of 28 September 2026 for adoption.

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.	
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Andrea	Bruning						Oppose					Separate submission document	
Sam	Cunniffe		Neutral				Oppose		Neutral			You cant really blame people for trying to get rid of their rubbish in alternative ways especially when its obvious from the photo that the current service isn't effective -you cant go penalizing people for that! Bigger rubbish bins would really help. 2 weeks worth of rubbish for a family creates more rubbish than the capacity of the current bin. Another option is weekly rubbish collection. What would be good is having an actual wheelie bin for bottles... the current container is not user friendly for the aging population or those with disabilities/health issues. Cheaper rates at the dump too.	
Senny	Cameron		Neutral			Neutral		Yes				It's all very well having recycling but the red bin should be collected every week and then this would decrease the amount of rubbish being put in the recycling bins. Then there maybe no need for the 3 strike rule. The size of the red bin for a family is too small hence why the yellow bin is used for general rubbish. Change this and you may find that the genre rubbish is no longer put in the yellow bin	
Vendy	Williams		Neutral				Oppose	Yes				Maybe swap the bin sizes so rubbish is bigger or collect therehe red bin weekly like most of the country.	

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Latrina	Brown	Yes				Neutral		Yes				1. Size of the bins: I support the current sizes of RED Rubbish and YELLOW Recycling. Swapping the sizes around is not a solution. The yellow bin allows for large cardboard to put in the bin without getting stuck. Education could really help people reduce their red bin waste.2. Perhaps green waste bins could be considered, now that many people don't have their own composting?3. Workshop ideas: Christchurch has started workshops in various languages - https://www.newsline.ccc.govt.nz/news/story/waste-workshops-on-offer-in-different-languages 4. Annual pickups of large items also could help with reduction in illegal dumping.	
Lesley	Ottey	Yes			Yes			Yes				We visit the coast often and really pleased to see these changes coming online Eco Educate is my business that provides Education and auditing services to both Ashburton and Waimakariri councils .Love to talk more if we can assist given how many commenters are requesting education. As my daughter will be moving to Greymouth soon we will be in your lovely district more often yay ♥	

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ennie	Donoghue	Yes					Oppose			Oppose	You need to swap bins, the yellow needs to be the red bin, and the red bin needs to be the recycling bin. You also need to bring back the once of year dumping for larger objects, like we use to have in the past. You also need to have a better plan set in place for emergencies! Like flooding!!! Extra dumping day for affected areas! I am unsure why you do don't have steps in place for this kind of thing! Re think your emergency plans and have active staff! Not just people that sit in their truck	Swap bins arounds. Bring back the once of year big dump day. Have a better emergency plan in place for dumping during natural events.	
Nicholas	Bower			No			Oppose				If I makes rates cheaper then yip	Make a bigger red bin Reduce yellow bin size due to we cant recycle that much here Or even better make a waste to energy plant	
hoebe	Hatton	Yes			Yes			Yes				People are struggling to dispose of their refuse in an affordable manner. The red bins are not big enough for families, when we had an infant in nappies, we were filling it weekly. I know a couple of several households which go out looking for public bins to dispose of their excess waste. Maybe allow the option for low income households to apply for tags to take excess bags to the dump for free. Maybe they could be issued alongside rates rebates. Or, issue them to local charities like Family Start and Homebuilders, who could distribute them to families in need.	

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ionia	Smith	Yes					Oppose		Neutral			I suggest that there be a larger bin for rubbish or swap the bins around that rubbish should be collected weekly especially in the summer as is a health risk. I think an incentive would help encourage recycling. I would also like to see wheels and a pull handle on the blue bin , as it makes it difficult to manoeuvre if you're elderly or disabled. This would solve the issue.	
udy	Nicoll		Neutral			Neutral			Neutral			How about bringing back the kerbside collections for old furniture, appliances etc, a couple of times a year. This would help get rid of stuff that shouldn't be in bins or dumped in the bush because a lot can't afford dump fees, or don't have a way of getting it there. It was a good system,	
ummar	Tasker	Yes				Neutral		Yes				Some great ideas. My biggest concern is if their rubbish was not picked up; what do you think they are going to do with it? Probably dump it in places we don't want it to be. Maybe a fine system works better? After living abroad, I think Germany has a great system. Each household gets charged a fee for rubbish/recycling depending on how many people live there. They split waste, recycling, glass, bio organic & paper, a bin for each. You pay once a year for your household to a private company that everyone uses. they collect and look after everything. It's compulsory for everyone to pay and be registered at the address.	
heree	Clarke	Yes			Yes			Yes			Support but if it goes ahead we will get more rubbish dumping.	With the bins there is still rubbish dumping in places.	
im	Robins		Neutral		Yes			Yes				We need larger red bins, or weekly red bin pickup instead of fortnightly. Or at very least the ability to hire a second red bin? A green compost bin is also a great idea.	

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benjamin	Wood		Neutral			Neutral			Neutral			If we could make red bins picked up weekly or the same size as yellow bins . It might help , i have a family of 6 . And we have to take extra rubbish bag to the dump fortnightly if not weekly. Cheers	
anthea	Corbett	Yes			Yes			Yes				More education have auditors check bins and provide education	
elen	archer	Yes			Yes					Oppose	Why privatise this? Why can't it be tackled by the local council without further cost to the rate payer?	1) Larger red bin2) Weekly pickup of red bin3) A bin for 'not sure if it's recycleable or not' - the amount of rules about what # is on plastic - I can't see the # very well but want to do my bit for the environment	
Health New Zealand												Separate submission document	
ohn	Devcich			No			Oppose			Oppose		How about user pays, with the ability to opt out of rubbish collection altogether	
essa	Neame	Yes				Neutral		Yes				Yes I would support the 3 strike rule if it was just for misuse of the bin such as rubbish in the recycling bin, this should absolutely be given a warning for, however I disagree with the strike for an overfill bin, this is a reflection on the fact that the bins are far too small for an average household in a fortnight. Either households need a bigger red bin, or a weekly collection. Yes I support trying to have less waste but that's not always possible for busy family's. The red bin is the problem here and that needs to be addressed.	
diane	Fairhall	Yes			Yes			Yes				Rubbish bins could be bigger to prevent less rubbish in recycle bins. Some families have more rubbish than the fortnightly collection permits. Not picking up recycling for a 3 month term in those that have 3 strikes, will encourage more 'fly-tipping' - if people are to lazy to sort their recycle, they are going to be concerned with proper disposal of 'refused' re Yale collection.	

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makayla	Keen	Yes			Yes					Oppose	If you charge these companies just to report to you. Can I ask who would cop that charge at the end of the day? Most likely the people using the service - I'm guessing the people that use these services have done so because councils service isn't enough. They're already paying extra. Doesn't seem fair or needed.	The current system doesn't fit the demand, especially for family's. I understand there was a push to reduce waste which is great but it needs to be reasonable. A few options : •Weekly pickups of red bin (yellow stays fortnightly). •Ability to hire another or bigger red bin from council that gets picked up as well as the current red bin. (We had this in Ashburton and it was great to have the optionOnce you've tried the above ideas and the recycling is still getting contaminated then enforce your 3 strike rule. But I think the majority of family's aren't doing it out of spite or not caring they just can't get rid of there waste properly. Or uneducatedI think weekly rubbish removal should be a priority our rates should already cover it.	
aren	Hamilton	Yes			Yes				Neutral			Education about what is permitted in the yellow recycling bins and blue glass bins would be helpful as there have been changes since the bins were introduced. e.g. no lids on bottles or jars, no broken glass, etc. Could stickers be provided to go inside the lid of the yellow bins to identify what can be recycled? Also, putting a notice in the letterbox only notifies the occupant of the property. If the property is rented, the property owner and/or property manager need to know if there is an issue. Otherwise future tenants could be penalised because of the actions of previous tenants at the property. The glass drop-off bins on Preston Road are great. Would it be possible to also have a drop-off area for other items such as cardboard?	Yes please

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ily	Russell	Yes				Neutral			Neutral			It would be a really good idea to help reduce the mixing of rubbish and recycling to empty the red bins once a week! Especially with families of a larger size 4+ people you see bins filled up within the first week after it's been empty, this is then causing people to mix rubbish with recycling or having to do dump runs.. I must say in that is our family doesn't mix rubbish with recycling but we do have to fork out money to do dump runs! Which is a huge hassle!	
nadeline	mcgee		Neutral		Yes				Neutral			Yes I would like to know we pay for our "rubbish" to be collected through rates. If you are not going to collect those people's rubbish are you going to remove the cost from there rates?	
amanda	Watson	Yes				Neutral		Yes				Red bins aren't big enough, suggest weekly pickup to rectify this.	
endra	O'Connor	Yes			Yes			Yes					
illie	Herdman	Yes					Oppose			Oppose	Seems like a money grab making them pay a fee when you could just let them fill in their usage to a shared spreadsheet and not have to pay the fee.	I'm for the traffic light penalties system but not okay with their recycling not being collected for 3 months. This will only cause people to dump their rubbish at the beach or forestry roads - causing these areas to be closed off to public in the end. This proposal will cause worse issues	
usan	Shearer	Yes				Neutral					If waste was managed well, I could be self sustaining not a cost to the rate payer	It is often confusing what can or can't go in the recycle yellow bin. Seems a lot needs to go in the rubbish... I feel the recycle bin should be smaller or pick up less often. Mine only goes out every few weeks. However, the tiny red rubbish bin is far too small. It's never big enough. I would hate to have a large family	

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essica	Ritchie		Neutral			Neutral		Yes				I dont think a three strike rule is fair if there is going to be no change to the bins. Having such a small red bin with fortnightly pickups is clearly the reason people start putting rubbish in their yellow. We pay for our rubbish in our taxes yet most families especially large ones are having to pay dump fees as their red bin is full after 1 week. If we were to have weekly pick ups with larger bin then absolutely a three strike rule is fair	Yes please
asil	Saju	Yes					Oppose	Yes				Need bigger red bin or weekly red bin collection instead of fortnight red bin collection, need green bin in addition to redbin,yellowbin and blue crate.	
raham	Bone	Yes			Yes				Neutral			Personally I feel half the problem is with the markings on the items to be recycled. They are terribly small and on clear plastic really difficult to see. Also I think a list of popular items that can be recycled could be attached to the Yellow bin lids.	
Jim	Montague			No			Oppose			Oppose		Need bigger red bins which would make it easier especially for families probably reduce the waste going in the yellow bin then not needing the traffic light system thing or rubbish collection weekly probably stop illegal dumping too	

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Marco	Monaco	Yes					Oppose	Yes				I believe that there should be more than 3 orange strikes for accidental wrong items. Sometimes people will put rubbish in your recycling bin at night or when you are at work, normally all at the top of the bin. And not everyone is always perfect, so allowing an appeal process to have recycling reinstated earlier, alongside having a few more chances for orange errors. 3 months is a long time, and that could risk dumping their recycling. Thanks for reading my feedback.	
Aikayla	Hill	Yes					Neutral	Yes				I believe that larger red refuse collection bins would reduce the people putting non recyclable items in the yellow bins, as households with larger families or more people often run out of space in the small red bin over the fortnight. It will also reduce the number of bins falling into the truck	
Lat	Quinn	Yes					Oppose	Yes				Recycle facility at dump needs to process loads quicker and recycle products need to be shipped out quicker, it needs to be kept in a organised and tidy state, at the moment it is always a mess and overflowing. When public see that mess they think it's not worth it. Council need to talk to the people that do not use bins correct, not just tag then ban them. Some people still just don't understand. We need more power generation so a waste powered plant need to be looked into and public need to know the facts so they understand how they work and how effective and efficient they run, a plant would then reduce the need for land fill.	

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trody	Tagestad			No			Oppose			Oppose		If I'm paying yearly for a bin that originally said I can put whatever recycling I want in it. I should be allowed to put whatever has a recycling label in that bin otherwise what's the f#cking point of having the bin if I can't put all my recycling in it. If this new rules come in the council can pay me back all the money for that bin other the years and take there f#cking bin because this is f#cking stupid	
oe	Lynch		Neutral		Yes					Oppose		Bigger red bins. This will be why people are putting their extra rubbish into the yellow bin... or you could alternatively pick up red bin once a week rather than once a fortnight as people with larger families/more people in the house fill those bins quick even while recycling correctly	
trydie	Smith		Neutral				Oppose		Neutral			I dont wish to see the town i was born and raised in become a dumping ground because the council can not provide adequate rubbish collection.It's ridiculous you can put all this effort and money into this but cant give the town bigger red bins or weekly red bin collection,You build a library we didnt actually need Yeah its cool and all but it was not a necessity like rubbish collection is.	
barbara	Afam	Yes			Yes			Yes					
toz	Scobie	Yes			Yes			Yes				Red bin bigger and collected weekly Recycling & green bin fortnightly.glass to go in Recycling bins..	
Jim	Springer		Neutral		Yes				Neutral			Green bins would be great! Not sure if green waste could be turned into compost sales at the dump?	

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Sherrie	Szentpeteri		Neutral				Oppose	Yes				A larger red bin should be provided or weekly red bin collection. I strongly oppose the 3 strikes. Rates are exorbitant and should well and truly cover the cost of our rubbish collection.	
Amber	Mckenzie		Neutral				Oppose			Oppose		We need bigger red bins and a green bin for compost like chch does i have 2 children and our red bin is full in a week with nappies and food packets ect Also would be nice to have a bin that we can put lawn clippings and food scraps in	
David	Deck		Neutral				Oppose			Oppose			
Angela	Brooking			No			Oppose			Oppose		Yes I pay rates I have paid for my rubbish to be collected if it is not then I expect my rates to be credited back to me . I am not going to monitoring my bin to double check the kids have not put the wrong thing in.as for private rubbish collection do not charge them a fee as this cost will be added to the bin price and you will only drive competitors out of business. Taupo \$215 per ton napier about 150 per ton here it's way too expensive and the lies about government costs is just an excuse to charge more	Yes please
Christine	ROBERTSON	Yes			Yes				Neutral			I am concerned about what could happen if people continue to use the yellow bin even if they know it will not be emptied. Will the yellow bins be removed for the time of non collection period. Would not like probably contaminated bins to sit for any length of time possible health hazard	
Inda	Thompson	Yes			Yes			Yes			n/a		

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essie	Lott	Yes			Yes			Yes				The Grey district has barriers to people getting rid of waste in the correct manner - eg the introduction of green waste fee's has lead to an increase of green waste being dumped at local beaches. Green waste could be free to dump, and composted. The compost could be sold to the community to cover the cost of this. Also we lack a lot of recycling options on the coast, eg soft plastic, batteries, electronics etc. The council could get the rural community to engage in the arecovery programme (recycling empty chemical containers, fertilizer bags etc) We can't ask the community to recycle more, if the recycling options aren't available.	Yes please
amy	Wigglesworth		Neutral		Yes				Neutral			I think it would be useful to have green bins and bigger red bin please. It would lead to less landfill in recycling	
ayla	Holley	Yes					Oppose		Neutral			I do get what the council is trying to do here , recycling is a great thing however the system is clearly not working this has been years of the same drama. Listen to the people constantly reaching out for a bigger red bins . Surely the cost for this would be less than all of these audits and curb side inspections and failed yellow bins weeks . Also it's illegal to charge someone for a service then refuse to do it . I would like to give my yellow bin back and blue bin and revive a credit to my rates bill each week. I'll just take my rubbish to the dump my self like I am already doing with our excess rubbish that doesn't fit in the bin.	

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Tracey	Geerin	Yes			Yes			Yes				Education is key! Educate the kids at school about the importance of reusing/recycling and preventing the plastics from getting into the bins in the 1st place. The kids will help the parents and grandparents at home...win-win! They are the future advocates to help reshape how and why we are overusing plastic/glass/aluminium etcCould the council work with schools to help them recycle aluminium cans in a cash back scheme which is a good source of fundraising?unfortunately there is alot of bin contamination in IB because so many Cantabs are use to putting their bottles into the yellow bins....perhaps you could post some friendly reminders onto some local FB pages like Moana Messenger? Every little bit of education	
Graham	Bone	Yes			Yes			Yes				Personally I feel the collection should be on a user pays basis, pay each time your bin is picked up. A comment I would like to make is the numbers on plastic bottles etc is often very hard to read. I know in another area the local council often have a list of what is or is not able to be put in the bins. I am sure this would help.	
Leanne	Tey	Yes			Yes			Neutral					

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Chris	Bock	Yes					Oppose	Yes				I oppose the 3-strike system because that rubbish will likely end up in the river, on the beach, or in the forest. The problem with some people mixing waste with recycling is either misinformation or their tiny red bin is full, so the rubbish has to go somewhere else. It goes into the yellow bin. Even I sometimes have a full bin, and I live alone. Now imagine a family of four or five. Use the flyer system to educate people on what can and can't be recycled. I would even go a bit further and get decals made up and stick them to the inside of the lid so people see straight away what can can't go in the dump. I think a decal is far more powerful in terms of education than a flyer. I think this will ultimately reduce the amount of waste.	Yes please
Maidee	Hawkins	Yes				Neutral			Neutral			We would like a bigger red bin for a family of 5. We do recycle but still use a lot of rubbish in our household.	
Amanda	Crooks		Neutral				Oppose		Neutral			By banning people for 3 months you have the issue of dumping rubbish illegally.	
Mark	Naish		Neutral			Neutral		Yes				Would the council potentially face legal pushback given waste collection is a part of our rates bill, and removing a service that is paid for would mean you'd need to lessen the rate for that property also no? Also, whilst recycling as much as possible is a good thing, it's not particularly realistic to expect someone to lessen the amount of general refuse they generate as a household if they are already packing out a red bin. If these people are using things like Nappies (imagine it was for twins), and other non-recyclable goods, they are between a rock and a hard place.	

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Clinton	Blance	Yes					Oppose		Neutral			Swap the bins around making the yellow general waste and red recycling Or Both bins are able to be picked up weekly	

Andrea Bruning**Submission on Proposed Waste and Recycling Changes**

I am opposed to the proposed three-strike rule that would see households lose recycling collection for three months after receiving three orange or red contamination tags within a 12-month period.

I understand the goal of reducing contamination in recycling. Most people want to recycle properly and want our waste systems to work. However, this proposal feels like Council is placing the responsibility for a much bigger system problem almost entirely onto households.

Residents are the final step in the chain, not the cause of the entire problem.

We do not choose how products are packaged. We do not decide what materials manufacturers use. We do not control what recycling facilities can process locally. Many products are labelled as recyclable, but whether they are accepted depends on the region and the facilities available. What is recyclable in one part of New Zealand may not be recyclable here.

Expecting every household to navigate those differences perfectly is unrealistic. Even people who are genuinely trying to do the right thing can get it wrong.

The proposal also assumes residents have the time, resources and knowledge to act as unpaid waste processors and quality controllers. We are already expected to sort everything correctly, understand constantly changing rules, and now ensure recycling is prepared to a standard that avoids contamination.

This also includes washing containers and removing residue before they go into the recycling. That may sound simple, but across thousands of households it represents a significant amount of extra time, water use and household expense. There is a contradiction in asking residents to use additional resources to clean packaging while having no say in the volume of unnecessary packaging entering our homes in the first place.

If contamination is a major concern, Council should also be looking further up the chain at packaging standards, producer responsibility and the limitations of our recycling infrastructure, rather than placing the entire burden on the person standing at their kitchen bench deciding which bin something belongs in.

I also question the severity of the proposed penalty. Three contamination events resulting in three months without recycling collection seems excessive, particularly when recycling is only collected fortnightly. This could mean a household misses around six recycling collections.

Council should provide evidence showing why three months has been chosen. What research supports this timeframe? Has Council considered whether a shorter period, education, targeted support or another approach would achieve the same outcome without creating additional problems?

There is also no clear distinction between deliberate misuse and genuine mistakes. Someone accidentally putting a yoghurt lid, a wrongly labelled item or another commonly misunderstood piece of packaging into their recycling is not the same as someone deliberately filling a recycling bin with general rubbish. These situations should not be treated the same.

Another issue that has not been adequately addressed is contamination caused by other people. Once a bin is placed at the roadside, residents have no control over what happens to it before collection. People putting rubbish into other people's bins is already something that happens in our community. A household should not lose a paid service because someone else has contaminated their bin.

I am also concerned about the likely unintended consequences. Removing recycling collection for three months does not remove the waste. It simply shifts where it goes.

Some residents will put recyclable material into their rubbish bin. Others may have to make extra trips to the transfer station and pay additional costs. Some may resort to illegal dumping. The community response to this proposal has already shown that this is a genuine concern, and Council should take that seriously before introducing a policy that could make an existing problem worse.

This also needs to be considered in the context of the increasing cost of living and increasing rates. Many households are already paying significantly more for council services than they were only a few years ago. People expect those services to be practical, reliable and fit for purpose. Reducing collection services for a mistake — or a mistake someone else has made — does not feel like a reasonable use of a service residents are paying for.

I would also like Council to reflect on the purpose of public consultation. Consultation only works when the community believes its feedback genuinely influences decisions. There is growing frustration that residents are asked for their views, provide strong feedback, and then see decisions proceed regardless.

If Council is going to ask the community for input, then it needs to demonstrate that it has listened, particularly where there is significant opposition. These decisions affect the daily lives of residents and involve spending public money. Council has a responsibility to make decisions that reflect the needs, concerns and realities of the people who fund and use these services.

Before introducing this policy, I believe Council should publish the evidence behind it, including:

- evidence that a three-month recycling suspension reduces contamination;
- evidence from comparable councils that this approach improves recycling outcomes;
- consideration of whether it increases landfill waste or illegal dumping;
- justification for why less punitive options were not chosen.

There are better ways to improve recycling outcomes. These could include clearer local guidance, better education, more specific feedback when contamination occurs, targeted support for repeat problems and an appeals process where contamination is outside a resident's control.

Residents want to recycle correctly. The majority are trying to do their part. But recycling is a shared responsibility across manufacturers, government, councils, waste providers and consumers. A successful system cannot rely on households being perfect while the wider problems remain unresolved.

Council should work with the community to improve recycling, not introduce a system that risks creating more waste, more frustration and less trust.

30 July 2026

Grey District Council
105 Tainui Street
Greymouth 7805

Tēnā koe,

Technical Advice on Grey District Council Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw and Waste Management Services Policy

1. This technical advice has been compiled by the National Public Health Service (NPHS) Te Waipounamu region, Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora. NPHS - Te Waipounamu provides services in the South Island including the Te Tai o Poutini – West Coast region.
2. NPHS recognises its responsibilities to improve, promote and protect the health of people and communities of Aotearoa New Zealand under the Healthy Futures (Pae Ora) Act 2022 and the Health Act 1956.
3. Healthy Futures (Pae Ora) requires the health sector to protect and promote healthy communities and health equity across different population groups by working together with multiple sectors to address the determinants of health.
4. This technical advice sets out matters of interest and concern to NPHS - Te Waipounamu, and information included is based on evidence about public health and equity.

Current alignment with Healthy Futures (Pae Ora)

5. The NPHS -Te Waipounamu commends Council on the principles underlying the draft Bylaw and Policy. These align with Healthy Futures (Pae Ora) to support environmental protection, reduce nuisance litter, improve domestic and commercial waste collection and strengthen controls on hazardous waste.

Opportunities for improving public health outcomes

6. Waste has the potential to affect public health through many potential exposure routes, including ingestion of contaminated materials, inhalation of chemicals and pathogens and dermal exposure to hazardous materials.

The main issues for public health regarding waste management and waste minimisation are:

- Identification of the various types of wastes and collection/disposal methods

- Satisfactory collection and disposal of waste so that public health risks are controlled and mitigated
 - Addressing the particular issue of hazardous waste, including medical wastes, asbestos waste and electronic waste (e-waste)
 - Consideration of future population demands and consumption rates on the current waste system and mitigation strategies in place
 - Regional co-ordination of waste management and waste minimisation
 - Ensuring that a waste disposal service is available to all residents/ratepayers
 - Legislative and cost barriers that inhibit mitigation of public health issues related to waste
 - The health impacts of climate change and the contribution that effective waste management and waste minimisation can make to reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.
7. The NPHS -Te Waipounamu is concerned that the proposed three-strikes rule for continued non-compliance (suspending collection) may create unintended consequences. It may also disproportionately affect those who experience language barriers, disabilities, and those with limited access to alternative waste disposal options (including the use of a vehicle to transport their waste to Council's waste disposal facilities). Unintended consequences may include increased fly-tipping, unregulated waste disposal and/or waste stockpiling, and increases in vermin attracted by organic waste, all of which can have adverse effects on public health.
8. We recommended a graduated response including Council engagement and education, not just the use of stickers. For those who continue to misuse of the recycling service, we suggest Council also considers alternative options for kerbside recycling collection to allow the collector to view the items before accepting them. Options could include an open top recycling box, like the glass collection crate or a clear plastic bag.
9. The NPHS -Te Waipounamu is also concerned about equity in relation to section 17.12.3 of the Policy which states that "cost is not a consideration for a reason to not recycle". We are concerned that this will disproportionately affect low-income households, smaller local businesses and community groups, and have unintended consequences such as increased fly-tipping and unregulated disposal as mentioned above.
10. As well as recycling, the NPHS - Te Waipounamu would like to see more emphasis on opportunities for waste minimisation, particularly for organic waste. We encourage Council to work with the West Coast Food Security Network and commercial businesses that produce food waste to explore opportunities for food rescue to improve community food security and resilience. We would also like Council to consider providing education about on-site composting and/or community composting options, reducing overall organic waste generated by the community.
11. Another opportunity for waste minimisation is supporting local businesses, Poutini Ngāi Tahu and community groups with recycling opportunities, such as those who can collect soft-plastics, lightbulbs, batteries and polystyrene. We would like to see clarity around the definition of 'waste collectors' in the Bylaw for these organisations that would reduce barriers to them being able to offer these recycling initiatives.

12. The impact of tourism is notably absent from the proposed Bylaw and Policy yet contributes to significant seasonal waste generation with the cost falling on the Grey District Council and its ratepayers. We recommend the Bylaw and Policy explicitly recognise the impact of tourism and the Council provides education and adequate waste collection, infrastructure and monitoring with increased seasonal tourism-related demands. We also recommend the Council engages with Poutini Ngāi Tahu, particularly where tourism is related to culturally significant sites and develops culturally appropriate waste minimisation and management strategies.
13. Overall, the NPHS -Te Waipounamu encourages Council to engage with Poutini Ngāi Tahu and the community throughout the Bylaw and Policy implementation process and to assess the overall impact of the proposed changes.

Conclusion

14. Thank-you for the opportunity to comment on the Grey District Council's Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw and Waste Management Services Policy.
15. NPHS -Te Waipounamu does not wish to be heard with respect to this technical advice.

