



**Te Kaunihera  
o Te Hiku o te Ika**  
Far North District Council

# AGENDA

## Ordinary Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure Meeting


**Wednesday, 15 July 2026**

**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Location:** Council Chamber  
Memorial Ave  
Kaikohe

**Membership:**

Cr Felicity Foy - Chairperson  
(Ex-officio Member) Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania  
Kohepū - Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin  
Cr Ann Court  
Cr Arohanui Allen  
Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira  
Cr Rachel Baucke  
Cr Tāmāti Rākena  
External Advisor Vic Hensley



	<b>Authorising Body</b>	Council
	<b>Status</b>	Standing Committee
<b>COUNCIL COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Title</b>	Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure
	<b>Terms of Reference Adoption</b>	11 December 2025
	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Head of Infrastructure

### **Kaupapa / Purpose**

The purpose of the Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure (the Committee) is to ensure cost effective, quality and sustainable infrastructure decisions are made to meet the current and future needs of Far North communities and that Councils infrastructure assets are effectively maintained and operated.

The Committee will review the effectiveness of the following aspects:

- Affordable core infrastructure to support healthy and sustainable living;
- Operational performance including monitoring and reporting on significant infrastructure projects;
- Delivery of quality infrastructure and district facilities;
- Financial spend and reprogramming of capital works;
- Property and other assets.

### **Ngā Huānga / Membership**

The Council will determine the membership of the Committee.

Te Koukou – Transport and Infrastructure Committee will comprise of at least six elected members (one of which will be the chairperson). Kahika / Mayor Moko Tepania is an ex-officio member of all Committees.

Cr Felicity Foy (Chairperson)  
 Kohepū / Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin  
 External Advisor Vic Hensley  
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 Cr Ann Court  
 Cr Halkyard Harawira  
 Cr Rachel Baucke  
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### **Kōrama / Quorum**

The quorum at a meeting of Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure is 4 members.

### **Ngā Hui / Frequency of Meetings**

The Committee shall meet 4 weekly.

## **Ngā Apatono / Power to Delegate**

The responsibilities, duties and powers of the Committee are subject to the prohibition on delegation of powers under Clause 32(1), Schedule 7, Local Government Act 2002, and any other restrictions on delegation under any other relevant legislation.

Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure may not delegate any of its responsibilities, duties or powers however it may establish working groups to consider issues within the committee's areas of responsibilities noting that working groups have no decision-making powers.

## **Ngā Herenga Paetae / Responsibilities**

The Committees responsibilities are described below:

### **Quality infrastructure and Facilities**

- Assess and provide advice to Council on strategic issues relating to the provision of Council's infrastructural activities and district facilities;
- Review, and recommend to Council, policy and strategies for the delivery of infrastructural asset services;
- Monitor achievement of outcomes included in the Infrastructure Strategy and other transport and infrastructure strategies e.g District Transport Strategy;
- Ensure that Council protects its investment in its infrastructural assets in accordance with accepted professional standards;
- Monitor the risks, financial and operational performance of the Council's infrastructural activities and facilities;
- Monitor major contract performance measures/key result areas (KRAs).

### **Significant Projects – spend, monitoring and reporting**

- Monitor significant projects;
- Approve budget overspend (above tolerance levels in the CE delegations) and any reprogramming of capex for a project or programme provided that:
  - The overall budget is met from savings,
  - The overall budget for capex is not exceeded. Where this is not the case, the Committee must either:
    - Recommend to Council that additional funding is approved (outside the Annual Plan or Long Term Plan process), or
    - Recommend as part of the next round of Long Term Plan or Annual Plan process that the funding is considered for inclusion.
- Approve contracts provided they are:
  - in accordance with the current year's plan, whether that be Annual Plan or Long Term Plan, and
  - deemed low by the Significance and Engagement Policy.

### **Compliance**

- Ensure that operational functions comply with legislative requirements and Council policy;
- Ensure that consents associated with Council's infrastructure are being met and renewals are planned for.

### **Service levels (non-regulatory)**

- Recommend service level changes and new initiatives to the Long Term and Annual Plan processes.

## **Property**

- Recommend to Council the acquisition or disposal of assets.
- Approve new leases and lease renewals (of non-reserve land), in accordance with the current years' plan, whether that be Annual Plan or Long Term Plan.

## **Transport**

- Approval of roading contracts beyond CE delegation;
- Monitor roading contracts;
- Receive and consider any consultation document and/or any proposed amended or new legislative instrument that may have a transport related outcomes and where appropriate make submissions and enable political advocacy at a Mayoral Forum Level if required;
- Receive and adopt the Asset Management Plan for Transport;
- Receive and adopt Far North District Council's walking and cycling strategies;
- Receive and consider any placemaking projects that have a transport related component so the committee can ensure the projects are captured (where appropriate) in our funding and planning instruments;
- Receive invitations to apply for external funding opportunities in a timely manner so that the committee may advocate for community-initiated infrastructure projects. (Examples PGF, TIF);
- Receive updates on changes to national and regional policies and Transport Plans that impact on Council provision of infrastructure and where appropriate make submissions or recommendation to Council.

## **Ngā Ture / Rules and Procedures**

Council's Standing Orders and Elected Member Code of Conduct apply to all meetings.

## **Reporting and Review of Committee Terms of Reference**

In December of each year, the Responsible Officer alongside Democracy Services will submit a report to Council. The report will summarise the activities of the Committee and how it has contributed to the Council's governance and strategic objectives. This will look at whether the Council are meeting the full requirements of the Committee Terms of Reference and whether any amendments are required to the Committees terms of reference to increase efficient and effective decision making.

The terms of reference of the Committee will be reviewed as part of this report but can be amended by Council at any point throughout the term.

## Far North District Council

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will be held in the Council Chamber, Memorial Ave, Kaikohe on:  
Wednesday 15 July 2026 at 10:00 am

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## **1 KARAKIA TĪMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER**

## **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 Committee 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 / DEPUTATION**

- Melay and Joy Vinac / Taipa View Rd;
- Roger Hutchings / Lodore Rd.

## **4 TE WHAKAAETANGA O NGĀ MENETI O MUA / CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **4.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**File Number:** A5762177

**Author:** Natasha Rmandic, Democracy Advisor

**Authoriser:** Aisha Huriwai, Manager - Democracy Services

#### **TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

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

#### **TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION**

**That Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure confirm the minutes of the meeting held 17 June 2026 are true and correct.**

#### **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. 2026-06-17 Minutes of Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure - A5828193**  

## 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.

<b>He Take Ōkawa / Compliance Requirement</b>	<b>Aromatawai Kaimahi / Staff Assessment</b>
State the level of significance (high or low) of the issue or proposal as determined by the <a href="#">Council's Significance and Engagement Policy</a>	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  
ORDINARY TE KOUKOU COMMITTEE FOR TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MEMORIAL AVE, KAIKOHE  
ON WEDNESDAY, 17 JUNE 2026 AT 10:00AM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Felicity Foy, Kohepū-Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin, Cr Ann Court, Cr Arohanui Allen, Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Cr Rachel Baucke, External Advisor Vic Hensley

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board Chairperson Jessie McVeagh

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tanya Proctor (Head of Infrastructure), Guy Holroyd (CEO), Charlie Billington (GM Corporate Services), Scott Smith (Manager-Waters), Mary Moore (Manager-Infrastructure Services), Nicola Griffin (Senior Communications and Engagement Advisor), Margriet Veenstra (Manager-Property Information and Business Compliance), Rachel Smith (Executive Officer), Kate Ivicheva (GM Planning and Policy), Jacine Warmington (GM Strategic Relationships), Emma Healy (Chief of Staff), Myjanne Jensen (Communications Advisor), Katy Simon (Adaptation Program Lead), Esther Powell (Manager-Climate Action and Resilience), Gaynor Muller (Waste Minimisation & Sustainability Specialist), Hilary Sumpter (GM Delivery and Operations), Kim Hammond (Contracts Lead), Ivan Ashby (Manager-Property and Facilities), Dave Collins (Project Director-Kaikohe IAF), Ruben Garcia (GM Community and Engagement), Nicola Smith (Manager-Executive Projects), Natasha Rmandic (Democracy Advisor)

**1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER**

Meeting commenced at 10.04am with karakia from Cr Baucke.

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

**2a APOLOGY**

**RESOLUTION 2026/15**

Moved: Cr Felicity Foy

Seconded: Kohepū-Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin

**That apologies from Kahika-Mayor Moko Tepania and Cr Tāmāti Rākena be received and leave of absence granted.**

**CARRIED**

**3 NGĀ TONO KŌRERO / DEPUTATION**

Dr Judy Reinken – OOWWTP

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## **4 TE WHAKAAETANGA O NGĀ MENETI O MUA / CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **4.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Agenda item 4.1 document number A5762165, pages 8 - 9 refers

#### **RESOLUTION 2026/16**

Moved: Cr Felicity Foy

Seconded: Kohepū-Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin

**That Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure confirm the minutes of the meeting held 20 May 2026 are true and correct.**

**CARRIED**

## **5 NGĀ PŪRONGO / REPORTS**

### **5.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SCOPING PROPOSALS FOR STAGE ONE COMMUNITY ADAPTATION PLANNING**

Agenda item 5.1 document number A5778432, pages 16 - 28 refers

#### **RESOLUTION 2026/17**

Moved: Cr Ann Court

Seconded: Cr Arohanui Allen

**That Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure:**

- a) **Note Council's commitment to adaptation decisions on Council infrastructure assets from community adaptation planning, as per the Community Adaptation Programme (approved August 2025).**
- b) **Note that future implementation actions in adopted Stage One Community Adaptation Plans are timed, in most cases, for the Long Term Plan 2030-2040 and beyond.**
- c) **Note the Stage One scope to plan for a 100-year timeframe and high-end climate scenarios for coastal flooding, coastal erosion and pluvial/fluvial (river) flooding, based on available modelling.**
- d) **Endorse the Stage One scope proposal to include the following Council infrastructure:**
  - **roading, bridges and cycleways (prioritised for settlements)**
  - **potable water and wastewater assets and services**
  - **stormwater and drainage assets**
  - **waste transfer stations and sites**
  - **wharves, jetties and maritime assets related to ferry transportation services**
  - **parks and reserves**
  - **cemeteries**
  - **Council property, including community centres, halls, libraries, and public toilets**
- e) **Endorse the Stage One scoping approach to prioritise planning for infrastructure assets in select settlements, supported by wider planning for the roading network and standalone infrastructure assets outside of the select settlements.**

**CARRIED**

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## 6 NGĀ PŪRONGO TAIPITOPITO / INFORMATION REPORTS

### 6.1 WATER SERVICES OPERATIONAL REPORT

Agenda item 6.1 document number A5664958, pages 67 - 68 refers

#### RESOLUTION 2026/18

Moved: Cr Felicity Foy

Seconded: Cr Rachel Baucke

**That Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure receive the report Water Services Operational Report.**

**CARRIED**

Note: Use the next contract signing to lock in clear accountabilities.

### 6.2 INFRASTRUCTURE COMPLIANCE

Agenda item 6.2 document number A5780711, pages 74 - 76 refers

#### RESOLUTION 2026/19

Moved: Cr Rachel Baucke

Seconded: Cr Felicity Foy

**That Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure receive the report Infrastructure Compliance.**

**CARRIED**

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## 3 INFRASTRUCTURE - CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME UPDATE

Agenda item 6.3 document number A5793276, pages 79 - 81 refers

#### RESOLUTION 2026/20

Moved: Cr Rachel Baucke

Seconded: Cr Felicity Foy

**That Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure receive the report Infrastructure - Capital Works Programme Update.**

**CARRIED**

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**6.4 COMMUNITY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SERVICES CONTRACT - CITYCARE PROPERTY LIMITED MONTHLY UPDATE JUNE 2026**

Agenda item 6.4 document number A5803184, pages 87 - 92 refers

**RESOLUTION 2026/21**

Moved: Cr Ann Court  
Seconded: Cr Felicity Foy

**That Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure receive the report Community Facilities Maintenance Services Contract - Citycare Property Limited Monthly Update June 2026.**

**CARRIED**

**6.5 NORTHLAND WASTE LIMITED - SOLID WASTE SERVICES CONTRACT PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Agenda item 6.5 document number A5803370, pages 93 - 99 refers

**RESOLUTION 2026/22**

Moved: Cr Rachel Baucke  
Seconded: Kohepū-Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin

**That Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure receive the report Northland Waste Limited - Solid Waste Services Contract Performance Report.**

**CARRIED**

Meeting was adjourned at 11.32am and reconvened at 11.46am.

**6.6 KAIKOHE INFRASTRUCTURE ACCELERATION FUND UPDATE REPORT**

Agenda item 6.6 document number A5807069, pages 100 - 103 refers

**RESOLUTION 2026/23**

Moved: Cr Rachel Baucke  
Seconded: Kohepū-Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin

**That Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure receive the report Kaikohe Infrastructure Acceleration Fund Update Report.**

**CARRIED**

Note: Cost summary to be tabled at the July meeting.

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**6.7 TRANSPORTATION - OPERATIONS AND ROAD SAFETY UPDATE**

Agenda item 6.7 document number A5809168, pages 103 - 105 refers

**RESOLUTION 2026/24**

Moved: Cr Ann Court  
Seconded: Cr Felicity Foy

**That Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure receive the report Transportation - Operations and Road Safety Update.**

**CARRIED**

**7 TE WĀHANGA TŪMATAITI / PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLUTION 2026/25**

Moved: Cr Felicity Foy  
Seconded: Kohepū-Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin

**That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting and that representatives from FNHL be allowed to remain as their input can be valuable to Committee Members.**

**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:**

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution</b>
<b>7.1 - Confirmation of Previous Minutes - Public Excluded</b>	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities  s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
<b>7.2 - Request to undertake public consultation on the disposal of a portion of park land at 1936 State Highway 10, Waipapa</b>	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

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<p><b>7.3 - Approval of Purchase Order Increase--Beca Construction Phase Support Services, Kaikohe IAF Water Treatment Plant</b></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 who is the subject of the information</p>	<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 or section 7</p>
<p><b>7.4 - Infrastructure Acceleration Fund Kawakawa Update</b></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 who is the subject of the information</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>s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7</p>
<p><b>7.5 - Transportation - Capital Works Update</b></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 who 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>s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7</p>
<p><b>7.6 - Community Facilities Maintenance Contract - Contract Management Update</b></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 who is the subject of the information</p>	<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 or section 7</p>
<p><b>CARRIED</b></p>		

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**7.7 CONFIRMATION OF INFORMATION AND DECISIONS TO BE RELEASED IN PUBLIC**

**RESOLUTION 2026/26**

Moved: Cr Felicity Foy  
Seconded: Cr Rachel Baucke

**That Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure confirms the information and decisions contained in the part of the meeting held with public excluded remain in public excluded.**

**CARRIED**

**7.8 RESOLUTION TO READMIT THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLUTION 2026/27**

Moved: Cr Felicity Foy  
Seconded: Cr Rachel Baucke

**That Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure moves out of Public Excluded and into Ordinary (meeting) meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**8 MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 3.15pm with karakia from Cr Baucke.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Ordinary Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure Meeting held on 15 July 2026.

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**CHAIRPERSON**

## 5 NGĀ PŪRONGO TAIPITOPITO / INFORMATION REPORTS

### 5.1 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

**File Number:** A5809210

**Author:** Aya Morris, Net Zero & Sustainability Programme Lead

**Authoriser:** Kate Ivicheva, Group Manager - Planning & Policy

#### TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the potential installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure on sites owned or managed by the Far North District Council.

#### WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Public EV Charging Infrastructure Loans Programme offers opportunities to improve access to public EV charging facilities in the Far North.
- The costs for installation and maintenance for this public infrastructure will be covered by private companies as recipients of these loans, with no cost to Far North District Council.
- Many sites owned by Far North District Council have been identified as ideal locations for public EV charging infrastructure, and private companies wish to seek leases.
- Granting leases and licences for the installation of public EV charging infrastructure on Far North District Council sites will support goals within Council's existing climate action and sustainability policy and strategy.

#### TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

**That Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure receive the report Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure .**

#### TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

The Government has recently allocated loans to two private companies to advance the extension of the nationwide EV charging network through the Public EV Charging Infrastructure Loans Programme.<sup>1</sup> These two companies, ChargeNet and Meridian Energy, have each approached the FNDC to seek a strategic partnership to strengthen the public EV charging network within the district.

There is presently limited access to public EV chargers within the Far North District. The PlugShare site shows 54 EV chargers in the Bay of Islands, with many of these located on the premises of private accommodation providers, and 35 EV chargers in other areas of the Far North.<sup>2</sup> These figures include chargers which are currently under repair.

Many areas across the Far North District roading network lack public EV charging infrastructure altogether, particularly in the northern and western wards. This lack of public EV charging infrastructure acts as a disincentive for locals wishing to transition to EV use, and for EV users considering visits to the Far North.

