



**Far North
District Council**



Te Kaunihera o Te Hkuote Ika

AGENDA

Extraordinary Council Meeting

Thursday, 6 June 2024

Time: 10.00am
Location: Kaikohe Memorial Hall
Memorial Ave
Kaikohe

Membership:

Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania - Chairperson
Kōwhai - Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford
Cr Ann Court
Cr Felicity Foy
Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira
Cr Babe Kapa
Cr Penetaui Kleskovic
Cr Steve McNally
Cr Mate Radich
Cr Tāmati Rākena
Cr John Vujcich

Far North District Council
Extraordinary Council Meeting
will be held in the Kaikohe Memorial Hall, Memorial Ave, Kaikohe on:
Thursday 6 June 2024 at 10.00am

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1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER

Ka tuku mātou kia kaha mai ngā māngai kua whiriwhirihia mō Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika ki te mahi me te ngākau auaha me te whakamahi i ngā pūkenga me te mātauranga i roto i ngā wānanga me ngā whakataunga kia whakatūria ai tētahi Hapori e matatika ana, e tū kotahi ana ka mutu ka whakapiki anō i te oranga o tō tātou rohe, ka whakatau anō i ngā take o te rohe i runga i te tika me te pono.

We ask that through Council discussions and decisions the representatives we have elected may govern the Far North District with imagination, skill and wisdom to achieve a fairer and more united Community that enhances the wellbeing of our district and solves the District's problems efficiently and effectively.

2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA ME NGĀ PĀNGA MEMA / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to review the matters on the agenda and assess and identify where they may have a pecuniary or other conflict of interest, or where there may be a perception of a conflict of interest.

If a Member feels they do have a conflict of interest, they should publicly declare that at the start of the meeting or of the relevant item of business and refrain from participating in the discussion or voting on that item. If a Member thinks they may have a conflict of interest, they can seek advice from the Chief Executive Officer or the Manager - Democracy Services (preferably before the meeting).

It is noted that while members can seek advice the final decision as to whether a conflict exists rests with the member.

3 NGĀ TONO KŌRERO / DEPUTATIONS

No requests for deputations were received at the time of the Agenda going to print.

4 NGĀ KŌRERO A TE KAHIKA / MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

5 TE WHAKAAETANGA O NGĀ MENETI O MUA / CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS EXTRAORDINARY MINUTES

File Number: A4725620

Author: Fleur Beresford, Democracy Advisor

Authoriser: Jacine Warmington, Group Manager - Strategic Relationships

TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The minutes are attached to allow Council to confirm that the minutes are a true and correct record of previous meetings.

TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

That Council confirm the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held 23 May 2024 as a true and correct record.

1) TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

Local Government Act 2002 Schedule 7 Section 28 states that a local authority must keep minutes of its proceedings. The minutes of these proceedings duly entered and authenticated as prescribed by a local authority are prima facie evidence of those meetings.

2) MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

The minutes of the meetings are attached.

Far North District Council Standing Orders Section 27.3 states that no discussion shall arise on the substance of the minutes in any succeeding meeting, except as to their correctness.

TAKE TŪTOHUNGA / REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

The reason for the recommendation is to confirm the minutes are a true and correct record of the previous meetings.

3) PĀNGA PŪTEA ME NGĀ WĀHANGA TAHUA / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION

There are no financial implications or the need for budgetary provision as a result of this report.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. 2024-05-23 Council Minutes - A4719137** [↓](#) 

Compliance schedule:

Full consideration has been given to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 S77 in relation to decision making, in particular:

1. A Local authority must, in the course of the decision-making process,
 - a) Seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and
 - b) Assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
 - c) If any of the options identified under paragraph (a) involves a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water sites, waahi tapu, valued flora and fauna and other taonga.
2. This section is subject to Section 79 - Compliance with procedures in relation to decisions.

Compliance requirement	Staff assessment
State the level of significance (high or low) of the issue or proposal as determined by the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy	This is a matter of low significance.
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the LTP) that relate to this decision.	This report complies with the Local Government Act 2002 Schedule 7 Section 28.
State whether this issue or proposal has a District wide relevance and, if not, the ways in which the appropriate Community Board's views have been sought.	It is the responsibility of each meeting to confirm their minutes therefore the views of another meeting are not relevant.
State the possible implications for Māori and how Māori have been provided with an opportunity to contribute to decision making if this decision is significant and relates to land and/or any body of water.	There are no implications for Māori in confirming minutes from a previous meeting. Any implications on Māori arising from matters included in meeting minutes should be considered as part of the relevant report.
Identify persons likely to be affected by or have an interest in the matter, and how you have given consideration to their views or preferences (for example, youth, the aged and those with disabilities).	This report is asking for minutes to be confirmed as true and correct record, any interests that affect other people should be considered as part of the individual reports.
State the financial implications and where budgetary provisions have been made to support this decision.	There are no financial implications or the need for budgetary provision arising from this report.
Chief Financial Officer review.	The Chief Financial Officer has not reviewed this report.

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**MINUTES OF FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE KAIKOHE MEMORIAL HALL, MEMORIAL AVE, KAIKOHE
ON THURSDAY, 23 MAY 2024 AT 10.00AM**

PRESENT: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania, Kōwhai - Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford, Cr Ann Court, Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Cr Penetaui Kleskovic, Cr Steve McNally, Cr Mate Radich, Cr Tāmati Rākena, Cr John Vujcich.

IN ATTENDANCE: Crs Kapa, Kleskovich, Radich, and McNally (virtually). Te Hiku Community Board Chairperson Adele Gardner (virtually).

STAFF PRESENT: Guy Holroyd (CEO), Charlie Billington (Group Manager – Corporate Services), Rubin Garcia (Group Manager – Corporate Services), Emma Healy (Chief of Staff – Chief Executive Office), Jacine Warmington (Group Manager - Strategic Relationships), Tanya Proctor (Head of Infrastructure), Casey Gannon (Manager – Democracy Services), Fleur Beresford (Democracy Advisor – Democracy Services).

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER

At 10.07am Kawiti Waetford Kaiwhakawhiti commenced the meeting with a himene.

2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA ME NGĀ PĀNGA MEMA / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION 2024/46

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

That the apologies received from Councillors Court and Foy, and Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board Chairperson Belinda Ward be accepted and leave of absence granted,

CARRIED

NOTED: Kahika acknowledged those in the room, Councillors who are joining virtually, and that Councillor McNally will be having to leave the meeting early.

3 NGĀ TONO KŌRERO / DEPUTATION

Debbie Abbas-Ruawai and Marcia Aperahana supporting the Notice of Motion – Immediate Humanitarian Ceasefire in Gaza.

4 NGĀ KŌRERO A TE KAHIKA / MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acknowledging the passing of a Northland Legend - Papa Sid Going was buried this week in Maromaku. He was an extraordinary leader who brought much pride to our region and to our province.

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5 HE PĀNUI WHAKAMŌTINI / NOTICE OF MOTION**5.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - IMMEDIATE HUMANITARIAN CEASEFIRE IN GAZA**

Agenda item 5.1 document number A4712680, pages 6 - 6 refers

RESOLUTION 2024/47

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

That the Far North District Council:

- a) call for an immediate permanent humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza;
- b) call on the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs to show their support and call for peace;
- c) call for immediate international aid to be allowed into Gaza;
- d) condemn all acts of violence and terror against civilians on both sides of the conflict;
- e) call for the immediate return of hostages.

Abstained: Cr John Vujcich**CARRIED****DOCUMENTS TABLED AT MEETING****Attachments tabled at meeting**

Debbie Abbas-Ruawai and Marissa Dowling presented a Petition signed by residents of Te Tai Tokerau in support of a Permanent Ceasefire in Palestine.

5.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - MĀORI WARDS

Agenda item 5.2 document number A4712962, pages 8 - 8 refers

RESOLUTION 2024/48

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

That the Far North District Council support Local Government New Zealand's joint letter to Central Government in opposition to proposed changes to Māori Ward and constituency poll provisions.

CARRIED

6 TE WĀHANGA TŪMATAITI / PUBLIC EXCLUDED**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC****RESOLUTION 2024/49**

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting:

- a) the general subject matter 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 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
6.1 – Otawere Dam Funding Commitment (Tai Tokerau Water Trust)	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>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 is the subject of the information</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>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)</p> <p>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)</p>	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 / section 7
6.2 – Transportation Services Review Decision	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>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 is the subject of the information</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>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)</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or</p>	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 / section 7

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	disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	
b) and that Kawiti Waetford Kaiwhakawhiti - Reo Language Interpreter, and Rob Gilmour – Engineer to the Contract in relation to item 6.2, are permitted to join the Public Excluded part of the meeting.		
CARRIED		

7 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA / CLOSING PRAYER

At 12.02pm Kawiti Waetford Kaiwhakawhiti closed the meeting with karakia.

8 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 12.03pm.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 13 June 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON

6 NGĀ PŪRONGO / REPORTS

6.1 CONFIRMATION OF CAPITAL PROGRAMME AMENDMENTS FOR THE 2024-27 LTP

File Number: A4722132

Author: Angie Thomas, Team Leader - Accounting Services

Authoriser: Tanya Proctor, Head of Infrastructure Strategy

TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To seek Council approval to amend the capital programme for the 2024-27 Long Term Plan (LTP)

WHAKARĀPOOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Over the last year, staff have taken a robust approach to ensure the forward capital programme is deliverable.
- Throughout this process staff prioritised the capital programme addressing the severe weather-related events, health and safety and projects that are and will be ready to go.
- The capital programme that was adopted as part of the suite of underlying documents for the Consultation was based on these factors.
- Since Consultation, further information has been obtained that has resulted in the amendments to the proposed plan.
- Work has also been carried out on the 2023-24 capital works programme and any project that clearly will not be completed by 30 June 2024 has been reviewed and budget adjustments are suggested to better align the budgets with revised work timelines.

tŪtohunga / Recommendation

THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE CAPITAL BUDGET REFORECASTING OF \$6,775,722 ACROSS 3 YEARS (2024-27) FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS.

1) TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

Since the underlying documents for the 2024-27 LTP were adopted on 12 March 2024, changes have been identified to the timing and work that needs to be considered. These changes are contained within this report and increase the Council capital works programme over the 3-year period 2024-27 by \$6.8M.

2) MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

Staff have identified a range of amendments to the proposed capital works programme for the 2024-27 LTP.

The proposed amendments are as follows:

Project movements that were not considered as part of the underlying documents as follows.

Movement by activity	2024/25 YR1	2025/26 YR2	2026/27 YR3
District Facilities	(130,000)	0	0
Solid Waste Management	393,400	0	0
Wastewater	4,225,024	416,772	52,325
Storm Water	5,406,193	131,511	0
Water Supply	(3,777,142)	(20,849)	78,488
Grand Total	6,117,475	527,434	130,813
Movement by type	2024/25 YR1	2025/26 YR2	2026/27 YR3
New Works			
Move from 23/24 to LTP Yr 1	393,400	-	-
Reduce Yr1 budget	(3,730,000)	-	-
Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	7,410,017	131,511	-
Reforecast from FY24 to Yr2 LTP	-	419,429	-
Total	4,073,417	550,940	-
Renewal			
Reduce Yr1 & Yr2 Budget	(150,000)	(173,740)	-
Reduce Yr1 / increase Yr 2	(132,000)	22,484	-
Reduce Yr1 / increase Yr 3	(75,000)	-	78,488
Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	2,401,058	-	-
Reforecast from FY24 to Yr2 LTP	-	127,750	52,325
Total	2,044,058	(23,506)	130,813
Grand Total	6,117,475	527,434	130,813

In addition to the above information, a more detailed spreadsheet is attached to this report for clarity.

TAKE TŪTOHUNGA / REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

The above recommendations need to be incorporated into the final capital programme for the 2024-27 LTP.

3) PĀNGA PŪTEA ME NGĀ WĀHANGA TAHUA / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION

Financial implications are in the body of the report and will be included in the final LTP for adoption in June 2024.

ĀPITI HANGA / ATTACHMENTS

1. Revised Far North District Council Capital Works Programme 2024-27 - A4731937 [↓](#) 
2. Summary of Changes to Far North District Council Capital Works Programme - A4731935 [↓](#) 

Hōtaka Take Ōkawa / Compliance Schedule:

Full consideration has been given to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 S77 in relation to decision making, in particular:

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 - a) Seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and
 - b) Assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
 - c) If any of the options identified under paragraph (a) involves a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water sites, waahi tapu, valued flora and fauna and other taonga.
2. This section is subject to Section 79 - Compliance with procedures in relation to decisions.

He Take Ōkawa / Compliance Requirement	Aromatawai Kaimahi / Staff Assessment
State the level of significance (high or low) of the issue or proposal as determined by the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy	Low
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the LTP) that relate to this decision.	The capital works programme forms an integral part of the proposed 2024-27 LTP
State whether this issue or proposal has a District wide relevance and, if not, the ways in which the appropriate Community Board's views have been sought.	Community Board Chairs have been included in the process.
State the possible implications for Māori and how Māori have been provided with an opportunity to contribute to decision making if this decision is significant and relates to land and/or any body of water.	There are no specific implications from this report.
Identify persons likely to be affected by or have an interest in the matter, and how you have given consideration to their views or preferences (for example – youth, the aged and those with disabilities).	N/A
State the financial implications and where budgetary provisions have been made to support this decision.	The capital programme is an integral part of the 2024-27 LTP and approval for the proposed capital works changes will be included in the final LTP for adoption in June 2024.
Chief Financial Officer review.	The Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report



**REVISED
CAPITAL
WORKS
PROGRAMME
2024-27**

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Modifications to the capital program from the consulted version are highlighted in blue. These changes may involve the reallocation of funds to years 2 and 3, to subsequent years (4+), or adjustments to the budget, either increases or decreases.

For further details, please refer to the capital changes log.

Community and Engagement	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
New works			
Library eBooks	44,123	48,183	54,520
Library eResources	37,845	40,240	44,374
Library replacement, Kaikohe	6,404,825	6,562,798	-
New Works Total	6,486,793	6,651,221	98,894
Renewals			
Information centre renewals, District-wide	-	2,044	35,262
Information centre renewals, Kaitāia	55,274	41,465	53,819
Information centre renewals, Ōpononi	5,310	3,066	3,140
Information centre renewals, Paihia	10,350	37,303	34,535
Library eBooks	41,400	40,880	41,860
Library technology	3,142	2,925	11,163
Scheduled library renewals, District-wide	322,993	343,441	378,718
Scheduled renewals, Kaeo library	4,681	-	-
Scheduled renewals, Kaikohe library	9,058	682,352	10,465
Scheduled renewals, Kaitāia library	13,350	-	-
Scheduled renewals, Paihia library	5,914	1,114	-
Scheduled renewals, Proctor library, Kerikeri	184,474	25,550	5,233
Service centre renewals, Rāwene	109,369	-	-
Renewals Total	765,315	1,180,140	574,195
Total capital works for Community and Engagement Group	7,252,108	7,831,361	673,089

District Facilities	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
New works			
Amenity lighting, BOI-Whangaroa	10,000	10,220	10,465
Amenity lighting, Kaikohe-Hokianga	10,000	10,220	10,465
Amenity lighting, Te Hiku	10,000	10,220	10,465
Cemetery development, Russell	150,000	-	-
Housing for the Elderly works, District-wide	3,906,667	4,708,014	4,088,327
Kaitāia Airport fencing	200,000	-	-
Kaitāia Airport runway	1,294,854	-	-
Kaitāia Airport upgrades	465,000	-	-
Maritime - Rangitāne footpath	-	167,132	-
Maritime - Windsor Landing, public toilet	138,048	-	-
Maritime facilities, boat ramp parking Rangitāne	1,561,558	-	-
Maritime facilities, minor upgrades	-	77,393	87,569
New carparking, Russell	124,670	-	-
Paihia waterfront improvements	1,035,000	-	-
Playground shadesails, Parks and reserves, District-wide	60,000	-	-
Public toilet, Kāeo	20,000	-	-
Taipā Point Reserve stormwater mitigation	207,000	-	-
Tsunami siren replacement project CDEM remediation	340,962	-	-
Waipapa Baysport carpark surfacing	207,000	306,600	-
Total new works	9,740,759	5,289,799	4,207,291

District Facilities	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Renewals			
Amenity lighting, BOI-Whangaroa	5,000	5,110	5,232
Amenity lighting, Kaikohe-Hokianga	5,000	5,110	5,233
Amenity lighting, Te Hiku	5,000	5,110	5,232
Bins, benches, bollards, signs and tables, BOI-Whangaroa	30,000	30,660	31,395
Bins, benches, bollards, signs and tables, Kaikohe-Hokianga	30,000	30,660	31,395
Bins, benches, bollards, signs and tables, Te Hiku	30,000	30,660	31,395
Building renewals, Kāeo old Post Office	517,500	-	-
Civil defence renewals	25,849	-	-
Coastal walkway consent renewal, Ōpua Basin	-	7,497	-
Hall renewals, Kāeo	246,330	-	-
Hall renewals, Ōkaihau	956,224	-	-
Hall renewals, Taipā (Lake Ohia)	97,934	-	-
Kaitiāia airport runway	418,526	-	-
Maritime consent renewals, Awanui River, Unahi	-	7,497	-
Maritime consent renewals, Clansman Wharf Area, Whangaroa	-	7,497	-
Maritime consent renewals, Hokianga Harbour	-	19,761	-
Maritime consent renewals, Horeke, Hokianga Harbour	7,593	7,497	-
Maritime consent renewals, Kohukohu, Hokianga Harbour	-	7,497	-
Maritime consent renewals, Ōmāpere, Hokianga Harbour	-	19,761	-
Maritime consent renewals, Ōpononi, Hokianga Harbour	-	14,994	-
Maritime consent renewals, Paihia	-	-	20,235
Maritime consent renewals, Pukenui, Houhora Harbour	-	7,497	-
Maritime consent renewals, Rāwene, Hokianga Harbour	-	7,497	-
Maritime consent renewals, Te Hāpua Wharf, Pārengarenga Harbour	-	7,497	-
Maritime consent renewals, The Narrows, Hokianga Harbour	-	7,497	-
Maritime consent renewals, Tōtara North	-	7,497	-
Maritime consent renewals, Whangaroa	-	7,497	-
Maritime renewals, Hihi	-	19,761	-
Motorcamp consent renewals, Tauranga Bay	250,000	-	-
Parks and reserves renewals, BOI-Whangaroa	300,000	306,600	313,950
Parks and reserves renewals, Kaikohe-Hokianga	300,000	306,600	313,950
Parks and reserves renewals, Te Hiku	300,000	303,023	313,950
Pioneer House renewals, Kaitiāia	1,963	511,000	-
Public toilet discharge consent renewal, Moerewa	-	-	9,770
Total renewals	3,526,919	1,691,277	1,081,737
Total capital works for District Facilities	13,267,678	6,981,076	5,289,028

Environmental Management	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
New works			
Kaitiāia Animal Shelter fencing	160,000	-	-
Total new works	160,000	-	-
Renewals			
Animal control renewals, Kaikohe	-	-	32,556
Animal control renewals, Kaitiāia	-	31,793	-
Total renewals	-	31,793	32,556
Total capital works for Environmental Management	160,000	31,793	32,556

Governance Administration	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
New works			
Archives digitisation	25,000	-	-
Smart District action plan	215,000	219,730	224,998
Support projects - additional scoping	80,000	81,760	83,720
Total new works	320,000	301,490	308,718
Renewals			
Climate change aerial photography	200,000	204,400	209,300
EDRMS renewals	-	871,163	-
GIS renewals	71,026	-	-
Office equipment renewals	81,248	80,227	82,150
Other scheduled renewals	215,283	222,544	217,675
Peripheral renewals	18,900	61,320	34,535
Pool vehicles	480,600	491,173	502,948
Server renewals	300,000	919,800	209,300
Service centre renewals, Kaikohe	202,148	45,741	36,628
Total renewals	1,569,205	2,896,368	1,292,536
Total capital works for Corporate Services Group	1,889,205	3,197,858	1,601,254

Roading and Footpaths	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
New works			
Footpaths: Bay of Islands - Whangaroa	155,250	153,300	156,975
Footpaths: Kaikohe - Hokianga	155,250	153,300	156,975
Footpaths: Te Hiku	155,250	153,300	156,975
Low cost / low risk: local road improvements	8,387,561	14,201,056	13,876,655
Low cost / low risk: Road 2 Zero	3,135,000	3,255,070	3,406,358
Low cost / low risk: walking and cycling	1,790,000	2,800,280	2,909,270
Other access reactive capital	100,000	102,200	104,650
Pou Herenga Tai (Twin Coast Cycle trail) Ōpua to Taumarere replacement	4,000,000	-	-
Standalone Kerikeri CBD bypass	-	-	5,232,500
Unformed paper roads	500,000	511,000	523,250
Unsubsidised 2nd coat seals	150,000	153,300	156,975
Urban drainage	500,000	511,000	523,250
Total new works	19,028,311	21,993,806	27,203,833
Renewals			
Bridges and structures renewals	3,481,400	4,068,778	4,267,054
Cycleway network renewals	-	-	89,912
Drainage renewals	1,664,901	1,911,876	2,103,600
Ferry renewals	100,000	730,730	3,142,640
Footpath renewals, BOI-Whangaroa	285,972	331,146	339,085
Footpath renewals, Kaikohe-Hokianga	193,261	236,395	242,062
Footpath renewals, Te Hiku	281,672	326,751	334,584
Sealed road rehabilitation	4,925,060	4,637,005	6,012,015
Sealed road resurfacing	7,201,909	10,395,419	7,122,471
Structures component replacements	1,823,555	2,207,521	2,328,254
Traffic services renewals	651,691	745,354	819,733

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Roading and Footpaths	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Unsealed road metalling	6,237,299	7,266,952	7,813,219
Total renewals	26,846,720	32,857,927	34,614,629
Total capital works for Roding and Footpaths	45,875,031	54,851,733	61,818,462

Solid Waste Management	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
New works			
New bridge Kaitāia transfer station	500,000	-	-
Recycling Solutions, District-wide	50,000	51,100	52,325
Wastewater treatment system upgrade, Kaitāia Resource Recovery Centre	393,400	-	-
Total new works	943,400	51,100	52,325
Renewals			
Transfer station consent renewals, Kaitāia	54,168	-	-
Weighbridge renewals, Kaitāia	158,663	34,113	-
Total renewals	212,831	34,113	-
Total capital works for Solid Waste Management	1,156,231	85,213	52,325

Stormwater	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
New works			
348a/SH12 Ōmāpere stormwater	1,660,963	-	-
Stormwater floodgate improvements, district-wide	116,998	-	-
Stormwater improvements, Moerewa	3,388,000	-	-
Stormwater improvements, Tasman Heights, Ahipara Stage 4	138,000	-	-
Stormwater Inlet structure upgrade, Kawakawa	-	-	654,063
Stormwater minor capital works, District-wide	375,000	383,250	392,438
Stormwater network catchpit improvements, Kawakawa	-	-	326,508
Stormwater network extension upgrades, Kerikeri	-	-	130,813
Stormwater network improvements, Kaikohe	-	-	212,440
Stormwater network pipe renewal, Kaitāia	-	-	209,300
Stormwater pipe renewals, Commerce Street, Kaitāia	1,000,000	-	-
Stormwater pipe renewal, Kaitāia	1,250,000	-	-
Stormwater renewals, Kotare Drive, Coopers Beach	529,195	-	-
Stormwater resource consents, Te Hiku	300,000	-	-
Stormwater resource consents, Kaitāia	-	151,951	-
Stormwater upgrade, Ahipara	150,000	715,400	-
Total new works	8,908,156	1,250,601	1,925,562
Renewals			
348a/SH12 Ōmāpere stormwater	339,037		
Network reactive renewals triggered by roading, District-wide	300,000	306,600	313,950
Reactive renewals, District-wide	500,000	306,600	313,950
Gross debris traps upgrades, Kaikohe	-	153,300	-
Stormwater pipe renewal, Kawakawa	-	-	1,308,125
Stormwater renewals, Parkdale Crescent, Kaitāia	1,300,000	-	-
Stormwater renewal and diversion, Kaitāia	47,000	431,284	-
Total renewals	2,486,037	1,197,784	1,936,025
Total capital works for Stormwater	11,394,193	2,448,385	3,861,587

Wastewater	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
New works			
Access to potable water at treatment plants	150,000	439,460	-
Consent Renewal, Kohukohu	-	-	-
Discharge consent, Hihi	207,176	-	-
Discharge consent, Kāeo	150,000	-	-
Discharge consent, Kaikohe	389,684	-	-
Discharge consent, Kaitāia	177,129	-	-
Resource consent WWTP, Taipā	610,050	-	-
Stream diversion, WWTP, Kawakawa	398,802	-	-
Land purchase for discharge - Kohukohu	-	817,600	-
Land purchase for discharge - Ōmāpere/Ōpononi	-	1,022,000	-
Land purchase for discharge - Rāwene	-	-	313,950
Network overflow, Kaitāia	7,704,000	2,219,784	-
Odour unit pump station Jacaranda Place, Kerikeri	194,500	-	-
Reactive Health and Safety, District-wide	200,000	-	-
Storage pump capacity improvements, Kerikeri	600,000	-	-
Telemetry upgrades, District-wide	2,100,000	3,219,300	3,296,475
Treatment plant development, Kaitāia	-	-	1,308,125
Treatment plant improvements, Rāwene	-	314,572	-
Treatment plant replacement, Hihi	500,000	3,193,750	2,747,063
Treatment plant upgrades, Kaikohe	1,250,000	5,110,000	15,697,500
Treatment plant upgrades, Kaitāia	885,000	1,022,000	4,709,250
Treatment plant upgrades, Kohukohu	189,520		
Wastewater minor capital works, District-wide	625,000	638,750	654,063
Wastewater monitoring site upgrades, District-wide	-	638,750	654,063
Wastewater network improvements, Ngāwhā	-	-	261,625
Wastewater network programme of infiltration detection and repair, Paihia	-	383,250	-
Wastewater network upgrade, Rāwene	-	255,500	-
Wastewater overflows 146/148 Tokerau Beach Rd, Whatuwhiwhi	366,000	-	-
Wastewater pump station odour devices programme, District-wide	-	383,250	392,438
Wastewater pump station storage improvement, Haruru	225,000	-	-
Wastewater resource consents amend to land discharge, Taipā	100,000	127,750	-
Wastewater resource consents amend to land discharge, Kohukohu	100,000	229,950	-
Wastewater resource consents amend to land discharge, Ōpononi	-	-	104,650
Wastewater resource consents amend to land discharge, Rāwene	-	-	130,813
Wastewater scheme improvements, Kaikohe	900,000	-	-
Wastewater treatment aqua mats replacement, Whatuwhiwhi	125,000	-	-
Wastewater treatment plant critical spares programme, District-wide	-	638,750	-
Wastewater treatment plant improvements, Whatuwhiwhi	-	483,406	2,604,739
Wastewater treatment plant pipe realignment upgrade, Russell	-	-	156,975
Wastewater treatment plant upgrades, Whangaroa	-	125,706	768,131
Wastewater treatment plant upgrades, Ōpononi	3,905,000	-	-
Total new works	22,051,861	21,059,128	33,799,860

