



Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ngāmotu  
**New Plymouth  
District Council**

# **COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday 18 February 2026  
at 1pm**

**Council Chamber  
Liardet Street, New Plymouth**

**Chairperson:**

Mayor Max

Brough

**Members:**

Cr EJ

Barrett

Cr Sam

Bennett

Cr Gina

Blackburn

Cr Gordon

Brown

Cr David

Bublitz

Cr Graham

Chard

Cr Murray

Chong

Cr Christine

Fabish

Cr Damon

Fox

Cr Moira

George

Cr Te Waka

McLeod

Cr Dinnie

Moeahu

Cr Kerry

Vosseler

Cr John

Woodward

### **Purpose of Local Government**

The reports contained in this agenda address the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to decision making. Unless otherwise stated, the recommended option outlined in each report meets the purpose of local government and:

- Promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.
- Would not alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of Council, or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from Council.

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## **APOLOGIES / NGĀ MATANGARO**

None advised

## **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST / NGĀ ARA KŌNATUNATU**

1. People who fill positions of authority must undertake their duties free from real or perceived bias. Elected members must maintain a clear separation between their personal interests and their duties as an elected member. Failure to do so could invalidate a Council decision and leave the elected member open to prosecution and ouster from office.
2. An elected member is entitled to interact with the Council as a private citizen. However, they cannot use their position as an elected member to gain an advantage not available to the general public.
3. Elected and appointed members will:
  - Declare any interest whether pecuniary or non-pecuniary at a meeting where the interest is relevant to an item on that agenda.
  - Exclude themselves from any informal discussions with elected members relating to a matter they have an interest in.
  - Seek guidance from the Chief Executive if they are unclear of the extent of any interest.
  - Seek guidance or exemption from the Office of the Auditor General if necessary.

## **ADDRESSING THE MEETING**

*Requests for public forum and deputations need to be made at least one day prior to the meeting. The Chairperson has authority to approve or decline public comments and deputations in line with the standing order requirements.*

## **PUBLIC FORUM / ĀTEA Ā-WĀNANGA**

*Public Forums enable members of the public to bring matters to the attention of the committee which are not contained on the meeting agenda. The matters must relate to the meeting's terms of reference. Speakers can speak for up to 5 minutes, with no more than two speakers on behalf of one organisation.*

- None advised

## **DEPUTATIONS / MANUHIRI**

*Deputations enable a person, group or organisation to speak to the meeting on matters contained on the agenda. An individual speaker can speak for up to 10 minutes. Where there are multiple speakers for one organisation, a total time limit of 15 minutes, for the entire deputation, applies.*

- None advised

## **REPORTS**

- 1 Future Options for the Sorting Depot, Commercial Waste Sorting Facility
- 2 Approval of the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27
- 3 Initial Decisions on Annual Plan 2026/27
- 4 Central Government Reform Submission – Simplifying Local Government (Draft Proposal)
- 5 Central Government Reform Submission – Local Government (Infrastructure Funding) Amendment Bill

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## **FUTURE OPTIONS FOR THE SORTING DEPOT, COMMERCIAL WASTE SORTING FACILITY**

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### **MATTER / TE WHĀINGA**

1. The matter for consideration by Council is the future delivery approach for the New Plymouth District Council's (NPDC) commercial waste sorting facility, The Sorting Depot. This is necessary as financial deficits remain above original forecasts, and both the operating contract and ground lease expire on 31 March 2026.

### **RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION / NGĀ WHAIKUPU**

**That having considered all matters raised in the report Council:**

- a) **Agrees to proceed to a Request for Proposals (RFP) to seek an external operator for The Sorting Depot or a similar commercial waste sorting service for the district.**
- b) **Approves budget provision in the 2026/27 Annual Plan of up to a net cost to NPDC of \$300,000 per annum for the operation of a commercial waste sorting service, excluding shared service overheads, for an initial term of up to five years, subject to the outcome of procurement.**
- c) **Approves extension of the ground lease for the site at 31 Colson Road for a term of up to five years, if required to support a new operating contract and provided that lease costs can be met within approved operating budgets.**
- d) **Approves interim operation of The Sorting Depot from 1 April to 30 June 2026 within a net budget of approximately \$462,000 (estimated at \$154,000 per month inclusive of lease, operating contract, operating costs and offsetting revenue) to maintain service continuity while the RFP is conducted.**

<b>COMPLIANCE / TŪTOHU</b>	
Significance	This matter is assessed as being significant
Options	<p>This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue the service with an interim operating contract and lease extension while proceeding to RFP (Recommended Option).</li> <li>2. Pause the service at the end of the contract period with sub-options regarding the ground lease to whether to proceed to RFP.</li> <li>3. Close the facility at the end of the contract period, 31 March 2026.</li> </ol>
Affected persons	The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are Commercial and industrial users of the Sorting Depot, waste contracts, iwi and hapū, New Plymouth District ratepayers and residents.
Recommendation	This report recommends option 1 for addressing the matter.
Long-Term Plan / Annual Plan Implications	Yes
Significant Policy and Plan Inconsistencies	Yes

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY / WHAKARĀPOPOPOTANGA MATUA**

2. Officers recommend that Council continue operating The Sorting Depot through an interim operating contract and ground lease from 1 April 2026, while undertaking a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) process to procure a longer-term operating model.
3. This approach ensures continuity of commercial waste diversion services and maintains necessary site access while a sustainable long-term delivery model is procured. It also supports Council's Zero Waste and environmental objectives, consistent with the Strategic Framework and Council's community outcomes.

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4. Taking this approach retains diversion outcomes valued by the community, preserves market confidence, and avoids significant one-off costs, including potential site make-good obligations or any Ministry for the Environment grant repayment requirements. Continuing interim operations also maintains established customer relationships, builds on the momentum generated through the 2025 Request for Information process, and avoids decisions that may constitute a significant amendment to the Long-Term Plan.
5. Key risks include continued operating deficits during the interim period, reputational impacts associated with maintaining a service that is currently operating at a loss, and the need to ensure that future contractual arrangements include appropriate performance measures, incentives and risk allocation.
6. Pausing the service would introduce higher risks, including loss of customers, reduced waste diversion, negative environmental impacts, reduced competitiveness during procurement, and potential statutory considerations if the decision results in a significant change to levels of service under section 97 of the Local Government Act 2002
7. Next steps are to notify the current operator and landowner, communicate upcoming changes to customers, finalise the RFP documentation and procurement plan by early to mid-March 2026, complete evaluation by the end of April 2026, and target mobilisation of a new operator by the end of July 2026. A Working Party will be established to provide strategic oversight of procurement and transition.

## **BACKGROUND / WHAKAPAPA**

8. The Sorting Depot opened in July 2023 to divert material from commercial mixed waste loads and reduce landfill disposal across the district.
9. Financial performance has not met expectations due to lower-than-forecast throughput, market-driven increases in processing costs, and higher-than-expected volumes of treated timber.
10. These factors have resulted in annual operating deficits that are significantly above modelled levels, with losses forecast to continue through to the end of the current contract period on 31 March 2026.
11. Council has since undertaken a Request for Information process and community consultation, both of which indicated support for retaining a commercial sorting service provided that a more cost-effective and sustainable delivery model can be secured.

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*Current Contract and Lease*

12. Evolve Ventures Ltd operates The Sorting Depot under a New Plymouth District Council contract that expires on 31 March 2026. The site at 31 Colson Road is leased from KiwiRail, with current ground rent of \$83,000 + GST per annum. A small portion of the site is sub-leased, returning \$3,850 + GST per annum.

*Financial Performance*

13. Losses have exceeded forecasts since opening, with non-adjusted operating losses of \$1.5m in 2023/24, \$1.8m in 2024/25, and \$1.1m to December 2025 for 2025/26. After allocating shared overheads, adjusted losses for the same periods were \$0.9m, \$1.3m, and \$0.8m respectively. A further loss of \$450,000–\$500,000 is forecast for January–March 2026.
14. Across the 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years, cumulative adjusted losses attributable to the service are approximately \$3.0m, with an additional \$450,000–\$500,000 deficit expected over the final three months of the current contract period.
15. Fees and charges were increased by 20 per cent in October 2025 to reduce operating losses. Following the increase, minor reductions in throughput and revenue were observed; however, both remain broadly consistent with seasonal patterns.

*Request for Information (RFI)*

16. The Request for Information generated strong market interest, with nine submissions received and two additional operator expressions of interest. Several respondents indicated they could operate a commercial sorting service on a self-funding basis, drawing on experience from similar facilities elsewhere. Most proposals assumed continued use of the existing site and involved operators taking greater responsibility for pricing and revenue, which would reduce Council's financial exposure but require appropriate controls to maintain transparency and customer confidence.

*Community Consultation (Nov-Dec 2025)*

17. Community consultation undertaken in November–December 2025 showed strong support for retaining a commercial waste sorting service in the district. Of the 309 valid responses received, 67.3 per cent indicated they were willing to contribute something through rates, and 66.7 per cent opposed closing the service if a new operator could not be secured. Reducing landfill waste was ranked as the highest community priority, ahead of keeping costs low.

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*Legislative Context*

18. Pausing the service provides Council with greater flexibility and is less likely to trigger an amendment to the Long-Term Plan (LTP), provided that the long-term future of the service is considered and determined through the LTP 2027 process.
19. In contrast, ending the ground lease, ceasing the service for an extended period, or taking actions that could be interpreted as a permanent closure may constitute a material change to levels of service for a strategic asset under section 97 of the Local Government Act 2002, which would require a formal amendment to the LTP.

*Contractual/Financial Considerations*

20. KiwiRail has indicated it will allow the lease to continue on a month-to-month basis at an estimated cost of \$11,000 per month. The current operator has advised they are willing to support a short interim extension, with a preference for a three-month term to maintain staffing stability. While it may be possible to engage an alternative contractor for the interim period, the financial implications are currently unknown as officers have not received any proposals for this timeframe.
21. Should Council end the lease, site restoration may cost up to \$500,000, and the early removal or transfer of grant-funded assets may trigger a Ministry for the Environment grant clawback of up to \$420,550.
22. Based on RFI responses, other waste service contracts, and community consultation indicating willingness to subsidise the service, officers estimate that a new operating model could be implemented at a net cost to the New Plymouth District Council of approximately \$300,000 per annum, excluding shared service overheads and assuming the use of some Waste Levy funding.

*Funding Context*

23. At the time of writing, Officers are not aware of any reductions in Waste Levy funding from the Ministry for the Environment related to pausing any actions in the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP).

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## CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS / HURINGA ĀHUARANGI

24. Continuing operation supports Council's Zero Waste and emissions-reduction objectives by diverting recyclable, organic and reusable materials from landfill, reducing methane emissions associated with decomposition. Transport and processing activities generate emissions, and the use of wood waste as biofuel produces CO<sub>2</sub>; however, this may offset coal use at receiving facilities. Pausing the service would likely result in increased landfill disposal of commercial waste in the interim, leading to higher associated emissions.

### NEXT STEPS / HĪKOI I MURI MAI

25. If the Officer's recommendation is approved, the next steps will be to notify the current operator and landowner and communicate the decision to customers; finalise the RFP documentation and procurement plan by early to mid-March 2026; complete the evaluation process by the end of April 2026; target mobilisation of a new operator by the end of July 2026; and establish a Working Party to provide strategic oversight throughout procurement and transition.

### SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT / KAUPAPA WHAKAHIRAHIRA

26. In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as significant due to the financial implications, the potential for a change to levels of service for a strategic asset, and the high level of public interest. Community consultation indicates support for maintaining commercial waste diversion services, while also expressing concern regarding cost and fiscal prudence.

### OPTIONS / KŌWHIRINGA

**Option 1 Continue the service with an interim operating contract and month-to-month ground lease for three months from 1 April 2026 while proceeding to RFP.**

*Financial and Resourcing Implications / Ngā Hīraunga ā-pūtea, ā-rauemi*

27. Continuing interim operations with the existing contractor, including the month-to-month ground lease, is estimated to cost \$462,000 for April–June 2026 (approximately \$154,000 per month). Longer-term budget provision of up to \$300,000 per annum from 2026/27 would be required to support a new operating model, excluding shared overheads and assuming access to some Waste Levy funding.
28. Engaging an alternative contractor for the interim period while simultaneously completing the RFP process would be challenging within current resourcing, and the financial implications of such an arrangement are unknown.

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*Risk Analysis / Tātaritanga o Ngā Mōrearea*

29. If Council seeks an alternative contractor for the interim period, a sole-source procurement approach would be required. This would need to meet the Council's thresholds for sole-source justification, which may be difficult to substantiate. The costs and financial risks associated with an alternative interim contract are unknown, and if no suitable contractor can be secured, this may result in a pause in service.
30. If an alternative contractor is appointed through a sole-source process and is also participating in the RFP, holding an interim contract could provide them with an unfair advantage during the competitive procurement process.
31. There is ongoing financial risk associated with continued operating deficits during the procurement period, as well as risks relating to the design of KPIs and incentive structures in future contractual arrangements. There is also reputational risk from extending a service currently experiencing sustained financial under-performance.

*Alignment with Strategic Framework and Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes / Te Hāngaitanga ki te Anga Rautaki me Te Tutuki/Whakatairanga o Ngā Whāinga ā-hāpori*

32. This option strongly aligns with Council's Environmental Excellence outcome and supports the Zero Waste objective by maintaining commercial waste diversion and resource recovery activities. It also contributes to Prosperity and Thriving Communities and Culture through the retention of local employment and continuity of service for businesses. There is some tension with the Trusted outcome due to the higher-than-expected operating costs and the continued financial deficits associated with the service.

*Statutory Responsibilities / Ngā Haepapa ā-ture*

33. This option does not introduce any additional statutory obligations beyond those already identified. By maintaining continuity of service, it avoids decisions that may constitute a material change to levels of service for a strategic asset under section 97 of the Local Government Act 2002 and therefore is less likely to require an amendment to the Long-Term Plan.

*Consistency with Policies and Plans / Te Paria i ngā Kaupapa Here me ngā Mahere*

34. This option is consistent with the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and the Long-Term Plan waste minimisation targets, as well as Council's Zero Waste 2040 vision. It is, however, inconsistent with current Annual Plan and Long-Term Plan financial forecasts due to the higher-than-budgeted operating deficits.

*Participation by Māori / Te Urunga o Ngāi Māori*

35. Engagement with mana whenua will be incorporated into the procurement plan and reflected in the governance structure for the Working Party to ensure Māori have appropriate opportunities to contribute to decision-making on the future operating model.

*Community Views and Preferences / Ngā tirohanga me Ngā Mariu ā-hāpori*

36. Community consultation indicates majority support for maintaining commercial waste diversion services, including some willingness to contribute through rates, while also expressing a clear expectation that future delivery should provide improved cost control.

*Advantages and Disadvantages / Ngā Huanga me Ngā Taumahatanga.*

## 37. Advantages:

- a) Maintains continuity of service during procurement, reducing the risk of customer loss and market uncertainty.
- b) Maximises commercial waste diversion in the interim, supporting Environmental Excellence and Zero Waste objectives.
- c) Provides a smoother transition into a long-term operating model by retaining site access and operational momentum.

## 38. Disadvantages:

- a) Continued exposure to interim operating costs and financial deficits.
- b) Reputational risk associated with extending a service that is currently not meeting financial performance expectations.

**Option 2 Pause the service at the end of the contract period (31 March 2026), with sub-options.**

39. The following considerations apply across all sub-options unless stated otherwise:

*Financial and Resourcing Implications / Ngā Hīraunga ā-pūtea, ā-rauemi*

40. Pausing the service would immediately reduce operating expenditure. Ongoing lease-holding costs are estimated at \$11,000 per month, unless the lease is ended. If the lease is terminated, site make-good obligations may cost up to \$500,000, with additional disposal and closure costs estimated at \$150,000. Early removal or non-use of grant-funded assets may trigger a Ministry for the Environment grant clawback of up to \$420,550.

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*Risk Analysis / Tātaritanga o Ngā Mōrearea*

41. Pausing the service may result in customer attrition to alternative disposal pathways. Procurement attractiveness may diminish if the service is paused, and there is risk of inconsistency with Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and Long-Term Plan diversion targets. The reputational impacts will depend on the duration of the pause and the clarity of Council's intended direction.

*Participation by Māori / Te Urunga o Ngāi Māori*

42. Renewed and targeted engagement with mana whenua is recommended for any pause scenario, with reporting back to Council prior to any decision on permanent service changes.

**Sub-option 2A – Pause service, continue ground lease month-to-month, proceed to RFP**

*Financial and Resourcing Implications / Ngā Hīraunga ā-pūtea, ā-rauemi*

43. Retaining the site on a month-to-month basis avoids immediate make-good costs and preserves site access for a new operator. Lease-only holding costs would continue but provide flexibility for reactivation under a future contract.

*Risk Analysis / Tātaritanga o Ngā Mōrearea*

44. A temporary pause is likely to lead to reduced customer demand and may weaken market confidence. These risks can be mitigated through clear communication that the pause is interim and procedural while procurement is completed.

*Consistency with Policies and Plans / Te Paria i ngā Kaupapa Here me ngā Mahere*

45. This sub-option remains broadly aligned with the intent of the WMMP, as service re-establishment is planned through procurement. The short-term service gap is more consistent with fiscal prudence but temporarily reduces waste diversion performance.

**Sub-option 2B – Pause Service, end ground lease as soon as practicable, proceed to RFP**

*Financial and Resourcing Implications / Ngā Hīraunga ā-pūtea, ā-rauemi*

46. Ending the lease eliminates ongoing monthly lease costs but is likely to trigger make-good obligations of up to \$500,000, with further costs required to re-establish a site in future. A Ministry for the Environment grant clawback may apply depending on asset disposition.

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*Risk Analysis / Tātaritanga o Ngā Mōrearea*

47. Loss of site availability may constrain future service options and could reduce market interest, particularly in the absence of a confirmed replacement site. Re-establishment costs could be significant.

*Consistency with Policies and Plans / Te Paria i ngā Kaupapa Here me ngā Mahere*

48. This sub-option is less aligned with WMMP and LTP diversion goals due to a longer pathway to service reinstatement. While financially prudent in the short term, it may result in higher overall costs and reduced environmental outcomes.

**Sub-option 2C – Pause Service, continue lease, defer decision on closure or RFP to LTP 2027-37**

*Financial and Resourcing Implications / Ngā Hīraunga ā-pūtea, ā-rauemi*

49. Pausing the service avoids operating losses but lease, rates and maintenance costs would continue. Sub-leasing may partially offset these costs if feasible.

*Risk Analysis / Tātaritanga o Ngā Mōrearea*

50. An extended pause may be viewed as a de facto closure, which could trigger the need for a Long-Term Plan amendment if interpreted as a material change to levels of service under section 97 of the LGA 2002. Increased landfill disposal would negatively affect environmental outcomes.

*Consistency with Policies and Plans / Te Paria i ngā Kaupapa Here me ngā Mahere*

51. This sub-option is inconsistent with WMMP and LTP waste diversion targets and reduces environmental performance. It aligns with short-term fiscal prudence but defers key decisions for several years.

**Sub-option 2D – Pause Service, end lease, defer decision on closure or RFP to LTP 2027-37**

52. This sub-option provides the greatest immediate cost reduction following one-off make-good costs (up to \$500,000) and disposal/closure costs. A Ministry for the Environment grant clawback of up to \$420,550 may apply.

*Risk Analysis / Tātaritanga o Ngā Mōrearea*

53. Ending the lease significantly constrains future service options and carries substantial reputational and environmental risks due to prolonged absence of diversion services and increased landfill disposal.

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*Consistency with Policies and Plans / Te Paria i ngā Kaupapa Here me ngā Mahere*

54. This sub-option is inconsistent with WMMP and LTP diversion targets and reduces environmental outcomes, though it aligns with short-term fiscal prudence.

**Option 3 – Close the facility at the end of the contract period, 31 March 2026.**

*Financial and Resourcing Implications / Ngā Hīraunga ā-pūtea, ā-rauemi*

55. Under this option, operations would cease on 31 March 2026. Closing the facility would require an amendment to the Long-Term Plan (LTP) because it represents a material reduction in levels of service compared with those set out in the LTP 2024–2034. An LTP amendment typically takes a minimum of five to six months (special consultative procedure, audit, public consultation, deliberations and adoption) and is likely to cost around \$100,000, placing pressure on finite resources and potentially affecting the timely delivery of the Annual Plan and preparation for LTP 2027–2037.

*Risk Analysis / Tātaritanga o Ngā Mōrearea*

56. Proceeding to close before completing an LTP amendment would be inconsistent with the decision-making requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 (including sections 76–82) and may attract scrutiny from Audit New Zealand in the Annual Report 2025/26 audit and prompt questions from the Department of Internal Affairs or other central government entities.

57. There is also reputational risk if consultation on an LTP amendment occurs after the closure decision has been implemented, which may undermine public trust and perceived transparency.

*Consistency with Policies and Plans / Te Paria i ngā Kaupapa Here me ngā Mahere*

58. This option is inconsistent with the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and the LTP 2024–2034 diversion targets and levels of service. While closure aligns with short-term fiscal prudence, it would significantly reduce environmental outcomes and compromise Council's Zero Waste objectives.

### Comparison Table Option 1 and 2

Assessment Category	Option 1 – Continue Service	Option 2 – Pause Service (Range across 2A–2D)	Option 3 – Close the facility
Financial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interim operation ~\$462k Apr–Jun 2026</li> <li>• Lease ~\$11k/month</li> <li>• Future provision up to \$300k/yr</li> <li>• Avoids make-good &amp; MfE clawback.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operating cost \$0 post-31 Mar</li> <li>• Lease either ~\$11k/month or ended</li> <li>• Make-good up to \$500k</li> <li>• Disposal and closure costs ~\$150k</li> <li>• MfE clawback risk up to \$420,550</li> <li>• Re-establishment cost varies (low to very high).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LTP amendment ~\$100k</li> <li>• Make-good up to \$500k</li> <li>• Disposal and closure costs ~\$150k</li> <li>• MfE clawback risk up to \$420,550</li> </ul>
Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued deficits during interim</li> <li>• KPI/contract risks</li> <li>• Reputational risk</li> <li>• Lowest risk to continuity &amp; customer retention.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer attrition likely.</li> <li>• Market confidence drops if site uncertain</li> <li>• Environmental &amp; reputational risks rise with gap</li> <li>• Highest risk if site lost &amp; no RFP.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decision making outside of LGA requirements, may draw attention of Audit NZ and central government.</li> <li>• Highest risk to targets and levels of service in WMMP and LTP2024</li> </ul>
Statutory Responsibilities (LGA 2002)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service continues → unlikely to trigger s97 (LTP Amendment)</li> <li>• Aligns with WMMP/LTP levels of service.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary pause may not trigger s97</li> <li>• Ending lease or long pause w/out RFP likely requires LTP amendment; (highest exposure in 2B–2D).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires LTP amendment: completing this not possible before 31 March; cost ~\$100k, with risks to Annual Plan and LTP2027 due to resourcing constraints</li> </ul>

<b>Assessment Category</b>	<b>Option 1 – Continue Service</b>	<b>Option 2 – Pause Service (Range across 2A–2D)</b>	<b>Option 3 – Close the facility</b>
Participation by Māori	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Built into procurement plan &amp; Working Party</li> <li>• Ongoing engagement expected.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement required for all sub-options</li> <li>• Higher intensity needed where site loss or long-term deferral (2B–2D).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement required</li> </ul>
Community Preferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most aligned: 66.7% oppose closure</li> <li>• Diversion is top public priority.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pause conflicts with diversion priority</li> <li>• Least misaligned if temporary and site retained (2A)</li> <li>• Most misaligned if site lost/no RFP (2B–2D).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Least aligned with community preferences for waste minimisation</li> </ul>
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service continuity</li> <li>• Preserves diversion</li> <li>• Strong strategic alignment</li> <li>• Avoids make-good &amp; MfE clawback</li> <li>• Builds on RFI momentum.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immediate cost reduction</li> <li>• Flexibility (2A)</li> <li>• May remove lease cost (2B/2D), possible sub-lease revenue (2C)</li> <li>• LTP deferral option (2C)</li> <li>• Maximum short-term savings if lease ended (2B/2D).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing cost reduction after closure costs</li> <li>• Removes lease costs after decision to close</li> </ul>

<b>Assessment Category</b>	<b>Option 1 – Continue Service</b>	<b>Option 2 – Pause Service (Range across 2A–2D)</b>	<b>Option 3 – Close the facility</b>
Disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued operating deficits</li> <li>Perception of continuing loss-making service.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diversion loss</li> <li>Customer loss</li> <li>LTP amendment risk (2B–2D)</li> <li>Make-good up to \$500k</li> <li>MfE clawback risk</li> <li>Perceived closure in 2C–2D</li> <li>Strongest misalignment in 2D.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loss of diversion</li> <li>Cost and resourcing required for LTP amendment would be significant</li> <li>Costs of recommencing in future would be significant</li> </ul>

### Comparison Table - Sub-Options (Option 2)

<b>Assessment Category</b>	<b>Applies to ALL Option 2 Sub-options</b>	<b>2A – Pause; keep lease; proceed to RFP</b>	<b>2B – Pause; end lease; proceed to RFP</b>	<b>2C – Pause; keep lease; no RFP (defer to LTP 2027–37)</b>	<b>2D – Pause; end lease; no RFP (defer to LTP 2027–37)</b>
Financial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No operating costs after 31 Mar 2026.</li> <li>• Disposal/closure costs ≈ \$150k.</li> <li>• Potential MfE clawback up to \$420,550 if assets cease to support diversion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lease/rates/maintenance ≈ \$11k/month.</li> <li>• Avoids make-good</li> <li>• RFP costs proceed</li> <li>• Preserves option value.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No lease cost</li> <li>• Make-good up to \$500k.</li> <li>• RFP costs proceed.</li> <li>• Higher future re-establishment costs.</li> <li>• Potential MfE clawback.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lease ≈ \$11k/month continues.</li> <li>• No RFP cost.</li> <li>• Potential sub-lease offsets.</li> <li>• Diversion outcomes paused.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No lease cost.</li> <li>• Make-good up to \$500k +</li> <li>• Disposal/closure ≈ \$150k</li> <li>• Potential MfE clawback up to \$420,550</li> <li>• Highest future re-establishment cost risk.</li> </ul>
Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer attrition during pause.</li> <li>• Increased landfill disposal.</li> <li>• Procurement appeal drops with long pause or site uncertainty.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some market confidence risk</li> <li>• Site certainty retained</li> <li>• Faster restart if RFP succeeds.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of site may deter bidders</li> <li>• Uncertainty finding a new site</li> <li>• Weak future procurement position.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extended pause perceived as de-facto closure may trigger need for LTP process</li> <li>• Reputational and environmental risks rise with time.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highest risk: site gone and no RFP</li> <li>• Strong perception of closure</li> <li>• Future options constrained.</li> </ul>

Statutory Responsibilities (LGA 2002)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a strategic activity, a permanent/multi-year cessation may require an LTP amendment under s97</li> <li>a temporary pause still requires significance assessment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lower likelihood of triggering s97 because the site is retained and RFP signals intent to re-establish service.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher likelihood of LTP amendment if ending lease is interpreted as closure of a strategic activity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Likely a material change (no RFP; extended pause) → increased chance an LTP amendment is required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strongest case for LTP amendment: site surrendered and no RFP pathway.</li> </ul>
Participation by Māori	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement with mana whenua recommended/required across all pause pathways, with reporting back before any permanent change or site disposal.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Embed engagement in procurement planning and Working Party expectations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage on implications of site loss and any future location/operating model.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further engagement recommended prior to deferring long-term decision to LTP.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High-impact scenario; early and substantive engagement needed before proceeding.</li> </ul>
Community preferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consultation shows 67.3% willing to contribute via rates; 66.7% oppose closure</li> <li>priority is reducing landfill waste — preference to retain diversion services.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most consistent with maintaining a pathway back to service (temporary pause; clear plan to re-start via RFP).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Likely unpopular due to loss of site and perceived barrier to re-establishing service.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appeals to some focused on short-term cost control, but conflicts with diversion priority and can be seen as closure.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Least aligned with preferences; resembles closure with no near-term pathway back.</li> </ul>

Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All pause options reduce immediate operating losses and create space to reassess delivery model.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retains site/flexibility</li> <li>• Maintains competition via RFP</li> <li>• Avoids make-good cost.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removes ongoing lease costs</li> <li>• Simpler cost profile.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time to consider decision via LTP</li> <li>• Potential to sub-lease to offset cost.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximises short-term savings (no lease/OPEX).</li> </ul>
Disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All pause options reduce diversion during the pause</li> <li>• More waste to landfill</li> <li>• Uncertainty for users and contractors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service gap may reduce customer return</li> <li>• May slightly dampen RFP despite site retention.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make-good cost; potential MfE clawback</li> <li>• Harder/more costly to re-establish</li> <li>• Weaker RFP interest.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing lease cost without service</li> <li>• Perceived de-facto closure</li> <li>• Misalignment with WMMP/LTP targets.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large one-off costs (make-good + possible clawback)</li> <li>• Loss of flexibility</li> <li>• Strongest misalignment with Zero Waste objectives.</li> </ul>

**Recommended Option**

This report recommends Option 1 - Continue the service with an interim operating contract and extension of ground lease for three months from 1 April 2026 while proceeding to RFP to continue exploring options for a changed model for operating the service for addressing the matter.

**APPENDICES / NGĀ ĀPITIHANGA**

Appendix 1 Help shape the future of The Sorting Depot: Results (ECM9697498)

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## HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE SORTING DEPOT: RESULTS

The **Help shape the future of The Sorting Depot** consultation survey was published on **Have Your Say** from 24 November to 12 December 2025. The survey received 317 responses.

When reviewing submissions, concern was raised that some submitters may have been thinking about a different waste facility when providing their feedback. Officers reviewed all submissions and noted:

- 17 submissions with comments indicating they may have been considering a different facility
- 112 submissions with few written comments to indicate what facility they were considering

Officers followed up with the 129 submitters noted via email, requesting submitters complete a short form to confirm whether their original feedback related to The Sorting Depot.

Of these, 38 responded confirming that their original submission was about The Sorting Depot, and 9 responded confirming that their original submission was about a different facility. One of the 9 who confirmed their submission was about a different facility completed the original survey again and re-submitted their feedback.

Officers reviewed the data set based on:

- All submissions
- Excluding nine submissions who confirmed their feedback was about a different facility via the survey and including one re-submitted response.
- Excluding 17 submissions with comments indicating they may have been considering a different facility and including one re-submitted response.
- Excluding the 91 submissions that received an email survey and either confirmed their feedback was about a different facility or did not response and including one re-submitted response.

Results across all sub-sets showed similar patterns, with most variances falling within  $\pm 2$  percentage points.

The results presented below are based **309 responses**, which excludes nine submissions who confirmed their feedback was about a different facility via the survey and includes one re-submitted response.

### *Awareness*

Of submitters, 69.6% had **heard of The Sorting Depot** (215 responses), 25.9% had not (80 responses), and 4.5% were unsure if they had heard of it (14 responses).

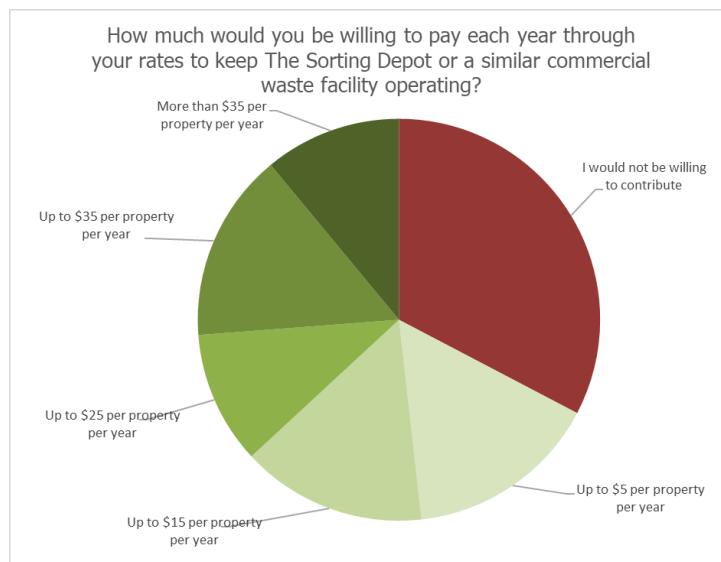
62.5% had not **used the site** (193 responses), 31.7% had used the site (98 responses), and 5.8% were unsure if they had used the site (18 responses).

### *Financial contribution*

When asked '**Would you support Council continuing to fund The Sorting Depot or a similar commercial waste facility?**', 43.4% said they would 'strongly support' (134 responses), 26% would 'support' (78 responses), 8.7% were neutral (27 responses), 8.7% were opposed (27 responses) and 13.9% strongly opposed (43 responses).

Combined, 68.6% support or strongly support Council continuing to fund The Sorting Depot (212 responses), and 22.7% oppose or strongly oppose (70 responses).

When asked the **amount they would be willing to pay** each year through rates to keep The Sorting Depot or a similar commercial waste facility operating, 32.7% said they were 'not willing to contribute' (101 responses), while 67.3% were willing to pay some amount through rates. The 15.5% up to \$5 per property per year (48 responses), 14.9% up to \$15 per property per year (46 responses), 10.7% up to \$25 per year (33 responses), 15.2% up to \$35 per year (47 responses), and 11% were willing to pay more than \$35 per year (34 responses).



Although the option with the largest individual response was "I would not be willing to contribute", the data shows that 67.3% of respondents were willing to pay some amount through rates to support a commercial sorting facility:

<b>Unwilling to pay through rates:</b>	<b>32.7%</b>	
<b>Willing to pay through rates:</b>	<b>67.3%</b>	

<i>&lt;\$5 per property per year</i>		<i>15.5%</i>
<i>&lt;\$15 per property per year</i>		<i>14.9%</i>
<i>&lt;\$25 per property per year</i>		<i>10.7%</i>
<i>&lt;\$35 per property per year</i>		<i>15.2%</i>
<i>&gt;\$35 per property per year</i>		<i>11.0%</i>

When asked what Council should consider when **setting budgets and funding for The Sorting Depot** or a similar commercial waste facility, respondents emphasised the need for improved financial management (44 mentions) and a self-sustaining user-pays model (32 mentions). There was also a clear priority placed on environmental management (35 mentions) and reducing waste to landfill (25 mentions).

#### *Strategic asset status*

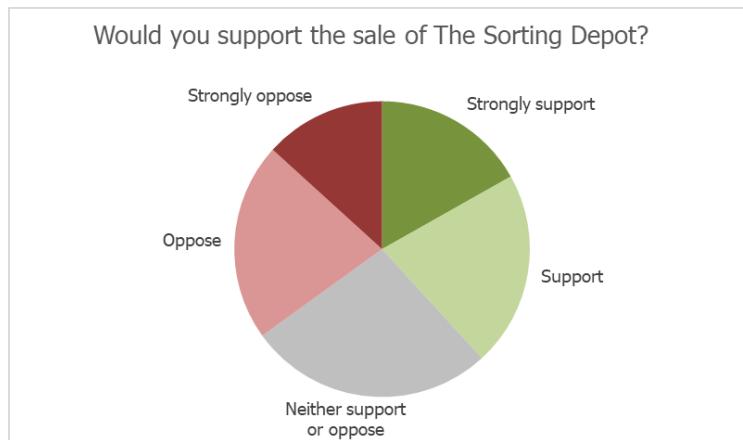
When asked “**Do you think The Sorting Depot is necessary for achieving community wellbeing?**” 63.1% of submitters said Yes (195 responses), 23.0% said No (71 responses), and 14% were Unsure (43 responses). Key reasons included the need to reduce waste to landfill (53 mentions), the social, community, and moral benefits of waste reduction (40 mentions), and the importance of environmental protection or management (36 mentions).

When asked “**Do you think The Sorting Depot should remain a Strategic Asset under Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy?**” 63.8% said Yes (197 responses), 20.1% said No (62 responses), and 15.9% were unsure (49 responses). The most common reasons given included reducing waste to landfill (18 mentions), Council’s responsibility for waste reduction (15 mentions), and environmental management/protection (14 mentions).

#### *Future of The Sorting Depot*

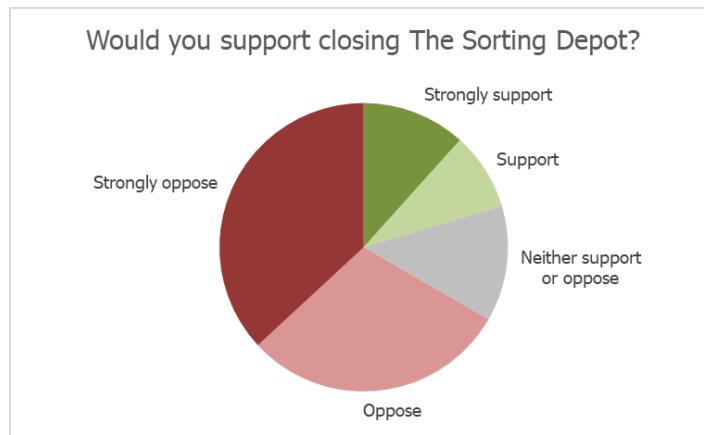
Respondents were asked whether they would **support Council selling The Sorting Depot to another operator**. Of submitters, 16.8% strongly supported selling The Sorting Depot (52 responses), 21.4% supported selling (66 responses), 26.9% were neutral (neither support or oppose; 83 responses), 21.7% opposed selling, and 13% strongly opposed sale.

Overall, 38.2% supported or strongly supported selling The Sorting Depot, and 35.0% opposed or strongly opposed.



When asked whether they would support **closing The Sorting Depot if a new operator could not be found**, 11.7% strongly supported closing the facility (36 responses), 8.7% supported closing (27 responses), 12.9% neither supported nor opposed (40 responses), 29.8% opposed closing (92 responses), and 36.9% strongly opposed (114 responses).

Overall, 20.4% supported or strongly supported closing the facility, with 66.7% opposing or strongly opposing closure.



For the question "When deciding what to do next with The Sorting Depot, which of these should matter most to Council?" respondents were asked to rank four options:

- Keeping costs low for ratepayers
- Reducing landfill waste
- Cutting greenhouse gas emissions
- Keeping materials in the region for reuse or recycling

The results show that respondent's top overall priority was **Reducing landfill waste**, with 108 responses ranking it first and 89 responses ranking it second. **Keeping costs low for ratepayers** had more first rankings, but with fewer respondents ranking it second and more people ranking this option fourth, the overall support for this option was lower.

Results are summarised below, with lower average rankings indicating greater overall support for an option.

Rank	Keeping costs low for ratepayers	Reducing landfill waste	Cutting greenhouse gas emissions	Keeping materials in the region for reuse or recycling
<b>1</b>	114	108	18	24
<b>2</b>	27	89	44	76
<b>3</b>	39	39	55	87
<b>4</b>	61	3	98	38
<b>Average Ranking</b>	<b>2.20</b>	<b>1.74</b>	<b>3.08</b>	<b>2.62</b>

When asked **“What else should we consider before making a decision about the future of The Sorting Depot?”** respondents most frequently mentioned that the facility should be self-sustaining/user-pays (50 mentions), the need for operational improvements (49 mentions), the Council responsibility for waste reduction (43 mentions). Responses also commented on the need to reduce waste to landfill (29 mentions) and the importance of good environmental management (22 mentions).

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## APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES 2026/27

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### MATTER / TE WHĀINGA

1. The matter for consideration by the Council is the approval of the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27.

### RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION / NGĀ WHAIKUPU

That having considered all matters raised in the report Council:

1. **Notes that most fees and charges are proposed to either remain unchanged or increase by 2.8 per cent to account for inflation, with a small number of other changes.**
2. **Approves the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2026/27 (as set out in Appendix 1) for consideration alongside the Annual Plan process, with the final adoption of the fees and charges to occur at a separate Council meeting in May 2026.**

COMPLIANCE / TŪTOHU	
Significance	This matter is assessed as being of moderate importance.
Options	<p>This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2026/27.</li> <li>2. Approve the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2026/27 with amendments.</li> </ol>
Affected persons	The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are residents, ratepayers and visitors to New Plymouth District.
Recommendation	This report recommends option one for addressing the matter.
Long-Term Plan / Annual Plan Implications	Yes, sets the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2026/27.
Significant Policy and Plan Inconsistencies	No.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY / WHAKARĀPOPOPOTANGA MATUA

3. We recommend that Council approve the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2026/27 (Appendix 1). Most fees include a 2.8 per cent increase to account for inflation and rising external costs. A small number of other changes are proposed as outlined later in this report and in Appendices 1 and 2.
2. The Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges (Appendix 1) shows where inflation has not been applied and outlines any other changes to fees and charges.
3. Approving the Draft Schedule will confirm NPDC's fees and charges for 2026/27 and help ensure Council recovers costs appropriately for the services it provides.
4. The approved Schedule of Fees and Charges will take effect from 1 July 2026.

## BACKGROUND / WHAKAPAPA

5. The Revenue and Financing Policy sets the basis for determining fees and charges. The policy states that fees and charges are either full or part charges to recover the costs of services and that they are usually used where the user of the service has discretion on whether to use the service or not.
6. The Council is required to approve the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Annual Plan 2026/27.
7. The current fees and charges were consulted on and adopted as part of the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 process.
8. This report seeks Council's approval of the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2026/27 (Appendix 1).

### *Proposed changes to the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges*

#### *Inflation*

9. The draft Schedule of Fees and Charges is provided in Appendix 1. All changes have been clearly marked with supporting information included. Most fees and charges are proposed to either stay the same or increase by 2.8 per cent to account for inflation.

#### *Other proposed changes*

10. In addition to inflation adjustments, Appendix 2 provides a summary of proposed changes to the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges that are either outside the inflation increase or where inflation has not been applied.

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11. There are several reasons for updating fees and charges beyond inflation, including:
  - a) Introducing new fees and charges.
  - b) Removing fees for services that are no longer offered or were not being used.
  - c) Reducing fees to encourage greater use of a service.
  - d) Increasing fees above inflation to better reflect the actual cost of providing the service and ensure cost recovery.
12. Some fees in the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges do not include an inflation increase. Reasons for this include:
  - a) Fees that are set by legislation.
  - b) Market conditions where keeping prices stable helps maintain bookings and ticket sales.
  - c) Fees aligned with current market rates.

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS / HURINGA ĀHUARANGI**

13. There are no climate change impacts from this matter.

#### **NEXT STEPS / HĪKOI I MURI MAI**

4. Once the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges are approved, they will come into effect on 1 July 2026.