The Far North District Council has previously partnered with the Northland Regional Council, Top Energy, ChargeNet, and Te Ahu Charitable Trust to advance the growth of the regional EV charging network through the Crimson Coast EV Highway project. This was funded through the

<sup>1</sup> [EV Charging Infrastructure Loans programme | National Infrastructure Funding and Financing | New Zealand](#)

<sup>2</sup> [PlugShare - EV Charging Station Map - Find a place to charge your car!](#)

Low Emission Vehicles Contestable Fund administered by the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Authority (EECA).<sup>3</sup>

## **MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS**

The District's three community boards are considering installing EV charging infrastructure in off-road public car parks and at other Far North District Council sites that already include car parks, such as community halls, public toilets, and parks. Some of these potential sites for the installation of EV charging infrastructure may fall within the road corridor, and licences to occupy these sites will require approval by Council.

### **Benefits of EV charging infrastructure**

The installation of public electric vehicle charging infrastructure benefits Far North communities, businesses and visitors. The use of electric vehicles and hybrids is becoming increasingly common within the Far North District and within New Zealand more widely. New registrations of battery electric vehicles (BEVs) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) have recently increased in response to fuel prices, reaching their highest levels since the now-discontinued clean car discount.<sup>4</sup> Meanwhile, our charger-to-EV ratio sits at 1:52, among the lowest in the OECD.<sup>5</sup>

The transition to electric vehicles supports nationwide greenhouse gas emission reduction targets set out through legislation and through New Zealand's second national emissions reduction plan.<sup>6,7</sup>

Emissions from transportation form the second highest source of greenhouse gas emissions within the Northland region, after agriculture, contributing approximately 30% of regional emissions.<sup>8</sup>

### **Policy and strategy considerations**

The reduction of community greenhouse gas emissions within the Far North District supports the achievement of targets set out through Far North District Council policy and strategy, including the Far North 2100 Strategy,<sup>9</sup> the Climate Change Roadmap,<sup>10</sup> and the Climate Action Policy.<sup>11</sup> The Far North District Council Parking Bylaw already includes instruments which relate to the management of parking spaces which feature EV charging infrastructure.<sup>12</sup> This bylaw would need to be amended to add additional areas if further chargers are to be installed on FNDC sites.

### **Risks and mitigation**

The allocation of leases within parking areas located on Far North District Council sites may risk a reduction in the availability of parking for vehicles other than EVs. The sites recommended in Appendix A have been selected with the intention of minimising this risk.

There is some risk that sites selected for public EV charging may reduce the availability of accessible parking for people with disabilities. The sites recommended in Appendix A have been selected with the intention of minimising this risk. It is also proposed that terms should be included in lease documentation to ensure that there is no reduction in accessible parking.

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<sup>3</sup> [Convoy Celebrates Kaitaia Charger Opening](#)

<sup>4</sup> [EV 'fomo' drives sales to their highest level in years amid fuel crisis, dealer says | RNZ News](#)

<sup>5</sup> [State of the Nation Reports - Drive Electric](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Climate Change Response \(Zero Carbon\) Amendment Act 2019 | New Zealand Legislation](#)

<sup>7</sup> [New Zealand's second emissions reduction plan 2026–30: Amended January 2026 | Ministry for the Environment](#)

<sup>8</sup> [Council Emissions | Far North District Council](#)

<sup>9</sup> [far-north-2100.pdf](#)

<sup>10</sup> [Council meeting held on 7/05/2020 - Item 6.6 Far North District Council Climate Change Road Map - Attachment Far North District Council Climate Change Road Map](#)

<sup>11</sup> [Climate-Action-Policy.pdf](#)

<sup>12</sup> [Parking-Bylaw-Amended-February-2023.pdf](#)

## Significance and engagement

The proposal does not recommend installing EV infrastructure on any sites which are not already in use for car parking. It is unlikely that any negative impacts other than those noted above will result from a change of use from parking for traditional vehicles to parking for EVs. Formal processes of public consultation and engagement have not been carried out for earlier EV infrastructure installations on Far North District Council sites.

## Costs of each option

Both ChargeNet and Meridian Energy propose to seek 15-year leases or licences for Far North District Council sites, and to cover all costs toward the installation and ongoing maintenance of public electric vehicle charging infrastructure through the Government loans they will receive.

ChargeNet are seeking sites suitable for AC charging, informally known as slow charging. This charging method typically requires longer dwell times and produces limited revenue for providers as less electricity is consumed. ChargeNet are seeking leases free of lease fees due to this limited revenue opportunity and slower return on investment over time. They are willing to consider sites in smaller towns throughout the Far North District.

Meridian Energy are seeking sites suitable for DC charging, informally known as fast charging. This charging method offers a faster return on investment for providers. Meridian Energy are therefore seeking busier sites, located close to the state highway network, and is offering lease fees of approximately \$2000 per site per year.

It is recommended that sites with central locations and higher traffic volumes be considered for Meridian Energy leases, and sites with less central locations be considered for ChargeNet leases.

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

There are no requirements for budgetary provision, as the costs will be met by the proposed providers of public EV charging infrastructure, ChargeNet and Meridian Energy.

There may be income opportunities available to Far North District Council through the terms of leases and licences to occupy.

## ĀPITIHINGA / ATTACHMENTS

1. **Appendix A Te Koukou EV Charging Infrastructure Proposal - A5814665** [↓](#) 

**APPENDIX A – Potential Sites for EV Charging Infrastructure**

**Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Ward**

<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Site Address</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Butler Rd Carpark	7 Butler Rd, Kerikeri 0230	Not recommended	This is primarily a business carpark.
Church St Carpark	13 Church St, Russell 0202	Recommended - one charger to serve two spaces, Meridian Energy	Convenient location near amenities.
Commercial St Carpark	10 Commercial St Kawakawa 0210	Not recommended	Providers are interested in other Kawakawa sites
Hobson Ave Carpark	10 Hobson Ave, Kerikeri 0230	Recommended - 3 AC chargers with parking spaces available for non-exclusive EV use, ChargeNet	Convenient location near amenities.
Homestead Rd Carpark	5 Homestead Rd, Kerikeri 0230	Recommended - 3 AC chargers with parking spaces available for non-exclusive EV use, ChargeNet	Convenient location near amenities.
Johnson Park Carpark	4 State Highway 11, Kawakawa 0210	Not recommended	Providers are interested in other Kawakawa sites
Julian Carpark	2 Homestead Road, Kerikeri 0230	Recommended - 3 AC chargers with parking spaces available for non-exclusive EV use, ChargeNet	Convenient location near amenities.
Ratcliffes Bay Carpark	45 Ruato Road, Whangaroa 0478	Not recommended	Not conveniently located for amenities such as toilets or shops.
Kent Bay Carpark	573 Whangaroa Rd, Whangaroa 0478	Recommended – one charger to serve two spaces, Meridian Energy	Convenient location near amenities.
Marsden Rd Carpark	69 Marsden Road, Paihia 0200	Not recommended	Limited space available. Carpark already has EV spaces.
Taronui Bay Carpark	Hewitt Road, Te Tii 0294	Not recommended	Not conveniently located for amenities such as toilets or shops.
Te Hononga Carpark	Mackereith Lane, Kawakawa 0210	Recommended – two chargers to serve four spaces, Meridian Energy	Convenient location near amenities and state highways.
Waipapa Landing Carpark	109 Landing Road, Kerikeri 0230	Not recommended	Limited space available.
Whangae Rd Carpark	4 Old Whangae Road, Kawakawa 0210	Recommended - 3 AC chargers with parking spaces available for	Convenient location near amenities and state highways. Location near

		non-exclusive EV use, ChargeNet	cycle trail so long dwell time likely.
York St Carpark	8 York St, Russell 0202	Recommended - one charger to serve two spaces, Meridian Energy	Convenient location near amenities.
<b>Community Halls Carparks</b>			
Turner Centre Carpark	43 Cobham Rd, Kerikeri 0230	Recommended - 6 AC chargers with parking spaces available for non-exclusive EV use, ChargeNet	Convenient location near amenities.
<b>Parks &amp; Reserves Carparks</b>			
Te Puawaitanga Sports Hub Carpark	1945A SH10 Waipapa 0230	Recommended - 6 AC chargers with parking spaces available for non-exclusive EV use, ChargeNet	Convenient location near amenities and state highways.
Kaeo Reserve	25 Leigh St, Kaeo 0478	Recommended - one charger to serve two spaces, Meridian Energy	Convenient location near amenities and state highways.

#### Kaikohe-Hokianga Ward

Site Name	Site Address	Recommendation	Notes
Kaikohe HQ Carpark	5 Memorial Ave, Kaikohe 0405	Not recommended	This is a council staff carpark.
Memorial Ave Carpark	8 Marino Place, Kaikohe 0405	Recommended - 6 AC chargers with parking spaces available for non-exclusive EV use, ChargeNet	Convenient location near amenities and state highways.
Te Corner Carpark	2 Hobson St, Ohaeawai 0472	Recommended - one charger to serve two spaces, Meridian Energy	Convenient location near amenities and state highways.
Lindvart Park Toilets Carpark	7 Recreation Road, Kaikohe 0405	Recommended - 3 AC chargers with parking spaces available for non-exclusive EV use, ChargeNet	Location near sports hub so longer dwell time likely.
Rawene Service Centre Carpark	11 Parnell St, Rawene 0473	Recommended - one charger to serve two spaces, Meridian Energy	Convenient location near amenities.
<b>Parks &amp; Reserves Carparks</b>			
Freese Park	5 Freese Park Rd, Ōmāpere 0473	Recommended - one charger to serve two spaces, Meridian Energy	Convenient location near amenities and state highways.
<b>Public Toilets Carparks</b>			
Clendon Esplanade Toilets	8 Clendon Esplanade, Rawene 0473	Recommended - 3 AC chargers with parking spaces	Convenient location near amenities.

		available for non-exclusive EV use, ChargeNet	
Russell Esplanade Toilets	6 Russell Esplanade, Rawene 0473	Recommended - 3 AC chargers with parking spaces available for non-exclusive EV use, ChargeNet	Convenient location near amenities.
Panguru Toilets	Opposite 2178 West Coast Rd, Panguru	Recommended - 3 AC chargers with parking spaces available for non-exclusive EV use, ChargeNet	Convenient location near amenities.
<b>Community Buildings &amp; Halls Carparks</b>			
Okaihau Hall Carpark	9 Settlers Way, Okaihau 0475	Recommended - one charger to serve two spaces, Meridian Energy	Convenient location near amenities and state highways.
Horeke Hall Carpark	2105 Horeke Road, Horeke 0475	Recommended - 3 AC chargers with parking spaces available for non-exclusive EV use, ChargeNet	Convenient location near amenities.
Kohukohu Library Carpark	1382 Kohukohu Rd, Kohukohu 0491	Recommended - 3 AC chargers with parking spaces available for non-exclusive EV use, ChargeNet	Convenient location near amenities.

#### Te Hiku Ward

Site Name	Site Address	Recommendation	Notes
<b>Off-Street Public Carparks</b>			
Awanui Carpark	125 Twin Coast Discovery Highway Awanui 0486	Not recommended	Providers have identified other sites in Awanui.
Cable Bay Layover	Opposite 382 SH10 Cable Bay 0420	Not recommended	Parking bays are unmarked.
Cable Bay North Carpark	Opposite Stratford Drive, SH10 Cable Bay 0420	Not recommended	Not conveniently located for amenities such as toilets or shops.
Cable Bay Toilet Carpark	356 Twin Coast Discovery Highway, Cable Bay 0420	Recommended – one charger to serve two spaces, Meridian Energy	Convenient location near amenities and state highways.
Melba St Carpark	East Lane, Kaitaia 0410	Recommended – 6 AC chargers with parking spaces available for non-exclusive EV use, ChargeNet	This is a large car park with many users parking for longer periods of time while working or shopping.
North Rd Carpark	60A North Rd, Kaitaia 0410	Not recommended	Not conveniently located for amenities such as toilets or shops.

Pukenui Wharf Carpark	1 Pukenui Wharf Rd	Recommended - one charger to serve two spaces, Meridian Energy	Convenient location near amenities and state highways.
Te Ahu Carpark	Corner Matthews Ave & South Rd, Kaitaia 0410	Recommended - 6 AC chargers with parking spaces available for non-exclusive EV use, ChargeNet	Convenient location near amenities and state highways.
Unahi Wharf Carpark	Tamatea Rd, Awanui 0486	Recommended - 3 AC chargers with parking spaces available for non-exclusive EV use, ChargeNet	Location near public toilets, long dwell times likely for boaties.
<b>Parks &amp; Reserves Carparks</b>			
Moerua Park (Te Hiku Sports Hub Carpark)	74 South Rd, Kaitaia	Recommended - 6 AC chargers with parking spaces available for non-exclusive EV use, ChargeNet	Location near sports hub and loop track so long dwell time likely.

## 5.2 INFRASTRUCTURE COMPLIANCE

**File Number:** A5827436

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### TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Provide a compliance status update for June 2026 to Te Koukou Committee of all infrastructure resource consents, other than Roding, that aligns with the Committee's Terms of Reference.

### WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Council holds over 250 resource consents (3,600+ conditions) and follows the Resource Management Act 1991 for the operation of water, wastewater, stormwater and district facility assets.
- Compliance is measured across all consent conditions, which include instrument calibration, reporting, and treatment.
- When a breach has been resolved, an application is made to the Regulator for removal of the abatement notice. The Regulator has advised that the notice will not be removed until the facility is returned to normal operation.
- No new abatement notices were received, 2 abatement notices were removed, leaving a total of 16 abatement notices outstanding at 22 June 2026.
- The total LTP 24/27 Water Capital Works Programme to Meet Water Safety Plan Requirements, District-wide project budget is currently 33% committed, with the balance to be delivered in FY27.

### TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

**That Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure receive the report Infrastructure Compliance.**

### TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure has the following delegated responsibilities for infrastructure compliance:

- Ensure that operational functions comply with legislative requirements and Council policy;
- Ensure that consents associated with the Council's infrastructure are being met and renewals are planned for.

A compliance status update report for the reporting period ending 30 May 2026 was presented to the 17 June 2026 Committee meeting. A link to this report is provided for convenience: [infocouncil.fndc.govt.nz/Open/2026/06/TK-TI\\_20260617\\_AGN\\_2962\\_AT.PDF](https://infocouncil.fndc.govt.nz/Open/2026/06/TK-TI_20260617_AGN_2962_AT.PDF)

Council is the consent holder of some 265 resource consents issued by the Regulator, Northland Regional Council, under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), for the operation of water, wastewater, stormwater, maritime, airports, solid waste (landfills), sports facilities, campgrounds, and onsite wastewater facilities for public toilets. These consents contain over 3,600 consent conditions, which set out operational limits/parameters and reporting requirements.

Council must also meet the legislative requirements of The Water Services Act 2021, with the Regulator being Taumata Arowai. These are largely reporting requirements, principally annual updates to the Drinking Water Safety Plans, including progress on the delivery of identified improvements.

Failure to comply with consent conditions or legislative requirements generally results in enforcement action by the relevant Regulator. For example, the Northland Regional Council issues (RMA) abatement notices notifying the consent holder of the specific breach with the requirement to stop the breach. The nature of breaches typically includes exceeding a consent limit/parameter, failing to keep and/or supply records, failing to verify equipment calibration, and failing to meet reporting deadlines.

The Regulator also has the authority to issue further enforcement action, such as fines and prosecution.

The update provided in this report takes us to 22 June 2026.

## **MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS**

### Operational Compliance

#### **In the last report:**

- No abatement notices were received in May 2026.
- All water treatment plants (8) are fully compliant for treatment and distribution networks.
- 6 of 15 wastewater treatment plants are fully compliant, and 5 plants will achieve compliance once meter replacement works are completed this financial year.
- The abatement notice previously reported as solid waste has been corrected to wastewater.
- 16 abatement notices were outstanding – water (2), wastewater (13), public toilets (1) – for details refer to Attachment 1 - Abatement Notice Update May 2026.
- In accordance with section 325 of the Resource Management Act, applications to remove 7 abatement notices (5 wastewater, 1 transport, and 1 District Facilities) have been lodged.
- Overall real-time compliance status for wastewater plants is being improved with new software reporting and resourcing for monitoring common sources of non-compliance.
- At the June meeting, an Elected Member asked for confirmation that there is sufficient budgetary provision to deliver the Kaitāia Wastewater Overflow – Stage II works in future years.

#### **Response to Elected Member Questions**

The response provided to the June meeting was that future financial year budgetary provision is available, however as the design has not yet been confirmed, confirmation of whether this provision is sufficient is unavailable.

Further investigation into this matter has highlighted that, although funding was omitted from the Water Services Delivery Plan, a budgetary provision of \$3.29m has been included in the refreshed Forward Works Plan for Northland Waters, submitted in December 2025. The timing of delivery of the capital works is across FY28 – FY29.