Wastewater	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Renewals			
Baffin Street upgrade (Pump station 1 and storage)	1,600,000	-	-
Consent renewal, expand treatment plant, Kerikeri	-	76,650	183,138
Consent renewal, network overflows, Kaitiāia	250,000	-	-
Consent Renewal, Kohukohu	-	102,200	52,325
Consent renewal, Rāwene	175,000	255,500	-
Consent renewal, Russell	175,000	-	-
Consent renewal, Taipā	-	-	78,488
Consent renewal, Whatuwhiwhi	175,000	-	-
Diffuser renewal, Russell	250,000	-	-
Discharge consent renewal, Houhora Heads Motor Camp	250,000	-	-
Kohukohu wastewater treatment development	-	-	654,063
Network renewals, Kaitiāia	-	-	837,200
Network renewals, Kawakawa	-	-	261,625
Ōpononi wastewater network renewals	400,000	408,800	418,600
Power cable realignment, Kāeo	-	-	261,625
Pump station renewals and upgrades, District-wide	-	1,430,800	1,517,425
Reactive renewals	300,000	306,600	313,950
Scheduled renewals, Kaikohe	-	-	523,250
Treatment plant security fencing, Ahipara	70,163	-	-
Wastewater network reactive renewals triggered by roading, District-wide	-	306,600	313,950
Wastewater network renewals, Russell	400,000	715,400	745,108
Wastewater network renewals, Whatuwhiwhi	400,000	408,800	418,600
Wastewater treatment and disposal sludge management renewals, Kawakawa	-	42,924	-
Total renewals	4,445,163	4,258,674	6,579,347
Total capital works for Wastewater	26,497,024	25,317,802	40,379,207

Water Supply	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
New works			
Clarifier membrane, Ōpononi	-	-	287,788
Clarifier sludge disposal improvement, Kaitiāia	-	104,857	-
District-wide programme to meet water safety plan requirements	250,000	255,500	261,625
Fireflow upgrades, Kaikohe	225,000	-	-
Fireflow upgrades, Ōpononi	-	341,348	1,207,661
Kaikohe water source resilience	875,000	-	-
Kaikohe water treatment plant Spectro Analyser installation	-	127,750	-
Kaitiāia fluoridation	1,200,000	-	-
Kerikeri fluoridation	1,200,000	-	-
Mains upgrade, Paihia - Ōpua	-	693,938	707,434
Monitoring site upgrades, District-wide	188,000	-	-
Paihia mains Baffin Street Stage 1	354,000	-	-
Riverbank infiltration gallery improvement, Paihia	-	-	-
SCADA system upgrades	900,000	1,379,700	1,412,775
Storage improvements, District-wide	-	638,750	1,308,125

Water Supply	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Upgrade main to Heritage Bypass, Kerikeri	-	6,905,654	5,232,500
Water treatment plant PLC installation, Kaitiāia	113,000	-	-
Water treatment plant PLC upgrade, Kaikohe	200,000	-	-
Water treatment plant upgrade, Kerikeri	1,000,000	2,474,262	4,242,511
Zonal monitoring, Paihia	400,000	-	-
District-wide water minor capital works	461,000	483,406	507,553
Total new works	7,366,000	13,405,165	15,167,972
Renewals			
District-wide water network reactive renewals triggered by roading	300,000	306,600	313,950
District-wide water pump station renewal programme	-	357,700	366,275
District-wide water reactive renewals	300,000	306,600	313,950
Kaikohe water network reticulation renewals	-	-	3,139,500
Kaikohe water treatment plant consent renewal, Monument Hill bores and Squires Spring	-	178,850	78,488
Kaikohe water treatment plant consent renewal, Wairoro Stream	175,000	25,550	-
Kawakawa water network planned renewals	-	-	4,186,000
Okaihau renew UV Unit	75,000	-	-
Ōpononi Ōmāpere water treatment plant consent renewal, Waiarohia Stream Dam	-	102,200	-
Ōpononi Ōmāpere water treatment plant consent renewal, Waiotemarama Stream	-	81,760	-
Ōpononi water resource consents renew structure consent, Waiotemarama Stream	-	81,760	-
Water source renewals, Pembroke, Massey, Ranfurley and Reed Streets, Moerewa	470,000	-	-
Water supply network planned renewals, Kaitiāia	-	81,760	-
Water treatment plant relocation Paihia	1,000,000	2,555,000	8,283,048
Total renewals	3,091,858	3,996,020	16,681,211
Total capital works for Water Supply	10,457,858	17,401,185	31,849,183

Infrastructure Acceleration Funding

Wastewater	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
New works			
Reticulation upgrades Kaikohe, KO Developer Contributions	450,000	6,080,900	-
Reticulation upgrades Kaikohe, Developer Funding Agreement	100,000	6,403,012	-
Reticulation upgrades Kaikohe, Council funded	1,633,992	1,677,823	-
Treatment upgrades Kaikohe, KO Developer Contributions	290,000	2,350,600	-
Treatment upgrades Kaikohe, Developer Funding Agreement	100,000	2,078,270	-
Treatment upgrades Kaikohe, Council funded	577,930	1,275,016	-
Reticulation upgrades Kawakawa, KO Developer Contributions	550,000	7,154,000	169,533
Reticulation upgrades Kawakawa, Developer Funding Agreement	-	2,883,879	334,713
Reticulation upgrades Kawakawa, Council funded	463,046	240,480	-
Treatment upgrades Kawakawa, KO Developer Contributions	510,000	3,577,000	1,674,400
Treatment upgrades Kawakawa, Developer Funding Agreement	-	102,200	1,137,552
Treatment upgrades Kawakawa, Council funded	885,484	190,132	-

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Water Supply	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
New works			
Treatment upgrades Kaikohe, KO Developer Contributions	5,588,000	3,834,544	-
Treatment upgrades Kaikohe, Developer Funding Agreement	100,000	944,088	-
Treatment upgrades Kaikohe, Council funded	317,261	15,588	-
Reticulation upgrades Kaikohe, KO Developer Contributions	2,150,000	1,359,260	-
Reticulation upgrades Kaikohe, Developer Funding Agreement	50,000	345,573	-
Reticulation upgrades Kaikohe, Council funded	190,520	26,962	-
Treatment upgrades Kawakawa, KO Developer Contributions	5,235,000	1,686,300	-
Treatment upgrades Kawakawa, Developer Funding Agreement	-	102,200	2,292,234
Treatment upgrades Kawakawa, Council funded	553,310	-	-
Reticulation upgrades Kawakawa, KO Developer Contributions	743,000	408,800	-
Reticulation upgrades Kawakawa, Developer Funding Agreement	-	18,308	603,843
Reticulation upgrades Kawakawa, Council funded	108,596	-	-
Roading			
New works			
Greenacres Drive - widening Kawakawa KO Developer funding	205,000	3,760,960	31,395
Greenacres Drive - widening Kawakawa Developer funding agreement	-	210,657	1,183,970
Greenacres Drive - widening Kawakawa Council funded	278,299	-	-
Total new works	21,079,438	46,726,552	7,427,640
Total capital works for Infrastructure Acceleration Funding	21,079,438	46,726,552	7,427,640
Renewals			
New works	96,084,718	116,728,862	90,192,095
Renewals	42,944,048	48,144,096	62,792,236
GRAND TOTAL	139,028,766	164,872,958	152,984,331
Totals by Group			
Community & Engagement	7,252,108	7,831,361	673,089
District Facilities	13,267,678	6,981,076	5,289,028
Environmental Management	160,000	31,793	32,556
Governance Administration	1,889,205	3,197,858	1,601,254
Roading & Footpaths	45,875,031	54,851,733	61,818,462
Solid Waste Management	1,156,231	85,213	52,325
Wastewater	26,497,024	25,317,802	40,379,207
Stormwater	11,394,193	2,448,385	3,861,587
Water Supply	10,457,858	17,401,185	31,849,183
Infrastructure Acceleration Funding	21,079,438	46,726,552	7,427,640
TOTAL	139,028,766	164,872,958	152,984,331

Summary of changes for the Capital Programme - Capital Movements						
Project Name		2024/25	2025/26	2026/2	Change description	Reason for Change
District Facilities						
North Park Toilet, Kaitaia	LOS	-	-		Move from LTP Yr 4 to 23/24	Project timing change
Partial shade sails, District wide	LOS	- 130,000			Reduce Yr1 budget	Align to location requirements, delay most locations and reduce budget
Solid Waste Resource Recovery Centre, Kaitaia	LOS	393,400	-		Move from 23/24 to LTP Yr 1	Project to align with bridge replacement in Year 1 LTP
Stormwater						
Stormwater pipe renewals, Commerce St, Kaitaia	LOS	1,000,000	-	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 - completion date now November 2024 Constructable design being finalised, negotiations with private property owners nearing resolution
Stormwater renewals, Kotare Drive, East Coast	LOS	529,195	-	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 - Detailed design & consenting required
Stormwater renewals, Kaitaia Parkdale Crescent	RENEWAL	1,300,000	-	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 - completion date now December 2024 if engagement required to agree open swale design completed by mid-June and no delays in consenting
348a SH12 Omapere Stormwater	LOS	1,660,963	-	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 - detailed design complete, consenting investigations underway and engagement to commence - cost increase due to construction in SH - will be ready for next construction season Oct 24
348a SH12 Omapere Stormwater	RENEWAL	339,037	-	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	As above
Stormwater Consents, Te Hiku	LOS	300,000	-	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 - delay due to resourcing levels, lodgement planned for Feb 2025
Stormwater Resource Consents, Kaitaia	LOS	- 40,000	131,511		Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast from FY25 - budget is for hearings for Te Hiku SW Consent
District Wide Stormwater Reactive Renewals	RENEWAL	200,000	-		Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 to meet increasing requests for SW reactive works
District Wide Stormwater Floodgate improvements	LOS	116,998	-		Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 as unable to complete works by 30 June 2024
Wastewater						
Treatment Plant security fencing, Ahipara	RENEWAL	70,163	-	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 as works unable to be completed by 30 June however links with SCUUV and wetlands upgrades currently in progress
Kaeo Discharge Consent	LOS	150,000	-	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 - lodgement on hold awaiting resourcing to collaborate with tangata whenua on consent conditions and budget allows for hearing process
Treatment plant upgrades, Kohukohu	LOS	189,520	-	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 - desludging and baffle curtains to be installed after consultation with CLG being formed under consent conditions
Wastewater overflows 146/148 Tokerau Beach Rd, Whatuwhiwhi	LOS	366,000	-	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Unbudgeted works from FY24 - detailed design due May 2024 requiring DoC concession to install storage, construction will follow immediately ut not prior to 30 June 2024
Consent Renewal, Kohukohu	RENEWAL	-	102,200	52,325	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr2 LTP	Consent expiry is 2027 - budget need reset for 2 years prior to expiry
Reactive Health and Safety, District Wide	LOS	200,000	-	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 as recently scoped works unable to be completed prior to 30 June 2024
East Coast WWTP Resource Consent	LOS	610,050	-	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 - EC trial progressing and Discharge to land option being developed will need fully developed proposal for consenting
Discharge Consent, Hihi	LOS	7,176	-	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 to be added to FY25 budgetary provision
Kaikohe Discharge Consent	LOS	389,684	-	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 as consent lodged on hold while BPO is fully developed with Working Group
Wastewater Scheme Improvements, Kaikohe	LOS	900,000	-	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 - zonal monitoring operational but programme yet to be finalised, construction will follow this
Kaitaia Discharge Consent	LOS	177,129	-	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 - balance remaining after application lodged, 2 submissions received currently in talks, may proceed to hearing
Treatment Plant Upgrades, Kaitaia	LOS	260,000	-	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 - feasibility investiation delayed awaiting consent application to clarify upgrades
Kawakawa WWTP Stream Diversion	LOS	398,802	-	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 - engaement and design has now been outsourced but will not be delivered prior to 30 June 2024
Odour Unit Jacaranda Pump Station	LOS	194,500	-	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 - delayed due to resourcing and lower priority, now in design with construction in FY25
Treatment plant improvements, Rawene	LOS	-	314,572	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr2 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 - awaiting outcome of EC unit installation and results
Water						
Clarifier sludge disposal improvement, Kaitaia	LOS	-	104,857	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr2 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 - retimed need to allow for impact of Sweetwater supply
Water source renewals, Pembroke, Massey, Ranfurley & Reed, Moerewa	RENEWAL	470,000	-	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 retimed to align with Moerewa SW Improvement projet
Water treatment plant relocation Paihia	RENEWAL	21,858	-	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr1 LTP	Reforecast FY24 to add to FY25 budget for wider project
Kaikohe WTP Consent Renewal, Monument Hill Bores & Squires Spring	RENEWAL	- 75,000	-	78,488	Reduce Yr1 budget / increase Yr3	Consent expiry is 2027 - budget need reset for 2 years prior to expiry
Kaikohe WTP Consent Renewal, Wairoro Stream	RENEWAL	-	25,550	-	Reforecast from FY24 to Yr2 LTP	Reforecast from FY24 - for engagement (CIA), consent expiry 2026
Opononi Omapere WTP Consent Renewal, Waiarohia Stream Dam	RENEWAL	- 75,000	- 76,650	-	Reduce Yr1 &Yr 2 budget	Budget provision reduced as consent renewal expected to be non-complex
Opononi Omapere WTP Consent Renewal, Waiotemarama Stream	RENEWAL	- 75,000	- 97,090	-	Reduce Yr1 &Yr 2 budget	Budget provision reduced as consent renewal expected to be non-complex
Opononi Water Resource Consents Renew Structure Consent, Waiotemarama Stream	RENEWAL	- 132,000	22,484	-	Reduce Yr1 budget / increase Yr2	Budget provision reduced and retimed as consent renewal expected to be non-complex
Water - capital reduction & apply MoH 100% subsidy						
Kaitaia Fluoridation	LOS	- 1,800,000	-	-	Reduce Yr1 Capex by \$1.2mil	Reduced Capex in line with recent costings
Kerikeri Fluoridation	LOS	- 1,800,000	-	-	Reduce Yr1 Capex by \$1.2mil	Reduced Capex in line with recent costings
Total Capital movements						
		6,117,475	527,434	130,813		

6.2 LONG TERM PLAN 2024-27 DELIBERATIONS**File Number: A4724521****Author: Angie Thomas, Team Leader - Accounting Services****Authoriser: Charlie Billington, Group Manager - Corporate Services****TE TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To provide the information necessary to enable Council to deliberate on submissions received during the statutory consultation period for the proposed Long-Term Plan (LTP) 2024-27.

TE WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Far North District Council's Long Term Plan consultation document (**attachment 1**) and supporting information including submission analysis (**attachment 2**) were adopted on 12 March 2024.
- Consultation period was 27 March to 29 April 2024 and 506 submissions were received.
- 35 verbal submissions were considered at hearings in Kaitia and Kaikohe during the week of 30 April to 3 May 2024.
- Council considers all submissions received written and verbal in decision making related to Long Term Plan 2024-27.
- The final Long Term Plan 2024-27 document is scheduled for adoption on 26 June 2024.

1. Key Issues NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION 1.1) That Council approve option xxx to confirm how stormwater across the district.
1. Key Issues NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION 1.2) That Council approve option xxx to confirm the way access to water supply and wastewater services is rated.
1. Key Issues NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION 1.3) That Council approve option xxx to confirm how community services will be provided throughout the district.
2. Submissions analysis feedback NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION 2.1a) That Council note the submissions on 2.1 Capital works programme (generalisation), and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.
2. Submissions analysis feedback NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION 2.2a) That Council note the submissions on 2.2 Civil Defence, and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.
2. Submissions analysis feedback NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION 2.3a) That Council agree that no additional grants will be introduced to the Long Term Plan 2024-27 for 2.3 Community boards and community grants/funding retain/increase funding.

<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.3b) That Council approve \$57,000 Town Beautification to each ward for new capital works, a total of \$171,000 each year.</p> <p><i>NOTE: This will is an addition to the Revised Capital Programme 2024-27.</i></p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.3c) That Council instruct the Chief Executive Officer to ensure that existing budgets and resourcing is available to support Te-Oneroa-a-Tohe beach management plan.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.4a) That Council note the submissions on 2.4 Communications and engagement, and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.5a) That Council note the submissions on 2.5 Community outcomes, and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.6a) That Council note the submissions on 2.6 Cycle Trail (Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail), and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.7a) That Council note the submissions on 2.7 Delivery and Operations activities and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.8a) That Council note the submissions on 2.8 District Facilities activities, and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.9a) That Council note the submissions on 2.9 Environment, and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.10a) That Council note the submissions on 2.10 Fees and Charges, and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.11a) That Council note the submissions on 2.11 Financial, and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.</p>

<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.12a) That Council note the submissions on 2.12 Far North Holdings Limited (FNHL), and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>That Council:</p> <p>2.13a) note the submissions on 2.13 General comments, and;</p> <p>2.13b) approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027, and</p> <p>2.13c) acknowledge all feedback from the submissions on 2.13 General comments.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.14a) That Council note the submissions on 2.14 Governance, and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.15a) That Council note the submissions on 2.15 Long Term Plan consultation document, and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.16a) That Council note the submissions on 2.16 Operational, and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.17a) That Council note the submissions on 2.17 Planning and policy, and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.18a) That Council note the submissions on 2.18 Rangitane maritime facilities, and;</p> <p>2.18b) approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027, and</p> <p>2.18c) approve work to commence if the resource consent is granted.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.19a) That Council note the submissions on 2.19 Rates, and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.20a) That Council note the submissions on 2.20 Roding, and;</p> <p>2.20b) approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027, and</p> <p>2.20c) approve the reinstatement of \$2M to unsubsidised sealing for each year of the Long Term Plan 2024-27.</p>

<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.21 Solid waste/recycling</p> <p>2.21a) That Council note the submissions on 2.21 Solid waste/recycling, and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.22a) That Council note the submissions on 2.22 Stakeholder relationships, and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.23a) That Council note the submissions on 2.23 Stormwater/drainage/flood protection, and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.24a) That Council note the submissions on 2.24 Town maintenance, and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.25a) That Council note the submissions on 2.25 Water supply, and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.26a) That Council note the submissions on 2.26 Wastewater, and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.</p>
<p>2. Submissions analysis feedback</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2.27a) That Council note the submissions on 2.27 Non-council related comments, and approve no change to be made to the Long Term Plan 2024-2027.</p>
<p>3. Corrections and updates</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>3.1a) That Council approve the activity name change from Governance Administration to Corporate Services.</p>
<p>3. Corrections and updates</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>3.1b) That Council approve a special consultative process for additional fees and charges for Resource Consents during the 2024 year.</p>
<p>3. Corrections and updates</p> <p>NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>3.1c) That Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to approve any minor accuracy, grammatical or formatting amendments to the final Long Term Plan 2024-27.</p>

3. Corrections and updates NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION 3.1d) That Council approves provision being made in the Long Term Plan 2024-27 for the acquisition of 200 shares in the Otawere Reservoir.
3. Corrections and updates NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION 3.1e) That Council approves further savings of \$8.5M identified through various budget streams for the 2024/25 year following public feedback during the consultation period.
3. Corrections and updates NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION 3.1f) That Council approve an additional \$700,000 in total to opt into Future of Severely Affected Land (FOSAL) programme.
3. Corrections and updates NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION 3.1g) That Council request a special dividend of xxx from its Council Controlled Organisation Far North Holdings Limited to be received in the 2024/25 year; and Council delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to formalise the request.

1) TE TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act 2002 requires that Council adopt a new Long Term Plan every three years. Over the last year Council has progressed the development of the new plan for the years 2024-27 through a number of Council workshops. Formal consultation occurred during March-April this year.

2) TE MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

506 submissions were received, and 35 submitters presented to Council hearings.

Submissions received that raised specific issues to which Council would normally respond as part of business as usual, these have been referred on to the department.

The attached report Far North District Council Long Term Plan 2024-27 Analysis (**attachment 2**) summarises the submissions by theme and overall comments.

Following deliberations, the Long Term Plan will be finalised to include any amendments in preparation for Council adoption at the Council meeting scheduled for 26 June 2024.

Corrections and updates

Of the submissions received, 114 related specifically to rates and associated financial concerns. The majority of feedback highlighted the unaffordability of the proposed 16.5% increase, particularly given the cost of living crisis in New Zealand and significant financial challenges faced by the Far North community.

In response, options have been thoroughly investigated to address financial challenges faced by ratepayers without sacrificing current service levels or materially impacting debt levels. This investigation identified three key areas, for consideration, that may assist to reduce the proposed 16.5% rate increase. These are:

1. **Cost Savings:** A detailed review of internal budgets has been conducted. Cost savings would be achieved if unfilled vacancies are removed, reliance on external service providers is reduced, certain projects are deferred, and community outreach initiatives are streamlined.

2. **Re-evaluation of Income Sources:** Revenue sources have been re-evaluated as well as structure and pricing of income-generating services, some of which are currently subsidised by rates.
3. **Special Dividend from FNHL:** Through engagement with council-controlled organisation, Far North Holdings Limited (FNHL), there has been a request for a special dividend to be paid. A business case has been discussed with FNHL, which included necessary capital structuring. FNDC is confident that the dividend would be received in the 2024/25 year.

Council staff have acknowledged that an increase may be required, and will be considered as part of the 2025/2026 Annual process, for emergency works.

There is an opportunity for Council to opt into The Future of Severe Affected Land (FOSAL) programme, there is requirement for further budget to accommodate this (table 1) below. Further detail included in **attachment 4**.

Table 1: Future of Severe Affected Land (FOSAL) programme

Action	Estimated Cost	Comments
Policy Suite Development	\$100,000	1x FTE (3 months) includes iwi-hapu & community consultation & legal (possible cost share with Northland Councils & resource pooling with other councils).
Design of categorisation programme	\$100,000	1x FTE (3 months) + costs & legal (possible cost share with Northland Councils & resource pooling with other councils).
Implementation of categorisation programme	\$500,000	3x FTE inspections, engineering assessments, hazard assessments, systems administration & legal.

TE TAKE TŪTOHUNGA / REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION









All submissions have been collated and analysed. To facilitate Council decision making staff have analysed feedback and have categorised into respective topics by group and or activity for Council to debate and, if desired, amend.

Decisions made at this meeting will be incorporated into the final Long Term Plan 2024-27.

3) NGĀ PĀNGA PŪTEA ME NGĀ WĀHANGA TAHUA / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION

The decisions made at this meeting determine the financial implications and rates for the period 2024-27.

NGĀ ĀPITI HANGA / ATTACHMENTS

1. Far North District Council Long Term Plan 2024-27 Consultation Document - A4733585  
2. Far North District Council Long Term Plan 2024-27 Analysis - A4731911  
3. Fees and Charges schedule 2024/25 - A4731913  
4. Future of Severely Affected Land Briefing Paper.docx - A4733724  

Te Hōtaka Take Ōkawa / Compliance schedule:

Full consideration has been given to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 S77 in relation to decision making, in particular:

1. A Local authority must, in the course of the decision-making process,
 - a) Seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and
 - b) Assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
 - c) If any of the options identified under paragraph (a) involves a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water sites, waahi tapu, valued flora and fauna and other taonga.
2. This section is subject to Section 79 - Compliance with procedures in relation to decisions.

He Take Ōkawa / Compliance requirement	Te Aromatawai Kaimahi / Staff assessment
State the level of significance (high or low) of the issue or proposal as determined by the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy	The Special Consultative Procedure has been undertaken as required by the Local Government Act 2002. The issues consulted on in the Consultation Document were assessed as significant against Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the LTP) that relate to this decision.	Local Government Act 2002
State whether this issue or proposal has a District wide relevance and, if not, the ways in which the appropriate Community Board's views have been sought.	The LTP has district-wide relevance. Community Boards have been involved in the development of the plan.
State the possible implications for Māori and how Māori have been provided with an opportunity to contribute to decision making if this decision is significant and relates to land and/or any body of water.	Significant consultation and engagement has been undertaken, incorporating social media and community feedback in all wards. Council facilitated a submissions period of one month.
Identify persons likely to be affected by or have an interest in the matter, and how you have given consideration to their views or preferences (for example – youth, the aged and those with disabilities).	District-wide relevance. Submitters were invited to speak to their submissions at hearings held in Kaikohe and Kaitaia.
State the financial implications and where budgetary provisions have been made to support this decision.	Decisions will set budgets and determine rates for 3 years from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2027.
Chief Financial Officer review.	The Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report



ME WHAKAWHITI KŌRERO WE NEED TO TALK

TE TUHINGA O TE
RAUTAKI AHUNGA ROA

LONG TERM PLAN
CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

2024-27



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KUA REREKĒ TĒNEI MAHERE - HE AHA AI? THIS PLAN IS DIFFERENT - WHY?

In 2022 and 2023, the Far North, and other parts of New Zealand, were battered by back-to-back severe weather events. This included Cyclone Gabrielle which struck the North Island early in February 2023. The impact on our already vulnerable road infrastructure was significant.

Over 12 months from July 2022, 487 slips affected Far North roads. Of those, 140 were caused by Cyclone Gabrielle – the highest number of slips on record for a single event. Culverts and other drainage assets, footpaths and seawalls were also damaged. The repair bill for our local roading network has been estimated at \$41 million, with approximately \$15 million of these repairs now completed.

The government recognised that these weather events and the extra work they created would significantly reduce the ability of affected councils to develop and engage with the public on a 10-year Long Term Plan (LTP) while also focusing on recovery and rebuilding. It gave eight councils, including ours, the option to create a shortened three-year plan spanning 2024-27.

This option allows councils to focus on cyclone recovery. For us in the Far North, the goal will be repairing our damaged infrastructure, particularly focusing on roads, and making the best use of funding offered by the government.

This simplified version of the plan lets us:

- Plan for the next three years instead of 10
- Concentrate on recovering from the weather events in 2022/23
- Focus on our number one priority – repair our transport network.

Repairing our transport network

With that focus on repairing our transport network, we have been planning and working with our contractors to ensure repairs can be carried out more efficiently while working on building more resilient roads and addressing the causes of damage, such as drainage issues. For more information about our repairing our transport network please see page 19.

In addition to repairing the damage, we are planning to spend \$328 million on new works and renewals on our transport network over the next five years. Information about our planned network activities in our proposed capital works programme is on page 31.

We know we will face more challenging weather events in the future and this will put more pressure on our infrastructure. But we need to be practical and address the cause of some of the issues. That is why we want to talk to you about increasing the funding we currently have for stormwater and drainage. There is more about this on page 22.

Disclaimer

This Long Term Plan (LTP) Consultation Document and supporting information has been prepared in accordance with the Severe Weather Emergency Recovery Legislation Act 2023 and the Severe Weather Emergency Recovery (Local Government Act 2002—Long-term Plan) Order 2023 issued in October 2023. The order simplifies the process for preparation of an LTP by certain councils affected by the severe weather events of 2023 and enables the council to prepare an LTP Consultation Document and supporting information that has not been formally audited. While this consultation document and supporting information is not required to include a formal audit report, all due care has been exercised in the preparation of this consultation document and supporting information, having regard to the information available to council at that time.

ME WHAI KŌRERO KOE HAVE YOUR SAY

With our focus on repairing our transport network, we still have some other issues that we need to talk about.

These can be found on pages 22 to 30 of this document.

Please share your feedback by filling out the submission form, which you can do either online at www.fndc.govt.nz/ltp2024-27 or by picking up a form from one of our service centres, libraries, or an isite near you. More details can be found on page 32.

Your input is important, and our councillors will carefully consider all the feedback we receive. They will use this information to make decisions before officially approving and adopting the plan in June this year.

This is a one-in-three-year chance to influence the direction and priorities that affect you and your communities, so we encourage you to have your say.

NGĀ RĀ KEY DATES

- **26 MARCH - 28 APRIL**
Consultation with our communities
- **30 APRIL, 1, 3 MAY**
Verbal submission days
(See our website for more details)
- **20, 23 MAY**
Deliberations meeting
- **JUNE 26**
Adoption of the plan meeting
- **JULY 1**
Plan comes into effect



HE PĀNUI NĀ TE KAUNIHĒRA

Kia ora koutou

E ai ki tā te whārangi tuatahi, e hui ana mātou ki ngā kainoho, kaiutu tāke anōki mō te whakapoto i te Rautaki Ahunga Roa (RAR) te take. Nā te pākaha mai o Āwha Kāpireira, kua homai te whiriwhiringa e te Kāwanatanga kia mahia mai he rautaki 3 tau kē te roa, tēnā i te rautaki 10 tau te roa. E 8 nahe ngā kaunihera i whiwhi ki tēnei whiriwhiringa. Whakaae tonu atu mātou ki te tono nei, kia nui atu ai tā mātou aro ki te raruraru nui kei te kāinga nei, arā, ki ō tātou rori.