#### **SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT / KAUPAPA WHAKAHIRAHIRA**

14. In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as being of moderate importance. The proposed updates are minor in relation to the fees and charges adopted as part of the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034, however the public is often interested in fee setting. None of the proposed changes are significant or material enough to require formal consultation.

#### **OPTIONS / KŌWHIRINGA**

15. A fee or a charge enables a level of cost recovery for services delivered by the Council.

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*Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes / Hāpaitia / Te Tutuki o Ngā Whāinga ā-hāpori*

16. Fees and charges cover services which promote all of the Council's Community Outcomes.

*Statutory Responsibilities / Ngā Haepapa ā-ture*

17. Some fees and charges are set by legislation, and the Schedule of Fees and Charges is consistent with these statutory requirements.

*Consistency with Policies and Plans / Te Paria i ngā Kaupapa Here me ngā Mahere*

18. The Schedule of Fees and Charges is consistent with the Council's Revenue and Financing Policy, which sets out when fees and charges are used. The schedule is also consistent with charges that are set by Council policy and bylaws.

*Participation by Māori / Te Urunga o Ngāi Māori*

19. The proposed updates to the fees and charges are not deemed to involve a significant decision in relation to particular interests for Māori. No specific consultation with Māori has occurred.

*Community Views and Preferences / Ngā tirohanga me Ngā Mariu ā-hāpori*

20. The proposed updates to the fees and charges are not considered to be significant or material to require community consultation.

**Option 1**

**Approve the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2026/27**

*Risk Analysis / Tātaritanga o Ngā Mōrearea*

21. There are no risks associated with this option.

*Advantages and Disadvantages / Ngā Huanga me Ngā Taumahatanga.*

22. The advantage of this option is that fees and charges will be adopted and in place by 1 July 2026, when they come into effect.
23. There are no disadvantages of this option.

**Option 2****Approve the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2026/27 with amendments***Risk Analysis / Tātaritanga o Ngā Mōrearea*

24. Any amendments to the fees and charges would require assessment to determine any risks.

*Advantages and Disadvantages / Ngā Huanga me Ngā Taumahatanga.*

25. The advantage of this option is that it enables the Council to make changes to the fees and charges for 2026/27. The disadvantage of this option is that any changes would need to be assessed to ensure they are consistent with statutory responsibilities, Council's policies and plans and to identify any risks associated with any changes. In addition, depending on the significance of the amendments, further consultation may be required.

**Recommended Option**

This report recommends option one, Approve the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2026/27 for addressing the matter.

**APPENDICES / NGĀ ĀPITIHANGA**

Appendix 1 Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27 – mark up version (ECM 9677628)

Appendix 2 Summary of changes to the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27 (ECM 9677627)

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# Schedule of **FEES AND CHARGES**

## 2026/27

New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) charges for services where a distinct benefit to groups or individuals can be identified, e.g. the benefit to an individual for a resource consent for a subdivision, or the benefit to a sports club for exclusive use of a sports ground. In some cases, NPDC charges only a portion of the costs, because we recognise the benefit to the community.

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## About the fees and charges

The Revenue and Financing Policy sets out the basis for determining fees and charges. It emphasises that the fee or charge should reflect the market rate, but take into account NPDC's other policies and community outcomes.

This section covers NPDC's review of fees and charges and shows charges from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, with the exceptions of:

- Dog fees (shown from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2028).
- Annual solid waste licence fee and fees for NPDC Transfer Stations at Tongapōruru, Waitara, Inglewood and Ōkato (shown from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029).

In some cases charges are set by statute and cannot be changed and may be listed in this document for completeness. Other fees and charges are delegated to officers and have been included for information.

NPDC charges for services where a distinct benefit to groups or individuals can be identified, e.g. the benefit to an individual for a resource consent for a subdivision, or the benefit to a sports club for exclusive use of a sports ground. In some cases, NPDC charges only a portion of the costs, because there is also a community benefit component. This ensures that charges are fair and reasonable, and that ratepayers do not subsidise those services that have a distinct private benefit. Where practical, NPDC endeavours to recover some of the cost of responding to negative actions caused by identified groups or individuals such as excessively loud music or dangerous dogs.

The charges for NPDC owned subsidised housing are not included in the schedule of fees and charges. The charges for these properties are set according to location and type of housing.

Fees and charges will generally be increased by the rate of inflation on an annual basis.

The **fees and charges include GST** unless otherwise stated.

NOTE:

Increases by inflation marked in black

No changes from 2025/26 marked in blue

Other charges marked in red, including text changes

## Customer Services

NPDC regards the Civic Centre as a facility primarily for Council related business. Functions of a private nature, such as weddings, birthdays, etc will not normally be permitted. The facilities are only available for hire as meeting rooms or for a special function and are not available for hire on a recurring basis. A hireage agreement applies for all applications. Hirers should be aware that hire involves making security arrangements. A Council officer must be present at all times.

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Room hire – Civic Centre</b>		
(plus after hours charge of \$56.00 per hour staff supervision and \$44.00 per hour cleaning costs)		
Council Chamber (half day)	\$201.00	\$206.00
Council Chamber (full day)	\$371.00	\$381.00
Council Chamber (evening)	\$273.00	\$280.00
Meeting room (half day)	\$113.00	\$116.00
Meeting room (full day)	\$185.00	\$190.00
Meeting room (evening)	\$134.00	\$137.00
Council Chamber and meeting room (half day)	\$320.00	\$329.00
Council Chamber and meeting room (full day)	\$536.00	\$551.00
Council Chamber and meeting room (evening)	\$397.00	\$408.00
Council Chamber and foyer (half day)	\$268.00	\$275.00
Council Chamber and foyer (full day)	\$449.00	\$461.00
Council Chamber and foyer (evening)	\$340.00	\$350.00
Meeting room and foyer (half day)	\$165.00	\$170.00
Meeting room and foyer (full day)	\$258.00	\$265.00
Meeting room and foyer (evening)	\$201.00	\$206.00
Piano	\$299.00	\$307.00
<b>Room hire – Inglewood and Waitara Library and Service Centres</b>		
Meeting room (half day)	\$31.00	\$32.00
Meeting room (full day)	\$57.00	\$59.00
Meeting room (half day) with kitchen usage	\$41.00	\$42.00
Meeting room (full day) with kitchen usage	\$67.00	\$69.00
<b>Emergency call out</b>		
All venues (two hour minimum)	\$54.20 per hour	\$56.00 per hour
<b>Property information charges and Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) requests</b>		
Research fee for property information		
• Residential and Rural	\$31.00	\$32.00
• Industrial/Commercial (includes motels, rest homes and factory farming)	\$60.00	\$62.00
LGOIMA research charges	\$38.00 per half hour or part thereof	\$38.00 per half hour or part thereof <sup>1</sup>
Additional photocopying	\$0.20 per copy	\$0.20 per copy

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Land Information Memorandum (LIM) charges</b>		
Residential/Rural:		
• Standard	\$350.00	\$360.00
• Urgent	\$480.00	\$495.00
• Cancellation fee or actual research fee (whichever is greater)	\$65.00	\$65.00 <sup>2</sup>
Industrial/Commercial (includes motels, rest homes and factory farming)		
• Standard	\$580.00 base fee	\$600.00 <del>base fee</del>
• Cancellation fee or actual research fee (whichever is greater)	\$65.00	\$65.00 <sup>2</sup>
Electronic LIM reports sent by email or link	No charge	No charge
Printed LIM report (printing and binding costs)	\$50.00	\$50.00 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Map print outs</b>		
Standard A4	\$7.20	\$7.40
Standard A3	\$14.40	\$14.80
Non standard	Price on application	Price on application

<sup>1</sup> Proposed no inflation applied. This charge is in line with Ombudsman's recommended charge.

<sup>2</sup> Proposed no inflation applied. This is a user pays service and the cancellation fee is considered reasonable. If work has started on a LIM that is subsequently cancelled, the cancellation fee will be based on the actual time spent on the LIM at that time.

<sup>3</sup> Proposed no inflation applied, as the current fee is considered fair for the printing and binding of a LIM. This service is only occasionally requested.

## Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre

	2025/26	2026/27
Entry fees for visitors from outside New Plymouth District – over 16 years	\$17.00 less applicable concessions	\$17.00 less applicable concessions <sup>1</sup>
Entry fees for visitors from outside New Plymouth District – senior citizen and student (upon presentation of valid ID)	\$12.00 less applicable concessions	\$12.00 less applicable concessions <sup>1</sup>
<b>GALLERY SERVICES</b>		
Touring exhibition fees	Varies according to number of venues and exhibitions	Varies according to number of venues and exhibitions
Director talk (starting from) <sup>2</sup>	\$404.00	Price on application <sup>2</sup>
Curator talk (starting from) <sup>2</sup>	\$289.00	Price on application <sup>2</sup>
Gallery tour	Price on application	Price on application
Technical staff costs per staff member	\$75.00	\$77.00
<b>Public programmes</b>		
Monica Brewster Evening – entrance fee (full price)	\$17.50	\$18.00
Monica Brewster Evening – entrance fee (Friends of the Gallery)	\$13.00	\$13.50
Young Visionaries art classes (per child per term)	\$75.00	\$77.00
Cinema screenings	\$16.50	\$17.00
Cinema screenings – concession	\$11.00	\$11.50
<b>Image reproductions</b>		
Supply of archival and collection images held on file – institutional use	Price on application	Price on application
Commercial filming and photography	Price on application	Price on application
<b>VENUE HIRE</b>		
Charges stated below are for room hire only. Charges for staff, security, cleaning, equipment hire and catering are additional costs and will be charged accordingly. Rebates will apply for community organisations (20% for charitable trusts and non-profit organisations) subject to availability.		
<b>Govett-Brewster Art Gallery – evening</b>		
Galleries 1, 2, 3 or 4	\$620.00	\$637.00
Two adjoining galleries	\$1,120.00	\$1,151.00
Galleries 1, 2, 3 and 4	\$1,806.00	\$1,857.00
<b>Len Lye Centre – evening</b>		
Todd Energy Foyer	\$742.00	\$763.00
Gallery 5	\$1,865.00	\$1,917.00
Gallery 6	\$1,865.00	\$1,917.00
<b>Cinema</b>		
Private film screening <sup>3</sup>	\$300.00 plus film licensing costs	
Cinema – Half day (during opening hours)	\$378.00	\$400.00 <sup>4</sup>
Cinema – full day (10am to 9pm) <sup>5</sup>	\$742.00	
Cinema – Evening (5pm to 10pm)	\$378.00	\$600.00 <sup>4</sup>
Grand piano <sup>5</sup>	\$255.00 per use	
<b>Education studios (1 and 2 individual):</b>		
• Half day	\$255.00	\$300.00 <sup>4</sup>
• Full day	\$500.00	\$500.00 <sup>6</sup>
• Evening	\$255.00	\$300.00 <sup>4</sup>

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Education studios (1 and 2 combined):</b>		
• Half day	\$377.00	\$500.00 <sup>4</sup>
• Full day	\$741.00	\$750.00 <sup>4</sup>
• Evening	\$377.00	\$500.00 <sup>4</sup>
<b>Entire facility<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Price on application</b>	
Venue hire booking bond	Minimum \$235.00 or 20% of the total venue hire value	20% of the total venue hire value <sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Proposed no inflation applied. Widely promoted to tourism operators and featured in printed material. A \$2.00 increase was implemented in 2025/26, which has had a small impact on ticket sales, with the team observing a rise in visitors refusing to pay for entry and those that do pay expecting more in return. Any further increase is likely to negatively impact ticket sales and overall visitor sentiment.

<sup>2</sup> Proposed the fixed fee be replaced with “price on application” to reflect the variable nature of the service, which can range from a short 15-minute engagement to several hours. This approach aligns with similar cultural experience venues. It is proposed to remove the reference to “starting from”.

<sup>3</sup> New fee proposed to reflect market opportunity.

<sup>4</sup> Proposed increase above inflation to align with similar cultural experience venues.

<sup>5</sup> Proposed removal of fees as these services are no longer offered.

<sup>6</sup> Proposed no inflation applied to align with similar cultural experience venues.

<sup>7</sup> Proposed a single structure to improve communication with prospective and booking customers and streamline related processes.

## Parks and Open Spaces

### Sports Parks and Parks

	2025/26	2026/27
Rugby union, rugby league, hockey, cricket, <b>other codes</b> , <sup>1</sup> association football senior (per field)	\$709.00	\$729.00
Association football, <b>rugby and other codes</b> <sup>1</sup> (junior field)	\$512.00	\$526.00
Cricket (junior field)	\$330.00	\$339.00
Touch rugby (per field)	\$369.00	\$379.00
Softball (per diamond)	\$369.00	\$379.00
Tennis or netball (per court)	\$263.00	\$270.00
Athletics (Inglewood)	\$709.00	\$729.00
Athletics (junior field)	\$177.00	\$182.00
Amenities fees (per season)	\$413.00	\$425.00
Amenities fees (per game/event)	\$100.00	\$103.00
<b>Training sports for commercial gain</b>	<b>By commercial arrangement<sup>2</sup></b>	
<b>Training sports for community non-for-profit user</b>	<b>No charge<sup>2</sup></b>	
<b>Pukekura Park</b>		
Cricket use	Negotiated fee	Negotiated fee
Winter use (plus cost of staff, if required, per game)	\$288.00	\$296.00
Amenities fee (per game)	\$100.00	\$103.00
Line marking, if required	At cost	At cost
Guided tours of Pukekura Park	By commercial arrangement	By commercial arrangement
<b>Commercial use</b>		
Application fee (non refundable)	\$177.00	\$182.00
Commercial agreements	First year of operation or term of one year or less \$3,673.00 per annum (flat paid monthly via direct credit)	First year of operation or term of one year or less \$3,895.00 per annum (flat paid monthly via direct credit)
Commercial agreement: second and subsequent years:		
• Non powered sites	The minimum licence fee or 4% of gross annual sales (plus GST), whichever is the greater amount	The minimum licence fee or 4% of gross annual sales (plus GST), whichever is the greater amount
• Powered sites	The minimum licence fee or 4.5% of gross annual sales (plus GST), whichever is the greater amount	The minimum licence fee or 4.5% of gross annual sales (plus GST), whichever is the greater amount
<b>Markets</b>		
<b>Community non-for profit users:</b> <sup>3</sup>		
• Site rental – non power (up to two days per week)	\$46.00 per week	\$47.00 per week
• Site rental – power (up to two days per week)	\$52.00 per week	\$53.00 per week
<b>Commercial markets</b>	<b>By commercial arrangement<sup>3</sup></b>	

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
Club cricket wicket preparation (plus cost of materials)	Contractor costs on charged	Contractor costs on charged
Privileged access	\$92.00	\$95.00
Annual concessional lease rental fee (or the current rental, whichever is higher) – cost of lease preparation to be met by lessee	\$1.00	\$1.00

<sup>1</sup> Proposed to add “other codes” to reflect the inclusion of emerging sports now being played in the district (e.g. flag football). Additionally, it is proposed to include “rugby” under the junior field category, as there is currently no fee applied to junior rugby.

<sup>2</sup> A new fee structure is proposed for the use of sports fields for commercial training activities. This includes organised group sessions such as bootcamps, running clubs, and sports workshops (e.g. football training) where the activity is operated as a business for profit. These types of commercial operations are becoming increasingly common and often involve regular, large-group use of public sports facilities. Community-based, not-for-profit groups will not be subject to these fees.

<sup>3</sup> Proposed clarification of site rental wording for community non-for-profit users and introduction of a new fee structure for commercial market users.

## Cemeteries and Crematorium

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Burial plot purchase</b>		
Adult (double depth includes 8 standard ashes)	\$4,579.00	\$4,579.00 <sup>1</sup>
Adult (single depth includes 8 standard ashes only Mangapouri Cemetery)	\$2,914.00	\$2,914.00 <sup>1</sup>
Child ( <u>under 14</u> ) ( <u>under 16</u> ) <sup>1</sup>	\$2,088.00	\$2,088.00 <sup>1</sup>
Returned Serviceperson (in cemeteries where Returned Services sections are provided)	No charge	No charge
<b>Cremation plot purchase</b>		
Plot	\$1,381.00	\$1,420.00
Returned Serviceperson (in cemeteries where Returned Services sections are provided)	No charge	No charge
<b>Interment fees (includes a contribution to the maintenance of cemeteries)</b>		
Adult/Returned Serviceperson	\$2,628.00	\$2,628.00 <sup>1</sup>
Stillborn	\$659.00	No charge <sup>2</sup>
Child ( <u>under 14</u> ) ( <u>under 16</u> )	\$1,311.00	No charge <sup>2</sup>
Disinterment fee	\$4,531.00	\$4,658.00
Public holiday/weekend surcharge	\$828.00	\$851.00
<b>Ash interment fees (includes a contribution to the maintenance of cemeteries)</b>		
Ashes	\$578.00	\$594.00
Returned Serviceperson	\$578.00	\$594.00
Disinterment	\$578.00	\$594.00
<b>Cremation fees</b>		
Adult	\$965.00	\$992.00
Stillborn	\$226.00	No charge <sup>2</sup>
Child ( <u>under 14</u> ) ( <u>under 16</u> )	\$569.00	No charge <sup>2</sup>
Medical certificate	No charge	No charge
Garden of Remembrance fee for non-Taranaki Crematorium cremations	\$607.00	\$624.00
<b>Chapel public usage</b>		
Committal only	\$55.00	\$182.00 <sup>3</sup>
Full service	\$354.00	\$364.00
<b>Other fees</b>		
Transfer/disposal of plot	\$127.00	\$131.00
Record extract fees	First 15 minutes free, then \$38.00 per 15 minutes thereafter	First 15 minutes free, then \$40.00 per 15 minutes thereafter
Reimbursement for unused plots	Calculated at the rate originally paid for the plot at the date of purchase	Calculated at the rate originally paid for the plot at the date of purchase
On-site plot selection with staff	\$127.00	\$131.00

<sup>1</sup> Proposed no inflation applied to burial plots and interment fees, consistent with previous Council decision due to NPDC's high costs nationally. The estimated impact is a potential loss of approximately \$87,474 loss for the financial year. It is also proposed to change the definition of a child from under 14 to under 16.

<sup>2</sup> Proposed no charge applied. Current income from these services is minimal - less than \$1,000 per year for all infant interments, approximately \$2,600 per year for all child interments, and about \$1,582 annually for stillborn cremations, with no cremations for children under 16 in the past 12 months. Removing these fees would provide meaningful support to families during a difficult time. It is also proposed to change the definition of a child from under 14 to under 16.

<sup>3</sup> Proposed increase above inflation. Although a committal service uses only half the time slot of a full service, it requires the same setup and preparation. To reflect this, we propose charging 50% of the full service rate (\$364).

## Property

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Lease transfer/mortgage consent</b>		
Registered lease:		
• Inglewood Library	\$220.00	\$225.00
• Waitara endowment	\$220.00	\$225.00
Unregistered Deed of Lease:		
• Onaero Domain	\$265.00	\$275.00
• Urenui Domain	\$265.00	\$275.00
• Tongapōruru Recreation Reserve	\$265.00	\$275.00
<b>Bach inspections</b>		
Urenui, Onaero and Tongapōruru	\$325.00	\$335.00
<b>Easements/encumbrances</b>		
Easement through Council land - application fee plus cost of easement at market valuation or minimum annual rental of \$250 per annum plus documentation/professional services (e.g. legal, valuation etc) at cost	\$1,500.00	\$1,545.00
Memorandum of Encumbrance and Deed of Covenant administration fee plus documentation/professional services (e.g. legal) at cost	\$405.00	\$415.00
Surrender of Easement Instrument application fee plus documentation/professional services (e.g. legal) at cost	\$405.00	\$415.00
<b>Airspace and subsoil leases</b> – see <a href="#">transportation section</a>		
<b>Encroachment licences (applies to private encroachments on Council-owned road)</b> – see <a href="#">transportation section</a>		
<b>Road stopping (Local Government Act 1974 or Public Works Act 1981)</b> – see <a href="#">transportation section</a>		

## Halls

	2025/26	2026/27
<i>Casual user.</i> Hall users that book a hall for a one-off event, one that does not occur on a regular (weekly, monthly or annual) basis.		
<i>Regular user (Category 1).</i> Hall users that have a regular (weekly, monthly or annual) booking for Council-owned halls and have a membership that contains less than 60 per cent children (under 14 years of age) and/or superannuitants.		
<i>Regular user (Category 2).</i> Hall users that have a regular (weekly, monthly or annual) booking for Council-owned halls and have a membership that contains 60 per cent or more children (under 14 years of age) and/or superannuitants.		
<b>Urban halls – Class A (Bell Block Hall, Inglewood Town Hall and Star Gymnasium)</b>		
Casual user	\$68.00 per hour	\$70.00 per hour
Regular user (Category 1)	\$32.00 per hour	\$33.00 per hour
Regular user (Category 2)	\$17.00 per hour	\$17.50 per hour
<b>Urban halls – Class B (Merrilands Domain Hall, Fred Tucker Community Centre Hall and Lounge, Bellringer Pavilion)</b>		
Casual user	\$62.00 per hour	\$64.00 per hour
Regular user (Category 1)	\$30.00 per hour	\$31.00 per hour
Regular user (Category 2)	\$14.50 per hour	\$15.00 per hour
<b>Urban halls – Class C (Onuku Taipari Hall, Ferndale Hall, Ōākura Hall, Hempton Hall)</b>		
Casual user	\$60.00 per hour	\$62.00 per hour
Regular user (Category 1)	\$26.00 per hour	\$27.00 per hour
Regular user (Category 2)	\$13.50 per hour	\$14.00 per hour
<b>Urban halls – Class D (Fred Tucker Community Centre Meeting Room)</b>		
Casual user	\$50.50 per hour	\$52.00 per hour
Regular user (Category 1)	\$22.00 per hour	\$23.00 per hour
Regular user (Category 2)	\$11.50 per hour	\$12.00 per hour
<b>Urban halls – Class E</b>		
Casual user	\$44.50 per hour	\$46.00 per hour
Regular user (Category 1)	\$18.00 per hour	\$18.50 per hour
Regular user (Category 2)	\$10.50 per hour	\$11.00 per hour
<b>Urban halls – Class F (Fred Tucker Community Centre Lounge, Bell Block Hall Supper Room, Inglewood Town Hall Supper Room and Hempton Hall Supper Room)</b>		
Casual user	\$40.00 per hour	\$41.00 per hour
Regular user (Category 1)	\$18.50 per hour	\$19.00 per hour
Regular user (Category 2)	\$11.00 per hour	\$11.50 per hour

## Puke Ariki and Community Libraries

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Exhibitions</b>		
Exhibition admission	Free admission. Temporary exhibition charges may be set by the Puke Ariki management	Free admission to the community. Other charges may be set by the Museum Manager Puke Ariki
<b>Education programmes</b>		
Puke Ariki education programmes, <i>including Walk in the Footsteps</i> (Taranaki schools)	Free	Free
Puke Ariki education programmes, <i>including Walk in the Footsteps</i> (non-Taranaki schools)	\$5.50 per student	\$5.70 per student
<b>Guided tours</b>		
Guided tour fees of museum galleries	Price on application	Price on application
New Plymouth Guided Historical Walk <del>hosted by North Wing volunteers</del>	\$20.00 per person (excluding printed booklet)	\$20.00 per person (excluding printed booklet) <sup>1</sup>
	\$30.00 per person (including printed booklet)	\$30.00 per person (including printed booklet) <sup>1</sup>
Specialist tour or talk with Museum Curator or Director	Price on application	Price on application
<b>Rental charges and reservations</b>		
All DVDs	No charge	No charge
<b>Lost book charges</b>	Charges based on replacement value	Charges based on replacement value
<b>Interloans</b>		
All items loaned from other institutions	Actual costs as charged per reciprocal libraries	Actual costs as charged per reciprocal libraries
Urgent document supply charge	Actual and reasonable (includes courier and other associated costs)	Actual and reasonable (includes courier and other associated costs)
<b>Library cards</b>		
Visitor membership cards	\$25.00 per three months	\$26.00 per three months
<b>Withdrawn books</b>		
Fiction	\$1.00	\$1.00
Non fiction	\$2.00	\$2.00
Paperback fiction/magazines	\$0.50	\$0.50
<b>Photocopying (per page – self service)</b>		
A4 black and white	\$0.20	\$0.20
A3 black and white	\$0.50	\$0.50
A4 colour	\$1.00	\$1.00
A3 colour	\$2.00	\$2.00
<b>Information/research</b>		
Information/research fees	First 30 minutes free, then \$25.00 per 30 minutes thereafter	First 30 minutes free, then \$26.00 per 30 minutes thereafter
Plus database charges, if applicable	As incurred	As incurred

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Heritage collection</b>		
Digital image order	\$17.00 per image	Price on application <sup>2</sup>
Manuscript and contract photography	Price on application	Price on application
<b>i-SITE</b>		
Commission for bookings of local tourism attractions and accommodation (per booking) exclusive of other third party commissions	10% of charge	10% of charge
Digital advertising on i-SITE screen	Price on application	Price on application
<b>FUNCTIONS – VENUE HIRE</b> (charges for security, cleaning and equipment hire are included in the fee)		
Charges stated below are for room hire only. Charges for staff, security, cleaning, equipment hire and catering are additional costs and will be charged accordingly. Rebates will apply for community organisations (20% for charitable trusts and non-profit organisations) subject to availability. <sup>3</sup>		
Venue hire booking bond <sup>4</sup>		20% of the total venue hire value
<b>Puke Ariki foyer</b>		
Private hireage of the foyer and is only available outside of opening hours, subject to availability.	\$1,850.00	\$1,902.00
<b>Noel and Melva Yarrow Education Room</b>		
Hire is only available during Puke Ariki opening hours. Cleaning costs are additional if food is supplied.		
Full day	\$500.00	\$514.00
Half day	\$250.00	\$257.00
<b>Puke Ariki Theatre</b> <sup>5</sup>		
Half day (during opening hours)		\$400.00 <sup>5</sup>
Evening (5-10pm)		\$600.00 <sup>5</sup>
<b>Functions – costs</b> <sup>3</sup>		
Function costs include function services provided by Puke Ariki – security, front of house staff and cleaning. These costs will be on charged to the hirer.		
Additional resource charges	Price on application	Price on application

<sup>1</sup> Proposed no inflation applied. Fees were increased in 2025/26 and widely marketed at \$20.00 (excluding booklet) and \$30.00 (including booklet).

<sup>2</sup> Proposed change from a fixed amount to “price on application” to reflect the variable nature of work required per image, depending on specific requests and cultural or physical conditions. This approach aligns with practices at the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre.

<sup>3</sup> Clarification of wording for venue hire and function costs. With this change, separate function costs can be removed.

<sup>4</sup> Proposed introduction of a venue hire booking bond, consistent with other cultural experience venues.

<sup>5</sup> Proposed new fees for Puke Ariki Theatre, aligned with Len Lye Centre cinema pricing.

## Regulatory Services

### Building Consents and Associated Processes

#### Fee types

There are two fee types:

1. Fixed fee. This fee covers projects where the costs are easily identified before application, or where an average rate is appropriate. The amount is fixed. No additional costs will be charged by NPDC in regard to the fee quoted.
2. Base fee. The base fee is based on the anticipated costs for the project and is non-refundable.

Application for amendment generates an individual fee which covers all non-technical aspects of the amendment process including electronic lodgement, administration time, completeness check, document acceptance and client liaison (time spent on the application by a technical officer will be also charged as detailed in the 'Costs for additional staff time' section of the fees and charges).

Application for Code Compliance Certificate generates an individual fee which covers electronic lodgement, administration time, completeness check, document acceptance, technical check of application, client liaison and certificate issue.

In some cases actual costs of a project may exceed the estimated minimum fee, due to external or specialist inputs, additional information submitted, application complexity, inspection complexity or additional inspections undertaken.

At the end of a project, if the actual costs have significantly exceeded the minimum fee, an invoice for the additional costs will be sent and are required to be paid prior to issue of a code compliance certificate.

#### ***Environment Protection Agency (EPA) Fast Track consents***

EPA Fast Track legislation enables councils to recover costs for their input. All NPDC officer time spent on applications will be charged on the hourly rates stipulated in the Schedule of Fees and Charges based on roles.

#### Cancellations

When an application is withdrawn before the consent is issued and fees are outstanding, an invoice for the work completed to date will be sent to the fee payer.

If an application is withdrawn after the consent is issued, a refund will be sent to the payer for monies not used by the activities to date.

#### Payment of fees\*

You will be invoiced on submission for all fees and levies applicable to your consent based on the estimated value of your building work. Once full payment has been received, we will accept your application for processing.

Extra inspections or re-inspections will be invoiced at the end of the project, including any additional processing or amendment fees outstanding. All charges are required to be paid prior to the issue of the Code Compliance Certificate.

A reduced application fee may be set by the Manager Building (Building Lead) where unusual circumstances or the characteristics of the application would make it inappropriate to charge the normal fixed fee or base fee.

Where an application belongs within a higher fee category, additional fees will be required to be paid before the continuation of processing. This will apply when the work is undervalued. The estimated value of the finished work will be used.

Where an application falls within more than one fee category, the higher category will apply.

Non-payment of fees or the invoiced additional processing costs will result in processing or inspections being suspended unless alternative payment arrangements have been formally agreed.

A typical calculation of the fee you are to pay can be done using this formula:

- Value of work under \$20,000 - base fee for category + Accreditation Levy.
- Value of work \$20,000 and over - base fee for category + BRANZ Levy + Accreditation Levy.
- Value of work \$65,000 and over – base fee for category + MBIE Building Levy + BRANZ Levy + Accreditation Levy.

**TABLE 1: Building consent process (building consent and project information memorandum inclusive)**

Note: Unless otherwise specified, for uses that fall into more than one category, the higher cost category applies.

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Application fees – see '<a href="#">Lodgement Charges – Objective Build</a>' section<sup>1</sup></b>		
Lodged as hard copy	\$273.00	
Lodged online	No charge	No charge
<b>Dwellings Residential - new dwellings and additions<sup>2</sup></b>		
<i>Includes attached garages and any external buildings used for habitation. It also includes any component that is part of the building at the time of construction, e.g. decks, pergolas.</i>		
<i>Note: An addition is building work that results in an increase in the size of the footprint and/or the building envelope.</i>		
The scope includes attached garages and any external buildings used for habitation, as well as non-habitable buildings such as conservatories, sheds, detached garages, carports, glass/shade houses, and barns. It also encompasses any components that are part of the building at the time of construction, including decks and pergolas. Minor buildings include sheds up to 15m <sup>2</sup> , conservatories on existing slabs, carports, and other conservatories. Ancillary and external works, such as signs, fences, pergolas, decks, retaining walls, and in-ground swimming pools, may be joined to or separate from a building, constructed subsequently or independently and are considered non-habitable. If constructed as part of the building, they are incorporated into the building consent and assessed accordingly; for ancillary/external works valued at \$100,000 or more, refer to the 'Community, Commercial and Industrial – new and additions' fee category. Additions refer to building work that increases the footprint and/or building envelope. Relocation involves placing a building on a new site, including new foundations, reinstatement of the original structure, and connection to sewer or wastewater systems, but excludes alterations or additions, which incur additional fees. Note: a detached dwelling no more than three stories high that is removed off-site or demolished does not require a building consent, though appropriate application forms for disconnecting reticulation services must be submitted.		
RES1 <\$10,000		\$950.00 <sup>2</sup>
RES1 RES2 \$10,000 - \$24,999 <\$25,000 <sup>2</sup>	\$1,462.00	\$1,503.00
RES2 RES3 \$25,000 - \$79,999 <\$80,000	\$1,923.00	\$1,977.00
RES3 RES4 \$80,000 - \$129,999 <\$130,000	\$3,141.00	\$3,229.00
RES4 RES5 \$130,000 - \$249,999 <\$250,000	\$4,197.00	\$4,315.00
RES5 RES6 \$250,000 - \$499,999 <\$500,000	\$5,331.00	\$5,480.00
RES6 RES7 \$500,000 - \$999,999 <\$1,000,000	\$6,000.00	\$6,168.00
RES7 RES8 \$1,000,000+	\$7,016.00	\$7,212.00
<b>Community, Commercial and Industrial - new and additions</b>		
Includes all community, commercial and industrial buildings, plus ancillary/external works \$100,000 or greater.		
<i>Note: An addition is building work that results in an increase in the size of the footprint and/or the building envelope.</i>		
COM1 <\$15,000	\$969.00	\$997.00
COM2 \$15,000 - \$24,999 <\$25,000	\$1,407.00	\$1,446.00
COM3 \$25,000 - \$79,999 <\$80,000	\$3,155.00	\$3,243.00
COM4 \$80,000 - \$129,999 <\$130,000	\$4,127.00	\$4,243.00
COM5 \$130,000 - \$249,999 <\$250,000	\$6,949.00	\$7,143.00
COM6 \$250,000+	\$8,386.00	\$8,620.00
<b>Outbuildings - new and additions<sup>2</sup></b>		
<i>Includes non-habitable buildings in all areas, e.g. conservatories, sheds, detached garages, carports, glass/shade houses, barns etc.</i>		
<i>Minor buildings: 1. Sheds up to 15m<sup>2</sup> in area, conservatory on existing slab;</i>		
<i>2. Carports, other conservatories.</i>		
OUT1 Minor buildings, other works <\$15,000	\$791.00	
OUT2 \$15,000 <\$25,000	\$1,146.00	
OUT3 \$25,000+	\$1,631.00	

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Buildings—internal alterations (includes plumbing and drainage)<sup>2</sup></b>		
ALT1 <\$7,000		\$1,017.00
ALT2 \$7,000 <\$20,000		\$1,633.00
ALT3 \$20,000+		\$1,913.00
<b>Buildings—relocation<sup>2</sup></b>		
Relocation refers to the placement of a building onto a new site. Relocation includes placement on new foundations, reinstatement of the original structure and connection to an existing sewer or on site wastewater treatment system.		
It does not include any alterations or additions to the original structure. For any such alterations or additions, the relevant additional fee will apply.		
MOVE		\$1,512.00
<b>Buildings—demolition or removal<sup>2</sup></b>		
Note: Detached dwelling, no more than three stories high, removed off site or being demolished does not require a building consent.		
The appropriate application forms for disconnecting reticulation services need to be completed and submitted.		
DEMR Residential or rural		\$718.00
DEMO Other		\$973.00
<b>Ancillary and external work<sup>2</sup></b>		
Ancillary and external works can be joined to, or separate from, a building, are constructed subsequent to or separate from the building and are non-habitable.		
Note: Where an ancillary or external work is constructed as part of the construction of a building, it is incorporated into that consent and costs are assessed accordingly.		
Ancillary and external works include minor works such as signs, fences and pergolas; other works such as decks, retaining walls and in ground swimming pools.		
Note: For ancillary/external works \$100,000 or greater, refer to the 'Community, Commercial and Industrial—New and Additions' fee category.		
ANC1 <\$15,000		\$810.00
ANC2 \$15,000 <\$100,000		\$1,150.00
<b>Log fires</b>		
FIR1 Inbuilt or with plumbing	\$572.00	\$642.00 <sup>3</sup>
FIR2 Freestanding without plumbing	\$429.00	\$499.00 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Solar water heating installation<sup>2</sup></b>		
SH2 Solar water heater only		\$429.00
<b>Buildings—minor plumbing and drainage<sup>2</sup></b>		
Minor plumbing and drainage only (value less than \$4,000)		
Certificate of Acceptance	2.0 x base fee for the relevant building consent	2.0 x base fee for the relevant building consent
Application for minor variation	\$119.00	\$122.00
Application for amendment	\$298.00	\$306.00
Application for Code Compliance	\$358.00	\$368.00

## Lodgement Charges – Objective Build<sup>1</sup>

The fees set out below outline the transactional based fee which is charged for each accepted application based on the value of work. This allows NPDC to on-charge all fair and reasonable costs for the use of the system to the applicant. The fee structure has been designed to align with the Council's operating models and encapsulates a user pay model (zero ongoing costs) that ensures the Council is never out of pocket.

### Application fee schedule

All fees below are a schedule of fees for application types for the ongoing licensing of the Objective Build end-to-end consenting solution **excluding GST** and on a per consent basis.

#### Value of work (multiplier)

1. A fixed fee for applications with a value of work equal to or under \$124,999.
2. A percentage multiplier fee for a value of work greater than \$125,000. An example has been provided below for a building consent application type with a capital value of \$600,000.

*Example: Value of Work of \$600,000 x 0.075% = \$450 (exclusive GST) application fee*

	2025/26	2026/27 (All fees GST exclusive)
<b>PARENT APPLICATIONS</b>		
Application for Project Information Memorandum and/or building consent:		
• Value of work equal to or less than \$124,999		\$80.00 fixed fee
• Value of work greater than \$125,000 and up to the value of \$2,499,999		0.075% multiplier
• Consents with a value over \$2,500,000		\$1,875.00 fixed fee
Project Information Memorandum only - application for Project Information Memorandum		\$80.00 fixed fee
Applications for Certificate of Acceptance (COA):		
• COA with a value up to \$124,999		\$80.00 fixed fee
• COA with a value over \$125,000		\$350.00 fixed fee
<b>AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS</b>		
Application for amendment to a building consent		
Note: A negative fee (reduction in the value of work) will have a \$80.00 fixed fee associated to the amendment application.		
Value of work equal to or less than \$124,999		\$80.00 fixed fee
Value of work greater than \$125,000 and up to the value of \$2,499,999		0.075% multiplier
Consents with a value over \$2,500,000		\$1,875.00 fixed fee
<b>SUPPORTING APPLICATION(S)</b>		
Application for Code Compliance Certificate		No fee, part of the building consent workflow
Application for Certificate for Public Use		\$80.00 fixed fee
<b>OTHER APPLICATION(S)</b>		
Extension of time		No fee, part of the building consent workflow
Application for an exemption to a building consent		\$80.00 fixed fee

#### ADDITIONAL PRICING NOTES

The multiplier fee is for all applications with a value of work equal to or greater than \$125,000 and is capped at a value of work of \$2,500,000 resulting in a maximum fee of \$1,875 per application.

The fees for the use of Objective Build have been implemented on the assumption that a Council/Building Consent Authority will set an application fee that is on charged to the applicant as per s240 of the Building Act 2004.

The fees set out in this document cover the ongoing use of the Objective Build end-to-end consenting solution, support and maintenance from our New Zealand based team which includes applicants applying to the Councils and Building Consent Authorities.

All accepted applications are invoiced monthly based on the actual numbers from the previous month.

- <sup>1</sup> Recent implementation of Objective Build on-line consent processing system is currently not recovering full costs. Proposed changes include an increase to reflect actual cost recovery. Based on the type and value of works proposed, a transaction-based charge now applies for each accepted building application. The calculation is based on the type and value of works proposed. This structure ensures NPDC recovers all fair and reasonable system-related costs from applicants. The model aligns with Council's operational framework and reflects a user-pays principle, eliminating ongoing costs and preventing Council from being out of pocket. The proposed new fees are GST exclusive.
- <sup>2</sup> As part of the recent review and consolidation of the fee structure, it is proposed to streamline consent fee types by removing categories that were rarely used: outbuildings, buildings, ancillary and external work, solar water heating installation and minor plumbing and drainage.
- <sup>3</sup> Proposed to increase above inflation to reflect actual cost recovery.

**TABLE 2: Additional fees and charges**

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Levies</b>		
<b>Building research levy:</b>		
• Estimated value of work under \$20,000	Nil	Nil
• Values \$20,000 and over	\$1.00 per \$1,000 building work	\$1.00 <sup>1</sup> per \$1,000 building work
<b>Department of Building and Housing levy:</b>		
• Estimated value of work under \$65,000	Nil	Nil
• Values \$65,000 and over	\$1.75 per \$1,000 building work	\$1.75 <sup>1</sup> per \$1,000 building work
• Accreditation levy (applies to all building consents)	\$2.00 per \$1,000 building work	\$2.25 <sup>2</sup> per \$1,000 building work
<b>Costs for additional staff time:</b>		
Hourly rates for the Processing Team have been rationalised into a single administrative and single technical hourly rate.		
• Development Engineer	\$260.00 per hour	\$267.00 per hour
• <b>Planner</b>		\$242.00 per hour <sup>3</sup>
• Administration	\$182.00 per hour	\$182.00 per hour <sup>4</sup>
• Technical	\$214.00 per hour	\$220.00 per hour
• Building inspection	\$240.00 per inspection	\$247.00 per inspection
Costs for engineering review or other professional services not available in-house	Actual cost plus 10%	Actual cost plus 10%
<b>Other</b>		
Extension of time for a building consent	\$137.00 fixed fee	\$140.00 fixed fee
Natural Hazards (s71 Building Act 2004)	\$442.00 fixed fee	\$454.00 fixed fee
Building over boundary (s75 Building Act 2004)	\$442.00 fixed fee	\$454.00 fixed fee
Application for waiver	\$322.00 fixed fee	\$331.00 fixed fee
Certificate for public use	\$358.00 fixed fee	\$368.00 fixed fee
Cancellation of building consent	NPDC will determine processing and administration costs and provide a refund for unused monies or invoice for additional costs	NPDC will determine processing and administration costs and provide a refund for unused monies or invoice for additional costs
Sale of alcohol building certificate	\$358.00 fixed fee	\$368.00 fixed fee
<b>Review after refusal of Code Compliance Certificate</b>		
2 to 5 years since GRANT date	\$358.00 fixed fee	\$368.00 fixed fee
5 to 10 years since GRANT date	\$427.00 fixed fee	\$439.00 fixed fee
10+ years since GRANT date	\$800.00 fixed fee	\$848.00 fixed fee
<b>Separate Project Information Memorandum (PIM) application (not applied for with building consent)</b>		
Dwellings and relocations	\$390.00 base fee	\$450.00 base fee <sup>5</sup>
<b>Granny flat exemption (Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment)</b>		\$804.00 base fee <sup>6</sup>
Community/commercial/industrial	\$668.00 base fee	\$687.00 base fee
Outbuildings, milking sheds, alterations, demolition, ancillary and external works	\$285.00 base fee	\$450.00 base fee <sup>5</sup>

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Compliance Schedule and Building Warrant of Fitness</b>		
New compliance schedule (includes preliminary compliance schedule and building statement of fitness)	\$403.00 plus \$93.00 per fixed fee	\$414.00 plus \$96.00 per fixed fee
New building warrant of fitness	\$84.00	\$86.00
Changes to compliance schedule	\$214.00 per hour	\$220.00 per hour
Building warrant of fitness audit (high, medium, low risk)	\$214.00 per hour	\$220.00 per hour
<b>Inspections</b>		
Late cancellation of inspection (less than 24 hours)	\$71.00	\$73.00
Change of use (assessment and record of)	\$189.00 base fee	\$195.00 base fee
<b>Applications for exemptions</b>		
One-offs	\$322.00	\$331.00
Registration of Schedule 1 Exemption (excluding Territorial Authority Discretionary Exemptions)	\$250.00 base fee <sup>7</sup>	
Registration of Schedule 1 Exemption - Territorial Authority Discretionary Exemption Residential	\$650.00 base fee <sup>7</sup>	
Registration of Schedule 1 Exemption - Territorial Authority Discretionary Exemption Commercial	\$1,300.00 base fee <sup>7</sup>	
Unrecorded/unpermitted works registration	\$429.00	\$441.00
<b>Notice to fix</b>		
<b>Swimming pool compliance</b>		
Re-inspection	\$240.00	\$246.00
Registration and audit inspection	\$263.00 every three years	\$270.00 every three years
<b>Compliance action</b>		
Compliance action includes but not limited to inspections	At cost	At cost
<b>Amusement devices</b>		
Application to operate an amusement device	\$11.50	\$11.50 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Development Contributions</b> <sup>8</sup> (refer to the <a href="#">Development and Financial Contributions Policy</a> and <a href="#">Development Contributions</a> page on NPDC's website)		
Required if a development increases demand on stormwater, water or road assets, or increases demand for community facilities and is a new residential, commercial, retail or industrial development.		
Development contributions must be paid before the code compliance certificate is issued.		
<del>A development contribution is a levy collected under the Local Government Act, 2002 (LGA 2002) to ensure any development that creates additional demand on council infrastructure contributes to the additional costs created.</del>		
<del>Who is required to make development contributions:</del>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>Those undertaking certain activities may be required to make a development contribution if the effects of a development (including cumulative effects) require the Council to incur capital expenditure to provide new or additional assets, or to increase the capacity of existing assets.</del></li> <li>• <del>Those undertaking certain activities may also be required to make development contributions for capital expenditure the Council has already incurred in anticipation of future development.</del></li> </ul>		
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<sup>1</sup>	Fee set by legislation.	
<sup>2</sup>	Proposed to increase above inflation to reflect actual cost recovery.	
<sup>3</sup>	This fee was inadvertently omitted from the 2025/26 Schedule of Fees and Charges.	