Ngā mihi,



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5.4 MAYOR'S UPDATE

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

1. REPORT PURPOSE

To provide an update on the Mayor's activities during June and July 2026.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1. The Greymouth Library was completed on schedule in June. Following the building blessing, Unichem Olsen's Pharmacy opened, and the official opening was held in early July with Ministers Mark Patterson and Andy Foster from NZ First in attendance. In its first month, the library recorded 343 new memberships, compared with a typical high of 50–60, and almost twice as many book issues as the former facility. This significant Council investment is now a valuable community asset for future generations.
- 2.2. Several other parliamentary visits occurred during the period. Hon Louise Upston attended an MSD forum at the Greymouth Library; the Mayors, Chairs and Iwi group met separately with Hon Chris Hipkins and Minister James Meager in Hokitika; and I attended Hon Matt Doocey's announcement on the West Coast Rural Training Hub. Minister Doocey also viewed the new library development.
- 2.3. The district experienced two significant flooding events caused by intense rainfall over short periods. Several residents were affected, highlighting the damaging impact of such events. Council staff and contractors are acknowledged for their extended efforts during the response and work is ongoing to address concerns and improve stormwater performance.
- 2.4. Meetings progressed the Local Government Reform HeadStart proposal, supported by the Department of Internal Affairs' West Coast Partnership Director, who attended in June to address process-related queries. At an extraordinary meeting on 3 August, Council approved the joint West Coast outline proposal seeking progression of a single West Coast unitary authority to the evidence and detailed-design phase. The proposal was submitted to Government on 7 August 2026.
- 2.5. The Chief Executive and I met with Mr Peter Moreton shortly before the 50th anniversary of his commencement with Council. During his 22-year career, he contributed to several significant changes across the district. The visit provided an opportunity to reflect on his service and experiences.
- 2.6. I attended the blessing and official opening of the new classroom block at Greymouth High School, which provides a modern learning environment for students and staff.

I am honoured to now be a trustee of Mayors Taskforce for Jobs and will attend my first meeting in Wellington in August. GDC has achieved strong outcomes through the programme by supporting young people into employment, and I look forward to contributing at the governance level.

3. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Mayor's activity report for the month of June and July 2026 be received.

4. MAYORAL ACTIVITY SUMMARY

- 4.1. 2 June: Update with the CE; Mayors, CEs and Iwi monthly Coast Waters establishment meeting; Cobden community meeting.
- 4.2. 3 June: Discussion with GM Community on community projects and general matters; weekly recording of mayoral update.
- 4.3. 4 June: Announcement of West Coast Rural Training Hub by Hon Matt Doocey; Long Term Plan workshop; Extraordinary Council meeting followed by a meeting of the Tenders sub-committee.
- 4.4. 5 June: Destination Management Plan Reference Group meeting; Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) online meeting for an update on the Community Employment Programme.
- 4.5. 8 June: General update with the CE; the CE, Deputy Mayor and I met with the Regulatory Manager to review the agenda for the upcoming Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP); Christmas carnival planning; the CE and I met with a potential tenant for commercial space at the new library building.
- 4.6. 9 June: Recording of weekly mayoral update; MCIF Leadership Group fortnightly meeting – Local Government Reform Head Start Process with attendance from DIA partnership director and following this session, the CE and I had the opportunity for a discussion on GDC specific matters.
- 4.7. 10 June: Update with the CE; MTFJ employee visit; Christmas Carnival planning meeting.
- 4.8. 11 June: TTPP committee meeting; visit from Mr Peter Moreton.
- 4.9. 12 June: Attended a dairy farming training taster day at Atarau. The Next Gen Dairy Farmers programme is run by DairyNZ and offers 16–20-year-olds a supported pathway into dairy farming.
- 4.10. 15 June: Update with the CE; Coast Waters Shareholders' Representative Forum meeting. Risk and Assurance Subcommittee meeting.
- 4.11. 16 June: WCRC invited the MCI group to join a workshop with a DOC representative speaking about the Conservation Amendment Bill and the National Conservation Policy Statement; Blessing of the New Library Building; Mawhera Library Project Governance Group meeting.
- 4.12. 17 June: CE update; regular catch-up with the GM Community to discuss issues and events; Life Education Trust.
- 4.13. 18 June: West Coast Te Rito planning day; Local Government Reform discussion with Coast mayors and iwi; MTFJ trustee online meeting; Tenders sub-committee meeting.
- 4.14. 19 June: CE update; Councillor workshop covering LTP priorities.
- 4.15. 22 June: The CE and I travelled to Westport for a MCI meeting discussing the Local Government Reform HeadStart process.
- 4.16. 23 June: Weekly mayoral update; emergency TTPP meeting; update with the GM Community on issues and upcoming events.
- 4.17. 24 June: The Regulatory Manager and I met with a resident to discuss a resource consenting matter; CE update; GDC members of the Greymouth Rating District Joint Committee discussion on the agenda for the upcoming meeting; Extraordinary Council Meeting approving appointment of Independent Directors for the Coast Waters Board.
- 4.18. 25 June: West Coast Youth Sector network meeting; Greymouth Rating District Joint Committee meeting; Ashton Wheelans Agriculture Event where I spoke to members of the agriculture sector and gave an update on Council projects, challenges, reforms and MTFJ; Salvation Army Driver Programme Graduation.
- 4.19. 26 June: A representative from a local organisation spoke to me about the challenges arising as a result of changes to funding for youth support, training and MTFJ; new library walk-through.

- 4.20. 27 June: Golden Ticket Holders Library Tour.
- 4.21. 29 June: Update with the CE; commissioning of the Cobden sewage scheme; Coast Waters Shareholders' Representative Forum; Council received an update from the Project Lead on the Local Government Reform Head Start programme; June Council Meeting.
- 4.22. 30 June: Weekly Mayoral update; Endura Mining Vice President Corporate Development visited and provided a progress update on this project; Mawhera Library Project Governance Group; Dairy NZ and Rural Support evening event.
- 4.23. 1 July: General catch up with the CE.
- 4.24. 2 July: John Paul II High School visit to the new library; councillor workshop covering Activity and Service Levels for the Long Term Plan.
- 4.25. 6 July: Update with the CE; I joined the CE and relevant staff who were meeting with a resident who had queries regarding Blackball rates assessments. Opening of the Greymouth library.
- 4.26. 7 July: Weekly mayoral update; WR Kettle Trust Annual Meeting and grant allocations; Tai Poutini Polytechnic/Open Polytechnic stakeholder update; MCI Leadership Group fortnightly meeting – Local Government Reform HeadStart Process; Cobden Community Group AGM.
- 4.27. 8 July: CE update; Abbeyfield meeting.
- 4.28. 9 July: MTFJ employee visit at Devine Engineering; MSD ministerial visit with Hon Louise Upston in attendance.
- 4.29. 14 July: Weekly mayoral update; discussion with West Coast-Tasman NZ First candidate; Coast Waters Establishment MCI discussion.
- 4.30. 16 July: First meeting of the Coast Waters Board; Council LTP workshop – Activity and Service Levels.
- 4.31. 17 July: the CE and I travelled to Hokitika to attend a meeting with NZ Police representatives for discussion on Greymouth's new police station. Following this we joined with the MCI for a meeting with Hon James Meager.
- 4.32. 20 July: Update with the CE; MCI leadership group fortnightly Local Government Reform HeadStart Process meeting; Grey High building opening; Civic Awards Committee meeting.
- 4.33. 21 July: Weekly mayoral update; Coast Waters Shareholders' representatives meeting.
- 4.34. 22 July: Morning meeting with the CE; general discussion with a resident; Life Education Trust.
- 4.35. 23 July: Wilderness Trail AGM; MCI invitation to meet with Hon Chris Hipkins in Hokitika. In the evening I attended the Greymouth Lions Change of Office dinner.
- 4.36. 24 July: IMT meeting following the deluge of rain in the early hours of the morning; Extraordinary Tenders Subcommittee meeting followed by a Council workshop to discuss the HeadStart proposal.
- 4.37. 27 July: Update with the CE; coffee meeting with a local developer; Grey District Youth Trust.
- 4.38. 28 July: Weekly mayoral update; Spring into Summer planning meeting; Senior GDC staff and I met with Mawhera representatives for a general discussion.
- 4.39. 29 July: CE update; attended an Online Harm forum organised by Te Rito Violence Prevention Network which was both interesting and alarming; Cr Kennedy and I met for general discussion.
- 4.40. 30 July: Council workshop covering options for the Greater Greymouth Water Treatment Plant Upgrade followed by an LTP workshop on transport.
- 4.41. 31 July: CE general update; Citizenship Ceremony; meeting with directors from one of Council's contractors.

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.

5.5 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 June – 31 July 2026.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

3. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Chief Executive's update for the period 1 June – 31 July 2026 be received.

4. SUMMARY

- 4.1. The June and July period has continued to be very full, with a strong focus on the major reform and transition workstreams now running alongside Council's normal operational and governance programme. Key areas of focus have included the continued establishment of Coast Waters Ltd, the Local Government Reform HeadStart process, Te Tai o Poutini Plan and the new library building.
- 4.2. Work has continued at pace on the establishment of Coast Waters Ltd. The Board has been on the Coast and visited key infrastructure sites, including in Greymouth, and has now held its first board workshops. The establishment programme has also continued through the Steering Group, the Shareholders' Representative Forum and the various workstreams, including people, digital, communications, procurement and transition planning.
- 4.3. The Te Whanaketanga Steering Group met in June, with discussion focused on several regional priorities that align with the group's current work programme. This included an NZTA update on regional transport resilience and access across the West Coast, a Te Tai o Poutini Plan update now that parts of the Plan are operative, and discussion on the regional workforce plan and vocational education transition.
- 4.4. I attended the annual Taituarā Chief Executives Forum and Local Government Excellence Awards in Wellington. This was a valuable opportunity to connect with others Chief Executives at such an important time with the significant amounts of reform currently facing the sector. I was also extremely proud to be there supporting Berndt Heersink, who was nominated for the Sheffield Emerging Leader of the Year Award, recognising his fantastic leadership and contribution as Westland Recreation Centre Supervisor.
- 4.5. Health and safety has continued to be an important focus during the period. I attended a health and safety induction with staff, which prompted some very productive discussions on a range of matters. The Health and Safety Manager is continuing to raise staff awareness and improve reporting of incidents, hazards and near misses. This remains an important part of strengthening Council's health and safety culture.

- 4.6. Minister James Meager met with the Mayors, Chairs and iwi group in Hokitika during the period. Discussion covered a range of matters relevant to the West Coast, including local government reform, economic development opportunities, infrastructure needs, stewardship land and conservation settings, roading resilience, coastal erosion and road stability, and the wider RMA reform programme.
- 4.7. The official opening of the new library was held on 6 July, marking an important milestone for Council and the community. The building is now in active use, with the library and café operating on the upper floor and Unichem Olsens Pharmacy operating from the ground floor. I would like to acknowledge and thank all staff involved in the significant amount of work undertaken in the lead-up to the opening of the facility. This has been a major project for Council, and it is positive to see the building now open and being used by the community.
- 4.8. The Local Government Reform HeadStart Programme involved a significant amount of work during the reporting period, culminating in a draft proposal being prepared for consideration by each Council in early August. The proposal was ultimately approved by both Grey District Council and Westland District Council. At the time of writing, the region is now awaiting a response from central government on whether the proposal will be accepted into the HeadStart process.
- 4.9. I attended the Taituarā regional spatial planning management stream workshop held at Shantytown in July, which focused on how the required governance and operating arrangements may need to be established. The workshop highlighted that regional spatial planning is expected to become a statutory process under the new resource management system, requiring arrangements such as a regional planning committee, binding process agreement, secretariat support, implementation planning, and clear Crown and iwi/Māori participation pathways. For the West Coast, this raises important questions about whether existing regional structures, such as the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Joint Committee, could be adapted, or whether new arrangements would be required. This work is still at an early stage and there are unresolved questions about cost, resourcing and funding. Planning is currently underway for an elected member briefing session on the subject.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (LGOIMA) REQUESTS

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

Received	Requested By	Subject	Referred To
08/06/2026	Member of Public	Water Testing Data Analysis	GMO
15/06/2026	Victoria University	Recovery and Resilience Expenditure	GMCS
15/06/2026	MBIE	Mining Licences	GMEDRS
17/06/2026	Grey Star	Subdivisions	GMEDRS
22/06/2026	Member of Public	Council Owned Toilet Facilities	GMO
25/06/2026	Resident	Library Building Development - Land	GMO/GMCS
29/06/2026	Relab	District Valuation Roll & Historical Sales Data	GMCS
13/07/2026	Invercargill City Council	Playground Surfacing	GMO
15/07/2026	GHD	Water Testing Data Analysis	GMO
27/07/2026	Resident/Researcher	Library Building Development – project scope; financial management and governance processes	GMC/GMCS
28/07/2026	Resident	Tasman Street works	GMO
Total requests received for period 1 – 31 July 2026			11
Total requests received YTD (1 January – 31 July 2026)			54

Total requests received previous YTD	53
Requests completed YTD	52
Requests not completed within 20 working days	5

6. MEDIA REQUESTS

Received	Requested By	Subject	Total
02/06/2026	Dominion Post	HeadStart	
04/06/2026	Grey Star	Freedom Camping Sticker Changes	
05/06/2026	Grey Star	Request for Library at Night photo	
08/06/2026	Grey Star	Resource Centres	2
08/06/2026	Grey Star	Library Tenancy	
11/06/2026	Grey Star	Green Waste	
12/06/2026	Grey Star	Wharf Timber	
12/06/2026	Grey Star	Taumata Arowai	
15/06/2026	Grey Star	Water Breaks	
17/06/2026	Local Democracy Reporter	Joint Floodwall Chair query	
17/06/2026	Grey Star	Moana Subdivisions	
18/06/2026	Grey Star	Town Clock	
18/06/2026	The Press	Rapahoe	3
18/06/2026	Grey Star	Shakespeare Street works	
01/07/2026	Grey Star	Rates	
09/07/2026	Grey Star	Water Meters	
14/07/2026	Stuff	Dog Registrations	
15/07/2026	Grey Star	Parking	
16/07/2026	Grey Star	Flash Flooding	
20/07/2026	Grey Star	Council Response to BPA	
22/07/2026	Grey Star	BPA Finances	
23/07/2026	Grey Star	Pigs	
24/07/2026	Grey Star	Cloudburst Flood	2
Total			27

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(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.

5.6 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 contents herein.
2. Approves the proposed changes to Greymouth Library operations, including an additional library staff member, extended Saturday opening hours, and revised study and meeting room charges.

3. COMMUNITY AND RECREATION SERVICES

PNCC – AFTER HOURS CALL SERVICE:

SUMMARY OF SERVICE DELIVERED IN JUNE:

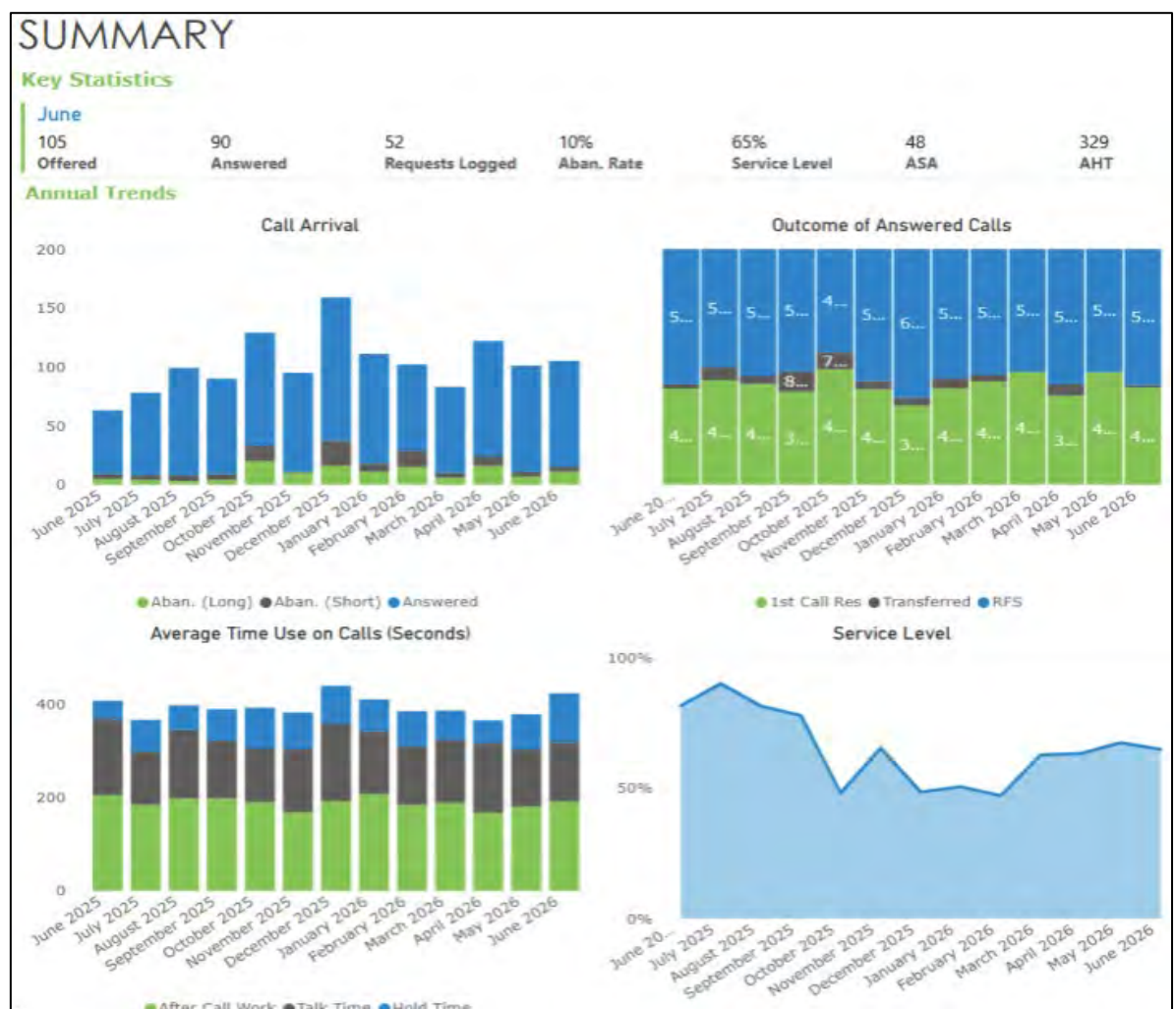
- 3.1. The after-hour service received 92 calls in June, of which 52 resulted in service requests and 28 were general information provided at the time.

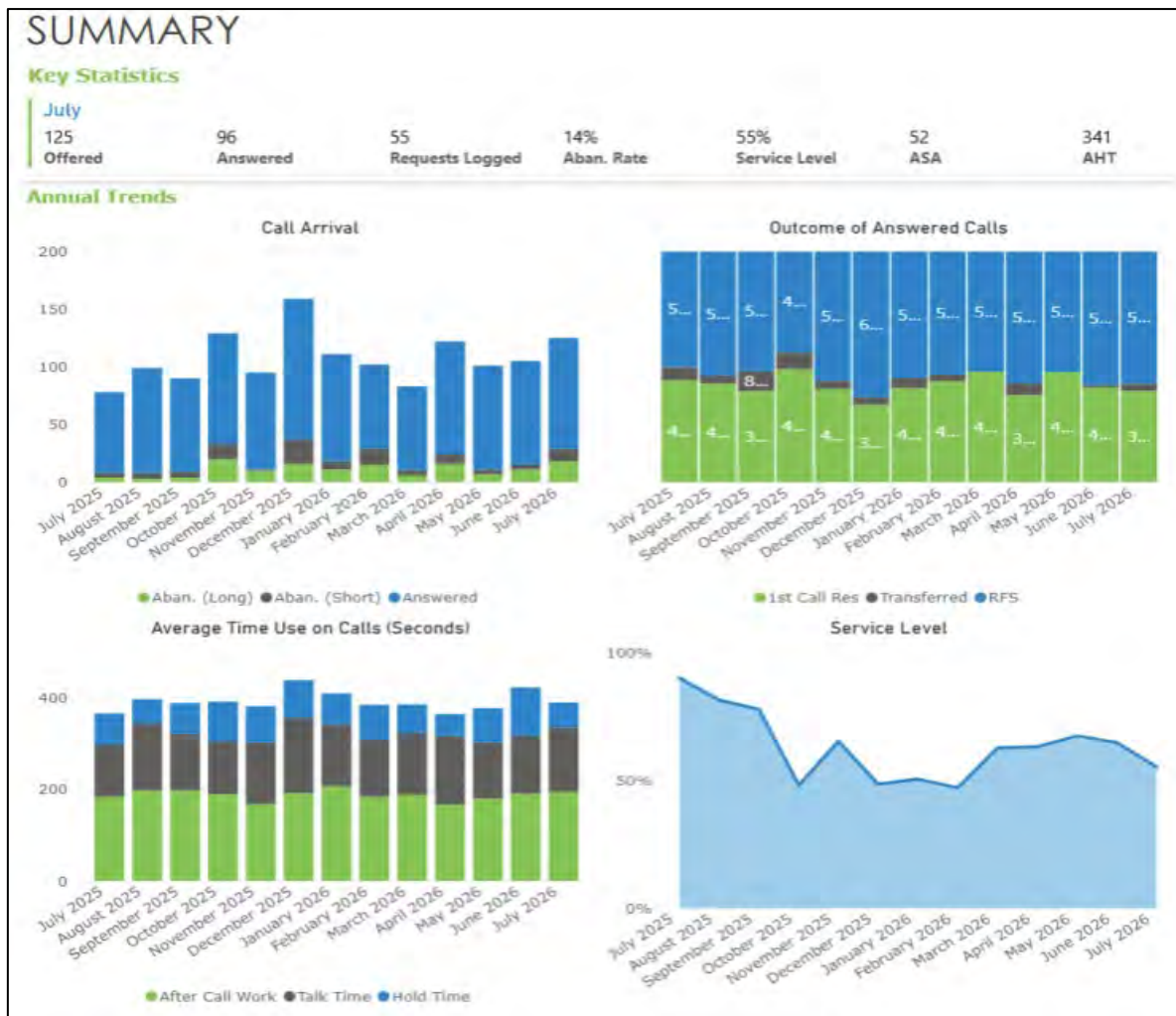
PNCC - After Hours: Inbound June 2026								
Categories	Existing Job Updated	Handed Call off to Staff/Contractor	Info Only - General Info	Info Only - Known Fault	New Job Logged	Spoke to Someone - Done	Wrong Number	Grand Total
Animal Control	2	1	3		11			17
Building/Planning Services			3					3
Bylaws		1			11			12
Comms/Media					1			1
Council Details			4		2			6
Emergency/Civil Defence	1							1
Library			1					1
Outbound						2		2
Parking			1					1
Parks and Reserves					3			3
Rates/Finance			4					4
Roading			3		6		1	10
Waste Management					4			4
Wastewater					5			5
Water Supply			5	1	9			15
Wrong Number			4				3	7
Grand Total	3	2	28	1	52	2	4	92

SUMMARY OF SERVICE DELIVERED IN JULY:

- 3.2 The after-hour service received 96 calls in July, of which 52 resulted in service requests and 33 were general information provided at the time.

PNCC - After Hours: Inbound July 2026								
Categories	Existing Job Updated	Handed Call off to Staff/Contractor	Info Only - General Info	Info Only - Known Fault	New Job Logged	Spoke to Someone - Done	Wrong Number	Grand Total
Animal Control	1	1	8		5			15
Building/Planning Services			1					1
Bylaws					8			8
Comms/Media				1				1
Council Details			9	1				10
Council Property/Alarms			2		1			3
Emergency/Civil Defence					1			1
Library			1					1
Outbound						1		1
Parking					2			2
Parks and Reserves			1		1			2
Rates/Finance			3		4			7
Roading					20			20
Stormwater					1			1
Wastewater	1				6			7
Water Supply			4	1	3			8
Wrong Number			4				4	8
Grand Total	2	1	33	3	52	1	4	96





4. PROJECTS

- 4.1. **Westland Recreation Centre** – A deep dive is being undertaken into the Centre’s current fitness class programme, membership, gym activity and to better understand usage, participation trends, and opportunities for improvement. Consideration is also being given to adding more youth-focused activities across the facility to broaden participation and better meet community needs and feedback.
- 4.2. **Customers Service and CRMs** – The work is continuing to progress with improving the Customer Service Management and administration of historic CRMs. Substantial progress has been made, with planning to further improve the system administration and the customer experience to come.
- 4.3. **Policies & Procedures review** –Improved safety measures at Council Customer Services are progressing.
- 4.4. **New Library** –See detail under section 6.0 for update on Greymouth Library operations.
- 4.5. **Headstart** – Local Government Reform. The work has lessened now that the proposal has been approved to go into the Headstart process. Additional requirements will be required once an announcement is made on whether the West Coast proposal is accepted into the process.

5. HISTORY HOUSE MUSEUM

- 5.1. Consideration on how this can be achieved within the library team is being investigated.