#### **What has changed:**

- No abatement notices were received in June 2026; however, the previous updates had under-reported the total abatement notices outstanding by two.
- All water treatment plants (8) are fully compliant for treatment and distribution networks.
- 6 of 15 wastewater treatment plants are fully compliant, and 5 plants will achieve compliance once meter replacement works are completed this financial year.
- Two wastewater abatement notices successfully removed include the long-standing notice for Ahipara and the more recent notice received for Kohukohu.
- Including the two existing abatement notices (Russell wastewater plant – March 2026, and Pākaraka stock effluent facility – Jan 2026), 16 abatement notices remain outstanding –

water (2), wastewater (13), public toilets (1). Note: the stock effluent facility is classified as a wastewater activity.

Refer to Attachment 1 - Abatement Notice Update June 2026 for details.

- In accordance with section 325 of the Resource Management Act, applications to remove 3 abatement notices (wastewater) were lodged with the Regulator.
- The Regulator has advised that abatement notices will remain until facilities are returned to normal operations. This currently applies to the Paihia wastewater treatment plant, the Russell wastewater treatment plant, and the Klinac Lane Waipapa public toilets discharge field.
- Kawakawa water treatment plant pump station switchboard upgrade was completed, bringing the facility into compliance with current electrical standards and resolving critical operational and health and safety issues.

### Compliance Status

Focus continues on operational improvements and the removal of abatement notices. Met online with Taumata Arowai to receive their response and discuss the Council's water quality reporting, and receive updates on new regulation changes.

### Abatement Notice Update June 2026

Details of all abatement notices current on 25 June 2026 are included in Attachment 1. Those items shaded green have been actioned and compliance achieved.

### Compliance Capital Works Programme

Progress has been made in establishing the LTP 24/27 Water Capital Works Programme to Meet Water Safety Plan Requirements, a district-wide project, being a programme of works to meet drinking water systems compliance across the region.

The table below lists the individual projects that have been confirmed for delivery. Projects currently in feasibility will be included in future updates.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Est. cost</u>	<u>Delivery date</u>
Ōpononi	New chlorine building	\$ 44,017	30 June 2026
Kaitāia	Discharge meter installation	\$ 56,957	31 July 2026
Kaitāia	Replacement blower	\$ 39,000	30 June 2026
Kawakawa	Discharge meter installation	\$ 46,196	31 July 2026
Paihia	Discharge meter installation	\$ 34,005	31 July 2026
Rāwene/Ōmanaia	Discharge meter installation	\$ 33,923	31 July 2026
<b>Total Committed</b>		<b>\$ 254,098</b>	
<b>FY26 Budget</b>		<b>\$ 505,504</b>	

## **PĀNGA PŪTEA ME NGĀ WĀHANGA TAHUA / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION**

This is an information report providing an update on compliance with infrastructure resource consents.

Minor non-compliances are met from existing operational budgets. There are existing capital budgets to meet the cost of planned upgrade works.

The LTP 24/27 three-year capital works budgetary provision for the Programme to Meet Water Safety Plan Requirements, District-wide project totalling \$767,125.00.

No additional financial implications or budgetary provisions arise from this report.

**ĀPITIHANGA / ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Abatement Notice Update June 2026 - A5839265 [↓](#) 



Abatement Notice June 2026

Scheme	Issued Date	Notice Number	Reason	Mitigation	Milestones for compliance	Update - June 2026	Update - May 2026
Opononi/Ōmāpere Wastewater Treatment Plant	7/04/2026 <a href="#">20/04/2016</a>	EAC.073458.01 <a href="#">EAC.066718.01</a>	Consented levels of total suspended solids, Nitrogen, Biological oxygen demand, and E.Coli exceeded.	Treatment upgrades to be completed - clarifier and UV.	Clarifier to be installed - Mar 2027.	Treatment investigation findings will be workshopped in July 2026 to confirm next steps.	Engineering team is assessing treatment upgrade options to best meet plant size and land discharge requirements.
Kaitiāia Wastewater Network	20/04/2016	EAC.066717.01	Unconsented discharge of untreated wastewater from the Kaitiāia reticulated wastewater network into the Tarawhaturua Stream, Kaitiāia.	Phased network upgrades to increase storage capacity.	Stage 1 – emergency storage, pump station and upgraded pipeline (85%) Stage 2 – pipeline from emergency storage to treatment plant (15%)	An application to remove the notice was lodged with Northland Regional Council - awaiting response.	Stage 1 completed - December 2025. Stage 2 - is in design and due by June 2026.
Kohukohu Wastewater Treatment Plant	29/10/2024	EAC.072397.0	Ongoing non-compliance with faecal coliforms and ammonia levels.	Desludging of ponds. Treatment upgrade - install baffle curtains. Wetland desludging. Pond aeration.	Desludging completed July 2025. Baffle curtain installed.	Treatment solution investigation continuing. Further wetland maintenance is planned to restore the operational area.	Infrastructure Engineering is investigating improved treatment solutions. The contractor has removed pest plants from the wetland in early May as per the resource consent requirement.
Russell Wastewater Treatment Plant (Russell Landfill)	1/11/2024	EAC.072442.01	Ongoing non-compliance of leachate volumes discharging to wastewater treatment plant during severe weather events presumed to be caused by runoff from uncapped landfill.	Dependent on Solid Waste providing a mitigation plan that will reduce / control the volumes of leachate discharging from the closed landfill that meet the consented volumes the wastewater treatment plant can receive.	Leachate volumes from the closed landfill being reduced to consented levels.	Awaiting landfill solution report from Solid Waste.	Solid waste has engaged contractor to assess landfill solutions and current condition June 2026. This will support any leachate system upgrades.
Paihia Wastewater Treatment Plant	12/11/2024	EAC.072467.01	Ammonia discharge exceeding consented levels.	Treatment improvement to improve aeration.	Replacement of aeration equipment followed by monitoring to identify if further improvements are required.	Engineering has confirmed that the paddle aerators are not fit for purpose. An alternative has been identified and a site visit by the supplier is scheduled for early July 2026 which will confirm specifications and establish a new installation date.	Equipment to be re-installed by 30 June 2026.
Waitangi River	12/11/2024	EAC.072471.01	Water take volume readings not available.	Discharge records to be provided to Northland Regional Council by contractor. New mitigation (04/26) - a new discharge meter and telemetry to be installed as per consent requirements.	Discharge records were submitted July 2025. Annual report due July 2026. Meter installation May 2026.	Application to vary (increase) existing discharge volumes that align with current records is being drafted. Application to remove notice will follow issue of updated resource consent.	Discharge meter and installation completed in May 2026.
Pākaraka stock effluent facility	18/11/2024	EAC.072474.01	Lack of discharge information.	Contractor to submit data records as per dates in consent condition.	Pump repairs Data to be submitted Consent variation to increase discharge volumes.	Data records and an application to remove the notice have been submitted.	An assessment on increased discharge volumes must be completed to support current consent application. This is expected in June 2026.
Paihia Wastewater Treatment Plant	8/12/2025	EAC.073230.01	Lack of inflow data reporting due to a broken meter.	Install replacement meter and reinstate data collection.	Equipment installation and telemetry mid-2026.	This is currently in procurement. Update on installation date to be confirmed in next update.	Meter replacement has been quoted and is under review by water services team.
Whatuwhiwi Wastewater Treatment Plant	10/12/2025	EAC.073233.01	Total suspended solids exceeding consented limits due to constant algae growth.	Treatment plant upgrades and pond desludging.	Installation of new treatment plant, project for 2027.	Progress to be updated in next report.	Bring forward planned treatment plant upgrades and desludging of ponds requested.
Paihia Wastewater Treatment Plant	12/01/2026	EAC.073276.01	Failure to promptly communicate diesel spill at the pump station.	Emergency response plan updated and responsibilities reviewed with O&M contractor.	Full compliance will be demonstrated following next set of monitoring results.	Awaiting final monitoring results scheduled for October 2026.	Reports provided to NRC following Environmental scientist report, results indicate no more diesel in waterway. Follow up tests scheduled for October 2026.
Pākaraka stock effluent facility	13/01/2026	EAC.073320.01	Failure to operate within discharge limits	New resource consent to reflect fluctuating effluent loads	Assessment of discharge volumes - expected July 2026. Variation to a consent application - expected August 2026.	Discharge investigation process underway with contractor. This will inform current resource consent variation.	
Russell Wastewater treatment plant	5/03/2026	EAC.073390.01	Non-permitted discharge from a wastewater pond.	The storage pond was isolated both above and below ground so the pond is not in use and no further discharges are possible.	Compliance will be a demonstration of capacity for excess inflow during a heavy rain event.	Currently investigating options to ensure storage capacity is sufficient to address the risk of overflows during weather events and summer demand.	March 2026 update removed this notice as a request to remove had been submitted. This request has so far not been successful with the Regulator advising this requires the facility to be returned to normal operations. <b>NRC 08 June 2026</b>
Klinac Lane public toilets discharge field	1/04/2026	EAC.073433.01	Unconsented overflows at discharge field.	Toilets closed. Discharge area improvements.	Toilets closed and portaloo installed. New project to improve discharge area is being scoped for delivery in FY27.	NRC will not remove notice until discharge field upgrades have been completed. <b>NRC 08 June 2026</b>	Toilets closed and portaloo installed.
Kaitiāia Water Treatment Plant	1/04/2026	EAC.073453.01	Unconsented discharge of treated water.	Consent application to be lodged.	Lodgement of application - June 2026.	Meter installation is in progress. Consent application submitted.	Discharge meter project underway, expect installation June 2026. This will meet compliance and support current consent application.
Kawakawa Wastewater Treatment Plant	7/04/2026	EAC.073463.01	Lack of suspended solids monitoring for all consented points.	Confirm monitoring points with O&M contractor.	Confirmation received from O&M contractor that all consented monitoring points are now included in monitoring programme.	An application to remove the notice was lodged with Northland Regional Council - awaiting response.	All compliance requirements have been met and FNDC submitted an application in May 2026 to remove abatement notice.
Kaikohe Wastewater Treatment Plant	23/04/2026 <a href="#">12/11/2024</a>	EAC.073486.01 <a href="#">EAC.072443.01</a>	2024 Abatement Notice superseded 236/04/2026 - outflow data not available (no change to breach).	O&M contractor has been tasked to repair monitoring equipment and maintain records.	Equipment repaired and discharge recording recommenced – June 2025.	Awaiting arrival of telemetry equipment now expected 30 June 2026. Confirmation of installation to be included in next update.	Telemetry hardware for replacement has been ordered and expected installation is June 2026.



### 5.3 CITYCARE PROPERTY LIMITED CONTRACT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

**File Number:** A5829373

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#### TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on Citycare Property Limited (Citycare) performance and key contract activities completed under the Community Facilities Maintenance Services Contract for May 2026.

#### WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Citycare continue to deliver to a satisfactory level completing 18,358 of the 18,541 of the scheduled activities for May 2026.
- Mowing operations achieved strong results with 736 of the 752 scheduled jobs completed (98%).
- Playground maintenance was fully completed, with 69 inspections undertaken and 151 faults identified and rectified.
- The toilet cleaning and litter collection programme remained the largest service area, with 17,358 of the 17,521 scheduled activities completed.
- A total of 65 RFS were received predominantly related to illegal dumping and toilet maintenance.
- Overall, contract performance for May reflects consistent service delivery, strong completion rates and proactive maintenance, with only minor service gaps identified.

#### TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

**That Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure receive the report Citycare Property Limited Contract Management Update.**

#### TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

The Community Facilities Maintenance Service Contract was awarded to Citycare to commencing 1 July 2024. The contract is a five term, of which two years have now been completed.

The contract encompasses the maintenance and cleaning of a range of assets and facilities, delivered in accordance with scheduled service frequencies throughout the month and year. The scope of services includes the following asset and facility categories:

- Mowing
- Gardens
- Playgrounds, Skate Parks and Shade Sails
- Cemeteries and Burials
- Litter Collection
- Pavement Cleaning
- Toilet Cleaning

- Water Feature and Drinking Fountains.

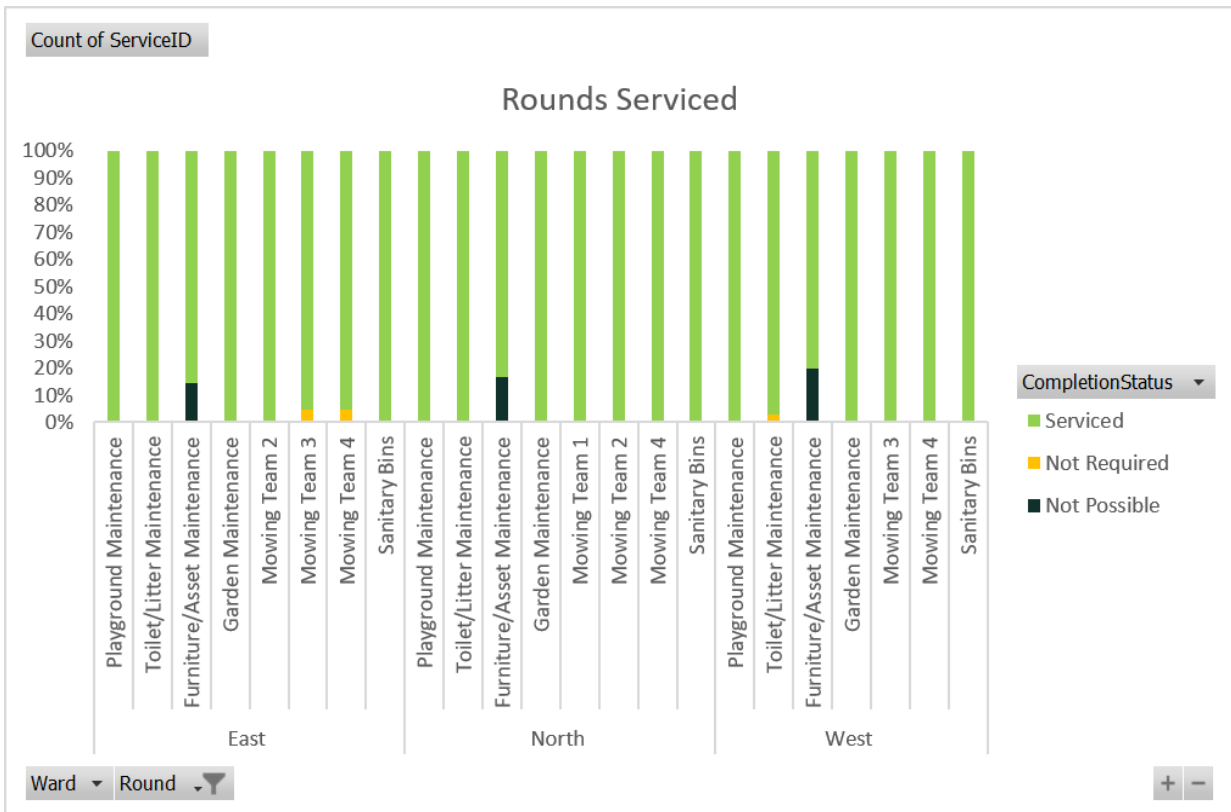
## MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

### Service Delivery

A total of 18,284 scheduled service rounds were completed during May 2026, representing approximately 99.0% of the programmed activities for the month. There are several reasons for the improvement however a large part of this is due to favourable weather conditions.

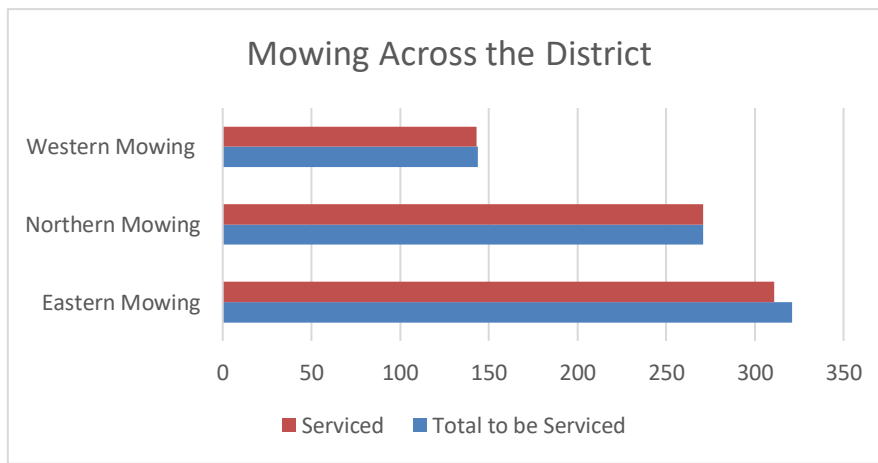
Of the scheduled works not completed, this included:

	<b>Not Possible</b>	<b>Not Required</b>	<b>Serviced</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b><u>Eastern:</u></b>				
Playground Maintenance			30	30
Town/Litter Maintenance	5	33	8931	8969
Furniture/Asset Maintenance	1		6	7
Garden Maintenance			52	52
Mowing	1	9	311	321
Sanitary Bins			14	14
<b><u>Northern:</u></b>				
Playground Maintenance			27	27
Toilet/Litter Maintenance			4462	4462
Furniture/Asset Maintenance	1		5	6
Garden Maintenance			18	18
Mowing			271	271
Sanitary Bins			8	8
<b><u>Western:</u></b>				
Playground Maintenance			12	12
Toilet/Litter Maintenance		125	3965	4090
Furniture/Asset Maintenance	1		4	5
Garden Maintenance			14	14
Mowing	1		143	144
Sanitary Bins			9	9
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>18284</b>	<b>18461</b>



**Mowing:**

Across the district 752 mowing jobs were scheduled to be completed, with a total of 736 of those scheduled mows being completed. Assets mowed can include reserves, berms, roadside reserves, cemeteries and sports grounds.