- <sup>4</sup> Proposed no inflation applied as the current fee for additional administrative staff time is adequate and consistent with fees for land use and subdivision consent administration.
- <sup>5</sup> Proposed to increase above inflation to reflect actual cost recovery.
- <sup>6</sup> New fee proposed to reflect compliance with Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment 'granny flats' legislation.
- <sup>7</sup> New fees proposed. This work has previously been undertaken with minimal cost recovery or provided at no charge; a cost recovery model is now proposed.
- <sup>8</sup> Amended wording to align with Development and Financial Contributions Policy.

## Land Use Consents and Associated Processes

### Charge out rates

There are ~~four~~ three charge out rates:

1. Planning administrative support, including application database input and distribution, record keeping and notified application processing support. ~~The hourly charge out rates include the use of vehicles, phone calls, internet charges, use of equipment, stationery, incidental business support and incidental photocopying.~~<sup>1</sup>
2. Technical consent processing services, includes technical expert advice on consent applications. This rate includes all planners, engineers, monitoring and investigating officers and technical officers.
3. Manager Consents and Regulatory, Manager Strategic Planning, Planning and Development Lead, District Planning and Growth Lead, Supervisors (District Planning, Growth and Services, Planning, Development Engineering and Monitoring) and Principal Planner. This group provides management support to the consent process and associated processes.
4. ~~An administration charge for front of house and business support services. The hourly charge out rates include the use of vehicles, phone calls, internet charges, use of equipment, stationery, incidental business support and incidental photocopying.~~<sup>1</sup>

### Other charges

1. External inputs. These are NPDC technical inputs external to the Consents Team staff and contractors. These include, for example infrastructure engineers and landscape architects.
2. Specialist inputs. These are inputs of skills and expertise external to NPDC needed to address application issues such as legal, archaeological, cultural, hazard assessment, engineering, arboreal, landscape assessment, specialised resource management advice and the use of hearings commissioners. Contractors fulfilling the roles normally handled by the Consents Team are not specialist inputs. Cultural advice may be charged when advice is provided by hapū.

### Fee types

There are three fee types:

1. Fixed fee. This fee covers all costs for a process, product or aspect of an application. The amount is fixed – no additional costs will be charged by NPDC in regard to the application up to the stage the document or consent is issued. All fixed charges are payable in full in advance. The Council will not commence processing the application to which the charge relates until it has been paid.
2. Set base fee. This is an all-inclusive fee covering the administration and technical processing work by the Consents Team which covers receiving, processing and issuing the document or consent. Additional charges will apply for external and specialist inputs if required.
3. Base fee. The base fee is non-refundable except in accordance with the refund criteria. This fee is a deposit only and does not always cover all of the costs of processing an application. Where processing costs exceed the specified deposit the additional costs will be invoiced separately.

This fee will cover the receipt and issue of the application and initial monitoring together with up to a specified number of hours of the Consents Team's technical inputs that typically remain after these costs are deducted.

The base fee is a deposit and in most circumstances it is likely to be exceeded. This will include processing time and where there are external (to the Consent Teams) or specialist inputs, pre-hearing or other meetings, significant mail outs or photocopying, amendments or additional information requests. Invoices will be generated where fees paid are exceeded.

### Environment Protection Agency (EPA) Fast Track consents

EPA Fast Track legislation enables councils to recover costs for their input. All NPDC officer time spent on applications will be charged on the hourly rates stipulated in the Schedule of Fees and Charges based on roles.

### Payment of fees

- Application fees are to be paid at the time of lodgement unless alternative payment arrangements have been formally approved.
- Additional fees will be required to be paid before the continuation of processing where an application belongs within a higher fee category.
- Where an application falls within more than one fee category, the higher fee category will apply.
- Processing costs exceeding the fee paid will be invoiced. Invoicing may be periodic or at the completion of processing.
- The required base fee must be paid before any processing of the application will commence except where alternative payment arrangements have been formally agreed to.

**Refunds**

Where applications are withdrawn a refund will be considered. Refunds will exclude all charges incurred up to the date of withdrawal of application.

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Significant Natural Areas (SNAs)</b>		
Erection of fences or other minor works within the dripline of an SNA which requires some removal of the bush	No set base fee for non-notified applications, additional charges will apply for external and specialist inputs if required	No set base fee for non-notified applications, additional charges will apply for external and specialist inputs if required
Trimming/fencing of the boundary line (application to establish and fence an SNA boundary line)	No set base fee for non-notified applications, additional charges will apply for external and specialist inputs if required	No set base fee for non-notified applications, additional charges will apply for external and specialist inputs if required
Indigenous vegetation disturbance within an SNA	No set base fee for non-notified applications, additional charges will apply for external and specialist inputs if required	No set base fee for non-notified applications, additional charges will apply for external and specialist inputs if required
<b>Heritage Buildings</b>		
Alterations and additions to heritage buildings and items	\$1,472.00 base fee	\$1,513.00 base fee
<b>Notable Trees</b>		
Work to or within the dripline of a notable tree	\$1,472.00 base fee	\$1,513.00 base fee
Removal or destruction of a notable tree	\$1,472.00 base fee	\$1,513.00 base fee
<b>Waahi Taonga Archaeological Sites or Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori</b>		
Erection of fences and associated land disturbance activities	\$779.00 base fee	\$801.00 base fee
<b>Community Activities<sup>2</sup></b>		
<del>Operation of a temporary event in accordance with the controlled temporary event provisions</del>	<del>\$417.00 set fee</del>	
<del>Temporary event bonds, if required</del>	<del>\$90.00 set fee</del>	
<b>Deemed Permitted Activities</b>		
Deemed permitted activities (boundary/marginal/temporary activity)	\$585.00 set fee	\$601.00 set fee
<b>Controlled Activity<sup>3</sup></b>		
<del>Single rule or effects standards</del>	<del>\$1,224.00 base fee</del>	
<b>Controlled, restricted discretionary, discretionary and non-complying activities</b>		
Controlled activities	\$1,614.00 base fee	\$2,000.00 base fee <sup>4</sup>
Restricted discretionary and discretionary activities	\$2,360.00 base fee	\$3,000.00 base fee <sup>4</sup>
Non-complying activities	\$4,363.00 base fee	\$4,000.00 base fee <sup>4</sup>
<b>National Environmental Standard</b>		
All non-notified resource consent applications not provided for by other categories	\$1,614.00 base fee	\$1,659.00 base fee
<b>Land use consents</b>		
Limited notification	\$8,184.00 base fee	\$8,413.00 base fee
Publicly notified	\$12,991.00 base fee	\$13,355.00 base fee

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Pre-application process</b>		
Initial pre-application meeting, site visit and follow up advice following meeting. This does not include external experts or time spent. Subsequent pre-application advice that is charged will be advised before charging commences.	No charge for internal NPDC inputs or for Project Team process for initial meeting. Following advice, including further pre-application meetings and site visits, \$235.00 per hour	No charge for <b>initial</b> internal NPDC inputs or for Project Team process for initial meeting. Following advice, including further pre-application meetings and site visits, \$242.00 per hour
<b>Further Resource Management Act (RMA) processes</b>		
Extensions of consent lapse period (s125 RMA 1991), change or cancellation of conditions (s127 RMA 1991)	\$1,624.00 base fee	<b>\$2,000.00 base fee<sup>4</sup></b>
Review of conditions (s128 RMA 1991)	\$1,169.00 base fee	\$1,202.00 base fee
Surrender a resource consent (s138 RMA 1991) or transfer a resource consent	\$455.00 fixed fee	\$468.00 fixed fee
Objections to conditions (ss357 and 357A RMA 1991) – objection hearing deposit	\$1,224.00 base fee	\$1,258.00 base fee
<b>Compliance monitoring</b>		
File keeping, communications, meetings, research, site visit time	\$235.00 per hour at cost	\$242.00 per hour at cost
Specialist inputs	Actual cost plus 10%	Actual cost plus 10%
<b>Monitoring programme fee (to be paid at time of issued consent application lodgement)</b>		
Controlled activities, including those with no application fee <sup>5</sup>	<b>\$109.00 base fee</b>	
Restricted discretionary and discretionary activities, including those with no application fee and designations <sup>5</sup>	<b>\$228.00 base fee</b>	
Low complexity developments including (but not limited to) low scale residential developments, sites with heritage/cultural features, digital signs, consent notices, temporary events		<b>\$300.00 base fee<sup>5</sup></b>
Moderate complexity developments including (but not limited to) infrastructure works, commercial developments, multi-unit developments, residential development with earthworks, sites requiring submission of a management plan, sites subject to hearing decisions		<b>\$600.00 base fee<sup>5</sup></b>
Large scale/complex developments including (but not limited to) quarries, energy industry sites, HAIL sites/sites where NES-CS applied, earthworks, sites requiring multiple management plans, sites with ongoing monitoring		<b>\$1,200.00 base fee<sup>5</sup></b>
<b>Certificates</b>		
Certificate of Compliance	\$1,472.00 base fee	\$1,513.00 base fee
Existing use certificates	\$1,472.00 base fee	\$1,513.00 base fee
Sale of alcohol – new or reapproval with changes	\$586.00 fixed fee	\$602.00 fixed fee
Sale of alcohol – reapproval with no changes	\$274.00 fixed fee	\$282.00 fixed fee
Overseas Investment Certificate	\$683.00 fixed fee	\$702.00 fixed fee
<b>Designations</b>		
Notice of requirement for a new designation (s168 or s168(a) RMA 1991)	\$8,109.00 base fee	\$8,336.00 base fee
Alteration of a designation (other than a notice under s181(3)) RMA 1991	\$8,109.00 base fee	\$8,336.00 base fee
Notice of requirement for an alteration (s181(3) RMA 1991)	\$1,472.00 base fee	\$1,513.00 base fee

	2025/26	2026/27
Notice to withdraw requirement (s168(4) RMA 1991)	\$650.00 fixed fee	\$668.00 fixed fee
Notice to remove a designation (s182 RMA 1991)	\$650.00 fixed fee	\$668.00 fixed fee
Application for an outline plan (s176A(1) RMA 1991)	\$1,570.00 base fee	\$1,614.00 base fee
Waiver for an outline plan (s176A(2) RMA 1991)	\$650.00 fixed fee	\$668.00 fixed fee
<b>Heritage order</b>		
Process review indicates that dependent upon issues, the stance of submitters and process costs can range from \$7,200 to greater than \$18,500. Actual costs are very difficult to predict. There will usually be additional invoiced costs	\$10,133.00 base fee	\$10,417.00 base fee
<b>Plan changes</b>		
Process review indicates that the cost of most plan changes is significant. The deposit (base fee) set is at a minimal level and there will usually be additional invoiced costs	\$25,690.00 base fee	\$26,409.00 base fee
<b>Charges for information requests</b>		
Request for information or research (excludes requests under Official Information and Meetings Act where NPDC policy applies)	At cost	At cost
<b>Application scanning submission fees</b>		
Lodged as hard copy	\$103.00	\$106.00
Lodged online <a href="#">through website</a>	No charge	No charge
<b>Charges for other inputs</b>		
External inputs - these are NPDC inputs external to the Resource Consents Team	At cost	At cost
Specialist inputs - these are inputs external to NPDC such as a facilitator, mediator, commissioner, legal, technical advice on matters such as hazardous substances, noise and landscapes, including cultural advice	Actual cost plus 10%	Actual cost plus 10%
Note: Council may on-charge for cultural advice from iwi/hapū		
<b>Bond:</b>		
• Preparation through to release or cancellation	\$646.00 fixed fee	\$664.00 fixed fee
• Legal/engineering inputs	At cost	At cost
<b>Professional fee schedule:</b>		
Administration (includes front of house and support service)	\$177.00 per hour	\$182.00 per hour
Quality assurance	\$250.00 per consent	\$250.00 per consent <sup>6</sup>
<b>Technical charges:</b>		
• Manager Consents and Regulatory, Manager Strategic Planning, Planning and Development Lead, District Planning and Growth Lead, Supervisors (District Planning, Growth and Services, Planning, Development Engineering and Monitoring), Principal Planner	\$258.00 per hour	\$265.00 per hour
• Senior Planner, Senior Planning Advisor, Intermediate Planner, Planner, Monitoring Planner, Investigating Officers, Technical Officers, Green Network Planner, Transport Planner, Landscape Architect	\$235.00 per hour	\$242.00 per hour
• Senior <b>Development</b> Engineer, <b>Development</b> Engineer	\$260.00 per hour	\$267.00 per hour
• <a href="#">Planning administrative support</a> <sup>7</sup>	<b>\$204.00 per hour</b>	
<b>Development Contributions</b> <sup>8</sup>		
(refer to the <a href="#">Development and Financial Contributions Policy</a> and <a href="#">Development Contributions</a> page on NPDC's website)		

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Development contributions are collected to ensure that infrastructure and community facilities support the needs of the growing community and that the costs of new development are shared by developers rather than being funded entirely by ratepayers.

Development contributions are required if a development:

1. Increases demand on stormwater, wastewater, water or road assets, or increases the demand for community facilities; and
2. Is a new residential, commercial, retail or industrial development.

These are to be paid prior to the commencement of the consented activity.

~~A development contribution is a levy collected under the Local Government Act, 2002 (LGA 2002) to ensure any development that creates additional demand on council infrastructure contributes to the additional costs created.~~

~~Who is required to make development contributions:~~

- ~~Those undertaking certain activities may be required to make a development contribution if the effects of a development (including cumulative effects) require the Council to incur capital expenditure to provide new or additional assets, or to increase the capacity of existing assets.~~
- ~~Those undertaking certain activities may also be required to make development contributions for capital expenditure the Council has already incurred in anticipation of future development.~~

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<sup>1</sup> Proposed the administration charge for front of house and business support services be removed and consolidated into the planning administrative support charge.

<sup>2</sup> Proposed these charges be removed, as they have not been applied in the past three years and are no longer relevant to NPDC's planning or monitoring processes.

<sup>3</sup> Proposed this charge be removed. All controlled activities are now subject to the same base processing fee. A review of charges above the base fee for the 2024/25 year showed minimal variation between this charge and the standard controlled activity fee, regardless of the number of rule breaches.

<sup>4</sup> Proposed increase above inflation. A review of applications processed during 2024/25 found that base fees for controlled, restricted discretionary, discretionary and non-complying activities were consistently low across all activity types. These fees have therefore been adjusted to better reflect actual processing costs. The fee for extension of consent lapse period has also been revised to a more representative level.

<sup>5</sup> Proposed these charges be removed. The fee structure has been revised to include three new fees that more accurately reflect the representative monitoring costs associated with an application.

<sup>6</sup> Proposed no inflation applied as the current charge still reflects approximately one hour of processing time by the Quality Assurance Team.

<sup>7</sup> Proposed removal of the planning administrative support charge, as there is already an existing administration charge. Having these two charges is confusing and unnecessary.

<sup>8</sup> Amended wording to align with Development and Financial Contributions Policy.

## Subdivision Consents and Associated Processes

### Charge out rates

There are ~~four~~ three Consents Team (Consenting and Development control charge out rates:

1. Planning administrative support, including application database input and distribution, record keeping and notified application processing support. ~~The hourly charge out rates include the use of vehicles, phone calls, internet charges, use of equipment, stationery, incidental business support and incidental photocopying.~~<sup>1</sup>
2. Technical consent processing services, includes technical expert advice on consent applications. This rate includes all planners, development engineers, monitoring and investigating officers and technical officers.
3. Manager Consents and Regulatory, Planning and Development Lead, Supervisors (Planning, Development Engineering and Monitoring) and Principal Planner. This group provides management support to the consent process.
4. ~~An administration charge for front of house and business support services. The hourly charge out rates include the use of vehicles, phone calls, internet charges, use of equipment, stationery, incidental business support and incidental photocopying.~~<sup>1</sup>

### Other charges

1. External inputs. These are NPDC technical inputs external to the Consents Team staff and contractors. These include, for example infrastructure engineers and landscape architects.
2. Specialist inputs. These are inputs of skills and expertise external to NPDC needed to address application issues such as legal, archaeological, cultural, hazard assessment, engineering, arboreal, landscape assessment, specialised resource management advice and the use of hearings commissioners. Contractors fulfilling the roles normally handled by the Consents Team are not specialist inputs. Cultural advice may be charged when advice is provided by hapū.

### Fee types

There are three fee types:

1. Fixed fee. This fee covers all costs for a process, product or aspect of an application. The amount is fixed – no additional costs will be charged by NPDC in regard to the application up to the stage the document or consent is issued. All fixed charges are payable in full in advance. The Council will not commence processing the application to which the charge relates until it has been paid.
2. Set base fee. This is an all-inclusive fee covering the administration and technical processing work by the Consents Team which covers receiving, processing and issuing the document or consent. Additional charges will apply for external and specialist inputs if required.
3. Base fee. The base fee is non-refundable except in accordance with the refund criteria. This fee is a deposit only and does not always cover all of the costs of processing an application. Where processing costs exceed the specified deposit the additional costs will be invoiced separately.

This fee will cover the receipt and issue of the application and initial monitoring together with up to a specified number of hours of the Consents Team's technical inputs that typically remain after these costs are deducted.

The base fee is a deposit and in most circumstances it is likely to be exceeded. This will include processing time and where there are external (to the Consent Teams) or specialist inputs, pre-hearing or other meetings, significant mail outs or photocopying, amendments or additional information requests. Invoices will be generated where fees paid are exceeded.

### Environment Protection Agency (EPA) Fast Track consents

EPA Fast Track legislation enables councils to recover costs for their input. All NPDC officer time spent on applications will be charged on the hourly rates stipulated in the Schedule of Fees and Charges based on roles.

### Payment of fees

- Application fees are to be paid at the time of lodgement unless alternative payment arrangements have been formally approved.
- Additional fees will be required to be paid before the continuation of processing where an application belongs within a higher fee category.
- Where an application falls within more than one fee category, the higher fee category will apply.
- Processing costs exceeding the fee paid will be invoiced. Invoicing may be periodic or at the completion of processing.

- The required base fee must be paid before any processing of the application will commence except where alternative payment arrangements have been formally agreed to.

### Refunds

Where applications are withdrawn a refund will be considered. Refunds will exclude all charges incurred up to the date of withdrawal of application.

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Consent processing – non-notified</b>		
Boundary adjustment	\$937.00 base fee	\$2,000.00 base fee <sup>2</sup>
Cross lease amendment	\$937.00 base fee	\$2,000.00 base fee <sup>2</sup>
Other non-notified subdivision consents:		
• Controlled	\$1,624.00 base fee	\$2,000.00 base fee <sup>2</sup>
• Restricted discretionary and discretionary	\$2,338.00 base fee	\$3,000.00 base fee <sup>2</sup>
• Non-complying	\$2,880.00 base fee	\$4,000.00 base fee <sup>2</sup>
• Combined land use and subdivision	\$2,880.00 base fee	\$4,000.00 base fee <sup>2</sup>
<b>Consent processing – limited notification</b>		
Limited notification subdivision consents	\$8,184.00 base fee	\$8,413.00 base fee
<b>Consent processing – public notification</b>		
Publicly notified subdivision consents	\$12,991.00 base fee	\$13,355.00 base fee
<b>Other consent related processes</b>		
Extension to consent lapse period, change or cancellation of conditions	\$1,624.00 base fee	\$2,000.00 base fee <sup>2</sup>
Review of conditions (s128 Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA 1991))	\$1,169.00 base fee	\$1,202.00 base fee
Approval (s226 RMA 1991)	\$931.00 base fee	\$957.00 base fee
Building line restriction cancellation (s327A Local Government Act 1974 (LGA 1974))	\$931.00 base fee	\$957.00 base fee
Right-of-way (s348 LGA 1974) approval includes certification	\$931.00 base fee	\$957.00 base fee
<b>Pre-application process</b>		
Initial pre-application meeting, site visit and follow up advice following meeting. This does not include external experts or time spent. Subsequent pre-application advice that is charged will be advised before charging commences.	No charge for internal NPDC inputs or for Project Team process for initial meeting. Following advice, including further pre-application meetings and site visits, \$235.00 per hour	No charge for <b>initial</b> internal NPDC inputs or for Project Team process for initial meeting. Following advice, including further pre-application meetings and site visits, \$242.00 per hour
<b>Post approval processes</b>		
Plan approval s223 RMA 1991 certificates:		
• Up to eight lots	\$359.00 base fee	\$369.00 base fee
• Greater than eight lots	\$533.00 base fee	\$548.00 base fee
Records system fee – payable with request for s223 RMA 1991 approval:		
• Subdivision with two to eight lots (per lot)	\$37.00 fixed fee per lot	\$38.00 fixed fee per lot
• Subdivision with greater than eight lots (per lot)	\$34.00 fixed fee per lot	\$35.00 fixed fee per lot
Infrastructure approvals, including engineering, landscape architect, cultural and ecological expert inputs:		
• Major engineering approval for new public infrastructure works and enabling works	\$1,949.00 base fee	\$2,004.00 base fee

	2025/26	2026/27
• Minor engineering works and rights of way, new stormwater connections and activities over public stormwater pipes	\$647.00 base fee	\$665.00 base fee
<b>Simple right of way approval</b>		<b>\$300.00<sup>3</sup></b>
Road naming (roads and rights-of-way)	\$586.00 fixed fee	\$602.00 fixed fee
Inspection of engineering infrastructure works and monitoring associated with subdivision consent	At cost based on engineer hourly charge	At cost based on engineer hourly charge
Completion of conditions certificate (s224(c) RMA 1991):		
• No engineering conditions	\$314.00 base fee	\$323.00 base fee
• Engineering conditions included, servicing allotments, but not vesting infrastructure	\$534.00 base fee	\$549.00 base fee
• Engineering conditions where land/work vesting in NPDC on deposit of plan and inspections have been carried out under NZS4404:2004 S.1.5.5. Completion inspection will be charged at the engineer hourly rate for all participants. Repeated works completion inspection/approval due to non compliance will be charged at engineer hourly rate for all participants	\$1,840.00 base fee	\$1,892.00 base fee
All other certificates (s221, S222, S224(f), s230, s232, s238, s240, s241, s243 RMA 1991, s32(2)(a) Unit Titles Act 2010; s348 LGA 1974)	\$250.00 base fee	\$257.00 base fee
Cancellation/variation of all other certificates (s234, s240, s241, s243 RMA Year)	\$354.00 base fee	\$364.00 base fee
Objections to conditions (s357 RMA 1991) - objection hearing deposit	\$1,224.00 fixed fee	\$1,258.00 fixed fee
Bond:		
• Preparation through to release or cancellation	\$646.00 fixed fee	\$664.00 fixed fee
• Legal/engineering inputs	At cost	At cost
<b>Charges for advice or information</b>		
Requests for advice or information (excludes requests under Official Information and Meetings Act where NPDC policy applies). Charges will normally apply after the first half hour of work on any topic	At cost	At cost
<b>Application submissions scanning fees</b>		
Lodged as hard copy	\$103.00	\$106.00
Lodged online <b>through website</b>	No charge	No charge
<b>Charges for other inputs</b>		
<b>Online lodgement and processing<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>\$150.00 per consent</b>	
External inputs - these are NPDC inputs external to the Consents Team	At cost	At cost
Use of specialist or external resources for facilitation, mediation, hearings, consultation, legal advice or referral, specialised or expert advice, or peer review for consents or monitoring processes, including cultural advice	Actual cost plus 10%	Actual cost plus 10%
<i>Note: Council may on-charge for cultural advice from iwi/hapū</i>		

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Professional fee schedule:</b>		
Administration (includes front of house and support service)	\$177.00 per hour	\$182.00 per hour
Quality assurance	\$250.00 per consent	\$250.00 per consent <sup>5</sup>
Technical charges:		
• Manager Consents and Regulatory, Planning and Development Lead, Supervisors (Planning, Development Engineering and Monitoring), Principal Planner	\$258.00 per hour	\$265.00 per hour
• Senior Planner, Intermediate Planner, Planner, Monitoring Planner, Investigating Officers, Technical Officers, Green Network Planner, Transport Planner, Landscape Architect	\$235.00 per hour	\$242.00 per hour
• Senior Development Engineer, Development Engineer	\$260.00 per hour	\$267.00 per hour
• Planning administrative support <sup>6</sup>	\$204.00 per hour	

**Development Contributions**<sup>7</sup>

(refer to the [Development and Financial Contributions Policy](#) and [Development Contributions](#) page on NPDC's website)

Development contributions are collected to ensure that infrastructure and community facilities support the needs of the growing community and that the costs of new development are shared by developers rather than being funded entirely by ratepayers.

Development contributions are required if a development:

1. Increases demand on stormwater, wastewater, water or road assets, or increases the demand for community facilities; and
2. Is a new residential, commercial, retail or industrial development.

These are to be paid prior to the commencement of the consented activity.

~~A development contribution is a levy collected under the Local Government Act, 2002 (LGA 2002) to ensure any development that creates additional demand on council infrastructure contributes to the additional costs created.~~

~~Who is required to make development contributions:~~

- ~~Those undertaking certain activities may be required to make a development contribution if the effects of a development (including cumulative effects) require the Council to incur capital expenditure to provide new or additional assets, or to increase the capacity of existing assets.~~
- ~~Those undertaking certain activities may also be required to make development contributions for capital expenditure the Council has already incurred in anticipation of future development.~~

<sup>1</sup> Proposed the administration charge for front of house and business support services be removed and consolidated into the planning administrative support charge.

<sup>2</sup> Proposed increase above inflation. A review of applications processed during 2024/25 found that base fees for consent processing (non-notified) were consistently low across all activity types. These fees have therefore been adjusted to better reflect actual processing costs. The fee for extension of consent lapse period has also been revised to a more representative level.

<sup>3</sup> New fee proposed to cover the cost of simple engineering approvals.

<sup>4</sup> Proposed fee removed as it is already included in the 'Lodged as hard copy' charge.

<sup>5</sup> Proposed no inflation applied as the charge still accounts for roughly one hour of processing time for the Quality Assurance Team and is considered sufficient.

<sup>6</sup> Proposed removal of the planning administrative support charge, as there is already an existing administration charge. Having these two charges is confusing and unnecessary.

<sup>7</sup> Amended wording to align with Development and Financial Contributions Policy.

## Enforcement

### Animal Control

	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
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#### DOG REGISTRATION

The Dog Control Act 1996 requires all dogs, on reaching the age of three months, to be registered. Newly registered dogs are required to be microchipped unless defined as a working dog. Any dog reaching the age of three months during the registration year (July to June) will only need to pay the proportion of months remaining in that registration year.

##### Residential Area

Any dog kept on a property that has a rating code of one or two.

(Generally, these relate to properties no more than one hectare in area.)

Urban dog – non select owner	\$185.50	\$191.50 per dog	\$196.90 per dog
Urban dog – select owner (with entire dog)	\$144.50 per dog	\$149.00 per dog	\$153.20 per dog
Urban dog – select owner (with neutered/spayed dog)	\$95.00 per dog	\$98.00 per dog	\$100.70 per dog
Urban dog – select owner (pensioner*/entire dog)	\$117.00 per dog	\$121.00 per dog	\$124.40 per dog
Urban dog – select owner (pensioner*/neutered/spayed dog)	\$89.50 per dog	\$92.50 per dog	\$95.10 per dog
Owners of dogs classified as Dangerous	Applicable registration fee plus 50% per dog	Applicable registration fee plus 50% per dog	Applicable registration fee plus 50% per dog

\* Pensioner is aged 65 years and over. Evidence of age to be produced for the first application only.

Select dog owner is a person who has demonstrated their obligations as a dog owner by:

- Registering their dog on or before 1 July each year.
- Microchipping their dog.
- Being offence-free (for both owner and dog). An offence is when there has been a substantiated complaint, a dog impoundment, an infringement notice issued or a prosecution for a dog-related offence. After any offences occur, the select owner fee will be reinstated only after two offence-free registration years and the owner has reapplied for the status.
- Having their property inspected to approve fencing, sleeping quarters and exercise space.
- Keeping their address current to allow for an inspection of a new property.

##### Rural Area

Any dog kept on a property that has a rating code of three or four or other approved rural property. These include small holdings between one to four hectares in area and farmland greater than four hectares.

Full fee – payable for first two dogs kept by the same owner	\$70.50 per dog	\$72.70 per dog	\$74.70 per dog
Reduced fee – payable for the third and subsequent dogs kept by the same owner	\$36.00 per dog	\$37.10 per dog	\$38.10 per dog

##### Other dog related fees

Late payment penalty if fees not paid in full by due date <sup>1</sup>	Penalty of 25% applicable after 1 August 2025 until 30 November 2025	Penalty of 25% applicable from <sup>1</sup> after 1 August 2026 until 30 November 2026	Penalty of 25% applicable from <sup>1</sup> After 1 August 2027 until 30 November 2027
	Penalty of 50% applicable after 1 December 2025 until 30 June 2026	Penalty of 50% applicable from <sup>1</sup> after 1 December 2026 until 30 June 2027	Penalty of 50% applicable from <sup>1</sup> after 1 December 2027 until 30 June 2028

	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
<b>Impounding fees:</b>			
• First impounding (registered dog)	\$89.00	\$91.80	\$94.40
• Second impounding	\$189.00	\$194.90	\$200.40
• Third impounding	\$333.00	\$343.30	\$352.90
• Unregistered dog	\$180.00 (plus penalty registration and microchipping)	\$185.60 (plus penalty registration and microchipping)	\$190.80 (plus penalty registration and microchipping)
Sustenance fee (if impounded longer than 48 hours)	\$13.00 a day per dog	\$13.40 a day per dog	\$13.80 a day per dog
Sale of dog under eight years old from the pound (includes <b>registration and<sup>2</sup></b> cost of de- sexing dog)	\$311.00	\$320.60	\$329.60
Sale of dog <b>over</b> eight years old <b>and over<sup>2</sup></b> from the pound (includes <b>registration and<sup>2</sup></b> cost of de-sexing dog)	\$152.00	\$156.70	\$161.10
Microchipping of impounded dog	\$54.00	\$55.70	\$57.30
Bark collar	\$130.00	\$133.60	\$137.40 <sup>3</sup>
Batteries for bark collar	\$15.00	\$15.40	\$15.80 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Seizure fee</b>			\$123.40 <sup>4</sup>
Surrender of dog fee	\$50.00	10 days of sustenance fees to cover costs of sustenance/ rehoming process	10 days of sustenance fees to cover costs of sustenance/ rehoming process

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>STOCK CONTROL (Impounding Act 1955)</b>		
Fee per impounding per owner	\$208.80 plus \$8.80 per stock unit	\$214.70 plus \$9.10 per stock unit
Fee per impounding per owner – repeat impounding	\$303.60 plus \$11.90 per stock unit	\$312.10 plus \$12.20 per stock unit
Sustenance fee	\$5.20 per stock unit per day	\$5.40 per stock unit per day
Driving/conveyance of stock to the pound or other place	Actual costs	Actual costs

<sup>1</sup> Proposed change in wording from "after" to "from" to clarify for customers that penalty applies from 1 August onwards as opposed to day after onwards. Also proposed, for clarification, that late fees are applied if full payment is not received (following customer feedback that they were under the impression that part payment should suffice, which does not align with payment terms).

<sup>2</sup> Proposed amendment to clarify the sale of dogs from the pound includes the cost of registration. Additionally, it is proposed that the reference to dogs "eight years old and over" be revised to confirm that a dog exactly eight years old is included in this category.

<sup>3</sup> These fees have historically applied for the purchase of bark collars and batteries at reception. However, they were not previously included in the Schedule of Fees and Charges. This update formally adds them to the schedule.

<sup>4</sup> Proposed new fee to reflect the significant time and resources involved in seizing dogs. This work includes search warrant planning, documentation and approval processes, staff briefing, and execution. the work required encompasses search warrant planning, documentation and approval processes, as well as staff briefing and execution time. As noted in the Annual Report, the volume of this activity has increased as we adopt a firmer approach to serious and repeat non-compliance in response to community feedback.

## Environmental Health

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Food premises (Food Act 2014)</b>		
Registration	\$366.00 fixed fee (includes two hours for processing of application)	\$376.30 fixed fee (includes two hours for processing of application)
	\$181.50 per hour for every extra hour of processing the application	\$186.60 per hour for every extra hour of processing the application
Renewal of registration	\$181.50 fixed fee (includes one hour for processing of application)	\$186.60 fixed fee (includes one hour for processing of application)
	\$181.50 per hour for every extra hour of processing the application	\$186.60 per hour for every extra hour of processing the application
<b>Ministry for Primary Industries levy:</b>		
• Domestic Food Business Levy (applies to all food premises registrations)	\$66.13 per site	\$99.19 per site <sup>1</sup>
• Collection of levy fee on behalf of the Ministry for Primary Industries	\$12.65 per site	\$12.65 per site <sup>2</sup>
Amendment, Suspension, Surrender	\$181.50 fixed fee (includes one hour for processing of application)	\$186.60 fixed fee (includes one hour for processing of application)
	\$181.50 per hour for every extra hour of processing the application	\$186.60 per hour for every extra hour of processing the application
Verification	\$730.00 fixed fee (includes four hours of verification activities)	\$750.40 fixed fee (includes four hours of verification activities)
	\$181.50 per hour for every extra hour of verification activities	\$186.60 per hour for every extra hour of verification activities
<b>Compliance and monitoring:</b>		
• Complaint driven investigation resulting in issue of improvement notice	\$187.60 per hour	\$192.90 per hour
• Application for review of issue of improvement notice	\$187.60 per hour	\$192.90 per hour
• Monitoring for food safety and suitability	\$187.60 per hour	\$192.90 per hour
<b>Other premises - registrations (Health Act 1956)</b>		
Offensive trade	\$190.70	\$196.00
Camping ground	\$377.40	\$388.00
Hairdresser <sup>3</sup>	\$188.70	
Mortuary/funeral director	\$188.70	\$194.00
Transfer fee	\$109.30	\$112.40

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Environmental health (Local Government Act 2002 and Bylaws)</b>		
Mobile shop (not food) licence	\$189.70	\$195.00
Stall licence	\$92.80	\$95.40
Hawkers licence	\$94.90	\$97.60
Licence: Prescribed Process (NPDC Bylaw 2010, Part 6: Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Piercing)	\$179.40	\$184.40
Inspections under NPDC Bylaw 2010, Part 6: Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and <del>Skin</del> Piercing	\$181.50 per hour	\$186.60 per hour
<b>Seized property (Local Government Act 2002 and Resource Management Act 1991 ss323 and 328)</b>		
Return of seized property (including stereos)	\$133.00	\$133.00 <sup>4</sup>
<b>Gambling venue consent fees (Gambling Act 2003)</b>		
New gambling venue consent (additional costs may be charged at actual and reasonable rates)	\$888.70	\$913.60
<b>Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (Council set fees)<sup>5</sup></b>		
Public notice of application for On/Off/Club/Special Licence or Variation of Conditions		\$50.00 <sup>5</sup>
<b>Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (fees are set by statute)</b>		
Cost/risk category application fees for premises:		
• Very low	\$368.00	\$368.00 <sup>6</sup>
• Low	\$609.50	\$609.50 <sup>6</sup>
• Medium	\$816.50	\$816.50 <sup>6</sup>
• High	\$1,023.50	\$1,023.50 <sup>6</sup>
• Very high	\$1,207.50	\$1,207.50 <sup>6</sup>
Cost/risk category annual fees for premises:		
• Very low	\$161.00	\$161.00 <sup>6</sup>
• Low	\$391.00	\$391.00 <sup>6</sup>
• Medium	\$632.50	\$632.50 <sup>6</sup>
• High	\$1,035.00	\$1,035.00 <sup>6</sup>
• Very high	\$1,437.50	\$1,437.50 <sup>6</sup>
Special licences:		
• Low (or Class 3)	\$63.25	\$63.25 <sup>6</sup>
• Medium (or Class 2)	\$207.00	\$207.00 <sup>6</sup>
• High (or Class 1)	\$575.00	\$575.00 <sup>6</sup>
Other applications:		
• Manager's certificate	\$316.25	\$316.25 <sup>6</sup>
• Temporary authority	\$296.70	\$296.70 <sup>6</sup>
• Temporary licence	\$296.70	\$296.70 <sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) in 2025 introduced a new "Domestic Food Business Levy" that by regulation councils are to collect on their behalf. This was phased in from 1 July 2025 at a rate of \$57.50 per site for year one, year two \$86.25 and year three \$115.00 (GST exclusive). To be consistent with other fees, GST has been applied to the rate for year two (2026/27). Final charge has been rounded for cash purposes.

<sup>2</sup> As part of the MPI levy, the regulations specified that we may charge up to a maximum of \$11.00 per business to cover costs in collecting the levy, which we applied in 2025/26.

<sup>3</sup> Proposed this fee be removed as per the revocation of the Health (Hairdressers) Regulations 1980 effective July 2025. This charge can no longer be enforced by the Council. See <https://www.regulation.govt.nz/regulatory-reviews/hairdressing-and-barbering-industry-regulatory-review/>

- <sup>4</sup> Despite inflationary pressures, it is proposed no inflation be applied in order to encourage compliance and reduce the storage burden as per the data for the last four years as follows: 2022 - 10 seized, 3 released; 2023 - 13 seized, 2 released; 2024 - 24 seized, 2 released; 2025 - 5 seized, 1 released.
- <sup>5</sup> Proposed new fee of \$50 to cover administration time. This amount is based on an estimated 15-20 minutes of administrative work, aligned with Regulatory Support Service charge-out rates and comparable to those in the Regulatory Team.
- <sup>6</sup> Fee set by legislation, as no bylaw currently in place.

## Transportation

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Road closures</b>		
Application fee (Community events have the ability to apply under the Council Community Funding Investment Policy to have some or all of their road closure costs paid for.)	\$940.00	\$970.00
<b>Street activities</b>		
Street banners	\$116.50	\$120.00
No administration fee for registered charities and non-profit incorporated societies - \$17.00 weekly charge to apply as applicable		
On-road events - when a road closure is not required, e.g. marches, parades	\$295.00	\$305.00
No fee for registered charities and non-profit incorporated societies		
Temporary obstruction permit (scaffolding, cranes, containers etc)	\$150.50	\$155.00
Commercial trading in public places – application fee Term of one year - \$3,895.00 per annum (flat paid monthly via direct credit)	\$369.00	\$380.00
Commercial agreements: second and subsequent years		
• Non powered sites	The minimum licence fee or 4% of gross annual sales (plus GST) whichever is the greater amount	The minimum licence fee or 4% of gross annual sales (plus GST) whichever is the greater amount
<b>Parking bay reservations (see <a href="#">parking section</a>)</b>		
<b>Vehicle crossings</b>		
Application fee – urban	\$602.00	\$630.00 <sup>1</sup>
Application fee – rural	\$602.00	\$630.00 <sup>1</sup>
Alterations to existing vehicle crossing	\$164.00	\$175.00 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Street works and minor services</b>		
Rural rapid number stakes	\$42.00 per stake	\$43.20 per stake
<b>Corridor Access Request System (CAR) application fees</b>		
CAR application for:		
• Excavation >10m <sup>2</sup> or any CAR in carriageway	\$547.50	\$563.00
• Excavation <10m <sup>2</sup> in berm	\$365.00	\$375.00
CAR additional inspection	\$182.50 per hour	\$188.00 per hour
Generic Traffic Management Plan approval	\$675.00	\$695.00
Investigation into road opening that has not been advised	\$735.00	\$755.00
<b>Overweight permits (set by statute)</b>		
Permit for greater than three days notice	\$40.00	\$40.00 <sup>2</sup>
Permit fee less than three days notice	\$59.00	\$59.00 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Stock underpasses</b>		
Application fee	\$391.00	\$402.00

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Airspace and subsoil leases</b>		
Administration/application fee	\$1,500.00	\$1,545.00
Documentation costs	At cost	At cost
Annual rental – higher of the following:		
1. Minimum rental \$310.00 per annum; or		
2. Market rental valuation; or		
3. Rental using rating land value calculated on the following basis:		
a) Establishing a dollar rate per square metre using rating land value of applicant's adjoining property (dividing the land value by the area of the section).		
b) Calculating the floor area of a structure to be occupied and apply to the dollar rate.		
c) Calculating value of (b) by stratum percentage.		
d) Calculating value of (c) by 6.5 per cent for the annual ground rental plus GST.		
Rental to be reviewed at three yearly intervals following rateable revaluations.		
<b>Encroachment licences (applies to private encroachments on Council-owned road reserve)</b>		
Application fee (for all encroachment licences)	\$400.00	\$410.00
Renewal of encroachment licence (including on-street dining licence)	\$110.00	\$115.00
Note: Additional charges may apply (on an hourly rate basis of \$105.00 per hour) where additional renewal processing is required above and beyond roll over of existing encroachment licences		
Documentation costs (for all encroachment licences), including registration of a memorandum of encumbrance, if applicable	At cost	At cost
Lawn/landscaping and fences (road reserve encroachment licences only <del>–does not apply to paper roads</del> )	Annual rental	Annual rental
Annual rental calculated on the following basis:		
1. Establishing a dollar rate per square metre by dividing the land value of the applicant's section by the area of the section.		
2. Calculating the area to be occupied and apply to the dollar rate.		
3. Calculating one per cent of (2) which is to be charged as the annual rental plus GST or a minimum of \$205.00 annual rental plus GST, whichever is the greater		
Amount to be reviewed at three yearly intervals following rateable revaluations.		
Other annual rental for the following:		
• Residential environment structure, e.g. garage, retaining wall		
• CBD environment - CBD footpath (tables and chairs)		
• Commercial/industrial structures and lawn and landscaping		
• Rural structures, e.g. garage, retaining wall		
Calculated on the following basis:		
1. Establishing a dollar rate per square metre by dividing the land value of the applicant's section by the area of the section.		
2. Calculating the floor area to be occupied and apply to the dollar rate.		
3. Calculating 6.5 per cent of (2) which is to be charged as the annual rental plus GST.		
Amount to be reviewed at three yearly intervals following rateable revaluations.		
<b>Road stopping (Local Government Act 1974 or Public Works Act 1981)</b>		
Road stopping application fee plus documentation/ professional services (e.g. legal, valuation etc) at cost	\$2,700.00	\$2,775.00
Petrochemical pipeline in road reserve application fee plus higher of market rental or minimum annual rental of \$310.00 per annum plus documentation/professional services (e.g. legal, valuation etc) at cost	\$1,500.00	\$1,545.00

<sup>1</sup> Proposed fee above inflation. The fee was under-recovered in 2024/25. This increase aims to better align costs with income.