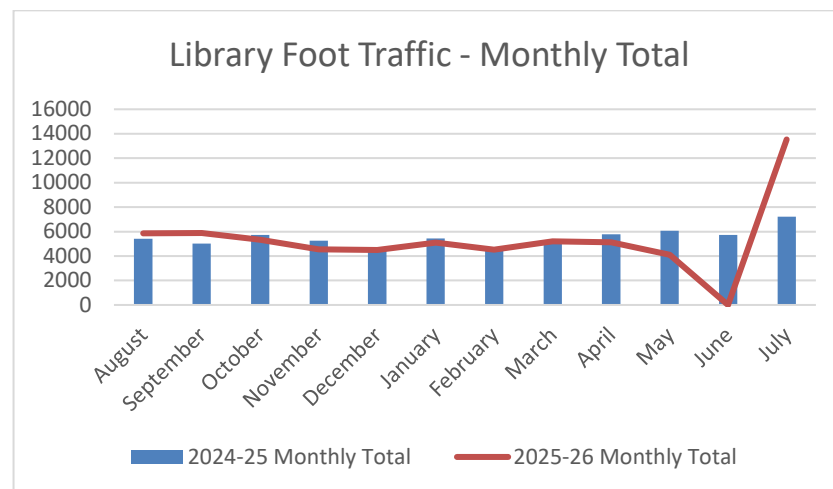
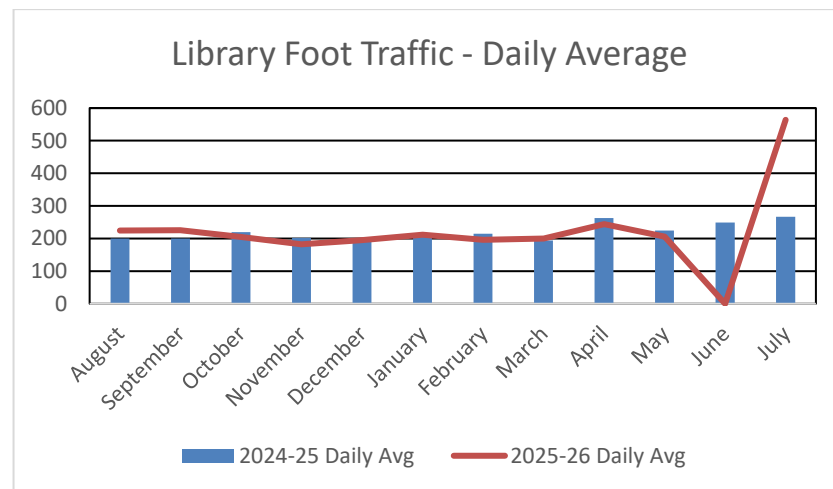
6. GREYMOUTH LIBRARY

Summary

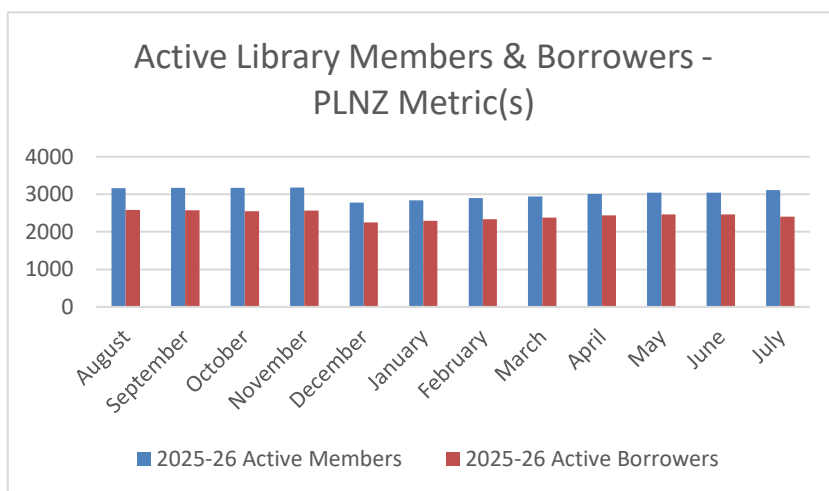
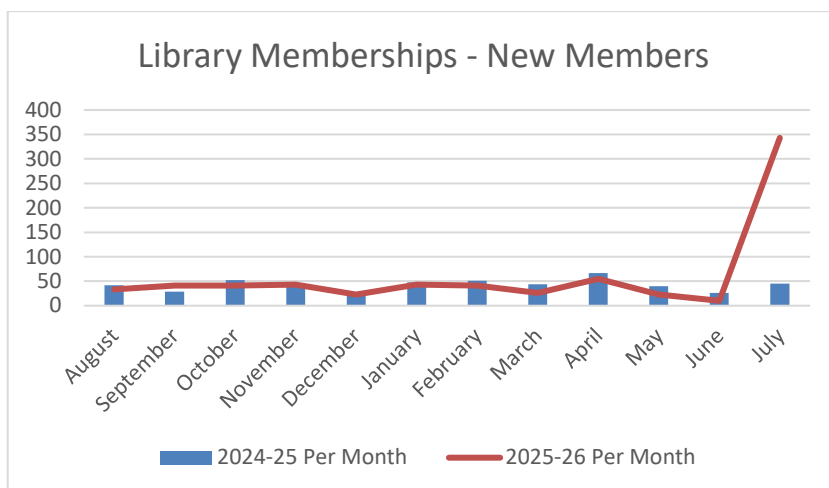
- 6.1. During June the Grey District Library was closed and getting ready for the move to the new library on Boundary Street. On July 3 the Greymouth Library opened to the public.
- 6.2. Early data shows the new library has had a very large increase in patronage, memberships and borrowing since opening at the start of July, which is a pleasing result. We expect the numbers to flatten out as the excitement of the opening abates; however, the figures are encouraging.

Statistics

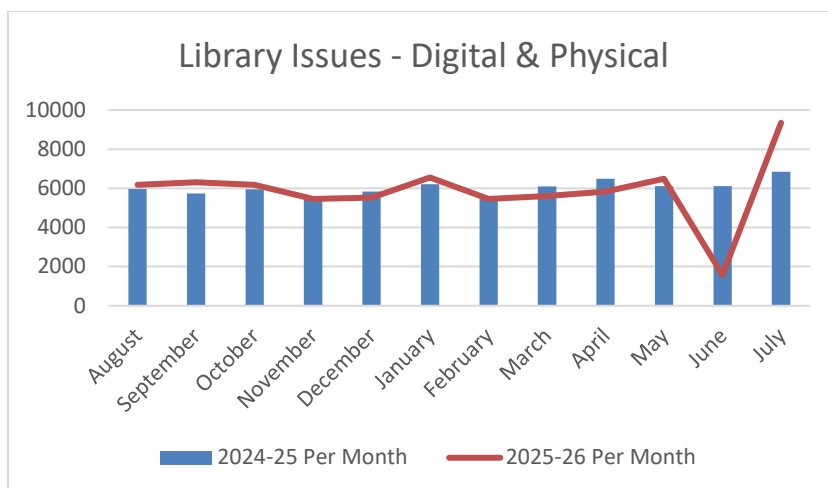
- 6.3. Due to the closure, the library was open for zero days during June. During July the Greymouth Library was open for 24 days including 4 Saturdays. During this time there was a total of 13,532 patron visits at an average of 564 per day.



- 6.4. The library welcomed 10 new members in June and had 3,043 active members with 2,464 active borrowers. In July the Library welcomed 343 new members and had 3,117 active members with 2,409 active borrowers.



- 6.5. There was a total of 1,574 issues in June across our physical and digital platforms, and a total of 9,346 in July.



- 6.6. There were zero APNK computer sessions during June and 41 APNK Wi-Fi sessions. During July there were 460 APNK computer sessions and 2,613 APNK Wi-Fi sessions.

General Business

- 6.7. **General operational position** – Since opening, the new library has experienced strong community use, including increased patron visits, new memberships, borrowing, digital access and use of the new spaces. This has confirmed the library’s role as a central community facility and has also increased day-to-day operational demands on the team.

- 6.8. **Additional library staffing to support service delivery** – An additional library staff member is proposed to provide the operational capacity required to respond to this increased demand. The position would enable the library to extend Saturday opening hours, provide better support for study and meeting room bookings and users, and allow the History House Museum project to be progressed in-house through the library team rather than requiring separate external resourcing. There is no additional budget required as it will be managed as a transfer from existing community group staffing budgets reallocated to the library budget.
- 6.9. **Extended Saturday opening hours and improved access** – With additional staffing, the library would be able to offer extended Saturday opening hours and earlier opening hours across most of the week, while managing Wednesday opening slightly later to balance late-night opening and operational requirements. These changes are intended to better meet community demand following the opening of the new library, with implementation proposed from October 2026.
- 6.10. **Study and meeting room support and charges** – The new facility is expected to generate increased use of study rooms and meeting rooms. Additional staffing would provide greater capacity to manage bookings, support users, set up rooms, respond to enquiries, and ensure the spaces remain accessible and well managed for community, individual and corporate use. Revised charges are proposed to support community access while recognising private and corporate use. The proposed changes are as follows, with existing rates, if applicable, in [parentheses]:
- o Study Rooms [\$20/\$50]:
 - Community (non-for-profit org. or individual):
 - 1 hour free per week
 - After 1 hour:
 - o \$10 per hour for a student
 - o \$20 per hour for anyone else
 - Corporate:
 - No free hour
 - \$35 per hour
 - o Meeting Room Full (1&2) [\$50/\$150]
 - Community (non-for-profit org. or individual):
 - 2 hours free per week (non-cumulative)
 - \$50 per hour
 - No half or full-day rate
 - Corporate:
 - \$150 per hour
 - \$600 (full day, 6+ hours)
 - \$450 (half day, 4 hours)
 - o Meeting Room 1 (= 2/3) [\$30/\$80]
 - Community (non-for-profit org. or individual):
 - 2 hours free per week (non-cumulative)
 - \$40 per hour
 - No half or full-day rate
 - Corporate:
 - \$90 per hour
 - \$400 (full day, 6+ hours)
 - \$300 (half day, 4 hours)
 - o Meeting Room 2 (= 1/3) [\$30/\$80]

- Community (non-for-profit org. or individual):
 - 2 hours free per week (non-cumulative)
 - \$30 per hour
 - No half or full-day rate
- Corporate:
 - \$60 per hour
 - \$300 (full day, 6+ hours)
 - \$200 (half day, 4 hours)

6.11. In summary, the proposed additional staff member is the key enabler for the service changes outlined above. Without this additional capacity, extending opening hours, providing consistent meeting room support, and progressing the History House Museum project in-house would likely not be possible.

6.12. Programmes and outreach - June

- **Pop-Ups:** During June and while the library was closed, seven pop-up sessions were held at the Westland Recreation Centre to offer select library services to the community.
- **Golden Tickets:** As part of the transition from the current to the new library, Grey District Residents were able to win a Golden Ticket to go on an advanced tour of the new facility. On Saturday, 27 June the five lucky winners and their plus ones enjoyed a morning of activities and guided tours.



Fig1: Golden Ticket Winners

6.13. Programmes and outreach – July

- **Public and Official Opening:** The new Greymouth Library at Boundary Street opened to the public on the 3rd of July. Before the opening, all schools in the Grey District were invited to visit the library and received special library bags to encourage them to come back. Local businesses as well as staff were also invited to take part in special visits leading up to the opening. On the 6th of July the Greymouth Library held its official opening.

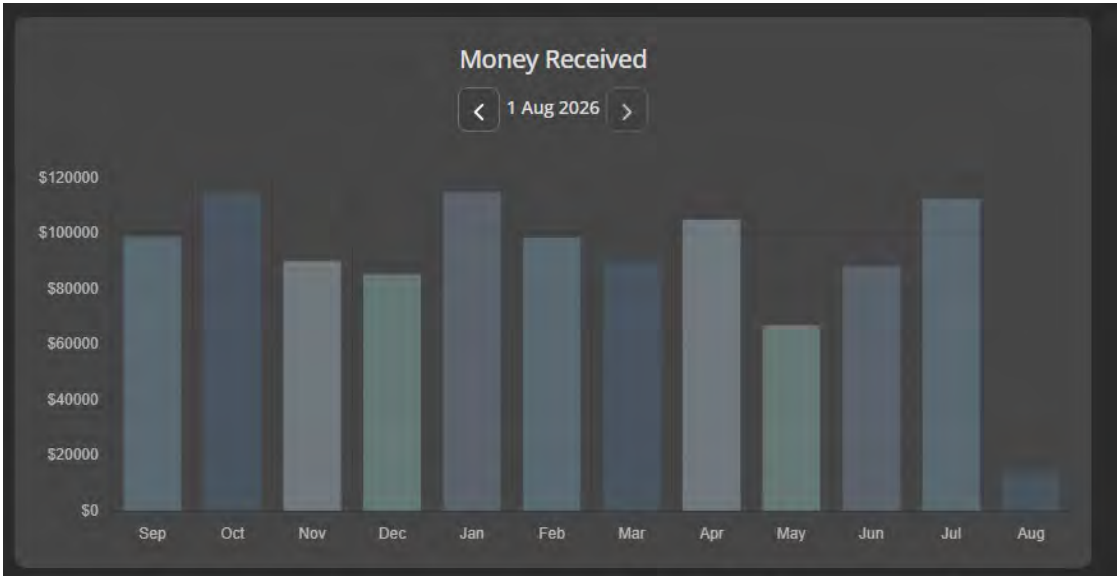
- **Digital & Device Advice:** As part of our core services the library assisted the community with a variety of digital needs and issues during July. In addition to drop-ins, the team ran a total of 4 individual sessions which covered topics such as filling out online forms, online study and malicious app removal.
- **School Holidays:** The library hosted 6 children's events during the school holidays and 3 self-directed challenges. In total, 577 children and their guardians participated in events such as badge making, a teddy sleepover, Lego building and star-weaving to celebrate the Māori New Year.

7. WESTLAND RECREATION CENTRE

Summary

- 7.1. Casual visitor numbers increased across the board. There are a couple of factors that are contributing to this. The first being school holidays which is why membership in July was lower than June as majority of our Swim School memberships expire due to the end of term. We had lots of visitors from away in July which reflected our large increase in Swim and Hydro numbers.

Westland Recreation Centre Activity Summary				
Activity Measure /	June 2026	July 2026	Change	Comment
Casual visits - Gym	147	175	+28	Slight increase.
Casual visits - Stadium	87	146	+59	Increased activity due to school holidays.
Casual visits - Swim	3405	4198	+793	Pool usage increased due to School Holidays and peak winter months
Casual visits - Hydro	675	1256	+581	Hydrosides up significantly due to school holidays.
Total casual visits	4314	5775	+1461	Casual visits up due to school holidays taking place in July.
Current members	1749	1869	+120	Gradual membership increases potentially due to winter months limiting outdoor activity.
Member visits	6876	6263	-613	Member attendance down in July due to School Holidays which meant Swim School Membership decreased for 2 weeks significantly.



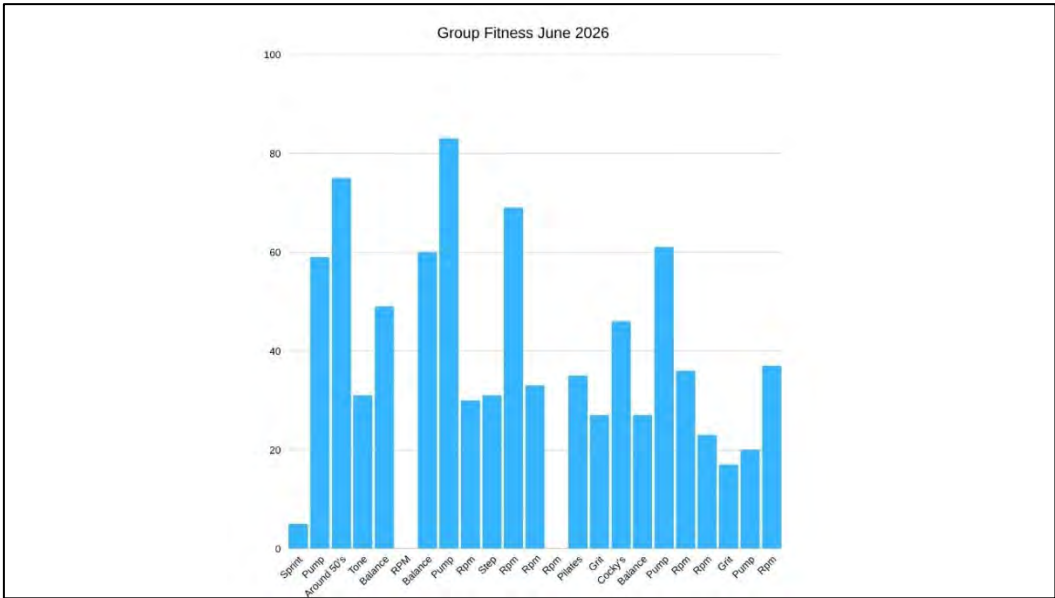
Wet side

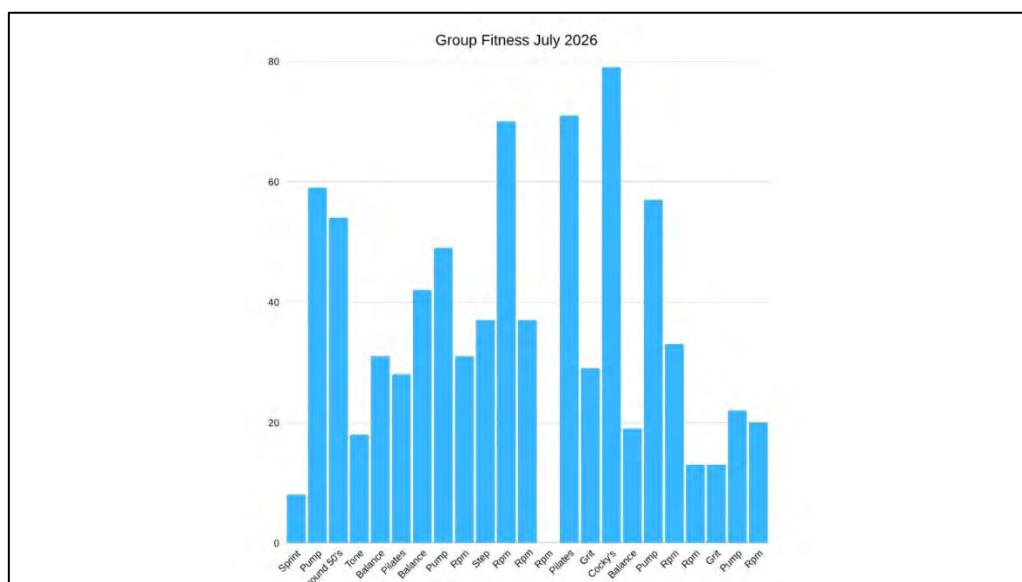
7.2. Poolside activity was up in June and then significantly increased in July due to school holidays. With lots of visitors to the district enjoying our amazing pool facilities this reflected in our numbers.

Dry side

Fitness Centre

7.3. Most classes held similar attendance for June, we did make a permanent change to the Tuesday morning class by taking out RPM and replacing it with Pilates, which has made a huge difference in the numbers attending that timeslot. The rest of the classes in July had similar attendance. After some discussions with our Group Fitness Instructors, we will incorporate some further changes going forward to improve our Group Fitness programme.





Stadium

- 7.4. During the months of June and July the stadium was fully occupied from 4pm until closing time every weeknight and mostly occupied on Saturdays. We did have bookings that took place during school hours for some tournaments and school competitions. It is great to see this space serving the community as it intended.

8. CUSTOMER SERVICES

CRMS

- 8.1. CRM activity across June and July shows continued pressure across key operational areas, with demand increasing overall in July. Roading remained the highest-volume issue area and increased from 61 new CRMs in June to 89 in July, with outstanding matters also increasing from 111 to 125. Stormwater had the most significant change, rising from 30 new CRMs and 47 outstanding in June to 75 new CRMs and 91 outstanding in July, indicating a clear emerging pressure point. Refuse and Recycling also increased from 33 to 51 new CRMs, while the outstanding workload remained comparatively controlled, moving from 18 to 21. Water Supply demand reduced from 72 to 51 new CRMs and outstanding matters reduced from 75 to 56, although it remains a key service area. Planning remained moderate, with new CRMs increasing from 12 to 18 and outstanding matters reducing from 30 to 25. Parks and Reserves had very low new demand in July, with outstanding matters reducing from 31 to 18. Overall, the tables show that while some areas are being managed down, Roading and Stormwater require continued focus due to the scale of new demand and outstanding workload.

Highest CRM Issue Areas	New in June	Outstanding	Status
Roading	61	111	Sustained pressure point: highest new demand and largest backlog
Water Supply	72	75	Sustained pressure point: very high demand with significant backlog
Refuse and Recycling	33	18	High-volume but controlled: high demand with comparatively low backlog
Stormwater	30	47	Backlog trend: low new demand but high outstanding workload

Planning	12	30	Backlog trend: moderate demand with matters continuing to accumulate
Parks and Reserves	5	31	Backlog trend: low new demand but older matters remain outstanding

Highest CRM Issue Areas	New in July	Outstanding	Status
Roading	89	125	Sustained pressure point: highest new demand and largest backlog, both increasing from June.
Water Supply	51	56	Improving but still significant: new demand and outstanding matters reduced from June.
Refuse and Recycling	51	21	High-volume but controlled: demand increased, with only a small rise in outstanding matters.
Stormwater	75	91	Emerging pressure point: significant increase in both new demand and outstanding workload. (Flooding event)
Planning	18	25	Moderate demand: new CRMs increased, while outstanding matters reduced slightly.
Parks and Reserves	1	18	Backlog improving: very low new demand and a reduction in outstanding matters from June.

9 RETIREMENT HOUSING

9.1 **JUNE:** There were **20** people over 65 actively on the waiting list, with **1** unit vacant (from 17.6.26 to 25.6.26) as it was undergoing renovations.

9.2 **JULY:** The waiting list has increased to 23 people over 65 actively on the waiting list. There were no vacant units.

10 CAR PARK LEASING

10.1 **As at 30 JUNE:** Council had **36** car park leases still available.

10.2 **As of 31 JULY:** Council **now only has 10 car park leases available:** This is due to **16** of the car parks on Boundary Street being converted to public car parks to increase parking in the area around the new development.

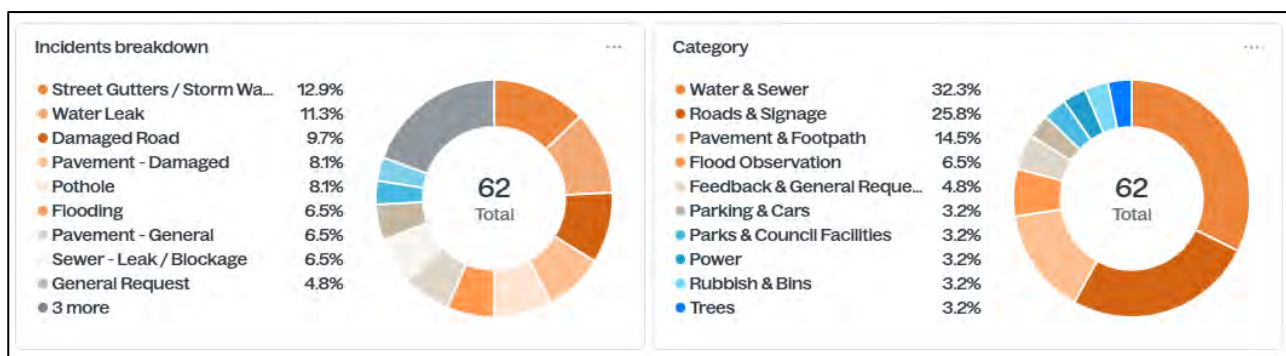
11 SNAP SEND SOLVE

JUNE:

62 Snaps Created in June

30 In Progress Overall Total

These figures are included in the CRM figures.

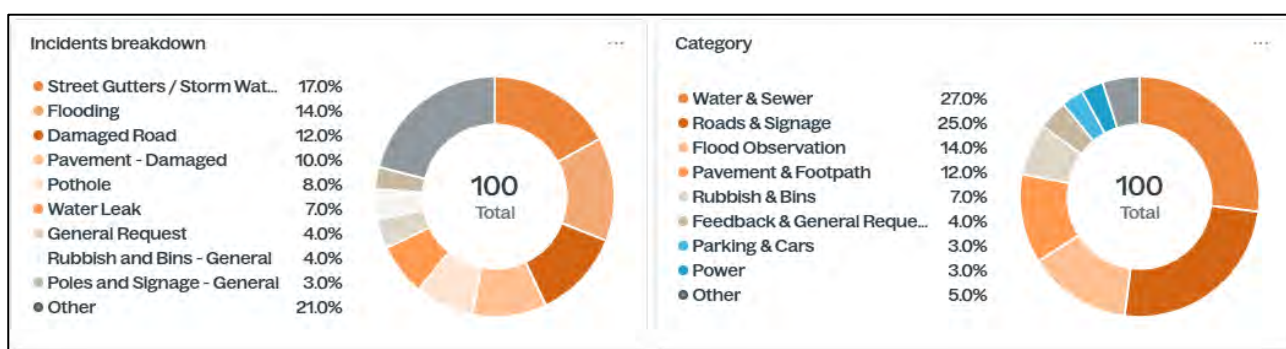


JULY:

100 Snaps Created in June

77 In Progress Overall Total

These figures are included in the CRM figures.



12 LAND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (LIMS)

JUNE:

Total Requested LIMS	22	
Average days to complete	9.72	(Maximum of 10 days allowed)
Refunded LIM's	0	
Cancelled	0	

JULY:

Total Requested LIMS	28	
Average days to complete	12.60	(Maximum of 10 days allowed)
Refunded LIM's	0	
Cancelled	0	

13 MAYOR'S TASKFORCE FOR JOBS

13.1 The 25/26 contract has been both rewarding and challenging for staff; however, strong outcomes have continued to be achieved. A total of 44 employment placements were secured for the 2025/26 contract, demonstrating positive results across the Grey District.

Of these placements:

- 38 secured full-time employment

- Six secured part-time or casual employment were clients referred through MSD
 - 30 were NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training) clients
 - 17 commenced apprenticeships, supporting long-term career pathways in skilled trades clients transitioned into further education at polytechnics and universities
- 13.2 These outcomes reflect a continued commitment to supporting young people into sustainable employment, apprenticeships, and education through strong partnerships with employers, training providers, and community organisations.
- 13.3 While the contract primarily focuses on supporting young people into employment, there has been a noticeable increase in individuals outside the eligibility criteria seeking support over recent months. In the past two months alone, three people aged over 60 have requested assistance. MTFJ has been pleased to provide support where possible, including CV development and guidance. This reinforces MTFJ's role as a trusted and accessible community service.
- 13.4 July 2026: One month into our 2026/27 contract, it has started well, with a steady number of referrals received, including 12 MSD referrals and 14 NEET referrals. One employment placement, with a further three placements currently being progressed, including a farm role, a construction position with Isaacs / Liddell's on the Snowy River project, and a building apprenticeship with a local company.
- 13.5 The focus this month has been connecting with new referrals, building relationships, and connecting clients, where possible, with suitable employment opportunities.

COMMUNICATIONS, ENGAGEMENT AND EVENTS

14 EVENTS

- 14.1 Plans are progressing for a two-day static motorbike show at the Regent Theatre to support the Street Racing Event during Labour Weekend. This is a significant undertaking, with initial interest from riders strong.
- 14.2 The doors will be open on the Saturday evening, giving motorcycle riders and visitors in town for the street races an attraction to visit.
- 14.3 With Ag Fest nearing, more time is going into ensuring that the team at Ag Fest have everything in place from Council.

15 COMMUNICATIONS

Communications Activity Summary – June/July		
Channel / Metric	Result	Commentary
Facebook posts	78	Communications issued during June and July across media and Facebook channels.
Facebook followers	11,000	Audience continues to grow, supported by a focus on more engaging content.
Facebook engagement	3776 comments	Strong increase in community interaction and discussion.
Instagram followers	1596	Slight increase from May.

TikTok followers	1,324	Solid increase from May.
Email newsletter subscribers	1,779	Slight increase from May.

- 15.1 Staff rolled out significant advertising and communications around the opening of the new library. This included a commemorative leaflet distributed to guests. There was also a lift-out in the Greymouth Star newspaper.
- 15.2 Staff are launching a new emergency text alert system. This will be used sparingly, when there is a crucial message to get out. Initial sign-up numbers are encouraging.
- 15.3 A new recycling campaign will get under way shortly.
- 15.4 Our favourite Facebook comments:
- 15.5 On the CBD and Cobden flood: "Big ups to the teams doing the hard yards. Thanks for the regular updates as well."
- 15.6 On the new library: "Library is fabulous, it was busy, wonderful atmosphere...a few families, children enjoying the playground, doing puzzles...and even reading!"
- 15.7 On the Runanga solar project: "This is such a great initiative, and story of everyone working together to achieve better outcomes, that we can repeat elsewhere amongst our district. How exciting!"

16 DIXON PARK

- 16.1 The team supported the architect team to gather wide community feedback to assist in producing concept plans to be put together. The team spent considerable time with Dixon Park Redevelopment Group, as well as meeting multiple sectors of the community.

17 ENGAGEMENT

- 17.1 Staff closed the Head Start survey online on a specially created West Coast platform and sent an update to everyone who gave feedback.
- 17.2 Staff opened and closed submissions on the Waste Bylaw, and the Freedom Camping Bylaw.
- 17.3 External funding was used to introduce all Year 8 and 9 students to the new library, with engagement staff working closely with library staff and schools. This was a large piece of work and was well received by schools.
- 17.4 Work was well under way in late June on the EECA-funded solar project at Runanga, Barrytown and Moana.