Playground Maintenance:

All scheduled playground maintenance was completed for May 2026, 69 playground inspections in total.

Wards	Playground Inspections Completed
Eastern	30
Northern	37
Western	12

From the 69 playground inspections, a total of 151 faults were found and fixed across the district. A large amount of the faults found was due to softfall not aligning with NZ standards.

Toilet / Litter Maintenance:

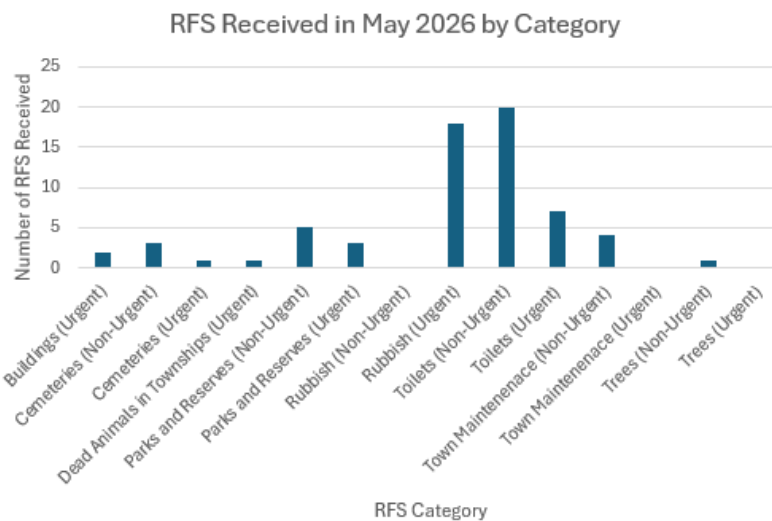
The largest of the rounds across the contract is the toilet cleaning and litter collection as they are grouped together due to staff/operators completing both tasks.

A total of 17,521 activities were scheduled for May 2026 with 17,358 completed. A variety of reasons due to works not being completed – toilets being closed due to vandalism or bins that have been removed.

Reactive Works / RFS:

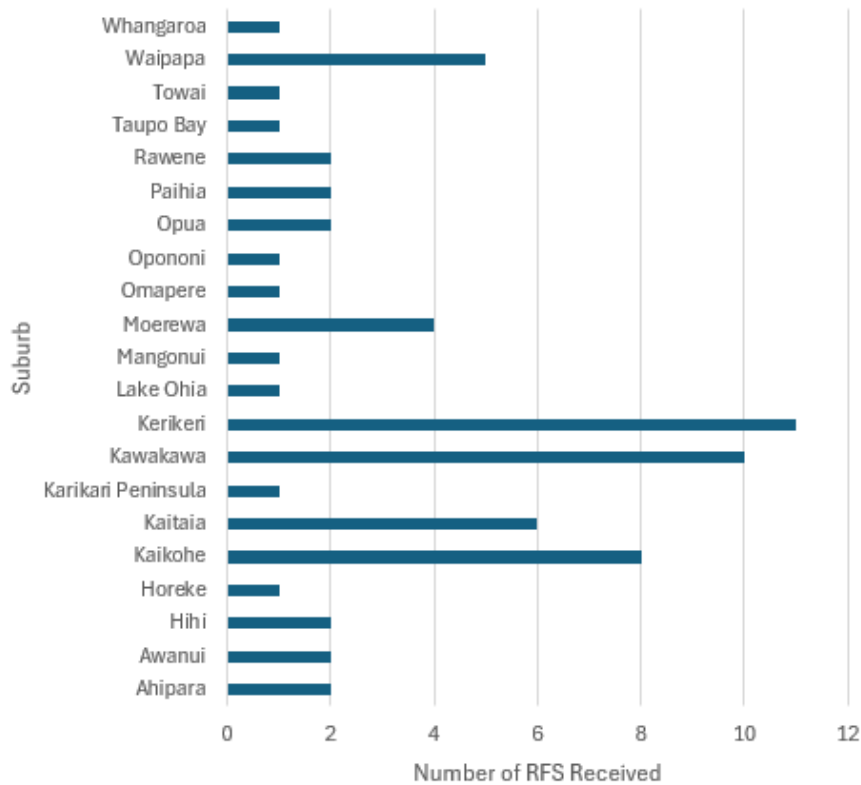
For May 2026 there was a total of 188 reactive jobs lodged over a range of activities e.g. burials, illegal dumping and graffiti removal. This is also then categorised as urgent or non-urgent.

Sixty-five RFS were lodged and as per previous months that majority of RFS received related to rubbish (illegal dumping) or toilets.



Of the 65 RFS received, 37 were received for Eastern, 15 were received for Northern and 13 received from Western.

### RFS Received in May 2026 by Location



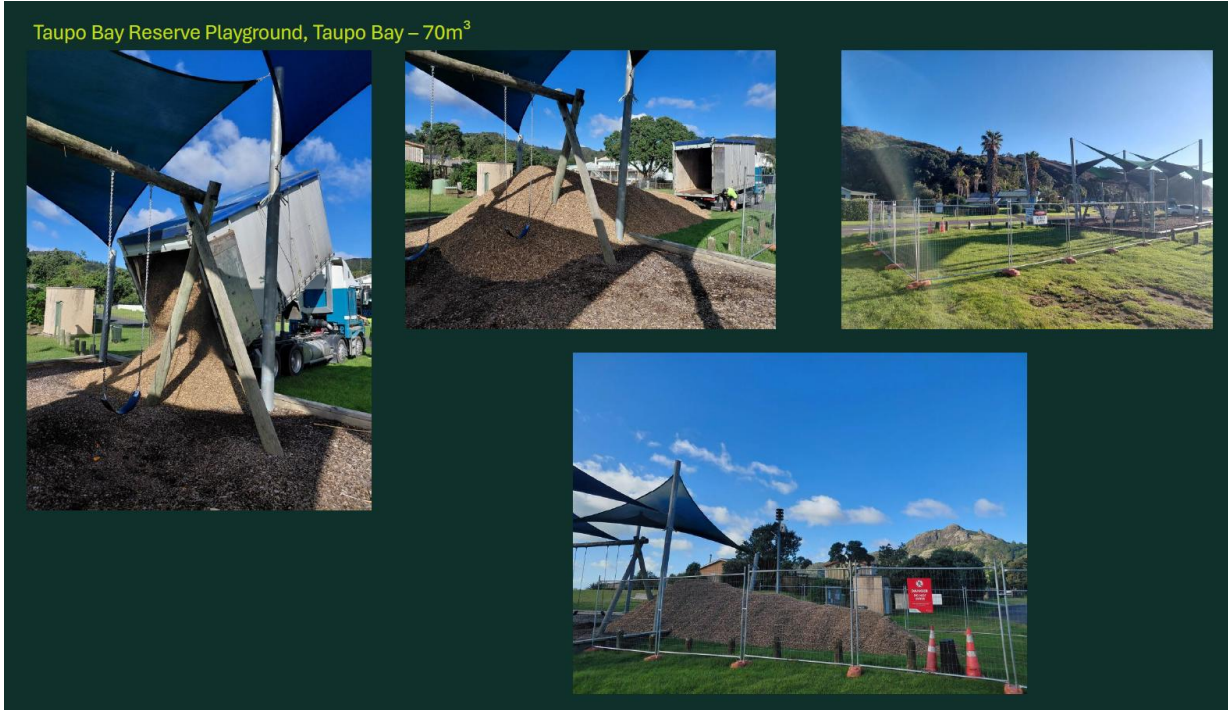
#### Softfall

Across the district, there are a total of 28 playgrounds, all of which are required to maintain compliant softfall surfacing in accordance with NZS 5828:2015 Playground Equipment and Surfacing Standards.

Under the terms of the contract, Citycare is required to submit an annual report each July identifying any playgrounds requiring softfall top-ups to ensure ongoing compliance. At the time of writing this report, Citycare was in the final stages of completing softfall top-ups across all playgrounds. This programme of work has also included raising playground boards where necessary to achieve and maintain the required surfacing depth in line with the standards.

The work to date report provided by Citycare is attached for reference.

Taupo Bay Reserve Playground, Taupo Bay – 70m<sup>3</sup>



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

This report is information only in which there are no specific financial implications arising. Any Variances or future funding needs will be report through separate papers.

## ĀPITIHINGA / ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment A - Citycare Property Limited Soft Fall Project Works 2026 Completion Report - A5832069 [↓](#) 

Soft Fall Playground  
Project Works,  
May - June 2026

## Council Infrastructure Committee Update Progress Report

Enhancing community  
spaces with safer  
playground surfaces

Project Manager: Mana Chase-Pickering



## Project Overview and Scope

### Programme Background, Scope, and Objectives



### Programme Scope and Scale

The programme involved installation of soft fall surfacing at 28 playgrounds across diverse community settings including urban, coastal, and rural areas.

### Safety and Compliance Objectives

The primary goal was to meet safety standards by ensuring proper depth, containment, and coverage around playground equipment to protect users.

### Logistics and Coordination

The project required effective coordination with suppliers, transport, and site teams to manage material delivery and site access challenges efficiently.

### Challenges and Adaptive Planning

Site-specific constraints such as narrow access and sensitive landscaping required adaptive strategies and protective measures during installation.



## Weekly Delivery and Installation Progress

### **Weeks 1–2 Progress: Project Mobilisation and Early Deliveries**

#### **Week 1: 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May - Installations and Challenges**

Completed Awanui, Pukenui, Korora Park, Ahipara & Jaycee Park, Kaitaia (started) playgrounds despite wet, boggy ground requiring strategic loader movements and ground protection.

#### **Week 2: 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May - Progress and Delivery Delay**

Completed Marchant Reserve – Hihi Beach, Coopers Beach, Matthews Avenue and Jaycee Park, Kaitaia playgrounds despite delivery delays caused by new driver introduction, showing team resilience.

#### **Team Adaptability and Planning**

Strong team commitment and forward planning ensured operational rhythm and timeline feasibility under constraints

# Weeks 3–4 Progress: High-Volume Works and Programme Completion



Weeks 3-4: 22<sup>nd</sup> May – 12<sup>th</sup> June

## High-Volume Installation Phase

Weeks 3 to 5 saw intensive playground installations with volumes exceeding 200+ cubic metres weekly. Northern Ward completed week ending 31<sup>st</sup> May.

## Delivery Coordination Improvements

Delivery timing and coordination improved, reducing disruptions and enhancing workflow efficiency.

## Monitoring Conditions and Challenges

Weather, site access, and stock availability were closely monitored to maintain project momentum.

# Weeks 5 onwards: Programme Finalisation Phase



Weeks 5: 15<sup>th</sup> June onwards

## Programme Finalisation Phase

Final top-ups and completion works remaining on Church Street Reserve (Kawakawa), Falls View Reserve (Haruru), Centennial Park (Kaeo) and Stock Yard Point (Anchorage). Kerikeri Domain playground is scheduled as the final site, with all works anticipated to be fully completed by end of June / early July (weather permitting).

## Monitoring Conditions

Recent weather conditions have very been favourable, supporting steady progress and enabling efficient delivery of the remaining works.

It is important to note that the soft fall programme is being delivered alongside ongoing reactive maintenance responsibilities. The same operational team is also required to respond to priority works including burial services, which take precedence when they arise.

## Challenges, Solutions, and Visual Evidence

### Site Challenges, Risk Management, and Use of Photographic Evidence:

#### Managing Site Challenges

Constrained access and wet conditions required careful machinery use and temporary protections to prevent surface damage.

#### Risk Mitigation Strategies

Daily communication and flexible scheduling helped manage delivery delays and coordinate work across sites effectively.

#### Photographic Evidence Use

Nearly 200 photos document conditions before, during, and after work, ensuring transparency and quality assurance.

#### Supporting Maintenance Planning

Visual records support asset reporting and future maintenance by clearly showing improvements and challenges overcome.



# Northern Ward Playgrounds

Korora Park Playground, Ahipara – 52m<sup>3</sup>





Awanui Centre Park Playground, Awanui –  
52m<sup>3</sup>



Cable Bay Reserve Playground, Cable Bay – 42m<sup>3</sup>  
New capping installed around retaining wall  
perimeter





Coopers Beach Playground, Coopers Beach – 44m<sup>3</sup>

Marchant Reserve Playground, Hihi Beach – 60m<sup>3</sup>  
New retaining wall and capping installed around  
playground perimeter



Waioatare Reserve Playground, Tokerau Beach – 18m<sup>3</sup>



# Western Ward Playgrounds

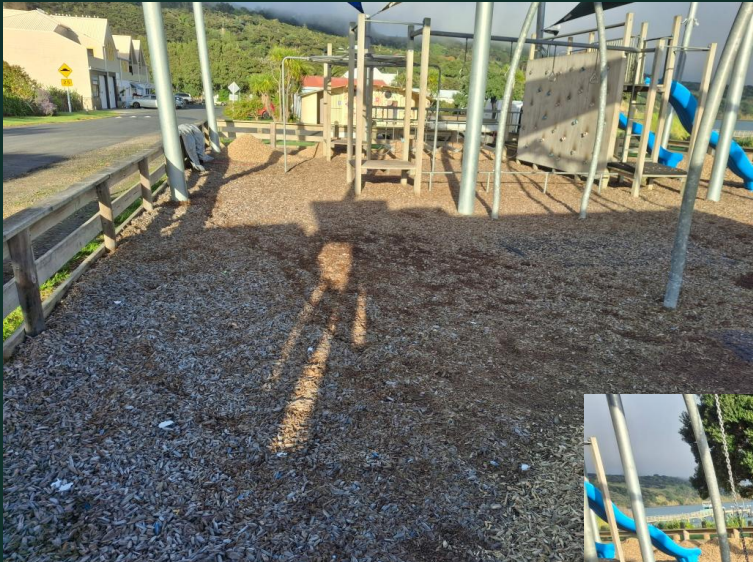
Library Square, Marino Court Playground, Kaikohe – 10m<sup>3</sup>



French Reserve Playground, Horeke – 10m<sup>3</sup>  
New capping installed around retaining wall perimeter



Rawene School Playground, Rawene – 56m<sup>3</sup>



Freese Park Playground,  
Omapere – 42m<sup>3</sup>



# Eastern Ward Playgrounds

Rangitane Reserve Playground, Rangitane – 30m<sup>3</sup>  
New capping installed around retaining wall perimeter



Taupo Bay Reserve Playground, Taupo Bay – 70m<sup>3</sup>



Tauranga Bay Reserve Playground, Tauranga Bay – 36m<sup>3</sup>  
New retaining wall and capping installed around  
playground perimeter



Totara North Reserve Playground, Totara North – 36m<sup>3</sup>



Nisbet Park Playground, Moerewa – 36m<sup>3</sup>  
New retaining wall and capping installed around  
playground perimeter





Taumatamakuku Reserve Playground,  
Moerewa – 10m<sup>3</sup>  
New capping installed around retaining wall perimeter



Te Tii Beach Playground, Paihia – 56m<sup>3</sup>



## 5.4 INFRASTRUCTURE - CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME UPDATE

**File Number:** A5835744

**Author:** Matt Richardson, Manager - Infrastructure Delivery

**Authoriser:** Tanya Proctor, Head of Infrastructure

### TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide an update on the status of the 2024-2027 Infrastructure Capital Works Programme to Te Koukou Committee as of 31 May 2026, excluding Transportation.

### WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This report provides an update on the delivery of the 2024-2027 Infrastructure Capital Works Programme, excluding Rooding.
- As at the current reporting period, \$72.79 million of the total \$158.18 million programme has been spent or contractually committed.
- Additional planning considerations apply to water and wastewater projects as Council prepares to transition to Ngā Wai o Te Tai Tokerau on 1 July 2027.
- The report highlights the importance of active programme management to maintain delivery momentum.
- Key areas of focus include prioritising construction ready projects and making timely decisions on rephasing or deferral where appropriate.
- Te Koukou has delegations to review the effectiveness of – financial spend and reprogramming of capital works, operational performance including monitoring and reporting of significant projects and the delivery of quality infrastructure and district facilities.

### TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

**That Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure receive the report Infrastructure - Capital Works Programme Update.**

### TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

The 2024-2027 Infrastructure Capital Works Programme was adopted through the Long Term Plan (LTP) to deliver Council's planned investment for the next three years across the portfolios of Three Waters, Maritime Assets, District Facilities and Associated Infrastructure, with a focus on Rooding, Compliance and Storm Recovery.