<sup>2</sup> Fees set by legislation.

## Parking

	2025/26	2026/27
On street metered	\$3.00 per hour	\$3.00 per hour
<i>Note. A two hour time limit applies on Devon Street between Eliot and Robe streets.</i>		
Off street metered:		
• Courtenay Street car park (under The Warehouse)	\$3.00 per hour	\$3.00 per hour
• Wind Wand car park, Puke Ariki car park and Molesworth Street car park	\$3.00 per hour	\$3.00 per hour
• Downtown car park, Powderham Street car park (by Police Station), Central car park (across from TSB Showplace)	\$3.00 per hour	\$3.00 per hour
• Egmont Street car park	\$3.00 per hour	\$3.00 per hour
Leased car parks:		
• Downtown car park (Monday to Saturday)	\$49.00 per week	\$25.00 per week <sup>1</sup>
• Lower Courtenay Street car park (Monday to Saturday)	\$49.00 per week	\$49.00 per week <sup>2</sup>
• Courtenay Street car park – outside New World (Monday to Saturday)	\$49.00 per week	\$49.00 per week <sup>2</sup>
Leased off street car parks:		
• Molesworth Street car park (Monday to Saturday)	\$30.00 per week	\$30.00 per week <sup>2</sup>
• Powderham Street car park and Central car park (across from TSB Showplace) (Monday to Saturday)	\$40.00 per week	\$40.00 per week <sup>2</sup>
• Carrington/Vivian streets – The Mill (Monday to Friday)	\$24.00 per week	\$24.00 per week <sup>2</sup>
Parking infringement fees	Set by regulation by central government	Set by regulation by central government

**SuperGold Card holders** are able to park free of charge in all metered parks up to 11am Mondays to Saturdays with their card or an alternative NPDC laminated card displayed on the dash.

Note: After 11am payment must be made or vehicle is likely to be infringed for expired time.

Parking bay reservations		
Half day	\$15.00	\$15.00 <sup>2</sup>
Full day	\$29.00	\$29.00 <sup>2</sup>
Greater than one day	Price by negotiation	Price by negotiation
<b>Towing and storage charges</b>		
Removal of abandoned vehicles (administration)	\$285.00	\$300.00 <sup>3</sup>
Towing and storage charges	At cost	At cost

<sup>1</sup> Proposed decrease to Downtown car park lease fee, based on the assumption that Council will review and approve reduced rates to encourage occupancy and generate interest in leased car spaces.

<sup>2</sup> Proposed no inflation applied, as the Property Team has determined these car park charges are already at market rent.

<sup>3</sup> Proposed increase above inflation to help recover actual costs associated with the significant time and resources required for this process. The situation will be monitored over the coming year, and further adjustments may be considered if necessary.

## Venues and Events

### Event Venues

The rates quoted in this section relate to base hire rates only. Any additional costs incurred as part of venue hire requirements will be charged as and when they occur.

A rapid response rate may be applied to all booking spaces for late night turn around to secure a booking.

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>TSB SHOWPLACE</b>		
A 40 per cent rebate will apply to the fixed rate for 'not for profit' community group bookings that meet the community booking policy criteria.		
<b>TSB Theatre</b>		
Performance day - first/single performance (includes eight hours of technical manager and six hours of duty manager). Venue hire is the advertised rate or 10 per cent of gross ticket sales whichever is greater*	\$4,226.25	\$4,344.60
Second performance - same day (includes six hours of technical manager and four hours of duty manager). Venue hire is the advertised rate or 10 per cent of gross ticket sales whichever is greater	\$2,121.00	\$2,180.40
Rehearsal and pack in/out days (staff, energy and cleaning additional)	\$1,215.00	\$1,215.00 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Theatre Royal</b>		
Full rental (includes four hours of technical manager and six hours of duty manager). Venue hire is the advertised rate or 10 per cent of gross ticket sales whichever is greater.	\$2,310.00	\$2,374.70
Second performance - same day (includes two hours of technical manager and four hours of duty manager). Venue hire is the advertised rate or 10 per cent of gross ticket sales whichever is greater	\$1,450.00	\$1,490.60
Rehearsal and pack in/out days (staff, energy and cleaning additional)	\$1,010.00	\$1,010.00 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Stalls foyer</b>	By negotiation (varies due to event) <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Alexandra Room</b>	Prices are quoted per individual booking	By negotiation (varies due to event) <sup>3</sup>
<b>Theatre Royal Lounge</b>	Prices are quoted per individual booking	By negotiation (varies due to event) <sup>3</sup>
<b>BOWL OF BROOKLANDS</b>		
Full day – concert/public event hire	By negotiation (varies due to event)	By negotiation (varies due to event)
Rehearsal and pack in/out days	By negotiation (varies due to event)	By negotiation (varies due to event)
Function on stage – full day rate	\$2,600.00	\$2,672.80
Function on stage – per hour (minimum four hours)	\$250.00 per hour	\$257.00 per hour

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**TSB STADIUM**

A 40 per cent rebate will apply to the fixed rate for 'not for profit' community group bookings that meet the community booking policy criteria.

A 55 per cent rebate will apply to the fixed rate for 'school event' bookings that are run for school aged children but by a community organisation and not for profit.

A 60 per cent rebate will apply to the fixed rate for 'school' bookings that meet the venue school hire policy and for 'not for profit' 65 plus age community group bookings that meet the community booking policy criteria.

**Commercial expos/trade shows/sales** (includes duty manager hours from 8am to 6pm, vinyl floor covers, power and standard day cleaning)

Entire stadium – per event day (12 hours) – first event day	\$5,300.00	\$5,448.40
Entire stadium – per event day (12 hours) – subsequent event day	\$3,300.00	\$3,392.40
Entire stadium – per pack in/out day (12 hours)	\$2,135.00 (hourly rate can be negotiated, if required)	\$2,194.80 (hourly rate can be negotiated, if required)

**National/international sporting event**

Entire stadium – per event day (12 hours)	By negotiation (varies due to event)	By negotiation (varies due to event)
Entire stadium – per pack in/pack out day	By negotiation (varies due to event)	By negotiation (varies due to event)

**Sport/community events**

Entire stadium – per event day (12 hours)	\$2,450.00	\$2,518.60
Entire stadium – per hour	\$240.00 per hour	\$246.70 per hour
Entire stadium – per pack in/pack out day	By negotiation (varies due to event)	By negotiation (varies due to event)
Per court – available standard business hours only	\$100.00 per hour	\$102.80 per hour

**Concerts and entertainment showcases**

Entire stadium – per event day (12 hours)	No set fees – by negotiation with hirers	No set fees – by negotiation with hirers
Entire stadium – per pack in/out day (12 hours)	No set fees – by negotiation with hirers	No set fees – by negotiation with hirers

**Conferences/dinners** (includes duty manager hours from 8am to 6pm, vinyl floor covers, power and cleaning)

Entire stadium – per event day (12 hours)	\$3,700.00	\$3,803.60
Entire stadium – per pack in/out day (12 hours)	\$2,130.00	By negotiation (varies due to event) <sup>4</sup>

**Mezzanine Meeting Room** (includes duty manager hours from 8am to 6pm, power and cleaning during standard business hours)

Full day hire (8 hours)	By negotiation (varies due to event)	By negotiation (varies due to event)
Half day hire (8 hours)	By negotiation (varies due to event)	By negotiation (varies due to event)

Note: Event on costs include functional services provided by the stadium - energy use, security, front of house staff, ushers, ticket sellers, cleaning, waste disposal, duty manager and maintenance crew, chairs, tables and partitions and any other equipment and resource requested by hirers not normally supplied by the TSB Stadium.

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### YARROW STADIUM TARANAKI

#### Function facilities

Prices include duty manager (during business hours), power and cleaning. Any additional costs incurred as part of venue hire requirements will be charged as and when they occur. Stadium management may determine that specific functions require security.

**No fees proposed for function facilities until new spaces on East Stand confirmed and construction completed (estimated 2025).**

Entire Stadium - per pack in/out day (12 hours)	By negotiation (varies due to event) <sup>5</sup>
Entire Stadium – per event day (12 hours)	By negotiation (varies due to event) <sup>5</sup>
Level 2 Corporate Lounge	By negotiation (varies due to event) <sup>5</sup>
Concourse	By negotiation (varies due to event) <sup>5</sup>

#### Media TSB Stand Meeting Room

Business day (8am to 5pm)	By negotiation (varies due to event)	By negotiation (varies due to event)
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#### West Stand Meeting Room<sup>5</sup>

Business day (8am to 5pm)	By negotiation (varies due to event) <sup>5</sup>
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#### Suites

Hospitality Suite	By negotiation (varies due to event)	By negotiation (varies due to event)
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#### Field hire

Any additional costs incurred as part of venue hire requirements will be charged as and when they occur, i.e. changing room and extra room hire, cleaning of changing rooms, cleaning of stand, security costs, Field 1 floodlights etc.

##### Training:

• Per field per season (excluding Field 1)	\$687.75	\$707.00
• Floodlighting – per field (outer fields only)	\$11.55 per hour	\$11.90 per hour
Outer fields during standard business hours (does not include any facilities)	\$35.00 per hour	\$36.00 per hour

##### Main Field - Field 1:

• Commercial (non sport)	By negotiation (varies due to event)	By negotiation (varies due to event)
• National sport	By negotiation (varies due to event)	By negotiation (varies due to event)
• Non major event (community/sports groups only)	\$183.75 per day	\$188.90 per day

#### PARKS EVENTS ON RESERVES AND OPEN SPACES EVENTS<sup>6</sup>

NPDC reserves the right to charge a bond and seek actual costs for power and services if the event is likely to involve significant use of power.

Commercial/Standard/Community <sup>6</sup> events	Case by case according to scale of activity	Case by case according to scale of activity
Standard events (based on one hour of staff time plus venue hire \$55.00) <sup>6</sup>	\$161.00	
Community events <sup>6</sup>	No charge	

- <sup>1</sup> Proposed no inflation applied, as variable costs likely to increase with inflation are charged separately.
- <sup>2</sup> New fee proposed for a newly introduced location.
- <sup>3</sup> Proposed to move fees from being quoted per individual booking to a negotiable rate, as the hireable space is part of a larger venue with multiple variables. Pricing may vary depending on concurrent events and additional pack-in and pack-out requirements.
- <sup>4</sup> Proposed to move fee from a fixed fee to 'by negotiation (varies due to event)', as pricing may vary depending on concurrent events and additional pack-in and pack-out requirements.
- <sup>5</sup> Proposed new fees to reflect new spaces at Stadium Taranaki.
- <sup>6</sup> Proposed to consolidate all events in reserves spaces and assess on a case-by-case basis according to the scale and nature of the activity. Setting fixed prices for hiring reserves spaces is not feasible due to the wide range of variables that influence each event. Factors such as event type, expected attendance, duration, infrastructure requirements, impact on public access, and commercial potential vary significantly. These elements directly affect the value and cost of hosting an event in a park space.

To maximise revenue and ensure fair pricing, it is proposed each event will be evaluated individually. This approach allows pricing to be tailored pricing to the specific circumstances and demands of the event, while balancing community benefit and operational considerations.

## Todd Energy Aquatic Centre and swimming pools

All children under eight must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver actively supervising the child.

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Todd Energy Aquatic Centre – entry fees</b>		
Adult	\$6.50	\$6.50 <sup>1</sup>
Adult – Community Services card holder	\$5.50	\$5.50 <sup>1</sup>
Adult – happy hour*	\$5.50	\$5.50 <sup>1</sup>
Adult – happy hour* – Community Services card holder	\$4.50	\$4.50 <sup>1</sup>
Child (at school) (aged 5-17 – may require student ID)	\$5.00	\$5.00 <sup>1</sup>
Child (at school) (aged 5-17 – may require student ID) – Community Services card holder	\$4.00	\$4.00 <sup>1</sup>
Child (aged 5-17 – may require student ID) – happy hour*	\$4.00	\$4.00 <sup>1</sup>
Child (aged 5-17 – may require student ID) – happy hour* – Community Services card holder	\$3.00	\$3.00 <sup>1</sup>
Senior citizen (over 60 aged 60 and over)	\$4.00	\$4.00 <sup>1</sup>
Senior (aged 60 and over) – happy hour*	\$3.00	\$3.00 <sup>1</sup>
Spectator	\$2.00	\$2.00 <sup>1</sup>
Spectator – Community Services card holder	\$1.50	\$1.50 <sup>1</sup>
Caregiver (this includes a child under eight and their caregiver, or a person who has a disability and their caregiver parent/caregiver of a child under eight plus the child or a parent/caregiver of a disabled person plus the disabled person)	\$4.00	\$4.00 <sup>1</sup>
Preschooler	Free with paying adult	Free with paying adult
Fitness Centre entry (gym) – casual	\$20.00	\$21.00
Sauna and steam room	\$5.00 plus entry	\$5.50 plus entry <sup>2</sup>
Hydroslide all day pass (unlimited rides)	\$4.00 plus entry	\$4.00 plus entry <sup>3</sup>
Group booking 10 people or more:		
• Child (aged 5-17 – may require student ID) - swim only	\$4.50	\$4.50 <sup>1</sup>
• Child (aged 5-17 – may require student ID) - swim and hydroslide	\$7.50	\$7.50 <sup>1,3</sup>
• Adult swim only	\$6.00	\$6.00 <sup>1</sup>
• Adult swim and hydroslide	\$9.00	\$9.00 <sup>1,3</sup>
School group booking 10 people or more:		
• Child structured activities, learn to swim etc	\$4.00	\$4.00 <sup>1</sup>
• Child fun swim	\$4.50	\$4.50 <sup>1</sup>
Pool staff hire – normal operating hours (applies to all pools)	\$30.00 per hour/ plus entry	\$31.00 per hour/ plus entry
Pool staff hire – after operating hours (applies to all pools)	\$45.00 per hour/ plus entry	\$47.00 per hour/ plus entry
Locker hire: <sup>4</sup> per hour	\$2.00	
• Two hours		\$4.00 <sup>4</sup>
• Four hours		\$8.00 <sup>4</sup>
Tog/towel/rash top hire (plus security deposit of car keys or watch)	\$5.00	\$5.00 plus \$20.00 bond <sup>5</sup>
<b>Todd Energy Aquatic Centre – concession cards</b>		
Adult – swim x 50	\$260.00	\$260.00 <sup>1</sup>
Adult – swim x 50 – Community Services card holder	\$220.00	\$220.00 <sup>1</sup>
Adult – swim x 25	\$138.00	\$143.00 <sup>6</sup>
Adult – swim x 25 – Community Services card holder	\$115.00	\$121.00 <sup>6</sup>
Adult – swim x 11	\$65.00	\$65.00 <sup>1</sup>

	2025/26	2026/27
Adult – swim x 11 – Community Services card holder	\$55.00	\$55.00 <sup>1</sup>
Adult - swim x 11 <del>(off peak season)</del> - happy hour*	\$55.00	\$55.00 <sup>1</sup>
Adult swim x 11 – Community Services card holder – happy hour*	\$45.00	\$45.00 <sup>1</sup>
Child (aged 5-17 – may require student ID) – swim x 50	\$200.00	\$200.00 <sup>1</sup>
Child (aged 5-17 – may require student ID) – swim x 50 – Community Services card holder	\$160.00	\$160.00 <sup>1</sup>
Child (aged 5-17 – may require student ID) – swim x 25	\$106.50	\$110.00 <sup>6</sup>
Child (aged 5-17 – may require student ID) – swim x 25 – Community Services card holder	\$85.00	\$88.00 <sup>6</sup>
Child (aged 5-17 – may require student ID) – swim x 11	\$50.00	\$50.00 <sup>1</sup>
Child (aged 5-17 – may require student ID) – swim x 11 – Community Services card holder	\$40.00	\$40.00 <sup>1</sup>
Child (aged 5-17 – may require student ID) - swim x 11 <del>off peak season</del> - happy hour*	\$40.00	\$40.00 <sup>1</sup>
Senior (aged 60 and over) – swim x 50	\$160.00	\$160.00 <sup>1</sup>
Senior (aged 60 and over) – swim x 25	\$85.00	\$88.00 <sup>6</sup>
Senior (aged 60 and over) – swim x 11	\$40.00	\$40.00 <sup>1</sup>
Senior (aged 60 and over) – swim x 11 <del>off peak season</del> - happy hour*	\$30.00	\$30.00 <sup>1</sup>
SuperGold card holder – swim x 50	\$130.00	\$130.00 <sup>1</sup>
Caregiver (this includes a child under eight and their caregiver, or a person who has a disability and their caregiver parent/caregiver of a child under eight plus the child or a parent/caregiver of a disabled person plus the disabled person) - swim x 11	\$40.00	\$40.00 <sup>1</sup>
Adult – swim/sauna x 50	\$353.00	\$385.00 <sup>2</sup>
Adult – swim/sauna x 50 – Community Services card holder	\$315.00	\$338.00 <sup>2</sup>
Adult – swim/sauna x 11	\$100.00	\$108.00 <sup>2</sup>
Adult – swim/sauna x 11 – Community Services card holder	\$89.00	\$94.00 <sup>2</sup>
Senior (aged 60 and over) citizen – swim/sauna x 11	\$84.00	\$89.00 <sup>2</sup>
Adult – gym/swim/sauna/steam x 50	\$375.00	\$408.00 <sup>2</sup>
Adult – gym/swim/sauna/steam x 25	\$215.00	\$233.00 <sup>2</sup>
Adult – gym/swim/sauna/steam x 11	\$105.00	\$113.00 <sup>2</sup>
Senior (aged 60 and over) citizen or Student (aged 14-17) – gym/swim/sauna/steam x 50	\$312.00	\$344.00 <sup>2</sup>
Senior (aged 60 and over) citizen or Student (aged 14-17) – gym/swim/sauna/steam x 25	\$175.00	\$187.00 <sup>2</sup>
Senior (aged 60 and over) citizen or Student (aged 14-17) – gym/swim/sauna/steam x 11	\$87.00	\$95.00 <sup>2</sup>
Student (high school student aged 14 or above) gym/swim/sauna/steam x 50 <sup>7</sup>	\$312.00	
Student (high school student aged 14 or above) gym/swim/sauna/steam x 25 <sup>7</sup>	\$175.00	
Student (high school student aged 14 or above) gym/swim/sauna/steam x 11 <sup>7</sup>	\$87.00	
50s forward – gym/aqua x 11	\$55.00	\$55.00 <sup>8</sup>
Child (aged 5-17 – may require student ID) - aquarobics x 11	\$75.00	\$75.00 <sup>8</sup>
Child (aged 5-17 – may require student ID) - aquarobics x 11 – Community Services card holder	\$65.00	\$65.00 <sup>8</sup>
Senior (aged 60 and over) – aquarobics x 11	\$65.00	\$65.00 <sup>8</sup>
Adult – aquarobics x 11	\$85.00	\$85.00 <sup>8</sup>
Adult – aquarobics x 11 – Community Services card holder	\$75.00	\$75.00 <sup>8</sup>

	2025/26	2026/27
Fitness professional session - half hour sessions x 11	\$210.00	\$216.00
Fitness professional session - one hour sessions x 11	\$415.00	\$427.00
<b>Todd Energy Aquatic Centre – gym/swim membership</b>		
12 months	\$615.00	\$633.00
Six months	\$380.00	\$391.00
One month	\$95.00	\$98.00
Direct debit	\$26.30 per fortnight	\$28.00 per fortnight <sup>9</sup>
Fitness Centre joining fee	\$50.00	\$52.00
Fitness professional tuition – one hour	\$50.00	\$52.00
Fitness professional tuition – half hour	\$30.00	\$31.00
<b>Todd Energy Aquatic Centre – learn to swim lessons (includes entry)</b>		
Adult x 10	\$160.00	\$169.00 <sup>9</sup>
Adult x 10 – Community Services card holder	\$150.00	\$159.00 <sup>9</sup>
Child (aged 5-17 – may require student ID) x 10	\$145.00	\$154.00 <sup>9</sup>
Child (aged 5-17 – may require student ID) x 10 – Community Services card holder	\$130.00	\$139.00 <sup>9</sup>
One on one lesson (half hour)	\$45.00	\$47.00
<b>Todd Energy Aquatic Centre – Aquarobics and 50s forward programmes (includes entry)</b>		
Adult	\$8.50	\$8.50 <sup>8</sup>
Adult – Community Services card holder	\$7.50	\$7.50 <sup>8</sup>
Child (aged 5-17 – may require student ID)	\$7.50	\$7.50 <sup>8</sup>
Child (aged 5-17 – may require student ID) – Community Services card holder	\$6.50	\$6.50 <sup>8</sup>
Senior (aged 60 and over) citizen or Student (aged 14-17 – may require Student ID)	\$6.50	\$6.50 <sup>8</sup>
50s forward	\$5.50	\$5.50 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Todd Energy Aquatic Centre – additional charges</b>		
Barclay Room hire (peak)	\$30.00 per hour	\$32.00 per hour <sup>9</sup>
Barclay Room hire (off peak**)	\$25.00 per hour	\$26.00 per hour <sup>9</sup>
Lane hire:		
• 50m lane	\$21.00 per hour	\$22.00 per hour
• 25m lane	\$16.00 per hour	\$16.50 per hour
<b>Inglewood/Waitara/Ōkato pools – entry fees<sup>10</sup></b>		
Adult	\$3.00	\$3.00
Adult with child up to age eight	\$2.00	\$2.00
Child	\$2.00	\$2.00
Senior (aged 60 and over)	\$2.00	\$2.00
Spectator	\$1.00	\$1.00
School group booking 10 people or more:		
• Child – structured activities, learn to swim etc	Free	Free
• Child – fun swim	\$1.80	\$1.80
<b>Inglewood/Waitara/Ōkato pools – concession cards<sup>10</sup></b>		
Adult – swim x 11	\$30.00	\$30.00
Child – swim x 11	\$20.00	\$20.00
Senior (aged 60 and over) – swim x 11	\$20.00	\$20.00
Adult season pass	\$115.00	\$115.00
Child season pass	\$60.00	\$60.00
Senior (aged 60 and over) season pass	\$60.00	\$60.00

- \* **Off peak season Happy hour:** weekdays 2pm to 3pm (excluding school holidays), ~~after 6.30pm weekdays and after 5.30pm weekends/public holidays~~.
- \*\* Off peak Barclay Room hire: weekdays **(excluding school/public holidays)**.
- <sup>1</sup> Proposed no inflation applied. Some fees will remain unchanged due to rounding, as maintaining prices that are not rounded to the nearest dollar or 50 cents would create significant operational challenges, including increased cash-handling constraints, longer queue times, and heightened security risks for staff. Additionally, if inflation is not applied to single-entry fees, concession card fees will also remain unchanged.
- <sup>2</sup> Proposed increase above inflation to reflect the growing demand for sauna facilities within the pricing structure. This adjustment will also apply to concession cards that include the sauna access.
- <sup>3</sup> Proposed no inflation applied to entice people to use the hydroslide. Hydroslide provides an additional space for patrons and helps reduce congestion in the main pool during peak time.
- <sup>4</sup> New lockers have been installed to replace the old, damaged units. Two new hire options are now available: 2-hour and 4-hour rates. As a result, the existing per-hour fee will be removed.
- <sup>5</sup> Proposed no inflation applied and the option to use car keys or watch as a security deposit for the hire of togs, towels, rash tops be removed. Instead a \$20.00 bond will be added. This measure is intended to reduce the risk to staff by eliminating the need to hold patrons' valuables.
- <sup>6</sup> Proposed increase to correct administration errors in the 2025/26 calculation, based on multi-swim discount structures:
  - Buy 10 swims, get 1 free.
  - Buy 22 swims, get 3 free.
  - Buy 40 swims, get 10 free.
- <sup>7</sup> Proposed to remove these fees and incorporate with Senior (aged 60 and over) fees.
- <sup>8</sup> Proposed no inflation applied to aquarobics fees, as this service supports community health by promoting mobility, strength, and rehabilitation.
- <sup>9</sup> Proposed increase above inflation to cover online service payment transaction fees and direct debit provider charges, which apply to over half of Learn to Swim enrolments.
- <sup>10</sup> Proposed no inflation applied. These are seasonal pools and do not offer the same value as the Aquatic Centre.

## Waste Management and Minimisation

	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Colson Road Transfer Station – private operator				
<b>Annual solid waste licence fee</b>				
Waste transport and disposal facilities	\$78.65	\$82.50	\$85.00	\$88.00

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Kerbside collection</b>		
Opt-in green waste kerbside collection service	\$245.00	\$252.00
<i>(Currently this service is not available. Provisional charge when available.)</i>		
Non-resident annual kerbside collection service (businesses and organisations can opt into this service)	\$315.00	\$350.00 <sup>1</sup>
Back door refuse collection service (annual fee)	\$45.00	\$75.00 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Replacement bin for mixed recyclables or landfill (240L/140L)<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>\$80.00</b>	
<b>Replacement bin for landfill (140L)</b>		<b>\$73.00<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>Replacement bin for mixed recyclables (240L)</b>		<b>\$83.00<sup>3</sup></b>
Additional or replacement crate for glass recyclables (60L)	\$19.50	\$21.50 <sup>4</sup>
Replacement bin for food scraps (23L)	\$19.50	\$28.00 <sup>4</sup>
Changing kerbside bin size:		
• Downsize recycling bin from 240L to 140L	\$99.50	\$102.50
• Upsize recycling bin from 140L to 240L	\$99.50	\$102.50
Asbestos bags – large	\$5.50	\$5.65

	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
<b>NPDC Transfer Stations: Tongapōruntu, Waitara, Inglewood and Ōkato</b>				
Landfill waste:				
• Minimum charge 60L/15kg bag of general refuse	\$17.00	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$20.00
• Car boot or small hatchback	\$123.00	\$129.00	\$138.00	\$142.00
• Large hatchback, station wagon or small van	\$204.00	\$214.00	\$229.00	\$235.00
• Large van, ute or trailer up to 1m <sup>3</sup> load size charge	\$243.00	\$255.00	\$272.00	\$280.00
• Large trailer or small truck	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted
• Truck >1 tonne payload	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted

	2025/26	2026/27
Whiteware (other than fridges and freezers)	\$19.00 per item	\$19.50 per item
Fridges and freezers	\$35.50 per item	\$36.50 per item
Approved recyclables	No charge	No charge
Whole tyres (car tyres only, others not accepted)	No charge	No charge
Jack Trash unit (Tongaporutu only)	\$5.00 per bag	\$4.00 per bag <sup>5</sup>
<b>Compactor unit (Tongaporutu only)</b>		\$8.00 per bag <sup>6</sup>
<b>Green waste</b>		
<i>Tongaporutu does not accept green waste</i>		
Minimum charge 60L/15kg bag of green waste	\$5.00	\$5.00 <sup>7</sup>
Car boot or small hatchback	\$29.00	\$30.00
Large hatchback, station wagon or small van	\$34.50	\$35.50
Vehicle/trailer load up to 1m <sup>3</sup> load size	\$44.00	\$45.50
Vehicle/trailer load above 1m <sup>3</sup> load size	\$49.50 per m <sup>3</sup>	\$51.00 per m <sup>3</sup>
Truck (1 to 3.5 tonne tare weight) <del>&gt;1 tonne payload</del> – Waitara, Inglewood, Ōkato	\$49.50 per m <sup>3</sup>	\$51.00 per m <sup>3</sup>

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Commercial waste sorting facility (account customers only, no public access)</b>		
Mixed waste dry load (waste acceptance criteria will apply)	\$245.00 \$294.00* per tonne	\$339.00 per tonne <sup>8</sup>
	\$75.00 minimum weigh charge	\$77.00 minimum weigh charge
Non-compliant load	\$65.00	\$67.00
<b>Single waste stream:</b>		
• Pre-sorted single waste streams listed within waste acceptance criteria that are not specifically itemised in fees and charges	\$80.00 \$96.00* per tonne	\$110.00 per tonne <sup>9</sup>
• Polystyrene	\$220.00 \$264.00* per m <sup>3</sup>	\$272.00 per m <sup>3</sup>
Tyres	No charge	No charge

\* Fees amended as per Council resolution 30 September 2025, effective 20 October 2025.

<sup>1</sup> Proposed increase above inflation. Initial pricing for this service was based on the kerbside rate plus a \$40 administration fee. In 2025/26, the targeted residential kerbside rate increased. It is proposed that this adjustment, along with the administration charge, be applied to the non-residential charge.

<sup>2</sup> Proposed increase above inflation. The actual cost of service is approximately \$150 per user (based on 40 users in the district). This service supports accessibility. The proposed increase would bring charge to half of the actual cost.

<sup>3</sup> Proposed removal of this fee and introduce two new bin fees, each itemised separately and priced at actual cost.

<sup>4</sup> Proposed increase above inflation to reflect actual cost.

<sup>5</sup> Proposed decrease to this fee. The price was not increased in practice for 2025/26 due to mechanics of Jack Trash unit, which only accepts \$2 coins.

- <sup>6</sup> Proposed new fee to reflect the introduction of a new service in 2026/27.
- <sup>7</sup> Proposed no inflation applied. Fee maintained at the current price for 2026/27 for rounding simplicity, with an anticipated \$0.50 increase in 2027/28.
- <sup>8</sup> Proposed increase above inflation. At a Council Meeting on 30 September 2025, the mixed waste fee and single waste stream fees were raised, effective 20 October 2025. A further Council decision is expected in early 2026, along with changes to contract model, so future pricing remains uncertain. Significant increases will likely be required to cover costs; for now, a 15% increase has been applied to mixed waste and single waste stream prices.

## Water and Waste

### Trade Waste

The compliance monitoring fee component is based on the number of sampling events specified in a discharger's trade waste consent multiplied by the charge specified.

\*Base fee: The base fee is non-refundable except in accordance with the refund criteria. It is set at a level to cover a straight-forward application with no external inputs or other case specific costs. This fee will cover the receipt and issue of the application and initial inspection, and includes the number of hours of technical input specified. In some cases the base fee will be exceeded. Matters that could cause the base fee to be exceeded include external or specialist inputs, amendments or additional information or application complexity. Any additional costs over and above the base fee will be invoiced to the applicant.

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Trade waste licence fees</b>		
AL1 for controlled consents:		
• Administration fee* (includes up to allows for two hours officer time)	\$285.60	\$293.60
• Inspection fee* (includes up to allows for one hour officer time)	\$204.10	\$209.80
• Total base fee* (administration and inspection)	\$490.80	\$504.50
• Sampling fee	\$339.20 per event	\$349.00 per event
AL2 for conditional consents:		
• Administration fee* (includes up to allows for three hours officer time)	\$427.90	\$439.90
• Inspection fee* (includes up to allows for 1.5 hours officer time)	\$275.30	\$283.00
• Total base fee* (administration and inspection)	\$702.10	\$721.80
• Sampling fee	\$339.20 per event	\$349.00 per event
<b>Trade waste consent application fees</b>		
CA1 for short term consents:		
• Administration fee* (includes up to 1.5 hours allows for one hour <sup>1</sup> officer time)	\$214.50	\$220.50
• Inspection fee* (includes up to allows for one hour officer time)	\$204.10	\$209.80
• Total base fee* (administration and inspection)	\$418.60	\$430.30
CA2 for controlled consents:		
• Administration fee* (includes up to allows for three hours officer time)	\$427.90	\$439.90
• Inspection fee* (includes up to 3.5 allows for three <sup>1</sup> hours officer time)	\$561.90	\$577.60
• Total base fee* (administration and inspection)	\$989.80	\$1,017.50
• Renewal fee* (includes up to 1.5 hours allows for one hour <sup>1</sup> officer time)	\$214.50	\$220.50
CA3 for conditional consents:		
• Administration fee* includes up to allows for five hours officer time)	\$713.50	\$733.50
• Inspection fee* (includes up to 5.5 allows for five <sup>1</sup> hours officer time)	\$846.50	\$870.20
• Total base fee* (administration and inspection)	\$1,559.90	\$1,603.70
• Renewal fee* (includes up to allows for three hours officer time)	\$427.90	\$439.90

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Non-compliance reinspection fees</b>		
Administration fee* ( <del>includes up to</del> allows for three hours officer time)	\$427.90	\$440.00
Inspection fee* ( <del>includes up to</del> allows for 1.5 hours officer time)	\$275.30	\$283.00
Total base fee* (administration and inspection)	\$702.10	\$723.00
Sampling fee	\$339.20 per event	\$349.00 per event
<b>Late fees</b>		
Trade waste fees and charges which are not paid within the time specified in the <a href="#">NPDC Trade Waste Bylaw 2025 (Part 11)</a> will be subject to a penalty rate fixed at one per cent of the amount invoiced for each month or part month beyond the due date.		
<del>Technical charge for officer time above base fee (includes technical officers and monitoring officers)</del>	\$143.30 per hour	\$147.00 per hour
<del>Trade Waste Officer charge out rate</del>		
<del>Manager technical charge for officer time<sup>2</sup></del>	<del>\$189.70 per hour</del>	
<b>Trade waste charges 3</b>		
Volume	\$1.82 per m <sup>3</sup>	\$2.05 per m <sup>3</sup> <sup>3</sup>
Suspended solids (SS)	\$1.89 per kg	\$2.13 per kg <sup>3</sup>
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	\$3.64 per kg	\$4.04 per kg <sup>3</sup>
Copper	\$432.06 per kg	\$476.73 per kg <sup>3</sup>
Nickel	\$708.80 per kg	\$777.73 per kg <sup>3</sup>
Zinc	\$144.21 per kg	\$159.13 per kg <sup>3</sup>
<b>Tankered waste charge (New Plymouth Wastewater Treatment Plant)</b>		
Tankered waste only accepted with a current trade waste consent that specifies NP Wastewater Treatment Plant as a point of discharge. Waste must comply with contaminant limits specified in the trade waste consent.		
In addition to the base fees the discharger will be charged for the cost of treating their effluent (BOD, SS, volume and toxic pollutants) as per the scale of trade waste charges, and the cost of any laboratory expenses incurred in characterising the waste. If tankered waste is discharged at the wastewater treatment plant, an administration and handling charge is also charged.		
<del>Administration fee and handling charge per delivery</del>	\$48.23	\$50.00
Volume charge (based upon volume discharged at the NP Wastewater Treatment Plant)	\$117.37 per m <sup>3</sup>	\$131.58 per m <sup>3</sup> <sup>3</sup>
Sampling fee	\$339.38 per load	\$345.00 per load

Trade waste charges are calculated as per the NPDC [Trade Waste Bylaw 2025 \(Part 11 Trade Waste\)](#). The operational costs are divided by volume and the characteristics being charged to determine price per unit. As the value of each component of the equation moves up or down so too will the price.

<sup>1</sup> Trade waste licence, consent application and non-compliance reinspection fees – wording updated from “*includes up to xx hours officer time*” to “*allows for xx hours officer time*”. Minor adjustments made to some fee hours.

<sup>2</sup> Proposed fee removed as Local Government Act covers when and how additional staff costs can be recovered and is now referenced in Section 1.D.1 of the new bylaw.

<sup>3</sup> Proposed increases above inflation. Calculated in accordance with the Trade Waste Bylaw 2025, based on average operating costs over the past three years, which have risen by 12.11%.

## Water, sewer and stormwater applications

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>WATER</b>		
<b>Connection/Disconnection</b>		
Water connection (application fee only)	\$326.30	\$336.00
Additional connections – applied for at the same time	\$212.40	\$219.00
Five to 10 or more <sup>1</sup> connections – applied for at the same time (for more than 10 additional fees applied)	\$1,174.80	\$1,208.00
Installation of a water meter on existing manifold (ordinary water supply only) – in addition to the application fee	\$335.60	\$345.00
Installation of water meters on existing manifolds for additional water connections (ordinary water supply only) – applied for at the same time	\$290.20 per additional meter	\$298.30 per additional meter
Disconnection administration charge (charge per visit, with no charge for initial visit)	\$125.30	\$128.80
Removal of manifold and blank off connection <sup>2</sup>		Price on application
Change of restrictor size, only one change per year permitted (rural restricted flow only)	\$125.30	\$229.00 per change <sup>3</sup>
Water meter reading by appointment or account adjustments	\$125.30	\$129.00
Annual backflow prevention device testing (per device, per visit) - business hours		\$177.00 per test <sup>4</sup>
Annual backflow prevention device testing (per device, per visit) - after hours		\$322.00 per test <sup>4</sup>
Site inspections and surveying - Engineer		\$260.00 per hour <sup>5</sup>
Site inspections and surveying or repeated meter queries - Technician		\$129.00 per hour <sup>5</sup>
Water meter relocation of an existing service lead – 15mm to 25mm meter		Price on application <sup>6</sup>
<b>Filling points</b>		
Water filling points supply charge per annum	\$205.70	\$250.00 <sup>7</sup>
Water filling points consumption charge (as recorded by meter)	\$2.70 per m <sup>3</sup>	\$3.00 per m <sup>3</sup> <sup>7</sup>
<b>SEWER</b>		
<b>Connection/Disconnection</b>		
Sewer connection (application fee only)	\$326.30	\$336.00
Additional lots – applied for at the same	\$212.40	\$219.00
Five or more to 10 lots – applied for at the same time (for more than 10 additional fees applied) <sup>1</sup>	\$1,174.80	\$1,208.00
Disconnection (charge per visit, with no charge for initial visit)	\$125.30	\$129.00
Site inspections and surveying - Engineer		\$260.00 per hour <sup>5</sup>
Site inspections and surveying - Technician		\$129.00 per hour <sup>5</sup>
<b>STORMWATER</b>		
<b>Connection/Disconnection</b>		
Stormwater connection (application fee only)	\$326.30	\$336.00
Additional lots – applied for at the same time	\$212.40	\$219.00
Five or more to 10 lots – applied for at the same time (for more than 10 additional fees applied) <sup>1</sup>	\$1,174.80	\$1,208.00
Disconnection (charge per visit, with no charge for initial visit)	\$125.30	\$129.00
Site inspections and surveying - Engineer		\$260.00 per hour <sup>5</sup>
Site inspections and surveying - Technician		\$129.00 per hour <sup>5</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Proposed wording change with added note “for more than 10 connections additional fees are applied”.
- <sup>2</sup> Proposed new fee to recover costs for removing an existing manifold and securely blanking off the connection. This work is necessary to maintain network integrity, prevent unauthorised use, and comply with operational standards.
- <sup>3</sup> Proposed increase above inflation due to equipment cost increases: \$100 per restrictor plus one hour of technician time.
- <sup>4</sup> Proposed new fee for residents with pools, industrial/commercial businesses. One-off charge to recover time, equipment calibration and spares. This is a legislative requirement under the [Water Services Act 2021, Section 27](#).
- <sup>5</sup> Proposed new fee for site inspections and surveying requested by residents on specific issues.
- <sup>6</sup> Proposed new fee. Charges are site specific and depend on the nature of the site, e.g. road crossings, traffic management, arborist services, other utility service providers, hindrance from above-ground structures, or reinstatement in concrete or grass.
- <sup>7</sup> Proposed increase above inflation to cover operating maintenance increases.

## Laboratory

Laboratory hours are 8am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Weekend work will only be undertaken following consultation with the Laboratory Lead. All weekend test costs will be double the test prices below.