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.

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| (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. |
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5.7 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**File Number:****Report Author:** GM Corporate Services**Report Authoriser:** Chief Executive**Appendices:** 1. Management Accounts to 31 May 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 of both the Finance, Information Technology and the People and Capabilities 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 below is a report updating the current major projects being undertaken by the Corporate Services Department and items relevant to the Risk and Assurance Sub-committee.

4. FINANCE**4.1. Annual Report**

- 4.1.1. The Annual report is well underway. 2026 is a revaluation year for three waters, Aerodrome and Roading Assets. Operations Staff are well through this process with first draft of the three valuations with WSP for the first peer review. Finance Staff are working on asset additions and year end accounts movements. We are currently on track to supply our Auditors a copy of the draft report before the first official on site day of 28th September.

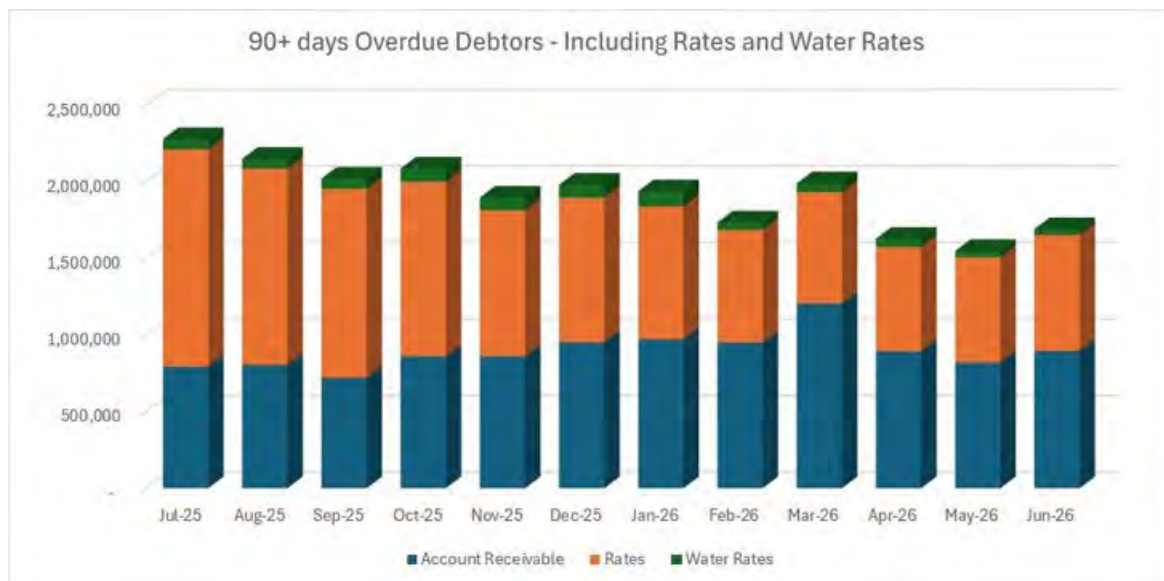
4.2. Accounts Payable

- 4.2.1. Payables have dropped for the period reflecting the ending of the library build and the end of the resealing season; Staff are monitoring cashflows closely to ensure we have sufficient working capital.



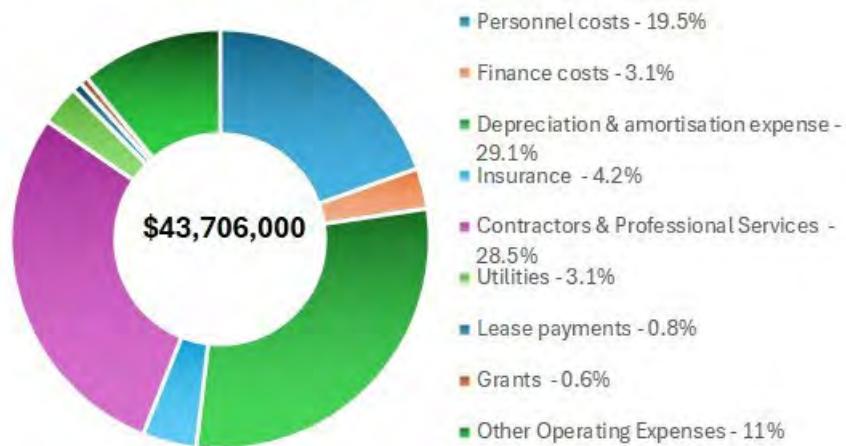
4.3. Debtors (including Rates and Water Billing).

Overdue accounts across Debtors, Rates and Water Billing as a group saw an increase for the period in June. Rates debt increased by \$69k due to penalties for the fourth instalment being added.



4.4. Expenditure

Operational Expenditure by Type



Operational Expenditure by activity



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Grey District Council
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE
For the period ended 31 May 2026

		Actual 2026 \$000	YTD Budget \$000	Full Year Budget \$000
REVENUE				
Rates revenue		26,831	26,915	29,362
Subsidies and grants	1	6,302	5,262	5,740
Fees and charges	2	5,825	7,505	8,187
Financial and Development Contributions		143	321	350
Interest revenue		147	227	248
Other revenue		1,127	1,216	1,326
Total revenue		40,375	41,446	45,213
EXPENSES				
Personnel costs	3	8,519	9,212	10,049
Finance costs		1,368	1,830	1,997
Other expenses	4	21,097	22,067	26,570
Depreciation and amortisation expense		12,722	12,720	13,877
Total expenses		43,706	45,829	52,493
Surplus / (deficit) before TAX		(3,331)	(4,383)	(7,280)
Income Tax credit (expense)				
		-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit)		(3,331)	(4,383)	(7,280)
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		(3,331)	(4,383)	41,007

Variance reporting:

1. Subsidies and Grants income is \$1,040m above the YTD budget. This is due to \$1,290m grant received from the Ministry of Transport's Coastal Shipping Resilience Fund which was unbudgeted.
2. Fees and Charges revenue is \$1,680m 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. Staff costs lower than budgeted this is due to new positions and existing vacancies remaining unfilled.
4. Other expenditure is \$970k 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.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**As at 31 May 2026**

	Notes	Actual 2026 \$000	Budget 2026 \$000	Actual 2025 \$000
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents		2,952	10,934	2,938
Receivables		1,503	7,732	4,092
Prepayments		846	-	693
Other financial assets		188	596	1,188
Derivative financial instruments		-	-	-
Total current assets		5,489	19,262	8,911
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment		582,071	639,817	574,767
Intangible assets		115	90	132
Investment property		5,286	5,695	6,142
Other financial assets		1,360	-	860
Derivative financial instruments		-	-	-
Total non-current assets		588,832	645,602	581,901
Total assets		594,321	664,864	590,812
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
Payables and deferred revenue		7,922	6,599	9,188
Employee benefit liabilities		526	497	515
Finance lease obligation		72	-	93
Borrowings		11,300	-	13,950
Derivative financial instruments		-	-	21
Total current liabilities		19,820	7,096	23,767
Non-current liabilities				
Employee benefit liabilities		180	-	180
Provisions		1,126	1,539	1,784
Borrowings		35,598	62,133	24,100
Derivative financial instruments		33	95	12
Total non-current liabilities		36,937	63,767	26,076
Total liabilities		56,757	70,863	49,843
Net assets		537,564	594,001	540,969
EQUITY				
Accumulated Funds		213,082	224,149	216,413
Reserves		10,067	7,154	10,143
Revaluation Reserves		314,415	362,698	314,413
Total equity		537,564	594,001	540,968

Funding Impact Statement - Council Wide

For the period ended 31 May 2026

	Actual 2025-26 \$000	Budget YTD 2025-26 \$000	Budget 2025-26 \$000
OPERATING FUNDING			
Sources of operating funding			
General Rates, Uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	15,087	15,123	16,497
Targeted Rates (other than metered water supply rates)	11,744	11,792	12,864
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	4,502	3,202	3,493
Fees and charges	6,283	8,331	9,088
Internal Charges and overheads recovered	5,834	7,567	8,255
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	1,836	615	671
Total Operating Funding	45,286	46,630	50,868
Applications of operating funding			
Payments to staff and suppliers	29,452	34,188	37,379
Finance costs	1,368	1,830	1,997
Internal charges and overheads	5,781	6,851	7,473
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	36,601	42,869	46,849
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF OPERATING FUNDING	8,685	3,761	4,019
CAPITAL FUNDING			
Sources of capital funding			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	1,800	2,063	2,250
Development and financial contributions	143	321	350
Increase/(decrease) in debt	11,100	27,072	13,782
Gross proceeds from the sale of assets	69	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	13,112	29,456	16,383
Applications of capital funding			
Capital expenditure			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	12,525	14,040	14,192
- to replace existing assets	7,501	15,378	16,171
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	-	3,799	(9,961)
Increase/(decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	20,026	33,217	20,402
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF CAPITAL FUNDING	(6,914)	(3,761)	(4,019)
FUNDING BALANCE	1,771	-	-

FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT - Land Transport

For the period ended 31 May 2026

	Actual 2025-26 \$000	Budget YTD 2025-26 \$000	Budget 2025-26 \$000
OPERATING FUNDING			
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING			
General Rates, Uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	2,503	2,503	2,731
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	3,732	3,022	3,296
Fees and charges	21	83	90
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	143	175	191
Total Operating Funding	6,399	5,783	6,308
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING			
Payments to staff and suppliers	3,477	4,579	4,955
Finance costs	2	-	-
Internal charges and overheads	903	729	795
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	4,382	5,308	5,750
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF OPERATING FUNDING	2,017	475	558
CAPITAL FUNDING			
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	510	2,063	2,250
Development and financial contributions	3	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	-	509	606
Gross proceeds from the sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	513	2,572	2,856
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Capital expenditure			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	19	1	1
- to replace existing assets	3,133	5,068	5,155
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	-	(2,022)	(1,742)
Increase/(decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	3,152	3,047	3,414
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF CAPITAL FUNDING	(2,639)	(475)	(558)
FUNDING BALANCE	(622)	-	-

FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT - Stormwater

For the period ended 31 May 2026

	Actual 2025-26 \$000	Budget YTD 2025-26 \$000	Budget 2025-26 \$000
OPERATING FUNDING			
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING			
General Rates, Uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	1,004	1,004	1,095
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	4	-	-
Total Operating Funding	1,008	1,004	1,095
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING			
Payments to staff and suppliers	517	910	992
Finance costs	27	99	108
Internal charges and overheads	237	263	287
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	781	1,272	1,387
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF OPERATING FUNDING	227	(268)	(292)
CAPITAL FUNDING			
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	-	2,605	1,652
Gross proceeds from the sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	0	2,605	1,652
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Capital expenditure	-	-	-
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	59	854	875
- to replace existing assets	765	1,928	1,982
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	-	(445)	(1,497)
Increase/(decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	824	2,337	1,360
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF CAPITAL FUNDING	(824)	268	292
FUNDING BALANCE	(597)	-	-

FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT - Wastewater

For the period ended 31 May 2026

	Actual 2025-26 \$000	Budget YTD 2025-26 \$000	Budget 2025-26 \$000
OPERATING FUNDING			
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING			
General Rates, Uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	-	-	-
Targeted rates	3,924	3,924	4,281
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
Fees and charges	90	1,673	1,826
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
Total Operating Funding	4,014	5,597	6,107
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING			
Payments to staff and suppliers	1,461	3,330	3,765
Finance costs	374	559	610
Internal charges and overheads	321	335	365
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	2,156	4,224	4,740
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF OPERATING FUNDING	1,858	1,373	1,367
CAPITAL FUNDING			
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	(31)	321	350
Increase/(decrease) in debt	-	5,895	2,759
Gross proceeds from the sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	-	6,216	3,109
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Capital expenditure	-	-	-
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	1,646	3,928	4,041
- to replace existing assets	1,124	1,752	1,776
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	-	1,909	(1,341)
Increase/(decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	2,770	7,589	4,476
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF CAPITAL FUNDING	(2,801)	(1,373)	(1,367)
FUNDING BALANCE	(943)	-	-

FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT - Water Supply

For the period ended 31 May 2026

	Actual 2025-26 \$000	Budget YTD 2025-26 \$000	Budget 2025-26 \$000
OPERATING FUNDING			
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING			
General Rates, Uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	-	-	-
Targeted rates	4,214	4,262	4,650
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	4,214	4,262	4,650
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING			
Payments to staff and suppliers	1,958	2,148	2,339
Finance costs	223	410	447
Internal charges and overheads	613	406	443
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	2,794	2,964	3,229
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF OPERATING FUNDING	1,420	1,298	1,421
CAPITAL FUNDING			
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	(4)	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	-	5,562	3,507
Gross proceeds from the sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	(4)	5,562	3,507
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Capital expenditure			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	274	3,446	3,465
- to replace existing assets	1,448	2,294	2,336
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	-	1,120	(873)
Increase/(decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	1,722	6,860	4,928
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF CAPITAL FUNDING	(1,726)	(1,298)	(1,421)
FUNDING BALANCE	(306)	-	-

FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT - Solid Waste

For the period ended 31 May 2026

	Actual 2025-26 \$000	Budget YTD 2025-26 \$000	Budget 2025-26 \$000
OPERATING FUNDING			
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING			
General Rates, Uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	537	537	586
Targeted rates	3,297	3,297	3,597
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	296	-	-
Fees and charges	1,583	1,483	1,618
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
Total Operating Funding	5,713	5,317	5,801
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING			
Payments to staff and suppliers	4,283	4,619	5,039
Finance costs	19	140	153
Internal charges and overheads	270	157	171
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	4,572	4,916	5,363
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF OPERATING FUNDING	1,141	401	438
CAPITAL FUNDING			
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	-	2,127	137
Gross proceeds from the sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	0	2,127	137
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Capital expenditure			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	318	425	425
- to replace existing assets	22	148	148
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	-	1,955	2
Increase/(decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	340	2,528	575
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF CAPITAL FUNDING	(340)	(401)	(438)
FUNDING BALANCE	801	-	-

FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT - Environmental Services

For the period ended 31 May 2026

	Actual 2025-26 \$000	Budget YTD 2025-26 \$000	Budget 2025-26 \$000
OPERATING FUNDING			
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING			
General Rates, Uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	1,769	1,769	1,929
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
Fees and charges	1,628	1,869	2,039
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	39	53	58
Total Operating Funding	3,436	3,691	4,026
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING			
Payments to staff and suppliers	1,396	2,603	2,839
Finance costs	2	8	9
Internal charges and overheads	1,474	997	1,088
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	2,872	3,608	3,936
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF OPERATING FUNDING	564	83	90
CAPITAL FUNDING			
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	181	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	-	(10)	(5)
Gross proceeds from the sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	181	(10)	(5)
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Capital expenditure			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	-	-	-
- to replace existing assets	16	73	75
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	-	-	10
Increase/(decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	16	73	85
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF CAPITAL FUNDING	165	(83)	(90)
FUNDING BALANCE	729	-	-

FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT - Commercial & Property

For the period ended 31 May 2026

	Actual 2025-26 \$000	Budget YTD 2025-26 \$000	Budget 2025-26 \$000
OPERATING FUNDING			
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING			
General Rates, Uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	500	500	545
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
Fees and charges	1,596	1,591	1,736
Internal charges and overheads recovered	213	530	579
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	1,412	86	94
Total Operating Funding	3,721	2,707	2,954
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING			
Payments to staff and suppliers	1,296	2,035	2,219
Finance costs	188	225	246
Internal charges and overheads	457	476	520
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	1,941	2,736	2,985
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF OPERATING FUNDING	1,780	(29)	(31)
CAPITAL FUNDING			
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	1,290	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	1,100	254	(12)
Gross proceeds from the sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	2,390	254	(12)
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Capital expenditure	-	-	-
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	61	65	65
- to replace existing assets	609	3,671	4,252
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	-	(3,511)	(4,360)
Increase/(decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	670	225	(43)
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF CAPITAL FUNDING	1,720	29	31
FUNDING BALANCE	3,500	-	-

FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT - Community & Recreation

For the period ended 31 May 2026

	Actual 2025-26 \$000	Budget YTD 2025-26 \$000	Budget 2025-26 \$000
OPERATING FUNDING			
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING			
General Rates, Uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	5,833	5,833	6,363
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	38	14	15
Fees and charges	1,273	1,332	1,453
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	79	61	66
Total Operating Funding	7,223	7,240	7,897
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING			
Payments to staff and suppliers	4,990	5,365	5,852
Finance costs	408	363	396
Internal charges and overheads	404	977	1,065
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	5,802	6,705	7,313
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF OPERATING FUNDING	1,421	535	584
CAPITAL FUNDING			
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	10,000	9,661	4,576
Gross proceeds from the sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	10,000	9,661	4,576
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Capital expenditure			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	10,135	5,031	5,031
- to replace existing assets	302	250	250
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	-	4,915	(121)
Increase/(decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	10,437	10,196	5,160
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF CAPITAL FUNDING	(437)	(535)	(584)
FUNDING BALANCE	984	-	-

FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT - Democracy & Administration

For the period ended 31 May 2026

	Actual 2025-26 \$000	Budget YTD 2025-26 \$000	Budget 2025-26 \$000
OPERATING FUNDING			
SOURCES OF OPERATING FUNDING			
General Rates, Uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	2,941	2,978	3,249
Targeted rates	309	309	337
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	436	166	181
Fees and charges	92	299	326
Internal charges and overheads recovered	5,621	7,037	7,676
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	159	240	261
Total Operating Funding	9,558	11,029	12,030
APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDING			
Payments to staff and suppliers	10,075	8,601	9,378
Finance costs	124	26	28
Internal charges and overheads	1,102	2,511	2,739
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding	11,301	11,138	12,145
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF OPERATING FUNDING	(1,743)	(109)	(115)
CAPITAL FUNDING			
SOURCES OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	-	468	562
Gross proceeds from the sale of assets	69	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding	69	468	562
APPLICATIONS OF CAPITAL FUNDING			
Capital expenditure			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	13	290	290
- to replace existing assets	82	192	197
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	-	(123)	(40)
Increase/(decrease) of investments	-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	95	359	447
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) OF CAPITAL FUNDING	(26)	109	115
FUNDING BALANCE	(1,769)	-	-

5.8 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT**File Number:****Report Author:** Group Manager of Economic Development and Regulatory Services**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 June /July 2026.

2. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives the report and notes the content herein.

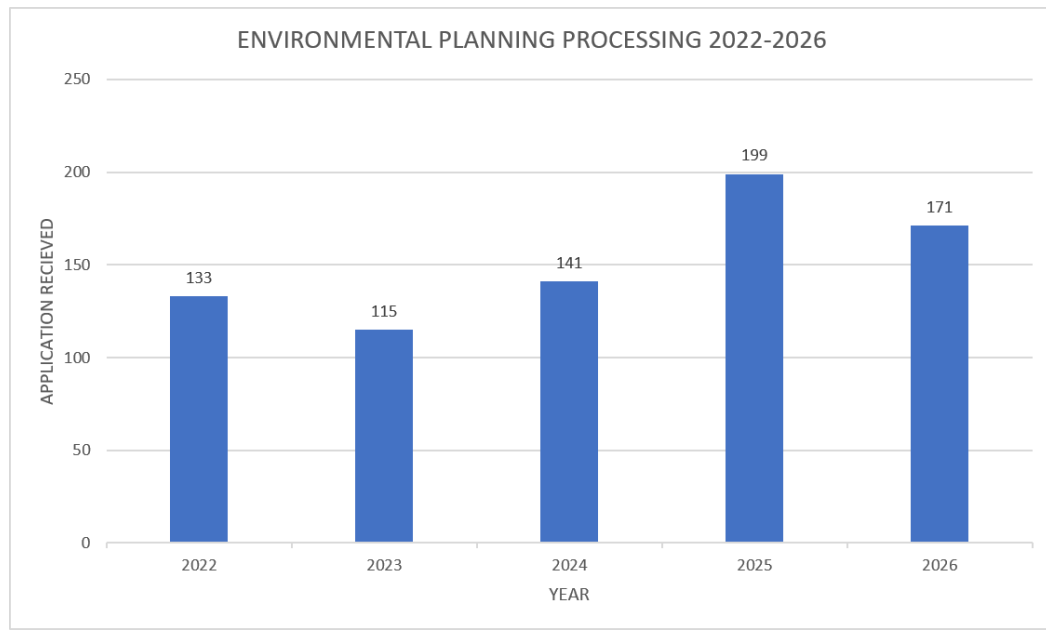
3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**3.1. Key Activities and Progress**

- 3.1.1. Attended the Business Promotions Association meeting and provided an overview of how the economic development rate is utilised.
- 3.1.2. Held a follow up meeting with the acting BPA chair, which provided a positive opportunity to strengthen the working relationship between GDC and the BPA as we move forward.
- 3.1.3. BPA representation is to continue in the Grey District Economic Development Leadership Group.

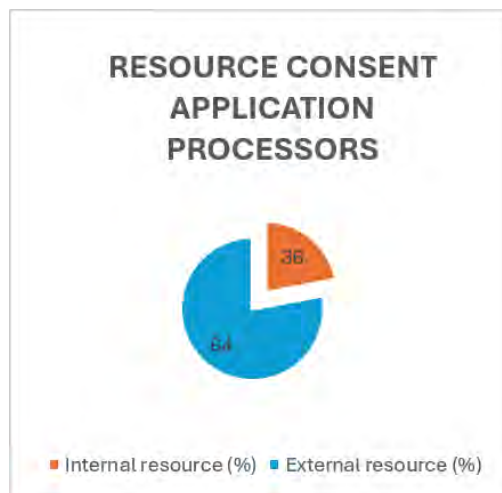
4. REGULATORY DEPARTMENT**4.1. Planning****4.1.1. Processing 2026 – June & July:**

- Applications lodged: **56**
- Applications granted: **41**
- Subdivision - Additional Lots approved: **3**

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



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



4.1.4. Te Tai o Poutini Plan

Mediation commenced on the 30th June. A total of 34 topics held over one to four days are scheduled. The total time allotted is eight months, culminating in early February 2027.

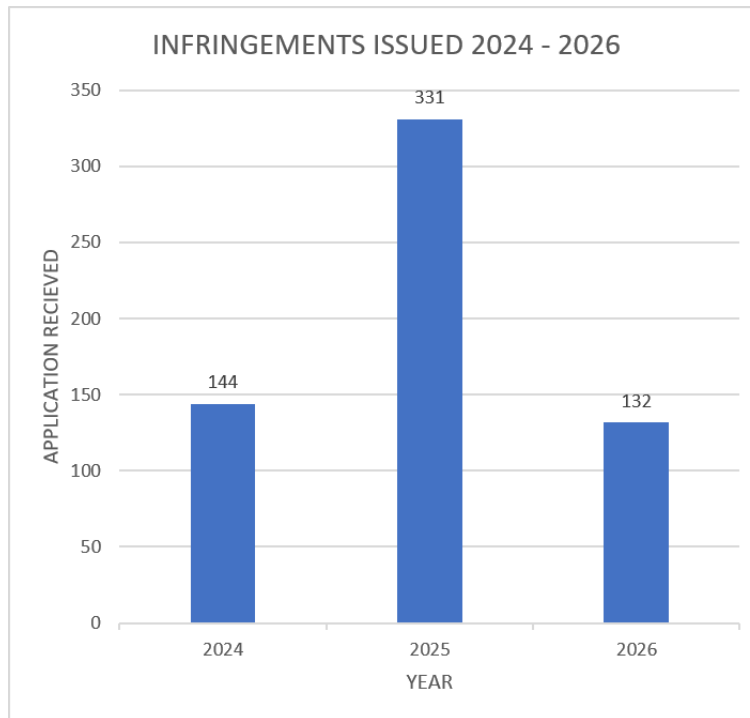
4.2. Freedom Camping and Parking Compliance

4.2.1. Freedom Camping

- Infringement notices issued – June & July: **25**
- Infringement notice breakdown (%):

Withdrawn/Cancelled/Warning	36
Camped in a Restricted Local Area	52
Miscellaneous	12

- Occupation of the campsites has remained low for the past two winter months. Uptake to the new green warrant system has been good.
- Rolling total for 2026 (including 3-year comparison)

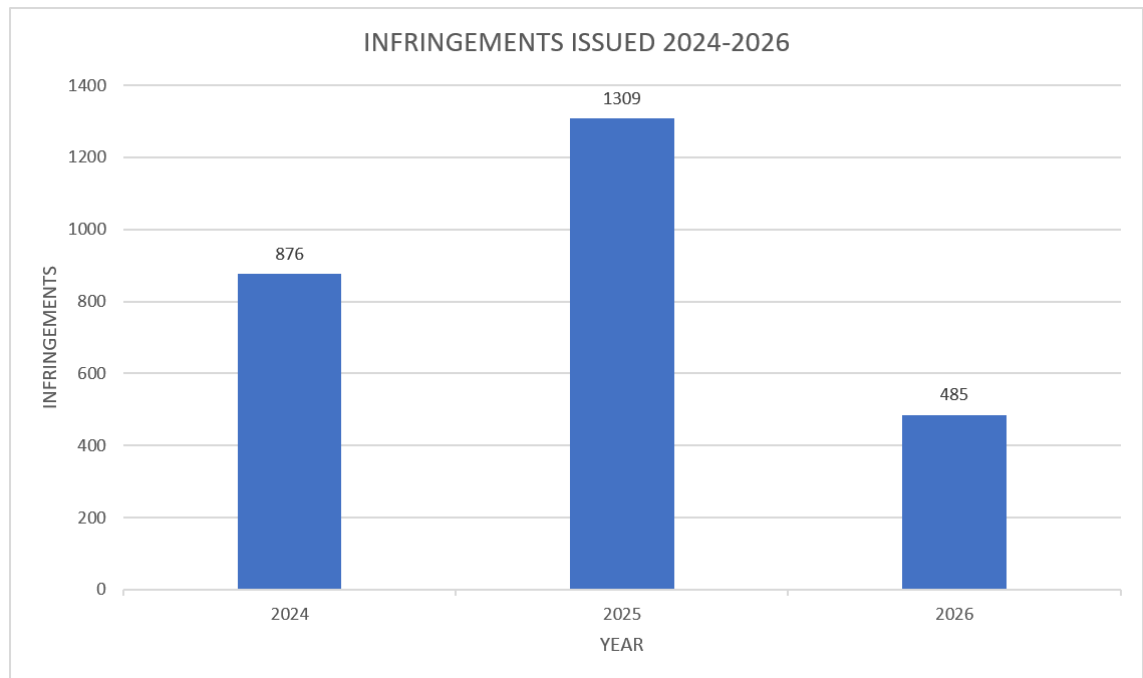


4.2.2. Parking

- Infringement notices issued – June & July: **161**
- Infringement notice breakdown (%):

Withdrawn/Cancelled/Warning	5.6	Parked in prohibited area	2.5
Parked in accessible space (without permit)	0.6	Parked overtime	70.8
Parked in carpark without paying	3.1	Miscellaneous	7.5
Parked on broken yellow lines	3.1		

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



4.2.4. Parking and infringements observation

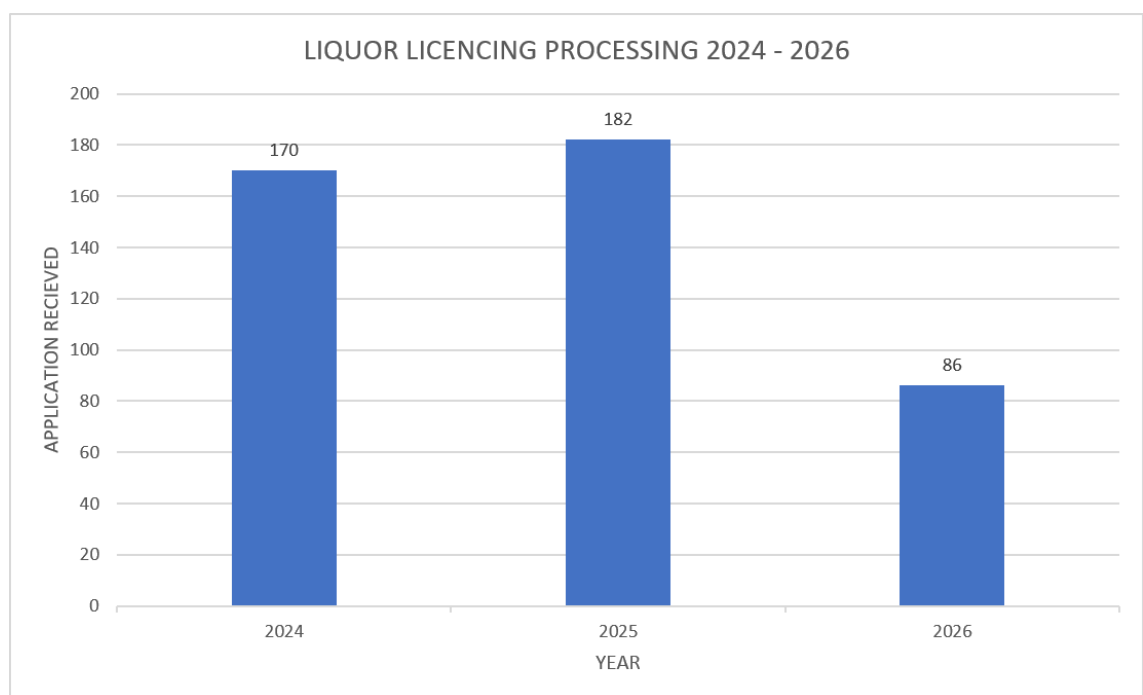
- Overtime parking continues to be the majority infringement issued. Broken Yellow line infringements are next, this is particularly troubling as broken yellow lines are used in areas where it is a safety concern.