Delivery of the programme continues to be influenced by a range of factors, including consenting complexity, detailed design and investigations, contractor and resource availability, cost escalation, and seasonal and weather-related impacts. As a result, while a number of projects are progressing as planned or under construction, others have experienced changes to timing as design and delivery risks are better understood and managed.

As the current Long Term Plan period progresses towards Year 3 (2026/2027), a review of the Infrastructure Capital Works Programme has identified specific projects where delivery prior to 30 June 2027 is at increased risk. In these cases, proposed timing adjustments are intended to improve programme realism, reduce financial risk, and ensure projects are sufficiently advanced before construction funding is committed.

This update provides the Te Koukou Committee with current context on the Infrastructure Capital Works Programme and highlights where timing changes are proposed to align budgets with project readiness and delivery capability, while retaining the overall intent and priorities of the adopted Long Term Plan.

The following table presents a financial summary of 2024-2027 LTP Budget vs Actual Expenditure across Infrastructure Asset Portfolios as at 31 May 2026.

Asset Type	2024-2027 Budget	2024-2027 Actual + Commitments	% Committed	% Available Budget
Water	\$50,066,530	\$31,498,531	62.91	37.09
Wastewater	\$83,952,068	\$29,897,614	35.61	64.39
Stormwater	\$10,114,615	\$3,607,470	35.67	64.33
District Facilities	\$12,694,903	\$7,599,824	59.87	40.13
Solid Waste	\$1,352,412	\$100,445	7.43	92.57
Total	\$158,180,528	\$72,793,884	46.02	53.98

## MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

As at the current reporting period, 31 May 2026, the 2024-2027 Infrastructure Capital Works Programme has an approved budget of \$158.18 million, of which \$72.79 million (46%) has been spent or contractually committed. This leaves 54% of the programme uncommitted as the Long Term Plan period moves into the final stages of Year 2.

Delivery performance varies by asset class. Water projects are the most advanced, with 62.9% committed, reflecting stronger project readiness. In contrast, Wastewater (35.6%), Stormwater (35.7%), District Facilities (59.9%) and Solid Waste (7.4%) are not as advanced. It should be noted as illustrated in the MS Project Gantt Chart in Appendix 1, that a number of projects are approaching completion of detailed design and will be progressed through procurement to contract award within the next 2-3 months. Options are being considered to bundling procurement of contracts together to expedite procurement and delivery.

### Updates on key significant projects in delivery are provided below:

- Kaitāia /Kerikeri Water Treatment Plant Fluoridation – Package A (Provision of Fluoride Equipment and Buildings): Manufacturing of equipment is now complete, and installation has commenced at the Kerikeri Water Treatment Plant. Package B (Civil Works): Works continue to progress on schedule with final enabling works taking place at the Kaitāia Water Treatment Plant. Completion and commissioning are planned for early July.
- Rāwene Smart Water Meters Installation – Installation of 275 new smart water meters has commenced with completion planned for end of June 2026. The new meters with real time reporting data will be incorporated into Council's billing and RFS systems. Benefits include reduced water loss, lower operating costs and improved revenue accuracy. The rollout of the meters was a resultant of an estimated current water leak rate of approx. 27% across the Rāwene water network.
- Haruru – Kaipatiki Rise Watermain Upgrade – Tender in the process of being awarded.
- Kaitāia Wastewater Network Overflows Stage 1 – Project has reached practical completion, and commissioning is now in process. The project involved a new wastewater main between the Bank St Engineered Overflow Point (EOP) and Bonnets Rd and additional emergency storage at Bonnets Rd.
- Waipapa Baysport Carpark Resurfacing – Project progresses on schedule with pavement works and sealing complete, final carpark marking remains prior to completion.

- Lake Ohia Hall Renewals – Health and Safety Renewal Works are progressing on schedule with the project reaching the 70% completion phase.
- Projects currently in the tender/award phase:
  - Kaitāia – Stormwater Floodgate Improvements
  - District Wide – Wastewater Critical Spares Programme
  - Haruru – Kaipatiki Rise Watermain Upgrade
  - Pukenui – Coastal Walkway Stage 2
- Projects due to go live on the Government Electronic Tendering System (GETS) in June include:
  - Kaitāia – Parkdale Crescent Stormwater Culvert
  - Kaitāia – Resource Recovery Centre New Bridge

## **PĀNGA PŪTEA ME NGĀ WĀHANGA TAHUA / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION**

The 2024-2027 Infrastructure Capital Works Programme has a total approved budget of \$158.18 million, of which at the end of May 2026, \$72.79 million (46%) has been spent or contractually committed to date. The balance of \$85.34 million (54%) remains available across the remainder of the current Long Term Plan.

The financial implications of this report are programme-related rather than project specific. No additional funding is sought, and there is no change to the total approved budgets at this stage. The focus is on monitoring delivery confidence, identifying projects where funding can be effectively utilised within the current Long Term Plan period and recognising where timing adjustments may be required to avoid underspend and repeated reforecasting.

For Water and Wastewater activities, financial planning is also influenced by the transfer of assets and responsibilities to Ngā Wai o Te Tai Tokerau from 1 July 2027. This requires careful management of remaining capital commitments to ensure projects are delivered prior to transition are appropriately funded, while projects not achievable within the current timeframe are identified early and aligned with the next Long Term Plan and the transition framework.

Any proposed rephasing, deferral, or transfer of budget arising from programme reviews will be subject to further reporting and approval through Te Koukou and Council and will be reflected in future programme forecasts and the development of the 2027–2037 Long Term Plan. There is no immediate impact on rates, debt limits, or funding sources as a result of this update.

For water and wastewater, there is an additional transition risk associated with the planned transfer of assets and responsibilities to Ngā Wai o Te Tai Tokerau on 1 July 2027. Projects that are not clearly deliverable prior to this date may require deferral or realignment, and failure to clearly identify these projects early increases the risk of funding uncertainty, scope duplication, or misalignment between responsibilities. Active programme management and early decision-making are required to mitigate both underspend and transition-related risks.

## **ĀPITIHINGA / ATTACHMENTS**

1. **2024-2027 Infrastructure Capital Works Programme - 31 May 2026 - A5837037**  









## 5.5 WATER SERVICES OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT

**File Number:** A5836512  
**Author:** Scott Smith, Manager - Waters  
**Authoriser:** Tanya Proctor, Head of Infrastructure

### TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To inform elected members of the performance of the Operations and Maintenance contract against the current contracted Key performance Indicators

### WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report provides a monthly overview of the operational status of the Waters contract that Far North District Council holds with Ventia. It covers the at-a-glance summary, purpose, operational context, water supply operations, wastewater operations and network performance, contractor performance and maintenance delivery, health, safety and wellbeing, compliance and regulatory performance, asset condition, risk and emerging issues, and summary matters for noting.

### TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

**That Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure receive the report Water Services Operations Monthly Report.**

### TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

Monthly oversight of the performance of the waters contract for the information of elected members. This report aims to give that oversight and transparency.

### MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

The attached report document gives an overview for the month laid out as per the executive summary.

The report shows the status of the contracted Key Performance Indicators.

The Key Performance Indicators are currently under review to ensure they are still fit for purpose and achieve the service delivery levels we expect for this contract.

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

There are no financial or budget implications

### ĀPITIHINGA / ATTACHMENTS

1. Te Koukou May 26 Operational Report - A5836548 [↓](#) 

# Te Koukou Committee – Elected Member Dashboard

## May 2026 Three Waters Contract and Operational Performance Report

### At a Glance

- Overall status: Core water, wastewater, and stormwater services remained operational throughout May 2026. Operational performance improved compared with April, particularly through the recovery of planned preventative maintenance delivery. However, asset condition issues continued to drive reactive work, especially on ageing asbestos cement water mains and wastewater pump station assets.
- Contract performance: Urgent response time targets for both water and wastewater were achieved. Water urgent median attend and resolve times were 0.15 hours and 2.50 hours respectively, against targets of ≤2 hours and ≤4 hours. Sewer urgent median attend and resolve times were 0.78 hours and 1.90 hours respectively, also against targets of ≤2 hours and ≤4 hours.
- Key events: May recorded five urgent water breaks, including repeated failures on the Mill Lane asbestos cement main in Kerikeri and additional failures in Kaikohe. Two wastewater overflows were recorded districtwide, both in Kaitaia; neither was reported as discharging into water.
- Governance position: No formal decisions are required this month. The report highlights matters requiring ongoing management attention, including urgent renewal need for the Mill Lane watermain, pump station resilience, wastewater overflow prevention, SCADA and telemetry reliability, and continuation of the planned maintenance recovery programme.

### Key Risks and Issues

- Ongoing failures of ageing asbestos cement water mains remain a material service reliability risk. The Mill Lane Kerikeri 100NB AC watermain experienced its sixth and seventh breaks, with Ventia noting significant disruption and discontent for affected businesses and the importance of this water main for supply to the eastern side of Kerikeri. Mitigation requires urgent renewal prioritisation, further fault trend monitoring, and operational contingency planning for repeat-failure sections.
- Wastewater overflow risk remains present in constrained networks and known blockage-prone areas. In May, both overflows were associated with Kaitaia, including one event at 64 North Road where the sewer main was overwhelmed by flows from Donald Road pump station and one at 84 Pukepoto Road due to a line blockage. Mitigation includes operational response, hydroblasting of known problem areas as required, and prioritisation of network constraints.
- Pump station reliability is an emerging operational risk. Significant issues occurred at Pumpstation 2 Tuatahi/River in Kerikeri, including the failure of one pump and significant damage to the impeller of a second pump. A pump was temporarily relocated from a Paihia pump station to maintain service, and the Paihia variable speed drive was identified as failing. Mitigation requires renewal planning and critical spare/contingency review.
- Deferred hydroblasting planned maintenance remains a residual risk. No hydroblasting PMs were issued in May because this work has been put on hold for the current quarter and is scheduled to resume in July 2026. Known problem areas are to be checked and cleared as needed, with emergency works continuing to be available through contractors.
- SCADA and telemetry limitations continue to affect operational visibility. The May report identifies ongoing automation and PLC issues at several sites, including Sweetwater automation remaining unrepaired, and Hihi WWTP PLC and remote connection issues. These limitations increase reliance on manual follow-up and local operator knowledge.

## Assurance to Committee

Council has continued to receive appropriate management assurance over the delivery of the three waters operations and maintenance contract during May 2026. Service continuity was maintained; urgent response obligations were achieved and planned preventative maintenance delivery materially improved compared with April. Where exceptions occurred—particularly repeat watermain failures, wastewater overflow events, wastewater pump station issues, and deferred hydroblasting PMs—these have been recorded and are being actively managed through operational response, contract management, renewal planning, and asset risk processes.

## Contract Performance Dashboard – May 2026

The following dashboard provides a concise month-end view of contract performance for May 2026. It is intended to support Te Koukou Committee’s monitoring role by summarising operational performance, major contract measures, key infrastructure risks, compliance matters, and current-month cost visibility for this critical service.

Area	Measure	May 2026	Target	Status	Commentary
Water faults	Urgent attend / resolve (median hours)	0.15 / 2.50	≤2 / ≤4	On target	Urgent water attendance and resolution were achieved. Five urgent water submissions were recorded, mainly in Kerikeri and Kaikohe.
Wastewater faults	Urgent attend / resolve (median hours)	0.78 / 1.90	≤2 / ≤4	On target	Urgent wastewater performance remained within the target.
Wastewater overflows	Total sewerage overflow submissions	2	Monitor trend	Watch	Two overflows were recorded in May; both were in Kaitiāia and neither was reported as going to water.
Spill management KPI	Overflow allowance per month	1	1.5/month	On target	Dry-weather overflow count was within the monthly allowance.
Planned maintenance	Completion rate	97%	100% expected programme delivery	Near target	Planned maintenance delivery significantly improved, with 301 of 311 PMs completed and 185 of 186 ground maintenance PMs completed.
Health and safety	Recorded injuries	No serious harm identified in provided May report	Zero serious harm	Acceptable	May report provides H&S statistics, but no serious harm events reported
Water compliance	Drinking water compliance	Reporting provided	90% consent action attainment	Watch	May water compliance

	position				reporting was provided
Wastewater compliance	Consent compliance position	Reporting provided	90% consent action attainment	Watch	May wastewater compliance reporting was provided
Customer/service quality	Meter read accuracy / reinstatement satisfaction	99.89% / 100%	90% / 75%	On target	Meter read accuracy and reinstatement satisfaction remained materially above target.
Financial overview	Monthly O&M costs	Reported in May operational report image only	Budget monitored separately	Monitor	Reported May operating costs totaled approximately \$1.22m excluding electricity and \$1.37m including electricity.

Management focus for June 2026: progress renewal decision-making for the Mill Lane Kerikeri watermain, confirm pump station renewal and contingency requirements, maintain planned maintenance performance, continue overflow reduction activities in known wastewater constraint areas, and verify May operational cost information before final financial reporting to Committee.

### Committee Relevance and Terms of Reference Alignment

This report supports Te Koukou Committee's Terms of Reference by enabling monitoring of the financial and operational performance of Council's infrastructure activities, oversight of major contract performance measures, review of infrastructure-related risks, and awareness of compliance and consent matters. No approvals, budget decisions, or policy changes are sought through this report.

## Monthly Operational Report – May 2026

## 1. Purpose and Governance Context

This report provides Te Koukou Committee with oversight of the operation and maintenance of Council's water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure for May 2026, including the performance of the principal service delivery contract. It supports the Committee's governance role in monitoring infrastructure performance, risk, compliance, and contract delivery.

## 2. Operational Context for the Month

May 2026 saw improved planned maintenance delivery compared with April. The operational report notes a significant improvement in planned preventative maintenance completion, driven particularly by completion of ground maintenance activities. Overall completion reached 97%, with 301 of 311 planned maintenance tasks completed. Ground maintenance completion reached 99%, with 185 of 186 activities completed.

Despite this improvement, May continued to highlight the vulnerability of legacy assets across the district. Watermain failures were concentrated on ageing asbestos cement assets, and wastewater network risk remained evident through overflows in Kaitaia and pump station asset failures in Kerikeri. These issues are consistent with rural, dispersed networks where asset age, limited redundancy, and location-specific access constraints can result in operational disruption.

## 3. Water Supply Operations

Five urgent water breaks were recorded during May. Two urgent breaks occurred in Kerikeri and three in Kaikohe. The Kerikeri breaks were both on the Mill Lane 100NB asbestos cement watermain and represented the sixth and seventh breaks on that line. The operational report states these failures are a result of the poor condition of the line and are causing significant disruption and discontent for Mill Lane businesses.

The Mill Lane main is also identified as one of the main supply lines feeding the eastern side of Kerikeri. Further failure has the potential to materially affect distribution across Kerikeri. On that basis, renewal of this main should be treated as a high-priority asset risk rather than routine reactive maintenance.

Ten unplanned outages were notified during May 2026. The report states there were no planned outages in the district during May. A total of 55 RFSs were received for minor water breaks and leaks. The highest number of minor breaks was in Paihia, followed by Kerikeri, Kaikohe, Kaitāia, and Ōpononi. No minor breaks were reported in Rāwene or Ōkaihau during May.

A further 96 other water reticulation-related RFSs were recorded: 77 in the southern schemes and 19 in the Kaitāia northern scheme. These included meter faults, fire hydrant faults, missing or damaged covers, service location requests, water pressure issues, and taste and odour issues.

## 4. Wastewater Operations and Network Performance

Two wastewater overflows were recorded districtwide during May. Both spills were associated with Kaitaia, although one was attributed to hydraulic overloading of the gravity main rather than a solid blockage. Neither spill was reported as discharging into water.

The significant events summary identifies a sewer spill to ground at 64 North Road caused by the sewer main being overwhelmed by flows from Donald Road pump station. The report notes that this has occurred on numerous occasions because the discharge from the rising main feeds the same manhole as the lateral servicing 64 North Road. A further sewer spill to ground occurred at 84 Pukepoto Road due to a line blockage. The line was hydro blasted and cleared, and the site was cleaned and disinfected.

Low pressure sewer systems generated 35 RFSs in May, down from 48 in April. These were split between the northern schemes and southern schemes. Awanui and Kerikeri each recorded nine RFSs, Kaitaia Wireless Road recorded eight, Opua recorded five, and Ngāwhā Springs recorded four.

No hydroblasting planned maintenance activities were issued during May, as this work has been put on hold for the current quarter and is to be rescheduled for July 2026. Known problem areas are to be checked and cleared as needed, with emergency hydroblasting continuing through available contractors.

Pump station reliability was a material issue during May. Significant issues were experienced at Pumpstation 2 Tuatahi/River in Kerikeri, with failure of one pump and significant damage to the impeller of a second pump of a different model. A pump was temporarily moved from a Paihia pump station to maintain operation until a new pump is obtained and installed. During this work, the variable speed drive in the Paihia station was identified as failing and requiring replacement when the pump is returned.

## 5. Contractor Performance and Maintenance Delivery

Urgent response performance during May remained strong and within target. The KPI table reports water urgent median attendance at 0.15 hours and median resolution at 2.50 hours. Sewer urgent median attendance was 0.78 hours, and median resolution was 1.90 hours. These results are within the contract targets of two hours for attendance and four hours for resolution.