	2025/26	2026/27
Any samples collected that require couriering to an external laboratory will incur a charge per chilly bin. This charge includes chilly bin, ice, paperwork and courier fees	\$61.90 per chilly bin	\$63.60 per chilly bin
Auto-samplers are available and charged per 24 hour period or part thereof. Charge covers set-up and programming	\$61.90 per 24 hours	\$63.60 per 24 hours
<b>Administration fee for new work requests</b>		<b>\$100.00 per hour<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Laboratory sampling charge for off-site locations</b>		<b>\$100.00 per hour<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Water and Wastewater sample tests (I.A.N.Z. registered tests)</b>		
Alkalinity Total (A.P.H.A. 2320, B)	\$28.70 per sample	\$29.50 per sample
Ammonia as 'N' (A.P.H.A. 4500 - NH3, D)	\$59.80 per sample	\$61.50 per sample
BOD5 (A.P.H.A. 5210, B)	\$109.00 per sample	\$112.00 per sample
COD (A.P.H.A. 5220, D)	\$59.10 per sample	\$60.80 per sample
Conductivity (A.P.H.A. 2510, B)	\$27.70 per sample	\$28.50 per sample
Dissolved Oxygen (A.P.H.A. 4500, O, C)	\$57.20 per sample	\$58.80 per sample
Oil and Grease (A.P.H.A. 5520, D)	\$130.60 per sample	\$134.30 per sample
<del>Fluoride (A.P.H.A. 4500 - F, C) <sup>3</sup></del>	<del>\$83.80 per sample</del>	
pH (A.P.H.A. 4500, H+, B)	\$29.20 per sample	\$30.00 per sample
Total Suspended Solids (A.P.H.A. 2540, D)	\$47.30 per sample	\$48.60 per sample
Total Dissolved Solids (A.P.H.A. 2540, C)	\$62.10 per sample	\$63.80 per sample
Temperature (A.P.H.A. 2550, B)	\$16.30 per sample	\$16.80 per sample
Hardness Total - Calculation (A.P.H.A. 3111, B (Ca + Mg))	\$93.50 per sample	\$96.10 per sample
Calcium as CaCO3 (A.P.H.A. 3500-Ca)	\$20.10 per sample	\$20.70 per sample
Magnesium as MgCO3 (A.P.H.A. 3500-Mg)	\$20.10 per sample	\$20.70 per sample
Ion Chromatography (A.P.H.A. 4110, B) - includes TON, NO2, NO3, Cl, SO4, P, F1	\$163.50 calibration and one sample	\$168.10 calibration and one sample
• Each additional sample for Ion Chromatography	\$48.00 per sample	\$49.40 per sample
Total Solids (A.P.H.A. 2540, B)	\$50.10 per sample	\$51.50 per sample
Percentage Solids/Moisture (HS153)	\$38.40 per sample	\$39.50 per sample
<b>Metals (I.A.N.Z. registered tests)</b>		
A 'total metals' analysis requires a digestion charge plus a basic heavy metals charge (covers six elements) per sample analysed. A 'soluble metals' analysis does not require the digestion charge. Additional metals are charged on a per element basis in addition to the digestion and basic metals costs.		
Total metals set up cost per sample: digestion and filtration (A.P.H.A. 3030, F)	\$28.20 per sample	\$29.00 per sample
Total Recoverable Metals Screen Cd, Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb, Zn (A.P.H.A. 3120 B)	\$135.40 per sample	\$139.20 per sample
Total Recoverable Iron (A.P.H.A. 3120 B)	\$17.00 per element	\$17.50 per element
Total Recoverable Manganese (A.P.H.A. 3120 B)	\$17.00 per element	\$17.50 per element
Total Recoverable Aluminium (A.P.H.A. 3120 B)	\$17.00 per element	\$17.50 per element
Total Recoverable Arsenic (A.P.H.A. 3120 B)	\$17.00 per element	\$17.50 per element
Calcium (A.P.H.A. 3120, B)	\$19.30 per sample	<b>\$20.70 per sample<sup>4</sup></b>
Dissolved Calcium (A.P.H.A. 3120, B)	\$19.30 per sample	<b>\$20.70 per sample<sup>4</sup></b>
Magnesium (A.P.H.A. 3120 B)	\$19.30 per sample	<b>\$20.70 per sample<sup>4</sup></b>
Dissolved Magnesium (A.P.H.A. 3120, B)	\$19.30 per sample	<b>\$20.70 per sample<sup>4</sup></b>
Report charge for IANZ registered tests - single charge per report	\$36.10	\$37.19

	2025/26	2026/27
<b>Environmental sample tests – soils/sludges (non registered tests)</b>		
Soil pH (E.S.R. Soils Division)	\$58.20 per sample	\$59.80 per sample
<b>Water and waste sample tests (non registered tests)</b>		
Formaldehyde (Aquamerck Test)	\$41.50 per sample	\$42.70 per sample
Chlorine - Free/Total (Titrimetric Determination)	\$22.10 per sample	\$22.70 per sample
<b>Colour True (A.P.H.A. 2120, B)<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>\$20.40 per sample</b>	
Turbidity (A.P.H.A. 2130, B)	\$42.00 per sample	\$43.20 per sample
Chloride (A.P.H.A. 4500 - Cl-, B)	\$34.20 per sample	\$35.20 per sample
UV at 254nm/270nm (A.P.H.A. 5910, B)	\$28.60 per sample	\$29.40 per sample
<b>Water and wastewater sample tests (non I.A.N.Z. registered tests)</b>		
<b>Total Coliforms (A.P.H.A. 9222, B)<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>\$56.60 per sample</b>	
Faecal Coliforms (A.P.H.A. 9222, D) – TDF samples only	\$56.60 per sample	\$58.20 per sample
<b>Enterococci (Slanetz and Bartley)<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>\$70.60 per sample</b>	
Total & E. Coli Coliforms (A.P.H.A. 9223, Colilert Substrate)		\$72.80 per sample <sup>6</sup>
Faecal Coliforms (A.P.H.A. 9223, Colilert-18 Substrate)		\$78.10 per sample <sup>6</sup>
Enterococci (A.P.H.A. 9230 D, Enterolert Substrate)		\$76.40 per sample <sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Proposed new fee for the Laboratory Lead to prepare paperwork, sampling regime, sample preservation, and conduct testing for new work requests.

<sup>2</sup> Proposed new fee for the Laboratory Technician to go off-site to collect samples.

<sup>3</sup> Proposed removal of fee. Fluoride test can now be done via ion chromatography test.

<sup>4</sup> Proposed increase above inflation to align with cost of CaCO<sub>3</sub> test.

<sup>5</sup> Proposed removal of fee as this test is no longer being offered.

<sup>6</sup> Proposed new fee, as new IDEXX methodology being used.

## Appendix 2: Summary of the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27

This summary accompanies the full marked-up version of the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2026/27 financial year (Appendix 1).

Our recommendation is that none of the proposed changes are considered significant or material, and therefore do not require consultation.

An inflation adjustment of 2.8% has been applied where appropriate, in line with the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034. Fees and charges with inflation applied represent the default position and are shown in **black text** in Appendix 1.

The draft schedule (Appendix 1) also identifies:

- Items where other changes have been made (**red text**).
- Items where no inflation has been applied (**blue text**).

The following proposed changes (red text in Appendix 1) are brought to your attention as follows:

Council Service	Proposed changes to fees
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director and Curator talks – fees changed from a fixed amount to ‘price on application’ to reflect the highly variable nature of the service.</li> <li>• Cinema - new fee for private film screening to reflect market opportunity.</li> <li>• Venue hire for Cinemas and Education Studios – increase above inflation to align with similar cultural experience venues.</li> <li>• Venue hire for Cinema (full day), grand piano and entire facility – fees removed as these services are no longer offered.</li> <li>• Venue hire booking bond – changed to a single structure to improve communication with prospective and booking customers.</li> </ul>
Parks and Open Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of sports parks for commercial training activities – new fee introduced as these activities are increasingly common. Community non-for-profit users remain exempt.</li> <li>• Markets - clarification of site rental wording for community non-profit markets and introduction of a new fee for commercial markets.</li> </ul>
Cemeteries and Crematorium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition of ‘child’ – updated from under 14 to under 16.</li> <li>• Stillborn and child interments and cremations - charges removed due to minimal income and to provide meaningful support to families during a difficult time.</li> <li>• Chapel public usage (committal only) – increase above inflation. Although this service uses only half the time slot of a full service, it requires the same setup and preparation.</li> </ul>
Puke Ariki and Community Libraries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heritage collection digital image orders – changed from a fixed fee per image to ‘price on application’ to reflect the variable nature of work required.</li> <li>• Venue hire and functions costs – wording updated; separate function costs removed.</li> <li>• Venue hire booking bond – new fee introduced, consistent with other cultural experience venues.</li> </ul>

Council Service	Proposed changes to fees
Puke Ariki and Community Libraries <i>continued</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Puke Ariki Theatre – new fees introduced, aligned with Len Lye Centre cinema pricing.</li> </ul>
Building Consents and Associated Processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Table 1: Building consent process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With the recent implementation of the Objective Build on-line consent processing system, transaction-based fees will apply to each accepted application based on the value of the work. This structure ensures NPDC recovers fair and reasonable system-related costs from applicants.</li> <li>Consent fee types have been streamlined by removing rarely used categories, including outbuildings, relocation, demolition, ancillary work and minor drainage.</li> <li>Log fires fees - increase above inflation to reflect actual cost recovery.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Table 2: Additional fees and charges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Building and Housing accreditation levy – increase above inflation to reflect actual cost recovery.</li> <li>Hourly rate for Planner – fee reinstated after being inadvertently omitted from 2025/26 schedule.</li> <li>Project Information Memorandum (PIM) applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dwellings and relocations and outbuildings, milking sheds, etc – increase above inflation to reflect actual cost recovery.</li> <li>Granny flat exemption (Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment) – new fee reflecting compliance with 'granny flat's legislation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Registration of Schedule 1 Exemptions and Notice to Fix – new fees introduced under a cost-recovery model.</li> <li>Development Contributions – updated wording to align with policy.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Land Use Consents and Associated Processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Activities – fees removed, as they have not been applied in the past three years and are no longer relevant.</li> <li>Controlled Activity – fee removed as all controlled activities now fall under the same base processing fee.</li> <li>Controlled, restricted discretionary, discretionary and non-complying activities and extension of consent lapse period, change or cancellation of conditions (RMA 1991) fees – increases above inflation to better reflect actual processing costs.</li> <li>Monitoring programme fees – previous fees removed and three new fees introduced that more accurately reflect the representative monitoring costs associated with an application.</li> <li>Planning administrative support (technical charge) - fee removed as an administration charge already applies, and having both is confusing.</li> <li>Development Contributions – updated wording to align with policy.</li> </ul>

Council Service	Proposed changes to fees
Subdivision Consents and Associated Processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consent processing (non-notified) activities and extension to consent lapse period fees – increases above inflation to better reflect actual processing costs.</li> <li>Simple right of way approval – new fee introduced to cover the cost of simple engineering approvals.</li> </ul>
Subdivision Consents and Associated Processes <i>continued</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online lodgment and processing – fee removed as this cost is already included in the 'lodged as hard copy' charge.</li> <li>Planning administrative support (technical charge) - fee removed as an administration charge already applies, and having both is confusing.</li> <li>Development Contributions – updated wording to align with policy.</li> </ul>
Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Animal Control: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Late payment penalties and sale of dogs from the pound – wording updated for clarity.</li> <li>Bark collars and batteries - fees have historically applied but were not previously listed in the Schedule of Fees and Charges.</li> <li>Seizure fee – new fee introduced to reflect the significant time and resources required to seize dogs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Domestic Food Business Levy - increase above inflation to align with the Ministry for Primary Industries phased approach introduced in 2025.</li> <li>Hairdresser (registration) – fee removed as this charge can no longer be enforced by the Council.</li> <li>Public notice of application for On/Off/Club/Special Licence or Variation of conditions - new fee introduced to cover administration time.</li> </ul>
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vehicle crossings – increase above inflation to better align costs with income.</li> </ul>
Transportation - Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leased Downtown car park – decrease fee based on assumption the Council will review and approve reduced rates to encourage occupancy and generate interest in leased car spaces.</li> <li>Removal of abandoned vehicles (administration) – increase above inflation to better align costs with income.</li> </ul>
Venues and Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TSB Showplace: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stalls foyer – new fee introduced for this location.</li> <li>Alexandra Room and Theatre Royal Lounge - fees changed from being quoted per individual booking to a negotiable rate, reflecting the complexity of hiring spaces within a larger venue.</li> </ul> </li> <li>TSB Stadium - conferences/dinners (entire stadium): pack in/out day - fee changed from a fixed rate to 'by negotiation (varies due to event)' due to event-specific requirements and concurrent bookings.</li> <li>Stadium Taranaki - new fees introduced for newly available spaces.</li> <li>Events on reserves and open spaces - fees consolidated and assessed case-by-case based on scale of activity.</li> </ul>

Council Service	Proposed changes to fees
Todd Energy Aquatic Centre and swimming pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Todd Energy Aquatic Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Clarification of age categories: Child (aged 5-17 – may require student ID), Student (aged 14-17) and Senior (aged 60 and over).</li> <li>– Reference to off peak season updated to 'Happy Hour'.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Todd Energy Aquatic Centre and swimming pools <i>continued</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Sauna and steam room – increase above inflation to reflect growing demand for facilities. This adjustment also applies to concession cards that include sauna and steam access.</li> <li>– Locker hire – existing per-hour fee removed. Two new options introduced: 2-hour and 4-hour rates.</li> <li>– Tog/towel/rash top hire – fee unchanged; \$20 bond introduced.</li> <li>– Concession card pricing – corrections made to address some administrative errors from the 2025/26 calculation.</li> <li>– Learn to Swim lessons – fees increased above inflation to cover online service payment transaction costs. Direct debit fees for gym/swim memberships and Barclay Room hire also increased to cover provider charges.</li> </ul>
Waste Management and Minimisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kerbside collection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Non-resident annual kerbside collection – charge updated to reflect the increased residential kerbside rate plus the \$40 administration fee.</li> <li>– Backdoor refuse collection – annual fee increased above inflation to cover about half the actual service cost. Service supports accessibility for 40 users district-wide.</li> <li>– Replacement bin for mixed recyclables or landfill – fee removed and introduction of two new bin fees, each itemised separately and priced at actual cost.</li> <li>– Additional or replacement crate for glass recyclables and replacement bin for food scraps – fees increased above inflation to reflect actual cost.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• NPDC Transfer Stations: Tongapōruru, Waitara, Inglewood and Ōkato: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Jack Trash unit (Tongapōruru) - fee decrease from \$5 to \$4 due to unit mechanics, which only accepts \$2 coins.</li> <li>– Compactor unit (Tongapōruru) - new fee introduced for this service.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Commercial Waste Sorting Facility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Mixed waste dry load and pre-sorted single waste streams – fees increased following the 30 September Council Meeting. A further Council decision is expected in early 2026, along with changes to contract model, so future pricing remains uncertain. For now, a 15% increase has been applied for 2026/27.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Trade Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trade waste licence, consent application and non-compliance reinspection fees – wording updated from "<u>includes up to</u> xx hours officer time" to "<u>allows for</u> xx hours officer time". Minor adjustments made to some fee hours.</li> </ul>

Council Service	Proposed changes to fees
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manager technical charge for officer time - charge removed as recovery of additional staff costs is now covered under Local Government provisions and referenced in the new Trade Waste Bylaw.</li> <li>Trade waste charges - increase above inflation, calculated in line with the Trade Waste Bylaw 2025.</li> </ul>
Water, Sewer and Stormwater applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water, sewer and stormwater connections/disconnections – updated from “five or more connections” to “five to 10 connections”, with added note <i>(for more than 10 additional fees applied)</i>.</li> <li>Removal of manifold and blank off connection – new fee introduced to recover costs for work required to maintain network integrity, prevent unauthorised use, and meet operational standards.</li> <li>Change of restrictor size – increase above inflation due to equipment cost increases.</li> <li>Annual backflow prevention device testing (business hours and after hours) – new one-off charges introduced to recover time, equipment calibration and spares; a legislative requirement.</li> <li>Water, sewer and stormwater site inspections and surveying – new fees introduced for resident-requested inspections on specific issues.</li> <li>Water meter relocation of an existing service lead – price on application fee introduced; charges vary by site and nature of work.</li> <li>Water filling points – increased above inflation to cover rising operating maintenance costs.</li> </ul>
Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administration fee for new work requests – new fee for Laboratory Lead to prepare paperwork, sampling regime, sample preservation and testing for new requests.</li> <li>Laboratory sampling charge for off-site locations – new fee for Laboratory Technician to go off-site to collect samples.</li> <li>Fluoride sample – fee removed; testing now done via ion chromatography.</li> <li>Calcium, Dissolved Calcium, Magnesium, Dissolved Magnesium samples –increase above inflation to align with CaCO<sub>3</sub> test costs.</li> <li>Colour True, Total Coliforms, Enterococci tests – fee removed; testing no longer offered.</li> <li>Total &amp; E. Coli Coliforms, Faecal Coliforms and Enterococci tests – new fees introduced for testing using IDEX methodology.</li> </ul>

The following proposed fees do not have Inflation applied (blue text in Appendix 1). Explanations are outlined in the relevant sections of the schedule.

Council Service	No inflation applied to fees
Customer Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LGOIMA research charges – no change, as current fees align with the Ombudsman's recommended charge.</li> <li>Land Information Memorandum (LIM) cancellation fee or actual research fee for Residential/Rural and Industrial/Commercial - this is a user pays service and the fee is considered reasonable.</li> <li>LIM reports – printing and binding costs retained, as the fee is considered reasonable and requests are infrequent.</li> </ul>
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entry fees – \$2.00 increase applied in 2025/26; further rise may impact sales and visitor sentiment.</li> <li>Education Studios (1 and 2 individual) full day hire – fee aligns with other cultural experience venues.</li> </ul>
Cemeteries and Crematorium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interment fees – remain unchanged, consistent with previous Council decision, which was based on NPDC having some of the highest interment costs nationally.</li> </ul>
Puke Ariki and Community Libraries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guided Historical Walk - fees are widely marketed, with increases applied in 2025/26.</li> </ul>
Building Consents and Associated Processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building research levy (values \$20,000 and over), Department of Building and Housing levy (values \$65,000 and over), and amusement device application fees - fees set by legislation.</li> <li>Hourly rate for additional administrative staff time – current rate is considered adequate and aligns with land use and subdivision consent administration fees.</li> </ul>
Land Use Consents and Associated Processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional fee for Quality Assurance – no change; continues to reflect about one hour of processing time by the Quality Assurance Team.</li> </ul>
Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collection of levy fee on behalf of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) - no change; set by MPI regulations.</li> <li>Return of seized property – no change to fee to encourage compliance and reduce storage burden.</li> <li>Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 fees – fees set by legislation.</li> </ul>
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overweight permits - fees set by legislation.</li> </ul>
Transportation - Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leased car parks (Courtenay Street, Molesworth Street, Powderham Street, Central and Carrington/Vivian streets) and parking bay reservations - charges remain unchanged as they are already at market rent.</li> </ul>
Venues and Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TSB Theatre and Theatre Royal (TSB Showplace) – no change to fees for rehearsal and pack in/out days. Variable costs subject to inflation are charged separately.</li> </ul>

Council Service	No inflation applied to fees
Todd Energy Aquatic Centre and swimming pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Todd Energy Aquatic Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Single-entry fees remain unchanged due to rounding, which also keeps concession, group and school bookings the same. Applying inflation would create operational challenges with cash handling and security.</li> <li>– Hydroslide – fee unchanged to encourage use and reduce congestion in the main pool during peak time.</li> <li>– Aquarobics – no change to fees to support community health by promoting mobility, strength, and rehabilitation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Inglewood/Waitara/Ōkato pools – these are seasonal pools and do not offer the same value as the Aquatic Centre.</li> </ul>
Waste Management and Minimisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green waste – fee maintained at current price for minimum charge 60L/15kg bag of green waste, for rounding simplicity.</li> </ul>

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## INITIAL DECISIONS ON ANNUAL PLAN 2026/27

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### MATTER / TE WHĀINGA

1. The matter for consideration by the Council is to make initial decisions on the Annual Plan 2026/27, including approving budgets, capital projects and fees and charges. A finalised Annual Plan, based on these initial decisions, will then be presented for adoption at a later Council meeting.

### RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION / NGĀ WHAIKUPU

That having considered all matters raised in the report Council:

- a) Notes that Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP 2024) sets out an indicative budget for 2026/27, including water targeted metered rates revenue of \$177.9m representing an average residential rate rise of 8.8 per cent and a total rates rise of 9.6 per cent.
- b) Notes that when compared to Annual Plan 2025/26 rates of \$161.0m (that were adjusted down from LTP 2024 forecast of \$162.3m) this provides for a 10.5 per cent total rates rise to align with LTP 2024 Year 3 or 2026/27 of \$177.9m.
- c) Notes that an initial draft budget with a 10.9 per cent total rates rise was prepared consistent with LTP 2024 Year three or 2026/27 and this is presented as Option 1 and includes:
  - i) No June 2027 Winter Festival of Lights a reduction of \$450k.
  - ii) Assuming Sorting Depot breaks even (2024/25 loss of \$1.7m) and subject to Council decision on Sorting Depot.
  - iii) Adjust Transportation budget to reflect reduced NZTA funding for subsidised maintenance on Local Roads, a reduction of \$2.3m.
- d) Notes that further savings from Option 1 have been considered to provide a Mayoral recommendation reflecting a target total rates rise of CPI plus 1 per cent being 4.9 per cent (accounting for an assumption of additional rating properties through growth) and this is presented as Option 2 including changes to operational and capital expenditure budgets as outlined in Appendices 1 and 2. It includes the following notable matters:
  - i) No 2026/27 contribution to the Sustainable Lifestyle Capital Reserve, a reduction of \$750k.

- ii) Reducing rates funding for general and transport renewals to realign these closing reserve balances with LTP Year 3, a rates reduction of \$12.4m compared to LTP Year 3.
- e) Agrees to the draft budgets as per the Mayoral recommendation of Option 2 for each Council service (as contained in Appendix 3 Draft Council Services Funding Impact Statements) and the draft financial information (as contained in Appendix 4) for the Annual Plan 2026/27, including the capital and operating budget changes outlined in the report and Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.
- f) Determines that there are no significant or material changes from LTP 2024 indicative budgets for the Annual Plan 2026/27 draft budgets, and that therefore community consultation is not required.
- g) Notes the appointment of the General Manager – Finance and Planning, and that his review of the financial information satisfies the intent of the Council resolution of 22 July 2025; and therefore, determines that an independent review is not required.
- h) Note that the Annual Plan 2026/27 will be finalised in light of decisions and presented to Council for adoption before 30 June 2026.

COMPLIANCE / TŪTOHU	
Significance	This matter is assessed as being of significant.
Options	<p>This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agree to the Annual Plan 2026/27 initial decisions in line with LTP 2024.</li> <li>2. Agree to the Annual Plan 2026/27 initial decisions as per the Mayoral recommendation.</li> <li>3. Agree to the Annual Plan 2026/27 initial decisions as per the Mayoral recommendation with minor amendments.</li> <li>4. Agree to the Annual Plan 2026/27 initial decisions with significant additional reductions to the Mayoral recommendation and consult on those changes.</li> </ol>
Affected persons	The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are the ratepayers and residents of New Plymouth District.
Recommendation	This report recommends Option 2 for addressing the matter.

<b>COMPLIANCE / TŪTOHU</b>	
Long-Term Plan / Annual Plan Implications	The report will determine the contents of the Annual Plan 2026/27.
Significant Policy and Plan Inconsistencies	No. The draft Annual Plan 2026/27 is largely in line with the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 Year 3.

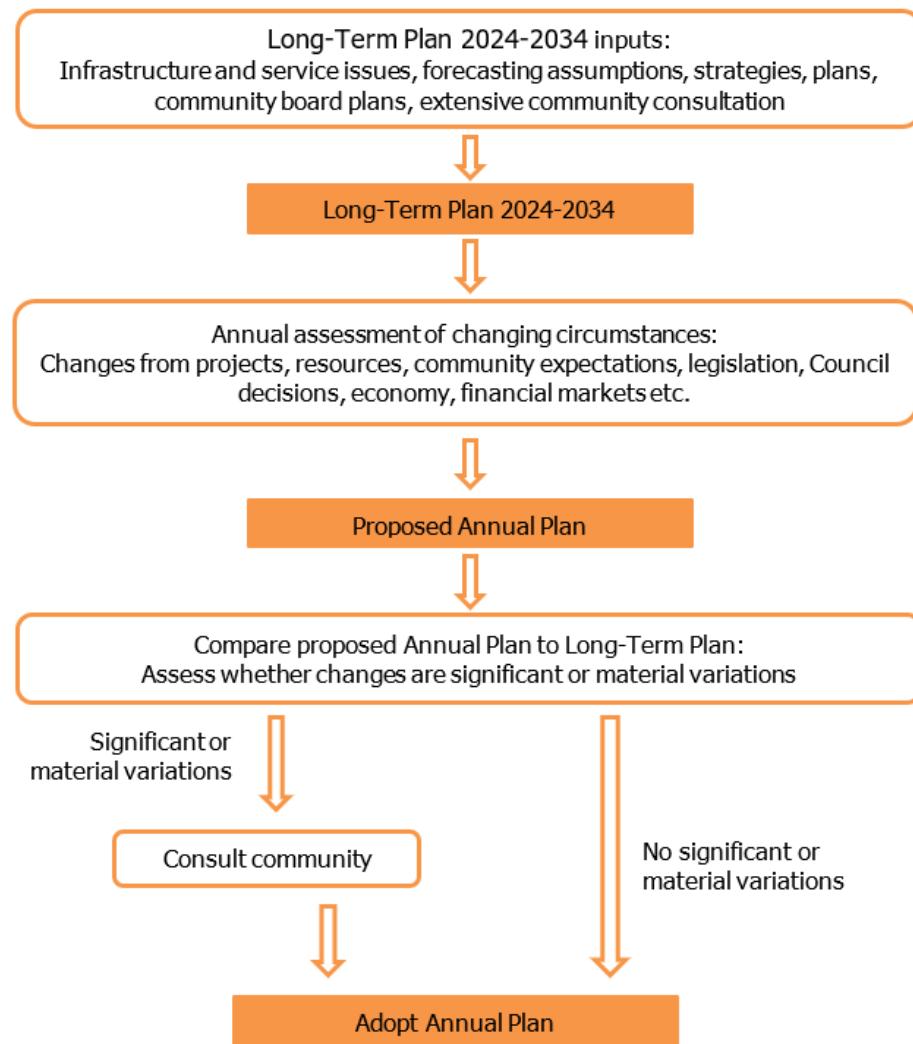
## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY / WHAKARĀPOPOPOTANGA MATUA**

2. This report seeks Council's initial decisions for the Annual Plan 2026/27. The Annual Plan is considered largely in line with the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP 2024) Year 3. Option 1 provides for an Annual Plan 2026/27 with a 10.9 per cent total rates increase in line with LTP 2024 Year 3. The Mayoral recommendation in Option 2 initiates a trajectory to reduce rate rises without a need for consultation in relation to Annual Plan 2026/27. The Mayoral recommendation to reduce rates rises for Annual Plan 2026/27 to 4.9 per cent will then provide for consultation through the Long-Term Plan 2027-2037 and consideration of further potential rates reductions from that forecast within LTP 2024 Years 4 to 10.
3. The Mayoral recommendation in Option 2 sets a total rates rise of 4.9 per cent reflecting a target of CPI plus 1 per cent and allowing an assumption for additional rating properties through growth. Overall, the expenditure budget is largely in line with LTP 2024.
4. Should Council agree to the Mayoral recommendation or only make minor amendments, the next step would be for officers to finalise the Annual Plan 2026/27 for adoption by 30 June 2026. If however, Council determines to make significant or material changes the Annual Plan from LTP 2024 Year 3 then officers will prepare a consultation document for the community consultation regarding those significant or material changes as required by the Local Government Act 2002.

## **BACKGROUND / WHAKAPAPA**

5. The Annual Plan sets Council annual budget and work programme. The Annual Plan 2026/27 is the third year of the LTP 2024. The LTP 2024 forms the starting point for developing the Annual Plan, while taking into account adjustments made in Year 2 Annual Plan 2025/26.

6. The diagram below provides an overview of the Annual Plan process.



7. If Council makes significant or material variations from the LTP 2024 to the Annual Plan 2026/27, then Council is required to consult the community on these matters. If there are no significant or material variations then Council is not required to consult the community on the Annual Plan. A significant variation is assessed under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, while a material variation is assessed in accordance with accounting standard. Significant or material changes are changes that are important enough to influence decisions, outcomes, or obligations, because they alter the substance, intent, or impact of something.

8. Simply put if the Annual Plan is generally in alignment with the LTP 2024 then there is no need to reconsult the community about the same matters. However, if the Annual Plan marks a departure from the direction of the LTP 2024 then the community should be consulted on that departure.

9. Consultation on the Annual Plan will require operational costs for marketing and communications in the order of \$10,000, in addition to officer time and resourcing.
10. It is important to note that the Annual Plan is aligned with Year 3 of the LTP 2024, which is the 2026/27 financial year. Any Council proposal that results in changes beyond 2026/27 would require an LTP 2024 amendment. Council has not currently budgeted for the marketing and communications, or staff resourcing that would be required for such an amendment.

### **The current environment**

11. Ongoing economic challenges continue to impact both households and businesses, creating a challenging economic environment for the district's community. For Council this is reflected in ongoing pressure from rising costs and reduced incomes along with responding to ongoing central government reforms. Increased global stability uncertainty also contributes to economic influences.

### **Assumption changes**

12. In addition to the economic pressures outlined above, there have been a number of assumption changes from Year 3 LTP 2024 that have influenced the development of this annual plan including the following:
  - a) Kiwisaver increase from 3 per cent to 3.5 per cent \$0.5m.
  - b) Inflation applied to fees and charges increase from 2.3 per cent to 2.8 per cent.
  - c) Salary and wage inflation increase of \$2.5m (from current year).
  - d) Development contributions revenue forecast reduced from \$13.3m to \$5.4m to reflect the current timing of recovery of these costs.
  - e) No additional budget provisions required for central government reforms including Local Government Water Services Act 2025, Resource Management Act reforms (Planning Bill and the Natural Environment Bill), Simplifying Local Government Reforms and rates capping.
  - f) Growth in the number of ratepaying properties in line with Year 3 LTP 2024 assumptions.

### **Option 1 – starting budget consideration**

13. LTP 2024 provided an indicative budget for 2026/27, including rates revenue of \$177.9m representing an average residential rate rise of 8.8 per cent and a total rates rise of 9.6 per cent.

14. When compared to Annual Plan 2025/26 rates of \$161.0m (that were adjusted down from LTP 2024 forecast of \$162.3m) this provides for a 10.5 per cent total rates rise to align with LTP 2024 Year 3 or 2026/27 of \$177.9m as Option 1. A 10.5 per cent total rates rise represents a \$17m rate increase.
15. A number of the “one off” savings that were applied in Year 2 have now also been applied to the Year 3 budget, while other additional savings have also been proposed for 2026/27.
16. Earlier decisions regarding the future of the sorting depot may result in changes to the operating expenses as outlined in this report.

### **Option 2 Mayoral recommendation**

17. The Mayoral recommendation is to limit the rates rise to inflation plus 1 per cent. CPI for September 2025 was 3 per cent. Accounting for forecast growth of 1 per cent, this provides for a total target rates increase of 5 per cent, providing an existing ratepayer increase of 4 per cent, being CPI of 4 per cent plus 1 per cent. Officers have now worked toward a position of 4.9 per cent total rates increase as the Mayoral recommendation with a rates requirement of \$173m Refer to table below for key financial comparisons.

	Annual Plan 2026/27	LTP Yr 3 (2026/27)	Annual Plan 2025/26
Rates requirement	<b>\$173m</b>	<b>\$182m</b>	<b>\$165m</b>
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Total rates increase	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>9.0%</b>
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Capex	<b>\$134m</b>	<b>\$149m</b>	<b>\$136m</b>
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Debt	<b>\$523m</b>	<b>\$503m</b>	<b>\$469m</b>
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18. The rules of thumb for budgeting is that \$1.5m of operating expenditure and or renewals represents 1 per cent of total rates, while servicing (principal and interest payments) \$20m of debt (typically capital expenditure) represents 1 per cent of total rates.

### **Overview of key operational and capital budget adjustments within Mayoral recommendation**

19. The proposed operational budget adjustments are outlined in Appendix 1 including.

20. Revenue forecast increases:

- a) Consents and regulatory revenue increase of \$125k.
- b) PIF release revenue increase of \$500k.
- c) Leased car parks revenue increase of \$70k.
- d) Parking infringement revenue increase of \$325k.

21. Revenue forecast reductions:

- a) Parking budget correction revenue reduction of \$230k.
- b) Reduced on street parking occupancy revenue reduction of \$375k.
- c) Lower property rents based on vacancies at Civic Centre and Metro Plaza demolition \$120k.

22. Operating budget increases of:

- a) Gas price increase of \$256k.
- b) KiwiSaver and salary and wages inflation increase of \$3.0m.
- c) Economic Development Venture Taranaki matters agreed by Council within the Statement of Intent \$224k.
- d) Revenue and Financing Policy review \$150k.

23. Operating budget decreases of:

- a) Slowing the ramp up of Stormwater CCTV asset condition inspections reflecting under delivery of forecast renewals \$185k.
- b) No June 2027 winter Festival of lights \$450k.
- c) Tūparikino Active Community Hub operational budget \$500k.

24. LTP 2024 provides for \$149.5m in capital expenditure in Year 3. This has now been revised down to \$134.3m largely as a result of looking at a more realistic delivery programme and also ensuring projects are re-phased if required to align with project scheduling. A summary of proposed capex across each Council service and shared services is provided in the table.

Council Services	LTP Y3 \$ m	Draft AP 26/27 \$ m	Increase/ (Reduction) \$ m
Community Partnership	4.9	1.8	(3.0)
Customer and Regulatory Solutions	1.3	0.1	(1.3)
Emergency Mgmt & Business Continuance	0.1	0.1	0.0
Flood Protection and Control Works	0.2	1.0	0.8
GBAG & Len Lye Centre	1.1	0.2	(0.9)
Governance	0.4	0.4	0.0
Management of Investments and Funding	0.3	0.6	0.3
Parks and Open Spaces	10.3	10.0	(0.3)
Puke Ariki and Community Libraries	3.1	5.1	2.0
Shared Services Respread Allocation	6.6	5.6	(1.0)
Stormwater Management	13.7	9.8	(3.9)
Transportation	47.2	41.2	(6.1)
Venues and Events	17.0	15.9	(1.1)
Waste Management and Minimisation	1.7	1.1	(0.6)
Wastewater Treatment	20.8	21.4	0.7
Water Supply	20.7	20.0	(0.7)
<b>Capital Expenditure Total</b>	<b>149.5</b>	<b>134.3</b>	<b>(15.1)</b>

25. The proposed project adjustments are outlined with Appendix 2 in more detail including.
26. Capex re-phasing increases for 2026/27 with no change to total project budget forecast reflect changing timeframes for project delivery including:
  - a) Puketapu Growth area projects increase of \$6.7m to \$9.9m.
  - b) Patterson Road stormwater culvert budget addition of \$1.5m.
  - c) Water Treatment Plant lake intake budget addition of \$2.7m.
  - d) Brooklands Zoo Phases 1, 2 and 3 increase of \$1.6m to \$2m.
  - e) Puke Ariki Roof renewal increase of \$2m to \$3m.
  - f) Urenui Arch Bridge increase of \$2.1m to \$3.8m.
27. Capex rephasing decreases for 2026/27 with no change to total project budget forecast reflect changing timeframes for project delivery including:
  - a) Housing for elderly new units decrease of \$2.8m to \$1.5m.
  - b) Various emission reduction projects boilers and chillers.

- c) Kawaroa to Belt Road seawall decrease of \$2.6m to \$1.7m.
- d) Waitara Stormwater upgrades decrease of \$3.5m to \$0.5m.
- e) Inglewood Stormwater remediation decrease of \$0.8m to \$0.2m.
- f) Te Pae o te Rangi Walkway Extension walkway decrease of \$3m to \$12.2m.
- g) Te Pae o te Rangi Walkway Extension non walkway removal of \$12m.
- h) Inglewood Pool Heating Replacement removal of \$54k.
- i) Inglewood Pool Accessibility Change Room removal of \$35k.
- j) Urenui and Onaero sewer reticulation decrease of \$2.5m to \$0.5m.
- k) Supplementary water source decrease of \$2.2m to \$0.3m.
- l) Carrington Zone Water Supply improvements decrease of \$2.4m to \$0.3m.

28. Capex increases for 2026/27 that are additional to the total project budget forecast include:

- a) Mangati Pump Station Emergency Storage increase of \$6.3m to \$7.1m.
- b) Water Supply Reservoir refurbishment budget of \$1m.
- c) Waitara Transfer Pump Station High Pressure Washwater System budget of \$0.7m.
- d) CBD Trees budget of \$0.3m.
- e) Tarata Road budget of \$3.4m.

29. Capex decreases for 2026/27 that are additional to the total project budget forecast include:

- a) Parking meter renewals removal of \$1.3m.
- b) Smart Road water reservoir land acquisition removal of \$1.1m.
- c) Wastewater reticulation renewals decrease of \$2m to \$5m.

### **Overview of key funding changes within Mayoral recommendation**

30. LTP 2024 increased renewal budgets, with planned investment ramping up across Years 1 to 10.

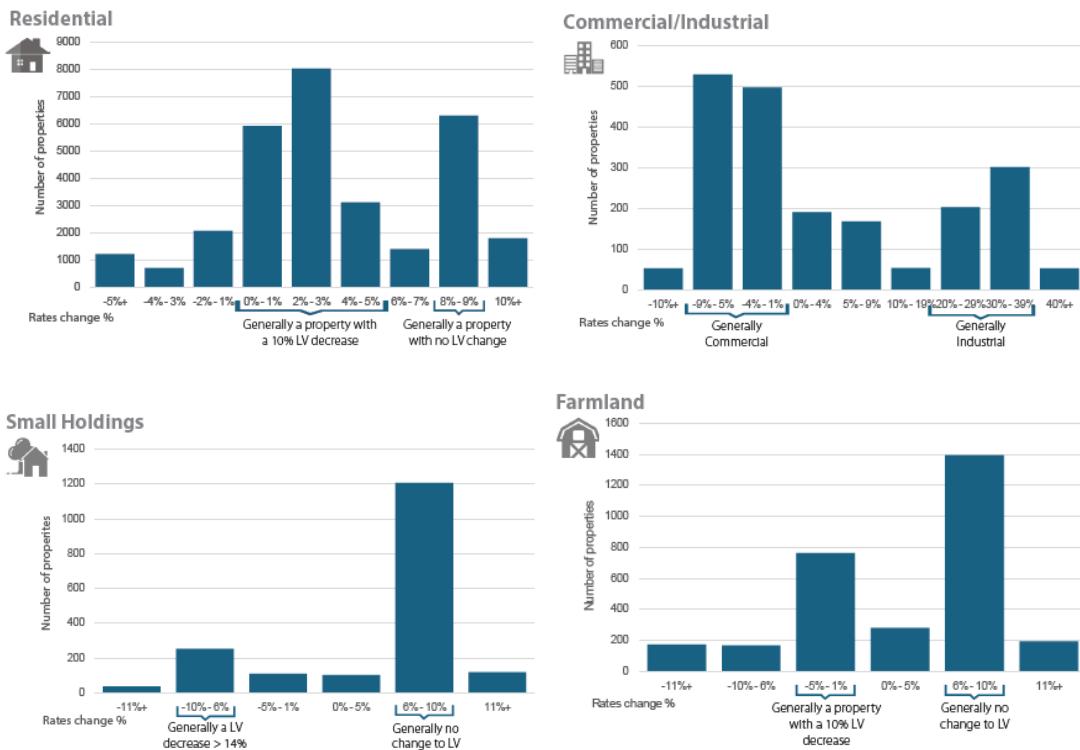
31. With rate rise pressures in the LTP 2024 early years, to smooth out the impact of the projected rates increases, the adopted approach was to use debt to fund the ramping of renewals in the earlier LTP 2024 years. The outer years of LTP 2024 project an increased rates take to repay the earlier years debt funded approach to return to a positive renewals reserve balance.
32. The projected ramping up of renewals has been slower than forecast. For example, delays in ramping up of CCTV inspection has resulted in lower than planned stormwater asset renewals.
33. To help reach the Mayoral recommendation for a reduced rates cap it has been proposed to slow the forecast increase in rate funding of renewals to realign with the level of delivery achieved, and overall bring the closing balance of the General and Transport renewals reserve in line with LTP Year 3.
34. As per paragraph 27 the projected Year 3 delivery increase has been reduced to reflect the actual realities of the projected workplan delivery.
35. To fund the difference between General and Transport renewals delivery and the proposed rates funding reduction, \$12.4m of debt will need to be redrawn down.
36. This approach results in total debt increasing to \$523m, compared with \$503m in Year 3 of the LTP. After accounting for the \$20m in Council-approved pass-through debt funding to Papa Rererangi i Puketapu (New Plymouth Airport) for the solar farm, along with the \$10m timing difference in the collection of Development Contributions, the forecast debt level is actually lower than what was projected in the LTP. The variance is primarily due to slower project delivery compared with the LTP assumptions.

	Annual Plan 2026/27	LTP Yr 3 (2026/27)
Total Debt	<b>\$523m</b>	<b>\$503m</b>
External debt (PRIP)	<b>(\$36m)</b>	<b>(\$16m)</b>
Development contribution timing	<b>(\$10m)</b>	<b>-</b>
NPDC Debt	<b>\$477m</b>	<b>\$487m</b>

37. The alternative option to the proposed use of debt would be rates and a larger rates rise for year 3 in the Annual Plan 2026/27.

## Ratepayer impacts

38. As a result of the 2025/26 communication error on the average residential rates, a rates remission was approved by Council to the Quarter One instalment. No further remission is proposed for 2026/27.
39. Triannual revaluations have been independently completed as required under the Rating Valuations Act 1988 in 2025. This will result in individual rating units receiving a range of actual rate changes depending on the outcome of their valuations in comparison to the rest of the district. The revaluation process is reviewed by the Office of the Valuer-General.
40. The following graphs show how rates are expected to change across different groups after the latest property revaluations, including how many properties will experience small, medium, or larger changes.



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## **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS / HURINGA ĀHUARANGI**

41. Some of the emissions reduction initiatives (heating, ventilation, air conditioning, boilers and chillers) have been paused for reconsideration in LTP 2027. Preliminary project scoping identified a range of options that would improve whole of life costs and provide for operational reductions. Some of these options have budget implications, so further work was identified as desirable to be undertaken to inform options and associated costs through the upcoming LTP process.
42. Adjustments have also been made related to the timing of adaptation planning projects.

### **NEXT STEPS / HĪKOI I MURI MAI**

43. Once Council determines its draft budgets for Annual Plan 2026/27 (Options 1, 2 or 3), Officers will finalise the budgets and prepare a draft Annual Plan 2026/27. If Council determines Option 4, which involves a significant or material change from the LTP, officers will prepare a Consultation Document and supporting information (including revised budgets) for Council approval.
44. The Annual Plan 2026/27 must be adopted by 30 June 2026.

### **SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT / KAUPAPA WHAKAHIRAHIRA**

45. In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as being critical, as the Annual Plan sets the levels of service (in line with the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034), financial costs for the community, implements and funds various strategies and plans and has widespread community.
46. The Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to consult the community if the Annual Plan includes significant or material variations from the indicative budgets in the relevant year of the Long-Term Plan.
47. Officers' advice is that there are not significant or material variations in the proposed Annual Plan and community consultation is therefore not required. However, if Council makes changes to the Annual Plan, then that may be significant or material variation

## **OPTIONS / KŌWHIRINGA**

### **Option 1**

#### **Agree to the Annual Plan 2026/27 initial decisions in line with LTP 2024**

48. Under this option, Council would be agreeing to the Annual Plan with the changes presented in this report, and determining that these changes are not significant or material variations from the LTP 2024 and therefore do not require community consultation.