4.3. Food, Health and Liquor Licencing

4.3.1. Liquor Licencing Processing – June & July:

- Applications lodged: 32
- Applications granted: 30
- Applications year to date: 86

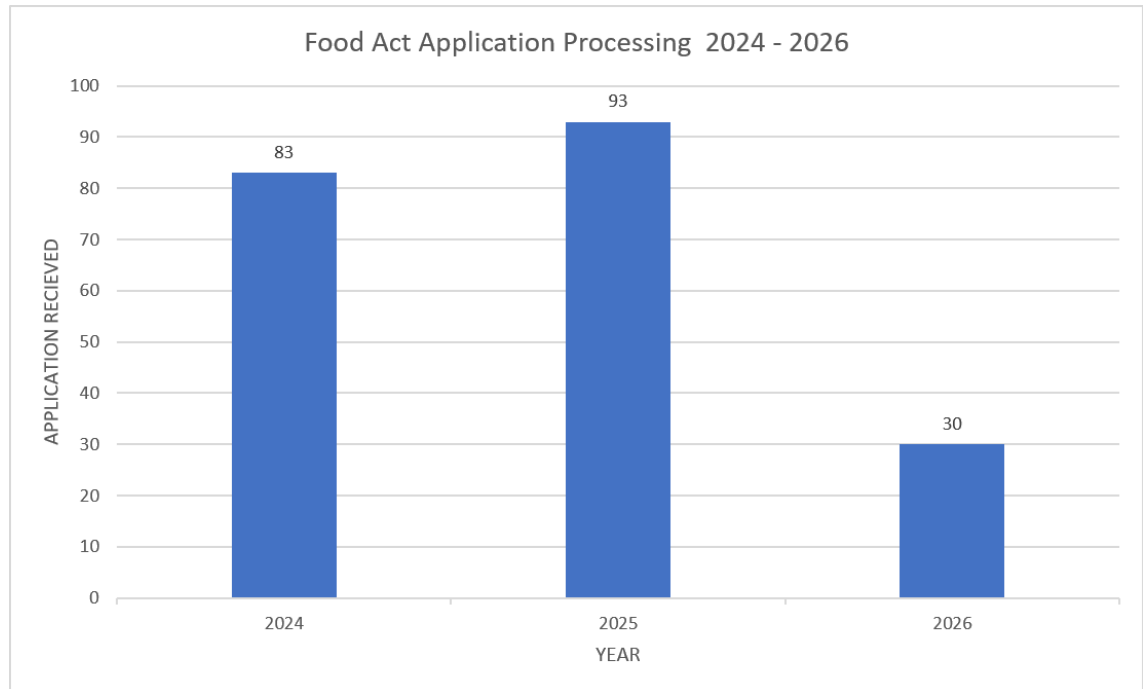
4.3.2. Rolling Total for 2026 (including 3-year comparison):



4.3.3. Food Licencing Processing – June & July:

- Applications lodged: **14**
- Applications granted: **14**
- Applications year to date: **30**

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



4.4. **Noise Complaints**

- Complaints received – June & July: **13**
- Complaints year to date: **68**

4.5. **Animal Control**

- Enquiries received – June & July: **21**
- Enquiries year to date: **97**
- Infringements Issued June & July: **2**

4.6. **Other Regulation**

4.6.1. **Bylaw Compliance**

- 33 CRMs investigated and closed.

4.6.2. **RMA Compliance/District Plan Complaints:**

Land Use Consent Monitoring

- 15 resource consent monitored. All compliant.

5. LAND LEASES

- 5.1. Usual maintenance of leases and licences to occupy remains ongoing.
- 5.2. Land enquiries have somewhat slowed, with less enquiries relating to freeholding and land purchases being received. Licence to Occupy enquiries remain steady.

Update on the total number in progress

Current Leases:	112
Lease Rental reviews:	4
Lease CPI Rental reviews:	0 (all completed)
Lease renewals:	4
New Leases/enquiries:	2
Cancellation/Potential Surrender of Leases	1
Assignment of Leases	1
Current Licences to Occupy:	171
Licence to occupy CPI Rental reviews:	0 (all completed)
Licence to Occupy Renewals:	128
New Licence to Occupy/ enquiries:	15
Freeholding/Land Sales:	4
Freeholding Land Enquiries:	1
Land Sale/Purchase enquiries:	4

- 5.3. Staff have been working on dealing with Licence to Occupy and Lease debtors. This work has included cancelling Licence to Occupy Agreements where debt has accumulated and remained unpaid.
- 5.4. The recent work undertaken to facilitate Licence to Occupy invoices being sent out by email rather than post was successful. We now only have approximately 30% of Licence to Occupy invoices being posted. This has resulted in not only a saving in postage costs, but also a reduction in staff time attending to posting them.
- 5.5. Staff continue to work together to refine processes and procedures to ensure staff time is maximised and used efficiently.

BUILDING CONTROL

5.6. Building consents

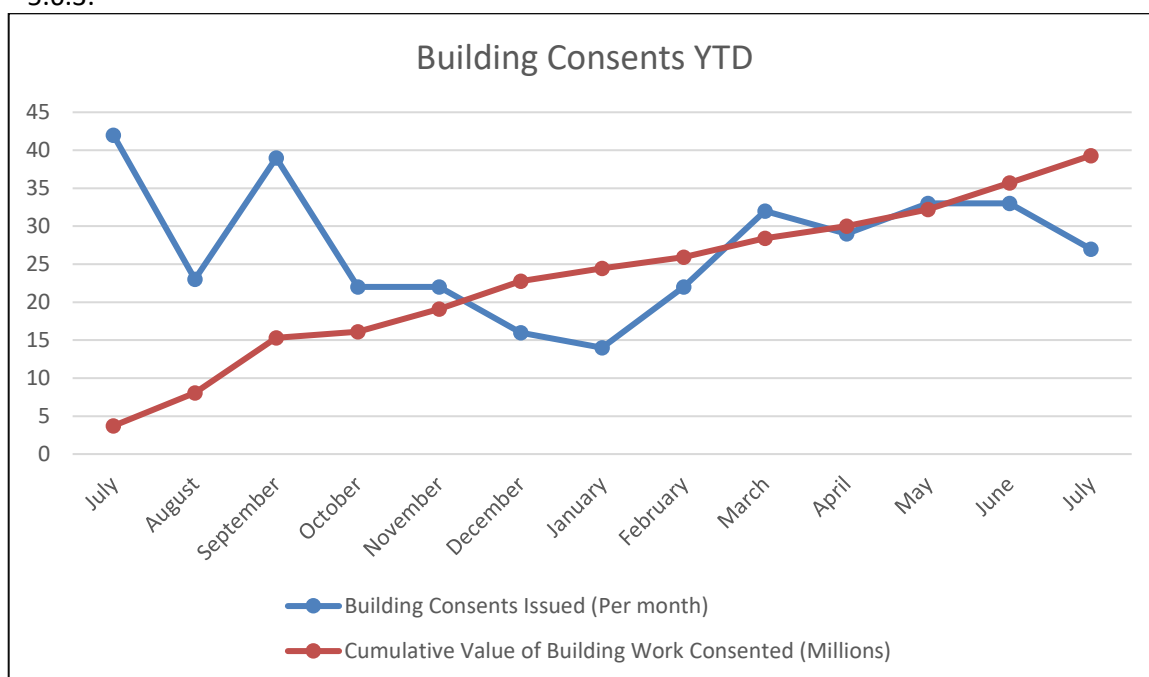
5.6.1. June - 40 Building Consent applications were received.

- 6 commercial projects, 1 application for new commercial/industrial building.
- 1 application for domestic shed / outbuildings
- 7 applications for new dwellings
- 2 applications for dwelling / sleep-out relocation
- 5 applications for Separation of Services (drainage)
- 8 applications for solid/liquid fuel heaters.
- Other applications were amendments, alterations etc.

5.6.2. July - 20 Building Consent applications were received.

- 1 application for commercial building alteration.
- 3 applications for domestic shed / outbuildings
- 2 applications for new dwellings
- 2 applications for dwelling relocation
- 0 applications for Separation of Services (drainage)
- 4 applications for solid / liquid fuel heaters.
- Other applications were amendments, alterations etc.

5.6.3.



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

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

5.7.2. The BCA is preparing for the biennial accreditation assessment due to take place in December.

5.8. Territorial Authority Functions**5.8.1. BWOFF**

- We are dealing with 11 buildings where compliance with BWOFF requirements is problematic e.g. empty buildings where the BWOFF requirements under the Building Act remain. We are working to implement solutions for these buildings that meet minimum compliance requirements but don't create an unnecessary burden on building owners.

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

- 0 DAI notices issued in June
- 3 DAI notices issued in July

5.8.3. Notices to Fix (NTF)

5.8.4. 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.

- 1 NTF issued by the TA.
- 0 NTF issued by the BCA for work under Building Consent.

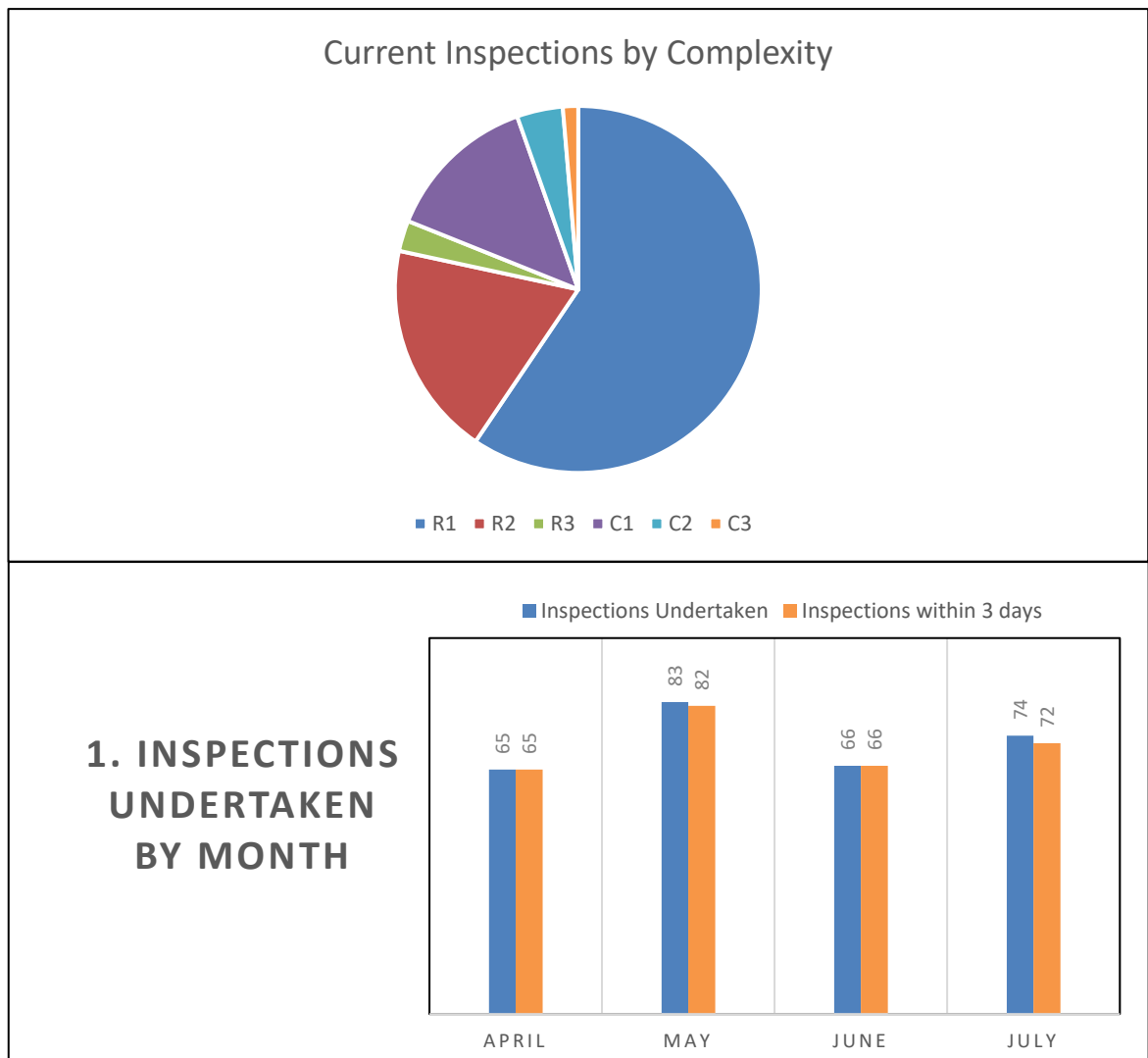
5.9. Resourcing and Training

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

5.9.2. Inspection statistics graphs below:

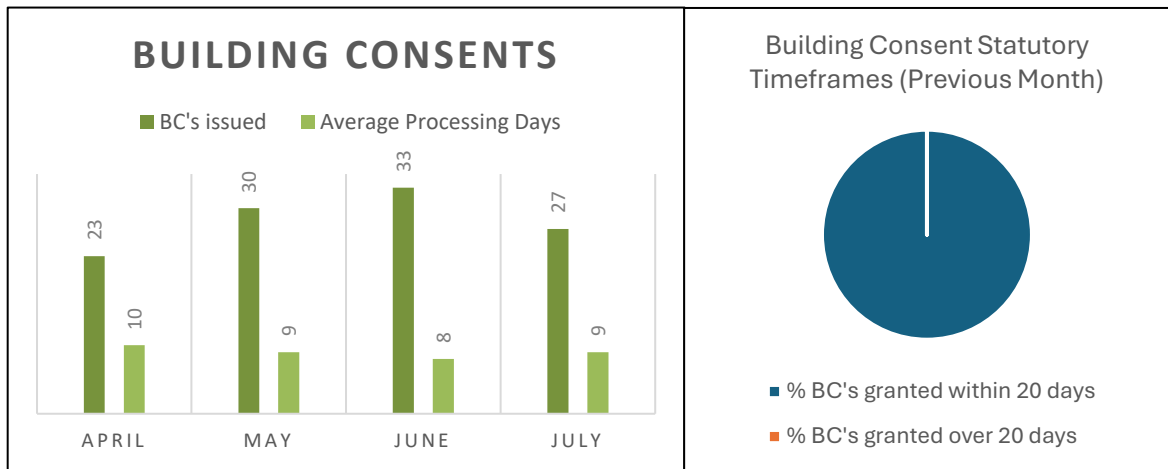
Inspections undertaken monthly for the previous 4 months and compliance with 3-day stat timeframe. Previous month's inspections displayed by complexity.

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.



The graphs below illustrate building consents issued, average processing times, and compliance with statutory timeframes.

5.9.3. 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				
	April	May	June	July
Building Consents issued within 20 days	92%	100%	100%	100%
Code Compliance Certificates issued within 20 days	100%	97%	100%	100%
Inspections undertaken within 3 days of requested date (80% target)	100%	99%	97%	100%

5.10. LTP Performance Measures

4.9.1 LTP performance measures 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026.

5.11. Measure	Target	Current Performance
5.12. Customer satisfaction with building control information	65%	79%
5.13. % of building consents issued within 19 working days	95%	93%
5.14. Grey District Council maintains accreditation as a building consent authority	Achieved	Achieved
5.15. Building Warrant of Fitness audits are undertaken in line with MBIE guidance recommendations (20% of buildings with BWoF annually)	20%	20%

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.

5.9 OPERATIONS GROUP REPORT

File Number:**Report Author:** Group Manager Operations**Report Authoriser:** Chief Executive**Appendices:** 1. EnviroSchools Annual Report 2025-26 (under separate cover)

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.

3. HEALTH & SAFETY

- 3.1. Ongoing action – Continued safety advice and support is offered to Managers across the organisation. Focus areas consistently target active risk management and incident reporting.

- 3.2. Health and safety management system (Safe365) events logged this period 18 June to 11 August 2026 include active and closed events.

Summary of events since the last Council report shown below:

- (a) Incident reports 42  *A significant upward trend is observed this report period*
- (b) Hazards reports 12  Up by 10
- (c) Safety Records 9  Trending up
- (d) Closed reports 18
- (e) Open reports 0
- (f) Actions pending 24

- 3.3. Council's safety performance. Focus areas:

- 3.3.1 Draft health and safety policies with executive leadership team for review and acceptance phase.
- 3.3.2 Worker Engagement - Compliance training is understood and competencies are achieved as / when required. Internal health and safety awareness training is scheduled and attended by all staff.

Employee reporting and data collection is trending up showing encouraging trends in positive safety culture behaviours.

- 3.4. Continuous Improvement - Contractor Management. Contractor Log review of Prequalification competencies completed and updated. Risk ratings - Outsourcing specialist work to contractors help Council to remain agile, scalable, and cost-efficient. During the review, Contractor tasks/activities and work-related risk assessment completed during the review process resulted in a significant increase in the number of contractors previously deemed low risk who undertake medium to very high consequence rated work activities. These contractors should also provide assurance to Council they comply with the HSWA.

- 3.5. Lone worker application is actively being used. Ongoing support in staff use is supplemented with training and awareness. Those working in the external environment are demonstrating the greatest uptake to date.
- 3.6. Health and Safety Performance. Safety procedures for risk identification and management available to all staff through Safe365 Councils health and safety management system.
- 3.7. A full health & safety report will be provided to the next meeting of Council's Risk & Assurance Sub-committee.

4. TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

- 4.1. Roothing Network Maintenance Contract – The contract works is progressing well. The contractor continues to respond to service requests and complete work as requested. The following section provides reports and photographs of works completed during the current reporting period.
 - 4.1.1. Culvert Replacements – Culvert replacement works completed on Saltwater Creek Road to mitigate the flood related issues on the road.



Fig 1: Culvert Replacemet works on Salt Water Creek Road

- 4.1.2. Bridge Maintenance Works – Blasting, Painting and cross bracing replacement works are currently being undertaken on the Stillwater Railway overbridge. Bridge inspections identified corrosion on several bridge components. As part of the work, cross bracing members are being replaced, along with the blasting and painting works. The work will result in extending the bridges service life and maintain its structural integrity. The work is expected to be completed by the end of August. As work is being completed utilising the rail corridor, a rail protection officer from KiwiRail has been present.



Fig 2: Works on Stillwater Railway Overbridge

- 4.1.3. **Variable Speed Signs around Schools** – Variable (time specific), speed signs are being installed around the schools in the district. These are being implemented according to the new Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024. This project is co funded by NZTA at our normal funding assistance rate. Works are expected to be completed by end of August. Once this is approved by NZTA, this will be registered on the National Speed Limit Register (NSLR).



Fig 3: Example school speed restriction signage

- 4.1.4. **Flood Damage and Re-instatement Works** – Recent heavy rain events caused significant damage on some roads in the district, causing surface flooding, slips, road failures and several other damages. Contractors worked day and night to get these under control. Some pictures of reinstatement works are shown; McLeans Pit Road erosion and Taylorville Road slip.



Fig 5: Erosion – McLean’s Pit Road



Fig 6: Slip on Taylorville Road

4.2. Port

- 4.2.1. Staff carried out maintenance and servicing of the port equipment during a relatively quiet month at the slipway. The green barge shed was painted inside and out, ready for new tenant.
- 4.2.2. The WASP survey sounding equipment was fitted to the new port sounding vessel in Christchurch prior to delivery in early September.
- 4.2.3. A new sounding unit has been fitted to the barge to assist with dredging operations.

4.3. Aerodrome

- 4.3.1. The aerodrome operated as per normal during June.
- 4.3.2. At the time of writing this report the figures for July had not been received.
 - (1) Runway Usage Summary - Aircraft Type Summary: Helicopters 61 and Aeroplanes 72, Microlights 4 unknown 1.
 - (2) Activity Level – This month, the aerodrome had 138 movements, which equated to 202% more airspace activity compared to the same month last year.

5. WATER SERVICES

5.1. Water Supplies

5.1.1. Greater Greymouth Water Supply

- (a) Work to replace the control cabinets for the two UV reactors at the Greater Greymouth Water Treatment Plant is underway and progressing in phases. The work is expected to be completed over the next several months.
- (b) Council continues to update the Drinking Water Regulator (Taumata Arowai), on a number of key projects, including the Greater Greymouth Water Treatment Plant (GGWTP), treatment upgrade, backflow investigation project and leak reduction work. Regular updates to the Drinking Water Regulator are planned, moving forward.
- (c) Planning work on the GGWTP treatment upgrade is now rapidly advancing. Following a recent workshop with the Council, staff have progressed a tender document for the preferred filtration upgrade option. This option includes some treatment ability for emerging contaminants.
- (d) Staff continue to be consulted with, by NZTA, pertaining to the relocation of the main trunk main, feeding into Greymouth/Cobden, as part of the Coal Creek Rail Overbridge renewal project. This relocation will include an extended water shutdown affecting Cobden and all areas south of the Cobden bridge around the 7 September. Full communications will have been rolled out to all affected communities by the time of this Council meeting.



Fig 7: Site photo near SHWY temporary bypass road.

- (e) The backflow prevention survey initiated to assess the backflow risks within the network, has now been completed. The survey focused primarily on all industrial and commercial properties. The survey started on the 5 May 2026 and has investigated over 553 properties. Staff are now working on a draft Backflow Prevention Policy, for Council's consideration and adoption for consultation.

5.1.2. Runanga Water Supply

- (a) The final stage of the Rapahoe trunkmain renewal is nearing release for tender. The final stage includes the crossing of the State Highway 6, road bridge at Rapahoe and extends north to the end of Rapahoe. Final discussions with NZTA regarding the bridge crossing are nearing completion.

5.1.3. Blackball Water Supply

- (a) The water supply continued to operate normally throughout May. Staff remain focused on progressing the Greater Greymouth Water Treatment Upgrade, although some preliminary planning for the Blackball Water Treatment Upgrade has begun. The Blackball upgrade forms part of the 2026/27 capital programme.

5.1.4. Nelson Creek Water Supply Investigation Update

- (a) Work is continuing with the Nelson Creek Water Supply and infrastructure analysis. Staff are working closely with community representatives.
- (b) Staff now understand the likely costs to reinstate the existing treatment systems and the current state of the community finances, with additional information pending.
- (c) Additional support has been engaged to determine likely treatment upgrade needs, to meet the new Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules. It is expected that a full update will be provided to Council, at an upcoming meeting.



Fig 8: Selection of photos from the Nelson Creek Water Supply.

5.1.5. Kaiata Park Water Supply Transfer

- (a) Staff and contractors are working to enable the connection of the Greater Greymouth Water Supply to the existing Kaiata Park storage reservoir. This work is critical, to enable the transfer of the current private water supply to Council on 1 September 2026.
- (b) Consent transfers from the existing supply owner to Council have been requested through the WCRC.

5.1.6. Water Supply - Break Trends

- (a) Water supply pipework breaks are shown below, over a twelve-month period.
- (b) In July, 19 service breaks and 4 mains / ridermain break were observed.
- (c) Staff continue to closely monitor the break trends. A significant reduction in service water breaks was observed in July, however.