Planned preventative maintenance completion improved significantly in May. Ventia reported completion of 301 out of 311 planned maintenance tasks, equivalent to 97%. Ground maintenance was a major contributor to the overall result, with 185 of 186 ground maintenance PMs completed, or 99%.

This improvement indicates that the contractor has recovered momentum following wet ground constraints experienced in April. The next management focus should be sustaining this performance, ensuring deferred hydroblasting PMs do not create a future overflow risk, and actively tracking any tasks delayed by access, weather, or contractor capacity limitations.

## 6. Health, Safety and Wellbeing

The May operational report includes a health and safety statistics slide. The extractable content did not identify any specific fatalities, serious harm events, or lost-time injuries. The report should therefore be read as providing routine H&S monitoring, with any detailed event-level commentary to be confirmed against the contractor's H&S statistics source material before final issue.

Operationally, the month continued to involve higher-risk activities, including excavation and repair of watermain failures, wastewater overflow response, pump station equipment changes, treatment plant maintenance, and remote site works. Continued attention should be given to traffic management, confined space controls, hygiene and contamination controls, lifting and mechanical handling, and working around ageing electrical and mechanical assets.

## 7. Compliance and Regulatory Performance

The May report includes water and wastewater compliance reporting slides. Detailed exception commentary was not extractable from the provided slide text. Based on the available information, no new systemic compliance issue is identified, but wastewater overflow events and known asset limitations remain relevant to compliance risks.

From a strict compliance perspective, wastewater overflows and any associated environmental effects require continued management under consent, incident notification, spill response, and reporting requirements. From a practical rural council risk perspective, the focus should remain on timely response, containment, clean-up,

notification where required, recurrence prevention at known locations, and documenting the asset renewal or operational controls needed to reduce repeat events.

## **8. Asset Condition, Risks and Emerging Issues**

May operations reinforce persistent asset condition risks. The most significant water asset issue is the Mill Lane Kerikeri AC main, which has now experienced repeated failures and is identified in the operational report as requiring urgent renewal. Given its role in supplying the eastern side of Kerikeri, further failures could create a wider customer impact than a localised break alone.

Wastewater network risks remain concentrated around known constraint and blockage locations in Kaitia, including North Road and Pukepoto Road. The North Road issue appears to have a recurring hydraulic interaction with Donald Road pump station flows, which suggests the need for asset-level review rather than incident-by-incident response only.

Pump station resilience is a further emerging issue. The Tuatahi/River pump station event required temporary relocation of a pump from Paihia, and the subsequent discovery of a failing Paihia VSD indicates interconnected operational risk across schemes when critical spares are moved between sites.

Asset issues and renewal requests identified in May include Russell Sewer Treatment Plant infeed pump replacement, Mill Lane watermain replacement, Kawakawa Transfer Pipeline under State Highway 11, and Paihia Zonal Meters for network monitoring. These should be prioritised through established assets, renewal, and capital planning processes.

## **9. Summary and Matters for Noting**

Core three waters services were maintained throughout May 2026, and the operations and maintenance contract performed at an acceptable overall level. The month showed a clear recovery in planned maintenance delivery and strong urgent response performance. However, repeated watermain failures, wastewater overflow recurrence, pump station asset failures, and deferred hydroblasting PMs require continued management attention.

A formal endorsement is required of the Committee this month; this is reported separately.

This report is provided to support Te Koukou Committee's monitoring and assurance responsibilities, with a particular focus on successful contract delivery, material asset risks, operational resilience, and compliance awareness.

## 5.6 KAIKOHE INFRASTRUCTURE ACCELERATION FUND UPDATE

**File Number:** A5838765  
**Author:** Dave Collins, DC Civil Services  
**Authoriser:** Tanya Proctor, Head of Infrastructure

### TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This is an update on progress to 30 June 2026 of the Kaikohe Infrastructure Acceleration Fund Programme

### WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Far North District Council has secured \$48.6 million through the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund, with \$23 million allocated to Kaikohe for essential water and wastewater upgrades supporting 365 new homes.
- Key developments include completed designs for water and wastewater reticulation and the Taraire Hills Water Treatment Plant. Construction began in late July 2025, with contracts awarded to Bellcon Limited and United Civil Construction Limited.
- Stakeholder engagement is ongoing, including site meetings with the National Infrastructure Funding and Financing Limited, communications with local residents and schools, and ongoing Council webpage updates.
- Land access agreements have been completed ahead of construction, and professional services actively overseeing construction and manage client risk throughout the project.
- Practical completion has been achieved on the water reticulation upgrade contract in May 2026.
- Commissioning of the Taraire Hills water treatment plant upgrade has commenced with practical completion programmed for July 2026.
- The wastewater reticulation upgrade is in progress with completion programmed for the end of August 2026.
- Funding claims have been submitted monthly and paid by the National Infrastructure Funding and Finance to Council.
- The project is currently forecasting costs above the approved budget on the wastewater reticulation contract. This increase is primarily driven by additional scope required to provide sufficient capacity to support the housing developments. Provisional sums were allowed at tender time for the anticipated scope, but construction costs have exceeded this once detailed design was completed subsequent to contract award. Funding risks and potential programme impacts have been clearly communicated to the funder through monthly reporting processes. The identified budget shortfall can be managed through reallocation within the funded programme, supported by the Council's Kaikohe Wastewater Scheme Improvement budget.

### TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

**That Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure receive the report Kaikohe Infrastructure Acceleration Fund Update.**

## TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

The Infrastructure Acceleration Fund was established by Central Government to support local authorities in accelerating core infrastructure investment to enable housing development. The Far North District Council successfully secured \$48.6 million, with \$23 million allocated to Kaikohe for critical water and wastewater infrastructure upgrades supporting housing developments: the Ex-RSA site, Wihongi Street and Bisset Road.

### The upgrades will support 365 new homes and will include:

- Water reticulation
- Water treatment (Taraire Hills WTP)
- Wastewater reticulation
- Wastewater treatment (on hold)
- Stormwater management (to commence FY26/27)

### Design Progress:

- Taraire Hills water treatment plant: **Complete;**
- Water reticulation upgrade: **Complete;**
- Wastewater reticulation upgrade: **Complete;**
- Wastewater treatment: **Concept design completed and under peer review;**
- Stormwater management (**on hold, linked to Wihongi St development**).

### Construction Progress:

Contractors are actively progressing the construction phase across three key infrastructure contracts, as outlined below:

- **Taraire Hills water treatment plant**

Construction of the new bolted stainless-steel treated water reservoir is complete, testing and disinfection passed the criteria and the reservoir has been connected for supply.

The new pre-treatment plant is programmed to start commissioning during June 2026 and be completed and fully operational mid-July.

Upgrade works to the Wairoro Stream intake were paused during the early April weather events due to risks to the existing plant's ability to maintain water supply to Kaikohe. The stream work has now been deferred until the Spring to mitigate the risk of adverse weather not allowing work in the stream to progress. The value of the stream work is minor and the funder has approved this programme change.

- **Water reticulation upgrade**

All upgraded water pipes have been installed and commissioning completed. Contractual practical completion of the water reticulation project has been achieved.

- **Wastewater reticulation upgrade**

Works continue across five active work fronts; however, several cost and programme pressures have emerged that are impacting the overall project financial position. Delays to critical path activities have arisen due to conflicts with existing power services, unforeseen underground services, and additional scope required to provide capacity for planned housing developments. These factors have resulted in increased construction costs and extended delivery timeframes.

Programme delays and the associated risk of not achieving funding milestones have been reported to National Infrastructure Funding and Finance (NIFF). Despite these risks, no concerns have been raised by the funder to date. Ongoing engagement is being maintained to ensure continued alignment with funding requirements.

At the Wihongi Street Pump Station, ground improvement piling has been completed ahead of programme. Excavation for the pumpstation can now commence during July 2026

The wastewater reticulation contract was tendered prior to completion of detailed design in order to meet funding milestone requirements. Since tender award, detailed design for the

remaining components has been finalised and the contractor has priced the additional scope. This has resulted in an increase in the forecast total project cost beyond the currently approved budget.

The identified budget shortfall can be managed through reallocation within the funded programme, supported by the Council's Kaikohe Wastewater Scheme Improvement budget.

## **MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS**

### **• Housing Development Update**

Earthworks on the Bisset Road development commenced in February 2026 and the contractor is making good visual progress. Offsite prefabrication of 30 dwellings is under construction; a further 61 dwellings will be constructed onsite. When completed the development will be 91 dwellings, this is in line with the housing outcome agreement. Critical infrastructure upgrades currently in construction will be complete to enable this development.

An additional end-of-life wastewater pipeline has been identified for renewal to enhance connection of the Bisset Road development. The renewal design has been completed; however, construction pricing received from the incumbent IAF wastewater contractor was significantly above the allocated budget. A closed tender procurement process is therefore being progressed to secure more competitive pricing for delivery of the works.

### **• Key Risks**

**Wastewater Reticulation** – Programme has been delayed due to additional scope and will affect completion prior to milestone. Funder updates continue to be submitted in the monthly reporting portal and a Delivery Plan update is expected from the funder.

The project is forecasting costs above the approved budget, primarily due to additional scope required to deliver capacity upgrades supporting the housing developments and higher construction pricing following completion of detailed design after contract award. The identified budget shortfall can be managed through reallocation within the funded programme, supported by the Council's Kaikohe Wastewater Scheme Improvement budget.

**Taraire Hills Dam** – The Wairoa stream intake upgrade work was paused to mitigate the risk of water shortage for Kaikohe while the dam was out of service. As a result, the stream intake works are now on the project's critical path and will delay the completion date. The project funder has been updated and agreed to a separable portion for the stream work to be created within the construction contract. This will allow the stream work to be deferred until the Spring season to mitigate the risk of poor adverse weather not allowing work in the stream to progress.

### **• Next Steps**

With all design phase items now been completed the project focus is currently on managing the construction phase. Ensuring health & safety, quality, financial and programme contract commitments are achieved.

Relationship management with all stakeholders to ensure a smooth project completion is critical. Ongoing updates to the Far North District Council media releases, Funder reporting and public relations with effected parties will be actioned.

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

The following information has been provided by Finance in response to a request from the 17 June Te Koukou meeting for information on the rating implication of the IAF Programme:

AVERAGE CAPITAL Rate -		
KAIKOHE	Y1	
Water	\$ 18.22	per connection
Wastewater	\$ 99.01	per connection

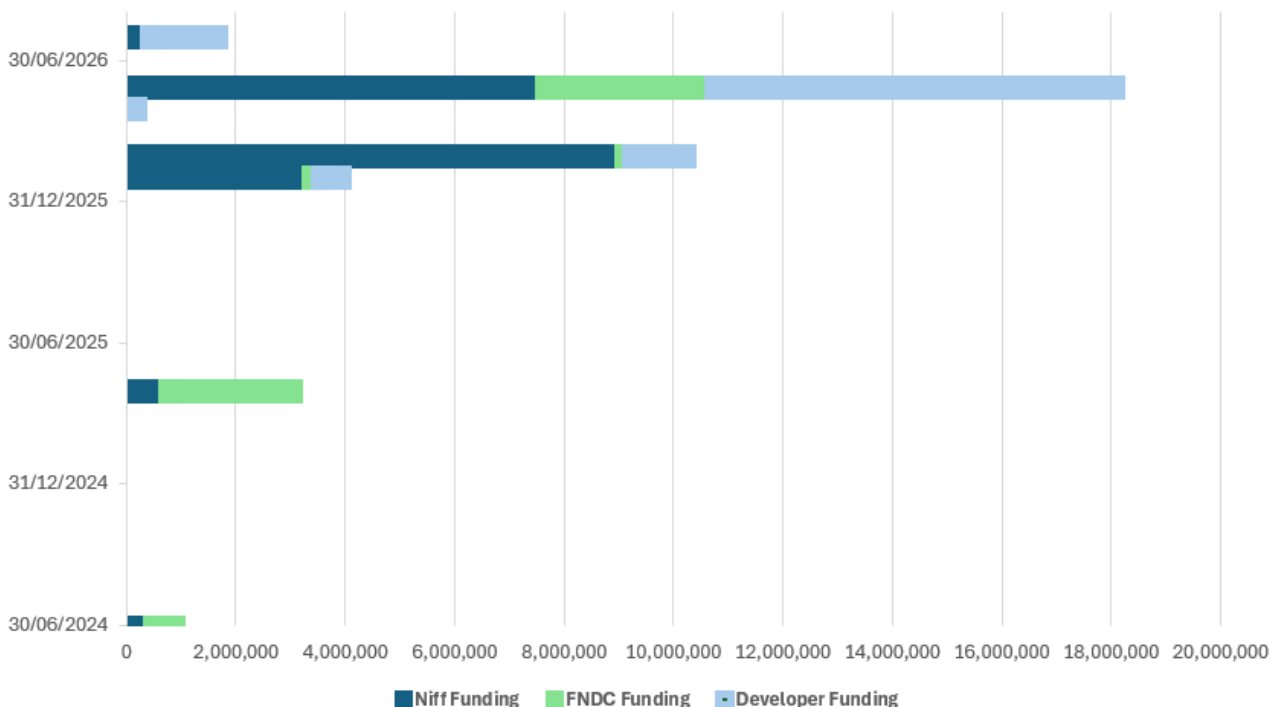
*“This information is based on assumption that the milestone payment will happen within the year of the costs being incurred so interest expense will not be generated. FNDC is taking out the full loan for the required works and then offsetting this against the project loan upon receipt of external funding”*

Long-Term Plan 2024–2027: Budget provisions are in place. Stage 1 and 2 milestones have been met and claims submitted to the funder. Stage 3 (Implementation), monthly construction claims are being submitted through this stage to the funder.

The project is forecasting costs above the approved budget, primarily due to additional scope required to deliver capacity upgrades supporting housing development. The identified budget shortfall can be managed through reallocation within the funded programme, supported by the Council’s Kaikohe Wastewater Scheme Improvement budget.

This graph represents milestone dates as per the requested Variation to the Delivery Plan in the IAF Agreement.

**Funding Sources by Milestone Date**



## ĀPITIHINGA / ATTACHMENTS

Nil

## 5.7 KAWAKAWA INFRASTRUCTURE ACCELERATION FUND UPDATE

**File Number:** A5838838  
**Author:** Dave Collins, DC Civil Services  
**Authoriser:** Tanya Proctor, Head of Infrastructure

### TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This is an update on progress to 30 June 2026 of the Kawakawa Infrastructure Acceleration Fund Programme.

### WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Far North District Council has secured \$48.6 million through the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund, with \$25.6 million allocated to Kawakawa for essential water, wastewater and roading upgrades supporting 310 new homes.
- Key developments include confirmation from Ngāti Hine that the purchase of the land has been completed and we are just awaiting issue of title to submit to National Infrastructure Funding and Financing (NIFF). This satisfies one of two remaining special conditions that restrict FNDC's ability to make claims from NIFF.
- At Council meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026 the Green Acres site proposed for Ngāti Hine housing development was approved for rezoning. Formal notification of the Proposed District Plan and the process is to happen on 30 June 2026, followed by a 30 working day period of appeal.
- NIFF are continuing to progress the variation that will decouple three of the projects from the housing outcomes agreements which will allow FNDC to make progress claims for Water Treatment Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Wastewater Reticulation.
- Water Treatment Plant design has been finalised, procurement approach awaiting approval and contract documents are being drawn up to get ready to release to the market as soon as FNDC can make claims from NIFF. Professional services will also be procured to oversee construction and manage client risk throughout the project.
- Designs are continuing for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water reticulation and Wastewater reticulation.
- Next steps involve completing designs on the projects and releasing tenders to market once funding claims can be made to support the expenditure.
- Te Koukou has the delegation to monitor significant contracts.

### TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

**That Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure receive the report Kawakawa Infrastructure Acceleration Fund Update.**

### TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

The Infrastructure Acceleration Fund was established by Central Government to support local authorities in accelerating core infrastructure investment to enable housing development. The Far North District Council successfully secured \$48.6 million, with \$25.6 million allocated to Kawakawa for critical water and wastewater infrastructure upgrades supporting housing developments, including Te Mataora. The upgrades will support 310 new homes and will include:

- Water reticulation;
- Water treatment (Kawakawa WTP);

- Wastewater reticulation;
- Wastewater treatment (Kawakawa WWTP);
- Transport (Greenacres Drive).

#### **Design Progress:**

- Kawakawa water treatment plant: Design complete, procurement planning progressing, expected tender release July 2026 once NIFF variation processed to enable funding to be paid.
- Water reticulation upgrade: Contract has been awarded, construction on hold awaiting ability to raise claims from NIFF.
- Wastewater reticulation upgrade: Design progressing, expected tender release in July 2026 for award milestone in October.
- Wastewater treatment: Concept design and contract documentation progressing to enable a Design Build contract: expected tender release July/August 2026 for tender award milestone in November.
- Roading: Design in final review stages, procurement planning to begin for tender award milestone in May 2027.

#### **Construction Progress:**

- No projects have started the construction stage yet.