#### *Financial and Resourcing Implications / Ngā Hīraunga ā-pūtea, ā-rauemi*

49. The proposed Annual Plan includes:

- a) Operating expenditure of \$272.4m.
- b) Capital expenditure of \$134.3m.
- c) Total rates requirement of \$172.9m.
- d) Gross external debt of \$522.8m.

#### *Risk Analysis / Tātaritanga o Ngā Mōrearea*

50. As highlighted in this report, there is heightened risk for this Annual Plan due to the current economic climate and inflationary pressures, Government reform and capital deliverability. The implications of these risks, if they materialise, are greater costs and failure to achieve key work.

#### *Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes / Hāpaitia / Te Tutuki o Ngā Whāinga ā-hāpori*

51. The proposed Annual Plan 2026/27 includes capital and operating work to achieve and promote all community outcomes.

#### *Statutory Responsibilities / Ngā Haepapa ā-ture*

52. Section 95 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires local authorities to adopt an Annual Plan for each financial year (other than a Long-Term Plan year). That section, and Part 2 of Schedule 10 of the same Act, sets out the content requirements for each Annual Plan.

#### *Consistency with Policies and Plans / Te Paria i ngā Kaupapa Here me ngā Mahere*

53. The proposed Annual Plan includes operating and capital budgets to implement policies and plans.

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*Participation by Māori / Te Urunga o Ngāi Māori*

54. The Annual Plan largely continues with the direction of the LTP 2024 where consultation occurred, including specific engagement with iwi and hapū. Should consultation be required, this would include opportunities for mana whenua participation.

*Community Views and Preferences / Ngā tirohanga me Ngā Mariu ā-hāpori*

55. The Annual Plan largely continues with the direction of the LTP 2024. LTP 2024 was subject to extensive community engagement through the Your Home, Your Say campaign, which focused on three big calls for the community as well as other matters.

*Advantages and Disadvantages / Ngā Huanga me Ngā Taumahatanga.*

56. The proposed Annual Plan largely continues with the LTP 2024 work programme, with some minor changes. It therefore does not represent significant, or material change in approach for Council or the community from that previously agreed to. The proposed Annual Plan generally continues with the decisions made on the Big Calls in the LTP 2024 Consultation Document.

**Option 2**

**Agree to the Annual Plan 2026/27 initial decisions as per the Mayoral recommendation**

57. Under this option, Council would be agreeing to the Annual Plan as per the Mayoral recommendation, and determining that these changes are not significant or material variations from the LTP 2024 and therefore do not require community consultation.

*Advantages and Disadvantages / Ngā Huanga me Ngā Taumahatanga.*

58. The proposed Annual Plan largely continues with the LTP 2024 work programme. The Mayoral recommendation contains more changes than Option 1 while continuing on the general trajectory in line with LTP 2024 Year 3. It therefore does not represent significant, or material change in approach for Council or the community from that previously agreed to. The proposed Annual Plan generally continues with the decisions made on the Big Calls in the LTP 2024 Consultation Document.

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### **Option 3**

#### **Agree to the Annual Plan 2026/27 initial decisions as per the Mayoral recommendation with minor amendments**

59. Under this option, Councillors would agree to the Annual Plan with the changes outlined in this report, as well as further changes that were not considered (either individually or cumulatively) to be significant or material variations from the LTP 2024, and therefore do not require community consultation.

*Advantages and Disadvantages / Ngā Huanga me Ngā Taumahatanga.*

60. These implications will depend on the amendments made.
61. There will be some additional resourcing implications in finalising the Annual Plan.
62. A decision that is inconsistent with a policy, plan or previous decision is likely to have a higher level of significance and therefore more likely to trigger Option 3 than Option 2.

### **Option 4**

#### **Agree to the Annual Plan 2026/27 initial decisions with significant additional reductions to the Mayoral recommendation**

63. Under this option, Councillors would agree to the proposed Annual Plan with the changes outlined in this report, as well as further changes that were considered (either individually or cumulatively) to be significant or material variations from LTP 2024 (as per the [Significance and Engagement Policy](#) or the accounting standards), and therefore, require community consultation.

*Financial and Resourcing Implications / Ngā Hīraunga ā-pūtea, ā-rauemi*

64. The financial and resourcing implications will depend on the amendment made. Such an amendment would likely have a noticeable impact on finances and/or resourcing.
65. There will also be short-term financial and resourcing implications in undertaking community consultation on the Annual Plan's significant or material variation. The nature of that variation may impact on the consultation approach (e.g. which communities it predominately affects, how it is funded).

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*Risk Analysis / Tātaritanga o Ngā Mōrearea*

66. There is a risk that there is insufficient time to undertake the re-budgeting of the Annual Plan, develop community consultation material, undertake community consultation (potentially including hearings), make decisions, and then produce an Annual Plan in time for the 30 June 2026 deadline. Officers will mitigate this risk by diverting resources to the Annual Plan, but this may, in turn, create risks to other work.

*Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes / Hāpaitia / Te Tutuki o Ngā Whāinga ā-hāpori*

67. The implications on Community Outcomes will depend on the nature of the amendments.

*Statutory Responsibilities / Ngā Haepapa ā-ture*

68. Section 95(2) and (2A) of the Local Government Act 2002 set out the obligations for community consultation on an Annual Plan if there are significant or material variations from the Long-Term Plan to the Annual Plan.
69. Section 95A of the Local Government Act 2002 sets out the purpose and contents for a consultation document for an Annual Plan. The consultation document must focus on the identified significant or material variations.

*Consistency with Policies and Plans / Te Paria i ngā Kaupapa Here me ngā Mahere*

70. Council's [Significance and Engagement Policy](#) sets out the significance assessment criteria that would need to be applied.
71. A decision that is inconsistent with a policy, plan or previous decision is likely to have a higher level of significance and therefore more likely to trigger Option 3 than Option 2.

*Participation by Māori / Te Urunga o Ngāi Māori*

72. Officers will develop a mana whenua engagement plan if the nature of the significant or material variation is of particular relevance or importance to iwi and/or hapū.

*Community Views and Preferences / Ngā tirohanga me Ngā Mariu ā-hāpori*

73. This approach would seek the community's views and preferences in relation to the identified significant or material variation.

*Advantages and Disadvantages / Ngā Huanga me Ngā Taumahatanga.*

74. This option would see Council depart from the LTP 2024's general approach by making a significant or material change. The LTP 2024 was developed with extensive consultation with the community.
75. The advantages and disadvantages would depend on the nature of the proposed variation(s).

**Recommended Option**

The report recommends Option 2, being the Mayoral recommendation for addressing the matter.

**APPENDICES / NGĀ ĀPITIHANGA**

Appendix 1 Adjustments to Operating Expenditure and Revenue Forecasts (ECM 9698279)

Appendix 2 Adjustments to Capital Expenditure (ECM 9698280)

Appendix 3 Draft Council Services Funding Impact Statements for Annual Plan 2025/26 (ECM 9698281)

Appendix 4 Draft Financial Information for Annual Plan 2025/26 (ECM 9698282)

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## APPENDIX 1: ADJUSTMENTS TO OPERATING EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE FORECASTS

### REVENUE FORECAST ADJUSTMENTS

Council Service	Increase/ (Reduction) \$Variance	Comment
Customer and Regulatory Solutions	(7,920,000)	Adjustment to expected recovery of Development Contributions due to activity in growth areas not aligning with assumptions made at the time in the LTP.
Customer and Regulatory Solutions	(375,000)	Lower Parking activity from on-street occupancy
Customer and Regulatory Solutions	(230,000)	Parking - budget correction (Downtown Car Park double up)
Customer and Regulatory Solutions	70,000	Higher Parking income from leased car parks
Customer and Regulatory Solutions	325,000	Additional Parking infringements income
Customer and Regulatory Solutions	125,000	Consenting revenue to meet current demand (offset expenses).
Management of Investments	(120,000)	Lower property rents based on vacancies at Civic Centre and Metro Plaza demolition
Management of Investments	640,000	Additional interest income recoverable from PRIP loan
Management of Investments	500,000	PIF release increase based on formula for inflation and investment balance
Management of Investments	900,000	PIF release increase to cover management fee expense
Parks	45,000	Recovery of Stadium Taranaki maintenance
Transportation	(5,422,000)	Subsidy for adjustment in phasing of scheduled work for the Walkway Extension
Waste minimisation	(430,000)	Removed CBD collection service planned
Wastewater	(2,650,000)	Better off funding received earlier than planned

**OPERATING EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS**

Council Service	Increase/ (Reduction) \$Variance	Comment
Community Partnerships	50,000	Bell Block Pool underwrite
Customer and Regulatory Solutions	220,000	City Safe business case
Economic Development	224,000	Venture Taranaki Statement of Intent
Flood Protection and Control Works	41,000	Increase for maintenance work that was identified under by the annual surveillance which is required under the Building (Dam Safety) Regulations 2022
Governance	191,000	Mayor and Elected Members – 5% salary and expenses increase as directed by Govt remuneration authority
Management of Investments and Funding	1,330,000	PIF management fees
Management of Investments and Funding	(750,000)	Sustainable Lifestyle Capital reserve top up – pause contribution for 2026/27
Parks and Open Spaces	90,000	Stadium Taranaki maintenance
Parks and Open Spaces	71,000	Hydra mowing
Parks and Open Spaces	(273,000)	Urenui and Onaero Adaptive Management Plan (Funded from Forestry reserve) adjusted to remove a double up
Stormwater Management	(185,000)	CCTV analysis is aligned with the deliverable schedule of works for pipe renewal
Transportation	170,000	Adjusted budget to ensure adequate requirement to address vegetation and trees on road reserve, under powerlines, or for safety issues such as blocking sightlines. Aligned with NZTA funding contribution.
Transportation	(400,000)	Business case for Ring Road and River Crossing undertaken from 2025/26 budgets and reduced technical report costs, so this budget not needed
Transportation, Parks and Open Spaces	(630,000)	Te Pae o te Rangi walkway extension maintenance delayed to align with delivery of walkway sections
Transportation	(2,300,000)	Lower subsidised maintenance on Local Roads
Venues and Events	256,000	Increased gas costs

Council Service	Increase/ (Reduction) \$Variance	Comment
Venues and Events	(450,000)	Pause 2027 Winter Festival of Lights
Venues and Events	(500,000)	Tūparikino Active Community Hub operations allowance
Waste Management and Minimisation	205,000	Investigation into kerbside collection Commercial opt-in
Waste Management and Minimisation	(35,000)	The Junction operations support
Wastewater	350,000	Increased utilities costs – eg. Gas to power the TDF
Wastewater	115,000	Commerce commission levies
Water Supply	310,000	Commerce commission levies
Water Supply	450,000	Increased chemical costs
Water Supply	(560,000)	Adjustments to maintenance activity to reflect changes in ground maintenance contract, engineering advice being aligned to projects, and charging of regulatory fees allocations evenly distributed
Water Supply	(1,000,000)	Timing of Mangamahoe safety upgrades has been adjusted to reflect current schedule

## OPERATING EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS

Shared Services	Increase/ (Reduction) \$	Notable operating expenditure changes
Finance and Planning	120,000	Risk and Legal – software to support improved service delivery and efficiency plus increase to external legal advice
Finance and Planning	150,000	Rating review project – expert consultant resource
People and Well-being	(40,000)	Various reductions across HR through efficiencies in work delivery
Project Management	110,000	ICT BT – contractor sign-in software to support improved health and safety outcomes
Strategic Planning	(38,000)	Bylaw work to be done fully in-house with associated reduction in consultant fees

<b>Shared Services</b>	<b>Increase/ (Reduction) \$</b>	<b>Notable operating expenditure changes</b>
Strategic Planning	(40,000)	Reduction in budget for technical reports for Reserve Management Plans – to rely on internal expertise and adjusted detail.
Strategic Planning	(56,000)	Accelerated response in 24/25 for the Rohutu block resulting in associated reduction in this required budget.
Strategic Planning	(106,000)	Adjustment of budget to align with deliverability of climate change programme of work.
Whole of Council	3,000,000	Personnel costs (including salary increases, KiwiSaver increase)

Note: The table does not include minor operating expenditure changes, so the variance by significant activity differs from the sum total of the changes listed. Significant activities with only minor variances are not included.

## APPENDIX 2: ADJUSTMENTS TO CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

### Projects with Budgets Adjusted to A/Plan

Projects where the budget is proposed to move from the current year to FY26/27 or brought forward from future years. There is no change to the overall lifecycle budgets.

Significant Activity	Project	Budget implications 2026/27	Budget	A/Plan 2026/27	LTP 2027/28	Comment
Various	<p>Puketapu Growth Programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Airport Drive/ Parklands Ave Roundabout</li> <li>- Waitaha Stream Bridge</li> <li>- Puketapu Development Area – Water Supply</li> <li>- Parklands Ave Extension Puketapu Sewer Main</li> <li>- Puketapu Area Stormwater – Phase 1</li> <li>- Land Purchase Area Q</li> </ul>	<p>Increased by \$6.7m</p>	<p>LTP Revised</p>	<p>3.2m 9.9m</p>	<p>8.6m 8.6m</p>	<p>This line item consolidates all budget changes for the projects within the Puketapu Growth Programme to provide clarity on the overall programme adjustments. Projects with no budget changes are not listed below; however, their total budgets are still included within this line item.</p> <p>Proposed budget adjustment to align with NZTA's construction programme for the De Havilland/Airport Drive Roundabout, ensuring construction efficiencies and coordinating timing with the Puketapu Growth Programme.</p> <p>The proposed budget adjustments have been made from outer years and will be reflected in LTP 2027/2037.</p>
Shared Services Respread Allocation	Infrastructure Refresh	<p>Increased by \$0.6m</p>	<p>LTP Revised</p>	<p>1.3m 1.9m</p>	<p>0 0</p>	Proposed budget adjustment from FY25/26 to align with realistic cost estimates and includes labour costs and contingency.

Significant Activity	Project	Budget implications 2026/27	Budget	A/Plan 2026/27	LTP 2027/28	Comment
Stormwater Management	Stormwater Network Modelling Project	Increased by \$0.15m	LTP	1.1m	1.1m	Proposed budget adjustment to align with schedule and allow for survey and planning work to support construction in outer years.
			Revised	1.26m	1.1m	
Flood Protection and Control	Dams Safety Regulations Compliance Programme	Increase by \$0.8m	LTP	0	0.2m	Proposed budget adjustment from FY25/26 to align with schedule given complexities of design and investigation steps and to ensure compliance with dam safety obligations.
			Revised	0.8m	0.2m	
Stormwater Management	Patterson Road Stormwater Catchment	Increased by \$1.5m	LTP	0	0	Proposed budget adjustment from FY25/26 to align with consenting application timeframes.
			Revised	1.5m	0	
Water Supply	New Plymouth Water Treatment Plant Lake Intake Fish Screen	Increase by \$2.7m	LTP	0	0	Proposed budget adjustment from FY25/26 and schedule adjustment to align with construction programme that is currently underway to address abatement notice.
			Revised	2.7m	0	
Water Supply	Universal Water Metering (WMP)	Increased by \$0.5m	LTP	0	0	Proposed budget adjustment from FY25/26 to align with programme and to close out the project.
			Revised	0.5m	0	
Waste Minimisation and Management	Organic Waste Processing Facility	Increased by \$0.3m	LTP	0	0	Proposed budget adjustment from FY25/26 to align with programme of work. This is a joint regional project with South Taranaki District Council, Stratford District Council and industry partners. This work will help inform LTP.
			Revised	0.3m	1.8m	

Significant Activity	Project	Budget implications 2026/27	Budget	A/Plan 2026/27	LTP 2027/28	Comment
Venues and Events	TSB Showplace – Seismic Strengthening and Foyer Update	Increased by \$0.9m	LTP	0	0	Proposed budget adjustment of a portion of the FY25/26 budget to better align with the construction schedule and to complete close out activities.
			Revised	0.9m	0	
Parks and Open Spaces	Brooklands Zoo Programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Phase 1 (Entry &amp; Otter)</li> <li>- Phase 2 (Aviary &amp; Staff Facilities)</li> <li>- Phase 3 (Primates and Agouti)</li> </ul>	Increased by \$1.6m	LTP	0.4m	2.9m	Proposed budget adjustment of a portion of the LTP Year 2 2025/26 budget be reallocated to enable continued planning activities across all three phases of the programme to enable efficiencies. Once the design stage is complete, an update will be provided to Council.
			Revised	2.0m	2.8m	
Management of Investments and Funding	Metro Plaza Building Demolition	Increased by \$0.3m	LTP	0.3m	1.1m	Proposed budget adjustment from outer years to align with neighbouring private development works to achieve construction efficiencies.
			Revised	0.6m	0	
Puke Ariki and Community Libraries	Puke Ariki Museum Roof Renewal	Increased by \$2m	LTP	1m	0	Proposed budget adjustment of most of the FY25/26 budget to align with construction timeframes as signalled as part of last annual plan.
			Revised	3m	2.2m	
Shared Services Respread Allocation	Archives Building Heatpumps Replacement	Increased by \$0.1m	LTP	0		Proposed budget adjustment of most of the FY25/26 budget to align with delivery timeframes.
			Revised	0.1m		
Transportation	Urenui Network Arch Bridge Replacement	Increased by \$2.1m	LTP	1.7m	0	Proposed budget adjustment of most of the FY25/26 budget to align with consenting and construction timeframes.
			Revised	3.8m	1.2m	

### Projects with Budgets Adjusted to Future Financial Years

Projects where the budget is proposed to move from the Annual Plan 2026/27 to outer financial years. There is no change to the overall lifecycle budgets and budgets will be put forward to Long-Term Plan 2027-2037.

Significant Activity	Project	Budget implications 2026/27	Budget	A/Plan 2026/27	LTP 2027/28	Comment
Community Partnership	Housing Project	Decreased by \$2.8m	LTP	4.3m	0	Proposed budget adjustment to rephase a portion of the budget into the outer years due to current limitations in suitable site availability for Stage 2. The remaining budget in 26/27 will be used to complete construction of stage 2 at Wynard Street and Fred Tucker Reserve.
			Revised	1.5m	7m	
GBAG & Len Lye Centre	Govett-Brewster Art Gallery Len Lye Centre (GBAG LLC) Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Boiler Renewals	Decreased by \$0.5m	LTP	0.5m	0	Estimates provided in the previous LTP to fuel switch were insufficient, and revised options will be presented as part of the upcoming LTP process. Low risk of asset failure.
			Revised	0	0.5m	
GBAG & Len Lye Centre	GBAG LLC HVAC Chiller Renewal	Decreased by \$0.4m	LTP	0.4m	0	Estimates provided in the previous LTP to fuel switch were insufficient, and revised options will be presented as part of the upcoming LTP process. Low risk of asset failure.
			Revised	0	0.4m	
Shared Services Respread Allocation	Civic Centre Renewals-South HVAC Chiller 1	Decreased by \$0.6m	LTP	0.6m	0	Estimates provided in the previous LTP to fuel switch were insufficient, and revised options will be presented as part of the
			Revised	0	0.6m	

Significant Activity	Project	Budget implications 2026/27	Budget	A/Plan 2026/27	LTP 2027/28	Comment
						upcoming LTP process. Medium risk of asset failure.
Shared Services Respread Allocation	Civic Centre Renewals-South HVAC Boiler	Decreased by \$0.8m	LTP	0.8m	0	Estimates provided in the previous LTP to fuel switch were insufficient, and revised options will be presented as part of the upcoming LTP process. Medium risk of asset failure.
			Revised	0	0.8m	
Parks and Open spaces	Kawaroa to Belt Road Cliff Erosion & Seawall	Decreased by \$2.6m	LTP	4.3m	0	Proposed budget adjustment which will still enable critical pinch points to be addressed with geotech matting to prevent erosion and rock procurement which will align with required construction window of Autumn 2028 due to the number of penguins in the area.
			Revised	1.7m	4.7m	
Parks and Open spaces	Dog Park	Decreased by \$0.15m	LTP	0.15m	0	Project is on hold until the Puketapu Bell Block Spatial Plan is completed, so budget has been adjusted to the LTP.
			Revised	0	0.15m	
Parks and Open spaces	Hobson Street Yard Bulk Storage Bins	Decreased by \$0.5m	LTP	0.5m	0	Temporary bulk storage bins are in place as an interim solution, so budget is proposed to be adjusted.
			Revised	0	0.5m	
Shared Services Respread Allocation	Community House retaining wall	Decreased by \$53,000	LTP	0.05m	0.16m	A proposed budget adjustment is recommended, as the project can be deferred to future years.
			Revised	0	0.21m	
Stormwater Management	Waitara Stormwater Upgrades	Decreased by \$3.5m	LTP	4m	1.5m	Proposed budget adjustment to rephase most of the budget to support ongoing planning for
			Revised	0.5m	5.1m	

Significant Activity	Project	Budget implications 2026/27	Budget	A/Plan 2026/27	LTP 2027/28	Comment
						the inlet structure and future works within the wider programme.
Stormwater Management	Augmentation of Stormwater network in Estate Grove	Decreased by \$2m	LTP	2.15m	3.3m	Proposed budget adjustment to allow for investigation of alternative solutions that incorporate the stormwater model and catchment management plan data.
			Revised	0.15m	5.3m	
Stormwater Management	Inglewood Stormwater Remedial	Decreased by \$0.8m	LTP	1m	3.3m	The Inglewood Stormwater Network is currently being assessed through the Catchment Management Plan and stormwater modelling processes, which will determine the necessary remedial works. A proposed budget adjustment will rephase most of the budget, while retaining a portion to support ongoing planning activities.
			Revised	0.2m	4.2m	
Transportation	Te Pae o te Rangi Walkway Extension	Decreased by \$3m	LTP	15.2m	0	Proposed budget adjustment to reflect current delivery timeline estimates and schedule.
			Revised	12.2m	3m	
Transportation	Te Pae o te Rangi Walkway Extension (no Waka Kotahi contribution)	Decreased by \$12m	LTP	12m	0	Proposed budget adjustment to defer reserve land purchases (\$3.5m). This is reflective of current negotiations with landowners on phasing the land purchases, to prioritise the walkway component (still within
			Revised	0	12m	

Significant Activity	Project	Budget implications 2026/27	Budget	A/Plan 2026/27	LTP 2027/28	Comment
						<p>budgets) and have agreements for the coastal reserve land to be progressed with different timing.</p> <p>The remaining \$8.5m was an allowance for contingency which has been adjusted to align with work scheduled as it is now likely that if contingency is required it will be required in 27/28.</p>
Venues and Events	Inglewood Pool Heating Replacement	Decreased by \$54,000	LTP	54,000	0.45m	Proposed budget adjustment to defer this project to future years as the asset is not at end of life.
			Revised	0	0.45m	
Venues and Events	Inglewood Pool Accessibility Change Room	Decreased by \$0.35m	LTP	0.35m	71,000	Proposed budget adjustment to defer this project to future years.
			Revised	0	71,000	
Venues and Events	TSB Stadium Radiant Heater Replacement	Decreased by \$0.2m	LTP	0.22m	0	Proposed budget adjustment to defer this project to future years to align with building shutdown planned for fire sprinklers to avoid multiple shutdowns to reduce revenue impacts.
			Revised	20,000	0.2m	
Venues and Events	TSB Stadium Fire /Water supply issues	Decreased by \$1.6m	LTP	1.6m	0	Proposed budget adjustment for both FY25/26 and FY26/27 to align with Tūparikino Active Community Hub Programme of work.
			Revised	0	2.1m	

Significant Activity	Project	Budget implications 2026/27	Budget	A/Plan 2026/27	LTP 2027/28	Comment
Waste Minimisation and Management	Waitara Landfill solution	Decreased by \$0.9m	LTP	1.1m	0	Proposed budget adjustment for most of the budget be deferred to allow time for revised options to be developed and presented through the upcoming LTP process, while retaining sufficient funding to continue planning activities.
			Revised	0.2m	0.9m	
Wastewater Treatment	Resource Consent Renewals Wastewater	Decreased by \$0.8m	LTP	1m	0	Proposed budget adjustment to align with programme of work.
			Revised	0.2m	0.8m	
Wastewater Treatment	Urenui & Onaero Sewer System	Decreased by \$2.5m	LTP	3m	11m	The proposed budget adjustment of most of the budget to allow additional time to progress planning and consent application work, with the remaining funding deferred to future financial years.
			Revised	0.5m	13.5m	
Wastewater Treatment	Inglewood Wastewater Overflows	Decreased by \$0.7m	LTP	3.3m	3.3m	Proposed budget adjustment to align with the current forecasted programme, enabling completion of Stage 1 and commencement of Stage 2, while positioning the project for consideration in the upcoming LTP process to deliver the full scope of works.
			Revised	2.6m	3.3m	
Wastewater Treatment	Waitara Wastewater Overflows Programme	Decreased by \$0.7M	LTP	1.1m	1.1m	Proposed budget adjustment to allow modelling and planning work, with the remaining budget deferred to future years.
			Revised	0.4m	1.8m	

Significant Activity	Project	Budget implications 2026/27	Budget	A/Plan 2026/27	LTP 2027/28	Comment
Wastewater Treatment	Onaero Wastewater Leach Field Replacement	Decreased by \$0.2m	LTP	0.2m	0m	Proposed budget adjustment as testing has shown that this can be deferred to future years.
			Revised	0m	0.2m	
Water Supply	Supplementary Water Source	Decreased by \$2.2m	LTP	2.4m	2.5m	The proposed budget adjustment due to Delays in securing landowner MOUs for Stage 1 have held up the preliminary investigation, so we have pushed out the Stage 2 drilling timeline.
			Revised	0.3m	2.5m	
Water Supply	Carrington Zone Water Supply Improvements (Growth)	Decreased by \$2.4m	LTP	2.7m	0m	Proposed budget adjustment to allow additional time for planning in future financial years, as the temporary pump station is providing a short-term solution.
			Revised	0.3m	2.4m	

### Project Budget Increase

Projects that require additional budget for Annual Plan 2026/27 outside of their existing lifecycle budget.

Significant Activity	Project	Budget implications 2026/27	Budget	A/Plan 2026/27	LTP 2027/28	Comment
Stormwater Management	Stormwater Services for Subdivisions in Unserviced Area	Increased by \$38,000	LTP	0.16m	0.17m	Proposed budget increase to align with the current programme, of work which is driven by developers.
			Revised	0.2m	0.17m	
Wastewater Treatment	Mangati Pump Station Emergency Storage	Increased by \$6.3m	LTP	0.8m	0	Proposed budget increase is driven by the refined design, construction timeframe, updated cost estimates, and the complexity of the required environmental, cultural, geotechnical, and consenting work.  The proposed increase of \$6.3m in this 2026/27 Annual Plan forms part of the total \$12m project budget, which has been previously reported through the Strategic Projects Committee and the 2025/26 Annual Plan. The remaining \$4.2m required to complete the total \$12 million budget will be requested through the 2027–2037 Long Term Plan, with costs to be further refined.
			Revised	7.1m	4.2m	

Significant Activity	Project	Budget implications 2026/27	Budget	A/Plan 2026/27	LTP 2027/28	Comment
						The proposed funding enables construction to take place during the 2027 summer earthworks window, which is critical to reducing the risk of further wastewater overflows. This includes preventing incidents like the 2019 event, where approximately 1,500 m <sup>3</sup> of unscreened sewage was discharged into the Mangati Stream, causing significant ecological damage and resulting in legal convictions and fines for NPDC.
Water Supply	Reservoir Refurbishments	Increased by \$1m	LTP	0	0	Proposed budget increase supports continuation of the work programme to address the backlog of reservoir refurbishments, with contracts in place to ensure inspection timeframes are met.
			Revised	1m	0	
Wastewater Treatment	Emergency Wastewater Reticulation Network Renewals	Increased by \$0.1m	LTP	0	0.25m	Proposed budget increase is for required emergency unplanned reticulation renewal works.
			Revised	0.1m	0.25m	
Wastewater Treatment	Sewer Services for Subdivisions in Unserviced Areas	Increased by \$0.1m	LTP	0.1m	0.1m	Proposed budget increase to align with the current programme of work which is driven by developers.
			Revised	0.2m		

Significant Activity	Project	Budget implications 2026/27	Budget	A/Plan 2026/27	LTP 2027/28	Comment
Wastewater Treatment	Waitara Transfer Pump Station High Pressure Washwater System	Increased by \$0.7m	LTP	0	0	Proposed budget increase to align with current programme of work, and to complete the project to mitigate Health and Safety issue of operators having to manually clean up raw sewerage.
			Revised	0.7m	0	
Water Supply	NPWTP River intake fish screen and upgrade	Increased by \$0.4m	LTP	0	0	This project involves removing the existing non-compliant structure and replacing it with a fit-for-purpose solution. Additional budget is required to support the design work and to inform construction costs for consideration in the next LTP.
			Revised	0.4m	0	
Venues and Events	Waitara Pool Heating Replacement	Increased by \$0.2m	LTP	0.7m	0	Proposed budget increase to align with the confirmed cost estimates to complete the project and replace an asset at end of life.
			Revised	0.9m	0	
Parks and Open Spaces	CBD Trees	Increased by \$0.3m	LTP	0	0	Proposed budget increase to finalise removal of the remaining scheduled trees.
			Revised	0.3m	0	
Customer and Regulatory Solutions	Dog Pound Renewals	Increased by \$20,000	LTP	0	0	A small, proposed budget increase in the dog pound renewals budget is required to address essential maintenance and ensuring the facility remains safe, compliant, and fit for purpose.
			Revised	20,000	0	

Significant Activity	Project	Budget implications 2026/27	Budget	A/Plan 2026/27	LTP 2027/28	Comment
Transportation	Tarata Rd	Increased by \$3.4m	LTP	0	0	Proposed budget increase in line with the Council resolution of 25 June 2025, which approved the use of the Tarata Road Endowment Fund to match the NZTA Waka Kotahi contribution. This adjustment supports the resolution and aligns the budget with the construction plan. It is not an increase beyond what Council originally approved; however, as it was not captured in the LTP, it appears as an increase in this Annual Plan.
			Revised	3.4m	0	

### Project Budget Decrease

The project budget decreases based on the anticipated spend. This change does not affect any other financial years.

Significant Activity	Project	Budget implications 2026/27	Budget	A/Plan 2026/27	LTP 2027/28	Comment
Community Partnership	Housing for the Elderly Renewals	Decreased by \$0.2m	LTP	0.5m	0.5m	A proposed decrease in budget is recommended as the requirement for renewals has been reduced whilst still maintaining the required level of service.
			Revised	0.3m	0.5m	
Flood Protection and Control Works	Monitoring equipment at Detention Dams	Decreased by \$37,700	LTP	0.14m	0.3m	Some monitoring equipment has already been installed so less budget is required.
			Revised	0.1m	0.3m	
Venues and Events	TSB Showplace - Shared Driveway remediation	Decreased by \$41,000	LTP	0.1m	0	Proposed decrease in budget as what is remaining will complete project.
			Revised	66,000	0	
Shared Services Respread Allocation	Website Renewals	Decreased by \$0.2m	LTP	0.2m	0.2m	This item has been reclassified from CAPEX to OPEX because it is deemed operational rather than capital in nature. It has now been assigned to the correct OPEX budget.
			Revised	0	0.2m	
Venues and Events	TSB Stadium Operational Assets Renewals	Decreased by \$22,000	LTP	88,000	33,000	A proposed decrease in budget is recommended as the requirement for renewals has been reduced whilst still maintaining the required level of service.
			Revised	66,000	33,000	

Significant Activity	Project	Budget implications 2026/27	Budget	A/Plan 2026/27	LTP 2027/28	Comment
Venues and Events	TSB Bowl of Brooklands Renewals	Decreased by \$22,000	LTP	88,000	16,000	A proposed decrease in budget is recommended as the requirement for renewals has been reduced whilst still maintaining the required level of service.
			Revised	66,000	16,000	
Venues and Events	Venues and Events Renewals Catering Equipment Assets	Decreased by \$5,000	LTP	5,000	5,000	A proposed decrease in budget is recommended as the requirement for renewals as it not required FY26/27.
			Revised	0	5,000	
Customer and Regulatory Solutions	Parking Meter Renewals	Decreased by \$1.3m	LTP	1.3m	0	The budget is no longer required, as parking machines are now being leased and no renewal funding is needed.
			Revised	0	0	
Transportation	Sealed Road resurfacing - NZTA subsidised	Decreased by \$53,000	LTP	53,000	58,000	NZTA is not funding project for A/Plan 2026/27, so budget has been reduced to reflect this.
			Revised	0	58,000	
Transportation	Subsidised Renewals - State Hwy Traffic Signals	Decreased by \$54,000	LTP	54,000	120,000	NZTA is not funding project for A/Plan 2026/27, so budget has been reduced to reflect this.
			Revised	0	120,000	
Transportation	Street Furniture Renewals (unsubsidised)	Decreased by \$0.1m	LTP	130,000	136,000	A proposed decrease in budget is recommended as the requirement for renewals has been reduced whilst still maintaining the required level of service.
			Revised	28,000	136,000	

Significant Activity	Project	Budget implications 2026/27	Budget	A/Plan 2026/27	LTP 2027/28	Comment
Transportation	Bus Shelter Improvements	Decreased by \$81,000	LTP	161,000	170,000	As NZTA is not funding this project, the budget has been reduced accordingly. Bus shelters will be installed this financial year, and recent route changes by the Taranaki Regional Council allow for a further reduction in the required budget.
			Revised	80,000	170,000	
Stormwater Management	Resource Consent Renewals Stormwater	Decreased by \$77,000	LTP	0.2m	0.7m	A proposed decrease in budget is recommended as the requirement for renewals has been reduced whilst still maintaining the required level of service.
			Revised	0.15m	0.7m	
Stormwater Management	Stormwater Reticulation Minor Augmentations	Decreased by \$8,000	LTP	0.16m	0.16m	A proposed decrease in budget is recommended as the requirement for renewals has been reduced whilst still maintaining the required level of service.
			Revised	0.15m	0.16m	

Significant Activity	Project	Budget implications 2026/27	Budget	A/Plan 2026/27	LTP 2027/28	Comment
Water Supply	Smart Road Reservoir - Land Acquisition	Decreased by \$1.1m	LTP	1.1m	0	Following the completion of planning and analysis, this budget is no longer required. Modelling indicated a new reservoir at Smart Road would benefit a small number of properties due to its elevation constraints so would not be cost effective. The Dynamic Adaptive Pathways Planning (DAPP) approach has been applied.
			Revised	0	0	
Wastewater Treatment	Wastewater Reticulation Renewals Budget	Decreased by \$2m	LTP	7m	7m	The proposed budget has been reduced to align with the programme of work of what can be delivered.
			Revised	5m	7m	
GBAG & Len Lye Centre	Gallery Fitout & Equipment for Exhibitions Renewal Budget	Decreased by \$7,000	LTP	86,000	88,000	A proposed decrease in budget is recommended as the requirement for renewals has been reduced whilst still maintaining the required level of service.
			Revised	79,000	88,000	
Wastewater Treatment	West Quay Pump Station	Decreased by \$0.2m	LTP	0.4m	0	A proposed decrease in budget to reflect the funding required to complete and close out the project.
			Revised	0.2m	0	
Puke Ariki and Community Libraries	Library Resources (Print books, e-audio, audio material)	Decreased by \$40,000	LTP	0.78m	0.9m	A proposed decrease in budget is recommended as the requirement for renewals has been reduced whilst still maintaining the required level of service.
			Revised	0.74m	0.9m	

Significant Activity	Project	Budget implications 2026/27	Budget	A/Plan 2026/27	LTP 2027/28	Comment
Puke Ariki and Community Libraries	Puke Ariki Museum & Galleries recurring renewal budget	Decreased by \$10,000	LTP	0.2m	0.2m	A proposed decrease in budget is recommended as the requirement for renewals has been reduced whilst still maintaining the required level of service.
			Revised	0.19m	0.2m	
			Revised	0.37m	0.85m	
Transportation	Junction Road Works	Decreased by \$0.2m	LTP	0.38m	0.38m	NZTA is not funding project for A/Plan 2026/27, so budget has been reduced to reflect this.
Transportation	Pedestrian Crossing Lighting Upgrades	Decreased by \$54,000	LTP	0.1m	0.11m	NZTA is not funding project for A/Plan 2026/27, so budget has been reduced to reflect this.
			Revised	53,000		



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## New Plymouth District Council: Funding Impact Statement for 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 for Community Partnerships

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Sources of operating funding</b>			
General rates, uniform annual charges, rates penalties	7.48	7.65	8.30
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	0.06	0.06	0.06
Fees and charges	1.41	1.45	1.45
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	0.49	0.62	0.62
<b>Total operating funding (A)</b>	<b>9.44</b>	<b>9.77</b>	<b>10.43</b>
<b>Applications of operating funding</b>			
Payments to staff and suppliers	7.30	7.72	7.85
Finance costs	0.35	0.55	0.55
Internal charges and overheads applied	2.04	1.71	2.37
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of operating funding (B)</b>	<b>9.69</b>	<b>9.98</b>	<b>10.77</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding (A - B)</b>	<b>(0.25)</b>	<b>(0.21)</b>	<b>(0.34)</b>
<b>Sources of capital funding</b>			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	4.10	4.11	1.33
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
<b>Total sources of capital funding (C)</b>	<b>4.10</b>	<b>4.11</b>	<b>1.33</b>
<b>Applications of capital funding</b>			
Capital expenditure:			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	4.21	4.31	1.54
- to replace existing assets	0.27	0.54	0.31
(Increase)/decrease in reserves	(0.63)	(0.95)	(0.86)
(Increase)/decrease of investments	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of capital funding (D)</b>	<b>3.85</b>	<b>3.90</b>	<b>0.99</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding (C-D)</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>0.34</b>
<b>Funding balance (A-B) + (C-D)</b>	-	-	-

### Other information to be provided

#### Clause 5(4) Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Depreciation and amortisation expense</b>			
Depreciation expense	0.55	0.62	0.62
<i>less</i> deferred/unfunded	(0.12)	(0.19)	(0.19)
<b>Net funding transferred to renewals reserves</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>0.43</b>

**New Plymouth District Council: Funding Impact Statement  
for 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 for Customer and Regulatory Solutions**

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Sources of operating funding</b>			
General rates, uniform annual charges, rates penalties	5.33	4.52	5.54
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
Fees and charges	11.29	11.57	10.78
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	1.03	0.81	1.03
<b>Total operating funding (A)</b>	<b>17.65</b>	<b>16.89</b>	<b>17.35</b>
<b>Applications of operating funding</b>			
Payments to staff and suppliers	11.22	10.45	11.76
Finance costs	0.25	0.23	0.23
Internal charges and overheads applied	5.49	5.53	4.67
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of operating funding (B)</b>	<b>17.96</b>	<b>16.21</b>	<b>16.66</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding (A-B)</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0.69</b>
<b>Sources of capital funding</b>			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	(0.55)	(0.57)	(0.57)
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
<b>Total sources of capital funding (C)</b>	<b>(0.55)</b>	<b>(0.57)</b>	<b>(0.57)</b>
<b>Applications of capital funding</b>			
Capital expenditure:			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	-	-	-
- to replace existing assets	0.02	1.33	0.06
(Increase)/decrease in reserves	0.12	(1.22)	0.06
(Increase)/decrease of investments	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of capital funding (D)</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>0.12</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding (C-D)</b>	<b>(0.69)</b>	<b>(0.68)</b>	<b>(0.69)</b>
<b>Funding balance (A-B) + (C-D)</b>	-	-	-

**Other information to be provided**

**Clause 5(4) Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014**

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Depreciation and amortisation expense</b>			
Depreciation expense	0.40	0.43	1.17
<i>less</i> deferred/unfunded	(0.24)	(0.34)	(1.07)
<b>Net funding transferred to renewals reserves</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.10</b>

**New Plymouth District Council: Funding Impact Statement  
for 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 for Economic Development**

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Sources of operating funding</b>			
General rates, uniform annual charges, rates penalties	6.03	5.98	6.41
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
Fees and charges	-	-	-
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
<b>Total operating funding (A)</b>	<b>6.03</b>	<b>5.98</b>	<b>6.41</b>
<b>Applications of operating funding</b>			
Payments to staff and suppliers	5.13	4.71	4.94
Finance costs	-	-	-
Internal charges and overheads applied	1.36	1.23	1.44
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of operating funding (B)</b>	<b>6.49</b>	<b>5.94</b>	<b>6.38</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding (A - B)</b>	<b>(0.46)</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.03</b>
<b>Sources of capital funding</b>			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	-	-	-
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
<b>Total sources of capital funding (C)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Applications of capital funding</b>			
Capital expenditure:			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	-	-	-
- to replace existing assets	-	-	-
(Increase)/decrease in reserves	(0.46)	0.04	0.03
(Increase)/decrease of investments	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of capital funding (D)</b>	<b>(0.46)</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.03</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding (C-D)</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>(0.04)</b>	<b>(0.03)</b>
<b>Funding balance (A-B) + (C-D)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Other information to be provided**

**Clause 5(4) Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014**

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Depreciation and amortisation expense</b>			
Depreciation expense	-	-	-
<i>less</i> deferred/unfunded	0.04	0.04	0.04
<b>Net funding transferred to renewals reserves</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.04</b>

**New Plymouth District Council: Funding Impact Statement for 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 for Emergency Management and Business Continuance**

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Sources of operating funding</b>			
General rates, uniform annual charges, rates penalties	1.26	1.38	1.30
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	1.62	1.63	1.63
Fees and charges	-	-	-
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
<b>Total operating funding (A)</b>	<b>2.88</b>	<b>3.01</b>	<b>2.93</b>
<b>Applications of operating funding</b>			
Payments to staff and suppliers	2.27	2.37	2.36
Finance costs	0.08	0.08	0.08
Internal charges and overheads applied	0.46	0.50	0.44
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of operating funding (B)</b>	<b>2.81</b>	<b>2.95</b>	<b>2.88</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding (A-B)</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.05</b>
<b>Sources of capital funding</b>			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	(0.05)	-	-
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
<b>Total sources of capital funding (C)</b>	<b>(0.05)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Applications of capital funding</b>			
Capital expenditure:			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	0.01	0.05	0.05
- to replace existing assets	-	-	-
(Increase)/decrease in reserves	0.01	0.01	-
(Increase)/decrease of investments	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of capital funding (D)</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.05</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding (C-D)</b>	<b>(0.07)</b>	<b>(0.06)</b>	<b>(0.05)</b>
<b>Funding balance (A-B) + (C-D)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Other information to be provided**