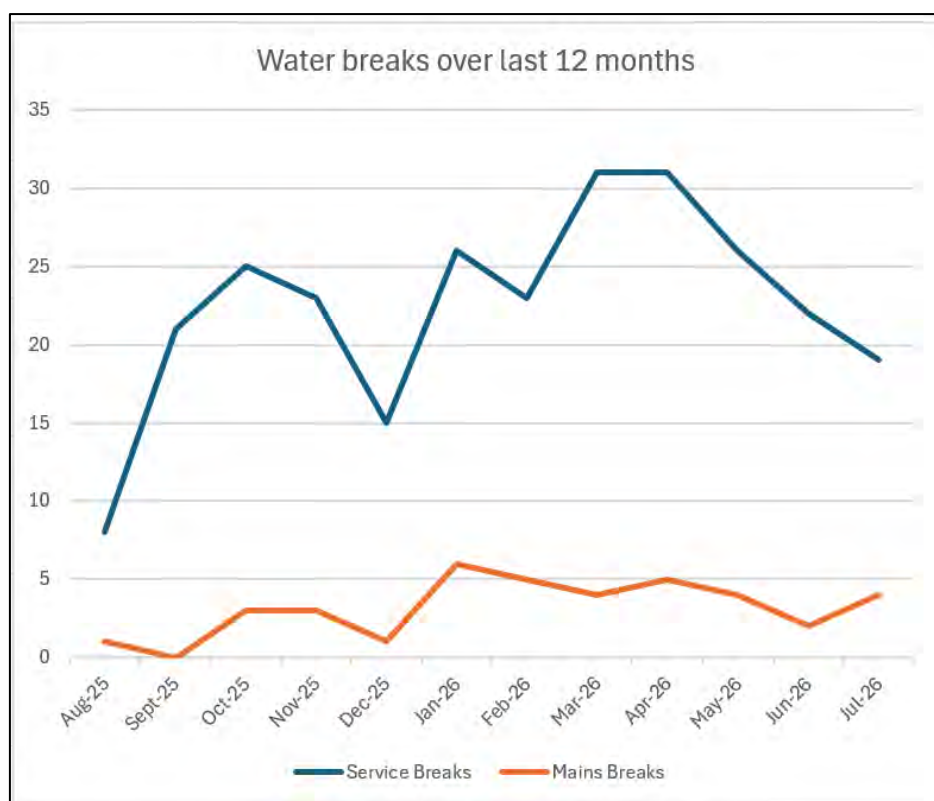


Fig 9: Water Supply Break Trend - 12 Months

5.2. Wastewater Schemes

5.2.1. Greater Greymouth

- (a) The Cobden wastewater pumping station was successfully commissioned, marking a significant milestone for the Greymouth Sewerage Scheme. During the work around the original stage 1 treatment plant, a tidal infiltration effect was identified in the combined systems. This has now been investigated with a mitigation plan in place. Once this work is completed, it is expected that it will reduce pumping volumes through the stage 1 treatment plant.
- (b) The Tender for the new UV treatment plant at the Greater Greymouth Wastewater Treatment Plant (Preston Road), has been awarded with work is to commence onsite in the last week of August.
- (c) 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 scheme operated as normal throughout this reporting period.
- (b) New inlet screening and septage receival screens are now being finalised, ahead of their installation onsite. To enable this, Council has been waiting on the installation of main power to site, which has been completed.
- (c) Once screening is in place and commissioned, desludging of the ponds is planned. This is budgeted for, this financial year.

5.2.3. Karoro / South Beach / Paroa

- (a) The Karoro Wastewater Treatment Plant – the wastewater treatment plant operated as normal throughout this reporting period.
- (b) Staff are now progressing design work, for conveying wastewater flows from Karoro, South Beach, and Paroa to the Greater Greymouth Wastewater Treatment Plant. This project forms part of the capital programme for the 2026/27 year.

5.2.4. Blackball

- (a) The scheme operated as normal throughout this reporting period.

5.2.5. Moana

- (a) The scheme continued to operate normally throughout this reporting period.

5.2.6. Te Kinga

- (a) There has been some delay completing the review of the discharge consent requirements for this facility. Previous reports had noted some concern around long term trending, which does require further investigation. Once the review is completed, Council will be updated further. The plant is however, confirmed as meeting its resource consent conditions.

5.2.7. Kaiata Park Wastewater Scheme Transfer

- (a) Work is underway to enable the transfer of the existing private scheme to Council on 1 September 2026. This includes a final review of operations and consenting requirements. A full set of operational data, monitoring data and consent report has been requested from the current operator.
- (b) Consent transfers from the existing supply owner to Council have been requested through the WCRC.

5.2.8. Wastewater Separation

Work commenced on the Wastewater separation project this month. Initial efforts focused on gathering and reviewing information from multiple systems, cross-referencing records, and updating historical CRMs to improve data accuracy and establish a reliable foundation for future project activities.

A project work plan has been developed, and a draft project timeline is now in place. The next key milestone will be the development of a draft communication plan to support stakeholder engagement and project delivery.

5.2.9. Wastewater Enforcement

Prior to the deadline for submission, Council submitted required information to address concerns raised by the WCRC. This included wetland seepage test results for the Moana Wastewater Treatment Plant wetland and annual monitoring reports for all wastewater treatment concerns.

No further information has been requested by the WCRC, and it is understood that all areas of concern have now been addressed.

5.3. Stormwater & Flood Protection

- 5.3.1. Two large scale, high intensity cloud bursts occurred in July. One occurring in a localised area of Karoro and the other occurring in Greymouth, Cobden, Runanga, Taylorville and Dobson areas. Both events caused significant surface flooding for a period of time,

resulting in numerous building floors being flooded. Staff continue to gather information around these events, to better understand the scale and impact.

- 5.3.2. Given the scale of the events, CCTV inspection was arranged, along with cleaning of networks where required. Initial work is focused in the CBD area and is likely to take some time. Significant debris has been identified in the Guinness Street pipework, to date. Disruption to business activities will be minimised while our contractor carries out the work, focusing their work at night (where possible). It is critical that the network is cleared of debris.



Fig 10 Debris in Stormwater network – Guinness Street

5.4. Staff Resource

- 5.4.1. Staff resources have improved with the recent addition to the team of a Water Services Officer. A further Assistant Capital Design Engineer is currently being recruited, to support the delivery of the large capital programme.
- 5.4.2. Staff and Council contractors continue to face ongoing verbal aggression and threatening behaviour from some members of the public. While it is acknowledged that recent events are frustrating and upsetting to residents, staff should not be on the receiving end of these frustrations. These encounters are distressing to staff.

6. ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

6.1. Refuse & Recycling

- 6.1.1. McLeans Pit Landfill & Recycling Centre** – The landfill and recycling centre has continued to operate effectively, although winter conditions have presented some additional challenges, due to increased weather events. Recent contract maintenance and servicing works have been undertaken across the site, with a number of works, now completed. Further works remain in progress in relation to the sites leachate treatment system, pumps, and associated pipework. Overall, these works are progressing well and are expected to support the continued reliable operation of the site's infrastructure.
- 6.1.2. MRF Production** – The annual tonnage graph below presents the total volume of materials processed through the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) at the site. The black line represents the total tonnage received, the yellow line represents the total tonnage of

material recovered for recycling, and the red line represents the total tonnage of waste, including contamination received.

- (a) It should be noted that the tonnage figures include both Grey and Westland districts co-mingled kerbside recycling volumes.

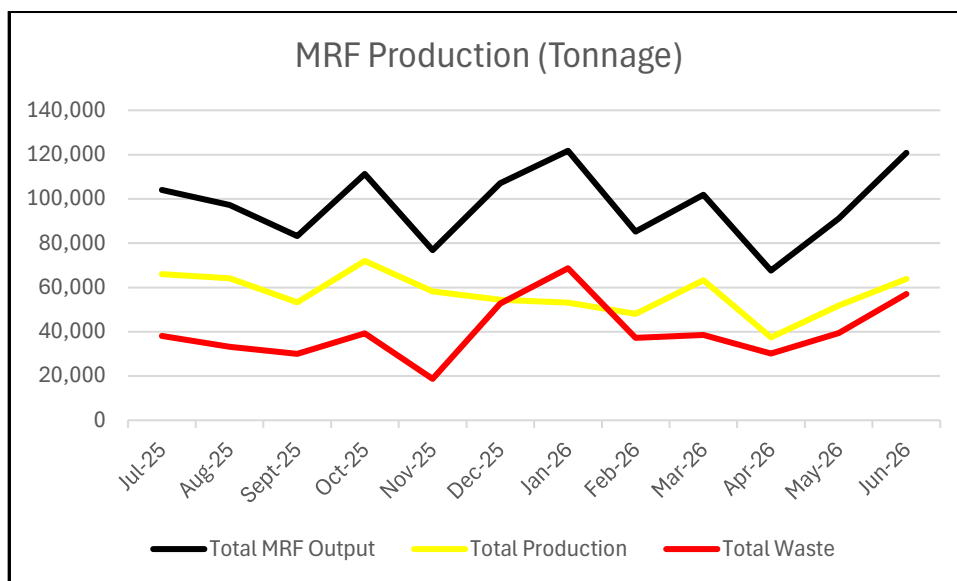


Fig 11: Material Recovery Facility Production Tonnage – July 25 – June 26

6.1.3. Resource Centres

- (a) The revised acceptance criteria for the Resource Centres have now been in place for six weeks. The implementation has progressed with minimal issues, primarily relating to site layout and stockpile management. These matters have largely been addressed and rectified, with revised arrangements now operating effectively.
- (b) The Moana, Blackball, and Nelson Creek Resource Centres have continued to operate effectively throughout the winter months, with lower day-to-day customer volumes observed during this period. The contractors have maintained the sites, with all three Resource Centres generally presented in a clean and tidy condition. A review of the current site layouts has identified opportunities to reconfigure selected areas to improve overall site functionality and optimise available stockpiling areas.

6.1.4. Mitchells & Preston Road

- (a) **Mitchells Skip Site** – Discussions remain ongoing regarding the establishment of a formal lease agreement for the Mitchells skip site.
- (b) **Preston Road** – No further significant updates have occurred since previous reporting period. The site continues to operate effectively under normal business-as-usual conditions, with contamination levels and instances of fly tipping remaining generally consistent with previous reporting periods.

6.1.5. Kerbside Collection – Kerbside collection services have continued to operate as scheduled over the past two months. While several weather events have resulted in some disruption to collection services. Access to the McLeans Pit site was also affected due to the road being briefly flooded. The contractor managed these events effectively, with minimal impact on the overall continuity and delivery of services.

- (a) Service requests received during June were significantly lower than those recorded in other months; however, volumes were consistent with the levels typically experienced during June in previous years. Service request volumes returned to usual levels in July, remaining consistent with the average monthly volumes received throughout the year.

- (b) Council's contractor has undertaken 2,395 recycling bin audits since August 2025, with 14.95% of audits failing to meet collection requirements. The first twelve months of data now provide Council with a good overall view of compliance levels, during kerbside audits. It is important to note however that physical residual waste levels are much higher.

Area	Total Audits	Pass (Green)	Warning/Fail (Orange-Red)
Blaketown	60	46	14
Cobden	36	30	6
Greymouth	42	28	14

Fig 12: Kerbside Recycling Audit Data – July 26

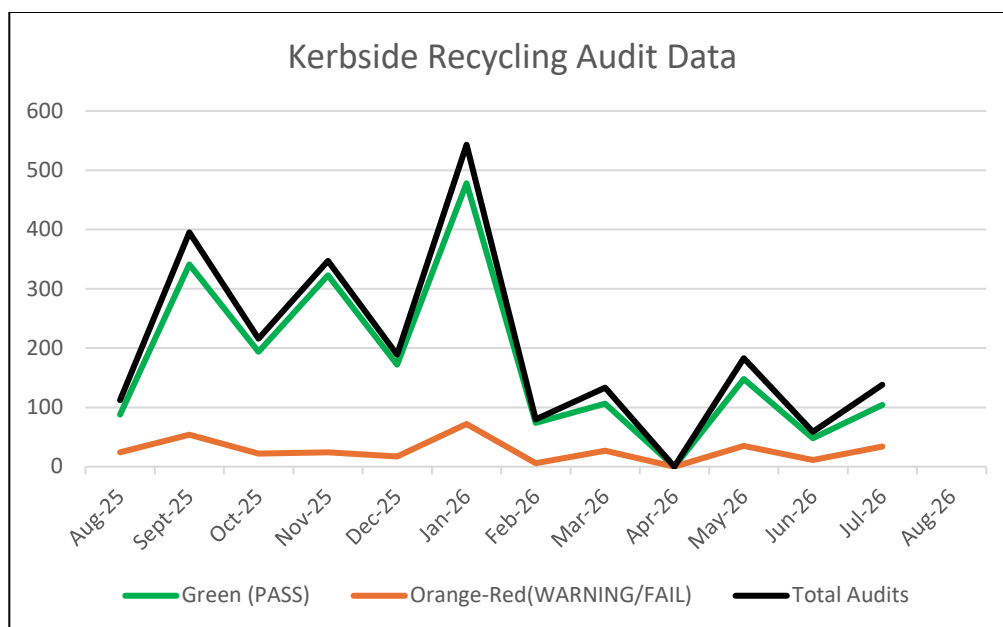


Fig 13: Kerbside Recycling Audit Data – August 25 – July 26

- 6.1.6. **Litter Bins** – Following a review of current litter bin stock. Staff are now progressing the installation of existing stock. An initial five locations have been identified for installation.
- 6.1.7. **Waste Minimisation Management Plan (WMMP)** – In collaboration with the Communications and Engagement team, a dedicated area of the GDC website has been developed to provide clear and accessible information about the WMMP, including its purpose and the reasons why Councils are required to develop and implement such a plan. The new webpage area provides a simplified, centralised location for information and resources relating to the WMMP and its contents. This is intended to support the public in accessing, digesting, and understanding the Plan, including the districts waste minimisation targets and the actions proposed to achieve them. As this is a newly established resource, the webpage area will continue to be reviewed and developed over time. Further information and resources will be added as required to improve the clarity, accessibility, and usefulness of the information provided to the community.

- 6.1.8. **Enviroschools Programme** –The Enviroschools annual report for the 2025/26 financial year is provided under separate cover for Council’s information. Council continues the support of this critical education programme in the 2026/27 financial year.

6.2. Parks & Reserves

- 6.2.1. Staff continue to liaise closely with the maintenance contractor to ensure service levels and contract requirements are being achieved across parks and reserve areas. Grounds maintenance standards have remained positive throughout the reporting period, with reduced seasonal growth assisting overall presentation. Staff will continue to strengthen contractor monitoring and performance oversight through the appointment process for the new Parks & Reserves Officer.

6.2.2. Dixon Park

- (a) The Dixon Park Redevelopment Committee have now commenced work to refurbish the band rotunda. The entire structure has been removed and taken off site for work. Council is contributing funds towards the work through its annual budgets. The committee are providing significant support to enable this work.
- (b) The younger children’s play area roof is programmed to be removed. While the roof will not be renewed, the overall development of the park area will include shade relief for users.
- (c) Overall master planning is now underway with external support, kindly funded by Sport Canterbury. The redevelopment committee and other community groups have already met with the consultant preparing the concepts. Staff are yet to meet with the consultant to outlined Council’s concept requirements. At the conclusion of this work, three concept plans will have been created considering all feedback. These will be presented to Council and will enable a full round of community consultation, before Council determines the final master plan for Dixon Park.

6.2.3. Moana Skate Ramp

- (a) The skate ramp structure has now been inspected and is in good general condition. Staff are now seeking a quote to redeck the skate ramp, before seeking Council direction (given the interest from the Moana community).

6.2.4. Karoro Domain Playground

- (a) Staff are progressing the replacement of a picnic table and seating that were previously located within the playground area and removed due to corrosion-related safety concerns. Installation of the replacement furniture has been delayed due to recent wet weather conditions, as the concrete pads require re-pouring before the new assets can be installed. The replacement items will be installed once site conditions are suitable and the concrete works have been completed.

6.2.5. Ex Cobden Landfill Rehabilitation Project

- (a) Staff continue to actively work with the CASRA community group to enable improvements at the site. At present Council is installing concrete pads for new seating, which are currently being made for the committee.
- (b) Since May, a further 1,500 plants have been planted on site. CASRA funded 500 plants, with Council funding the remaining 1,000.
- (c) To ensure continued availability of plants for the project, Council will purchase a further 1,500 plants.

6.2.6. Keith Road Playground Redevelopment

- (a) Staff continue to actively work with and support the Paroa Playground Redevelopment committee.
- (b) Additional hotmix surfacing was completed on the pump track on Monday 22 June.
- (c) Stage 2 works is rapidly progressing onsite, with seating areas, shelter, fencing and planting being installed.

6.3. Cemeteries

- 6.3.1. Staff continue to work collaboratively with the maintenance contractor to ensure cemetery facilities and grounds are maintained in accordance with agreed specifications. General presentation and maintenance standards have remained good during the reporting period, with routine works being completed as required. Ongoing contractor engagement and monitoring will continue to support consistent service delivery.

6.4. Public Conveniences

- 6.4.1. Staff continue to undertake regular inspections of public convenience facilities to monitor cleaning standards and ensure compliance with contractual requirements. Overall service performance has remained satisfactory during the reporting period, with cleaning standards being maintained and fewer issues requiring follow-up. Continued monitoring will be undertaken to ensure standards are sustained.

7. BUSINESS & CONTRACTS

7.1. Retirement Housing

- 7.1.1. Heat pumps have been replaced at two of the units at the Ngarimu Street complex. These heat pumps were approximately 15 years old.
- 7.1.2. Some of the weatherboards have had some touch up with paint at Blackmore Street complex.
- 7.1.3. Some more concrete work has been completed within courtyard areas at the Ngarimu Street location. Staff have also installed clotheslines in the same areas.
- 7.1.4. Council staff have completed the planting and barking area at the Dobson complex.

7.2. Buildings

- 7.2.1. No further updated in this reporting period.

7.3. Inhouse taskforce

- 7.3.1. General maintenance continues and assisting other Council departments.
- 7.3.2. Staff are continuing to assist with clearing fly tipping, as needed.

7.4. Contractor Performance

- 7.4.1. No further updated in this reporting period.

8. CAPITAL PROGRAMME DELIVERY

- 8.1. A full summary of the 2025/26 capital programme is provided under separate agenda item.
- 8.2. The 2026/27 capital programme will be presented in September after the consideration of carried forward requests which is under a separate agenda item at this meeting.

9. GENERAL

- 9.1. Staff continue to support the annual report, long term plan development and regional partnering opportunities.

- 9.2. Transport & Infrastructure and Water Services team staff have completed the work required to support the asset revaluation. The resulting valuation of transport, aerodrome, water supply, wastewater, and stormwater assets as of 30 June 2026, and is now undergoing peer review. The project remains on track, with completion anticipated by the end of August 2026.
- 9.3. 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 Coast Waters Limited. Coast Waters Limited, is set to commence operations from 1 July 2027.
- 9.4. A full review of all Council's resource consent is currently underway. This review is aimed at fully understanding Council's compliance with each consent condition. The review is expected to take some time as Council hold many resource consents, for all its operations. A report will be provided to Council as soon as this work is completed.

10. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / LIFELINES

- 10.1. There were two significant flooding events in July, as outlined within this report. Both events required significant time by staff, with work still underway to ensure systems are available at their full capacity.

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 2025/26 CAPITAL DELIVERY PROGRAMME SUMMARY**File Number:****Report Author:** Group Manager Operations**Report Authoriser:** Chief Executive**Appendices:** 1. Capital Works Programme 2025 - 26**1. REPORT PURPOSE**

- 1.1. To provide Council with a summary review of the 2025/26 financial year capital programme delivery.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1. This report provides Council with a complete summary of the capital programme for the 2025/26 financial year, including commentary on project yet to be completed.
- 2.2. Summary table is included as appendix 1, including percentage budget spend to date expected completion date, if not already completed.
- 2.3. In total, 73% of the capital programme was either completed or committed by the end of June 2026.

3. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives this report and notes the content.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1. This report represents a summary to Council, covering the 2025/26 financial year. The original programme was first presented to Council at the August 2025 meeting.
- 4.2. The status of each individual project within the capital programme is outlined in appendix 1.
- 4.3. Appendix 1 includes additional columns outlining the expected completion date, if not already completed, and notes if a project will form part of the formal carryforward request to Council. Carryforwards are discussed further within a separate agenda item, within this meeting.
- 4.4. Overall, progress towards achieving the capital programme was steady throughout the financial year, with work increasing as staff resourcing improved.
- 4.5. Numerous projects were either completed or committed by contract as at the end of June 2026.
- 4.6. In total 73% of the programme was completed or committed as at the end of June 2026. Financially, 64% of budget was expended.
- 4.7. Key projects which are still being investigated and developed are outlined below. Collectively, these projects represent a further 11% of the capital programme.
 - 4.7.1. Greater Greymouth Water Treatment Plant Upgrade.
 - 4.7.2. McLeans Pit Refuse & Recycling Centre – Weighbridge and Amenity upgrade.
 - 4.7.3. Greymouth CBD Stormwater Capacity Improvements.

4.8. Discussion on key projects and status of each:

4.8.1. **Greater Greymouth Water Treatment Plant Upgrade**

- (a) The planned treatment upgrade of the Greater Greymouth Water Treatment Plant (Coal Creek) has progressed significantly in the last several months. Council is working closely with an external specialised consultant (Stantec NZ), to enable this move forward.
- (b) An options assessment has been completed, and staff have discussed this with the Council. A preferred treatment option has been determined and request for tender documents are currently being developed.
- (c) The project is split over two financial years (2025/26 and 2026/27), and while behind schedule, tenders are expected to be released before the end of August 2026.
- (d) 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 meets its objectives of meeting the current Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules.

4.8.2. **CBD Capacity Improvements**

- (a) Council's Capital Design Engineer has now reviewed the Greymouth CBD capacity investigation and modelling report; previously presented to Council.
- (b) A scope of works is now being developed, along with a request for tender document. The scope is planned to utilise both the 2025/26 and 2026/27 budgets, within a single contract, resulting in wider progress.

4.8.3. **McLeans Pit Landfill and Recycling Centre Improvements**

- (a) The McLeans Pit Landfill and Recycling Centre Improvements layout is now under detailed design. The work is now progressing well. Once detailed layout design is completed, final discussions with our site operator will be completed, before a request for tender is release.
- (b) This project involves the installation of two new weighbridges, a site office relocation and onsite staff amenity improvements. The two new weighbridges for the project have been procured already and are being held in stock for this project.

4.9. Staff continued to move these projects forward, with the view of achieving the outcomes required of Council. Some projects including those outlined above, do form part of the 2025/26 carryforward request (under separate agenda item). If Council considers this request appropriate, they will be included in the 2026/27 capital programme, and the collective programme will be presented to Council at the September 2026 meeting.

4.10. Regular two monthly updates will continue to Council moving forward.

5. CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1. The first capital programme under the new reporting process, concluded at the end of June 2026.
- 5.2. Progress on the capital programme was good but fell short of achieving the full expectation of the ambitious programme, as outlined at the August 2025 meeting.
- 5.3. Staff changes and resourcing issues certainly hampered progress, noting a significant turnaround during quarter 3 and 4 of the financial year.
- 5.4. 73% of all projects were either completed or committed via contract, as at the end of June 2026.
- 5.5. Further staff resource is currently being recruited to support the 2026/27 capital programme. Mainly to support the Water Services team.

6. NEXT STEPS

- 6.1. Seek consideration of carryforwards from Council and if approved, incorporate into the 2026/27 capital programme.
- 6.2. Present the 2026/27 capital programme to Council at the September 2026 ordinary meeting.
- 6.3. Complete recruitment of additional capital design engineer to better support the delivery of three waters projects.
- 6.4. Ensure that suitable external support is provided, to enable completion of specific projects, such as the Port projects.
- 6.5. Continue to update Council on progress.

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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Grey District Council - Capital Works Programme - 2025/26 Year

Summary Update - End of June 2026

Report: August 2026

 To be completed through maintenance contract


Activity/Portfolio	Project Name	Planning	Design	Tendered	Construction	Complete	Percentage Budget Committed to End of June 2026	Percentage Budget Expended to End of June 2026	Completion/Expected Completion Date	Go/No/Forward Decision
Retirement Housing	Blaketown Complex - Replace Windows						104%	104%	12-Jan-26	
Retirement Housing	Cowper Street Complex - Replace Windows						98%	98%	12-Jan-26	
Retirement Housing	All Complexes - Switchboard Installation						58%	58%	12-Dec-25	
Retirement Housing	Blackmore Street Complex - Reseal Driveway						63%	63%	30-Apr-26	
Retirement Housing	Ngarimu Street Complex - Fence & concrete work						97%	97%	19-Dec-25	
Retirement Housing	Shakespeare Street Complex - Repaint Roof						41%	41%	17-Apr-26	
Retirement Housing	Threadneedle Street Complex - Retile Showers						138%	138%	30-Jun-26	
Retirement Housing	McGowan Street Complex - Replace Front Doors						75%	75%	31-Mar-26	
Roading - NZTA Subsidised	Metalling Kumara - Inchbonnie Road, Waipuna Road						105%	105%	30-Nov-25	
Roading - NZTA Subsidised	Chip Seal Roads Resealing						114%	114%	30-Jun-26	
Roading - NZTA Subsidised	Drainage Renewals						44%	44%	30-Jun-26	Yes
Roading - NZTA Subsidised	Sealed Road Pavement Rehabilitation						108%	108%	30-Jun-26	
Roading - NZTA Subsidised	Structure Component Replacements						38%	38%	30-Jun-26	Yes
Roading - NZTA Subsidised	Traffic Services Renewals						91%	91%	30-Jun-26	Yes
Roading - NZTA Subsidised	Boundary Street AC Renewal						49%	49%	5-Jun-26	Yes
Roading - NZTA Subsidised	Footpath Renewals						100%	100%	15-Apr-26	
Roading - NZTA Subsidised	Bridge Renewals (list being prepared)						0%	0%	31-Dec-26	Yes
Roading - NZTA Subsidised	Drainage Improvements - Arnold Valley Road						28%	28%	31-Mar-27	Yes
Roading	Footpath Renewals						100%	100%	15-Apr-26	
Roading	Arnott Heights Slip Remediation						100%	100%	28-Feb-26	
Stormwater	Greymouth CBD Capacity Improvements						10%	10%	30-Nov-26	Yes
Stormwater	Tasman Street Stormwater Improvements (lower section works)						6%	6%	31-Oct-26	Yes
Stormwater	Murray Street Renewal						51%	51%	30-Jun-26	
Stormwater	Steer Ave Pump Station Pump, Electrics/Controls and Pipework (Renewal)								31-Dec-26	
Stormwater	Shakespeare Street near Marsden Road Renewal								30-Jun-26	
Stormwater	Duncan Street Renewal								31-Mar-26	
Stormwater	Pitt Street Outlet to Raleigh Creek Renewal								15-Apr-26	
Refuse & Recycling	McLean's Pit Redevelopment						37%	37%	31-Mar-27	Yes
Water Supplies	Blackball Water Treatment Plant Treatment Upgrade (Investigation and design only)						0%	0%	30-Jun-27	Yes
Water Supplies	Greater Greymouth Water Treatment Plant ground water monitoring bores						3%	3%	30-Jun-27	Yes
Water Supplies	Greater Greymouth Water Treatment Plant Treatment Upgrade						2%	2%	31-Mar-27	Yes
Water Supplies	Greater Greymouth Water Supply District Metered Areas and implementation of smart meters (test area only)						56%	56%	30-Sept-26	

Activity	Project Name	Planning	Design	Tendered	Construction	Complete	Percentage Budget Committed	Percentage Budget Expended to End June 2026	Expected Completion Date	Potential for cost carryforward
Water Supplies	Rapahoe Trunkmain - Stage 2 Renewals						94%	77%	15-Apr-26	
Water Supplies	Cobden Bridge Connection - Cobden end (renewal)								31-Aug-26	
Water Supplies	Richmond Quay Renewal								31-Dec-25	
Water Supplies	Greater Greymouth Water Treatment Plant Flow Meter Renewal								30-Sept-26	
Water Supplies	Bright Street Watermain Renewal - Stage 2								31-Jul-26	
Water Supplies	Greater Greymouth Water Treatment Plant Generator Renewal	Delayed until 2026/27 to align with treatment upgrade - Replaced with Bright Street project above								
Wastewater	Karoro/South Beach/Paroa Wastewater Redirection to GGWWTP (Investigation and design Only)						0%	0%	30-Jun-27	Yes
Wastewater	Johnston Street and Cobden Wastewater UV Plant Increased Parts/Consumables						44%	44%	31-May-26	
Wastewater	SCADA Improvements						64%	64%	30-Jun-26	
Wastewater	Greater Greymouth Wastewater Treatment Plant - UV treatment plant construction (Preston Road)						100%	54%	28-Feb-27	Yes
Wastewater	Greymouth Sanitary Sewer Stage 5A								30-Jun-26	
Wastewater	Cobden Bridge Pipeline Commissioning								15-Dec-25	
Wastewater	Johnston Street WW Junction Chamber								31-Mar-26	
Wastewater	Smith Street/Mount Street Renewal						100%	36%	30-Apr-26	
Wastewater	General Pump and Electrics/Control Renewals								30-Jun-26	
Wastewater	Runanga Renewals								15-Apr-26	
Buildings	Council Chambers - Tainui Street door security system and heat pump replacement						42%	42%	30-Jun-26	
Buildings	Council Property - General Renewals - (list being prepared)						93%	56%	30-Jun-26	Yes
Buildings	New Greymouth Library Project						83%	83%	12-Jun-26	Yes
Parks & Reserves	Reserves General - General Playground equipment renewals and associated items						6%	6%	30-Jun-27	
Parks & Reserves	Walking Tracks - Surface and walk bridge renewals						28%	28%	30-Jun-27	
Plant	Vehicles						0%	0%	31-Dec-26	

Additional Projects - Not included in adopted Long Term Plan

Activity	Project Name	Planning	Design	Tendered	Construction	Complete	Percentage Budget Committed	Percentage Budget Expended to End June 2026	Expected Completion Date	Potential for cost carryforward
Port	Blaketown Berth Upgrade - RIF Funded (multi year)							Included in 2026/27 capital program.		
Port	Port Sounding Equipment - RIF Funded						91%	56%	31-Oct-26	Yes
Solid Waste	C&D Site - McLeans Pit Road - Pending External Funding							Included in 2026/27 capital program.		
Overall Percentage							73%	64%		

5.11 CARRY FORWARD REQUESTS FROM 2025 / 2026 TO 2026 / 2027

File Number:

Report Author: GM Corporate Services

Report Authoriser: Chief Executive

Appendices: 1. 2025-26 Carryforwards

1. REPORT PURPOSE

- 1.1. Council to consider approval of requested 2025/26 carry forwards, to the 2026/27 financial year.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1. It is normal practice for Councils to carry forward projects/expenses not completed by the end of the financial year, that had been budgeted for.
- 2.2. This report outlines the carry forwards requesting approval for the 2025/26 financial year but not completed as at 30 June 2026.
- 2.3. This carryforward request covers all departments of Council.

3. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives this report and approves the requested carry forwards and the associated funding to the 2026/27 financial year.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1. Council set a works programme through its 2025/26 Long Term Plan.
- 4.2. Some projects within the 2025/26 financial year were not completed within the funding year and therefore a request to Council is being made to move funding forward to the new financial year.
- 4.3. All budgets outlined within the requested carry forward list (appendix 1), were included within the 2025/26 Long Term Plan and funded accordingly by rates, grants or loans.
- 4.4. In assessing whether a budget should form part of the requested carry forward list, a set of five principles were considered.

Those principles were:

1. Has Council already made contractual or other commitment or;
2. Was the work started before the end of June 2026 and remains unfinished at the end of June 2026 or;
3. Is the work part of a planned programme of work that if not completed would cause a significant disruption to the ongoing planned work programme or;
4. Will the level of service decline through the work not being completed in the following year or;
5. Is confirmed third party funding still available for the work.

- 4.4.1. If the project met one of the identified principles, it was eligible to be included in the requested carry forward list.
- 4.5. From time to time, some projects approved for completion within a specific financial year cannot be completed, leaving Council with the option of either removing such a project or to carry such project over to the next financial year, together with the funding.
- 4.6. It is important to note that budgeted projects are funded in the year they planned to be completed. The non-completion of budgeted projects funded through rates means the unspent funds are absorbed into the accumulated shortfall/surplus for that year. Carrying the projects over together with the funding ensures that the funding is applied, as it was originally intended.
- 4.7. It is noted that in carrying forward projects, additional work pressure is placed on the capital delivery programme and resources will need to be reallocated to ensure all work is completed.

5. SUMMARY OF REQUESTED CARRYFORWARDS

- 5.1. A summary of requested carry forwards is outlined below. Full detail is outlined in appendix 1.

Activity	Carry Forward Request
Civil Defence	\$ 28,000.00
Council Property	\$206,768.00
Customer Service	\$ 30,000.00
Economic Development	\$ 80,000.00
Information Technology	\$245,000.00
Library	\$1,456,515.45
Mayors Task Force for Jobs	\$ 46,278.38
Port	\$120,978.00
Refuse	\$369,159.00
Roading	\$2,415,971.05
Sewer	\$3,460,826.00
Stormwater	\$815,203.00
Water Supply	\$3,555,415.00
Westland Recreation Centre	\$79,408.00
Total	\$12,909,521.88

6. OPTIONS

6.1. There are two options available.

6.1.1. Option One: Approve the list of requested carry forwards, as outlined within appendix 1 (preferred option).

6.1.2. This option ensures that service levels are maintained, and any commitments are honoured.

(a) This is the preferred option and reflects the Officer Recommendation.

6.1.3. Option Two: Decline to accept the list of carry forwards, outlined within appendix 1 and proposed changes.

(a) This option allows the Council to make changes to the requested list at the meeting, if desired.

7. CONSIDERATIONS

4.2 Legal and Legislative Implications

4.2.1 There are no legal or policy implications to receiving this report.

4.3 Financial

4.3.1 There are no further financial implications for receiving this report and approving the carryovers as the budgeted work in Appendix 1 was already budgeted for as part of the 2025/26 Annual Plan.

4.4 Significance and Engagement

4.4.1 This matter is considered to be of low significance in accordance with the Significance and Engagement Policy.

8. SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

- 8.1.1. Deemed to have been achieved through Council's approved 2025/26 Annual Plan process.

Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
Is there a high level of public interest, or is decision likely to be controversial?	Low-medium	The quantum of carry-overs is not insignificant.
Is there a significant impact arising from duration of the effects from the decision?	Medium	
Does the decision relate to a strategic asset? (refer Significance and Engagement Policy for list of strategic assets)	Yes	Various important services.
Does the decision create a substantial change in the level of service provided by Council?	Yes	Some projects are critical for service delivery and improvements.
Does the proposal, activity or decision substantially affect debt, rates or Council finances in any one year or more of the LTP?	Yes	Will increase debt where projects where loan funding was previously agreed.
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 delivery 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

9. CONCLUSIONS

- 9.1. Requested carry forwards will enable key projects to be completed and/or for Council to meet and honour commitments.

10. NEXT STEPS

- 10.1. If the request is approved, it will ensure that the carry forwards are integrated into the overall Capital Delivery Programme for the 2026/27 financial year.
- 10.2. Ensure that funding relating to the carry forwards are brought forward into Council budgeting systems.

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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Activity	Project	Remaining funds	Funding	General Notes
Council Property	Lord Street Demolition	\$ 95,004.00	Rates	Required to complete demolition works.
Council Property	Left Bank Art Gallery	\$ 23,319.00	Rates	Required to support repairs to building after power surge. Repairs currently underway.
Council Property	Miscellaneous - Replacement/Renewal	\$ 43,445.00	Rates	This is committed for the clock tower.
Council Property	Well Woman's Centre	\$ 45,000.00	Rates	Alteration of parapit, to ensure weather tightness.
Refuse	Land Purchase - McLeans Pit	\$ 50,000.00	Rates	Strategic purchase of adjacent land.
Refuse	Weighbridge Renewal	\$ 169,159.00	Loan	Installation of new weighbridges. Already purchased. Designing underway.
Refuse	McLeans Pit Landfill	\$ 150,000.00	Rates	Site amenity upgrade. Part of overall sites improvements.
Roading	Atarau Road Emergency Works October 2025	\$ 498,253.05	Loan	On hold pending additional funding. Work is still required to secure Atarau Road.
Roading	NZTA Subsidised	\$ 1,917,718.00	NZTA/Rates	64% NZTA and 36% local share via rates.
Sewer	Greymouth Scheme (Stage 1 & 2)	\$ 1,462,604.00	Loan	Committed to GGWWTP UV Upgrade project
Sewer	Runanga WWTP Treatment Upgrade	\$ 375,481.00	Loan	Required for installation of screening equipment. Screens are funded in 26/27 year.
Sewer	Karoro / South Beach / Paroa Wastewater redirection to GGWWTP	\$ 443,252.00	Loan	Required to support design of works in 26/27. Design underway at present.
Sewer	Moana WWTP Treatment Upgrade	\$ 50,004.00	Loan	Early design work to support treatment upgrades needs.
Sewer	Greymouth - Miscellaneous - Replacement/Renewal	\$ 990,000.00	Loan	Committed to GGWWTP UV Upgrade project - transfer to W529.750.401
Sewer	Sewer Greymouth UV Plant Maintenance	\$ 139,485.00	Rates	Consumable replacement for Stage 1 UV treatment plants - critical until new Preston Road facility is built and commissioned.
Stormwater	Greymouth Urban Stormwater Upgrades	\$ 518,132.00	Loan	First stage of Greymouth CBD improvements. Bring forward to combine with 2026/27 budget.
Stormwater	Stormwater Upgrade - Surface Flooding Shakespeare Street -	\$ 249,927.00	Loan	Required to support 2026/27 budget, so collective budgets can be invested into improvements.
Stormwater	Stormwater Upgrade - Tasman Street	\$ 47,144.00	Loan	Designed and working through approvals, before pricing and construction.

Water Supply	Greymouth Filtration Upgrade	\$ 3,126,157.00	Loan	Options assessment completed and nearing RFT release.
Water Supply	Blackball Filtration Plant	\$ 55,000.00	Loan	Investigation and design of Water Treatment Filtration upgrade. Required to meet increased regulations.
Water Supply	Puketahi Street Reservoirs	\$ 374,258.00	Loan	Required for design, land procurement and consenting.
Port	Port Sounding Equipment	\$ 120,978.00	External	Committed. Vessel arriving start of September.
Library	New Grey District Library	\$ 1,456,515.45	Loan	Project significantly completed and washup being undertaken.
Information Technology	IT Capital Expenditure	\$ 35,000.00	Rates	Work station and Phone purchases for new staff included in the plan but not recruited
Information Technology	New Capital Expenditure	\$ 200,000.00	Rates	Backup/Disaster Solution Replacement in progress budgeted across years and ERP replacement assessment started in 2025/2026
Information Technology	IT Consultants	\$ 10,000.00	Rates	Vulnerability assessment of IT systems and Sanford Compliance module procurement started in 2025/2026
Mayors Task Force for Jobs	Mayors Task Force for Jobs	\$ 46,278.38	Grant	Unspent Grant Money from 2025/2026 no Council Contribution
Civil Defence	Emergency Generator Installation Westland Recreation Centre	\$ 28,000.00	Rates	Wiring at Westland Recreation centre for installation of a new Generator approved in 2026/2027 Budget. This rewiring has been delayed to avoid multiple shutdowns at the facility.
Customer Service	Customer Service Security upgrades	\$ 30,000.00	Rates	Install CCTV started 2025/26
Westland Recreation Centre	Gantry Installation	\$ 22,000.00	Rates	Health and Safety Gantry WRC Roof
Westland Recreation Centre	Door Security Relocation	\$ 30,000.00	Rates	Door Security Relocation Started in 2025/2026
Westland Recreation Centre	Stadium Curtain	\$ 27,408.00	Rates	Stadium Curtain Repair
Economic Development	District Signage and Project Funding	\$ 80,000.00	Rates	District Signage and Economic Development Project Expenses
		\$ 12,909,521.88		

5.12 GREY DISTRICT COMMUNITY WASTE DISPOSAL FUND 2026-2027 FINANCIAL YEAR**File Number:****Report Author:** Solid Waste Officer**Report Authoriser:** Assets and Infrastructure Manager**Appendices:** 1. Appendix A – Assessment Criteria & Marking Sheet**1. REPORT PURPOSE**

- 1.1. For Council to consider the 2026-2027 Community Waste Disposal Funding applications and approve the allocation of funding.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1. Council has allocated \$10,000 for the Community Waste Disposal Fund for landfill fees for sporting, community, and welfare organisations. Based on current disposal charges, this funding is sufficient to cover approximately 17.95 tonnes of solid waste.
- 2.2. Applications for funding were received from 9 organisations, for a total of 55 tonnes. As applications exceeded the available budget, the allocation of the funded 17.95 tonnes has been prioritised and is recommended to be distributed as outlined in Section 3.2 below.

3. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Receives the report Community Waste Disposal Funding Grant 2026-2027 Financial Year.
2. Approves and distributes the below funds:

Organisation	Tonnes applied for	Recommended allocation (Tn)	Recommended Funding Allocation (\$)
Cobden-Runanga Anglican Church – Sharing Shed	6.00	2.93	1,632.01
The Salvation Army Family Store	25.00	10.28	5,725.96
Uniting Church Op Shop	3.00	1.77	985.89
Saint Vincent De Paul Society	3.50	1.97	1,097.29
Kaiata Community Centre Incorporated	1.00	1.00	557.00
TOTAL	38.50	17.95	9,998.15

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1. Council approved an amount of \$10,000 as a support fund for landfill fees for sporting, community, and welfare organisations that meet the funds criteria. The \$10,000 budget equates to a mass of solid waste of approximately 17.95 tonnes able to be allocated within budget.
- 4.2. The Community Waste Disposal Funding was advertised on Council's website and Facebook page. Application forms and the funds criteria document were also sent to organisations who had applied in previous years.
- 4.3. Funding applications were received from 9 organisations representing a total of 55 tonnes.
- 4.4. Applications were collated and assessed using a scoring assessment tool. Each organisations' application was evaluated against the objectives in the West Coast Regional Waste Management Plan (WMMP). Following the assessment against the eligibility criteria, 5 organisations were

identified as meeting the requirements, representing a total of 38.50 tonnes as detailed in **Appendix A**.

- 4.5. The funding application process has been amended to include new eligibility criteria requiring applicants to provide detailed information regarding the proposed activity or initiative. Applicants are required to outline the key objectives of the initiative, identify the relevant WMMP objectives to which the initiative aligns and explain how the alignment will be achieved. Applicants must also demonstrate how the proposed initiative reflects the principles of the waste hierarchy, identify the problem or issue being addressed, provide evidence of community need, identify the communities or groups that will benefit, and outline the expected outcomes. In addition, applicants are required to provide a breakdown of the volumes and categories of waste currently handled by their organisation, including the quantities recycled, recovered, or disposed of to landfill. The purpose of these additional requirements is to encourage applicants to consider available alternatives to landfill disposal and identify opportunities to reduce the volume of waste generated and disposed of to landfill.
- 4.6. **Appendix A** outlines the assessment criteria used to evaluate funding applications. Applications were assessed against the 7 objectives of the West Coast Regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan with scores assigned based on the extent to which the proposed activities aligned and contributed to achieving these objectives. A maximum score of 35 points was available, with a minimum score of 15 points being required for an application to be eligible for funding consideration.
- 4.7. Following the initial assessment, the applications and scoring were peer reviewed internally to confirm that the eligibility criteria and scoring methodology had been applied consistently across all applications. The peer review also provided an additional level of assurance that the recommended funding allocations were fair and transparent.
- 4.8. It is intended to provide all who receive funding with a 'voucher' which must then be presented to the landfill. Their waste will be weighed in the normal manner and the cost, together with the voucher will then be sent through to Council's Business & Contracts team who will apply the allocation made. Any shortfalls will then be recovered from the applicant, and any balance will be retained for their credit. Any money unspent will not be transferable to the next financial year.
- 4.9. Council has received fewer applications for the Community Waste Disposal Fund this year, which is likely to be a result of the recent review of the funds eligibility criteria. The revised criteria have strengthened the alignment of the fund with the objectives of the WMMP, ensuring that funding is directed towards initiatives that support Council's waste minimisation objectives.

5. OPTIONS

- 5.1. **Option 1 (Preferred Option)** – Council would provide organisations that meet the requirements a guarantee that applicants would receive up to one tonne of funding. For requests that exceed one tonne, the additional amount will be prorated based on the remaining available funds and the total excess tonnage requests. This ensures that all applicants receive some level of support, with larger requests receiving a proportional share of the remaining budget. The allocation for this option is shown in the table below:

Organisation	Tonnes applied for	Recommended allocation (Tn)	Recommended Funding Allocation (\$)
Cobden-Runanga Anglican Church – Sharing Shed	6.00	2.93	1,632.01
The Salvation Army Family Store	25.00	10.28	5,725.96
Uniting Church Op Shop	3.00	1.77	985.89
Saint Vincent De Paul Society	3.50	1.97	1,097.29
Kaiata Community Centre Incorporated	1.00	1.00	557.00

TOTAL	38.50	17.95	9,998.15
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Advantages

- Ensures all applicants that meet the funds eligibility criteria receive a portion of the available fund.
- Ensures all applicants receive a minimum level of support, providing a safety net for smaller organisations.
- Balance the need to support all applicants with the limited budget available, giving larger requests a proportional share.

Disadvantages

- May still not fully address the needs of different organisations potentially those with larger waste volumes.
- Organisations with waste volumes significantly above one tonne may find the funding allocation inadequate.

- 5.2. **Option 2** – Council would provide all organisations that applied a guarantee that applicants would receive up to one tonne of funding. For requests that exceed one tonne, the additional amount will be prorated based on the remaining available funds and the total excess tonnage requests. This ensures that all applicants receive some level of support, with larger requests receiving a proportional share of the remaining budget. The allocation for this option is shown in the table below:

Organisation	Tonnes applied for	Recommended allocation (Tn)	Recommended Funding Allocation (\$)
Cobden-Runanga Anglican Church – Sharing Shed	6.00	1.97	1,097.29
The Salvation Army Family Store	25.00	5.67	3,158.19
Presbyterian Support Upper South Island	1.00	1.00	557.00
Cobden Sports Complex	2.50	1.29	718.53
Nelson Creek Community Society Incorporated	10.00	2.75	1,531.75
Uniting Church Op Shop	3.00	1.39	774.23
Saint Vincent De Paul Society	3.50	1.49	829.93
Kaiata Community Centre Incorporated	1.00	1.00	557.00
Greymouth Community Corrections	3.00	1.39	774.23
TOTAL	55.00	17.95	9,998.15

Advantages

- Ensures all applicants receive a portion of the available fund.
- Ensures all applicants receive a minimum level of support, providing a safety net for smaller organisations.
- Provides a clear straightforward method of allocating the funds based on a proportion system.
- Simplifies the process, making it quicker and easier to distribute the funds.

Disadvantages

- Not all applicants meet the funds eligibility criteria. Providing funding to applicants who do not meet the established eligibility criteria may create perceptions of inconsistency or inequity among applicants who have met the criteria and may discourage organisations from aligning future applications with the fund's requirements.

- May still not fully address the needs of different organisations potentially those with larger waste volumes.
- Organisations with waste volumes significantly above one tonne may find the funding allocation inadequate.
- May encourage applicants in the future to not over inflate the level of support they request.

5.3. Legal and Legislative Implications

- 5.3.1. No implications.

5.4. Financial

- 5.4.1. An amount of \$10,000 is included within the 2026/27 financial year. Any amount over this, if considered, would need to be funded by way of an over expenditure.

5.5. Existing Policy and Strategy Implications

- 5.5.1. Nil.

5.6. Fit with Purpose of Local Government Statement

- 5.6.1. Funding this meets the purpose of Local Government and there are no known issues outside of the purpose.

5.7. Effects on Mana whenua

- 5.7.1. N/A

5.8. Significance and Engagement

- 5.8.1. This matter and decision is considered as Low Significance from the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy and therefore there is no need for Council to engage with the wider community regarding this decision.

Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
Is there a high level of public interest, or is decision likely to be controversial?	Low	Limited to the organisations that have requested funding support.
Is there a significant impact arising from duration of the effects from the decision?	No	Material to be taken to the consented landfill.
Does the decision relate to a strategic asset? (refer Significance and Engagement Policy for list of strategic assets)	No	Solid Waste is a strategic asset as per Schedule 3 of the LTP.
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	\$10,000.00 allowed for in the Enhanced Annual Plan.
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 delivery 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

5.9. Community Wellbeings and Outcomes

- 5.9.1. This funding assists organisations, many of which limited financial resources and are often required to dispose of unwanted items donated by the community.

5.10. Other

- 5.10.1. N/A

6. CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1. Option 1 is recommended as it provides a more equitable and tailored approach to the distribution of the fund. This option enables Council to ensure that smaller organisations receive appropriate support while larger funding requests are considered and distributed proportionately. It also reinforces the expectation that organisations align their applications and proposed activities with the funds eligibility criteria and the objectives of the WMMP, supporting a consistent and transparent approach to funding decisions.

7. NEXT STEPS

- 7.1. Applicants are to be advised of the outcome in writing and provided a voucher for the allocation amount.

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.

Appendix A – Assessment Criteria & Marking Sheet

West Coast Regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Objectives Assessment Criteria

Reduced Waste Generation	Landfill Diversion	Resource Recovery	Reduced Waste Related Emissions	Behaviour Change	Improved Community Outcomes	Circular Economy Adoption
1: There is no reduction in waste generation.	1: The applicant is not diverting anything from landfill.	1:There is no resource recovery.	1: There is no reduction in waste related emissions.	1:The applicant is not putting in efforts to address behaviour change.	1: There is no improvement to community outcomes.	1: There is no adoption of circular economy practises.
2: There is little reduction in waste generation.	2:The applicant is diverting minimal volumes from landfill.	2:There is little resource recovery.	2:There is little reduction in waste related emissions.	2: The applicant is putting in some effort to address behaviour change.	2: There is some improvement to community outcomes.	2: There is little adoption of circular economy practices.
3: There is good reduction in waste generation.	3:The applicant is diverting good volumes from landfill.	3:There is good resource recovery.	3: There is a good reduction in waste related emissions.	3: The applicant is putting in good effort to address behaviour change.	3: There is good improvement to community outcomes.	3: There is good adoption of circular economy practices.
4: There is strong reduction in waste generation.	4: The applicant is diverting large volumes from landfill.	4:There is strong resource recovery.	4: There is a strong reduction in waste related emissions.	4:The applicant is putting in great effort to address behaviour change.	4: There is great improvement to community outcomes.	4: There is great adoption of circular economy practices.
5: There is significant reduction in waste generation.	5: The applicant is diverting significant volumes from landfill.	5:There is significant resource recovery.	5: There is a significant reduction in waste related emissions.	5:The applicant is putting in exceptional effort to address behaviour change.	5: There is exceptional improvement to community outcomes.	5: There is significant adoption of circular economy practices.

Appendix A – Assessment Criteria & Marking Sheet

Community Waste Disposal Fund Assessor Marking Spreadsheet

Application number	Applicant name	Activity/Initiative	Total score out of 35 (minimum score of 15 required)	Amount requested	Assessor comments	
1	Cobden-Runanga Anglican Parish - Sharing Shed Opp Shop	Secondhand opportunity shop	25	\$3,500.00		
2	The Salvation Army Family Store	Secondhand opportunity shop	25	\$11,000.00		
3	Presbyterian Support Upper South Island	Community Support	13	\$557.00	No waste minimisation activity or initiative.	
4	Cobden Sports Complex	Community Support	12	\$1,392.50	No waste minimisation activity or initiative.	
5	Nelson Creek Community Society Inc	Community Support	12	\$5,570.00	No waste minimisation activity or initiative.	
6	Uniting Church Op Shop	Secondhand opportunity shop	25	\$1,671.00		
7	Saint Vincent De Paul Society	Secondhand opportunity shop	25	\$1,949.50		
8	Kaiata Community Centre Inc	Annual Community Garage Sale & Aluminium Can Drive	18	\$557.00		
9	Greymouth Community Corrections	Community Support	14	\$1,671.00	No waste minimisation activity or initiative.	
					Total Applied	\$27,868.00
					Total available	\$10,000.00
					Difference	\$17,868.00

5.13 SUMMARY OF WORKSHOPS #2, #4, #5 AND #6 - 2027-2037 LONG TERM PLAN**File Number:****Report Author:** Corporate and Strategic Planning Manager**Report Authoriser:** GM Corporate Services**Appendices:** Nil**1. REPORT PURPOSE**

- 1.1. To summarise the discussion which took place at workshops 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 receives and notes 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 following workshops have been held:

Date	Topics discussed
#2 – 4 June 2026	Current levels of service, including statutory responsibilities
#4 – 2 July 2026	Levels of service provision in the future – part one
#5 – 16 July 2026	Levels of service provision in the future – part two
#6 – 30 July 2026	Levels of service provision in the future – part three

- 3.4. It was noted that the next LTP is being developed against a background of significant Government reform, including:
 - Removal of three waters from 1 July 2027 to the new multi council CCO (Coast Waters Limited)
 - Impending rates capping legislation expected to be enacted later this year
 - Simplifying local government and potential regional effects
 - Focus on core services
- 3.5. A summary of the major topics discussed at the workshops follows.

Council's statutory responsibilities

As well as the duties bestowed upon Council under the Local Government Act 2002, Council is legislated under many other acts and regulations to undertake certain duties and provide specified levels of service.

3.6. These include:

Activity	Legislated By	Commentary
Elected members	Local Government Act 2002, Remuneration Authority	Remuneration for elected members is set by the Remuneration Authority
Cemeteries	Burial and Cremation Act 1964 and Health Act 1956	To provide and maintain cemeteries
Planning	Resource Management Act 1991 and District Plan/TTPP	Includes meeting statutory timeframes for processing consents
Building	Building Act 2004, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Includes meeting statutory timeframes for processing consents and provision of LIMs
Animal control	Dog Control Act 1996	Includes maintenance of dog register and impounding and seizure of dogs
Environmental health	Health Act 1956, Food Act 2014, Gambling Act 2003 and Racing Industry Act 2020	Includes food business registration and managing environmental health nuisances
Liquor licensing	Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012	Includes establishing District Licensing Committee (DLA), administering liquor licence applications and reporting to the national body
Regulatory enforcement	Local Government Act 2002 plus other various acts and regulations including Resource Management Act 1991, Freedom Camping Act 2011 and Litter Act 1979	Includes bylaw development, compliance and enforcement
Land transport	Local Government Act 2002, Land Transport Management Act 2003	Core service – includes maintaining district roads and associated network (including footpaths)
Parking	Land Transport Act 1998	Enforcing parking limits as per bylaw
Civil defence/emergency management	Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002	Core service - includes staff trained to operate Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) and lifelines
Refuse and recycling – collection and disposal	Local Government Act 2002, Waste Minimisation Act 2008, Health Act 1956, West Coast Regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan	Core service - residential and commercial collection, disposal facilities, environmental monitoring

- 3.7. This demonstrates that there are many functions and activities undertaken by Council which are mandated by Central Government under various statutes and regulations, including the level to which these functions are carried out, i.e. statutory timeframes to be met, policies to be developed etc.