Nā te kaha pāngia tātou e te āwha kino, kua ara mai he nama nui hei utu mā te kaunihera. Ā, e kake haere nei te nui o tērā nama, nā te āhua tonu o te ao e noho nei. Kua piki ngā rēti ki tōna tino ikeikeitanga o te 30 tau kua pahure. Nā tēnā kua pau iho te pūtea hei whakatika i ngā rori, ā, me te pūtea kua whakaaetia kētia ki ētahi atu mahi i roto i te RAR 2021-31.

Ko tā mātou he whakatupu i te pūtea, i te wairua o te hapori, me te taiao anōki hei painga mō ngā uri whakatupu. Ko ngā hua ka puāwai i te rohe nei, kei te āhua tonu o te tuku i ngā ratonga. Nā, he mea nui anō ki te āta whiriwhiri i ngā whakataunga, me tōna pānga ki ngā uri whakatupu.

He mahi pakeke rā hoki ki te whakatakoto rautaki mō tō tātou rohe. He whānui nō te whenua ka tahi, he maha hoki nō ngā kāinga iti, ka rua. Kātahi ka huri atu ki te whakarite, hanga, whakahou, me te utu i ngā rori, wai para, wai ua, me ētahi atu kaupapa tūāhanga, ka pakeke kē atu. Ka mutu, kia tū kaha anō te rohe nei mō te tūpono pā mai o te āwhā ā ngā tau tata nei, haramai te uaua. Ahakoa e ū tonu ana ā mātou ratonga, me te tiaki i tō tātou rohe, me te whakatutuki i ngā mahi e ai ki te ture, he utu nui kei konā. Hoi, e mātau ana mātou, ehara i te mea mā te whakapiki i ngā utu rēti ka aha ai, e taumaha kē ana ētahi whānau o Te Hiku i te utu nama.

Nā, hei huarahi putanga oratanga, kua tātari ngā kaimahi me ngā mema kaunihera i te pūtea, kia nui atu ai te tiaki pūtea mai me te rere tonu o ngā ratonga ki ngā iwi. Kia oti ēnei mea e rua nei, me whakatau uaua hoki.

Kua mahi tahi hoki mātou ki ngā poari hapori. He rautaki ā rātou e whakatakoto ana i ngā mahi e tika ana kia oti. Hoi, tērā ētahi o ā rātou kaupapa ka whai kikokiko anō. Tērā ētahi ka tārewa, kia whakahou rānō i te rautaki. I pēnei ai kia aro mātou ki ngā rori i pākarukarungia ai.

Kia ahatia. Ko te whakataunga hukihuki kei a mātou, ko te wāhi whakapiki i ngā utu rēti mō te

tau 2024/2025, ka 16.5% te nui o te pikinga. Ina whakatatūngia ētahi whakaaro kei te tuhinga nei, ka piki te utu rēti.

E whakairo ana tēnei tuhinga hukihuki i ētahi kaupapa matua, ngā whiriwhiringa, te utu, me pēhea e utua ai, me te pānga o aua utu ki te tangata.

Kei te Rautaki Whairawa e rārangi mai ana te huarahi e whai pūtea ai kia rere tonu ai ngā ratonga ā ngā tau kei te heke mai. Hei āpiti ki tēnei, kua oti i a mātou tētahi Rautaki Tūāhanga hei whakatatū i ngā raruraru hanganga rori, wai ua, wai para, me te ū tonu o te whai wai anōki.

Tirohia te whārangi 12 o tēnei tuhinga nei mō te whakarāpopototanga.

Mō te roanga atu, me te homai i ō whakaaro, haere ki te whārangi 31, whārangi 32 anōki.

Hoinō rā, ko te wā tēnei e pānui ai koe i ngā kōrero. Me mātua mōhio mātou e tika ana tēnei huarahi i mua i te whakatatūtanga iho.

Hena koa, āta panui i ngā tono nei. Mutu, me whakaaro ake, he aha te pākaha o ā tātou whakataunga ki ngā uri whakatupu, he aha hoki tōna whaitake ki te whainga nui, kia puāwai tonu te nohotahi a tēnā, a tēnā, i roto i tō tātou rohe.

Ka tāria ō kōrero.

Ngā manaakitanga.

Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL

Kia ora koutou

As outlined on page 1, we are consulting with residents and ratepayers on a reduced Long Term Plan (LTP). Due to the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle, we were one of eight councils given the option by the government to create a three-year LTP instead of the normal 10-year plan. We grabbed that opportunity so we can more effectively focus on our residents' number one priority – repairing our seriously battered road network.

Back-to-back severe weather events have left the council with a considerable repair bill. This has been compounded by spiralling inflation – the highest rates experienced in New Zealand in more than 30 years. This reduces our ability to pay for urgent road repairs and seriously impacts budgets for other projects already committed to in our 2021-31 LTP.

Our role is to promote economic, social, cultural, and environmental wellbeing for current and future generations. How we deliver services across the district can significantly impact these outcomes, so it's crucial to get it right and to consider how decisions today will affect future generations.

Planning for this district is challenging due to its huge geographic spread and many small communities. That makes it tough to plan, build, maintain and pay for our roading, water, wastewater, and stormwater and other infrastructure. Building resilience against future weather events is also tricky. While we remain committed to maintaining service levels and enhancing community wellbeing, delivering what we are legally bound to do and everything we want to do doesn't come cheap. However, we know that many Far North residents are already struggling to pay their bills. Simply raising council rates to cover increased costs isn't an option.

In response, staff and elected members have assessed budgets line by line to reduce what we spend while continuing to deliver our core services. Achieving that balance will require some tough decisions.

We've collaborated with our community boards, who have outlined strategic plans and priorities. Some projects included in these plans will proceed, but our focus on repairing our transport network means some will be delayed until the next planning cycle.

What we've landed on is a proposed rates increase for 2024/25 of 16.5%. If we proceed with some of the proposals in this document, that total rates take will increase.

This consultation document outlines our key proposals, what options we have, how much they will cost, how it will be funded and what the financial impact to ratepayers will be.

Our Financial Strategy summary lays out our plans to remain financially sustainable in the future so we can continue providing quality services. We've also developed a five-year Infrastructure Strategy to address significant issues facing our infrastructure such as roads, stormwater, wastewater, and water supply, and how we plan to tackle these challenges. A summary of this is on page 12 of this document.

You can find more information on how to access the full versions of these strategies and other supporting information, as well as how to submit your feedback, on pages 31 and 32.

Now it's time for you to read through this document and tell us what you think. We want to ensure we've made the right decisions before finalising and adopting the plan in June 2024.

Please read our proposals carefully. Consider how the decisions we make today will affect future generations and impact our long-term goal of creating a district of sustainable prosperity and wellbeing.

We look forward to hearing your views.

Thank you very much.

Far North District Council

KEI HEA TĀTOU IĀIANEI NĀ WHERE WE ARE NOW

We update our Long Term Plan every three years. This section summarises what has changed since 2021 and where we are right now in terms of some of those decisions made, legislation changes and an update on projects.

Three Waters

The previous government's water reform policy legislated a shift in responsibility for handling stormwater, drinking water, and wastewater from local councils to publicly owned regional entities. The idea was to make things more efficient and save money on managing water in smaller areas and their communities.

The new coalition government has repealed this legislation. The new policy will give communities and councils the freedom to decide how they want their water services to be managed in the future. At the same time, ensuring focus remains on providing safe water quality, while making long-term investments in infrastructure.

But here's the issue for our district. Our communities are spread out, with some areas only having a few ratepayers to 'pay' the entire cost of the infrastructure, which is a lot of money. In some cases, it will become unaffordable to fund these services for the community and the council.

We also don't want to lump the cost of infrastructure on our future Far North generations and need to try and provide an affordable and equitable basis to fund infrastructure now and in the future, with a very blunt tool called 'rating'. Council has minimal options to achieve this, and when we 'pull one lever' another one has to move as well.

Last year we asked for input on switching our rating system to become a district-wide rating for water supply and wastewater. This would have meant that smaller communities wouldn't be as impacted when upgrades or new infrastructure projects were needed. However, the council rejected this proposal because of the introduction of Three Waters legislation and the potential changes it might bring.

We are back to square one. And again, we are asking the question: Should we change the way we rate those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services. See page 24 to have your say.

At this stage, we are in a 'wait and see' situation with the coalition government as to how infrastructure may be funded. We will continue to lobby for funding and assistance to ensure we deliver compliant, vital services to our communities.

Housing for the Elderly divestment

In the last LTP, we talked about divesting our 147 Housing for the Elderly units.

A decision was made to start the process of identifying one or more providers that would enable the best option for partially or fully divesting the assets.

Throughout this process, it is important that the existing tenant arrangements are maintained and protected. This means ensuring that current tenants are taken care of and that the number of housing units and level of service in the area either remain the same or improves over time.

The council is continuing to explore opportunities to divest some or all of its Housing for the Elderly stock.








Capital works programme delivery

With no end in sight to rising costs, the council faces increases in inflation, contractor costs and supplies, as well as a shortage of contractors to complete the work required.

Some of the activities we have achieved since 2021 are on the following page. To find out what we have planned for the next three years, see the proposed capital works programme on page 31.

Summary of projects delivered 2021-24

The projects listed below are a summary of what we have achieved in the past three years.

Activity	Achieved since 2021
Water Supply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14km pipeline from Sweetwater, near Awanui, Kaitiāia to improve the town's resilience during dry weather The leak detection project commenced, resulting in successful identification and repairs being undertaken Council confirmed a partnership with Te Tai Tokerau Water Trust which is building a mid-North water storage reservoir and delivery system Initiatives to improve water resilience including increased water conservation messaging and education Water safety plans and reporting for Taumata Arowai Installation of new sample points and online monitoring equipment of water quality in the network
Wastewater 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taipā wastewater treatment plant upgrade is progressing with additional aeration, electrocoagulation trial initiated, and ongoing investigation into discharge to land Ōpononi wastewater treatment plant upgrade is in detailed design to meet new three-year consent timeframes Detailed design to reduce Kaitiāia's wastewater overflows is expected by mid-2024 with construction scheduled for 2025 Upgrades to Kaitiāia's wastewater treatment plant is being coordinated with the consent renewal for which consultation has started The Kaikohe wastewater treatment plant working group has identified a preferred upgrade option for which feasibility is now being investigated Construction of a replacement aeration tank for the Hihi wastewater treatment plant is expected by mid-2024, after which the working group will consider upgrade options
Transport network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening the forestry road network Asphalt re-surfacing Improved data and modelling Unsealed Centre of Excellence Dry dock repair to the Hokianga Ferry
Built spaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management structure – the new management structure has consolidated the asset functions into one team under the Property and Facilities Group (previously under Infrastructure and Asset Management) Animal shelter – purpose-built south facility located in Kaikohe New toilet facilities added throughout the district
Maritime assets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management agreement with Far North Holdings Limited (FNHL) with increased budget subject to approval Acquisition of additional land at Ōpononi for boat trailer parking
Open spaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new management system (Discover EverAfter) in place for searching cemetery family / genealogy records New pump tracks and playgrounds opened in 2021/22 at Awanui, Ahipara, Kerikeri and Kaikohe, catering for the youth in the communities Agreed core level of service for open space management with community boards prior to tendering new Open Spaces Management operation and maintenance contract
Solid Waste Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service delivery review – a Section 17A Review of the services was completed in 2022 prior to the existing contracts expiring Strategic planning – a waste assessment was completed to establish the planning foundations for the council's review of its Waste Management and Minimisation Plan The opening of a new recycling centre at Waitangi making it easier for residents to recycle and reduce solid waste going to landfill

NGĀ HONONGA RAUTAKI STRATEGIC LINKAGES

NGĀ WĀHANGA E WHĀ O TE HAUORA • THE FOUR ASPECTS OF WELLBEING



Ā iwi
Social



Ōhanga
Economic



Taiao
Environmental



Ahurea
Cultural

TIROHANGA • OUR VISION

HE WHENUA RANGATIRA
A DISTRICT OF SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY & WELL-BEING

ARONGA • OUR MISSION

HE ARA TĀMATA
CREATING GREAT PLACES
Supporting our people

HE RAUTAKI WHAKAAROTAU • OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Repair our transport network



Address
affordability



Better asset
management



Enable
sustainable
economic
development



Adapt to
climate
change



Protect our
water
supply



Deepen our
sense of
place and
connection

NGĀ HUA KI TE HAPORI • OUR COMMUNITY OUTCOMES



Proud,
vibrant
communities



Communities
that are
healthy, safe,
connected and
sustainable



Resilient
communities
that are
prepared for
the unexpected



Prosperous
communities
supported by
a sustainable
economy



A wisely
managed
environment that
recognises the
role of tangata
whenua as
kaitiaki



We celebrate
our unique
culture and
history

TE RAUTAKI TŪĀHANGA OUR INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY SUMMARY

Strategy purpose

Our Infrastructure Strategy aims to ensure responsible management of council's infrastructure assets and services. It has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of section 101B of the Local Government Act 2002, modified as part of the Severe Weather Emergency Recovery Order 2023, for a council affected by weather events.

This strategy has a five-year planning horizon (greater than the minimum of three years under the shortened Long Term Plan regime). This is a temporary change to support local authorities during the recovery phase from the recent extreme weather events.

However, we wish to prepare for the future and put in the right building blocks for the 2027 Infrastructure Strategy, particularly growth planning, climate

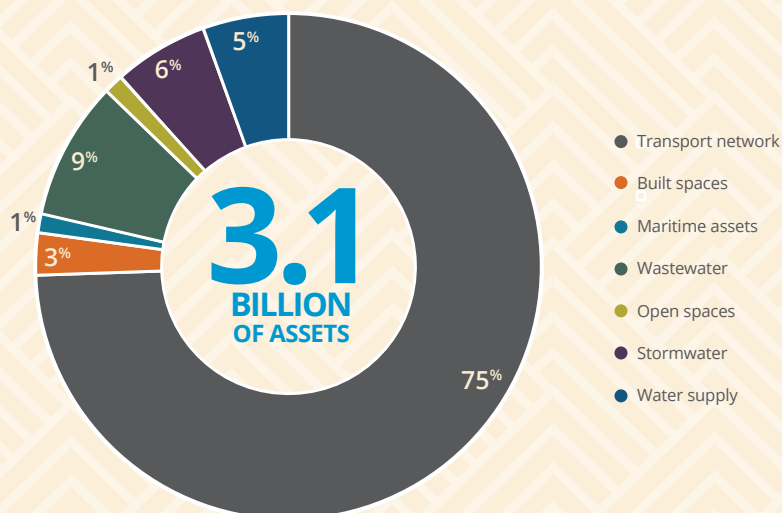
adaptation and improving asset management practices. The approach adopted for the 2024 strategy is setting up the right upfront strategic planning (top down) and with supporting underlying data (bottom up). It will take a few planning cycles to achieve an evidence-based strategy.

Strategy scope

Our Infrastructure Strategy covers the core infrastructure assets - our transport network, water supply, wastewater and stormwater. Our strategy also covers non-core assets at a high level - built spaces (community buildings, halls, and libraries), maritime assets, open spaces (parks and reserves, playgrounds, cemeteries etc), and solid waste.

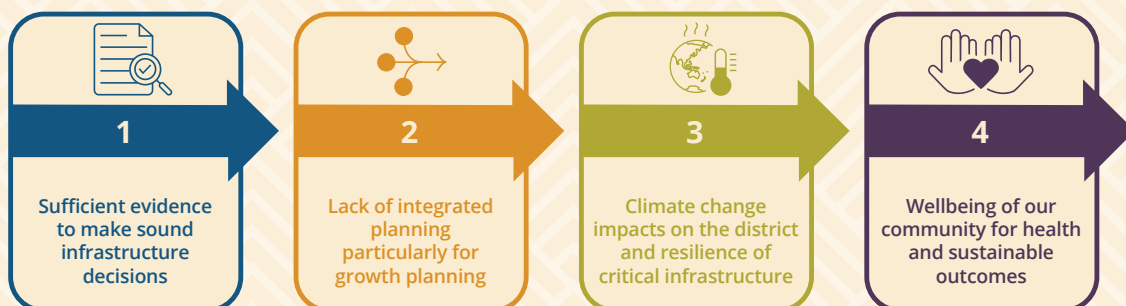
Assets at a glance

We own and manage \$3.1 billion (replacement value) of infrastructure assets which can be summarised as follows.



Our significant challenges

In preparing this strategy, four strategic district infrastructure issues have been identified that are at the forefront of infrastructure planning and decision-making.



Financial forecasts

The total expected capital and operational expenditure (inflated) for each infrastructure activity over the five-year period is shown in the table below. A combined capital expenditure of \$803 million comprises of 38% renewals and 62% levels of service.





Activity	Capital expenditure (\$'000's)		Operational expenditure (\$'000's)	Total (\$'000's)
	New works	Renewals		
Roading and Footpaths	141,135	186,780	348,417	676,332
Water Supply	112,978	54,841	90,355	258,174
Wastewater	218,358	50,123	149,422	417,903
Stormwater	25,807	13,210	22,887	61,904
Sub Total 1	498,277	304,955	611,082	
Sub Total 2	803,232		611,082	1,414,314
Total	1,414,314			

The following figures show the capital forecast for renewals and levels of service (inflated) 2024-29 for each activity.

Capital work forecasts



Our major capital projects over the next 5 years


Activity	Projects	Timings	Cost estimates (\$m)
 Transport Network	Unsealed remetalling	Years 1-5	48.2
	Sealed pavement rehabilitation	Years 1-5	39.7
	Resurfacing	Years 1-5	28.3
	Ferry replacement	Year 3	4.2
 Water Supply	Paihia water treatment plant relocation	Years 1-4	18.7
	Kerikeri water network upgrade (to Heritage Bypass)	Year 2-3	12.1
	Kaikohe water network reticulation renewals	Years 3-5	10.7
	Kawakawa water network planned renewals	Years 3-5	15.0
	Waipapa water treatment plant development	Years 4-5	10.9
 Wastewater	Kaikohe wastewater treatment plant upgrades	Years 1-4	32.8
	Kaikohe wastewater network scheduled renewals	Years 3-5	9.2
	Kaitiāia wastewater network renewals	Year 3-5	9.5
	Kerikeri wastewater treatment and network scheme expansion (stages 2 and 3)	Years 4-5	68.0
 Stormwater	District wide stormwater network renewals	Years 1-5	13.2

Key decisions we expect to make

We will need to make key decisions over the duration of our strategy. Some of these decisions will be significant to the district and some will not. Key decisions and actions that will need to be made by the council over the next five years include:

Activity	Key decisions
All	Continuing to gather evidence, particularly the condition of the critical three water assets, in the next three to 10 years to help develop robust and risk-based renewal programmes. Council must make a decision on the most appropriate mechanism to fund growth-related infrastructure, and gather the evidence required to support any future development or financial contributions policy. This may include implementing development contributions, financial contributions through the district plan, or some combination of both.
Transport network	Prioritisation of resilience, funding for resurfacing and rehabilitation works. Strengthening / replacement of aging structures. Replacement of the Hokianga Ferry within five years.
Three Waters	Moving from reactive to proactive renewals for three water assets to ensure these assets are managed sustainably long term. Rebuilding sound practices for managing the three water assets including capable people, data, processes, and systems so these assets are managed wisely going forward.

Asset summary

Activities	Description	Replacement value (\$)
Transport Network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2,507km network length - 908km sealed and 1,598km unsealed 550 bridges 234km footpaths 24km cycleways 1 Hokianga Ferry 	2,318,400,925 (as at 30 June 2023)
Water supply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 376,391m of pipes 1,902 valves 1,249 hydrants 10,226 water meters 23 treatment water storage 11 treatment plants 17 pump stations 11 water sources 	169,965,718 (as at June 2022)
Wastewater 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 290,005m gravity mains 155,266m pressure pipes 13,406 service connections 788 domestic pump stations 16 treatment plants 153 pump stations 16 treatment plants 12 wetlands 1 borefield 73 septic tanks 	284,120,019 (as at June 2022)
Stormwater 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 181,234m of line assets (culverts, channels, pipes) 5,077 point assets (catchpits, manholes, soak holes) 30 other assets (spillways, grills, inlets/outlet structures) 69 floodgates 1 pump station 31 ponds 	174,871,228 (as at June 2023)
Built spaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 73 community buildings 19 community halls Council offices - 3 hubs and 2 satellite offices 6 libraries, 1 mobile library and 1 museum at the Te Ahu centre Public toilets - 69 owned and 73 maintained 	83,765,281 (as at October 2023)
Maritime assets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 31 wharfs / jetties 27 boat ramps 45 boat trailer carpark areas 	28,977,200 (as at June 2023)
Open spaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 500 hectares of parks and reserves (including sportsfields) in more than 30 locations 11 active cemeteries Te Puāwaitanga – Bay of Islands Sports Hub 28 playgrounds 3 motor camps 	43,310,532.35 (as at October 2023)
Solid waste 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Resource Recovery Centre at Kaitiāia and 1 private facility contracted at Waipapa 12 community recycling centres 4 consented closed landfills 	10,016,491 (as at June 2023) (Excludes Council-owned assets at the closed landfill sites)
Asset total		3,113,427,394

TE RAUTAKI AHUMONI OUR FINANCIAL STRATEGY SUMMARY

This summary of our Financial Strategy outlines our approach to funding our activities in a way that is both sustainable and affordable for our communities. It determines the budgets we need for delivering projects and services in the LTP and Infrastructure Strategy.

We use tools like debt and rates to secure the necessary financial resources for projects and services while also ensuring that costs are managed responsibly. To achieve our strategy, prioritisation is essential to make sure our communities receive the services it needs in a way that is both affordable and balanced.

This strategy aims to:

- Achieve a balanced budget each year, ensuring that projected operating revenues are set at a level sufficient to meet that year's projected operating expenses
- Continue to moderate the impact of funding depreciation on strategic assets
- Ensure that no more than 90% of revenue will come from rates, with the balance coming from other sources such as subsidies from government agencies including NZTA / Waka Kotahi, and user fees and charges
- Limit annual overall rates increases to inflation (Local Government Cost Index) plus a declining addition. Budgeted rates increases are 16.5% in year one, 7.9% in year two, and 4.6% in year three

- Ensure that net debt does not exceed 280% of revenue
- Maintain interest costs at less than 10% of rates revenue.

The approach for the Financial Strategy is to:

- Support the focus on recovery post severe weather events in repairing and building resilience into our transport infrastructure
- Recognise the financial implications of climate change and sea-level rise in planning decisions, and provide sufficient funding to local and regional adaptation initiatives
- Continue to engage with the government on local government reforms
- Adequately fund the infrastructure strategy to enable the achievement of its key focus areas
- Maintain the core services we currently provide as cost-effectively and efficiently as possible, ensuring that finding operational efficiencies remains of paramount importance
- Continue to use the method of funding the net depreciation value to provide for renewals. Once condition and capacity data is reliably available, council will consider the future funding of renewals using rates, borrowing, and other contributions in place of funding depreciation
- Use borrowing to spread the cost of new capital expenditure over time to ensure that the cost of infrastructure today is spread equitably between the ratepayers of today and tomorrow.

Financial Strategy highlights

Year ended 30 June	2025	2026	2027
Proposed rates \$m ¹	\$124	\$134	\$140
Budgeted rates increase ²	16.5%	7.9%	4.6%
Rates limit (Inflation + addition %) ³	17.9%	10.2%	8.3%
Debt ceiling \$m	\$477	\$511	\$526
Debt \$m ⁴	\$224	\$283	\$346
Debt/revenue ratio ⁵	104.6%	112.1%	149.6%

¹ Proposed rates are the rates requirement based on the prospective revenue and expenditure for the three years. Revenue and expenditure projections are based on the BERL forecast Local Government Cost Index (LGCI).

² Proposed rates increase is the movement in budgeted rates year on year.

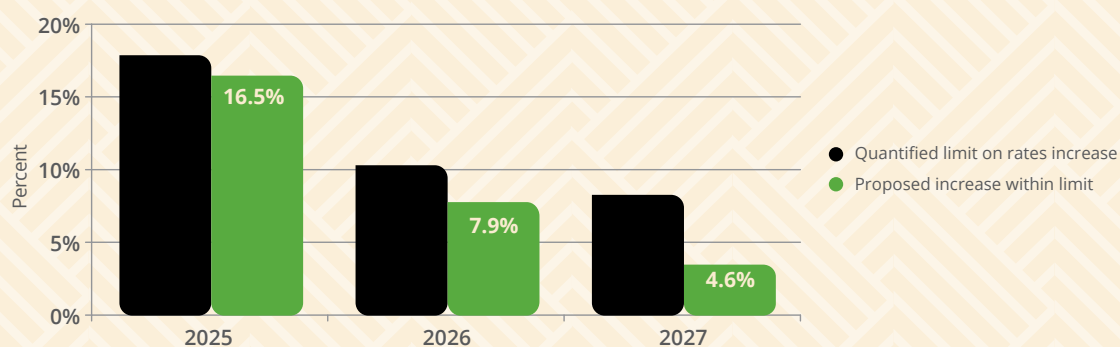
³ This declining addition reflects higher upfront investment in repairing our transport network post the severe weather events (years one and two), after which the addition reduces to more historical norms. The inflation estimates are based on BERL forecast Local Government Cost Index (LGCI).

⁴ Debt is calculated as total borrowings.

⁵ Debt to revenue ratio is calculated as debt divided by operating revenue plus subsidies capital work.

Total rates increase per year

Rate (increase) affordability (Whole of council)

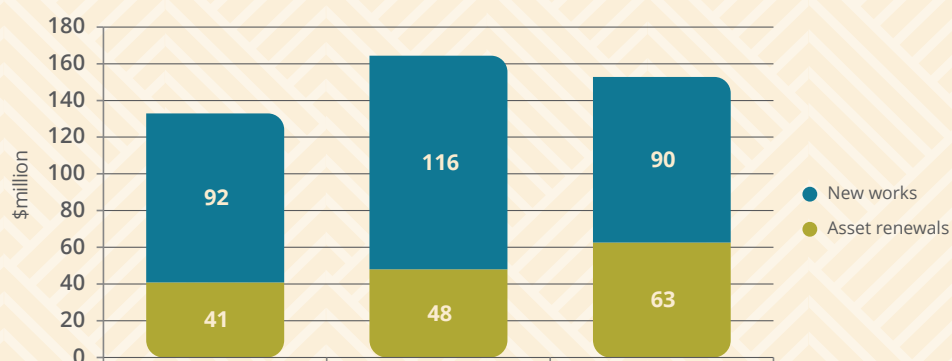


What will our debt pay for?

Capital spend (\$ million over three years)



Capital expenditure per year



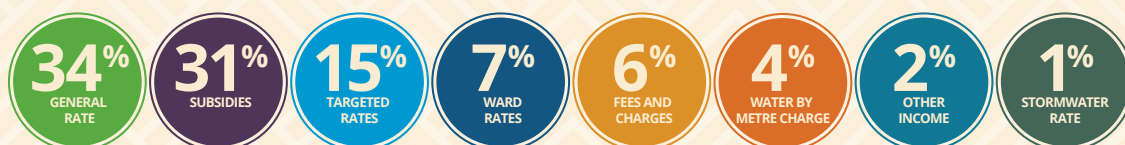
The council has a number of assets that have a long useful life and are not due for replacement within the three-year period covered by this plan. Investment identified as 'Level of Service' does not always result in an increase to existing levels of service, but it ensures the council can respond to resilience needs and required standards.