### **MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS**

#### **• Housing Development Update**

The Housing Outcomes Agreement requires the following outcomes:

- 180 dwellings under Te Mataora development which Ngā Kāingamaha ō Ngāti Hine Charitable Trust (Ngāti Hine) are to be delivered between 2028 – 2030, and
- A further 130 dwellings. There is a requirement for Council to encourage the development of these. Timeframes are for these to be delivered 2026 onwards.
  - The IAF Funding agreement requires 10 dwellings to be completed in 2026, and 20 in 2027, FNHL applied for consent in 2025, and funding in 2026.
  - The remainder of the housing obligations are from 2033 onwards.

Release of the IAF funding is contingent on two special conditions relating to Te Mataora development, to be met by November 2026:

- The Greenacres Drive Land is included in a mixed zone area in the Recipient's District Plan.  
PROGRESS UPDATE: At Council meeting on the 11th June 2026 the Green Acres site proposed for Ngāti Hine housing development was approved for rezoning. Formal notification is given on 30 June 2026. If this is given without appeal the special conditions of the NIFF agreement can be met, and claims can be submitted to the funder.
- The Landowner and the Developer entering into a binding unconditional lease of the Greenacres Drive Land, or the Developer otherwise acquiring unconditional rights in the Land.  
PROGRESS UPDATE: Once the title has been issued and submitted to NIFF this Special Condition will be satisfied.

#### **• Key Risks**

Special conditions relating to the Housing outcomes remain the key risk for this project, with claims unable to be made from NIFF until both Special Conditions are satisfied, or the Variation is executed to decouple the majority of the projects from the Special Conditions.

The Water Reticulation upgrade tender was awarded to Ventia, June 2025, to achieve the Stage 2 milestone date. As Construction is on hold until claims can be made from NIFF, this creates a cost escalation risk for Council. Therefore, Council agreed with NIFF that further procurements won't be released to market until funding is able to be accessed, limiting further unnecessary risk.

- **Next Steps**

The project’s focus is on design completion and procurement planning to ensure readiness for tender release as quickly as possible following approval of the NIFF Variation.

Consent applications for both the Wastewater and Water Treatment Plants are progressing to support the construction phase. Submission of these applications is scheduled for July 2026.

- **Elected Member questions from previous report**

**Finance overview requested:** This is included in the financial implications below. Funding sources by Milestones dates requested in the Variation of the current Delivery Plan.

**Information on Rating implications:** The following information has been provided by Finance in response to a request from the 17 June Te Koukou meeting for information on the rating implication of the IAF Programme:

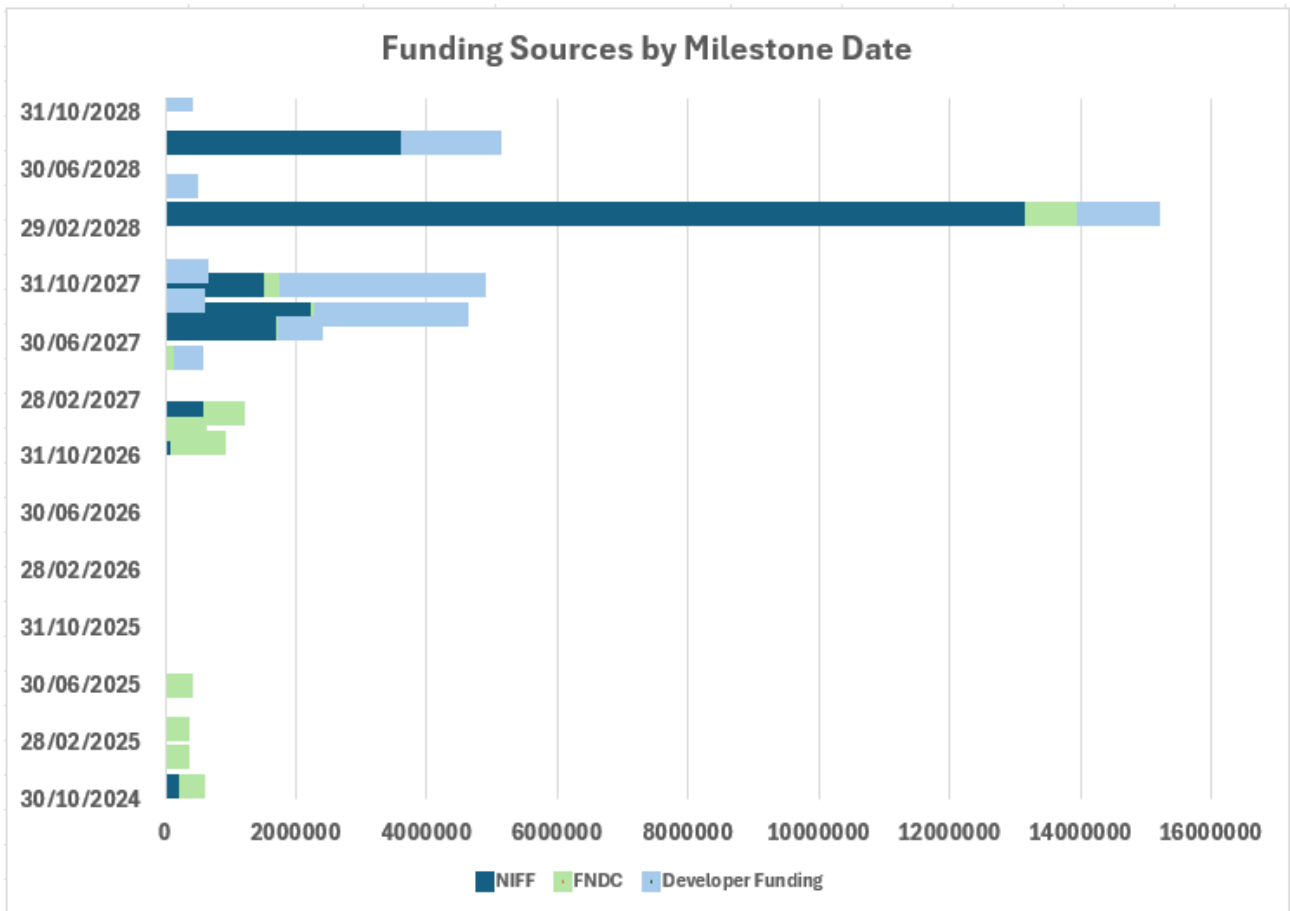
AVERAGE CAPITAL Rate - KAWAKAWA		Y1
Water	\$	37.94 per connection
Wastewater	\$	102.87 per connection

*“This information is based on assumption that the milestone payment will happen within the year of the costs being incurred so interest expense will not be generated. FNDC is taking out the full loan for the required works and then offsetting this against the project loan upon receipt of external funding”*

## **PĀNGA PŪTEA ME NGĀ WĀHANGA TAHUA / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION**

Budget provisions are in place as identified in the Long-Term Plan 2024–2027 as Infrastructure Acceleration Funding.

Under the current Delivery Plan Funding Agreement claims cannot be processed until the Special conditions have been met or the Variation has been approved and executed.



This graph represents milestone dates as per the requested Variation to the Delivery Plan in the IAF Agreement.

The five Projects within the IAF Programme each have varying milestone dates

## ĀPITI HANGA / ATTACHMENTS

Nil

## 5.8 NORTHLAND WASTE LIMITED - SOLID WASTE SERVICES CONTRACT PERFORMANCE REPORT

**File Number:** A5846417

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**Authoriser:** Hilary Sumpter, Group Manager - Delivery and Operations

### TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To update the Committee on Northland Waste Ltd (NWL)'s performance, operational issues, and key trends for April 2026 across the Far North District.

### WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Operational activity has begun to slow as the district moves into winter; however, service delivery remains consistent and aligned with previous years' trends.
- Strong focus continues on health and safety, site maintenance, and improving efficiency across both Northern and Southern contracts.
- Diversion from landfill remains above 50% across both regions, with continued opportunities identified to improve site infrastructure, security, and operational performance.

### TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

**That Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure receive the report Northland Waste Limited - Solid Waste Services Contract Performance Report.**

### TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

- The NWL contract commenced in October 2024 and runs for 10 years, forming the backbone of district-wide waste operations.
- NWL operates 16 Refuse Transfer Stations (RTSs) and 11 Community Recycling Centres (CRCs), plus a seasonal CRC at Ōpua during summer.
- Collected waste and recyclables are consolidated at Kaitaia (North) and Waipapa (South) before residual waste is transported to Puwera Landfill in Whangārei.
- Recovered materials are sorted, contamination-checked, baled, and transported to end markets.
- NWL removes illegal dumping at or near RTS/CRC sites. This remains a significant behaviour-driven operational challenge.
- RTSs accept a wide range of materials including bagged/bulk refuse, green waste, hazardous waste, metals, tyres, whiteware, and (at some sites) vehicle bodies. Nearly all recycling services remain free to the public.

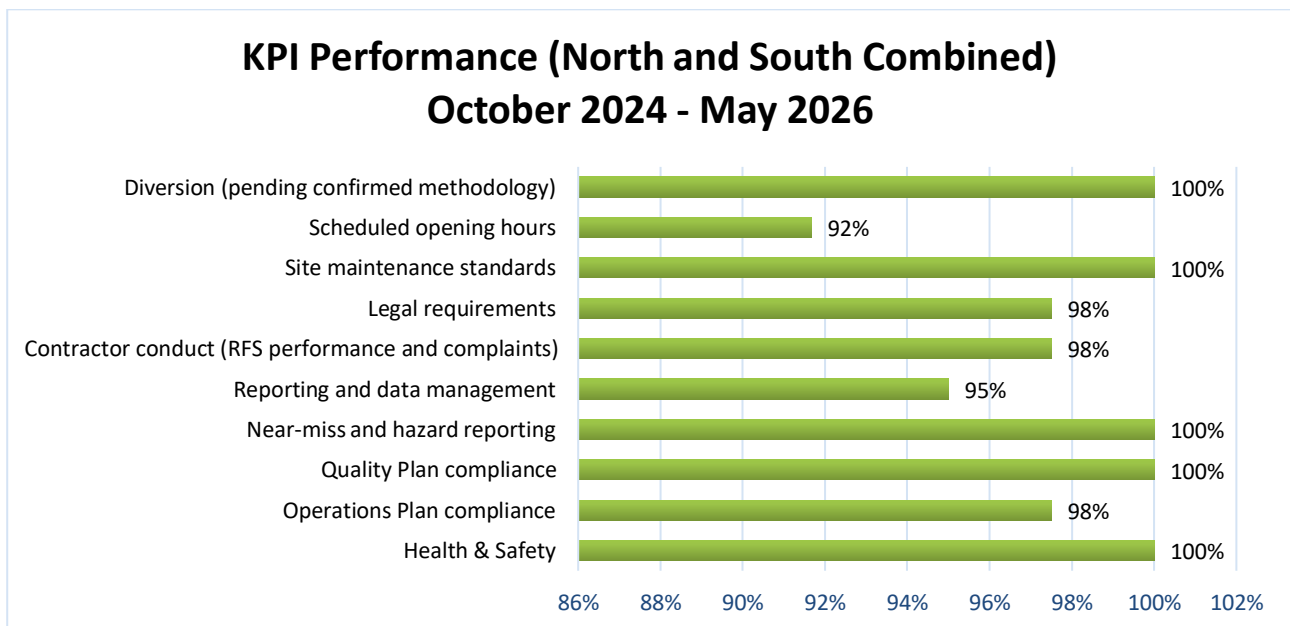
## MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

### Scope of Services

The following table provides a high-level summary of what is in and out of the scope of works for the NWL Agreement for Solid Waste.

In Scope	Out of Scope
<p>Operation and maintenance of all RTSs/CRCs, including staffing, customer service, safety, signage, vegetation and litter control.</p> <p>Transport of waste and recyclables to consolidation facilities at Kaitaia and Waipapa.</p> <p>Transport of residual waste to Puwera Landfill (Whangārei).</p> <p>Processing and transport of recovered materials to end markets.</p> <p>Delivery of annual bulk collections in three areas.</p> <p>Removal of illegal dumping at or near RTS/CRC sites.</p> <p>Compliance with relevant legislation, bylaws, consent conditions, and delivery of monthly KPI reporting.</p>	<p>Kerbside Collection Services</p> <p>Illegal dumping at non-RTS/CRC locations.</p> <p>Approved collection points</p> <p>Event Waste Management</p> <p>Closed landfills</p>

### KPI Framework



### Performance

- The contract continues to perform strongly, with an average KPI score of ~98.1% from the start of the contract demonstrating consistent service delivery.
- Overall performance is now stabilised, with the contract operating at a high and consistent standard.

### Northern Refuse and Recycling Trends (figures 1 – 3)

- The recyclable material stream for May 2026 continues to be dominated by cardboard, which makes up 47.86% of the total volume. Scrap metal remains the next largest component at 19.24%, followed by plastics (including film) at 12.05% and glass at 10.69%. All other material streams—such as aluminium, wood, paper, tyres, and e-waste—make up relatively small proportions. This reinforces that diversion performance is largely driven by a small number of high-volume materials, particularly cardboard and scrap metal.
- Overall trends show that refuse and recycling volumes remain consistent with the same period last year, with expected seasonal slowing as the district moves into winter. Refuse volumes remain relatively steady, while recycling volumes show some variability but follow a similar seasonal pattern to previous years.
- In May 2026, the Northern region recorded approximately 248 tonnes of refuse and 290 tonnes of recycling, achieving a diversion rate of 53.94%, which remains above the rolling average and indicates strong ongoing performance.
- These trends indicate a stable and consistent base level of refuse and recycling activity across the Northern district. While seasonal factors influence volumes, the continued high diversion rate highlights ongoing opportunities to further improve diversion outcomes through targeted recovery of key material streams.