**Clause 5(4) Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014**

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Depreciation and amortisation expense</b>			
Depreciation expense	0.07	0.08	0.16
<i>less</i> deferred/unfunded	(0.05)	(0.07)	(0.15)
<b>Net funding transferred to renewals reserves</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.01</b>

**New Plymouth District Council: Funding Impact Statement  
for 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 for Flood Protection and Control Works**

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Sources of operating funding</b>			
General rates, uniform annual charges, rates penalties	0.76	1.73	0.87
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
Fees and charges	-	-	-
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
<b>Total operating funding (A)</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>1.73</b>	<b>0.87</b>
<b>Applications of operating funding</b>			
Payments to staff and suppliers	0.42	0.38	0.47
Finance costs	0.03	0.05	0.05
Internal charges and overheads applied	0.26	0.24	0.29
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of operating funding (B)</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>0.81</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding (A - B)</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>1.06</b>	<b>0.06</b>
<b>Sources of capital funding</b>			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	0.73	(0.02)	0.73
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
<b>Total sources of capital funding (C)</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>(0.02)</b>	<b>0.73</b>
<b>Applications of capital funding</b>			
Capital expenditure:			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	0.73	-	0.75
- to replace existing assets	0.30	0.19	0.27
(Increase)/decrease in reserves	(0.25)	0.85	(0.23)
(Increase)/decrease of investments	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of capital funding (D)</b>	<b>0.78</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>0.79</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding (C-D)</b>	<b>(0.05)</b>	<b>(1.06)</b>	<b>(0.06)</b>
<b>Funding balance (A-B) + (C-D)</b>	-	-	-

**Other information to be provided**

**Clause 5(4) Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014**

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Depreciation and amortisation expense</b>			
Depreciation expense	0.22	0.25	0.25
<i>less</i> deferred/unfunded	(0.02)	0.78	(0.22)
<b>Net funding transferred to renewals reserves</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>0.03</b>

## New Plymouth District Council: Funding Impact Statement for 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 for Governance

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Sources of operating funding</b>			
General rates, uniform annual charges, rates penalties	7.10	6.74	7.11
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
Fees and charges	0.09	0.01	0.01
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
<b>Total operating funding (A)</b>	<b>7.19</b>	<b>6.75</b>	<b>7.12</b>
<b>Applications of operating funding</b>			
Payments to staff and suppliers	2.61	2.45	2.63
Finance costs	-	-	-
Internal charges and overheads applied	3.61	3.32	3.51
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of operating funding (B)</b>	<b>2.22</b>	<b>5.77</b>	<b>6.14</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding (A-B)</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>0.98</b>
<b>Sources of capital funding</b>			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	-	-	-
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
<b>Total sources of capital funding (C)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Applications of capital funding</b>			
Capital expenditure:			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	0.38	0.38	0.38
- to replace existing assets	-	-	-
(Increase)/decrease in reserves	0.59	0.60	0.60
(Increase)/decrease of investments	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of capital funding (D)</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>0.98</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding (C-D)</b>	<b>(0.97)</b>	<b>(0.98)</b>	<b>(0.98)</b>
<b>Funding balance (A-B) + (C-D)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### Other information to be provided

#### Clause 5(4) Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Depreciation and amortisation expense</b>			
Depreciation expense	-	-	-
<i>less</i> deferred/unfunded	0.03	0.03	0.03
<b>Net funding transferred to renewals reserves</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.03</b>

**New Plymouth District Council: Funding Impact Statement**  
**for 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 for Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre**

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Sources of operating funding</b>			
General rates, uniform annual charges, rates penalties	5.52	5.49	6.14
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	0.29	0.29	0.27
Fees and charges	0.67	0.74	0.72
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
<b>Total operating funding (A)</b>	<b>6.48</b>	<b>6.52</b>	<b>7.13</b>
<b>Applications of operating funding</b>			
Payments to staff and suppliers	4.11	4.19	4.44
Finance costs	0.10	0.10	0.10
Internal charges and overheads applied	1.94	1.87	2.22
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of operating funding (B)</b>	<b>6.15</b>	<b>6.16</b>	<b>6.76</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding (A - B)</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>0.37</b>
<b>Sources of capital funding</b>			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	-	0.01	(0.08)
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
<b>Total sources of capital funding (C)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>(0.08)</b>
<b>Applications of capital funding</b>			
Capital expenditure:			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	0.08	0.09	0.08
- to replace existing assets	0.18	1.04	0.19
(Increase)/decrease in reserves	0.07	(0.76)	0.02
(Increase)/decrease of investments	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of capital funding (D)</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>0.29</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding (C-D)</b>	<b>(0.33)</b>	<b>(0.36)</b>	<b>(0.37)</b>
<b>Funding balance (A-B) + (C-D)</b>	-	-	-

**Other information to be provided**

**Clause 5(4) Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014**

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Depreciation and amortisation expense</b>			
Depreciation expense	0.68	0.68	0.68
<i>less</i> deferred/unfunded	(0.42)	(0.40)	(0.40)
<b>Net funding transferred to renewals reserves</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.28</b>

**New Plymouth District Council: Funding Impact Statement**  
**for 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 for Management of Investments and Funding**

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Sources of operating funding</b>			
General rates, uniform annual charges, rates penalties	(13.52)	(19.20)	(23.86)
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
Fees and charges	2.56	2.21	2.66
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	18.30	17.58	17.01
<b>Total operating funding (A)</b>	<b>7.34</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>(4.19)</b>
<b>Applications of operating funding</b>			
Payments to staff and suppliers	8.19	4.77	6.54
Finance costs	0.25	1.95	1.95
Internal charges and overheads applied	1.85	1.95	1.53
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of operating funding (B)</b>	<b>10.29</b>	<b>8.67</b>	<b>10.02</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding (A-B)</b>	<b>(4.95)</b>	<b>(8.08)</b>	<b>(14.21)</b>
<b>Sources of capital funding</b>			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	1.84	5.85	0.03
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	4.75	0.93	0.93
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
<b>Total sources of capital funding (C)</b>	<b>6.59</b>	<b>6.78</b>	<b>0.96</b>
<b>Applications of capital funding</b>			
Capital expenditure:			
- to meet additional demand	-	0.04	0.08
- to improve the level of service	0.14	0.23	0.53
- to replace existing assets	0.92	0.01	0.01
(Increase)/decrease in reserves	0.07	(1.57)	(13.87)
(Increase)/decrease of investments	0.51	-	-
<b>Total applications of capital funding (D)</b>	<b>1.64</b>	<b>(1.30)</b>	<b>(13.25)</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding (C-D)</b>	<b>4.95</b>	<b>8.08</b>	<b>14.21</b>
<b>Funding balance (A-B) + (C-D)</b>	-	-	-

**Other information to be provided**

**Clause 5(4) Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014**

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Depreciation and amortisation expense</b>			
Depreciation expense	-	0.01	0.01
<i>less</i> deferred/unfunded	(0.80)	(3.01)	(11.70)
<b>Net funding transferred to renewals reserves</b>	<b>(0.80)</b>	<b>(3.00)</b>	<b>(11.69)</b>

## New Plymouth District Council: Funding Impact Statement for 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 for Parks and Open Spaces

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Sources of operating funding</b>			
General rates, uniform annual charges, rates penalties	22.00	23.56	24.63
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	0.01	0.01	0.01
Fees and charges	2.51	2.51	2.65
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
<b>Total operating funding (A)</b>	<b>24.52</b>	<b>26.08</b>	<b>27.29</b>
<b>Applications of operating funding</b>			
Payments to staff and suppliers	14.02	14.66	14.89
Finance costs	1.79	2.10	2.10
Internal charges and overheads applied	5.07	4.32	5.12
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of operating funding (B)</b>	<b>20.88</b>	<b>21.08</b>	<b>22.11</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding (A - B)</b>	<b>3.64</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>5.18</b>
<b>Sources of capital funding</b>			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	1.42	1.75	0.50
Increase/(decrease) in debt	3.96	4.13	4.37
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
<b>Total sources of capital funding (C)</b>	<b>5.38</b>	<b>5.88</b>	<b>4.87</b>
<b>Applications of capital funding</b>			
Capital expenditure:			
- to meet additional demand	2.25	0.05	1.22
- to improve the level of service	4.64	7.57	6.17
- to replace existing assets	2.66	2.71	2.56
(Increase)/decrease in reserves	(0.53)	0.55	0.10
(Increase)/decrease of investments	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of capital funding (D)</b>	<b>9.02</b>	<b>10.88</b>	<b>10.05</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding (C-D)</b>	<b>(3.64)</b>	<b>(5.00)</b>	<b>(5.18)</b>
<b>Funding balance (A-B) + (C-D)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### Other information to be provided

#### Clause 5(4) Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Depreciation and amortisation expense</b>			
Depreciation expense	4.85	4.26	4.91
<i>less</i> deferred/unfunded	(2.50)	(0.78)	(1.46)
<b>Net funding transferred to renewals reserves</b>	<b>2.35</b>	<b>3.48</b>	<b>3.45</b>

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### for 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 for Puke Ariki and Community Libraries

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Sources of operating funding</b>			
General rates, uniform annual charges, rates penalties	14.09	15.42	16.12
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	0.14	0.14	0.13
Fees and charges	0.42	0.44	0.44
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
<b>Total operating funding (A)</b>	<b>14.65</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>16.69</b>
<b>Applications of operating funding</b>			
Payments to staff and suppliers	8.12	8.13	8.69
Finance costs	0.22	0.35	0.35
Internal charges and overheads applied	4.49	4.51	4.63
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of operating funding (B)</b>	<b>11.83</b>	<b>12.99</b>	<b>13.67</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding (A-B)</b>	<b>1.82</b>	<b>3.01</b>	<b>3.02</b>
<b>Sources of capital funding</b>			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	0.04	0.05	0.03
Increase/(decrease) in debt	(0.07)	0.86	2.89
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
<b>Total sources of capital funding (C)</b>	<b>(0.03)</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>2.92</b>
<b>Applications of capital funding</b>			
Capital expenditure:			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	-	-	-
- to replace existing assets	2.24	3.13	2.00
(Increase)/decrease in reserves	(0.45)	0.78	3.94
(Increase)/decrease of investments	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of capital funding (D)</b>	<b>1.79</b>	<b>3.91</b>	<b>5.94</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding (C-D)</b>	<b>(1.82)</b>	<b>(3.01)</b>	<b>(3.02)</b>
<b>Funding balance (A-B) + (C-D)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Other information to be provided

##### Clause 5(4) Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Depreciation and amortisation expense</b>			
Depreciation expense	2.67	2.67	2.67
<i>less</i> deferred/unfunded	(0.84)	0.29	0.29
<b>Net funding transferred to renewals reserves</b>	<b>1.83</b>	<b>2.96</b>	<b>2.96</b>

## New Plymouth District Council: Funding Impact Statement for 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 for Stormwater Management

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Sources of operating funding</b>			
General rates, uniform annual charges, rates penalties	4.32	4.98	4.03
Targeted rates	4.32	4.98	4.03
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		-	-
Fees and charges	0.01	0.01	0.01
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
<b>Total operating funding (A)</b>	<b>8.65</b>	<b>9.97</b>	<b>8.07</b>
<b>Applications of operating funding</b>			
Payments to staff and suppliers	2.57	2.56	2.59
Finance costs	0.96	1.27	1.27
Internal charges and overheads applied	1.62	1.52	1.82
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of operating funding (B)</b>	<b>5.15</b>	<b>5.35</b>	<b>5.68</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding (A - B)</b>	<b>3.50</b>	<b>4.62</b>	<b>2.39</b>
<b>Sources of capital funding</b>			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	2.24	3.25	1.23
Increase/(decrease) in debt	2.36	4.34	4.83
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
<b>Total sources of capital funding (C)</b>	<b>4.60</b>	<b>7.59</b>	<b>6.06</b>
<b>Applications of capital funding</b>			
Capital expenditure:			
- to meet additional demand	1.14	1.69	1.65
- to improve the level of service	3.90	6.50	5.02
- to replace existing assets	3.23	5.52	3.18
(Increase)/decrease in reserves	(0.17)	(1.50)	(1.40)
(Increase)/decrease of investments	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of capital funding (D)</b>	<b>8.10</b>	<b>12.21</b>	<b>8.45</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding (C-D)</b>	<b>(3.50)</b>	<b>(4.62)</b>	<b>(2.39)</b>
<b>Funding balance (A-B) + (C-D)</b>	-	-	-

### Other information to be provided

#### Clause 5(4) Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Depreciation and amortisation expense</b>			
Depreciation expense	5.23	6.16	6.16
<i>less</i> deferred/unfunded	(4.24)	(2.14)	(4.36)
<b>Net funding transferred to renewals reserves</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>4.02</b>	<b>1.80</b>

**New Plymouth District Council: Funding Impact Statement  
for 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 for Transportation**

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Sources of operating funding</b>			
General rates, uniform annual charges, rates penalties	16.50	22.91	18.02
Targeted rates	4.43	5.73	4.50
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	5.84	8.66	6.93
Fees and charges	1.19	1.24	1.19
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	0.53	0.53	0.53
<b>Total operating funding (A)</b>	<b>28.49</b>	<b>39.07</b>	<b>31.17</b>
<b>Applications of operating funding</b>			
Payments to staff and suppliers	13.39	18.53	13.59
Finance costs	2.91	3.53	3.53
Internal charges and overheads applied	5.06	5.09	5.71
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of operating funding (B)</b>	<b>21.36</b>	<b>27.15</b>	<b>22.83</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding (A-B)</b>	<b>7.13</b>	<b>11.92</b>	<b>8.34</b>
<b>Sources of capital funding</b>			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	11.90	17.38	12.65
Development and financial contributions	1.07	1.51	0.49
Increase/(decrease) in debt	9.36	16.72	13.38
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
<b>Total sources of capital funding (C)</b>	<b>22.33</b>	<b>35.61</b>	<b>26.52</b>
<b>Applications of capital funding</b>			
Capital expenditure:			
- to meet additional demand	3.30	2.83	3.79
- to improve the level of service	14.47	32.21	17.04
- to replace existing assets	13.03	12.20	20.33
(Increase)/decrease in reserves	(1.34)	0.29	(6.30)
(Increase)/decrease of investments	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of capital funding (D)</b>	<b>29.46</b>	<b>47.53</b>	<b>34.86</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding (C-D)</b>	<b>(7.13)</b>	<b>(11.92)</b>	<b>(8.34)</b>
<b>Funding balance (A-B) + (C-D)</b>	-	-	-

**Other information to be provided**

**Clause 5(4) Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014**

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Depreciation and amortisation expense</b>			
Depreciation expense	15.89	16.25	16.25
<i>less</i> deferred/unfunded	(11.02)	(9.98)	(9.98)
<b>Net funding transferred to renewals reserves</b>	<b>4.87</b>	<b>6.27</b>	<b>6.27</b>

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### for 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 for Venues and Events

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Sources of operating funding</b>			
General rates, uniform annual charges, rates penalties	13.35	16.85	16.32
Targeted rates	-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	1.64	1.04	1.01
Fees and charges	4.58	4.73	4.84
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
<b>Total operating funding (A)</b>	<b>19.57</b>	<b>22.62</b>	<b>22.17</b>
<b>Applications of operating funding</b>			
Payments to staff and suppliers	12.03	13.97	12.93
Finance costs	0.90	1.53	1.53
Internal charges and overheads applied	4.56	4.55	5.15
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of operating funding (B)</b>	<b>17.49</b>	<b>20.05</b>	<b>19.61</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding (A - B)</b>	<b>2.08</b>	<b>2.57</b>	<b>2.56</b>
<b>Sources of capital funding</b>			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	0.14	0.17	0.11
Increase/(decrease) in debt	21.35	12.42	11.32
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
<b>Total sources of capital funding (C)</b>	<b>21.49</b>	<b>12.60</b>	<b>11.43</b>
<b>Applications of capital funding</b>			
Capital expenditure:			
- to meet additional demand	2.38	1.55	1.55
- to improve the level of service	19.39	11.65	11.45
- to replace existing assets	1.29	3.84	2.91
(Increase)/decrease in reserves	0.51	(1.87)	(1.92)
(Increase)/decrease of investments	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of capital funding (D)</b>	<b>23.57</b>	<b>15.17</b>	<b>13.99</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding (C-D)</b>	<b>(2.08)</b>	<b>(2.57)</b>	<b>(2.56)</b>
<b>Funding balance (A-B) + (C-D)</b>	-	-	-

#### Other information to be provided

##### Clause 5(4) Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Depreciation and amortisation expense</b>			
Depreciation expense	2.72	2.93	2.93
<i>less</i> deferred/unfunded	(0.91)	(0.97)	(0.97)
<b>Net funding transferred to renewals reserves</b>	<b>1.81</b>	<b>1.96</b>	<b>1.96</b>

**New Plymouth District Council: Funding Impact Statement**  
**for 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 for Waste Management and Minimisation**

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Sources of operating funding</b>			
General rates, uniform annual charges, rates penalties	4.53	4.75	4.62
Targeted rates	8.13	8.39	9.53
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		0.03	-
Fees and charges	9.36	10.07	9.65
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
<b>Total operating funding (A)</b>	<b>22.02</b>	<b>23.24</b>	<b>23.80</b>
<b>Applications of operating funding</b>			
Payments to staff and suppliers	17.16	17.98	17.62
Finance costs	0.46	0.55	0.55
Internal charges and overheads applied	4.26	3.98	4.89
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of operating funding (B)</b>	<b>21.88</b>	<b>22.51</b>	<b>23.06</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding (A-B)</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.74</b>
<b>Sources of capital funding</b>			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in debt	2.25	1.23	0.62
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
<b>Total sources of capital funding (C)</b>	<b>2.25</b>	<b>1.23</b>	<b>0.62</b>
<b>Applications of capital funding</b>			
Capital expenditure:			
- to meet additional demand	-	-	-
- to improve the level of service	2.49	1.52	0.91
- to replace existing assets	0.22	0.18	0.18
(Increase)/decrease in reserves	(0.32)	0.26	0.27
(Increase)/decrease of investments	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of capital funding (D)</b>	<b>2.39</b>	<b>1.96</b>	<b>1.36</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding (C-D)</b>	<b>(0.14)</b>	<b>(0.73)</b>	<b>(0.74)</b>
<b>Funding balance (A-B) + (C-D)</b>	-	-	-

**Other information to be provided**

**Clause 5(4) Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014**

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Depreciation and amortisation expense</b>			
Depreciation expense	1.15	1.17	1.17
<i>less</i> deferred/unfunded	(0.99)	(1.01)	(1.01)
<b>Net funding transferred to renewals reserves</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.16</b>

## New Plymouth District Council: Funding Impact Statement for 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 for Wastewater Treatment

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Sources of operating funding</b>			
General rates, uniform annual charges, rates penalties	1.35	1.31	1.31
Targeted rates	24.14	24.82	24.87
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
Fees and charges	2.83	2.89	2.89
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
<b>Total operating funding (A)</b>	<b>28.32</b>	<b>29.02</b>	<b>29.07</b>
<b>Applications of operating funding</b>			
Payments to staff and suppliers	9.06	9.59	10.78
Finance costs	3.37	3.77	3.77
Internal charges and overheads applied	6.73	6.41	8.28
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of operating funding (B)</b>	<b>19.16</b>	<b>19.77</b>	<b>22.83</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding (A - B)</b>	<b>9.16</b>	<b>9.25</b>	<b>6.24</b>
<b>Sources of capital funding</b>			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	3.00	2.65	-
Development and financial contributions	3.60	4.38	1.95
Increase/(decrease) in debt	(0.34)	(1.12)	7.82
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
<b>Total sources of capital funding (C)</b>	<b>6.26</b>	<b>5.91</b>	<b>9.77</b>
<b>Applications of capital funding</b>			
Capital expenditure:			
- to meet additional demand	3.06	1.54	1.93
- to improve the level of service	10.20	5.63	9.26
- to replace existing assets	14.64	13.60	10.24
(Increase)/decrease in reserves	(12.48)	(5.61)	(5.42)
(Increase)/decrease of investments	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of capital funding (D)</b>	<b>15.42</b>	<b>15.16</b>	<b>16.01</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding (C-D)</b>	<b>(9.16)</b>	<b>(9.25)</b>	<b>(6.24)</b>
<b>Funding balance (A-B) + (C-D)</b>	-	-	-

### Other information to be provided

#### Clause 5(4) Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Depreciation and amortisation expense</b>			
Depreciation expense	14.26	14.28	14.28
<i>less</i> deferred/unfunded	(5.71)	(6.09)	(9.09)
<b>Net funding transferred to renewals reserves</b>	<b>8.55</b>	<b>8.19</b>	<b>5.19</b>

## New Plymouth District Council: Funding Impact Statement for 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 for Water Supply

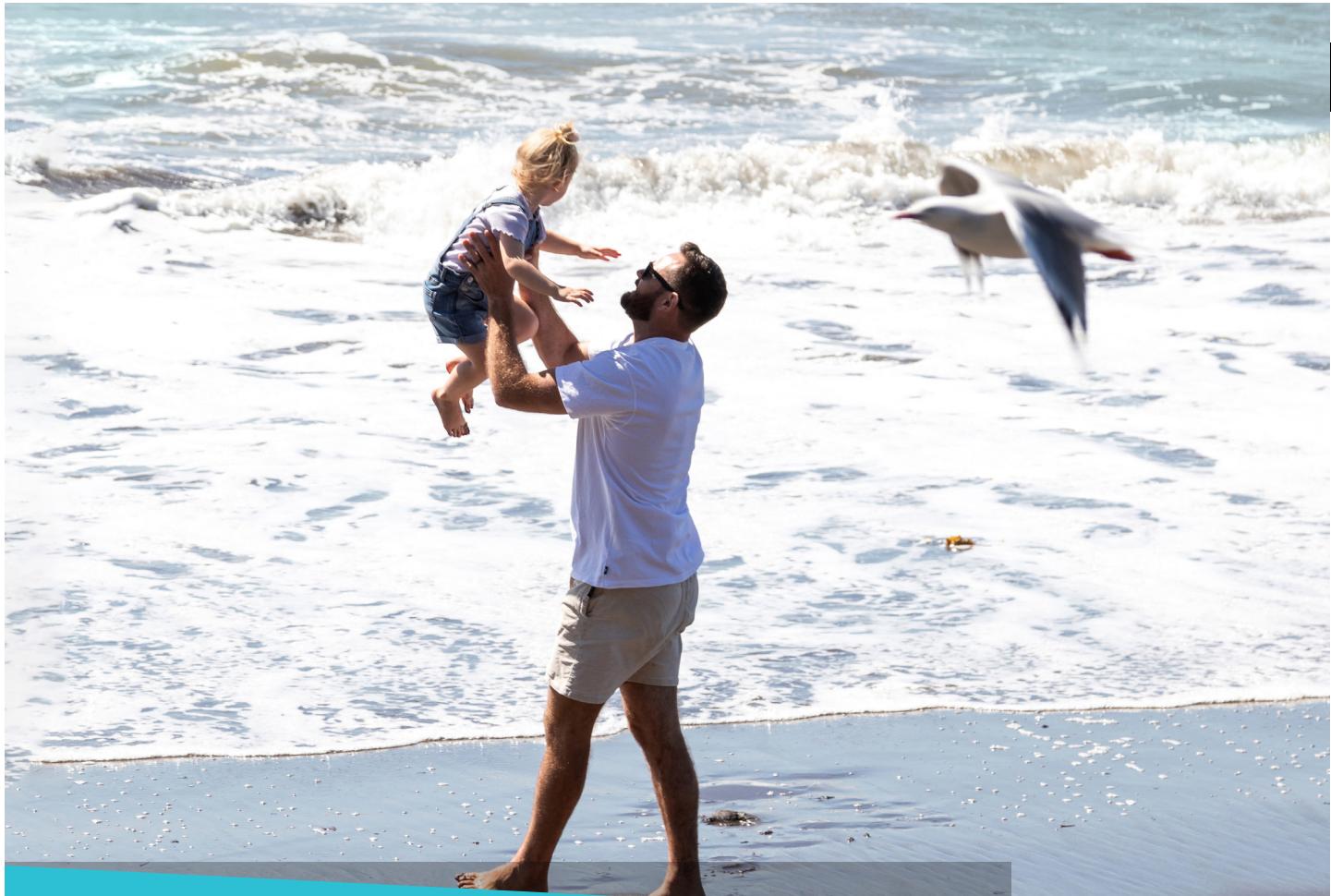
	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Sources of operating funding</b>			
General rates, uniform annual charges, rates penalties	1.34	0.97	1.55
Targeted rates	25.33	29.41	29.47
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	-	-	-
Fees and charges	0.23	0.23	0.23
Internal charges and overheads recovered	-	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	-	-	-
<b>Total operating funding (A)</b>	<b>26.90</b>	<b>30.61</b>	<b>31.25</b>
<b>Applications of operating funding</b>			
Payments to staff and suppliers	8.81	9.40	8.84
Finance costs	6.69	3.88	3.88
Internal charges and overheads applied	5.77	5.33	6.52
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of operating funding (B)</b>	<b>11.27</b>	<b>18.61</b>	<b>19.24</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding (A-B)</b>	<b>8.63</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>12.01</b>
<b>Sources of capital funding</b>			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	-
Development and financial contributions	1.81	2.20	1.08
Increase/(decrease) in debt	6.65	6.28	5.29
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
<b>Total sources of capital funding (C)</b>	<b>8.46</b>	<b>8.48</b>	<b>6.37</b>
<b>Applications of capital funding</b>			
Capital expenditure:			
- to meet additional demand	3.49	5.20	2.15
- to improve the level of service	5.60	4.92	6.23
- to replace existing assets	8.94	10.61	11.66
(Increase)/decrease in reserves	(0.94)	(0.25)	(1.66)
(Increase)/decrease of investments	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of capital funding (D)</b>	<b>17.09</b>	<b>20.48</b>	<b>18.38</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding (C-D)</b>	<b>(8.63)</b>	<b>(12.00)</b>	<b>(12.01)</b>
<b>Funding balance (A-B) + (C-D)</b>	-	-	-

### Other information to be provided

#### Clause 5(4) Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Depreciation and amortisation expense</b>			
Depreciation expense	10.83	8.13	11.00
<i>less</i> deferred/unfunded	(2.85)	2.21	(0.67)
<b>Net funding transferred to renewals reserves</b>	<b>7.98</b>	<b>10.34</b>	<b>10.33</b>

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# Rating Funding Impact Statement

## Tauākī Pānga mō te Pūtea Reiti

### Rating policies, system and indicative rates

This section complies with the requirements under Schedule 10 clauses 20 and 20A of the Local Government Act 2002. It should be read in conjunction with New Plymouth District Council's (NPDC) Revenue and Financing Policy. Figures quoted are inclusive of GST unless otherwise stated.

#### Definition of Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a Rating Unit (SUIP)

A SUIP is defined as a separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit and includes any part of a rating unit that is used or occupied by any person, other than the ratepayer, having a right to use or inhabit that part by virtue of a tenancy, lease, licence, or other agreement, or any part or parts of a rating unit that are used or occupied by the ratepayer for more than one single use. Separately used or inhabited parts include:

- A residential, small holding, or farmland property that contains two or more separately occupiable units, flats or houses each of which is separately inhabited or is capable of separate inhabitation, i.e. has independent kitchen facilities.
- A commercial premise that contains separate shops, kiosks, other retail or wholesale outlets, or offices, each of which is operated as a separate business or is capable of operation as a separate business.

#### General rates

NPDC will set a general rate based on the land value of rateable land in the district together with a uniform annual general charge (UAGC) applied to all SUIPs of a rating unit.

#### 1. Differential land value categories

NPDC differentiates the general rate based on land use (Schedule 2, Clause 1, Local Government (Rating) Act 2002). The differential categories and percentages of total general rate requirement that apply to each group are:

	Differential factor	Revenue sought 2026/27 (\$)
<b>Group 1: Commercial/Industrial</b> All rating units that are used primarily for any commercial or industrial purpose	3.00	\$24,678,205
<b>Group 2: Residential</b> All rating units with a land area of one hectare or less, not being rating units in Group 1, used for residential and related purposes.	1.00	\$57,222,330
<b>Group 3: Small Holdings</b> All rating units, not being rating units included in Groups 1 or 2, having a land area of more than one hectare but no greater than four hectares.	0.80	\$4,331,326
<b>Group 4: Farmland</b> All rating units, not being rating units included in Groups 1, 2 or 3, having a land area in excess of four hectares.	0.75	\$14,192,835
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$100,424,696</b>

#### Particular rules for differential categories

##### *Commercial/Industrial differential category*

Rating units are considered to be used primarily for a commercial or industrial purpose if the Rating Information Database records their primary level code as being 6 Utility, 7 Industrial or 8 Commercial in accordance with the Rating Valuations Rules 2008 (or any rules that supersede those rules).

##### *Vacant land as a result of subdivision*

Upon subdivision, vacant land of less than four hectares that is in a commercial or industrial zone in the Operative District Plan will be in the commercial/industrial differential group. Properties that are not in a commercial or industrial zone will be in the residential or small holdings differential group based on the land size.

Upon subdivision, vacant land of greater than four hectares will remain in the farmlands differential until it is used for a commercial/industrial purpose, or is further subdivided.

### Application of differential calculation

The differential percentages are applied to the total general rate required. The UAGC component is then deducted and the balance is allocated based on individual land values within each category. Refer to the table below.

	Group 1 Commercial/ Industrial	Group 2 Residential	Group 3 Small Holdings	Group 4 Farmland
Group differential requirement	24,678,205	57,222,330	4,331,326	14,192,835
Total UAGC from Group collected	222,301	2,852,933	163,957	275,674
Group requirement from land value calculation	24,455,904	54,369,397	4,167,369	13,917,161

The differentials per dollar land value are set in the table below.

Differential category	Rate cents/\$	Differential factor
Commercial/Industrial	1.5375	3.00
Residential	0.5125	1.00
Small Holdings	0.4100	0.80
Farmland	0.3844	0.75

## 2. Uniform annual general charge

NPDC will set a UAGC which is a fixed amount assessed on every SUIP. The amount per SUIP (including GST) is set in the table below.

	2025/26	2026/27
UAGC (including GST)	\$98.99	\$100.29

Both the general rate and the UAGC will be used to fund, or assist with funding, all Council activities other than those funded by way of targeted rates for roading, water supply, sewage treatment and disposal, refuse collection and kerbside recycling, swimming pool compliance and voluntary targeted rate for Ngā Whare Ora Taiao o Ngāmotu (New Plymouth Sustainable Homes) Scheme.

## Targeted service charge rates

NPDC will charge the following targeted rates. Unless otherwise noted, only those properties that actually receive the service are liable for these charges, irrespective of differential category.

### 3. Targeted roading rate

NPDC will set a targeted rate - the Uniform Annual Roading Charge (UARC) to partially fund the roading activity on all rateable land in the district of a fixed amount per SUIP. The amount per SUIP (including GST) is set in the table below.

	2025/26	2026/27
UARC (including GST)	\$127.34	\$128.51

### 4. Targeted stormwater rate

NPDC will set a targeted rate - the Annual Urban Stormwater Charge (AUSC) to partially fund the stormwater management activity based on all rateable capital values in the urban area of the district. The rates cents per dollar of capital value are set below. A map identifying the urban areas for the purpose of the AUSC is included on page 8.

	2025/26	2026/27
AUSC (including GST)	0.01850c	0.01870c

### 5. Refuse collection and disposal including kerbside recycling

NPDC will set a targeted rate for refuse collection and disposal (including kerbside recycling) as a fixed amount per SUIP to which the Council provides the service for which the charge is assessed. The amount per SUIP is \$351.00 for 2026/27.

## 6. Swimming pool compliance (registration and audit inspection pursuant to the Building Act 2004)

NPDC will set a targeted rate for swimming pool compliance as a fixed amount per SUIP which have a swimming pool/spa pool on the rating unit. The amount per SUIP is \$90.00 for 2026/27.

## 7. Water supply

### Uniform annual water charge

NPDC will set a fixed charge as a targeted rate, being a fixed amount per SUIP which is connected to a water supply by an annual water charge. The amount per SUIP is \$776.00 for 2026/27.

### On demand supplies of water by meter

- a) A fixed charge of \$85.00 per SUIP of a rating unit.
- b) A consumption charge per cubic metre of water supplied to each connection which is metered and connected to an urban or rural water supply. A scale of charges is applied as follows:
  - i) Standard rate for consumption up to or equal to 50,000m<sup>3</sup> per annum \$3.06 (per cubic metre) for 2026/27.
  - ii) Rate for consumption in excess of 50,000m<sup>3</sup> per annum \$3.08 (per cubic metre) for 2026/27.
- c) Waitara industrial - untreated supply \$3.41 (per cubic metre) for 2026/27.

### Restricted flow targeted rate

NPDC sets a targeted rate for rural properties that are connected to a rural water supply but are not metered. The rate is based on the daily volume of water (in cubic metres) able to be supplied to each SUIP, as outlined in Bylaw Part 14 (Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Services). Users can nominate how many cubic metres they require and are charged accordingly. For 2026/27, the annual charge is \$480.00 for a daily supply of one cubic metre.

### Water half charge

NPDC will set a fixed charge as a targeted rate being a fixed amount per SUIP applied to all properties that are within 100 metres of a serviceable pipeline and are not included in assessments above and are not connected to a Council supply, are assessed at \$388.00 per SUIP for 2026/27.

Note. For properties that are not connected to a water supply and are further than 100 metres from a water pipe, a targeted rate is not assessed.

## 9. Sewage treatment and disposal

### Annual sewer charge for residential

NPDC will set a fixed charge as a targeted rate being a fixed amount per SUIP (other than commercial/industrial rating units and schools) connected either directly or indirectly through a private drain to a public sewerage drain. The amount per SUIP is \$833.00 for 2026/27.

### Annual sewer charge for commercial/industrial (Group 1) and schools

NPDC will set a fixed charge as a targeted rate, charged per water closet or urinal to each SUIP connected either directly or through a private drain to a public sewerage drain. A scale of charges is applied for 2026/27 as follows.

	(\$)
One to two	833.00
Three	708.00
Four	625.00
Five	542.00
Six to 10	500.00
11 to 15	458.00
16 to 20	442.00
21 or more	416.50

Expansion of sewerage scheme charges (Ōākura) is a targeted rate being a fixed amount per SUIP for rating units in the area to which the sewerage scheme was expanded and is now available (Ōākura), where an agreement to connect was obtained but the rating unit has not yet connected. The amount per SUIP for 2026/27 is \$416.50 (which is half the annual sewer charge for residential). Once connected the full amount will apply in the next financial year.

Sewer half charge is a targeted rate being a fixed amount per SUIP applied to all properties that are within 100 metres of a serviceable pipeline and are not included in assessments above and are not connected to a Council supply, are assessed at \$416.50 per SUIP for 2026/27.

Note. All rating units in the district which are further than 100 metres from a sewerage pipe, or are not serviceable are not liable for these rates.

## 10. Voluntary Targeted Rate - Ngā Whare Ora Taiao o Ngāmotu (New Plymouth Sustainable Homes) Scheme

The Ngā Whare Ora Taiao o Ngāmotu (New Plymouth Sustainable Homes) Scheme rate is a targeted rate set on properties that have benefited from funding by NPDC in respect of the property for a range of household sustainability initiatives. The rate is calculated at either 11.1 per cent (for those who opted for a nine year repayment period) or 20 per cent (for those who opted for a five year repayment period) of the service amount (the cost of the borrowed amount) until the service amount and the costs of servicing the service amount are recovered and is charged on a rating unit basis. For the avoidance of doubt, this rate includes ratepayers who used NPDC's Voluntary Targeted Rate for Home Energy Scheme prior to its expansion as Ngā Whare Ora Taiao o Ngāmotu (New Plymouth Sustainable Homes) Scheme.

### Lump sum contributions

The Council may accept lump sum contributions in respect of any targeted rate.

### Due dates and penalties

NPDC's rates (excluding metered water rates) for the 2026/27 year (1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027) will become due and payable by four equal instalments on the following dates:

Instalment 1: 26 August 2026

Instalment 2: 25 November 2026

Instalment 3: 24 February 2027

Instalment 4: 26 May 2027

NPDC will charge a penalty of 10 per cent on any part of each respective instalment (for rates excluding metered water rates) that remains unpaid after the instalment due dates listed above.

In addition, NPDC will charge a penalty of 10 per cent on any portion of rates (for rates excluding metered water rates) that were assessed or levied in any previous financial years prior to 1 July 2026 and which remain unpaid on 1 July 2026. The penalty will be applied on 30 September 2026 and a further additional penalty of 10 per cent on any portion of rates that were assessed or levied in any previous financial years and which remain unpaid on 31 March 2027.

Metered water rates for the 2026/27 year (1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027) will generally be invoiced on a quarterly basis. However, rating units may be invoiced monthly if the unit has previously been invoiced monthly or NPDC has been notified before 30 June 2027 to be invoiced monthly.

Invoices for metered water invoiced quarterly will become due and payable on the following dates:

Instalment 1: 25 November 2026

Instalment 2: 24 February 2027

Instalment 3: 26 May 2027

Instalment 4: 25 August 2027

Invoices for metered water invoiced on a monthly basis will become due and payable on the following dates:

- Instalment 1: 20 August 2026
- Instalment 2: 21 September 2026
- Instalment 3: 20 October 2026
- Instalment 4: 20 November 2026
- Instalment 5: 21 December 2026
- Instalment 6: 20 January 2027
- Instalment 7: 22 February 2027
- Instalment 8: 22 March 2027
- Instalment 9: 20 April 2027
- Instalment 10: 20 May 2027
- Instalment 11: 21 June 2027
- Instalment 12: 20 July 2027

NPDC will charge a penalty of 10 per cent on any part of each respective instalment (for metered water rates) that remains unpaid after the instalment due dates listed above.

### Total rates required

	Rates Required GST exclusive (\$)	GST (\$)	Rates Required GST inclusive (\$)
Uniform annual general charge (UAGC)	3,514,864	527,230	4,042,094
General rate	96,909,832	14,536,475	111,446,306
<b>Sub total (general rates)</b>	<b>100,424,696</b>	<b>15,063,705</b>	<b>115,488,400</b>
Uniform annual roading charge (UARC)	4,503,810	675,572	5,179,382
Uniform annual sewage charge (UADC)	24,868,671	3,730,301	28,598,971
Annual urban stormwater charge (AUSC)	4,034,536	605,180	4,639,716
Uniform annual water charge (UAWC)	18,478,210	2,771,732	21,249,942
Water by meter charges	10,986,840	1,648,026	12,634,867
Uniform annual refuse charge (UARC)	9,532,713	1,429,907	10,962,620
Swimming pool compliance charge (UAPC)	76,814	11,522	88,336
<b>Sub total (targeted rates/charges)</b>	<b>72,481,594</b>	<b>10,872,240</b>	<b>83,353,834</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>172,906,290</b>	<b>25,935,945</b>	<b>198,842,234</b>

### Maximum revenue from certain rates

Under the Local Government Rating Act (LGRA), a maximum of 30 per cent of total rates income can come from certain rates as listed in table below for 2026/27, which also shows the percentage of the total rates that these represent.

	Rates Required GST exclusive (\$)	GST (\$)	Rates Required GST inclusive (\$)
Uniform annual general charge (UAGC)	3,514,864	527,230	4,042,094
Uniform annual roading charge (UARC)	4,503,810	675,572	5,179,382
Uniform annual refuse charge (UARC)	9,532,713	1,429,907	10,962,620
Swimming pool compliance charge (UAPC)	76,814	11,522	88,336
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,628,201</b>	<b>2,644,231</b>	<b>20,272,432</b>
<b>TOTAL RATES</b>	<b>172,906,290</b>	<b>25,935,945</b>	<b>198,842,234</b>
<b>Uniform rates as a percentage of total rates</b>	<b>10.2%</b>		<b>10.2%</b>

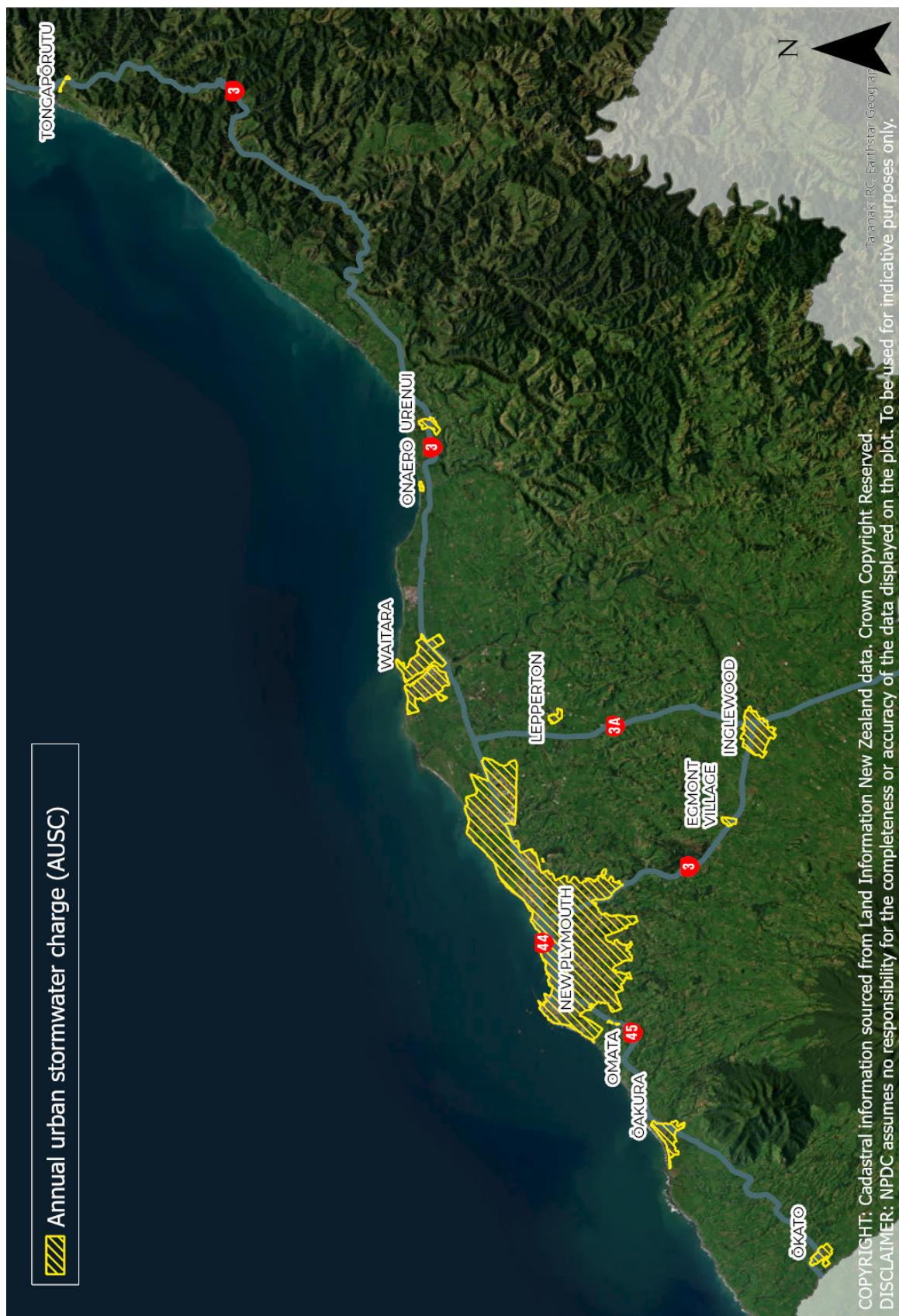
## Rating base information

	2025/26*	2026/27
Projected number of rating units	37,566	37,809
Projected total capital value of rating units (\$m)	34,317	34,487
Projected total land value of rating units (\$m)	21,004	19,361

\* These are the actual rates strike figures.