Impact on rates

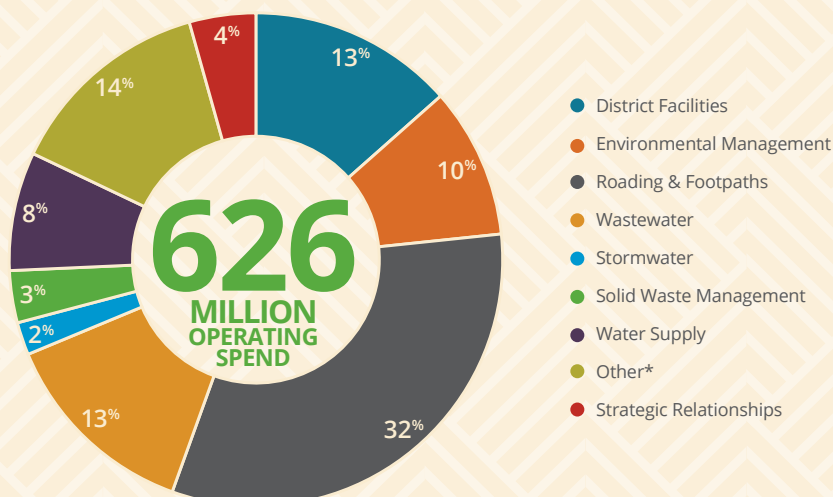
Our main source of funding is from rates. While we try to maximise the government subsidies available and have adopted a 'user pays' policy (exercised through targeted rates and consumption and user charges) for many services and assets, the bulk is funded by rates.

Where does our revenue come from?

Council operational expenditure for the three-year period is proposed to be funded on average, 60% from rates (including targeted water), and 40% from other revenue including user fees and charges and subsidies. In addition, we are budgeting for funding from government subsidies to support capital expenditure.



Operating spend (\$ million over three years)



* Other includes Governance Administration, Planning and Policy, Drainage, Community and Engagement.

NGĀ HUA O Ā KOUTOU UTU RĒTI THIS IS WHAT YOUR RATES DOLLAR CONTRIBUTES TO

GENERAL RATES

20
CENTS

ROADING AND FOOTPATHS

10
CENTS

REGULATORY SERVICES

TARGETED RATES

17
CENTS

WASTEWATER

09
CENTS

COMMUNITY SERVICES

08
CENTS

CUSTOMER SERVICES

04
CENTS

WATER

07
CENTS

RECREATION FACILITIES

07
CENTS

FUTURE PLANNING

04
CENTS

STORMWATER

06
CENTS

GOVERNANCE

04
CENTS

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

03
CENTS

REFUSE

01
CENT

CIVIL DEFENCE

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Example of rates payable on different value properties

Applies to all rateable properties

Land Values	General Rates	UAGC	Road UAGC	Roading Rate	Ward Rate Average	Public Good Rate	Wastewater Average	Water Average (Excluding Usage)	Final Rates 2024/25	AP 2023/24
Residential										
100,000	\$349	\$450	\$100	\$8	\$478	\$30	\$1,468	\$369	\$3,253	\$2,658
250,000	\$873	\$450	\$100	\$21	\$478	\$30	\$1,468	\$369	\$3,790	\$3,123
500,000	\$1,746	\$450	\$100	\$42	\$478	\$30	\$1,468	\$369	\$4,684	\$3,898
750,000	\$2,619	\$450	\$100	\$64	\$478	\$30	\$1,468	\$369	\$5,578	\$4,674
1,000,000	\$3,492	\$450	\$100	\$85	\$478	\$30	\$1,468	\$369	\$6,473	\$5,449
Rural and Lifestyle										
100,000	\$349	\$450	\$100	\$9	\$478	\$30	-	-	\$1,417	\$1,282
250,000	\$873	\$450	\$100	\$23	\$478	\$30	-	-	\$1,955	\$1,748
500,000	\$1,746	\$450	\$100	\$46	\$478	\$30	-	-	\$2,851	\$2,525
750,000	\$2,619	\$450	\$100	\$70	\$478	\$30	-	-	\$3,747	\$3,302
1,000,000	\$3,492	\$450	\$100	\$93	\$478	\$30	-	-	\$4,643	\$4,079
Commercial										
100,000	\$960	\$450	\$100	\$23	\$478	\$30	\$1,468	\$369	\$3,879	\$3,201
250,000	\$2,401	\$450	\$100	\$57	\$478	\$30	\$1,468	\$369	\$5,354	\$4,479
500,000	\$4,801	\$450	\$100	\$114	\$478	\$30	\$1,468	\$369	\$7,811	\$6,610
750,000	\$7,202	\$450	\$100	\$172	\$478	\$30	\$1,468	\$369	\$10,269	\$8,741
1,000,000	\$9,603	\$450	\$100	\$229	\$478	\$30	\$1,468	\$369	\$12,727	\$10,872

Notes:

1. Land values are indicative amounts only.
2. In addition to the total rates indicated above, ratepayers in the rateable area for the stormwater network will be charged the targeted rate per \$ of capital value of their rateable property i.e. for \$100K of capital value the targeted rate for stormwater charges will be \$21.96.

Monitoring and reviewing our Financial Strategy

As part of business as usual, we constantly scan both the financial environment and our own performance to monitor:

- sustainability of our financial performance and position
- any emerging risks
- whether the strategy is being implemented as intended
- any trends in the community's ability to pay.

The strategy will be reviewed triennially as part of the LTP process. Consideration will also be given to the impacts of any significant changes in local, national or global economic conditions during each year's Annual Plan process. To read our full financial strategy please go to the following address www.fndc.govt.nz/ltp2024-27 or read the paper copy version available at our service centres, libraries or isites across the district.

TE WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA: TE KAUPAPA AHUPŪTEA CAPITAL WORKS PROJECT SUMMARY

Even though our focus will be on fixing our transport network, we still have other projects to start as well as spending funds on maintaining what we have.







This is a summary of a range of other projects across the district for the next three years. Please see details on page 31 on where to view our full proposed capital works programme.

DISTRICT-WIDE










Project	Year	Total (\$)
Bins, benches, bollards, signs and tables	2024-27	276,165
Bridges and structures renewals	2024-27	11,817,232
Footpaths	2024-27	1,396,575
Local road improvements (low cost/low risk)	2024-27	36,465,272
Maritime consent renewals	2024-27	177,075
Parks and reserve renewals	2025-27	2,758,073
Playground shade sails	2024/25	190,000
Wastewater pump station renewals and upgrades	2025-27	2,948,225
Wastewater telemetry* upgrades	2024-27	8,615,775
Water supply storage improvements	2025-27	1,946,875

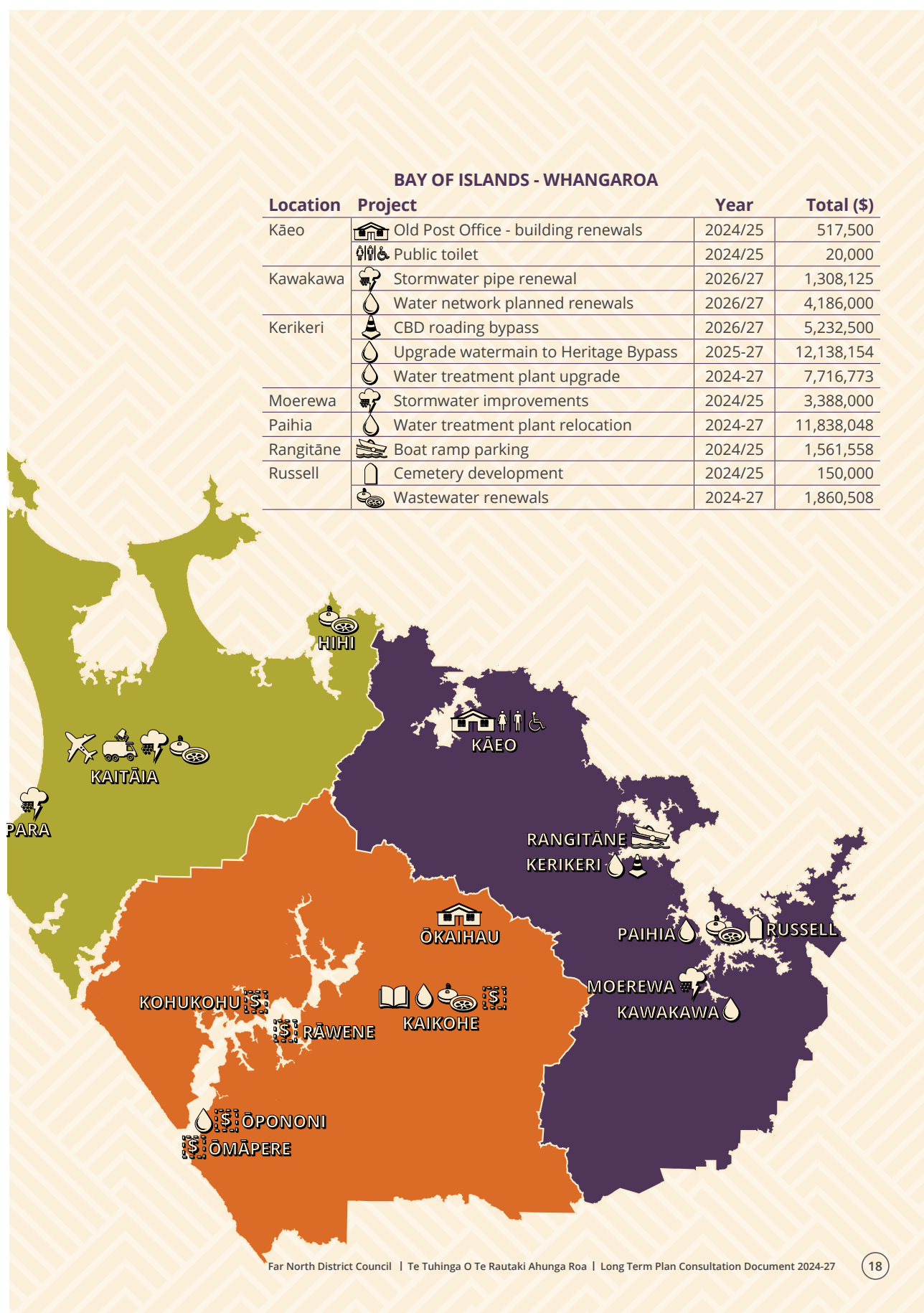
* Telemetry is the automation, monitoring, and control of water and wastewater reservoirs and pumping stations

TE HIKU

Location	Project	Year	Total (\$)
Ahipara	 Stormwater upgrades	2024-26	865,400
Hihi	 Wastewater treatment plant replacement	2024-27	6,440,813
Kaitiāia	 Airport (runway, fencing, upgrades)	2024/25	1,959,854
	 Stormwater pipe renewal	2024/25	1,250,000
	 Transfer station - new bridge	2024/25	500,000
	 Wastewater treatment plant upgrades	2024-27	6,356,250

KAIKOHE - HOKIANGA

Location	Project	Year	Total (\$)
Kaikohe	 Library replacement	2024-26	12,967,623
	 Wastewater treatment plant upgrades	2024-27	22,057,500
	 Water network reticulation renewals	2026/27	3,139,500
	 Water source resilience	2024/25	875,000
Kohukohu	 Land purchase for wastewater discharge	2025/26	817,600
Ōkaihau	 Hall renewals	2024/25	956,224
Ōmāpere / Ōpononi	 Land purchase for wastewater discharge	2025/26	1,022,000
Ōpononi	 Fireflow upgrades	2025-27	1,549,009
Rāwene	 Land purchase for wastewater discharge	2025/26	313,960



TĀ MĀTOU ARONGA: TE WHAKATIKA HAERE I NGĀ HUARAHI

OUR FOCUS: REPAIRING OUR TRANSPORT NETWORK

The Northland local road network suffered approximately \$89 million worth of damage from at least 10 different significant weather events since July 2022. An estimated \$41 million of this damage occurred in Far North District, with approximately \$15 million of these repairs completed to date.

We have restored most roads but are still working on 85 sites in the Far North. To some motorists, it may seem like very little is happening to address these remaining slips. That is not the case. Some of these sites are very complex with significant engineering, planning and funding questions that must be resolved before contractors can start working on repairs. The reality is that it will take another year or more to start some repairs.

Additionally flood damage works will be funded on top of our roading programme. Subsidies for this work will not be sourced from the National Land Transport Fund, according to the draft Government Policy Statement (GPS) on land transport.

The council has approved the local share (our portion) for the three most technically challenging Phase 3 slips that still need to be repaired across district. The local share will be funded out of the emergency works reserve fund.

Thirty-three sites are still going through procurement for design. Funding has been secured for all slips. There are currently no more outstanding Emergency Works to be approved by NZTA / Waka Kotahi.

An increase to the council's emergency works reserve fund has been applied in year 2 and year 3 of this LTP in order to fund the local share portion.

A new online mapping tool developed by Northland's three district councils shows the latest repair plans. The map uses a 'pin' to show the exact location of each remaining slips and details including the type of slip, its size, what repairs are required, and whether repairs are in the planning, investigation, design or construction stage.

Roading costs for 2024-27 (\$m)

	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Roading capital programme ¹	46.3	58.8	63.0
Subsidy*	28.7	41.4	38.8
Local share	17.6	17.3	24.1
Emergency works²			
Local share - funded by emergency event reserve	5.5	2.8	

* Subject to NZTA approval

¹ These figures include Infrastructure Acceleration Funding roading capital works. For an outline of BAU capital works please see the capital programme. Information can be found on page 31.

² For more details on the emergency works please see the online mapping tool.

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MILLION
IN TRANSPORT
NETWORK DAMAGE

85
SLIP SITES
IN THE FAR NORTH

TE WHAKAPIKINGA RĒTI PROPOSED RATES INCREASE

You may know that the all councils are dealing with higher costs for projects and services. This council is also facing the same dilemma. These costs are mostly due to the after-effects of COVID-19, continuing global issues, high inflation, increased insurance costs, as well as costs associated with emergency road repairs and increased three waters compliance.

Before landing on a rates increase, we must decide what our priorities and projects are, include the additional costs we face, and then calculate what the operational spend will look like for the next three years.

We start by looking at what we 'must do' and budget for those projects first. Then we look at what we know we need to do but not urgently. In some cases, these projects are deferred out to later years in the plan to ensure the 'must do's' are tackled first. We also need to think about projects already underway and that have subsidies attached. If we don't do these, we run the risk of losing the subsidies and those projects cannot be completed.

Budgets are then worked through line-by-line with our councillors. This is the stage where the hard calls are made on whether to push some projects out a few years because events have given us new priorities. That's exactly the position we find ourselves in now - we must focus on fixing our roads and making sure we maintain the infrastructure we have.

The additional challenges we face are not only the result of severe weather events. We also face increased costs in our management of three waters - water, wastewater and storm water - to ensure that we meet new regulations. For example, estimated costs to New Zealand councils of complying with the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management range between \$1.4 and \$2.1 billion, with ongoing costs of up to \$59 million a year.

In this LTP, we have tried to maintain a balance by still providing a few of the 'nice to haves' but our focus is very much on repairing our road network and maintaining what we have.

We have worked with our community boards to ensure some local projects were included in our capital works programme. We will be continuing to provide them with funding for place-making and grants for the next three years.

No matter how we dived it, the additional costs we face cannot be avoided and we need to increase our total rates take. This is not something we want, but it is essential that we repair what we have, deliver key projects and maintain the valuable assets we already have.

We currently have a proposed rates increase of 16.5% for 2024/25.

ROADS AND WATER
SUPPLY SYSTEMS ARE

27%

MORE EXPENSIVE TO BUILD
THAN THREE YEARS AGO

SEWERAGE SYSTEMS ARE

30%

MORE EXPENSIVE TO BUILD
THAN THREE YEARS AGO

NGĀ KAUPAPA MATUA O TE MAHERE NEI KEY PROPOSALS FOR THIS PLAN

As we have mentioned our priority for the next three years is to focus on fixing the damage to our transport network. But we also have some challenges we want to talk about and welcome your thoughts and ideas on some or all of the proposed options.

You can provide your feedback online, complete the submission form, or come along to a day where you can verbally submit your comments. The details can be found under key dates on page 2.

ME TONO Ā KOUTOU KŌRERO I MUA I TE
28 O NGĀ RĀ O ĀPEREIRA
REMEMBER WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK
BY 28 APRIL





ME WHAKAREREKĒ RAINI TE ĀHUA O TE TATAU I TE WAI UA PUTA NOA I TE ROHE? SHOULD WE CHANGE THE WAY WE RATE STORMWATER ACROSS THE DISTRICT?

What's happening now

Stormwater is rainwater that flows across roofs, roads and driveways into the council's stormwater system of drains and culverts.

Severe weather events have impact on our stormwater infrastructure and its ability to cope is at capacity.

We need to decide on how we rate this activity going forward to tackle the problems that are increasing due to more severe weather events and how we deliver the stormwater programme to make sure our long-term investment is future-proof.

When we move on to the next LTP, we will have a better understanding of our stormwater network and asset information.

We'll be working to identify and solve problems before they become urgent, rather than waiting to react once issues arise.

What is the issue?

- The impact of weather events on the public and private network has increased.
- The lack of long-term investment and asset information has our stormwater network at full capacity.

How do we currently rate for stormwater?

We currently rate to fund specific capital developments within urban communities across the district. The rate is set in two categories with no differentials.

This activity contributes to these community outcomes



Let's look at the options

We have included the positive and negative impacts for each option as well as how that impacts service, ratepayers and debt. We also have a preferred option that we think would work best while still continuing to provide this service to our communities.

OPTION 1: Status quo

Positive impacts

- **Continuity:** Maintains the current funding structure without disrupting existing operations.
- **Familiarity:** The current method works fine.

Negative impacts

- **Inadequate funding:** Maintaining the status quo may not provide sufficient resources to address the increasing challenges posed by severe weather events and ageing infrastructure.
- **Risk of infrastructure failure:** Without additional investment, the stormwater network may remain at full capacity, leading to increased risks of flooding and other related issues.
- **Lack of future-proofing:** Failing to adapt the funding mechanism may hinder efforts to future-proof the stormwater management system against evolving challenges.

Impact on level of service

Nil

Impact to ratepayer

10% general rate funded
90% targeted on capital value

Impact on debt

Nil

OPTION 2: Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate

Positive impacts

- **Fairness:** Targets those who directly benefit from the stormwater network.
- **Adequate funding:** Ensures a more equitable distribution of funding, potentially generating additional revenue to address the increasing demands on stormwater infrastructure.
- **Simplifies:** By changing to this option, it will make stormwater consistent in the way we rate for the water/wastewater.

Negative impacts

- **Equity concerns:** There may be challenges already with high rating increases across the district.

Impact on level of service

Less reactive activity on addressing the issue

Impact to ratepayer

\$10 stormwater public good rate per rating unit per year

See table below for targeted rate details

Impact on debt

Nil

Stormwater targeted rate		2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Industrial / commercial	Per land use	375.00	375.00	375.00
Others including residential	Per land use	187.50	187.50	187.50



OPTION 2 IS OUR PREFERRED OPTION

What do you think?

Let us know your thoughts. Complete your submission online at www.fndc.govt.nz/ltp2024-27

Want more information?

Our capital programme shows what projects we will be doing in the stormwater space over the next three years.

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ISSUE 2

ME WHAKAREREKĒ RAINI TE ĀHUA TATAU I TE HUNGA KA HONO KI TE WAI ME TE WAIPARA, KA ĀHEI RAINI KI TE HONO KI TE WAI ME TE WAIPARA? SHOULD WE CHANGE THE WAY WE RATE FOR THOSE WHO ACCESS OR COULD ACCESS WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER SERVICES?

This proposal does not affect those who are not connected (or not able to connect) to a council water or wastewater scheme.

We are suggesting a shift in the way we rate for water and wastewater. These services cost a lot of money and it is really tough to fund these services in an affordable and equitable way with the district being so spread out.

Last year, we asked for input on switching our rating system to become a district-wide rating for water supply and wastewater. However, the council rejected this proposal because of the introduction of Three Waters legislation and the potential changes it might bring, which were uncertain at that time.

That is why we are asking this question again. This time we have included additional options of a targeted ward-based rate for both services and a scheme-based operational rate for wastewater services.

Let's look at the options

We have included the positive and negative impacts for each option and how that impacts service, ratepayers and debt. We also have a preferred option that we think would work best while still continuing to provide this service to our communities.

What is the issue?

We are proposing this change to make sure we can upgrade our services to be compliant and support growth while still managing affordability – one of the biggest challenges we face as a district.

If we continue to rate water and wastewater the way we currently do, some communities will not be able to afford their rates when we carry out much-needed upgrades.

We currently charge an operating rate for both water and wastewater which is set at a district-wide level.

This activity contributes to these community outcomes



OPTION 1: Status quo		
Positive impacts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiarity: People pay for the services that they receive. • Fairness: Targets those who directly benefit from the water and wastewater network. • Compliance: We need to make sure our water and wastewater schemes are doing the job they should. There are issues we need to resolve, some because of increased government requirements. 	Negative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate Funding: Maintaining the status quo may not provide sufficient resources to address the increasing challenges posed by severe weather events and ageing infrastructure. • Equity concerns: There may be challenges already with high rating increases across the district. • Future affordability: Affects some of our smaller communities. • Affordability: Currently, the total cost of upgrades is not relative to the number of connections on a network. That means a small community will experience a far greater cost burden than a larger community, where the costs are spread more widely. 	
Impact on level of service Nil	Impact to ratepayer See water supply and wastewater targeted rates tables in the Funding Impact Statement - Rates, details on page 31 (Other information)	Impact on debt Nil

OPTION 2: Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services

Positive impacts

- **Familiarity:** People pay for the services that they receive.
- **Fairness:** Targets those who directly benefit from the water and wastewater network.
- **Adequate funding:** Ensures a more equitable distribution of funding, potentially generating additional revenue to address the increasing demands on infrastructure.
- **Compliance:** We need to make sure our water and wastewater schemes are doing the job they should. There are issues we need to resolve, some because of increased government requirements.
- **Affordability:** Currently, the total cost of upgrades is not relative to the number of connections on a network. That means a small community will experience a far greater cost burden than a larger community, where the costs are spread more widely. By moving to a district-wide targeted rate, the burden is spread across a much larger number of ratepayers.
- **Growth:** This includes current demand and future growth. By enabling growth and new connections, upgrade costs will be shared across more ratepayers.

Negative impacts

- **Equity concerns:** There may be challenges already with high rating increases across the district.
- **Future affordability:** Affects some of our smaller communities.

Impact on level of service

Nil

Impact to ratepayer

The table below show rates for water and wastewater services if changed to a district-wide targeted rate.

Impact on debt

Nil

Water supply targeted rate		2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Connected	Per SUIP	369.70	453.86	593.10
Availability	Per rating unit	369.70	453.86	593.10
Wastewater targeted rate				
District-wide connected	Per SUIP	417.35	491.30	599.08
District-wide availability	Per rating unit	417.35	491.30	599.08
District-wide additional pans	Per sub pan*	250.41	294.78	359.45

OPTION 3: Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Positive impacts

- **Compliance:** We need to make sure our water and wastewater schemes are doing the job they should. There are issues we need to resolve, some because of increased government requirements.
- **Affordability:** Currently, the total cost of upgrades is not relative to the number of connections on a network. That means a small community will experience a far greater cost burden than a larger community, where the costs are spread more widely. By moving to a ward-based targeted rate, the burden is spread across a much larger number of ratepayers.
- **Growth:** This includes current demand and future growth. By enabling growth and new connections, upgrade costs will be shared across more ratepayers.

Negative impacts

- **Inadequate funding:** Not provide sufficient resources to address the increasing challenges posed by severe weather events and ageing infrastructure.

Impact on level of service

Nil

Impact to ratepayer

The tables below show rates for water and wastewater services if changed to a ward-based targeted rate including the wastewater operational rate.

Impact on debt

Nil

Water supply targeted capital rate		2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Bay of Islands - Whangaroa				
Connected	Per SUIP	273.92	351.25	484.53
Availability	Per rating unit	273.92	351.25	484.53
Kaikohe - Hokianga				
Connected	Per SUIP	405.75	466.14	746.12
Availability	Per rating unit	405.75	466.14	746.12
Te Hiku				
Connected	Per SUIP	567.48	695.66	689.92
Availability	Per rating unit	567.48	695.66	689.92
Wastewater targeted capital rate				
Bay of Islands - Whangaroa				
Connected	Per SUIP	569.41	590.10	594.99
Availability	Per rating unit	569.41	590.10	594.99
Additional pans	Per sub pan	341.65	354.06	356.99
Kaikohe - Hokianga				
Connected	Per SUIP	302.73	457.20	931.31
Availability	Per rating unit	302.73	457.20	931.31
Additional pans	Per sub pan	181.64	274.32	558.79
Te Hiku				
Connected	Per SUIP	322.90	412.41	458.87
Availability	Per rating unit	322.90	412.41	458.87
Additional pans	Per sub pan*	193.74	247.45	275.32
Wastewater targeted operational rate				
Bay of Islands - Whangaroa				
Connected rate	Per SUIP	1,396.84	1,180.39	1,330.89
Subsequent pan rate	Per sub pan	838.11	708.23	798.54
Kaikohe - Hokianga				
Connected rate	Per SUIP	773.27	904.83	940.92
Subsequent pan rate	Per sub pan	463.96	542.90	564.55
Te Hiku				
Connected rate	Per SUIP	828.49	883.53	997.73
Subsequent pan rate	Per sub pan*	497.10	530.12	598.64

OPTION 4**Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services****Positive impacts**

- **Compliance:** We need to make sure our wastewater schemes are doing the job they should. There are issues we need to resolve, some because of increased government requirements.
- **Affordability:** Currently, the total cost of upgrades is not relative to the number of connections on a network. That means a small community will experience a far greater cost burden than a larger community, where the costs are spread more widely.
- **Growth:** This includes current demand and future growth. By enabling growth and new connections, upgrade costs will be shared across more ratepayers.
- **Fairness:** Targets those who directly benefit from the wastewater network.
- **Adequate funding:** Ensures a more equitable distribution of funding, potentially generating additional revenue to address the increasing demands on infrastructure.

Negative

- **Inadequate funding:** This may not provide sufficient resources to address the increasing challenges posed by severe weather events and ageing infrastructure.

Impact on level of service

Nil

Impact to ratepayer

The table below shows rates for wastewater services if changed to a scheme based operational rate

Impact on debt

Nil

Wastewater operational rate		2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Ahipara				
Ahipara connected	Per SUIP	945.01	992.38	1,078.92
Ahipara additional pans	Per sub pan*	567.00	595.43	647.35
Hihi				
Hihi connected	Per SUIP	2,147.01	2,067.21	3,215.07
Hihi additional pans	Per sub pan	1,288.20	1,240.32	1,929.04
Kāeo				
Kāeo connected	Per SUIP	1,614.42	1,674.26	1,768.51
Kāeo additional pans	Per sub pan	968.65	1,004.56	1,061.10
Kaikohe				
Kaikohe connected	Per SUIP	628.71	795.96	808.69
Kaikohe additional pans	Per sub pan	377.23	477.58	485.22
Kaitāia and Awanui				
Kaitāia and Awanui connected	Per SUIP	663.51	742.36	842.64
Kaitāia and Awanui additional pans	Per sub pan	398.11	445.42	505.58
Kawakawa				
Kawakawa connected	Per SUIP	1,072.27	1,323.05	2,013.91
Kawakawa additional pans	Per sub pan	643.36	793.83	1,208.35
Kerikeri				
Kerikeri connected	Per SUIP	2,106.15	1,262.25	1,352.04
Kerikeri additional pans	Per sub pan	1,263.69	757.35	811.22
Kohukohu				
Kohukohu connected	Per SUIP	1,289.58	1,286.36	1,378.25
Kohukohu additional pans	Per sub pan	773.75	771.82	826.95

* Per sub pan = Per subsequent pan

Wastewater operational rate		2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Ōpononi				
Ōpononi connected	Per SUIP	982.38	1,028.55	1,110.70
Ōpononi additional pans	Per sub pan	589.43	617.13	666.42
Paihia				
Paihia connected	Per SUIP	840.86	880.64	951.59
Paihia additional pans	Per sub pan	504.52	528.38	570.95
Rangiputa				
Rangiputa connected	Per SUIP	1,147.63	1,200.95	1,295.34
Rangiputa additional pans	Per sub pan	688.58	720.57	777.21
Rāwene				
Rāwene connected	Per SUIP	878.00	922.53	1,004.25
Rāwene additional pans	Per sub pan	526.80	553.52	602.55
Russell				
Russell connected	Per SUIP	1,556.75	1,600.79	1,699.32
Russell additional pans	Per sub pan	934.05	960.47	1,019.59
Taipā				
Taipā connected	Per SUIP	865.23	893.99	978.19
Taipā additional pans	Per sub pan	519.14	536.39	586.92
Whangaroa				
Whangaroa connected	Per SUIP	20,367.79	20,894.15	21,501.85
Whangaroa additional pans	Per sub pan	12,220.68	12,536.49	12,901.11
Whatuwhiwhi				
Whatuwhiwhi connected	Per SUIP	900.77	948.15	1,036.29
Whatuwhiwhi additional pans	Per sub pan	540.46	568.89	621.77

What do you think?