Figure 1 - Northern Sites: Recycling composition

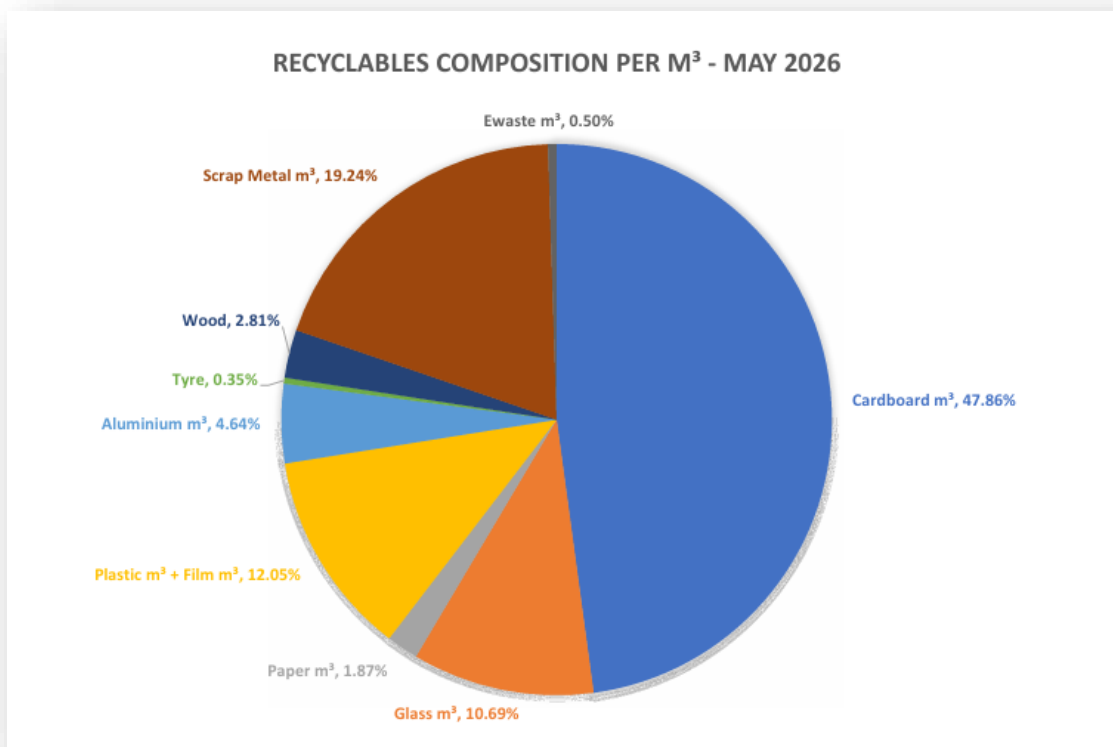


Figure 2 - Northern Sites: Refuse Trends

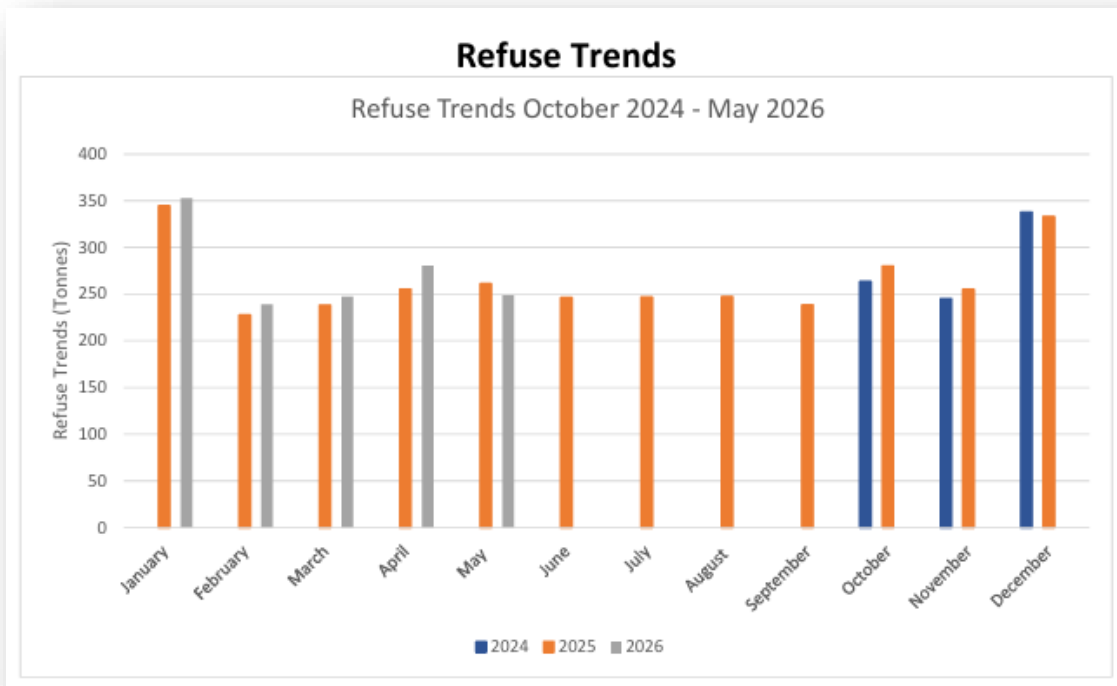
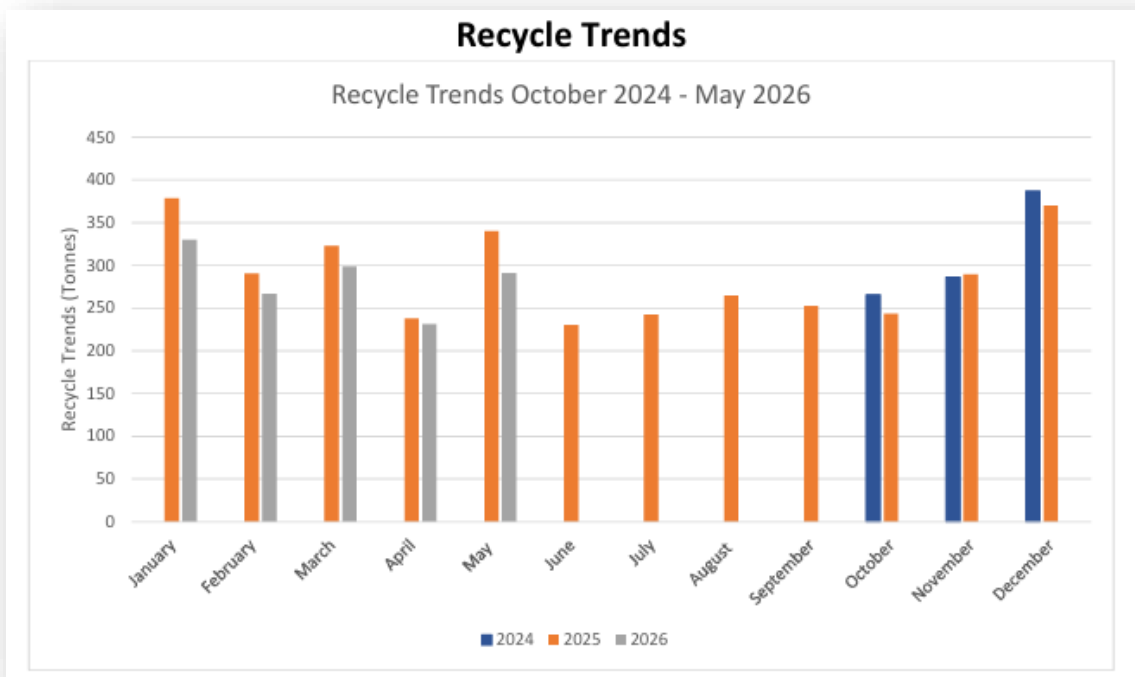


Figure 3 - Northern Sites: Recycle Trends



### Southern Refuse and Recycling Trends (figure 4 – 6)

- The recyclable material composition for May 2026 continues to be driven primarily by cardboard (42.74%), followed by plastics (including film) at 20.76%, glass at 14.70%, and scrap metal at 7.07%. Compared to the Northern region, the Southern composition reflects a more distributed mix of materials, with plastics and glass contributing a stronger share, although cardboard remains the single largest contributor to diversion.
- Refuse trends remain relatively stable across the year, with moderate month-to-month variation and seasonal increases typically occurring toward the end of the year. May 2026 volumes are consistent with previous years and reflect the expected seasonal slowdown heading into winter, indicating a steady baseline of waste generation.
- Recycling trends follow a similar seasonal pattern, with greater variability than refuse. Volumes tend to reduce during the winter months and increase later in the year. Despite this seasonal decline, recycling volumes in May 2026 remain consistent with historical trends, supporting stable diversion outcomes.
- In May 2026, the Southern region recorded approximately 431.75 tonnes of recycling and 410.61 tonnes of refuse, achieving a diversion rate of 51.25%, which remains above the 6-month rolling average. This indicates a consistent level of diversion performance, despite seasonal influences on material volumes.

Figure 4 - Southern Sites: Recyclables composition

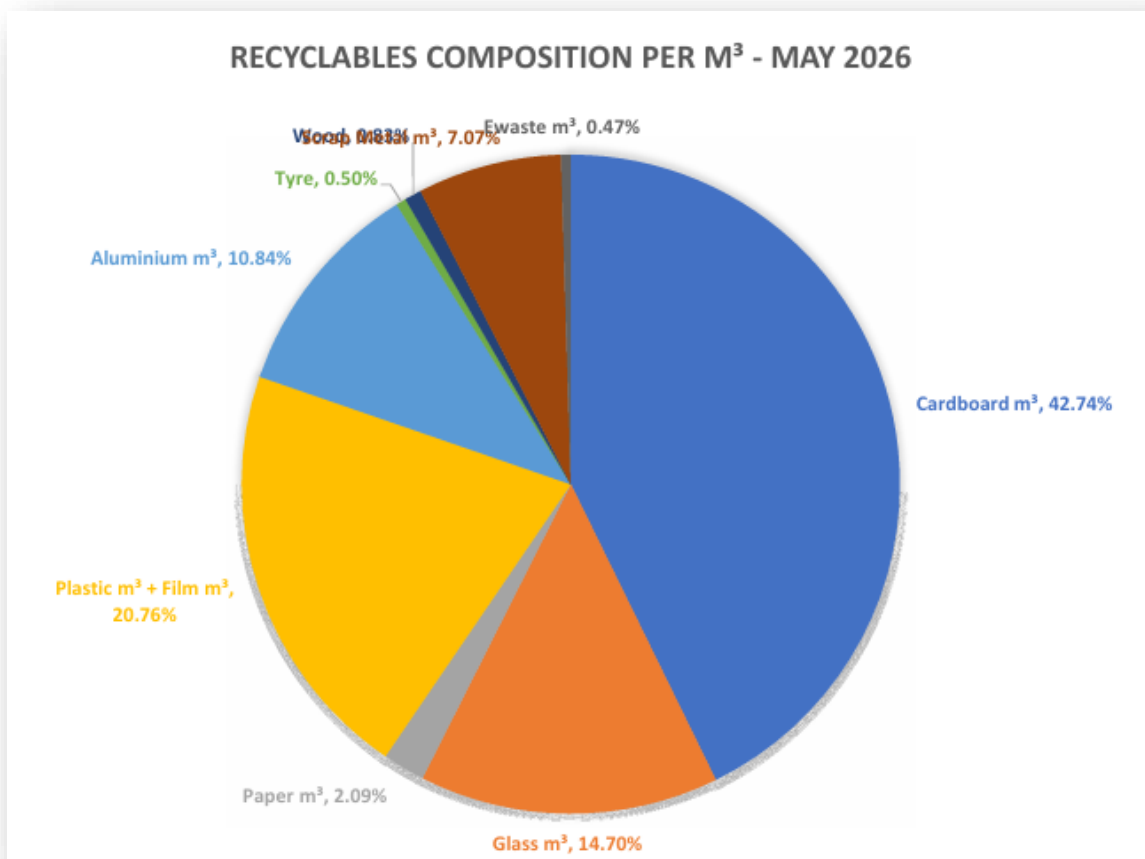


Figure 5 - Southern Sites: Refuse Trends

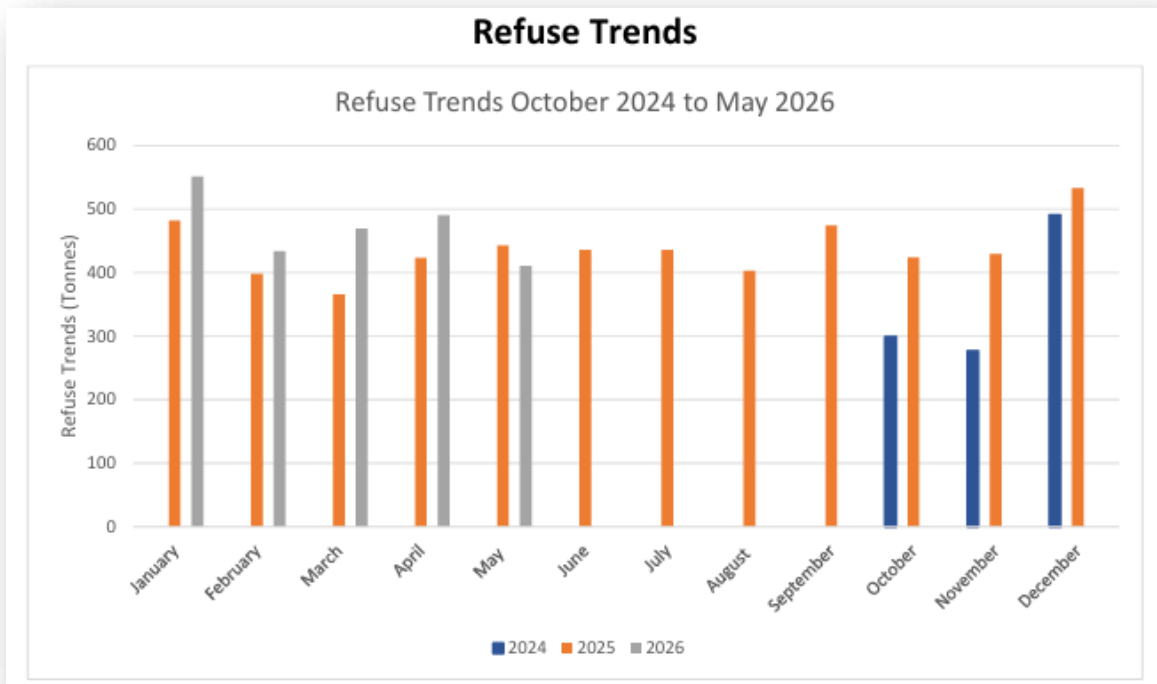
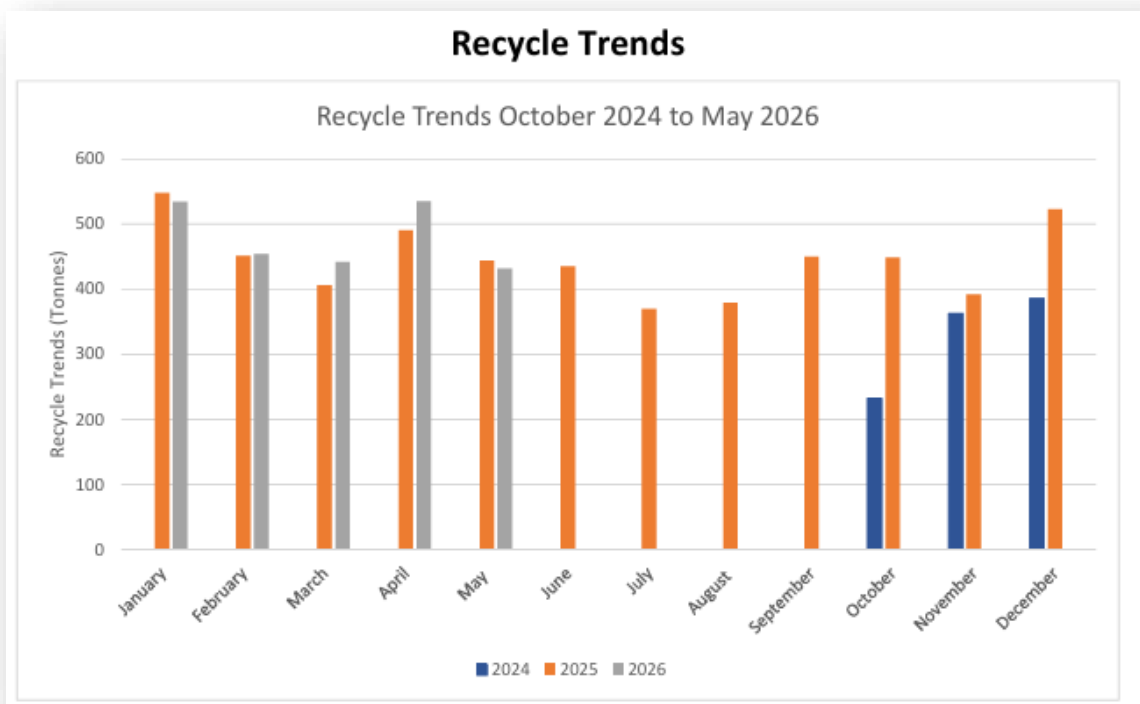


Figure 6 - Southern Sites: Recycle Trends



## Projects and Contract Management Actions

### Upcoming Projects / Workstreams

- **Herekino RTS Improvement Project:** Community engagement was held on 23 June, with strong attendance and positive feedback from residents and the Te Hiku Community Board. There is clear support for proposed improvements, including enhanced security, site layout changes to reduce illegal dumping, and site beautification (fencing and murals). Work is now underway with FNDC and the contractor to progress design, pricing, and implementation, alongside ongoing community updates.
- **CCTV deployment:** A mobile camera was installed at Herekino Refuse Transfer Station on 30 June to improve site monitoring and deter illegal dumping. Cameras have also been deployed at other approved collection points; however, these locations sit outside the scope of the Solid Waste Contract.
- **Collaborative Working Group:** A governance-style working group has been established between FNDC and NWL, with the first meeting scheduled for July 2026. This forum will provide an opportunity to discuss key performance matters, including the diversion KPI.
- **Fees and Charges 2026/27:** Council approved the Fees and Charges Schedule on 25 June, confirming the new charges for implementation in the 2026/27 financial year. The next step is to update all site signage to reflect the new fees. It is proposed that the changes be in effect from 1 August 2026, allowing time to communicate and promote the updates to customers ahead of rollout.

## ĀPITI HANGA / ATTACHMENTS

Nil

## 5.9 TRANSPORTATION - OPERATIONAL AND ROAD SAFETY VERBAL UPDATE

**File Number:** A5865281

**Author:** Natasha Rmandic, Democracy Advisor

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### TE TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide a mechanism for verbal updates from Group Manager – Corporate Services on Transportation - Operational and Road Safety. The verbal reports provide an update to Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure on matters of interest or concern to the Committee.

### NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

**That Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure note the verbal June 2026 Transportation – Operational and Road Safety update.**

### 1) TE TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

In the absence of formal written reports this provides a mechanism for verbal updates to be provided at the meeting.

### 2) TE MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

An update on Transport Operations will be provided.

### TAKE TŪTOHUNGA / REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

To keep members of Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure fully informed on matters of interest relating to Transport Operations.

### 3) NGĀ 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.

### NGĀ ĀPITIHINGA / ATTACHMENTS

Nil

## RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution</b>
<b>6.1 - Confirmation of Previous Minutes - Public Excluded</b>	<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>	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
<b>6.2 - Variation to Contract - Districtwide Water and Wastewater SCADA Telemetry Upgrades</b>	<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 who is the subject of the information</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 or section 7
<b>6.3 - Kaitāia Wastewater Treatment Plant Desludging Programme Variation</b>	<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 who 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</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 or section 7

	disadvantage, commercial activities	
<b>6.4 - Water Operations Contract</b>	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
<b>6.5 - Contract 7/24/27 - Kaitiāia Wastewater Overflows Stage 1 Variation Approval</b>	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information  s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
<b>6.6 - Transportation - Capital Works Update</b>	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information  s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

**7 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA / CLOSING PRAYER**

**8 TE KAPINGA HUI / MEETING CLOSE**