Levels of service

- 3.8. The current levels of service for Council activities were presented to Councillors, along with an evaluation of how the activity/service compares with the incoming legislation requiring councils to focus on core services. This change is part of the Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill, which has undergone its second reading in Parliament and is expected to be enacted later this year.
- 3.9. Under the Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill, the purpose of local government, including the focus on core services, will be as follows:

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.*
- 3.10. When developing the 2027-2037 LTP, Council will be considering what are core services and the purpose of local government in all decisions. That is not to say that councils cannot undertake activities that are not core services but they should not be prioritised over the provision and financing of core services.
- 3.11. Note: that if an activity is identified as a core service it does not mean council is required to provide the service just that it needs to consider the service.
- 3.12. It is noted that the three waters services (water supply, wastewater and stormwater) will transfer to the multi council CCO, Coast Waters Limited, from 1 July 2027 and therefore will not be part of the 2027-2037 LTP.
- 3.13. A summary of Council's current levels of services is below:

Activity	Type	Commentary
Council property – operational	Some mandatory – i.e. Council offices Some discretionary – i.e. buildings no longer used for	Buildings used to provide Council services, i.e. Council offices, Port office

Activity	Type	Commentary
	Council administration or services	
Council property – commercial	Discretionary	Licences to occupy, leases, land leased by Council
Library	Core service	Greymouth Library, open every weekday, one late night and Saturday morning
Swimming pools	Core service (community and recreation facility)	Westland Recreation Centre – three pools, two hydrosides, spa, sauna and playground Open seven days a week
Indoor sports stadium	Core service (community and recreation facility)	Westland Recreation Centre – two court stadium Open seven days a week
Fitness centre	Discretionary	Westland Recreation Centre – gym and group fitness classes Open seven days a week
Museum	Core service	No current museum service to the public Resources available through Pioneer Library
Cemeteries	Mandatory	11 maintained cemeteries 3 non-maintained cemeteries Interment services, burial plots and monument permits Cemetery records
Building	Mandatory	Issue building consents/PIM/LIM and undertake inspections Maintain Building Accreditation Status
Planning	Mandatory	Issue and monitor resource consents, planning advice
Retirement housing	Discretionary	118 retirement housing units: Blaketown – 25 Greymouth – 74 Runanga – 10 Dobson – 9
Parks, reserves and public spaces	Some core service Some discretionary (i.e. Council fountain)	30+ parks, reserves, sportgrounds and playgrounds West Coast Cycle Trail (Grey District portion) Statues and monuments Other open spaces
Public toilets	Core service (community and recreation facility)	14 public toilets
In-house task force	Supports other core services of Council	Assists with parks, reserves and public spaces as well as Council buildings

Activity	Type	Commentary
Refuse and recycling collection	Core service	Weekly collection – residential (refuse and recycling are collected on alternate weeks, i.e refuse and recycling bins are collected fortnightly) Twice weekly collection – CBD, including cardboard (i.e refuse and recycling bins are collected each week)
Refuse and recycling disposal	Core service	Landfill, recycling centres and resource centres Litter bins
Aerodrome	Core service (network infrastructure, other)	Greymouth aerodrome Lifeline
Port	Core service (network infrastructure, other)	Port of Greymouth, including dredge Lifeline
Economic development	Mandatory to some degree Some discretionary	Provide good quality infrastructure and services Projects and activities funded by economic development rate Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
Events facilitation	Discretionary – contributes to local economic development to some degree	Provide community events Support/facilitate larger events in the district
Arts, heritage and culture	Some core Some discretionary	Support arts, heritage and culture organisations, mostly through grants and funding
Animal control	Mandatory	Dog registration Respond to complaints, including seizure and impounding 3 x dog parks Dog pound

- 3.14. The above is not an exhaustive list. More detail on current levels of service is available in the 2025-2034 LTP (on Council's website).
- 3.15. This exercise demonstrated that there are very few discretionary activities and services undertaken by Council which fall outside of the core services definition in the Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Act or our regulatory/statutory obligations.

Future levels of service

- 3.16. As part of the development of the 2027-2037 LTP, Council needs to consider if any changes to current levels of services should be proposed.
- 3.17. At this point, no significant changes to current levels of changes are proposed. However, it is important to note the following:

3.17.1. Council identified some areas where further investigation or service delivery reviews are needed. These reviews will be carried out over the duration of the 2027-2037 LTP to provide data for informed decisions, likely over the first three years. These reviews include:

- Review of the Parking Strategy.
- Service delivery reviews of the retirement housing, Westland Recreation Centre, parks and reserves and cemeteries activities to ensure they are being operated in the most effective and efficient manner.
- Update of the Community Economic Development Strategy.
- Development of a master plan for the Port of Greymouth and Greymouth Aerodrome.

3.17.2. Detailed financial modelling needs to be undertaken on a proposed operating model within the constraints set by Council (i.e. limits on rates and debt). When this occurs (to be completed later this year), it will help to identify if any changes to levels of service may be required.

3.17.3. It is also noted that Council is potentially about to enter a rates capping era, which is likely to constrain the activities and services provided by Council, which could introduce changes to how some services and activities are funded.

3.18. It is important to note that no decisions are being made at this point of the LTP development. Council will be consulting on any proposed changes to levels of service when the draft 2027-2037 LTP is available for public submissions around March 2027.

Next steps

3.19. Staff are continuing to work on the draft activity management plans, Infrastructure Strategy and Financial Strategy.

3.20. The workshop schedule was updated to include more frequent, shorter workshops to maintain momentum and Councillor engagement.

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:

- (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.

5.14 ADOPTION OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND COMMUNITY OUTCOMES FOR 2027-2037 LONG TERM PLAN (LTP WORKSHOP #3)**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 adopt the strategic priorities of Council and updated community outcomes for inclusion in the 2027-2037 Long Term Plan.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1. Council has developed a set of strategic priorities for the 2027-2037 Long Term Plan to focus Council's direction and future decision-making. They are:
 - 2.1.1. Focus on core services and infrastructure, now and into the future.
 - 2.1.2. Provide places and spaces which contribute to the wellbeing of our community.
 - 2.1.3. Spend money carefully and responsibly.
 - 2.1.4. Meet our statutory and regulatory obligations.
- 2.2. The current community outcomes (required under the Local Government Act 2002) have been updated to reflect feedback received from the community (refer Attachment One).
- 2.3. Council is asked to formally adopt the strategic priorities and community outcomes.

3. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Confirm its strategic priorities for the 2027-2037 Long Term Plan are as follows:
 - (a) Focus on core services and infrastructure, now and into the future.
 - (b) Provide places and spaces which contribute to the wellbeing of our community.
 - (c) Spend money carefully and responsibly.
 - (d) Meet our statutory and regulatory obligations.
2. Confirm the community outcomes contained in Attachment One for the 2027-2037 Long Term Plan, noting they have been updated in line with feedback from the community.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1. Local authorities are required to describe community outcomes in their long term plan and how each of their activities contribute towards accomplishing these. Community outcomes are the outcomes that a council "aims to achieve in order to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of its district or region in the present and for the future" (clauses 5 and 93, Local Government Act 2002).

- 4.2. Local authorities must also give effect to its “identified priorities and the desired outcomes in an efficient and effective manner” (clause 14, Local Government Act 2002).
- 4.3. Despite the statement above, strategic priorities are not a statutory deliverable, however they are a very important guide to help staff and Councillors focus their discussions, guide work programmes and prioritise activities and services to be delivered to the community.
- 4.4. Grey District Council have a vision and community outcomes which were developed in 2020. Following significant public engagement at the time, the resulting vision is for a **Thriving, Connected and Resilient Grey District**. This vision is still considered relevant today and it is not planned to amend this.

Council’s strategic priorities

- 4.5. Workshop #3 for the LTP, held with Councillors on 19 June 2026, focussed on the development of their strategic direction and priorities for the 2027-2037 Long Term Plan (LTP).
- 4.6. During the workshop, Councillors were asked to write down their priorities for the next ten years, which were then grouped by theme.
- 4.7. It was important to Councillors that the final strategic priorities are simple, practical and meaningful. Following discussion, the final strategic priorities for the 2027-2037 LTP are confirmed as:

Priority	Rationale
Focus on core services and infrastructure, now and into the future.	Feedback from the community has been clear that they want Council to focus on providing core services and infrastructure. Council also want to make sure our infrastructure is looked after and resilient, for today and tomorrow.
Provide places and spaces which contribute to the wellbeing of our community.	Council wants the community and recreation facilities that it provides to the community, e.g. pool, library, parks and reserves etc, to be spaces that have a positive impact on our community and that our community feel welcomed to and want to participate in.
Spend money carefully and responsibly.	Affordability, maximising income opportunities and looking for efficiencies are all factors that Council will be focussing on over the life of the LTP. How services and activities are funded needs to be fair, reasonable and sustainable. In this context, fair means that the appropriate funding mechanisms are used to pay for the delivery of Council services and activities – in some instances this might be debt funding to spread the cost over the expected lifespan of the item/infrastructure and in others it will be recovering the cost of the service as it is being delivered (through rates or fees and charges). Council also needs to bring in enough money to cover its expenses as well as putting aside sufficient money for costs in the future, including the unexpected.

Priority	Rationale
Meet our statutory and regulatory obligations.	Council wants to comply with all applicable obligations and responsibilities set under statute or legislation. This includes meeting statutory timeframes and deadlines, having up-to-date and relevant bylaws and policies and maintaining good relationships with our partners and neighbours.

- 4.8. These priorities now give Councillors and staff a good decision-making framework against which to prioritise the most important matters and provide consistency in decisions made, as well as directing long term, strategic thinking.

Community outcomes

- 4.9. The vision is supported by community outcomes which, for the 2021-2031 and 2025-2034 Long Term Plan (LTP), were based on the four wellbeings: social, economic, environmental and cultural. They were developed following extensive public consultation in 2020 and are available as Attachment Two.
- 4.10. For the 2027-2037 LTP, the community outcomes have been reviewed and updated. Two main updates have been made:
- 4.10.1. Updating in line with the Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill which removes the four wellbeings (social, economic, environmental and cultural) from clause 10 - the purpose of local government. This bill is due to be enacted shortly; and
 - 4.10.2. Incorporating feedback from the community from previous engagements (including the 2025-2034 Long Term Plan consultation, 2025 Resident Satisfaction Survey and 2027-2037 Long Term Plan pre-engagement) into the community outcomes and updating them to reflect what is important to both Council and the community.
- 4.11. Public consultation on the updated community outcomes is not considered necessary as councils must have regard for the views of its community (required under the Local Government Act 2002) and these views have already been incorporated into the updated outcomes. It is respectfully recommended that consultation should be focussed on the proposed projects and levels of service which will be contained within the Draft 2027-2037 Long Term Plan (consultation planned for approx. March 2027).
- 4.12. It is noted that community outcomes are end states and indicate where Council and the community want to be, rather than where they are now. They are meant to be aspirational and something to be worked towards. Aligning decisions to Council's strategic priorities will help Council in attaining the community outcomes.
- 4.13. An infographic showing the vision, strategic priorities and community outcomes for the 2027-2037 LTP is included as Attachment One.

5. OPTIONS

- 5.1. There are two options:
- 5.1.1. **Option One: Adopt the strategic priorities and community outcomes.**
 - 5.1.2. **Option Two: Don't adopt the strategic priorities and community outcomes.**
- 5.2. The strategic priorities have been workshopped with Council and Council have informally approved of them. The community outcomes are very similar to previous but have been updated to incorporate feedback from the community on what is important to them; they have been

circulated to Council previously. Due to the previous informal approval of the strategic priorities and community outcomes (updated to include community feedback), it is anticipated that Council will be willing to adopt and therefore Option Two is not discussed further.

5.3. *Option analysis:*

Options	Advantages	Disadvantages
Option One – Adopt the strategic priorities and community outcomes.	- Provides a framework for current and future Council decisions. - Focuses Council on providing infrastructure, services and activities which align with the strategic priorities. - The community outcomes have been updated to reflect what is important to our community.	Councillors may find the priorities are too rigid or limiting. This, however, is unlikely as they align with the requirements under the Local Government Act 2002 and Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill for councils to (among others) prioritise core services and for councils to operate effectively and efficiently.

5.4. *Financial implications:*

5.5. There are no negative financial implications from Option One.

5.6. Adopting the strategic priorities may actually result in positive financial implications by focussing Council on core services and infrastructure and ensuring financially prudent operations.

5.7. There is a cost saving in not consulting on the proposed community outcomes, noting they have been updated using feedback from the community.

6. CONSIDERATIONS

6.1. Legal and Legislative Implications

6.1.1. Councils are required under clause 93, part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 to “describe the community outcomes of the local authority’s district or region”.

6.2. Financial

6.2.1. There are no costs to Council in adopting the strategic priorities and community outcomes.

6.3. Existing Policy and Strategy Implications

6.3.1. Council consulted extensively on the vision and community outcomes in 2020. These outcomes have been updated with feedback from the community on what is important to them.

6.4. Fit with Purpose of Local Government Statement

6.4.1. The strategic priorities will provide Council with a good decision-making framework to allow it to continue to meet the purpose of local government appropriately.

6.5. Effects on Mana whenua

6.5.1. The strategic priorities and community outcomes recognise the importance of our relationship with mana whenua.

6.6. Significance and Engagement

6.6.1. Low

Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
Is there a high level of public interest, or is decision likely to be controversial?	Low	The strategic priorities are developed by Council for use by Council. Adopting them provides transparency and public accountability. The community outcomes have been updated using feedback provided by the community on what is important to them.
Is there a significant impact arising from duration of the effects from the decision?	No	The strategic priorities and community outcomes will be used to inform the development of the 2027-2037 LTP, the draft of which will be publicly consulted on next year.
Does the decision relate to a strategic asset? (refer Significance and Engagement Policy for list of strategic assets)	No	No strategic assets are involved in this decision. Future decisions about strategic assets will be made in accordance with the strategic priorities.
Does the decision create a substantial change in the level of service provided by Council?	No	This decision does not involve any changes in 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	This decision does not involve any changes in debt, rates or Council finances – future decisions made under the framework may have an effect.
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 deliver 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?	No	This decision does not involve any changes to Council's current activities/group of activities.

6.7. Community Wellbeings and Outcomes

- 6.7.1. The purpose of this report is to adopt updated community outcomes and strategic priorities. The strategic priorities provide a decision-making framework to ensure that Council considers the wellbeing of the community in all decisions made.

7. NEXT STEPS

- 7.1. The strategic priorities will be used as part of a decision-making framework for future Council decisions around funding, services, activities and projects.
- 7.2. The strategic priorities and community outcomes will be included in the 2027-2037 LTP.

Confirmation of Statutory Compliance

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

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- (i) sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
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ATTACHMENT ONE – VISION, PRIORITIES AND COMMUNITY OUTCOMES FOR 2027-2037 LONG TERM PLAN

OUR VISION

Thriving, connected and resilient Grey District.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Focus on core services and infrastructure, now and into the future.

Provide places and spaces which contribute to the wellbeing of our community.

Spend money carefully and responsibly.

Meet our statutory and regulatory obligations.

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

GROWING OUR ECONOMY  Strong Diverse Sustainable Prosperous	Reliable and well-maintained core infrastructure that supports economic resilience.	Collaborative partnerships with mana whenua, businesses, groups, industry and community.
	A strong, achievable and prosperous future shaped by innovation and connectivity.	A durable local economy built on enabling and supporting others.
QUALITY LIVING  Safe Inclusive Connected Enabled	Safe, accessible roading, footpaths and community areas that are well maintained.	Well-run, inclusive facilities and services that meet local needs and plan for the future.
	A connected, supportive and engaged community working alongside Council.	A strong, united community that is prepared for and resilient in emergencies.
STRONG IDENTITY  Proud Unique Inter-connected Vibrant	Respectful and active relationships with mana whenua, neighbouring districts and key stakeholders.	Respect for the place of Māori and recognition of our partnership with mana whenua.
	Celebrating our West Coast heritage with a positive profile within and beyond the region.	Working with communities to support participation in arts, recreation, culture and neighbourhood life.
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY  Bold Practical Resilient Strategic	Resilient infrastructure and land-use planning that prepares for flooding, weather events and climate change.	Clean, safe and reliable drinking water.
	Sustainable use of land, rivers and natural resources.	Practical green spaces that support environmental wellbeing now and for future generations.

ATTACHMENT TWO – VISION AND COMMUNITY OUTCOMES FROM 2025-2034 LONG TERM PLAN (TO BE SUPERCEDED)

A thriving, connected and resilient Grey District



5.15 LATE ITEM: FLOOD EVENTS 15 & 24 JULY 2026 (LATE COVERING REPORT)

This report will be distributed to elected members and published on Council's website under separate cover.

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. Map of Lease Area

1. PURPOSE

The following document 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 document be executed under the Common Seal of the Council:

1. Deed of Variation of Lease between Grey District Council (Landlord) and Honey Café Ltd (Tenant) and Cosmin Cosma (Guarantor) for designated coffee kiosk, Westland Recreation Centre, Greymouth, extension of lease for 12 months expiring 15 July 2027.
2. Deed of Lease between Grey District Council (Landlord), M and M Catering Ltd (Tenant) and Margaret Richards (Guarantor) for the building located at 4 Richmond Quay, Greymouth, lease location on the first floor, shown as the area outlined in the plan attached (Appendix 1).
3. Warrant of Appointment – Bonnie Catherine Denson, Liquor Licencing Inspector -
Has delegated authority to undertake inspections and enforcement functions on behalf of the Grey District Council, in pursuant to:
 - Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2021
 - Local Government Act 2022
 - Resource Management Act 1991
 - An Authorised Officer for the purpose of the Grey District Council Bylaws

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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(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.



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 Meeting of the Cobden Aromahana Sanctuary and Recreation Areas
2. Minutes of the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee Meeting

1. REPORT PURPOSE

1.1. To receive the minutes from Outside Organisations.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1. Receipt of minutes.

3. OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

“that

The Minutes of the following outside organisations be received:

1. Minutes of the meeting of the Cobden Aromahana Sanctuary and Recreation Areas held on 22 July 2026.
2. Minutes of the meeting of the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee held on 11 June 2026.

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
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Minutes of the Cobden Aromahana Sanctuary and Recreation Areas Annual General Meeting and Ordinary Meeting, 22 July 2026
The annual general meeting

The meeting started at 5:30 PM with Rob welcoming attendees.

Present: Alicia Paulson, Kurtis Perrin-Smith (from Grey District Council), Ailsa Harrison, Rob Harrison, Henk Stengs, Denis Skates and Michelle de Vries (via video call).

Apologies: Daniel Lowe.

The minutes of the previous AGM on 22 July 2025 were confirmed (Moved: Ailsa/Henk).

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

Rob presented his 12th annual convenor's report. Highlights included: (a) the rat and mustelid trapping programme is ongoing, with 44 rats and 6 mustelids trapped. This brought the total in the 12 years to 1,110 rats and 118 mustelids. (b) continuation of wetland bird surveys; (c) further planting and weed control, with another excellent year for plant growth at both the former dump and Cobden Island; (d) good whitebait numbers at the latter; (e) good whitebait numbers in the channels. It was agreed that Rob's report be accepted (Moved: Rob/Henk).

Rob also mentioned that the Society has been successful in becoming incorporated under the new legislation.

Rob presented his financial report for the year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. The Society had an income of \$5,200, with total expenses of \$12,760.69 for the year. Total cash funds as at 31 March were \$9772.34. Most of the expenses were contract planting (\$6061.65), plants/protectors (\$4319.40) and purchases of gloves, dye, herbicide, glasses and sacks (\$1531.40). Rob's report was accepted (Moved: Rob/Denis).

Election of officers: Rob was re-elected as convenor (Moved: Denis/Henk) and Henk as secretary (Moved: Denis/Ailsa).

Denis gave the annual total of predators trapped, which was 48 rats 4 stoats and 1 weasel.

The meeting ended at 5:45 pm.

The ordinary meeting

Present and apologies: as for the AGM.

The minutes of the last meeting on 29 April 2026 were confirmed (Moved: Ailsa/Denis).

Matters arising: The location of the two seats will be discussed at the up and coming 31 July meeting of the Society with Council staff.

Finance: Since the end of April CASRA's bank balance has decreased from \$9772.54 to \$9323.04.

Predator control: Denis said that 21 rats and 2 weasels were caught since 29 April, which was an upsurge compared with the previous nine months. Traps have stayed undamaged, despite 4WD and motorbike use on the island. Michelle said she noticed a similar trend with predator numbers caught in traps for a project in Canterbury that she assists with.

Ailsa gave her report on her 16 July bird surveys. At the estuary there were 4 black swan, 2 grey duck, 2 little shag, 1 mallard, 4 NZ shoveller, 2 pied stilt, 3 pukeko and 1 white heron. At the lagoon the two black

swan are nesting again. One coot was seen. Other species were 2 little shag, 16 mallard, 5 NZ shoveller, 5 paradise shelduck, 29 scaup, 1 pied shag.

Ailsa has also seen two variable oystercatchers and two South Island pied oystercatchers on other occasions in the general area.

Rob and Henk spoke about planting, spraying and weeding. The Society has caught up on last year's work over on the seaward side of the recreation area in the last seven months. A very wet spring may have contributed to prolific weed growth, where after plants were released, were not sprayed until the weather improved. There has also been some tidying up work on the east side of the lagoon. Carpet and cardboard have been put around new plants, which will give them a good start. The planting is going well.

Work coming up are the mounting of two seats, continuation of the planting programme and keeping an eye out for weed growth.

Other business: Rob said that cutting of some of the trees on the east side of the lagoon, while tidy, was not entirely necessary and that the result was disappointing. It was unfortunate that some native orchids on one of the trees were taken out. In response Kurtis said that one of Council's in house team had done the cutting who accepted that he/she was overzealous.

Rob said that he will conduct a trial of crusher dust in conjunction with Daniel on the most recently constructed paths. Michelle said there is large pile of Futon Hogan's crusher dust at its site and thought that it might be available.

Kurtis said that Council has budgeted \$20,000 of funding this financial year. At the Society's meeting with Council staff on 31 July a work programme will be discussed with view toward a consensus on how that will be used. He also thanked CASRA for its efforts with planting and weed control on behalf of Council.

Next meeting: Wed 21 October.

Meeting closed 6:12 PM.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE HELD AT BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL 11 JUNE 2026

Present

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

Absent

Kaiwhakahaere Tumahai (Ngāti Waewae)

In attendance

Simon Pickford (BDC) Matt Smith (WCRC), Darryl Lew (WCRC), J. Armstrong (TTPP Project Manager), Carissa du Plessis (BDC), Doug Bray (WCRC) Gina Hogarth (BDC), Chu Zhao (WCRC), Simon Bastion (BDC), Joanne Soderlund (GDC), Chris Cameron (WCRC) Paul Zaanen (BDC), Michael McEnaney (GDC)

Welcome

Chair Williams welcomed attendees

Apologies

No Apologies were received

Conflict of Interest Declaration

None raised

Confirm minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 May 2026

Moved (Mayor Russell/ Cr Webb)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2026 are confirmed.

Carried

Matters arising from previous meetings

None raised

Information and Implications of Climate Change Modelling in TTPP

C. Cameron presented information requested by Committee members about climate change scenarios.

Committee members questioned the accuracy of climate change science and Mr Cameron responded that they are not predictions just possible scenarios. Any change in climate change scenarios will still likely fall within the range of current scenarios and the warming anticipated under RCP 8.5 by 2100 may be delayed but could still occur by 2125.

Cr. Maitland asked if changes would be made in TTPP flood and coastal hazard overlays around September. Mrs Armstrong responded that the IPCC would not publish updated scenarios until 2028, when she would anticipate a global discussion will occur. New Zealand is only likely to make any legislative changes following the global debate.

Moved (Mayor Russell/ Chair Williams)

- 1. That the Committee note the information.*

Carried

Financial Implications of Mediation Deferment and Plan Changes

Mrs Armstrong presented this paper which included reference to Cl13 (2) of the Order in Council and explained the funding arrangements if a party to the TTPP Committee requested the inclusion of an item which has only or predominantly a localized impact, into a plan change initiated by TTPP Committee. This would be at the party's expense.

The estimated costs of a small plan change and costs incurred as a result of the deferment to the start of the appeals Mediation schedule were presented.

Mrs Armstrong also noted the costs for mediation meetings originally scheduled for May and June 2026, but now deferred to the 2027 financial year, would now fall in the 2027 financial year further increasing any budget exceedance expected for that year.

Moved (Cr Cassin/Mayor Russell)

1. *That the Committee receive the report*

Carried

Variation 3 Update and Process Forward

Mrs Armstrong explained that Variation 3 had originally been incorrectly referred to as Plan Change 1, and that a paper on this topic was delivered to the 11 May 2026 TTPP Committee meeting. Matters in the variation, while individually relatively minor, are adding unnecessary cost and delay to development not intended to be caught in the resource consent process. Approval from the Minister for RMA Reform to undertake the variation is being awaited, and Mrs Armstrong explained that once the approval is received, consultation on Variation 3 would begin.

It is hoped that a paper seeking to notify the variation could be presented to TTPP Committee at their 11 August meeting.

Chair Williams commented that it may be worth holding an additional meeting to expedite the Variation 3 process, if a paper cannot be brought to the August meeting.

Moved (P. Madgwick / Cr. Gibson)

1. *That the Committee receive the report.*
2. *That the draft Variation 3 be approved for consultation.*
3. *That as soon as staff receive the approval of the Minister for RMA Reform to proceed with Variation 3 for Te Tai o Poutini Plan under the provisions of the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Act 2025, that statutory consultation as outlined in this report be undertaken.*

Carried

Appeals Mediation and Hearings Process Update

Mrs Armstrong noted that the Positions Subcommittee set the positions for topics or appeals in May.

Appeals points have been withdrawn by two appellants and direct discussions to progress draft consent documents are currently occurring with five other parties. A number of parties have also provided further particulars on their appeals, and it is hoped this will enable further direct discussions ahead of mediation meetings.

Following the deferral of the start date for mediation meetings the Commissioner has approved a slightly earlier commencement of mediation of 30 June. Mrs Armstrong explained

that this allows a mediation meeting for five small topics to go ahead as originally scheduled, leaving only three meetings to be rescheduled later this year and early in 2027.

Moved (Mayor Gibson / Cr Webb)

1. *That the Committee receive the report.*

Carried

Financial Report to 30 April 2026

Mrs Armstrong took the financial report as read. There were no questions raised

Moved (Mayor Russell / Chair Williams)

1. *That the Committee receive the report.*

Carried

Chair Williams thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting ended at 10.01 am.

8 IN COMMITTEE ITEMS

COUNCIL IN-COMMITTEE

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

Agenda items 8.1 – 8.6

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 29 JUNE 2026	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons 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 - CONFIRMATION OF IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 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 EXTRAORDINARY TENDERS	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out,	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 24 JULY 2026	without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	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
8.5 - GREATER GREYMOUTH WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE - PRE-TREATMENT OPTIONS ASSESSMENT AND FUNDING	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
8.6 - PEFCO - PROCESSED ENGINEERED FUEL	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	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