The council does not have a preferred option for this proposal. We are seeking your feedback and how it affects you, please let us know your thoughts.

Complete your submission online at www.fndc.govt.nz/ltp2024-27

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ME PĒHEA E HAERE TONU AI NGĀ RATONGA Ā NGĀ RĀ KEI TE HEKE MAI? HOW DO WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES IN THE FUTURE?

What's happening now

We operate six service centres, three isites and six libraries across our district. Last year, these centres had around 707,000 face-to-face interactions. While that might sound like a lot, the number is actually decreasing because more people can access our services online now. While that might sound like a lot, the number is actually decreasing because more people are able to access our services online now. With better internet and increased online options, people are preferring to move to a more digitally operated service. A consolidated model that combines our services in multi-purpose centres would support our district more effectively.

What is the issue?

A number of buildings are used for one purpose only, whether that is as a service centre, library or isite.

The options

We have included the positive and negative impacts for each option as well as how that impacts service, ratepayers and debt. We also have a preferred option that we think would work best while still continuing to provide this service to our communities.

Some provide combined services but not in entirety. This means customers may have to travel to several locations for council services.

Each building has associated operating costs which continue to increase over the years due to inflationary impacts, interest rates and day-to-day operations.

As we become more digitally connected, our communities needs will change and we will require less service centres. We are looking at options now to consider how we will continue to provide these services in the future in the most cost-effective way.

This activity contributes to these community outcomes



OPTION 1: Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku

Positive impacts

- **Cost Savings:** Reduces overhead costs by operating and maintaining two service centres in the future.
- **Resource Optimisation:** Allows for the consolidation of resources into fewer locations, potentially improving efficiency.
- **Focus on Digital Services:** Encourages further investment and development of online platforms to meet the shifting demands of the population.

Negative impacts

- **Operational costs:** This will have additional costs in the first year to ensure setup is correct.
- **Capital investment:** The initial cost to setup will have an impact.
- **Reduced Accessibility:** Removes physical service points from certain areas, potentially disenfranchising those who rely on face-to-face interactions.
- **Customer Disruption:** May inconvenience existing clients who are accustomed to utilising the now-closed service centres.
- **Community Impact:** Closure of service centres may lead community dissatisfaction, particularly in areas where closed centres provide essential support.

Impact on level of service

Nil

Impact to ratepayer

There will likely be some operational costs involved but this has not been quantified yet

Impact on debt

There will likely be some capital expenditure required but this has not been quantified yet

Note: If we do decide to go with our preferred option, we will not be implementing any changes until we have spoken to our communities about any potential changes and when they will occur.



OPTION 1 IS OUR PREFERRED OPTION

OPTION 2: Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward**Positive impacts**

- **Cost Savings:** Reduced costs associated with operating and maintaining just one service centre in the future.
- **Resource Optimisation:** Allows for the consolidation of resources into fewer locations, potentially improving efficiency.
- **Focus on Digital Services:** Encourages further investment and development of online platforms to meet the shifting demands of the population.

Negative impacts

- **Operational costs:** This will have additional costs in the first year to ensure setup is correct.
- **Capital investment:** The initial cost to setup will have an impact.
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Impact on level of service

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Impact to ratepayer

There will likely be some operational costs involved but this has not been quantified yet

Impact on debt

There will likely be some capital expenditure required but this has not been quantified yet

Note: If we do decide to go with our preferred option, we will not be implementing any changes until we have spoken to our communities about any potential changes and when they will occur.

OPTION 3: Status quo**Positive impacts**

- **Continuity:** Maintains the current setup without disrupting existing operations.
- **Accessibility:** Ensures continued physical presence in all locations, potentially reaching those who prefer or lack access to digital services.
- **Familiarity:** Customers are accustomed to the current service centre locations and may find comfort in their accessibility.

Negative impacts

- **Cost Inefficiency:** Maintaining the service centres, libraries and isites might be financially burdensome, especially if face-to-face interactions continue to decline.
- **Resource Allocation:** Spread resources thinly across multiple locations, potentially impacting the quality of service provided.
- **Lack of Adaptability:** Fails to capitalise on the trend towards digital services and may not align with changing consumer preferences.

Impact on level of service

Nil

Impact to ratepayer

No change

Impact on debt

Nil

What do you think?

What do you think? Do you agree with our preferred option or choose another?

Then let us know. Complete a submission form online at www.fndc.govt.nz/ltp2024-27



HE KŌRERO ATU ANŌ OTHER INFORMATION

As well as providing your thoughts on the proposals in this document, we also welcome feedback on any of the supporting information mentioned below.

- Proposed forecast financial statements
- Proposed funding impact statements
- Proposed funding impact statement (rates)
- Proposed fees and charges schedule 2024/25
- Proposed forecast reserve funds
- Proposed community outcomes
- Proposed groups and activities
- Proposed Financial Strategy
- Proposed Infrastructure Strategy
- Proposed Policies
 - Accounting Policies
 - Rating Relief Policies
 - Revenue and Financing Policy
 - Treasury, Liability and Investment Policies
- Proposed capital works programme
- Proposed significant forecasting assumption

Our adopted Significance and Engagement Policy 2021 and Te Mahi Tahī me te Māori | Working with Māori document underpin the supporting information.

Supporting information can be viewed in paper versions at either Kaikohe, Kaitiāia or Kerikeri services centres or found on our website: www.fndc.govt.nz/ltp2024-27

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You can post your form back to us at:
LTP submissions
Far North District Council
Private Bag 752
Kaikohe 0440



You can catch up with us in person at one of our planned 'pop ups' in Kaikohe, Kaitiāia or Kerikeri, throughout April. Go to our website for information on when and where these will be held.

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Please be advised that any commentary (including complaints/questions and inquiries) that were specifically raised have been diligently recorded and will be forwarded to the appropriate activity group or individual for their response or commentary. While certain questions have already received responses, others may await feedback until after the completion of the LTP process.

Summary

We received 506 submissions during the period of 27 March – noon 29 April.

We proposed three issues that we asked for submitters to respond to which option they thought would work best and also for their feedback for the three issues:

- Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?
- Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?
- Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?

We also received comments that related to the three issues in the general feedback area of the consultation. All comments have been grouped into similar themes.

Issue	Total count	See page (link below)
1. Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	374	3
2. Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	358	5
3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	400	7

From all the submissions, we received additional feedback around several topics. The top five themes are as follows:

Topic	Total count	See page (link below)
Rates: Against rates increase (various reasons)	114	18
Rangitāne maritime facilities (against 24) (support 8)	32	19
Roading: Lack of maintenance (incl. drainage, road corridor vegetation management, weed control)	34	19
Cycle trail: Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail – support funding in this LTP	32	11
Governance: Focus on core business (includes commentary such as no nice to haves)	27	15

All other feedback has been categorised into respective topics by group and /or activity. With any additional comments or questions included.

Total count for each topic

Topic	Total count	See page (link below)
Capital works programme (generalisation)	11	9
Civil Defence	4	9
Community boards and community grants/funding	25	9
Communications and Engagement	5	10
Community outcomes	1	10
Cycle trail (Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail)	46	11
Delivery and operations activities	21	12
District Facilities activities	32	12
Environment	5	13
Fees and charges	11	13
Financial	5	14
FNHL	4	14

General comments	7	14
Governance	85	15
Long Term Plan – consultation document	16	16
Operational	32	16
Planning and policy	50	17
Rangitāne maritime facilities	32	18
Rates	155	18
Roading	144	19
Solid waste / recycling	13	20
Stakeholder relationships	1	21
Stormwater / drainage / flood protection	16	21
Town maintenance	4	21
Water supply	24	21
Wastewater	23	22
Non-council related comments	24	22
Total number of comments	796	

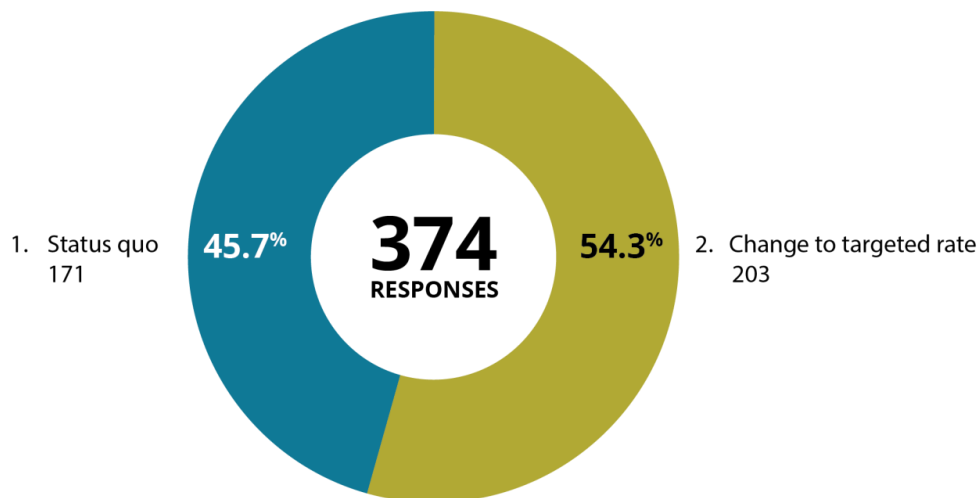
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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?

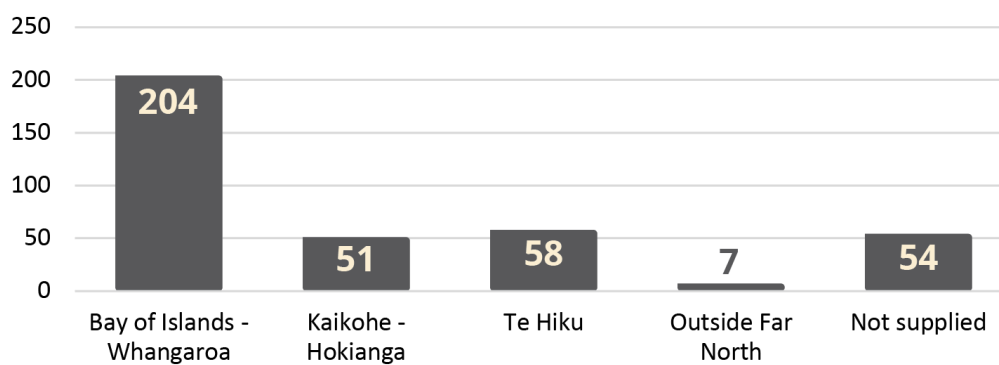
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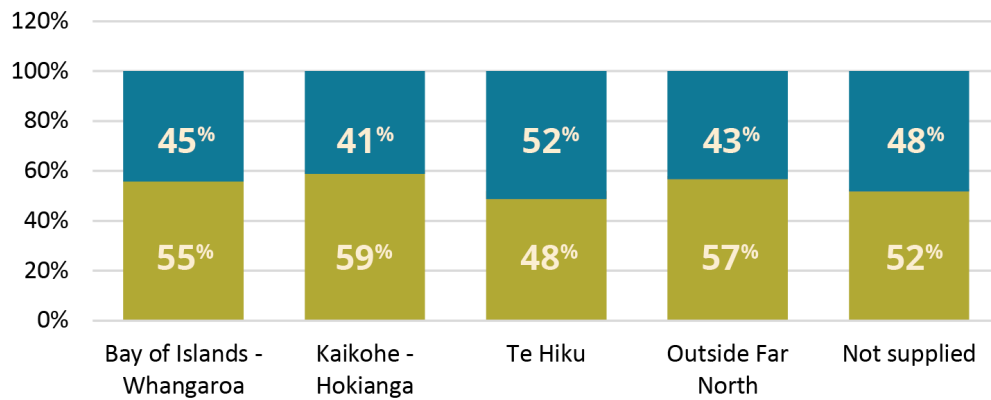
Results

Total responses



Response count by ward



Response percentage by ward**Comments by theme**

Topic	Total count
Affordability	10
Does not agree with approach / methodology	2
Don't understand the question	3
Fairer system	6
Future planning and adaptation to climate change	5
General comments	10
Infrastructure investment and / or compliance / lack of maintenance	9
Insufficient information to make informed decision	7
limited / inadequate or no services	2
Prefers no change	4
User pays	17
Water tank catchment option	4
Total number of comments	79

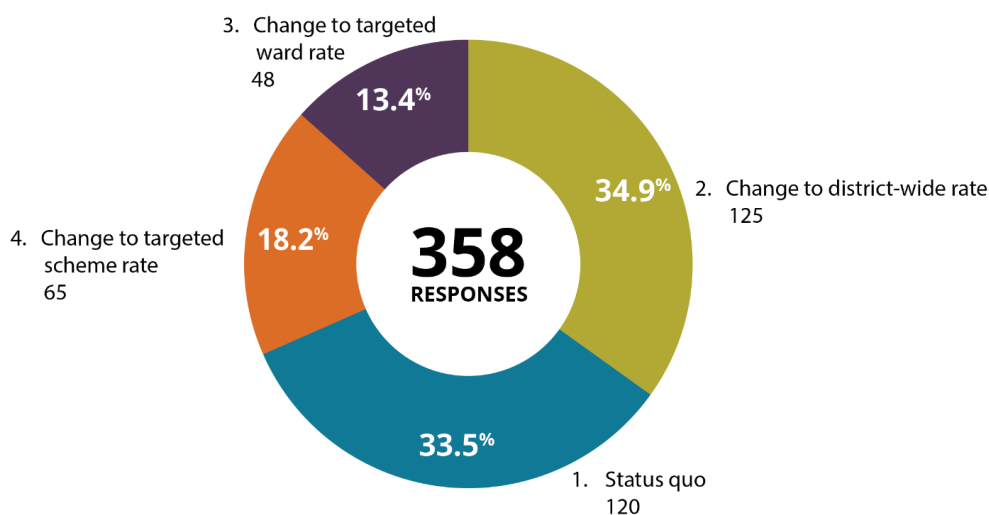
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?

Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access what supply and wastewater services?

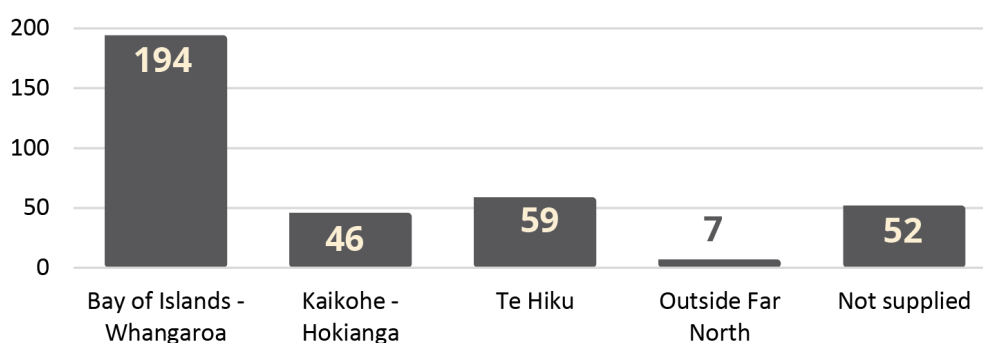
1. Status quo
2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services

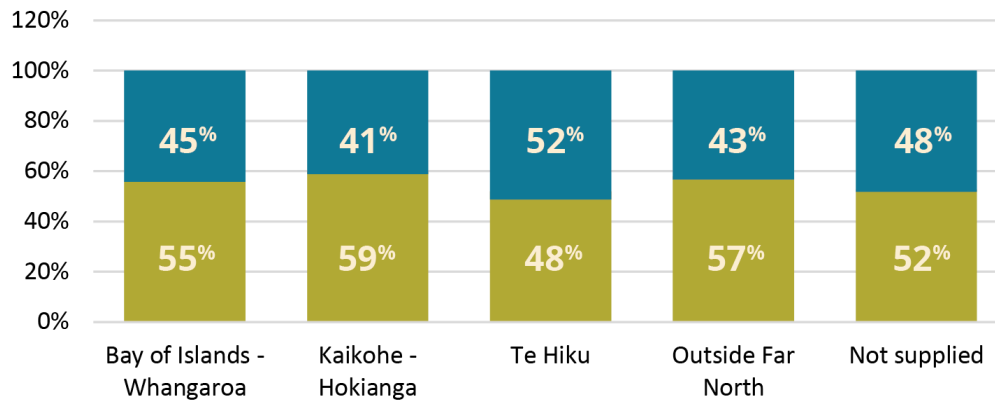
Results

Total responses



Response count by ward



Response percentage by ward**Comments by theme**

Topic	Total count
Affordability and equity	20
Climate change, health / environmental concerns	4
Fairer system	10
General comments	10
Infrastructure Investment and / or compliance / lack of maintenance	6
Limited/Inadequate or No Services	10
Need for land-based wastewater discharge	2
Not enough information to make an informed decision	2
User pays	18
Water tank catchment option	3
Work with key stakeholders/communities/other organisations	9
Total number of comments	94

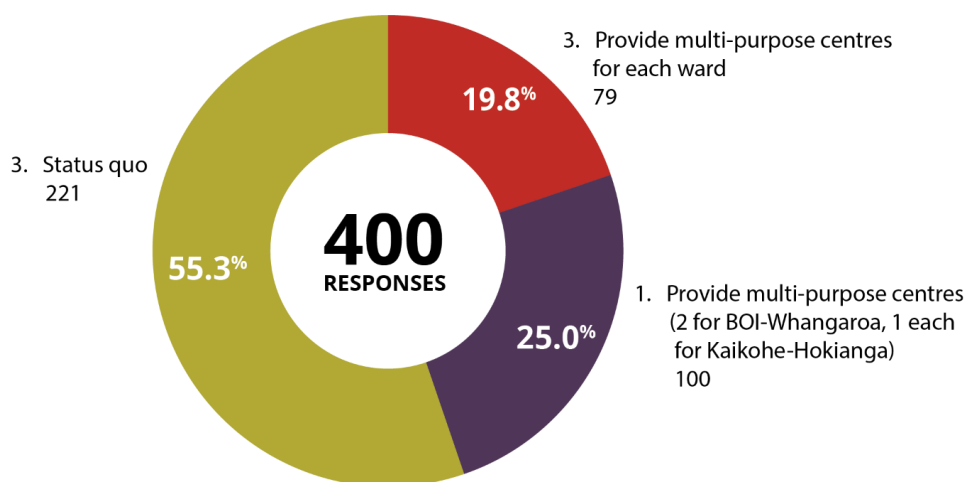
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?

Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?

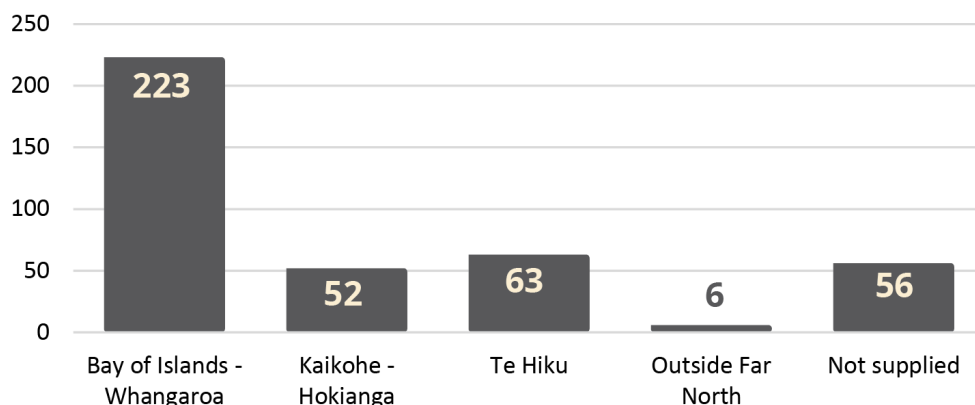
1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
3. Status quo

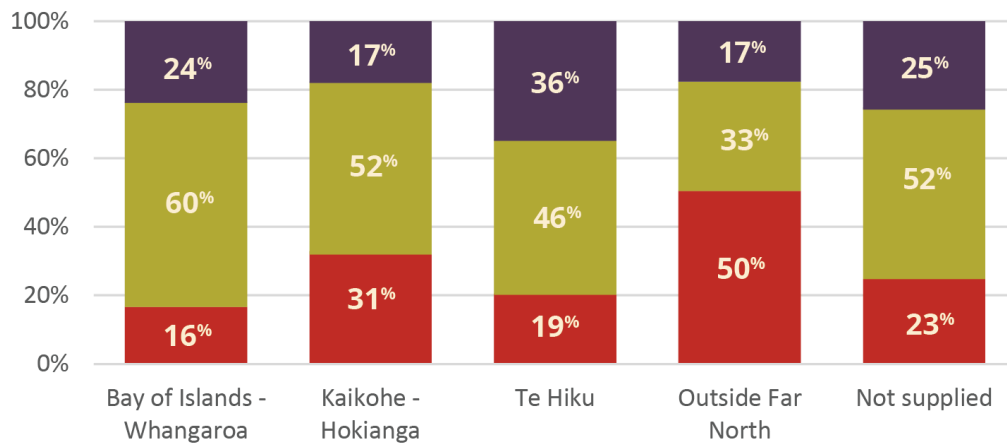
Results

Total responses



Response count by ward



Response percentage by ward**Comments by theme**

Topic	Total count
Financial concerns and opposition to costly changes / utilisation of existing facilities	59
General comments	14
Need for accessibility, community needs and preferences, concerns about impacts on communities	70
Not enough information provided to make informed decision	25
Support for libraries	56
Support for service centres / isites / information centres	21
Total number of comments	245

Other feedback

1. Capital works programme (generalisation)

Total comments received: 11

Feedback	Total count
Infrastructure (see comments)	3
Maintain what we have / improve maintenance	8

Comments:

- Damaged Infrastructure should be paid for over many years.
- Infrastructure Upgrade. Te Rūnanga-Ā-iwi O Ngāpuhi supports the Council in providing and upgrading infrastructure through the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund. The demand for housing, and population growth pressures on infrastructure, need to be addressed.
- Against any expenditure being spent for new works.

2. Civil Defence

Total comments received: 4

Feedback	Total count
Request for register for disabled people (see comment)	1
Emergency preparation (see comments)	1
Funding for emergencies	1

Comments:

- That FNDC establish a voluntary register for disabled people to identify special requirements in case of emergency or evacuation and publicise information about emergency preparedness for disabled people through NRC, disabled persons organisations, Tai Tokerau disability providers and personal networks.
- That the FNDC factor into their emergency preparedness and planning for natural disasters the current shortage of accessible emergency housing for disabled people.
- Funding for emergency hubs with food, water, bedding and equipment, and providing back up provisions for power, water supply and communications.
- Compliment for the response and recovery in extreme weather events, in particular communications/logistics and civil defence - Te Rūnanga-Ā-iwi O Ngāpuhi

3. Community boards and community grants/funding

Comments received: 25

Feedback	Total count
<i>Retain/increase funding</i>	
Bike Northland – Bike Ready – request to retain	1
Citizen Advice Bureau – request to retain	7
Citizen Advice Bureau – request to increase (\$20,000 to \$30,000 p.a.)	1
Community organisations who provide council services – increase	1
Community Board grants and placemaking funding	5

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Mangōnui Information centre	1
Kaitiāia Business Association - increase	1
Requests for funding	
Northland Regional Trails Project	2
Walking and Cycling Trails/Shared Paths in Northland Tai Tokerau – co-fund development	1
Awanui Information Centre	1
Town beautification funding – reinstate	1
Te Oneroa-a-Tohe and the beach management plan (see comment)	1
Lake Ōmāpere Trust (see comment)	

Comments

- Lake Ōmāpere Trust request for funding \$200,000 p.a for restoration and public / private partnership costs
- Request to fund and resource Te Oneroa-a-Tohe and the beach management plan (\$572,286 for years 1-3)
- Support continuation of Community Grants and Placemaking Funding that sustain the possibilities and opportunities for Community Boards to support arts, culture and creativity and health and wellbeing prosperity in their communities.

4. Communications and Engagement

Total comments received: 5

Feedback	Total count
Do not spend money on rebranding in Kaikohe	1
Poor communication	1
LTP engagement with Te Rūnanga ō Whaingaroa expects consultation on these matters before the public is notified	1
More transparency and for information to be made available when they contact the Council with their concerns.	1
Reduce newsletters included in rates notice. Use other communication for propaganda	1

5. Community outcomes

Total comments received: 1

Feedback	Total count
Community outcomes (see comments)	1

Comments:

- Community outcomes: Communities that are healthy, safe, connected, and sustainable: Equity-centred planning, Access to healthy housing, access to fluoridated water - National Public Health Service (NPHS)
- Community outcomes: Resilient communities that are prepared for the unexpected. Climate change: NPHS supports collaborative whole-of-government approaches to climate change, such as Te Tai Tokerau Climate Action program. And other programmes such as MPI projects / mental wellbeing fund. Water resilience: NPHS recommends investment in climate resilience activities with a heavy emphasis on water supply resilience.

- Community outcomes: We celebrate our unique culture and history - NPHS recommends that the FNDC carries out its roles and functions in a way that recognises He Whakaputanga and actively adheres to and implements Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- Prosperous communities supported by a sustainable economy: Equitable investment: NPHS acknowledges the complex decisions before FNDC regarding investment in several areas that are core to upholding public health. These include infrastructure in the areas of stormwater, drinking water supply, and wastewater, as well as community service provision. NPHS recommends that the decided mix of investments be distributed with equity as the leading priority, such as by focusing investment in areas experiencing higher socioeconomic disadvantage.

6. Cycle trail (Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail)

Total comments received: 46

Feedback	Total count
Against funding/fund from other source	5
Supports funding	21
Invest funding for maintenance	10
Support Northland Regional Trails project	1
Increase funding / provide more trails	2
Remove until 2027-33	1
Propose that Keteriki Ltd is engaged to manage cycle trail budget and projects	1
Request for support - Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust (see comment)	1

Other comments:

- Submitter would like to confirm reopening of the cycleway from Ōpua to Taumarere and to be able to give accurate opening dates for this to happen (Submitter wants to establish a cabin retreat business).
- Closure of Ōpua to Taumarere section has affected business and employment of staff.
- Train options are affecting the experience - which should be cycle based.
- Train only on the Taumarere section is not a permanent solution and rebuilding of the cycle/walking trail is supported.
- Support request from Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust have two projects proposed for 2024/25: A biodiversity corridor between Taumatamakuku and Moerewa; and weed and pest eradication between Kaikohe and Ōkaihau.
- That the Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust manages the Council-owned asset and that it is recognised by the Council Senior Leadership Team as a regionally and nationally significant infrastructure asset that has always been funded by local government and central government to support wellbeing and economic development opportunities. And that the Trust is an economic enabler.
- Request from Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust for staff support to develop a 10-year strategic plan that aligns with the LTP.

7. Delivery and operations activities

Total comments received: 21

Feedback	Total count
Animal control	
Address animal cruelty	2
Review the budget allocation for fencing at Kaitāia pound / why \$160k?	2
Animal control: Southern pound money wasted	1
Building consents	
A streamlined, efficient, and responsive service is a high priority	1
Resource consents	
Reduce delays	1
Complaint about non-permission for boat building	1
Complaint about retaining wall	1
Enforcement	
Complaint about excess noise on Bulter Road, Kerikeri	1
Request to have community patrols in Kaitāia CBD	2
Bylaw enforcement	
Request to ensure that property owners maintain CBD building frontages in Kaitāia	1
CBD, Kaitāia - 'to keep our town looking great and safe' Address bikes on footpaths and dogs in CBD	1
Property & Facilities Management	
Halls (and land) divest to community	2
Halls: Against divestment	1
Halls: Funding create a contestable fund for maintenance and repairs	1
Halls: Whangaroa Memorial Hall roof - no budget allocation	1
Buildings: \$517,000 on the old Kāeo Post office building? Put into the main multi-purpose centre plan.	1

Comment:

- Importance of accessibility for our disability communities. This is an opportunity with new builds to ensure that they are accessible for all with an ageing population in Northland.

8. District Facilities activities

Total comments received: 32

Feedback	Total count
Supports funding for recreational/play/sports initiatives (including environmentally friendly activities)	2
Against funding for recreational/beautification/playgrounds	1
Make sportsgrounds / other facilities self-funded	1
Freedom camping: Signage and more information on website	2
Kaitāia airport: in support	4
Kaitāia airport: request for stable and secure management	2
Request to retain Kohukohu cemetery	1
Boat ramp: Mill Road – when will more parking be available?	1
Requests for new facilities	
BMX track at Two-Ponga Park, Ōkaihau	1
Flying fox at Two-Ponga Park, Ōkaihau	1
Replacement of public toilets with larger facilities, Ōkaihau	1
Provide gravel area at the back of Ōkaihau Hall	1
Natural burial cemetery - suggestion of Rāwene	1

Recreational Park, Rāwene	1
Indoor heated swimming pool, Kerikeri	2
Public toilets, Kaitāia - specifically Town Square and Northpark	1
Dog park, Kerikeri (Reinstate funding in next LTP)	1
Two dog fenced areas with amenities to play, Paradise Road, Coopers Beach	1
Sportsfields / hubs	
Dedicated sportsfields for football (review reallocation of space to support growth, quality and sustainability of pitch)	1
Te Puāwaitanga: Request for investment / retime stage 2	4
Te Hiku Sports Hub: Against swimming pool and gym (see comments)	1
Sports hubs (all) invest in indoor court facilities (for Futsal)	1
Kaikohe Multi-Sport Complex Lindvart Park: Request for ongoing funding	1

Comments:

- Te Hiku Sports Club: Swimming pool - Kaitāia. What is the requirement for a second pool in Kaitāia for a population of 6000. What is the impact of rates/debt?
- Te Hiku Sports Hub - gym - members need to pay \$880 p.a. Unaffordable. Kaitāia has several existing gyms and 3 fitness gyms for 6000.

9. Environment

Total comments received: 5

Feedback	Total count
Pest / weed control: reduce or stop use of harmful poisons	4
Pest / weed control: request for funding line to be added to budgets for pest control in reserves and work with agencies to ensure native forests on public and private land also have adequate pest control	1

10. Fees and charges

Comments received: 11

Feedback	Total count
User pays	5
User pays (increase)	1
User pays – marine facilities start/increase fees for use	2
Alfresco dining fees - Suggested change (see comment)	1
Resource consents: suggested fee (see comment)	1

Comments:

- Alfresco dining changes recommended. Charging by the overall square metreage of the alfresco area, or per seat or number of people to be seated in the alfresco area. This would allow for easier monitoring and enforcement of the alfresco area and will create a fairer user pays charge.
- Resource consent - Please consider undertaking a cost-free policy change which would improve access to housing for over 50% of Northland's residents; choose to finally stop banning and restricting responsible dog ownership across our region, through subdivision consent processes.

11. Financial

Comments received: 5

Feedback	Total count
Debt increases consequences (see comment)	1
Reserve fund – needs further explanation (see comment)	2
Depreciation for each WWTP systems	1
Depreciation: Use depreciation funds for halls and pensioner housing.	1

Comments

- What is the current reserve fund for stormwater, sewage, and water? What was the reserve 10 years and 20 years ago? Please publish, email me the information. By the way: The emergency reserve. I assume that it is the reserve for weather events or earthquakes. The current emergency event reserve seems to be \$7,304. What was the emergency event reserve in 2011 and 2021? Please publish (and email me as well)
- Debt increases consequences. Set to reach debt ceiling at current rate - 2031. Then what? Debt increases will increase interest payments which will result in additional rates increases.

12. FNHL

Comments received: 4

Feedback	Total count
Reduce staff numbers	1
Increase transparency	1
Request for larger dividend or profit share to be paid to council	1
Why is FNHL investing in Housing for the Elderly	1

13. General comments

Total comments received: 7

Feedback	Total count
General / supplier information (see comments)	4
Representation review: Support Māori wards representation	2

Comments:

- To be quite frank, I have found council utterly impossible to deal with.
- Love the community spaces available in Te Hiku.

14. Governance

Total comments received: 85

Feedback	Total count
Focus on core business (including 1 for no new projects, 1 for next 3 terms, 1 for deliverable results)	29
Identify cost savings	14
Identify other sources of income	2
Misallocation/mismanagement of spending	15
No accountability or trust in decision making	2
Underperforming	1
Lobby central government for funding/subsidies, push back on government agenda	7
Against increase in funding governance cost to 6c (see comment)	1
Support and collaboration with stakeholders	6
More visible leadership with clear vision to attract investment to increase economy	1
Develop neighbour governance boards	1
Join the Christchurch Call Collective	1
Work with the people / communities	2

Other comments:

- Support is needed to collaborate with iwi and hapū to capture and record significant areas and resources in the rohe of the Far North to be protected, enhanced, and appropriately managed.
- THCB does not support the increase in governance cost to 6c. suggests that the council explain why these costs have burgeoned out to where they are and looks for efficiencies in this area.
- Stop and cancel any expenditure to do with Treaty Partnership activities immediately - central government responsibility.
- Local government reforms - To encourages our political leaders to move forward with urgency and bring a united and courageous voice to negotiate a Regional Deal that includes the ability to trial better ways of serving our communities and region (with resource and legislation allowance). A deal that sees central and local government AND communities working together for the common good. Focus on food production, ensuring the protection of arable lands. The world needs to eat. Our region can become a key supplier of 'fresh and natural' kai (and energy) to Auckland and the world, noting a focus on quality over quantity. Huge opportunity to develop a blue economy, along with growing horticulture and other primary sectors. Ensure our young people are included in this mahi. Our future leaders need exposure to challenges that encourage critical thinking and innovation.
- Given the LTP presented and recent underperformance of some Council representatives it is abundantly clear that the council needs to be resolved and a commissioner appointed until the end of the current term. I would like to see the Council dissolved immediately.
- Be a leader and innovate, use technology to save interface costs and bricks and mortar construction, employ seasoned professionals and deal in facts alone not politics and personal preferences.

15. Long Term Plan / Consultation document

Total comments received: 16

Feedback	Total count
Information confusing / not written in plain English / difficult to understand	6
Consultation period not long enough	3
Not enough information provided to make informed decision	2
General critique / criticism (see comments)	5
Develop a longer-term plan	1

Other comments:

- LTP: Classic example of what happens when inexperienced teams with unprofessional management.
- CD: General critique of layout, use of Te Reo, criticism - lumpy presentation (liked the tables and graphs)
- Submitter has requested that we publish for public discussion and feedback. Issue 4. The current FNDC organisational setup and processes and cooperation with contractors don't seem to be fit for purpose: Services are slow and inefficient. Limited focus on what is needed and affordable. All together adds up in rate increases for years and they will continue to soar in years to come according to the LTP2024-27.
- Council needs to deliver on their LTP - needs to be achievable.
- LTP Set precedent that council will cover costs for future weather events.

16. Operational

Total comments received: 32

Feedback	Total count
Review RFS system – not fit for purpose	3
Improve contractor accountability (inc. Alliances)	4
Reduce spending (Catering, buildings, fuel, vehicle use, staff spend, general)	5
Reduce staff	5
Reduce staff and salaries (1 for salary reduction for middle management)	3
Reduce use of consultants	2
Reduce funding for future planning	1
Poor / unprofessional management	4
Localism – local procurement for goods and services	3
Inefficient processes – too complicated	2
Provide umbrella management for communities and events	1
Limited/inadequate or no services (inc.no services in rural areas)	5

Other comments:

- Training required for staff in economic and finance such as cost controlling or budgeting, Project management and execution, competence skills and social skills.
- Staff can provide solutions to be more productive and efficient in processes. Request for plan for this – set goals, measure, and monitor and then report back to Elected Members.
- Reduce staff spend by allow staff to work in a specific area. E.g. Kaitāia, working in that area.
- CEO to report on operational costs – vehicle use, travel, efficient use of office space etc.

- Staff use of vehicles at weekends (taking kids to sports/packhouse market – who is paying for the fuel?).
- RFS needs to be improved with a more responsive and efficient system. Community members have asked for a system that makes it easy to track their RFS, timeframes, and work that is carried out. We have asked for a geographical RFS system that shows where RFS's are located, when work is being carried out, and when that work is completed.

17. Planning and policy

Total comments received: 50

Feedback	Total count
Climate change (support approach, work with communities, other organisations, stakeholders etc)	7
Against or minimise funding for climate change	2
Housing for the Elderly – divest	2
Housing demand for (provide housing for the elderly and in Kerikeri	3
Housing (not councils responsibility)	1
Housing (work with communities, other organisations, stakeholders etc)	2
District plan: Stop infill housing and subdivisions going into prime horticultural / production areas.	2
District plan: Impose a maximum building height restriction of 3 stories on all new builds in Kerikeri	1
District plan: Remove zone designations that prevent housing	1
Development contributions: reinstate	10
Open / public spaces (see comments)	3
Placemaking (see comments)	3
Reserve management plans (BOI/Whangaroa CB support and funding to meet legal obligations, and support opportunities for RMP for Simson Park)	3

Other comment:

- What is your plan when the next weather event rolls in and we are hit by another unplanned cost?
- Future planning to be kept to a minimum. For example, the planning document to 2100 was an expensive waste of staff time and money.
- Three surveys regarding spatial planning, community development for recreation, infrastructure, and planning. Where can they access those surveys?
- Infrastructure Strategy: Resource consents – 31 resource consents in total for FNDC's Three Waters services and that all are current. NRC notes that this should read that there are 31 current/existing resource consents that will expire in the next 30 years. (Addressed. Amended for final strategy)
- District Plan: Numerous properties along Brind Road (above Matauwhi Road) and properties along Matauwhi Road are well in excess of the maximum 35% impermeable area threshold for the Russell Township Zone. This is creating flooding issues for residents at the lower end of Matauwhi Road.
- Built spaces – that FNDC improve the safety and inclusiveness for its built spaces and ensure an accessibility lens is used for any future builds.
- Kerokero Pā: Objection to any bulldozing on site. Sacred site should be restored – no housing.
- Development contributions. Had the council introduced development rates, we would have been a better position to absorb these external shocks and is the work of introducing them being prioritised?

- Open / public space: no consideration to who is using public spaces – not dog friendly (including bins for waste) need to step up and provide decent green spaces for use.
- Open spaces – that FNDC ensure that all their facilities are accessible and built on universal design principles and that the concept of universal design is regularly discussed when FNDC work with their environmental planners and landscape architects.
- Open spaces policy and strategy: Request to included Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust as a key stakeholder.
- Placemaking –: increase community base projects.
- Placemaking –: Waipapa no budget allocation for next stage.
- Taipā placemaking: THCB does support further placemaking ventures at this point.

18. Rangitāne maritime facilities

Total comments received: 34

Feedback	Total count
Against (includes cost, road damage and repair costs, location, unnecessary / only benefits a few / nice to have, not good use of ratepayers' money, not true cost)	27
Supports	7

Comments:

- That budget exposure from elements relating to cost overruns, ongoing maintenance, and depreciation over time for the Rangitāne maritime development be fully assessed by the elected members of Council. That elected members of Council demand fully documented evidence of such estimated cost overruns, ongoing maintenance and depreciation over time related to the Rangitāne maritime development even if that information must be considered in public exclusion. That as Council will be responsible for granting consent if fast tracking of the Rangitāne maritime development is approved, an independently managed social impact assessment is commissioned.

A full set of comments relating to the Rangitāne maritime facilities will be distributed prior to the workshop.

19. Rates

Total comments received: 155

Feedback	Total count
Address rates arrears	13
Against rates increase: no reason stated	6
Against rates increase: unaffordable (inc. for farmers)	44
Against rates increase: unaffordable (pensioner/retiree/limited income)	15
Against rates increase: suggested rates increase limit (range between 2% - 10%)	8
Against rates increase: inequitable (inc. everyone should pay)	9
Against rates increase: limited / inadequate or no services (inc. no services for rural areas)	23
Against rates increase: other (cut services, identify cost savings, poor or mismanagement, reduce or postpone, house sales, QV increase poor quality land, poor service)	13
Rates: review differentials, change to CV, land drainage rates, UAGC, ward rate (Paihia waterfront)	19

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NRC: Uncouple	1
Rate subsidies and rebates (inc. request for timely payments for rates reductions, subsidy for pensioners, make rebate process more accessible for disabled persons)	4
Water meter rate: Unaffordable (21.7% additional to the property rate rise)	1

Other comment:

- Te Hiku Sports Hub when will this be rated from, and will it be from the ward rate or the general rate? THCB prefers the ward rate option.

20. Roothing

Total comments received: 143

Feedback	Total count
<i>Cycleways / shared paths in urban areas</i>	
Against funding	5
Support / request for more funding (inc. safety measures)	9
<i>Footpaths</i>	
Lack of maintenance (general)	1
Specific locations for maintenance including weed control, retaining walls, H&S issues (Paihia, Rāwene, Ōkaihau, Otaha Road)	4
Request to increase funding for BOI/Whangaroa CB	1
<i>Lighting</i>	
Request for (Waiare Road and SH1 intersection, Ōkaihau, Otaha Road)	2
New lighting on Kerikeri Road cause too much light pollution. Promote dark sky initiative.	1
<i>Roothing</i>	
Not enough detail provided (see comment)	6
Lack of maintenance (inc. drainage, road corridor vegetation management, weed control) (District-wide)	34
Accountability for contractors / poor quality/condition	5
Funding – remove Road to Zero budgets, add more funding in, inequitable funding	6
Address slips (Whangaroa/Matauri Bay coastal road (3 slips), West of Kaitāia-Motutī, Panguru, Pawarenga, Whangapē, Wainui Road and Ota Point Road, Whangaroa.	4
<i>Request to seal</i>	
Rāwhiti Road. Collaborate with residents to seal 1.2km section of road (Omakiwi Bay area)*	1
Maromaku - Matawaia Road from Maromaku to Motatau, Te Tii Road, Rāwhiti Road, Pokapū to Matawaia junction	1
Redcliffs Road and Te Kowhai Point Road. Based on increase significant traffic and properties. Additional usage when Rogue Vines open cellar door business. Constantly requirements to address both corrugation/potholes and dust nuisance.	4
Kohanga Reo and Marae for tarsealling or concreting 500m either side of their entrance as highly used community facilities. Kohanga Reo and Marae for tar sealing or concreting 500m either side of their entrance as highly used community facilities.	1
Pairatahi Road	1
Church Road, Kaitāia (extension of seal)	1
Parapara Hill	1
Duncan Road and Parapara Road	1
Sealing – support sealing of unsealed road (inc. reinstatement of budget)	13
Sealing – dust related reasons	17

19

Kerikeri CBD bypass – support	5
Kerikeri CBD bypass – against	2
Request for a roundabout - Cobham Road and Hone Heke Road (Targeted rate)	1
Speed restrictions	
Ōkaihau - request for speed humps/traffic calming measures in town	1
Russell – request for	1
Church Road, Kaitiāia (reduced speed limit)	1
Otaha Road – speeding and dangerous road	1
Against speed restrictions including speed humps - waste of money and time	1
Ferry	
Replacement: recommendation to fund an electric ferry	2
Other	
NTA: abolish / consider bring roading back in-house	2

*Please note there is a petition that has been signed by residents on Pairatahi Road (Submitter receipt number: 102)

Other comment:

- Roothing: KHCB - able to easily access a database that shows when roads are expected to be upgraded or repaired.
- Roothing: Slip repairs - East coast residents should not be paying for West Coast slips.
- Kerikeri CBD bypass: does this have consent and is all the land necessary purchased?
- Network resilience NRC requests FNDC to work collaboratively to enable a strategic road network focussing on climate adaptation and increased route resilience to mitigate flood vulnerability.
- NRC supports FNDC's intention to focus on a return to basic road maintenance with a priority on drainage and water tabling.
- That the Hokianga Ferry Replacement, and Far North Passenger Transport Services be more accessible for disabled people.
- Roothing: Supports regional approach to delivery joined up services for roading/transportation for Northland.
- Roothing: that the development of any new transport infrastructure be designed based on universal design principles.
- Support the North Auckland Railway Line from Auckland to Ōtiria to move freight (logs and containers) off roading system.

21. Solid waste / recycling

Total comments received: 13

Feedback	Total count
Look at alternatives for disposal / improve services – (including power generation)	4
Rubbish dumping: Free rubbish bags for low-income communities / add hidden containers / provide bins on all reserves	3
Invest in bottle and can plant / bottle return scheme	3
No rubbish collection	
Tauranga Bay (1 for don't charge in rates)	2
Otaha Road	1

22. Stakeholder relationships

Comment:

- Develop community plans as guidelines.

23. Stormwater / drainage / flood protection

Total comments received: 16

Feedback	Total count
Lack of maintenance – clean culverts and drains regularly*	5
Invest more (see comment)	4
Ōhaeawai: Fix surface flooding issues in town	1
Ōkaihau: cover open drains (H&S)	1
Russell: Upgrade needed along Matauwhi Road, Russell - including additional kerb and channelling	1
Complete management plans	1
Do not increase drainage rate	1
Taipā stormwater/drainage: commitment to a schedule of works	1
Bylaw: implementation and enforcement of bylaw and warranted officer	1

* Please note that some drainage commentary regarding maintenance is specific to roading.

Comments:

- The public good component of Kaitiāia drainage should be 30% to provide equity in the cost of removing urban stormwater.
- RFS - no response to issue where pipe was replaced but further flooding has occurred. Bad communication between staff /contractors and councillors.

24. Town maintenance

Total comments received: 4

Feedback	Total count
Lack of maintenance (general) mowing, weed control, drainage, tree maintenance, buildings, footpaths, rubbish etc.	3
Kaitiāia: Lack of maintenance (see comment)	2

Comment:

- Kaitiāia north end of main street looks like a dump.

25. Water supply

Total comments received: 24

Feedback	Total count
Against fluoridation	8
Provide water tanks (free/subsidies/emergency use/compulsory for new builds/drought prone communities	8
Against funding for Sweetwater (see comment)	2

Lack of investment / poor land practices / no future provision (see comment)	3
Funding request – Mid-North Water Scheme (Otago reservoir) (see comment)	1
Work with stakeholders/communities/other organisations	2

Comment:

- Buy the land up by the Fairburn Quarry and dam that land by the wetland. Clear out the river below it and then you will have beautiful clean flowing water. Potential is there for a lot less than \$20M plus that's been spent on Sweetwaters.
- LTP does not provide for the purchasing of 200 shares in Mid-North Water Scheme (Otago reservoir). NRC supports FNDC making this purchase.
- As an orchardist in Kerikeri for 35 years I have seen the town take more and more of our stored water, which is meant for farm and orchard supply. To grow food not houses. So what is the council doing about their own supply. It seems that council is intent on taking more of Kerikeri irrigation company's (KKIC) stored water. Which will affect growers and farmers of the future to grow sustainable crops and stock. Especially in drought conditions which I have seen many of now, and are expecting.

26. Wastewater

Total comments received: 23

Feedback	Total count
Against funding for Kerikeri in Y4/5. Prioritise compliance and renewals instead. Do not fund Kerikeri WWTP for 15 years (as new)	12
Hokianga - still waiting on solutions. Allocate funding to address issues	10
Lack of investment in infrastructure / invest more (see comment)	3
Support Kaikohe WWTP	10
Kaikohe WWTP - WW transported from Kerikeri and Eastern regions to Kaikohe. WWTP should be funded across the district not targeted	10
Work with stakeholders/communities/other organisations	2
Land purchase or agreement required for Kaitiaki budget - pump to land discharge will lessen the effect of over topping the ponds in the Kaitiaki Lake	1

Other comment:

- Healthy Families supports the removal of waste from our natural bodies of water, recognising the significant health role they hold for people.
- Infrastructure - greater investment required to reducing overflows and unauthorised discharges resulting in further enforcement action from NRC.

27. Non-council related comments

Total comments received: 23

Feedback	Total count
Regional fuel levy	3
Public hospital for Kerikeri	1
Against 5G technology	2
Support emergency services	3
More EV charging stations in Kaikohe	1
NRC: Pest control	2
Change the LGA	1
Provide mediation/moderation/facilitation	1

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Supermarkets (Kaitiāia / Kawakawa)	2
QV: Over-valuation of properties	2
Open Ōkaihau swimming pools (School) to the public	1
Public transport (bus to BOI hospital)	1
Support for legislation changes for mandatory desexing / microchipping of cats and dogs	1
Concern over fast track RMA	1
All land titles in Far North of Mangamuka are null and void	1
NZTA related	
Build tunnels and a proper highway (Brynderwen)	1
SH 1 / SH11 - roading maintenance - increase drainage.	1
SH1 North of Whangarei to Kerikeri / etc needs upgrading work to bring them up to the same standards as North of Auckland	1
SH11 Paihia - maintenance required	1
Footpath request 1km south SH1, Ōkaihau	1



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Late Payment Interest and Debt Collection Fees

Council may charge late payment or default interest and debt collection fees if you fail to pay all amounts charged and/or invoiced by Council.

Late payment or default interest is OCR rate current at the time plus 2% pa flat.

Debt collection fees include costs and disbursements incurred by Council and/or third party engaged by Council to recover the debt. These costs and disbursements include debt collection agency fees, legal fees and court filing fees

Animals

Dogs

Registration fee for desexed dogs	Current	1 July 2024 – 31 August 2024	Current	Full fee and late registration penalty 1 September 2024 – 30 June 2025
		Proposed		Proposed
Pet dog	\$57.00	\$58.00	\$86.00	\$88.00
Classified dangerous dog	\$85.50	\$87.00	\$129.00	\$132.00
Working / pig dog	\$45.00	\$46.00	\$66.00	\$68.00
Disability assist dog (approved organisation certified)	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge
Multiple dog discount (Register five dogs, get the sixth dog free)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Discount for Gold Card or Community Card holders	10%	10%	10%	10%

Full fee, penalty and debt recovery costs are incurred between 1 September 2024 and 30 June 2025.

Registration fee for non-desexed dogs	Current	1 July 2024 – 31 August 2024	Current	Full fee and late registration penalty 1 September 2024 – 30 June 2025
		Proposed		Proposed
Pet dog	\$68.00	\$70.00	\$97.00	\$99.00
Working / pig dog	\$55.00	\$56.00	\$79.00	\$81.00
Disability assist dog (approved organisation certified)	No charge		No charge	No charge
Multiple dog discount (Register five dogs, get the sixth dog free)	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Discount for Gold Card or Community Card holders	10%		10%	10%

Full fee, penalty and debt recovery costs are incurred between 1 September 2024 and 30 June 2025.

Other fees	Current	Proposed
Re-homing dog registration fee (applies to dogs re-homed by the SPCA or via Council pounds).	\$41.00	\$42.00
Dog adoption. Fee includes microchipping, dog registration until the end of the current year, vet check, vaccinations and desexing (if required).	Actual costs	Actual costs
Microchipping	\$34.00	\$35.00
Small dog collar	\$13.00	\$13.00
Large dog collar	\$18.00	\$18.00
Replacement registration tag (per tag)	\$5.00	\$5.00

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

Other fees**De-sexed dog registration**

Registration of desexed dogs is free for the first year of the dog's life (desexing certificate to be supplied) for the current registration year only. All other years shall be at normal fee.

Dog impounding	Current	Proposed
Impounding	\$77.00	\$79.00
Second impounding	\$115.00	\$118.00
Third and subsequent impounding	\$158.00	\$162.00
Daily handling	\$16.00 per day	\$16.00 per day
Veterinary care	Actual costs	Actual costs

Impounding fee contributes to covering the cost of collecting of the dog that is covered by the general ratepayer and serves as a form of penalty for the individuals own dog being collected.

Other animals

Stock impounding	Current	Proposed
Bovine (bull, cow, ox) where one to five head of stock are impounded	\$106.00	\$108.00
Bovine (bull, cow, ox) where six to 10 head of stock are impounded	\$209.00	\$214.00
Bovine (bull, cow, ox) where 11 plus head of stock are impounded	\$316.00	\$323.00
Equine (horse) where one to five are impounded	\$118.00	\$121.00
Equine (horse) where six to 10 are impounded	\$224.00	\$229.00
Equine (horse) where 11 plus are impounded	\$329.00	\$337.00
Ovine (sheep)	\$35.00	\$36.00
Calves, foals, lambs, piglets (feeding off the mother) – no impounding or sustenance charge	No charge	No charge
Sustenance fees for impounded stock (per head per day)	\$10.00	\$10.00
NAIT (National Animal Identification and Tracing) tagging	Actual costs	Actual costs
Advertising costs (Advertising of impounded stock as required prior to auction / disposal)	Actual costs + \$17.00 admin cost	Actual costs + \$17.00 admin cost
Transport of stock to pound	Actual costs + \$17.00 admin cost	Actual costs + \$17.00 admin cost
Officers time (per hour)	\$100.00	\$100.00

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Building consents

Building notes

It is important to note that each building project and site may be different, so please use this information as a guideline only.

Total consent costs may not be known until the consent has been processed to approval.

For an indication of fees payable with your building consent application, please use our building fee calculator or contact our building staff on free phone 0800 920 029 (Northland land lines only) or 09 401 5200.

When are building fees payable?

If your building project falls under the criteria for fixed fee applications, then you will be paying a fee as stated in the consolidated fees schedule. This fee will be required when lodging your application.

If your building project falls outside the criteria for fixed fee applications, then you will be in the banded fee bracket. These fees will be calculated based on processing time and will be invoiced at time of issue of your consent.

When issuing a Code Compliance Certificate a check is done to see if there are any outstanding inspection or processing fees and these will be invoiced at this time.

In all cases, Council payment terms apply to all issued invoices.

How do I work out the estimated value?

This is the total value of the building work including GST. Usually the designer or architect supplies the contract square metre rate and Council checks this against national statistics, the MBIE website, Building Economist and Codeword's publications.

Why do I get charged for inspections in advance?

Council policy is to release building consents as soon as possible. Estimated inspection fees are paid in advance to assist this process to avoid delays for all parties.

What are 'actual costs' and what will they include?

- Processing, inspections and administration services
- It may also include external services engaged to carry out reviews for Council e.g. New Zealand Fire Service and Heritage NZ etc.
- Disbursements like scanning, copying, telephone, travel and postage.

What are external services and why are they applicable to my application?

External services are usually for New Zealand Fire Service design review, engineering technical or weather-tightness review for complex design or when unproven methods are

proposed or input from Heritage NZ for any archaeological reviews.

When does my consent become commercial and trigger the higher fees?

Generally when the building use is associated with public use and the engagement of employees

Some descriptions of these building types include:

- Communal residential (hostel / prison)
- Communal non-residential (church / school)
- Commercial (bank / service station)
- Industrial (agricultural building / sewage plant)

These classified uses attract the higher fee due to the additional design complexity and use of specified systems.

What happens if I don't go ahead with my building consent, do I get a total refund?

This function is carried out on a case-by-case basis and no full refund is provided due to administration and cost overheads. In normal cases there will be a refund for unused inspections, and BRANZ / MBIE levies.

If processing has already begun, partially complete or fully completed fees will be deducted accordingly.

Other fee information

Some levies are set by other agencies and are not affected by this proposal.

All fees are GST inclusive unless otherwise stated.

Building application fees are based on the project value of the building works, simple structures or minor type applications.

Fixed fee applications

This fee applies to building work with a project value of less than \$20,000.

This fee applies to residential projects only.

This fee applies to specific works as listed in the chart below – the fee includes:

- Building processing
- District plan processing (where applicable)
- Inspections as nominated (additional inspections will be charged at the current fee rate)
- Code compliance certificate application fee.

This fee is non-refundable due to the reduced fee offered for these services.

General building fees	Current	Proposed
Amended plans application	Actual costs	Actual costs
BRANZ Levy (applies to project values above \$20,000)	\$1.00 per \$1,000.00	\$1.00 per \$1,000.00
MBIE Levy (applies to project values above \$20,000)	\$1.75 per \$1,000.00	\$1.75 per \$1,000.00
Building warrant of fitness annual renewal	Actual costs	Actual costs
Building warrant of fitness audit report and inspection fee	Actual costs	Actual costs
Building warrant of fitness (audit only)	Actual costs	Actual costs
Certificate of acceptance application installment (actual processing costs are calculated and applied)	\$584 + actual costs	\$597 + actual costs
Certificate of public use application	Actual costs	Actual costs
Certificate of title request	\$42.00	\$43.00
Change of use application installment (actual processing costs are calculated and applied)	Actual costs	Actual costs
Code compliance certificate application	Actual costs	Actual costs
Older code compliance certificate application (includes review of building consents if over four years old)	Actual costs	Actual costs
Compliance schedule and statement	Actual costs	Actual costs
Compliance and accreditation levy (maximum levy fee \$276.00)	\$1.40 per \$1,000.00	\$1.40 per \$1,000.00
Condition assessment report application	\$110.00	\$113.00
Enforcement action under the Building Act (Notice to fix notice, dangerous or insanitary notice and breach investigation)	Actual costs	Actual costs
Exemption from requiring building consent application	Actual costs	Actual costs
Extension of time application	\$110.00	\$113.00
Field advice notice	\$200.00	\$205.00
Inspections – residential	\$230.00	\$235.00
Inspections – commercial	\$350.00	\$358.00
Request for information (charged on any application type)	Actual costs	Actual costs
Scanning charge per application	\$12.00	\$12.00
Section 72 hazard notification	Actual costs	Actual costs
Section 75 building on two or more allotments notification	Actual costs	Actual costs
Specific expertise – inspection and processing required	Actual costs	Actual costs
Swimming pool inspections	\$314.00	\$321.00
Waiver / modification waiver application to existing building consent	Actual costs	Actual costs
Weekly building consent report (charge per annum)	\$680.00	\$696.00
Development Engineer	\$265.00	\$271.00
Building Manager / Compliance Manager	\$225.00	\$230.00
Team Leader / Senior Building Officer / Senior Building Specialist	\$200.00	\$205.00
Building Officer / Building Compliance Officer	\$185.00	\$189.00
PIM Officer (District Plan check)	\$160.00	\$164.00
Building Administration / Compliance Administration	\$145.00	\$148.00

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Vehicle crossings	Current	Proposed
Vehicle crossing application and vehicle crossing inspection fee	\$300.00	\$300.00
<i>A bond deposit (minimum \$1,000.00) may be set to ensure construction of vehicle crossing</i>		
Vehicle crossing inspection fee	\$200.00	\$200.00
Re-application fee for expired approvals	\$77.00	\$77.00
Application for RAPID number	\$30.00	\$31.00
Replacement RAPID signs	\$11.00	\$11.00

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

Bylaw enforcement

Bylaw license application	Current	Proposed
General bylaw license incorporates fees for:-	\$117.00 per application	\$120.00 per application
Application for advertising signs		
Application for brothel signs		
Reclaiming of seized advertising signs	\$88.00 per sign	\$90.00 per sign

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

Cemeteries

Burial plots	Current	Proposed
Burial plot	\$1,152.00	\$1,179.00
Interment single depth	\$1,010.00	\$1,033.00
Interment double depth	\$1,145.00	\$1,171.00
Interment child (under 10)	\$249.00	\$255.00
Interment - oversize single depth	\$1,113.00	\$1,139.00
Interment - oversize double depth	\$1,217.00	\$1,245.00
Disinterment fee	\$2,247.00	\$2,299.00
Statutory holiday surcharge	\$556.00	\$569.00
Special circumstance surcharge (e.g late arrival or additional processing)	\$521.00	\$533.00

Ash burial	Current	Proposed
Ash berm (Russell)	\$523.00	\$535.00
Ash berm (All others)	\$269.00	\$275.00
Grave digging for ash burial	\$222.00	\$227.00
Concrete cap	\$115.00	\$118.00

Other fees	Current	Proposed
Cemetery fees (e.g search fee, headstone, memorial permit, installation fee)	\$40.00	\$41.00
Memorial bench	Actual costs	Actual costs

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

Certificates, licenses and permits

Alcohol licensing	Current	Proposed
The following fees are set under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Fees) Regulations 2013		
Application fee - Managers Certificates	\$316.25	\$316.25
Renewal fee - Managers Certificates	\$316.25	\$316.25
Temporary License fee	\$296.70	\$296.70
Temporary Authority fee	\$296.70	\$296.70
Certificate of Compliance Liquor application - please see Page 25 - Resource consents for this fee		
Advertising of an alcohol application	\$47.50	\$47.50

Premises - On, off and club licenses			
Fee category and cost / risk rating score		Application fee	Annual fee
		Set by legislation	Set by legislation
Very low	0-2	\$368.00	\$161.00
Low	3-5	\$609.50	\$391.00
Medium	6-15	\$816.50	\$632.50
High	16-25	\$1,023.50	\$1,035.00
Very high	26 plus	\$1,207.50	\$1,437.50
Special licenses - risk based fees (see definition below)			Set by legislation
Class 1			\$575.00
Class 2			\$207.00
Class 3			\$63.25

Special license definition

Class 1	a large event (400+) people, or more than three medium events (100 - 400 people), or more than 12 small events (fewer than 100 people)
Class 2	One to three medium events (100 - 400 people), or Three to 12 small events (fewer than 100 people)
Class 3	One or two small events (fewer than 100 people)

Amusement devices and entertainment premises	Set by legislation
These fees are set under Section 11 of the Amusement Devices Regulations 1978 and are applicable to devices such as merry-go-rounds, Ferris wheels and roller coasters, bumper cars and boats, indoor go-karts, mini-bikes, parasails, jet skis, bungee jumping. Bouncy castles, inflatable slides and non-powered playground equipment are not amusement devices and so you do not require a permit.	
Amusement devices only; one device, for the first seven days of operation or part thereof	\$10.00
Amusement devices only; for each additional device operated by the same owner, for the first seven days or part thereof	\$2.00
Amusement devices only; for each device, for each further period of seven days or part thereof	\$1.00

Collection and transportation of waste and diverted materials	Current	Proposed
Waste collector's license	\$543.00 per annum	\$555.00 per annum

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

Environmental health licenses	Current	Proposed
(Per annum) Health (Registration of Premises) Regulations 1966 annual renewal 1 July. Pro rata fees for new application throughout the registration year.		
Health (hairdressers, mortuaries, camping grounds and septic tank cleaners)	\$349.00	\$357.00
Re-inspection	\$202.00	\$207.00
Change of ownership (new certificate)	\$61.00	\$62.00
Replacement of lost certificate	\$29.00	\$30.00

Fire prevention	Current	Proposed
Section clearance (includes administration charge, site inspection if required and contractors' actual costs)	\$108.00 + actual costs	\$110.00 + actual costs

Food Act	Current	Proposed
Food Control Plan (FCP)		
Template FCP registration	\$310.00	\$317.00
Thermometer	\$30.00	\$31.00
Additional food control plan document	\$28.00	\$29.00
Renewal of registration (annual renewal)	\$232.50	\$238.00
Additional processing time	\$155.00	\$159.00
Registration amendment	\$155.00	\$159.00
FCP verification fixed fee	\$542.50	\$555.00
Failure to attend scheduled verification	\$155.00	\$159.00
Compliance and monitoring fee	\$155.00	\$159.00
National Programme (NP)		
NP registration	\$250.00	\$256.00
NP renewal (renewal required every 2 years)	\$142.50	\$146.00
Additional national programme document pack	\$28.00	\$29.00
Additional processing time	\$155.00	\$159.00
Registration amendment	\$155.00	\$159.00
NP verification fixed fee	\$387.50	\$396.00
Failure to attend scheduled verification	\$155.00	\$159.00
Compliance and monitoring fee	\$155.00	\$159.00

Gaming Act 2003	Current	Proposed
Gaming venue relocation and TAB venue application license fees	\$434.00	\$444.00

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

Mobile shop, stall, hawkers, alfresco dining and tour operators' licenses (Road Use Bylaw)**Definitions:**

Mobile shop means a vehicle (including a trailer) from which goods are offered for sale in any public place but does not include any vehicle used exclusively for the delivery of pre-ordered goods, nor any stall.

Hawker means any person who carries any goods for sale from property to property but does not include any person delivering pre-ordered goods, or any person exposing goods for sale in any public place, nor any mobile shopkeeper.

Tour operator means any person who offer tourist activities in a specific site in a public space.

Regular annual licenses		Current	Proposed
Mobile shop	Non-food		
	Annual	\$544.00	\$557.00
	Seasonal – one month	\$48.00 per month	\$49.00 per month
	Food related		
	Annual <i>This fee is for the license to trade in a permitted public place. A food license will also be required</i>	\$810.00	\$829.00
	Seasonal*	\$69.00 per month	\$71.00 per month
Coffee vendor only	Annual	\$270.00	\$276.00
	Seasonal*	\$27.50 per month	\$28.00 per month
Hawkers	Annual	\$350.00	\$358.00
	Seasonal*	Pro rata \$33.00 per month	Pro rata \$34.00 per month
Street stalls (Fundraising events, charitable trusts, or street appeal collectors) Maximum 20 per year		No charge	No charge
Tour operators license		\$215.00	\$220.00

* Minimum of one month

Alfresco dining license		Current	Proposed
All licenses renewable on 1 July each year			
Application and renewal fee		\$113.00	\$116.00
Site inspection		\$79.00	\$81.00
One table		\$56.00	\$57.00
Two tables		\$112.00	\$115.00
Three tables		\$170.00	\$174.00
Four tables		\$225.00	\$230.00
Five tables		\$282.00	\$288.00
New application received during licensing year		Pro rata, according to number of tables (however the application fee and site inspection will be charged at full fee)	Pro rata, according to number of tables (however the application fee and site inspection will be charged at full fee)
Re-inspection fee		\$56.00	\$57.00
Change of new ownership – new licensee		\$61.00	\$62.00

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

Leases and licenses of reserves / change of reserve status

Change of reserve status – processing charges	Current	Proposed
Change of classification of reserve	\$355.00	\$363.00
Revocation of reservation of reserve	\$355.00	\$363.00

Note: This charge covers administrative costs and is to be paid on application for reserve status. This charge is not payable in cases where the application can be processed in conjunction with a request to lease the reserve, in which case the lease processing charge listed below covers the costs. Applicants will be required to meet other costs that may apply – Department of Conservation fees, resource consent application fees, survey costs etc.

Leases of reserves (one year or more) – processing charges	Current	Proposed
New lease of reserve; e.g. local purpose or recreation (including grazing leases)	\$473.00	\$484.00
Renewal of lease of reserve; e.g. local purpose or recreation	\$238.00	\$243.00

Administration charges to be paid on application for the lease. When applicable, applicants will also be required to meet legal expenses, Department of Conservation fees, resource consent and / or liquor license application fees.

Easements under Reserves Act – processing charge	Current	Proposed
Easement over reserve (plus any addition)	\$465.00	\$476.00

Leases of Reserves (one year or more) – rentals per year	Current	Proposed
Lease by commercial operator (e.g. motor camp, carpark)	Individually determined on percentage of Government value	Individually determined on percentage of Government value
Lease by semi-community group (e.g. bowling club, school)	\$118.00	\$121.00
Lease by community group (e.g. Marae committee)	\$118.00	\$121.00
Grazing leases	By tender process	By tender process

Note: Lessees are also required to pay rates and in some cases, where the lessees are occupying council owned buildings, they are required to reimburse council when annual insurance premiums are paid.

Temporary license to occupy reserves – processing charges	Current	Proposed
New license for grazing or other purposes	\$118.00	\$121.00
Renewal of license for grazing purposes	\$58.00	\$59.00

Rentals		
Licenses by commercial operator	Individually determined on percentage of Government value	Individually determined on percentage of Government value
Licenses by semi-community and community groups	\$118.00	\$121.00
Grazing licenses	By tender process	By tender process

Permits to occupy reserves – less than one month	Current	Proposed
No processing charge but written application required	No charge	No charge

Use of reserves	Current	Proposed
Commercial use (e.g. circus) per showing	\$89.00	\$91.00
Plus deposit (refundable if no turf damage)	\$651.00	\$666.00
Community use ground rental	No charge	No charge

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Paihia Village Green - stallholders / exhibitors	<i>Current</i>	<i>Proposed</i>
Residents of the Far North District (per site / per day)	\$10.00	\$10.00
Non-residents of the Far North District (per site / per day)	\$21.00	\$21.00
Community activities (e.g. Carols by Candlelight)	No charge	No charge
Hire of entire village green	By negotiation with Focus Paihia	By negotiation with Focus Paihia

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

Legal services

Hourly rates		Current	Proposed
In-house Counsel		\$286.00	\$293.00
Property Legalisation Officer		\$111.00	\$114.00
Travelling costs – from nearest Council office	As per IRD mileage rates schedule	As per IRD mileage rates schedule	

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Libraries

Item replacement	Current	Proposed
All items: Replacement value of item plus administration fee	Actual costs and \$10.00 per item	Actual costs and \$10.00 per item

Borrowing	Current	Proposed
Local resident borrower	No charge	No charge
Organisation borrower (limited users)	\$31.00	\$32.00
Replacement borrower card	\$2.20	\$2.20
Interloan search	from \$6.00	from \$6.00
Book repairs	from \$5.20	from \$5.30

We no longer charge overdue fees on any borrowed items.

Faxing	Current	Proposed
Local		
Transaction fee	\$2.60	\$2.60
Per page thereafter	\$1.00	\$1.00
National		
Transaction fee	\$2.60	\$2.60
Per page thereafter	\$1.00	\$1.00
International		
Transaction fee	\$2.60	\$2.60
Per page thereafter	\$1.00	\$1.00
Incoming fax		
Per page (one to four pages)	\$2.60	\$2.60
Per page thereafter (fifth page)	\$1.00	\$1.00

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Marine

Hokianga vehicle ferry	Current	Proposed
Children concession	\$4.00	\$4.00
Foot / car passenger – single	\$2.00	\$2.00
Passenger concession	\$10.00	\$10.00
Motorcycle – one way	\$5.00	\$5.00
Campervan – one way	\$40.00	\$40.00
Light vehicle (vehicles <2200 kg – trailers / caravans)	\$20.00	\$20.00
Resident light vehicle	\$7.00	\$7.00
Light vehicle concession – five trips	\$30.00	\$30.00
Light vehicle concession – 10 trips	\$55.00	\$55.00
Heavy vehicle single trip – per axle	\$15.00	\$15.00
Heavy vehicle concession – 10 trips	\$100.00	\$100.00
Special sailings	\$150.00	\$150.00

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Official information

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) information requests	Current	Proposed
Staff time per half hour (first hour free)	\$38.00 per half hour	\$38.00 per half hour
Plan print	\$5.00	\$5.00
Photocopying	\$0.20	\$0.20

Copies of documents required to be available at a reasonable charge under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (All postage payable).

Annual supply of agendas and minutes	Current	Proposed
Council	Actual costs	Actual costs
Community boards – per board	Actual costs	Actual costs
All Community boards	Actual costs	Actual costs
All agendas (Council, community boards, hearings)	Actual costs	Actual costs
Hearings agendas	Actual costs	Actual costs

Other Council publications	Current	Proposed
Hard copy of Annual Plan, Long Term Plans and Annual Report	Actual costs	Actual costs

Photocopying charges	Current	Proposed
A4 (black and white)	\$0.20	\$0.20
A4 (colour)	\$1.00	\$1.00
A3 (black and white)	\$0.40	\$0.40
A3 (colour)	\$2.00	\$2.00

Charges for supply of information when the information is not required to be provided free under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act, where the aggregate amount of staff time spent to action the request exceeds half an hour.

Document scanning	Current	Proposed
One to five pages	\$1.00	\$1.00
Six or more pages	\$2.00	\$2.00

Operative District Plan	Current	Proposed
Text volume	\$190.00	\$194.00
Map volume	\$170.00	\$174.00
Map pages (individual)	Actual costs	Actual costs
Text and maps (printed)	\$357.00	\$365.00

Rating information	Current	Proposed
Rate book (per book – annual)	Actual costs	Actual costs

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Property information

Electronic property file request	Current	Proposed
Collating and providing the property file online (per property file)	\$25.00	\$26.00

Digital data supply	Current	Proposed
DCDB parcels – per parcel	\$0.20	\$0.20
Staff time (per hour)	\$95.00	\$97.00
USB stick (with data on it)	\$6.00	\$6.00

Physical map requests (paper and pdf)	Current	Proposed
Staff time (per hour)	\$95.00	\$97.00
Hard copy – A3	\$46.00	\$47.00
Hard copy – A2	\$56.00	\$57.00
Hard copy – A1	\$79.00	\$81.00
Hard copy – A0	\$95.00	\$97.00
Soft copy (PDF format) – A3	\$46.00	\$47.00
Soft copy (PDF format) – A2	\$46.00	\$47.00
Soft copy (PDF format) – A1	\$46.00	\$47.00
Soft copy (PDF format) – A0	\$46.00	\$47.00
USB stick (with data on it)	\$6.00	\$6.00

Note: Where a request covers more than one property and/or requires additional time to process, the charges will be based on 10-minute intervals according to the schedule. FNDC does not provide A4 maps. These are accessible and printable via the mapping website www.fndcmapping.govt.nz

Property information products – maps	Current	Proposed
Vector maps: locality plan, property plan, property boundaries, addresses, legal description, area – A4	Actual costs	Actual costs
Street map (Cadastral) – reproduction costs	Actual costs	Actual costs

Land Information Memoranda (LIM's)	Current	Proposed
LIM application – All properties	\$312.00	\$319.00
Research fee – where extensive research is required. (This is additional to the application fee)	\$38.00 per half hour	\$39.00 per half hour

Residential rates postponement fees	Current	Proposed
Establishment fee: includes legal costs, and production of documents for registering statutory land charge (includes LINZ fee)	\$300.00	\$300.00
Annual administration fee for maintaining rates postponement	\$50.00	\$50.00

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Resource consents

Resource consent fees are calculated based on BERL Forecasts of Price Level Change Adjustors (with some rounding). This means that fees may increase each year in accordance with the changes to the BERL Forecast.

Notes:

1. These fees have been rounded up to the nearest whole dollar
 2. All fees GST inclusive unless otherwise stated
- Instalment fees are charged at the following stages: application lodgement;
 - limited or notification process; and
 - hearings process.

Where the instalment paid does not cover the actual processing costs Council shall require the applicant to pay an additional charge following the issuing of decision. Council reserves the right to interim invoice applications monthly where costs have been incurred and exceed the instalment fee paid.

An applicant shall upon request be provided an itemised breakdown of costs. For the purposes of these charges the terms 'actual and reasonable cost'* and 'standard charges' shall include but not be limited to:

- FNDC staff time for receiving, processing and issuing a decision
- Inspections
- Travel – breakdown of costs, etc.
- Administrative / technical support
- Contract services (e.g. landscape architect, engineers) engaged by Council to fulfil obligations of the Resource Management Act 1991; and
- Disbursements including photocopying, phone and postage.

An applicant required to pay an additional charge has a right of objection to the council in respect of that requirement and has a right of appeal to the Environment Court in respect of Council's decision on that objection.

All fees and charges are **INSTALLMENTS** unless otherwise stated at the top of the particular table.

* Actual and reasonable cost based on an hourly rate, mileage and disbursements will be deducted from the instalment fee or charged to determine the final fee payable.

The following table has been modified to merge similar fees.

Application for resource consent, designation or heritage orders	Current	Proposed
Applications made under the Resource Management Act:	\$1,500.00	\$1,535.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple land use (single Zone Rule breach with no engineering assessment required) 		
This instalment is payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply.		
Applications made under the Resource Management Act:	\$1,204.00	\$1,232.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change or cancellation of consent condition – Sec 127 • Change or cancellation of consent notice condition - 221(3) • Outline plan consideration (176A) • Application for extension – Sec 125 lapsing a consent • Fast track Consents 		
This instalment is payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply.		
Applications made under the Resource Management Act:	\$2,500.00	\$2,558.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land use 		
This instalment is payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply.		

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

Application for resource consent, designation or heritage orders	Current	Proposed
Applications made under the Resource Management Act:	\$2,900.00	\$2,967.00
• Subdivision 1-4 lots		
This instalment is payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply.		
Applications made under the Resource Management Act:	\$4,800.00	\$4,910.00
• Subdivision 5-8 lots		
This instalment is payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply		
Applications made under the Resource Management Act:	\$6,500.00	\$6,650.00
• Subdivision 9+ lots		
This instalment is payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply.		
Applications made under the Resource Management Act:	\$2,700.00	\$2,762.00
• Discharge to land		
This instalment is payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply.		
Applications made under the Resource Management Act:	\$2,900.00	\$2,967.00
• Updating of cross lease flats plans		
This instalment is payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply		
Applications made under the Resource Management Act:	\$4,900.00	\$5,013.00
• Combined subdivision / land use		
This instalment is payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply.		
Applications made under the Resource Management Act:	\$1,933.00	\$1,977.00
• National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry		
• National Environmental Standards for Contaminated Soil		
This instalment is payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply.		
Notices of requirement for a designation and / or heritage order	\$2,800.00	\$2,864.00
Removal of or alteration to a notice of requirement	\$840.00	\$859.00
Simple Sect 127 change of conditions (minor changes and where the approval remains consistent with the original proposal, no engineering assessment is required and there are no parties affected by the change)	\$671.00	\$686.00

Note: Deemed permitted boundary activities and deemed permitted marginal or temporary activities' fees can be found under 'Approvals and certificates'.

Limited notification for resource consents, notices of requirement and heritage orders	Current	Proposed
Land use and subdivision; combined land use and subdivision; notices of requirement; heritage orders; discharge to land.	\$5,000.00	\$5,115.00
Note: Where an instalment fee has already been paid, Council will require the balance owing to be paid before limited notification proceeds.		

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Public notification for resource consents, notices of requirement and heritage orders	Current	Proposed
Land use and subdivision; combined land use and subdivision; discharge to land; changes to consent conditions – Section 127; notice of requirements; heritage orders.	\$8,000.00	\$8,184.00
Note: Where an instalment fee has already been paid, Council will require the balance owing to be paid before notification proceeds.		

Hearings	Current	Proposed
Hearings required for any resource consent or other permission.	\$1,933.00	\$1,977.00
Hearing fee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost of third party / hearing commissioners will be charged at actual costs Staff and consultant costs will be charged at actual costs Miscellaneous charges (copying, venue hire, printing, etc.) will be charged at actual costs All costs will be itemised The final fee in any one application will be determined by the Team Leader, Resource Consents or his / her appointee All charges will be actual and reasonable costs less the instalment fee. <p>Note: Actual and reasonable costs based on an hourly rate, mileage and disbursements will be deducted from the instalment fee or charged to determine the final fee payable.</p>		

Monitoring	Current	Proposed
Monitoring fee – monitoring of resource consents (including Certificate of Compliance). Based on two inspections being required when charged.	\$384.00	\$393.00

Approvals and certificates – installment	Current	Proposed
<i>These fees are calculated in instalment and are payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply.</i>		
Certificate under Sec 221 (consent notice), certificate under Sec 222 (completion certificate), approval of survey plan Sec 223	\$262.00	\$268.00
Cancellation of building line restriction Sec 327A LGA 1974	\$240.00	\$246.00
Outline plan waiver	\$156.00	\$160.00
224 (c) Certificate without engineering conditions	\$612.00	\$626.00
224 (c) Certificate with engineering conditions	\$1,136.00	\$1,162.00
Section 243 Cancellation of Easement	\$480.00	\$491.00
Deemed permitted boundary activities and deemed permitted marginal or temporary activities	\$480.00	\$491.00
Earthworks permit – includes administration and one inspection	\$480.00	\$491.00
Engineering Plan Approvals (RMAEPA)	\$760.00	\$777.00
Any meeting booked in advance relating to a resource consent application. Actual and reasonable costs will be calculated based on the charge rate associated with the staff member(s) required to attend and for any research required prior to the meeting. This includes Pre-Application Meetings and Concept Development Meetings.	Actual and reasonable costs	Actual and reasonable costs

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Other approvals, certificates and fixed fees		Current	Proposed
Preparation of covenant against transfer of allotments – Sec 240		\$480.00	\$491.00
Any other certificate, authority, requirements, or actions requested of Council under the provisions of the Resource Management Act, the Local Government Act or any other related legislation		\$480.00	\$491.00
Savings certificate issued under Sec 226(1)(e). Determination of and extension of existing use (Section 10)		\$925.00	\$946.00
Creation of right of way under Sec 348 Local Government Act		\$925.00	\$946.00
Section 139 Certificate of Compliance, Section 139(A) Existing Use Certificate		\$1,276.00	\$1,305.00
Fees or charges levied on Council by other organisations; i.e. District Land Registrar, Department of Conservation	Actual and reasonable costs charged by the other organisation and Council admin charge	Actual and reasonable costs charged by the other organisation and Council admin charge	Actual and reasonable costs charged by the other organisation and Council admin charge
Request for consideration of District Plan change. Plus, actual and reasonable costs charged to Council by any other organisations and applicable hourly staff rates. This is the required lodgement fee should a change be requested. Should the requested change be accepted by the Council for processing as a private plan change, all additional costs will be charged		\$14,001.00	\$14,323.00
Charge for supplying information in respect of plans and resource consents per half hour, and any other associated costs that apply to the request	Actual and reasonable costs	Actual and reasonable costs	Actual and reasonable costs
Any report required by Council in determining / processing a resource consent per half hour, and any other associated costs that apply to the request	Actual and reasonable costs	Actual and reasonable costs	Actual and reasonable costs
CT – producing certificates of title; easement instruments; consent notices	\$41.00 per search	\$42.00 per search	
Scanning charge – per application	\$12.00 per application	\$12.00 per application	
Post approval charge. Part of administration associated with consents, statutory reports, inquiries and complaints about consents	\$228.00	\$233.00	

Liquor compliance certificates	Current	Proposed
Certificate of Compliance Liquor application	\$467.00	\$478.00

Hourly processing charges	Current	Proposed
Principal Planner and Manager; Resource Management	\$210.00	\$215.00
Resource Consent Engineer	\$190.00	\$194.00
Team Leader	\$200.00	\$205.00
Senior Planner	\$190.00	\$194.00
Intermediate and Resource Planner	\$185.00	\$189.00
Resource Planner	\$180.00	\$184.00
Consent Planner	\$160.00	\$164.00
Planning Technician and Monitoring Officer	\$155.00	\$159.00
Consultants	Actual and reasonable costs	Actual and reasonable costs
Note: The actual costs the consultants charge plus a Council administration charge will apply. Please ask Council what charge may apply if your consent application has been allocated to a Consultant Planner or Consultant Engineer.		
Other – Professional services (Pre-application meetings and concept development meetings)	Actual and reasonable costs	Actual and reasonable costs

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Travel costs for resource consents

The travel cost is derived from the time the Council officer spends in a vehicle travelling to the site from the nearest Council service centre (Kaikohe, Kaitaia and Kerikeri), charged at the Inland Revenue Department mileage rate. Actual time spent on site will be charged for at the appropriate hourly rate.

As per the IRD mileage rate schedule

Development contributions

Far North District Council does not currently charge development contributions.

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Rubbish disposal services at transfer stations

Rubbish	Current	Proposed
At transfer station		
Per bag (standard 65L)	\$3.00	\$3.00
Oversized bag (130L)	\$6.00	\$6.00
Wheelie bin (240L)	\$11.00	\$11.00
Loose material per m ³	\$46.00	\$46.00
Compacted material per m ³	\$74.50	\$74.50
Greenwaste m ³	\$22.00	\$22.00

Whole tyre disposal	Current	Proposed
At transfer station		
Motorcycle tyre	\$3.50	\$3.50
Passenger car tyres	\$5.00	\$5.00
Light truck and 4x4 tyres	\$8.00	\$8.00
Truck tyres	\$16.00	\$16.00
Tractor and super single	\$23.00	\$23.00
Earth mover tyres	Not accepted	Not accepted

e-Waste	Current	Proposed
Transfer station pricing for householders		
TV's CRT	\$10.00	\$10.00
TV's flat screen	\$10.00	\$10.00
Computer CRT	\$10.00	\$10.00
Monitors LCD	\$5.00	\$5.00
PC's		
Desktop / laptop / server	\$5.00 each	\$5.00 each
UPS's	\$5.00	\$5.00
Laptop batteries	\$5.00	\$5.00
Network equipment	\$5.00	\$5.00
Printers		
Printers / scanners / fax	\$5.00 each	\$5.00 each
Photocopier small / medium	\$10.00	\$10.00
Photocopier large	\$10.00	\$10.00
Copier cartridges	\$4.00 per kg	\$4.00 per kg
Household appliances etc.		
Heaters (No oil filled)	\$3.00	\$3.00
Vacuums	\$3.00	\$3.00
Microwaves	\$5.00	\$5.00
Consumer electronics		
DVD and VCR players	\$3.00	\$3.00
Stereo system and games	\$3.00	\$3.00
Radios etc	\$3.00	\$3.00
Other		
Cell phones	No charge	No charge

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Stormwater

Any works on Councils' stormwater network can only be undertaken by Council approved contractors. Excludes charges included with rates.

Activity / service	Current	Proposed
Application fee for a stormwater connection	\$49.00	\$50.00
Application fee to build close to, or excavate close to a public storm water line not within a legal road*	\$49.00	\$50.00
New connection	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
Approximate marking of single of single location services of mains with minimum 3 days' notice	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
Accurate marking of mains including excavation with minimum 10 day notice	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
Accurate marking of mains including excavation with minimum 10 day notice or location of mains over a wide area	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
Urgent location of mains	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided

*If site visit required additional costs of staff time, administration and mileage apply.

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Transport

Road closures	Current	Proposed
Applications for motor sprint events	\$156.00	\$160.00
Note: if event spans more than one ward an extra \$50 per ward is chargeable		
Applications for parades	\$54.00	\$55.00
Other road closures will be charged based on an estimated cost at normal charge out rates – minimum	\$54.00	\$55.00

Note: all advertising costs are the responsibility of the applicant.

Traffic overweight permit	Current	Proposed
Traffic overweight permit	\$144.00	\$147.00

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Venues for hire

Corporate and private hireage	Full day (8:30-5:00)		Half day		Hourly	
	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed
Kaeo – Meeting room	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Kerikeri – Procter Library	-	-	-	-	\$20.00	\$20.00
Kerikeri – John Butler Centre, Tane Mahuta room	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Kaikohe Memorial Hall – Entire complex	\$300.00	\$300.00	Full day or hourly only	Full day or hourly only	\$40.00	\$40.00
Kaikohe Memorial Hall – Supper room and kitchen	\$200.00	\$200.00	Full day or hourly only	Full day or hourly only	\$30.00	\$30.00
Kaikohe Memorial Hall – Main hall only	\$150.00	\$150.00	Full day or hourly only	Full day or hourly only	\$25.00	\$25.00
Kaikohe Memorial Hall – Bond	\$300.00	\$300.00	Full day or hourly only	Full day or hourly only	\$40.00	\$40.00

Community groups	Full day (8:30-5:00)		Half day		Hourly	
	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed
Kaeo – Meeting room	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Kerikeri – Procter Library	-	-	-	-	\$15.00	\$15.00
Kerikeri – John Butler Centre, Tane Mahuta room	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Kaikohe Memorial Hall – Entire complex	\$150.00	\$150.00	Full day or hourly only	Full day or hourly only	\$25.00	\$25.00
Kaikohe Memorial Hall – Supper room and kitchen	\$75.00	\$75.00	Full day or hourly only	Full day or hourly only	\$20.00	\$20.00
Kaikohe Memorial Hall – Main Hall only	\$50.00	\$50.00	Full day or hourly only	Full day or hourly only	\$15.00	\$15.00
Kaikohe Memorial Hall – Bond	\$150.00	\$150.00	Full day or hourly only	Full day or hourly only	\$25.00	\$25.00

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Wastewater

Any works on Councils wastewater networks can only be undertaken by Council approved contractors. Excludes charges included with rates.

Activity / service	Current	Proposed
Administration fee for a wastewater connection	\$49.00	\$50.00
Administration fee to build close to/over or excavate close to a public sewer not within a legal road*	\$49.00	\$50.00
Upgrade or modify existing connection	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
New connection provided by Council's contractor up to 150mm main (includes connection to main and one metre of pipe from Council main)	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
New connection provided by Council's contractor to mains greater than 150mm or connection lengths greater than one metre or where a manhole / chamber is required	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
New connection to a pressure wastewater network provided by Council's contractor	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
Inspection by Council officers of connection work not undertaken by Council's contractor (single connection)	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
Inspection by Council Officers of connection work not undertaken by Council's contractor (multiple connections)	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided

Wastewater connected rate for all new connections

Where a property connects to sewerage after 1 July in any year, the connection fee will include a sum in lieu of a rate. The amount of the fee will be calculated on the basis of one twelfth (1/12) of the relevant capital, operating and additional pan rates for the scheme concerned for every complete month until 30 June in the following year.

Service availability charge where a new wastewater connection is provided but the property does not connect

Where sewerage is made available to a property after 1 July in any year but the property does not connect, the connection fee will include a sum in lieu of a rate. The amount of the fee will be calculated on the basis of one twelfth (1/12) of the relevant availability rate for the scheme concerned for every complete month until 30 June in the following year.

Approximate marking of single location services of mains with minimum three days' notice	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
Accurate marking of mains including excavation with minimum 10 day notice	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
Accurate marking of mains including excavation with minimum 10 day notice or location of mains over a wide area	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
Urgent location of mains	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
Inspection of onsite wastewater system by Council Monitoring Officer*	\$97.00 per hour	\$99.00 per hour
Sampling of onsite wastewater system by Council Monitoring Officer	Actual costs	Actual costs

*If site visit required additional costs of staff time, administration and mileage apply.

Approved commercial operators discharge fees	Current	Proposed
Cubic metre rate	\$33.00 / m ³	\$34.00 / m ³
Lost card replacement	\$35.00 per card	\$36.00 per card

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Water supply

Any works on Councils' water supply networks can only be undertaken by Council approved contractors. Excludes charges included in rates.

Activity / service	Current	Proposed
Administration fee for a water connection	\$49.00	\$50.00
Administration fee to build or excavate close to a public water main not within a legal road*	\$49.00	\$50.00
Water connected rate for all new connections		
Where a property connects to water after 1 July in any year, the connection fee will include a sum in lieu of a rate. The amount of the fee will be calculated on the basis of one twelfth (1/12) of the relevant capital rates for the scheme concerned for every complete month until 30 June in the following year.		
Service availability charge where a new water connection is provided but the property does not connect		
Where water is made available to a property after 1 July in any year but the property does not connect, the connection fee will include a sum in lieu of a rate. The amount of the fee will be calculated on the basis of one twelfth (1/12) of the relevant availability rate for the scheme concerned for every complete month until 30 June in the following year.		
Non-standard water connections including meter and meter box	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
Standard 20 mm water meter connection in footpath within five metres of main	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
Standard 20 mm water meter connection in berm within five metres of main	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
Relocation of existing service or meter	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
Approximate marking of single location services of mains with minimum three days' notice	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
Accurate marking of mains including excavation with minimum 10 day notice	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
Accurate marking of mains including excavation with minimum 10 days' notice, or location of mains over a wide area	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
Urgent location of mains	Actual costs	Actual costs
Meter checking fee (calibration check – refundable if meter incorrect)	\$491.00	\$502.00
Restrictor installation	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
Special meter readings	\$98.00	\$100.00
Bulk water supply		
Bond	\$2,051.00	\$2,098.00
Annual administration fee (covers billing and vehicle inspection)	\$684.00 for first vehicle \$353.00 for each subsequent vehicle	\$700.00 for first vehicle \$361.00 for each subsequent vehicle
Charge rate per m ³	Standard domestic rate in the area concerned	Standard domestic rate in the area concerned

*If site visit required additional costs of staff time, administration and mileage apply.

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Water by meter rates

Potable water	Per M³	To be updated on adoption of the LTP 2024-27
Non-potable water	Per M³	
Non-metered rates		
Non-metered potable rate	Per SUIP	
Non-metered non-potable rate	Per SUIP	

Location of services	Current	Proposed
Marking of approximate services locations		
Urgent (within 24 hours)	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
Programmed (within 3 days)	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided
Dig up and locate (10 days' notice)	Quote to be provided	Quote to be provided

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)



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Ngā whāinga | Purpose

To seek a Council decision to opt-in or to opt-out of the Future of Severely Affected Land (FOSAL) Programme.

Staff recommend that Council agree to opt-in to the FOSAL Programme and instruct staff to; (i) notify the Minister of Emergency Management and Recovery of the decision; (ii) make available a \$700,000 fund in the 2024-27 Long Term Plan to establish a FOSAL Programme in Te Tai Tokerau; and (iii) establish a project team to initiate and administrate a FOSAL programme. It is recommended by staff that the costs for the establishment of the programme be spread across the LTP as follows; Year One: \$300,000, Year Two: \$200,000, Year Three: \$200,000.

Horopaki | Context

Central government, led by the Cyclone Recovery Unit, have developed the Future of Severely Affected Land (FOSAL) programme for residential properties affected by the 2023 severe weather events (Cyclones Hale and Gabrielle).

What is the Future of Severely Affected Land (FOSAL) programme?

The FOSAL programme is limited to those properties that would face a risk to life from future severe weather events.

The Programme is intended to apply district wide, and in some cases can be applied regionally. Properties affected by the 2023 Weather events require categorisation into the three categories. These are:

- **Category 1:** repair only needed.
- **Category 2:** works are needed to manage or reduce future risk, broken down into:
 - **2A:** further assessment of the property needed to determine type of work required (i.e., to the individual property or community level works),
 - **2P:** works to individual properties (i.e., raising houses, improving drainage),
 - **2C:** community level protection works (i.e., stop banks, stormwater works),
- **Category 3:** risk to life in future severe weather is intolerable and works would not manage or reduce risk.

The Programme can lead to voluntary buy out policies for Category 3 properties. Costs are shared equally between Council and central government if a Council opts in to the programme.

For Category 2 properties (where there is risk, but the risk can be managed through works to the property or within the community) negotiations are entered into between Council and central government on cost sharing as part of opting into the programme.

Whenua Māori including marae are assessed through a Kaupapa Māori pathway which is led by the Cyclone Recovery Unit. Costs for Category 3 whenua Māori is funded by central government and does not include funding from the relevant council. However, for iwi and hapu to access this funding, the Council must opt into the FOSAL programme and categorize residential properties on Whenua Māori.

The Far North District Council has, to date, not opted into the programme.

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In March, the Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery (Rt Hon Mark Mitchell) requested the Council decide on FOSAL participation by April 2024. Northland's councils requested a six-month extension from April to October 2024, which was declined on 20 May 2024.

Council can still opt-in to the FOSAL Programme at this time so must decide whether to formally opt-in or opt-out of the FOSAL Programme and inform the Minister. It is unknown when the Minister will formally close access to FOSAL.

Ngā kōrerorero | Discussion

If the Council opts into FOSAL, it must develop policies, identify, and categorize affected properties, including on Whenua Māori, and share costs of interventions (cost unknown) and buyouts (50%). The costs of demolition and removal will fall on Council (cost unknown).

Based on how other councils who opted in to FOSAL, it must be recognised that this is a complex process which needed dedicated staff to identify properties, and panels of technical experts (engineers or similar) to do risk and feasibility assessments to work out if there was an intolerable risk to life or if works could be done to the property to reduce that risk. The categorisation process took months to complete by the councils who have opted in.

Councils in Auckland, Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti, as the most severely impacted regions, have adopted buy out policies for Category 3 properties and are progressing processes for Category 2 properties. The funding arrangements are:

- **Auckland Council:** Funding from central government of \$1,076 million. Auckland Council to provide additional funding of \$908 million which includes an amount of \$387 million for Category 3 buy outs.
- **Gisborne (Tairāwhiti) District Council:** Funding from central government of \$204 million. Gisborne District Council to provide additional funding \$21.4 million which includes an amount of \$15 million for Category 3 buy outs.
- **Hawke's Bay (Hastings District Council, Napier City Council, Wairoa District Council, Central Hawke's Bay District Council and Hawke's Bay Regional Council – *negotiated as a group*:** Funding from central government of \$556 million. The councils are to provide additional funding of \$92.5 million for Category 3 buy outs.

While FOSAL participation is currently voluntary, the potential consequences of not opting in are unclear. There's uncertainty if councils can join FOSAL for future events if they don't opt in now. Not joining could lead to future legal liability if properties should have been classified under FOSAL following the 2023 Weather events. Additionally, there's a significant risk of reputational damage if future events result in harm or death and Council did not opt in to the programme.

If the Council assesses land before joining FOSAL, it must act on findings to avoid risks. It's important to note that FOSAL hasn't been specifically limited to the 2023 weather events, so opting in might mean inability to opt out later. If opting into FOSAL, limiting the Programme to the 2023 weather events would be prudent to keep Council's future options open.

E whai ake nei | Next Steps

The FOSAL Programme carries significant financial implications. Estimating the cost of opting in depends on various factors, such as setup methods and categorization programs. Collaboration among North Island councils may yield savings by adopting existing policies and programs. However, costs for public engagement and iwi and hapu partnerships remain. Implementation expenses vary based on program design, and buyout costs hinge on program outcomes. It is unclear what costs would be incurred for demolition and removal.

Issues & Options

Future of Severely Affected Land (FOSAL)

1 Introduction

In 2023, central government lead by the Cyclone Recovery Unit (CRU), developed the Future of Severely Affected Land programme (FOSAL). The programme addresses residential properties that were damaged by the extreme North Island Weather Events (NIWE) of 2023. Affected properties are categorised by risk (see figure 1). The most at-risk properties (Category 3) where there is an intolerable risk of injury or to life in future events, are eligible for a voluntary buy out scheme. Costs for voluntary buy outs are shared equally between central government and councils who have adopted into the programme. Categories 2P and 2C are property and community level interventions. The CRU has not indicated that there is funding available for measures related to these categories (2P and 2C). There is a separate Category 3 Whenua Māori FOSAL Pathway that the CRU will fund directly, but Council is required to undertake the categorisation process. Demolition and removal costs are not included in the government funding arrangement and would become the responsibility of the Council.

Category	1	2P	2C	2A	3
Description	Repair to previous state is all that is required to manage future severe weather risk event.	Property level interventions are needed to manage future severe weather event risk, possibly in tandem with community level interventions	Community level interventions are needed for managing future severe weather risk events.	Significant further assessment is required to assess a property, as well as engagement with property owner.	Future severe weather event risk cannot be sufficiently mitigated. Some land uses may remain acceptable, while intolerable risk of injury or death for residential land use.
Actions	Flood damage to repair, but no need for community interventions.	Property specific measures are necessary, for example improved drainage, raising houses. Benefits accrue to property owners.	Local government could repair and enhance flood protection schemes to adequately manage the risk of future flooding events. Cost is shared by the community.	Interventions may be required or possible, but insufficient information to answer all questions. These may subsequently move between "2" categories or to categories 1 or 3.	In the face of enhanced climate risk to the property there is unacceptable risk of future flooding. This will involve combined local and central government assistance.

Figure 1: FOSAL risk categorisation framework.

The Far North District Council and other Northland Councils have not yet opted into the programme. The Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery (Rt Hon Mark Mitchell) (the Minister) has instructed that Council's should indicate their intention on whether they will opt in or opt out of FOSAL.

The Far North District Council continues to maintain a watching brief and participate in regional and national conversations on FOSAL.

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The following table provides indicative costs of setting up and implementing programme alongside some indicative costs associated with the buying out of properties if Council opted in.

Action	Estimated Cost	Comments
Policy Suite Development	\$100,000	1x FTE (3 months) includes iwi-hapu & community consultation & legal (possible cost share with Northland Councils & resource pooling with other councils).
Design of categorisation programme	\$100,000	1x FTE (3 months) + costs & legal (possible cost share with Northland Councils & resource pooling with other councils).
Implementation of categorisation programme	\$500,000	3x FTE inspections, engineering assessments, hazard assessments, systems administration & legal.
Cost of buy-out 2 houses at median value	\$745,000	Median value sourced from Infometrics (Dec 2023) approximately \$745,000 – Council contribution of ½.
Cost of buy-out 5 houses at median value	\$1,862,500	Median value sourced from Infometrics (Dec 2023) approximately \$745,000 – Council contribution of ½.
Cost of buy-out 10 houses at median value	\$3,725,000	Median value sourced from Infometrics (Dec 2023) approximately \$745,000 – Council contribution of ½.
Cost of buy-out 20 houses median value	\$7,450,000	Median value sourced from Infometrics (Dec 2023) approximately \$745,000 – Council contribution of ½.

Ngā tāpiritanga | Attachments

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2 Purpose

This report identifies the known risks and benefits of opting in or not opting into the FOSAL programme based on current information (20 May 2024). It provides a discussion on the issues relating to adopting or not adopting the FOSAL Programme but does not include a recommendation. The decision to opt-in or opt-out of FOSAL has significant social, economic and cultural implications and is at the full discretion of the Council.

3 Context and Situation

The intent of the FOSAL buy-out is to remove people from harm's way and to adapt before future extreme climatic events. The National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) predicts that Northland will experience more intense climate events because of climate change. Therefore, it is highly likely that communities will be negatively impacted by future severe weather events. FOSAL represents a post-event strategy to aid people to recover from harm and reduce their future risk.

A briefing paper was provided to Council on 11 December 2023 that provided information on voluntary buy out policies other councils have adopted as part of FOSAL. That briefing paper was in response to enquiries from a resident (Kaeo property) asking Council to opt-into FOSAL. That resident continues to make enquiries to the Deputy Mayor – Kowhai, as they consider that their property would be categorised as a Category 3 under the FOSAL Programme and are seeking a buyout.

If Council opts into the FOSAL programme, it will be required to:

1. Write a suite of policies on how FOSAL will be applied district wide,
2. Identify affected properties including on Whenua Māori,
3. Undertake categorisation of affected property,
4. Potentially partially fund any property and community level interventions (Categories 2P and 2C), and
5. Fund 50% of any voluntary buy outs (Category 3).

Opting in to FOSAL should not be a reaction to solve standalone issues. Council needs to consider if it is the correct decision for the overall district. If Council opts into FOSAL there will be a cost to establish a new team of specialists or engage consultants to design the process, identify properties affected by the 2023 events, undertake engagement, and undertake feasibility and risk analysis. Further costs will arise from mitigation and remediation works undertaken for Category 2 areas and costs of buy-out for Category 3 properties if they are identified. This would be a significant cost to the ratepayer therefore adopting FOSAL must be effective and necessary.

There are anecdotally two freehold properties (Kaeo and Opua) and an unknown quantity of Whenua Māori settlements/property that might be categorised as Category 3 properties. It is noted that no investigation of these properties has been undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced professional to substantiate these assertions.

There is a network of councils across the motu who have opted-in and have not opted-in to FOSAL, who are sharing resources and learnings. If Council opted-in to FOSAL it is expected that savings could be made in resources and funding for the setting up of a FOSAL programme. The Northland Councils (Kaipara District Council, Whangarei District Council, Northland Regional Council and Far North District Council) are working together to identify areas where we can collaborate and pool resources.

In late March Council received a letter from the Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery (Rt Hon Mark Mitchell) requesting that Council indicate whether it was going to opt into the FOSAL Programme



before the end of April 2024. The combined Northland Mayors and Chair requested an extension of six months (to October 2024) to enable each council's Elected Members to decide whether to opt-in or opt-out of FOSAL. On 20 May a response was received from the Minister declining the Council's request for extension. Therefore, Council must decide to opt-in or opt-out of FOSAL based on the information to hand.

This report is required to enable the Council to decide on whether to opt-in or opt-out of the FOSAL programme.

4 Problem Definition

There are several key issues.

4.1 The extent of residential property in the Far North District that would qualify under FOSAL following the 2023 NIWE is unknown due to many reasons including the number of dwellings that are unconsented, are generational housing and/or for other reasons damage was not reported to Council.

The FOSAL buyout Category 3 applies to properties that were directly affected by the 2023 weather events where there is an ongoing intolerable risk to human life or injury from future severe weather. Often the term 'red-sticker' is used to describe houses that are subject to the FOSAL categories, however this is misleading because if a house is classed as damaged to the extent it is unliveable (i.e. red-stickered) it does not mean that there is an ongoing risk to human life or harm. Therefore, a red-stickered house does not automatically qualify as a Category 3 property and eligible for voluntary buy-out under FOSAL. A red-stickered home may indicate that further investigation is required for FOSAL purposes and can help to identify FOSAL land. Following the severe weather events of 2023, the Far North District Council red-stickered one property (Russell). This property was subject to a under slip, and once the slip and the house repaired, it was deemed liveable. The Kaero and Opuia properties were not red-stickered after the cyclones. No residential buildings on Whenua Māori were red-stickered.

The red-stickering of houses does not indicate whether there is a risk to human life, the only way to determine if a property meets a FOSAL category would be to engage technical experts to undertake feasibility and risk analysis. This would require engagement and buy-in from iwi and hapu, communities and properties directly affected by the 2023 events. Justice and equity issues will arise as Council could be required to determine how to value unconsented dwellings and how to address insured verses uninsured properties.

It's been some 14 months since the NIWE in 2023, and it's likely that property owners who were going to come forward to the Council would have done so by now. The Council is aware of two specific properties in Kaero and Opuia that would require assessment for the FOSAL Programme. However, occupants on Whenua Māori may not know about the available assistance from the CRU or may prefer no government or Council involvement in their recovery. If the Council opts into the FOSAL Programme, it must conduct a district-wide data collection to determine the program's scope in the district.

4.2 If Council doesn't opt in to the FOSAL programme, Council could be liable in the event of future damage to properties if they would have been categorised under FOSAL, and significant reputational damage if there is a loss of life or harm in a future event.

While the FOSAL programme is currently voluntary it is unclear what any future ramifications of not opting into the programme will be. It is also unknown whether the programme will be available for future events by councils who do not opt-in now. If a property should have been classed Category 3 after the 2023 events but was not as Council did not opt-in to the programme, Council has the potential to be legally liable, this has not



been tested in court. If in a future event there is a loss of life or harm and Council did not opt-in to FOSAL, there is a significant risk of reputational damage.

If Council undertakes an assessment of land to determine categorisation prior to opting-in to FOSAL, Council would be obligated to act on the reports. Not to do so could expose Council to reputational and potential legal challenge.

It is an important consideration that FOSAL has not been specifically limited to the events of 2023. If after a future event FOSAL continues to be applied, then Council could be in a position where it has no ability to opt-out having previously opted into the Programme. Should Council opt-in to FOSAL it would be prudent to be very clear that FOSAL is restricted to the NIWE of 2023.

4.3 The Whenua Māori Pathway is only available to iwi & hapu if Council opts into the FOSAL programme.

Iwi and hapu have an alternative pathway for funding directly through the CRU. The current advice from the CRU is that for iwi and hapu to access that funding, the Council has to opt-in to the FOSAL programme and undertake categorisation of residential properties. The role of Council as assessor on Whenua Māori would need to be managed carefully and require building strong partnerships and trust to preserve iwi and hapu rights to self-determination. Iwi and hapu should be involved as partners in the process to ensure an equitable outcome particularly considering generational and/or unconsented buildings.

4.4 If Council opts-in to the FOSAL programme significant unbudgeted resourcing will be required.

The cost of setting up and implementing the FOSAL programme will include resourcing appropriate staffing levels, policy development, design, and implementation of the categorisation programme, and then the cost of 50% buy-out of Category 3 properties and possible contributions to Category 2 properties if identified. The costs for demolition and removal are not included in the buy-out of Category 3 properties and the cost would fall to Council. The programme could be a significant cost to ratepayers and the Council.

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Table 1: Possible costs of implementing the FOSAL Programme.



4.5 Investment in reducing exposure and vulnerability to hazards is prudent.

If Council opts into the FOSAL programme it is an opportunity to better understand natural hazard risk on residential property and people throughout the district. This will enable better planning for severe weather events and build resilience in communities fostering understanding of risk and promoting preparedness while reducing harm and risk of loss of life. Council can use the risk/assessed category information to inform land use planning, guide investment, reduce exposure of infrastructure including roads, and to drive pre-event planning and investment in Civil Defence.

5 Objective

Goal: Elected members determine whether to opt-in or opt-out of FOSAL.

To provide sufficient background information to support a Council decision on how to proceed with FOSAL and to signal Councils intent regarding FOSAL to the Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery.

6 Options

6.1 Option One:

Council opts-out of FOSAL in Te Tai Tokerau and informs the Minister of its decision.

6.2 Option Two:

Council opts-in to FOSAL as it relates to the NIWE 2023 and informs the Minister of its decision. Council instructs staff to develop a project plan to initiate and administrate a FOSAL programme in Te Tai Tokerau.

7 Conclusion

The FOSAL Programme aims to relocate people from high-risk areas and adapt to future extreme climate events, which are expected to become more frequent and severe in Northland due to climate change. The FOSAL Category 3 buyout applies to properties affected by the 2023 weather events that pose ongoing intolerable risks to human life. The Council is aware of specific properties in Kaeo and Opuia that may require FOSAL assessment, but occupants on Whenua Māori may be unaware of available assistance or prefer no external involvement. Opting into FOSAL will require district-wide data collection to determine the program's scope. Determining FOSAL eligibility requires technical feasibility and risk analysis, with engagement from affected communities, iwi, and hapu. Issues of justice and equity will arise, particularly concerning the valuation of unconsented dwellings and insured versus uninsured properties.

The FOSAL Programme has a high potential cost to rate payers and could require significant investment by Council to fund the Programme particularly if numerous Category 3 properties are identified. Iwi and Hapu will not be able to access funding from the CRU if Council does not opt-in to FOSAL. If Council does not opt-in to FOSAL it may be exposed to liability after future severe weather events and may even be unable to access FOSAL in the future. Building on Councils existing hazard management, adopting FOSAL has the potential to reduce vulnerability and exposure of people and places to hazards. It would enable Council to plan for the effective and efficient use of district resources while enabling people to actively reduce risk of significant harm or loss of life.

7 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA / CLOSING PRAYER

8 TE KAPINGA HUI / MEETING CLOSE