Rates and Charges	A/Plan 2026/27 (\$)
The figures below include GST	
<b>General rates</b>	
Uniform annual general charge	100.29
Differential rates (cents per dollar of rateable land value):	
- Group 1 (Commercial/Industrial)	1.5375c
- Group 2 (Residential)	0.5125c
- Group 3 (Small Holdings)	0.4100c
- Group 4 (Farmland)	0.3844c
<b>Targeted rates/charges</b>	
Uniform annual roading charge	128.51
Annual urban stormwater charge (cents per dollar of rateable land value):	0.01870c
Uniform annual refuse charge per serviced household	351.00
Swimming pool compliance charge	90.00
<b>Water charges</b>	
Uniform annual water charge:	776.00
On demand supplies by water by meter (WBM):	
- Supply charge (for all metered customers)	85.00
- Standard rate for consumption up to 50,000m <sup>3</sup> (per cubic metre)	3.06
- Industrial rate for consumption in excess of 50,000m <sup>3</sup> per annum (per cubic metre)	3.08
Waitara industrial - untreated supply (per cubic metre)	3.41
Restricted flow connections (in accordance with NPDC's Bylaw Part 14 - Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Services)	480.00
Water half charge	388.00
<b>Sewage charges</b>	
Uniform annual sewage charge - all rating units other than commercial/industrial	833.00
Uniform annual sewage charge - commercial/industrial (including schools) (scale of charges per water closet or urinal):	
- One to two	833.00
- Three	708.00
- Four	625.00
- Five	542.00
- Six to 10	500.00
- 11 to 15	458.00
- 16 to 20	442.00
- 21 or more	416.50
Ōākura part charge	416.50
Sewer half charge	416.50
Ngā Whare Ora Taiao o Ngāmotu (New Plymouth Sustainable Homes) Scheme - funding assistance depending on each funding arrangement	

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Properties that straddle the urban border will have the AUSC applied where the property is greater than 50 per cent urban, or has direct access off a residential road.

## Examples of the impact of the rating proposals

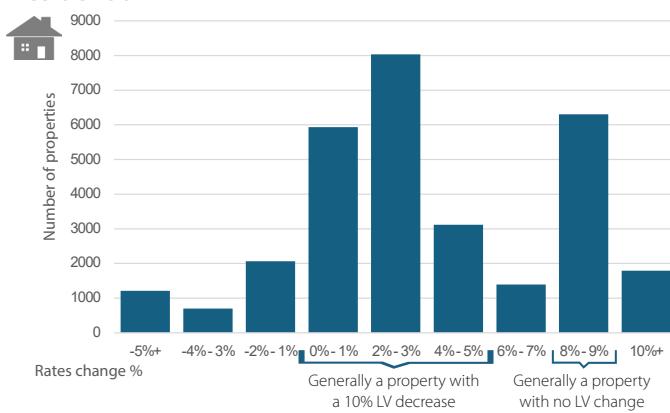
Property revaluations, covering both land and capital values, are completed every three years, as required under the Rating Valuations Act 1988. NPDC uses an independent valuer, Quotable Value, to carry out this work, and the process is reviewed by the Office of the Valuer-General.

When a property's Land Value (LV) increases or decreases more than the district average, its share of rates will rise or fall accordingly. If total rates are thought of as a fixed pie, the revaluation determines the size of your slice - how much you contribute. The revaluation itself doesn't change the size of the pie.

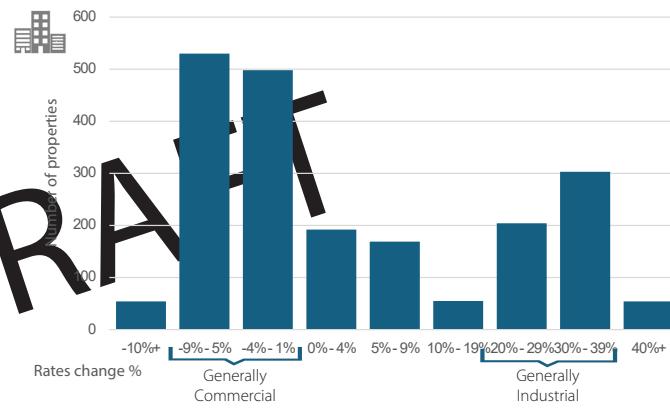
The following graphs show how rates are expected to change across different groups after the latest property revaluations, including how many properties will experience small, medium, or larger changes. Your individual rates change depends on how your property's value moved relative to others in the district.

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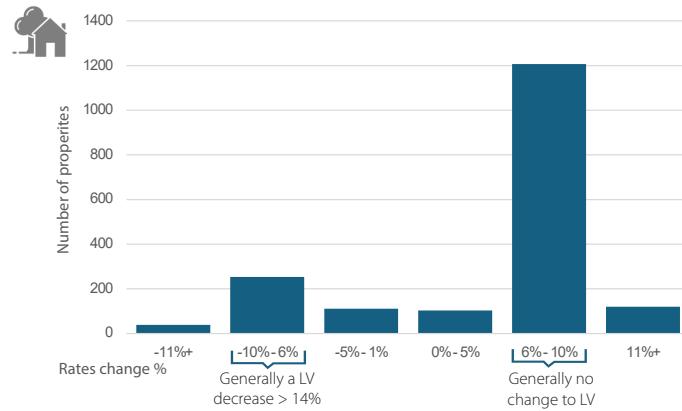
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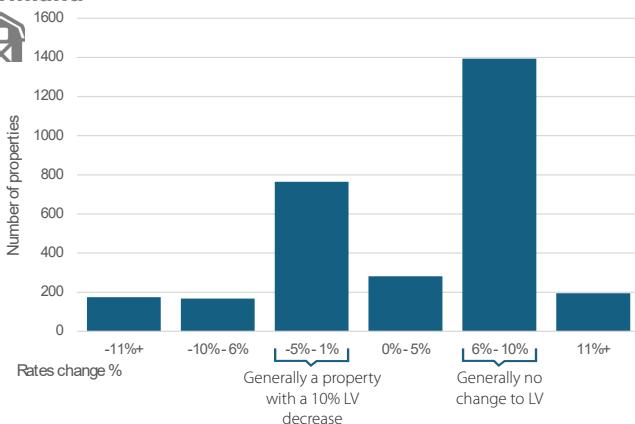
### Commercial/Industrial



### Small Holdings



### Farmland



## Examples of the impact of the rating proposals (GST inclusive)

The following examples illustrate how the proposed rates for 2026/27 would affect a range of properties across each differential category. They also show the approximate average increase for each group, based on average land values and the number of rates for commercial and industrial properties.

These examples exclude the swimming pool compliance targeted rate and the voluntary Ngā Whare Ora Taiao o Ngāmotu (New Plymouth Sustainable Homes) Scheme targeted rate. Further details on these rates are provided on page 5.

**All examples use the 2025 valuations, and the increases shown assume land values remain unchanged from the 2022 valuations.**

 Residential land value (LV)	\$200,000 LV	\$290,000 LV	\$350,000 LV	\$440,000 LV	\$690,000 LV
General rate	1,025.03	1,486.29	1,793.80	2,255.06	3,536.34
Uniform annual general charge	100.29	100.29	100.29	100.29	100.29
<b>Targeted rates</b>					
Uniform annual roading charge	128.51	128.51	128.51	128.51	128.51
Uniform annual sewage charge	833.00	833.00	833.00	833.00	833.00
Uniform annual urban stormwater charge	72.91	114.04	155.17	175.74	129.00
Uniform annual water charge:	776.00	776.00	776.00	776.00	776.00
Uniform annual refuse charge	351.00	351.00	351.00	351.00	351.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,286.74</b>	<b>3,749.13</b>	<b>4,137.77</b>	<b>4,619.60</b>	<b>5,854.14</b>
<b>Increase \$ from 2025/26</b>	<b>26.51</b>	<b>30.53</b>	<b>329.01</b>	<b>369.81</b>	<b>482.03</b>

 Commercial/Industrial land value (LV)	\$82,000 LV	\$335,000 LV	\$560,000 LV	\$990,000 LV	\$2,610,000 LV
General rate	420.26	1,716.92	8,610.22	15,221.64	40,129.77
Uniform annual general charge	100.29	100.29	100.29	100.29	100.29
<b>Targeted rates</b>					
Uniform annual roading charge	128.51	128.51	128.51	128.51	128.51
Uniform annual sewage charge	833.00	833.00	2,710.00	2,710.00	5,420.00
Uniform annual urban stormwater charge	30.85	194.44	134.61	456.18	940.39
Uniform annual water charge:	776.00	776.00	776.00	776.00	776.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,288.91</b>	<b>3,749.16</b>	<b>12,459.63</b>	<b>19,392.62</b>	<b>47,494.97</b>
<b>Increase \$ from 2025/26</b>	<b>231.81</b>	<b>575.74</b>	<b>926.43</b>	<b>1,511.45</b>	<b>3,752.74</b>

 Small Holdings land value (LV)	\$320,000 LV	\$485,000 LV	\$590,000 LV	\$680,000 LV	\$1,030,000 LV
General rate	1,312.03	1,988.55	2,419.06	2,788.07	4,223.11
Uniform annual general charge	100.29	100.29	100.29	100.29	100.29
<b>Targeted rates</b>					
Uniform annual roading charge	128.51	128.51	128.51	128.51	128.51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,540.84</b>	<b>2,217.35</b>	<b>2,647.86</b>	<b>3,016.87</b>	<b>4,451.91</b>
<b>Increase \$ from 2025/26</b>	<b>117.99</b>	<b>177.50</b>	<b>215.37</b>	<b>247.83</b>	<b>374.07</b>

 Farmland land value (LV)	\$310,000 LV	\$630,000 LV	\$820,000 LV	\$1,450,000 LV	\$4,350,000 LV
General rate	1,271.03	2,583.07	3,362.09	5,945.15	17,835.45
Uniform annual general charge	100.29	100.29	100.29	100.29	100.29
<b>Targeted rates</b>					
Uniform annual roading charge	128.51	128.51	128.51	128.51	128.51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,499.83</b>	<b>2,811.87</b>	<b>3,590.89</b>	<b>6,173.95</b>	<b>18,064.26</b>
<b>Increase \$ from 2025/26</b>	<b>107.39</b>	<b>215.60</b>	<b>279.84</b>	<b>492.87</b>	<b>1,473.48</b>

# Statement of Accounting Policies

## Tauākī Kaupapa Here Kaute

These prospective financial statements are for the year commencing 1 July 2026 and ending on 30 June 2027 and were authorised for issue by Council on [enter date of Council meeting adopting Annual Plan]. The accounting policies used to prepare these prospective financial statements are the same as those contained in the Basis of Preparation of the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2025 which is available on the [Council's website](#). The changes in PBE IPSAS accounting standards that have occurred since the 30 June 2025 reporting period have no impact in the preparation of this Annual Plan.

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# Prospective Financial Statements

## Ngā Tauākī Pūtea

### Prospective Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
Operating revenue			
<i>Revenue from exchange transactions</i>			
Interest revenue	3.23	2.35	2.81
Investment revenue	25.11	25.53	27.19
Water - targeted metered rates	7.86	9.19	9.74
Other revenue	43.30	39.31	38.97
<i>Revenue from non-exchange transactions</i>			
Rates (excluding water targeted metered rates)	153.11	168.73	159.45
Subsidies and grants	23.88	31.26	22.07
Development and financial contributions	10.33	13.31	5.39
Fines and levies	1.79	1.47	1.79
Vested assets	5.21	5.33	5.33
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>273.82</b>	<b>296.48</b>	<b>272.74</b>
Operating expenditure			
Personnel costs	62.47	63.76	69.16
Other expenses	115.82	114.33	115.45
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	65.75	61.23	66.92
Interest expense	18.32	20.84	20.84
<b>Total operating expenditure</b>	<b>262.36</b>	<b>260.16</b>	<b>272.37</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) before taxation</b>	<b>11.46</b>	<b>36.32</b>	<b>0.37</b>
Taxation refund/(expense)	-	-	-
<b>Surplus/(deficit) after taxation</b>	<b>11.46</b>	<b>36.32</b>	<b>0.37</b>
Other comprehensive revenue and expense			
Gain/(loss) on property, plant and equipment and equipment revaluations	-	-	-
<b>Total other comprehensive revenue and expense</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE</b>	<b>11.46</b>	<b>36.32</b>	<b>0.37</b>

### Prospective Statement of Changes in Equity

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Equity at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>3,866.27</b>	<b>3,912.68</b>	<b>3,970.44</b>
Total comprehensive revenue and expense	11.46	36.32	0.37
Other comprehensive revenue and expense	-	-	-
<b>EQUITY AT THE END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>3,877.73</b>	<b>3,949.00</b>	<b>3,970.81</b>

## Prospective Statement of Financial Position

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4.05	(1.10)	32.00
Debtors and other receivables	19.68	19.34	19.32
Other financial assets	346.92	332.83	355.80
Inventory	0.15	0.15	0.15
Non-current assets held for sale	0.55	0.57	0.57
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>371.34</b>	<b>351.79</b>	<b>407.83</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	3,855.30	4,032.67	3,936.41
Intangible assets	0.92	0.75	0.80
Forestry assets	3.61	3.72	3.72
Investments in CCOs and similar entities	82.69	62.80	84.94
Other financial assets	100.81	78.81	110.32
Derivative financial assets	7.25	7.25	0.02
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>4,050.58</b>	<b>4,186.00</b>	<b>4,136.22</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>4,421.92</b>	<b>4,537.79</b>	<b>4,544.04</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors and other payables	65.87	76.83	40.96
Borrowings	80.14	62.05	70.00
Provisions	1.02	1.02	1.02
Employee entitlements	5.05	5.15	5.57
Derivative financial liabilities	0.30	0.30	0.30
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>152.39</b>	<b>145.35</b>	<b>117.84</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Borrowings	389.00	440.88	452.82
Derivative financial liabilities	0.03	0.03	0.03
Provisions	2.24	2.01	2.01
Employee entitlements	0.52	0.52	0.52
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>391.79</b>	<b>443.45</b>	<b>455.38</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>544.18</b>	<b>588.80</b>	<b>573.23</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>3,877.74</b>	<b>3,949.00</b>	<b>3,970.81</b>
<b>Public equity</b>			
Accumulated funds	1,684.84	1,755.97	2,332.58
Ordinary and restricted reserves	40.48	40.60	16.63
Asset revaluation reserves	2,152.42	2,152.42	1,621.60
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>3,877.74</b>	<b>3,949.00</b>	<b>3,970.81</b>

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## Prospective Cash Flow Statement

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from rates revenue	160.97	177.91	169.20
Interest received	3.23	2.35	2.81
Other revenue received	81.17	85.51	70.68
Payments to suppliers and employees	(171.89)	(174.94)	(178.70)
Waitara Lands Act disbursements	(0.57)	(0.64)	(0.65)
Interest paid	(18.32)	(20.84)	(20.84)
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>	<b>54.59</b>	<b>69.35</b>	<b>42.50</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Receipts from sale of property, plant and equipment	1.36	1.48	1.48
Investment release to Council	15.56	15.85	17.23
Receipts from sale of other financial assets	0.75	0.75	0.75
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(135.62)	(149.52)	(134.31)
Purchase of other financial assets	(1.01)	(1.02)	(1.02)
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>	<b>(118.97)</b>	<b>(132.46)</b>	<b>(115.86)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from borrowings	115.00	80.00	200.00
Repayment of borrowings	(51.00)	(25.00)	(127.69)
<b>Net cash flows from financing activities</b>	<b>64.00</b>	<b>55.00</b>	<b>72.31</b>
<b>NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>(0.38)</b>	<b>(8.10)</b>	<b>(1.05)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	4.42	7.00	33.05
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>4.05</b>	<b>(1.10)</b>	<b>32.00</b>

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# Notes to the Financial Statements

## Ngā tuhituhi ki ngā Tauāki Pūtea

### Group of activities combined depreciation and amortisation expense

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
Community Partnerships	0.55	0.62	0.62
Customer and Regulatory Solutions	1.17	0.43	1.17
Economic Development	-	-	-
Emergency Management and Business Continuance	0.16	0.08	0.16
Flood Protection and Control Works	0.25	0.25	0.25
Governance	-	-	-
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre	0.68	0.68	0.68
Management of Investments and Funding	-	0.01	0.01
Parks and Open Spaces	4.85	4.26	4.91
Puke Ariki and Community Libraries	2.67	2.67	2.67
Stormwater Management	6.03	6.16	6.16
Transportation	15.89	16.25	16.25
Venues and Events	2.72	2.93	2.93
Waste Management and Minimisation	1.15	1.17	1.17
Wastewater Treatment	14.26	14.28	14.28
Water Supply	10.83	8.13	11.00
Other	4.56	3.32	4.67
<b>TOTAL DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION EXPENSE</b>	<b>65.77</b>	<b>61.24</b>	<b>66.93</b>

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# Statement of Reserve Funds

## Ngā Tauaki Pūtea Penapena

NPDC maintains reserve funds as a part of its equity – refer to statement of accounting policies contained in ‘other supporting information’ section. Schedule 10 Clause 16 requires certain information to be included pertaining to these reserve funds. The following presents a summary of reserve funds over the period of this plan and is followed by a breakdown into the various reserve fund types giving a brief explanation of the types of funds under each category and a table giving the opening balances, movements and closing balances.

### Summary of Reserve Funds

The following is a summary of the Council's expected reserve funds over the life of this plan.

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Opening balances</b>	47.25	41.07	41.19
Deposits to reserves	53.27	61.32	38.18
Withdrawals from reserves	(59.45)	(61.20)	(62.74)
<b>CLOSING BALANCES</b>	<b>41.07</b>	<b>41.19</b>	<b>16.63</b>

Note. Opening balances for Budget 2024/25 have been adjusted to reflect the actual opening position at 1 July 2023 and impacts of forecast for 2023/24.

**1. Operating reserve funds.** These are set aside to fund short-term operational matters, such as some loan repayments, or to hold short-term surpluses arising from operations.

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Opening balances</b>	4.36	1.55	(0.51)
Deposits to reserves	1.28	(0.14)	(0.14)
Withdrawals from reserves	(4.09)	(1.92)	(1.77)
<b>Closing balances</b>	<b>1.55</b>	<b>(0.51)</b>	<b>(2.42)</b>

**2. Restricted reserves, trust and bequest funds.** These are funds subject to specific conditions accepted as binding by NPDC, such as bequests or operations in trust under specific Acts, and which may not be revised by the Council without reference to the Courts or third party. Transfers from these reserves may be made only for certain specified purposes or when certain specified conditions are met. These include the Waitara Perpetual Community Fund (held by NPDC for Te Tai Pari Trust), heritage funds, proceeds from sale of Junction Road leases, Solid Waste Development Fund, Urenui and Onaero Sewer Development Fund, Central Landfill Development Fund, Ngamotu Masonic Lodge Bursary Fund and certain bequest funds: Monica Brewster, Molly Morpeth Canaday, JT Gibson. These funds are applied to infrastructural asset activities, Puke Ariki and Govett-Brewster Art Gallery.

	LTP 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Opening balances</b>	35.76	38.22	40.11
Deposits to reserves	2.93	2.47	1.41
Withdrawals from reserves	(0.47)	(0.58)	(2.15)
<b>Closing balances</b>	<b>38.22</b>	<b>40.11</b>	<b>39.37</b>

**3. Development funds.** These include development and financial contributions levied by NPDC for capital works and are intended to contribute to the growth related capital expenditure in the infrastructural asset activities of Roads, Flood Protection and Control Works, Parks, Venues and Events, Puke Ariki and Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, Water Supply, Wastewater Treatment, Stormwater Management.

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Opening balances</b>	6.69	15.00	25.41
Deposits to reserves	10.33	13.31	5.39
Withdrawals from reserves	(2.02)	(2.90)	(2.90)
<b>Closing balances</b>	<b>15.00</b>	<b>25.41</b>	<b>27.90</b>

**4. Renewal and disaster funds.** NPDC sets aside funding to meet the renewal of its infrastructural and operating assets to ensure the continued ability of the Council to provide services. In addition NPDC maintains a disaster fund as a part of its insurance strategies. The renewal funds are applied to all activities throughout NPDC.

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Opening balances</b>	0.44	(13.70)	(23.82)
Deposits to reserves	38.74	45.68	31.52
Withdrawals from reserves	(52.88)	(55.80)	(55.92)
<b>Closing balances</b>	<b>(13.70)</b>	<b>(23.82)</b>	<b>(48.22)</b>

# Disclosure Statement

for the period commencing 1 July 2026

## Tauāki Whawhāki

*(Note: this Statement is unaudited)*

### What is the purpose of this statement

The purpose of this statement is to disclose NPDC's planned financial performance in relation to various benchmarks to enable the assessment of whether the Council is prudently managing its revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities, and general financial dealings.

The Council is required to include this statement in its annual plan in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014 (the Regulations). Refer to the Regulations for more information, including definitions of some of the terms used in this statement.

Benchmark	Planned	Met
<b>Rates affordability - income</b> Total rates revenue for each year will not exceed 75% of operating revenue.	67%	Yes
<b>Rates affordability - increases</b> Average residential rates increase for each year will not exceed 10%.	8.6%	Yes
<b>Debt affordability</b> Interest expense on external borrowings each year will be no more than 12.5% of rates income. Net external borrowings each year will be no more than 135% of total revenue.	12.3% -5%	Yes
<b>Balanced budget</b> The planned revenue (excluding development contributions, financial contributions, vested assets, gains on derivative financial instruments and revaluations of property, plant or equipment) equals or is greater than its planned operating expenses.	93%	No*
*Expenditure includes projects and activities being funded from debt and reserves, i.e. technology projects		
<b>Essential services</b> The planned capital expenditure on network services equals or is greater than expected depreciation on network services.	195%	Yes
<b>Debt servicings</b> The Council's planned borrowing costs are equal to or are less than 10% of its planned revenue (excluding development contributions, financial contributions, vested assets, gains on derivative financial instruments and revaluations of property, plant or equipment).	8%	Yes

# Funding Impact Statement

## Ngā tuhituhi ki ngā Tauāki Pūtea

New Plymouth District Council: Funding Impact Statement for 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 (Whole of Council)	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Sources of operating funding</b>			
General rates, uniform annual charges, rates penalties	95.44	104.94	97.14
Targeted rates	65.53	72.98	72.06
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	8.98	11.23	9.41
Fees and charges	43.53	39.44	39.21
Interest and dividends from investments	18.79	18.19	20.05
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	1.56	1.34	1.56
<b>Total operating funding (A)</b>	<b>233.83</b>	<b>248.12</b>	<b>239.43</b>
<b>Applications of operating funding</b>			
Payments to staff and suppliers	178.09	178.19	184.73
Finance costs	18.32	20.84	20.84
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-
<b>Total applications of operating funding (B)</b>	<b>196.41</b>	<b>199.03</b>	<b>205.57</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding (A-B)</b>	<b>37.42</b>	<b>49.09</b>	<b>33.86</b>
<b>Sources of capital funding</b>			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	14.90	20.03	12.65
Development and financial contributions	10.33	13.31	5.39
Increase/(decrease) in debt	64.00	54.99	72.31
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	1.36	1.48	1.48
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-
<b>Total sources of capital funding (C)</b>	<b>90.59</b>	<b>89.81</b>	<b>91.83</b>
<b>Applications of capital funding</b>			
Capital expenditure:			
- to meet additional demand	15.76	12.90	13.48
- to improve the level of service	67.02	75.07	68.79
- to replace existing assets	52.85	61.55	52.04
Increase (decrease) in reserves	(9.96)	(10.62)	(8.86)
Increase (decrease) of investments	2.34	-	0.24
<b>Total applications of capital funding (D)</b>	<b>128.01</b>	<b>138.90</b>	<b>125.69</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding (C-D)</b>	<b>(37.42)</b>	<b>(49.09)</b>	<b>(33.86)</b>
<b>FUNDING BALANCE (A-B) + (C-D)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### Other information to be provided

#### Clause 5(4) Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014

	LTP 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
Depreciation and amortisation expense			
Depreciation expense	65.75	61.23	66.92
<i>less</i> deferred/unfunded	(29.95)	(18.34)	(40.48)
<b>NET FUNDING TRANSFERRED TO RENEWALS RESERVES</b>	<b>35.80</b>	<b>42.89</b>	<b>26.44</b>

# Reconciliation Summary

## He Whakarāpopoto o ngā pono

### Reconciliation of prospective financial plan, summary funding impact statement and prospective financial statements

PBE FRS 42: Prospective Financial Statements (specifically paragraph 40) requires reconciliation or narrative explaining differences in presentation of prospective financial information. Earlier in this section, NPDC presented its Prospective Financial Plan, Prospective Financial Statements and Summary Funding Impact Statement. The following reconciliation explains the differences in accounting treatment of the operating sections of each of the prospective financial statements.

	A/Plan 2025/26 (\$m)	LTP 2026/27 (\$m)	Budget 2026/27 (\$m)
<b>Sources of operating funding</b>			
Total operating funding (A)	233.83	248.11	239.42
<b>add sources of capital funding:</b>			
- Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	14.90	20.03	12.65
- Development and financial contributions	10.33	13.31	5.39
<b>add statement of comprehensive revenue and expense:</b>			
- Unrealised gain/(loss) on investment funds	9.56	9.70	9.97
- Disposals gain/(loss) from sale of assets	-	-	-
- Vested assets	5.21	5.33	5.33
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE AS PER STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE</b>	<b>273.83</b>	<b>296.48</b>	<b>272.76</b>
 <b>Applications of operating funding</b>			
Total applications of operating funding (B)	196.41	199.03	205.56
<b>add statement of comprehensive revenue and expense:</b>			
- Depreciation and amortisation expenses	65.75	61.23	66.92
- Revaluation (gain)/loss on forestry	0.20	(0.10)	(0.11)
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE AS PER STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE</b>	<b>262.36</b>	<b>260.16</b>	<b>272.37</b>

## GOVERNMENT REFORMS SUBMISSION – SIMPLIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DRAFT PROPOSAL)

### MATTER / TE WHĀINGA

1. The matter for consideration by the Council is New Plymouth District Council's draft submission on the Government's Simplifying Local Government Draft Proposal.

### RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION / NGĀ WHAIKUPU

**That having considered all matters raised in the report Council approves the submission on the Simplifying Local Government Draft Proposal (Appendix 1 ECM 9699456) to be submitted to the Department of Internal Affairs by 20 February 2026.**

COMPLIANCE / TŪTOHU	
Significance	This matter is assessed as being of moderate importance.
Options	<p>This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the submission</li> <li>2. Do not approve the submission</li> </ol>
Affected persons	The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are the New Plymouth District community, mana whenua, and property owners.
Recommendation	This report recommends option one for addressing the matter.
Long-Term Plan / Annual Plan Implications	No
Significant Policy and Plan Inconsistencies	No

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY / WHAKARĀPOPOPOTANGA MATUA

2. Officers recommend that Council approve New Plymouth District Council's (NPDC's) draft submission on the Government's [Simplifying Local Government draft proposal](#) (the Proposal).

3. Approving the submission will enable the Council to provide clear and timely feedback on central government reforms that propose significant changes to the structure of local government. The submission sets out NPDC's position on the proposed changes and advocates for refinements that would make the changes more workable in the Taranaki context. Submitting on the Proposal ensures NPDC has a clear voice early in the process of what is a nationally significant reform process.
4. The Government's Proposal involves two steps:
  - a) **Step 1:** Elected regional councillors to be removed from office and district mayors to come together as a Combined Territories Board (CTB) to represent each region. The CTB will take over all roles and functions of regional councils. The CTB may include a Commissioner appointed by the Government (who may have a majority vote, a veto power, or an observer role).
  - b) **Step 2:** The CTB will review how councils in the region work together and develop future-focussed Regional Reorganisation Plans (RRPs) for how councils can work together to deliver services more effectively and efficiently. These plans will be developed in consultation with communities and will be examined independently by the Local Government Commission who will provide advice to the Minister of Local Government. The Minister will then make decisions on the RRP based on nationally consistent criteria. Once approved, the RRP will be implemented.
5. The draft submission supports the Proposal's intent to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of local government, though it emphasises that enduring reform must begin with stable, bipartisan agreement on the legislative and policy settings that underpin the sector.
6. The draft submission provides feedback on key aspects of the Proposal, including:
  - a) the need for alignment with other concurrent reforms affecting local government
  - b) impacts on Long-Term Plans and 2028 local elections
  - c) the potential composition of a CTB
  - d) the opportunity for Taranaki to develop an RRP early
  - e) maintaining effective regional governance during the transition period
  - f) potential impacts on Treaty settlement obligations and Māori representation

- g) the need for clarity on how reform-related costs will be met, particularly in the context of a potential rates target model.

7. Approving the draft submission enables NPDC to influence Government policy decisions at a formative stage, ensuring the district's interests, context and long-term aspirations are represented. Failure to engage in this consultation process would be a missed opportunity for NPDC to input into Government policy decisions on reform design, and would increase the risk of misalignment between the reforms and NPDC's strategic interests.
8. If approved, the NPDC submission will be finalised and emailed to the Department of Internal Affairs before 20 February 2026. Officers will continue to monitor the progress of the Proposals and provide updates to Council as required.

## **BACKGROUND / WHAKAPAPA**

9. In November 2025, the Government released a legislative reform proposal titled 'Simplifying Local Government'. The Proposal outlines a two-step national approach:

### *Step 1 – Replace Elected Regional Councillors with a Board of District Mayors*

10. Regional councils would no longer have elected councillors. Instead, mayors from territorial authorities would collectively form a Combined Territories Board (CTB), responsible for all current regional council functions (e.g. environmental management, transport planning, civil defence).
11. The CTB may include a Commissioner appointed by the Government (who may have a majority vote, a veto power, or an observer role).

### *Step 2 – Regional Reorganisation Plans*

12. Each CTB would develop a Regional Reorganisation Plan (RRP) over two years, identifying opportunities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery, potentially including shared services, restructuring, or amalgamation.
13. RRP will be developed in consultation with communities and will be examined independently by the Local Government Commission who will provide advice to the Minister of Local Government. The Minister will then make decisions on the RRP based on nationally consistent criteria. Once approved, the RRP will be implemented.
14. The Government's rationale for change includes:
  - a) Reducing duplication across regional and territorial councils.
  - b) Addressing low voter turnout and confusion about council roles.

- c) Streamlining governance for clearer accountability.
- 15. Given the scale and complexity of the proposed reforms, submitting feedback is an important opportunity for Council to influence Government policy decisions at a stage when reform arrangements are still being designed.

*NPDC submission on the Simplifying Local Government draft proposal*

- 16. The NPDC submission expresses Council's support for the Proposal's intent to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of local government, but emphasises that durable reform must be grounded in stable, bipartisan policy settings and aligned with other major Government reforms, including resource management changes and the proposed rates-target model.
- 17. The submission highlights the impact of the Proposal's timing, particularly for 2027–37 Long-Term Plan development and the 2028 local elections, and emphasises the need for an integrated, coherent reform programme.
- 18. While supporting a CTB as an interim governance mechanism, NPDC's draft submission recommends the CTB comprises the district mayors, the regional council Chair, and an independent Commissioner. The Commissioner would have voting rights to provide more balanced governance, and a veto power to act as a critical safeguard against decisions made for short term or localised gain at the expense of regional or national outcomes.
- 19. To mitigate transitional risks to regional governance and reduce the expected increase in workload on district Mayors, the NPDC submission recommends regional councillors stay in place until the 2028 local elections, with oversight from the CTB. The CTB could act as a safeguard to ensure no decisions are made by regional councillors that could undermine the CTB's options for future regional governance or service delivery arrangements.
- 20. The draft submission supports the proposal that any new CTB inherits Te Tiriti o Waitangi settlement obligations and that statutory obligations relating to Te Tiriti and Māori in the Local Government Act 2002 will apply to CTBs.
- 21. However, concern is raised that the Proposal risks weakening Māori Tiriti rights by limiting opportunities for regional Māori representation. The draft submission suggests changes to the Proposal to mitigate these concerns, namely that:
  - a) Treaty settlement obligations for iwi representation on regional council committees apply to any Spatial Plan Committee, contingent on iwi agreement, and subject to the Spatial Plan provisions of the RMA reforms being enacted.
  - b) That the nationally consistent criteria for the Minister of Local Government to make decisions on Regional Reorganisation Plans includes whether the principles of Te Tiriti have been taken into account.

22. The draft submission highlights the need for adequate time, genuine partnership approaches, and central government support to enable iwi and hapū to participate meaningfully in the reforms.
23. Lastly, the draft submission emphasises the governance and resourcing pressures the Proposal would create. It requests clarity on funding responsibilities and recommends that system change and transition costs for councils that arise directly from the Proposal should be exempt from any new rates target model.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS / HURINGA ĀHUARANGI**

24. The Proposal may influence regional climate change adaptation and mitigation functions by altering governance structures responsible for:
  - a) Regional hazard management
  - b) Air quality, coastal and freshwater planning
  - c) Large-scale environmental programmes.
25. Any structural shift in regional resource management could create transitional risks or opportunities, depending on the clarity of roles between a CTB and territorial authorities.

### **NEXT STEPS / HĪKOI I MURI MAI**

26. Upon Council approval, the submission will be finalised and submitted to the Secretary for Local Government by 20 February 2026.
27. Officers will continue to monitor the progress of the Proposal and will provide updates to Council on any further consultation opportunities. Subject to how the Proposal progresses, there should be a future opportunity for Council to submit on the reforms during the Select Committee stage of the legislative process.

### **SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT / KAUPAPA WHAKAHIRAHIRA**

28. In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as being of moderate importance. The NPDC draft submission itself does not commit Council to anything, however, the Proposal that is being submitted on involves significant structural change, and has potential long-term implications for governance, representation, statutory responsibilities, and regional collaboration.

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29. Community views on the Government's Proposal are expected to be mixed, and there is notable public interest given the scale of the proposed system changes.

## **OPTIONS / KŌWHIRINGA**

### **Option 1 Approve the submission**

### **Option 2 Do not Approve the submission**

30. Both options have been assessed together below.

#### *Financial and Resourcing Implications / Ngā Hīraunga ā-pūtea, ā-rauemi*

31. There are no financial implications associated with either option. The draft submission has been prepared within existing budgets and staff resources. Any remaining work to finalise or lodge the submission can be completed within Officer capacity.

32. The Proposal may have future financial implications for Council, but these are speculative and not triggered by the submission itself.

#### *Risk Analysis / Tātaritanga o Ngā Mōrearea*

33. Approval of the submission reduces strategic risk by ensuring Council's position is captured in a national reform process that proposes changes impacting regional governance arrangements, representation, and statutory functions (including environmental management, transport planning, and civil defence). It signals active engagement and aligns with Council's leadership role.

34. Not submitting on the Proposal increases strategic risk as Council would miss an opportunity to input into Government policy decisions on reform design. The absence of a submission could be perceived as disengagement, potentially weakening Council's influence in later stages of the reform process.

#### *Alignment with Strategic Framework and Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes / Te Hāngaitanga ki te Anga Rautaki me Te Tutuki/Whakatairanga o Ngā Whāinga ā-hāpori*

35. Approving aligns with Council's Strategic Framework by advocating for effective governance, local democratic representation, and community wellbeing. It enables Council to signal how the Proposal may support or challenge community outcomes such as Trusted and Thriving Communities and Environmental Excellence, and to promote arrangements that reflect long-term aspirations for the district.

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36. Not approving risks misalignment with the Strategic Framework, as Council would not advocate for refinements to the Proposals that would better align with community outcomes. This may result in future governance arrangements that do not reflect the district's needs.

*Statutory Responsibilities / Ngā Haepapa ā-ture*

37. Approving supports Council's role under the Local Government Act 2002 to contribute to national processes affecting local authority functions. Given the potential shift of regional governance to a Combined Territories Board, a submission enables Council to comment on changes that could have impacts across statutory responsibilities relating to the environment, transport, climate change adaptation, and civil defence.

38. Not approving limits Council's ability to influence how statutory responsibilities may be reassigned or supported under the proposed governance model, reducing Council's role in ensuring workable and locally appropriate arrangements.

*Consistency with Policies and Plans / Te Paria i ngā Kaupapa Here me ngā Mahere*

39. Submitting is consistent with Council's policies, including the Significance and Engagement Policy, by demonstrating transparent sector engagement and advocacy on matters that may affect Council's operations and strategic direction.

40. Not approving may be inconsistent with Council's usual approach to engage on significant central government reforms, leaving potential policy implications unaddressed at a sector-wide scale.

*Participation by Māori / Te Urunga o Ngāi Māori*

41. Approval enables Council to emphasise the importance of iwi and hapū participation in any new regional structures, noting the proposed removal of elected regional councillors and the creation of new governance bodies. It reinforces expectations of Treaty-grounded partnership and continuity of Māori representation.

42. Not submitting is a lost opportunity for Council to advocate for appropriate Māori participation and representation within the proposed design, and would limit local input on how changes may affect iwi and hapū involvement in local government.

*Community Views and Preferences / Ngā tirohanga me Ngā Mariu ā-hāpori*

43. Approving allows Council to reflect community interests and considerations associated with significant regional governance changes, acknowledging public interest and potential effects on representation and service delivery.

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44. Not submitting prevents Council from presenting known community perspectives and may reduce public confidence in Council's responsiveness to major system reforms.

*Advantages and Disadvantages / Ngā Huanga me Ngā Taumahatanga.*

45. Advantages include representation of Council's views in the reform process, strengthened advocacy for community and Māori interests, and lower strategic risk. There are no substantive disadvantages because lodging a submission does not commit Council to any reform pathway.

46. The only advantage of not approving the submission is the avoidance of further staff time. However, this is outweighed by disadvantages, including reduced influence on national policy decisions affecting local government, potential misalignment with community expectations, and the risk that future governance changes may not reflect Council's strategic priorities.

**Recommended Option**

This report recommends Option 1 – Approve the submission for addressing the matter.

**APPENDICES / NGĀ ĀPITIHANGA**

Appendix 1 Draft NPDC Submission on the Simplifying Local Government Draft Proposal February 2026 (ECM 9699456)

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20 February 2026

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Dear Secretary

## **SUBMISSION ON SIMPLIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT – A DRAFT PROPOSAL**

### **Introduction**

1. The New Plymouth District Council (“NPDC”) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the Government’s Simplifying Local Government proposal (“SLG” or “the proposal”).

### **Executive Summary**

2. NPDC supports the proposal’s intent to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of local government, though we emphasise that enduring reform must begin with stable, bipartisan agreement on the legislative and policy settings that underpin the sector.
3. We consider that better alignment with other reform proposals affecting local government, particularly resource management reform and the rates target model, is needed to avoid unnecessary complexity and delivery risk. NPDC’s view is that these proposals must be treated as components of a single, coherent change programme.
4. The uncertainty and timing of the SLG reforms presents challenges for the development of councils’ Long-Term Plans 2027–2037 and risks coinciding with the 2028 local elections. The proposal design must deliberately take into account these statutory processes to avoid undermining effective decision-making.
5. NPDC supports the proposal for a Combined Territories Board (CTB) as an interim governance mechanism. NPDC supports a CTB that comprises district Mayors, the regional council Chair, and an independent Commissioner who has voting rights. We support the Commissioner also having a veto power to act as a safeguard against decisions made for short-term or localised gain at the expense of regional or national outcomes. However, NPDC does not support governance arrangements that grant Commissioners disproportionate influence, nor any model that sidelines local democratic representation.
6. NPDC recommends regional councillors stay in place until the 2028 local elections, with oversight from the CTB. The CTB could act as a safeguard to ensure no decisions are made by regional councillors that could undermine the CTB’s options for future regional governance or service delivery arrangements.

7. NPDC supports the proposal that any new CTB inherits Treaty settlement obligations and that statutory obligations relating to Te Tiriti and Māori in the Local Government Act 2002 will apply to CTBs. However, NPDC is concerned the proposal risks eroding Māori Tiriti rights of rangatiratanga, partnership and the duty of active protection. NPDC recommends that obligations arising from Treaty settlements be fully transitioned to new local governance arrangements, including Spatial Plan Committees, and that Te Tiriti principles are explicitly included in the criteria guiding Ministerial decisions on Regional Reorganisation Plans.
8. NPDC considers the proposal fails to acknowledge the fundamental tension between imposing additional governance and reform functions on councils at the same time as requiring councils to operate within the constraints of a rates target model. NPDC recommends that central government clearly define which SLG costs are to be met from the regional rates base and that any costs arising directly from SLG transition activities be exempt from any rates target model.

#### **General feedback on the Simplifying Local Government proposal**

9. NPDC acknowledges the need for significant change to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of local government. The current local government system, which starts with the legislative framework set by Parliament, is complex, fragmented and leads to duplicated effort and slow inefficient decision-making. Enduring reform must begin with stable, bipartisan agreement on the legislative and policy settings that underpin the sector. Without this stability, frequent shifts in national policy will continue to create uncertainty, risk, and inefficiency.
10. Any future structure for local government must be locally designed in collaboration with communities, mana whenua, and iwi. Localism and the principle of subsidiarity (decisions made as close as possible to the communities they affect) must remain central features. While the reforms are positioned as locally led, central government retains strong powers to shape outcomes, creating inherent tension between preserving local identity and achieving governance efficiency.
11. NPDC is pleased that discussions on structural reform have begun and the SLG proposal represents an initial step.

#### **Multiple reforms require greater alignment**

12. The Government's proposal to progress SLG reform in parallel with resource management reforms and the introduction of a rates target model presents a significant delivery risk. To mitigate this, there is a critical need for greater alignment between Government's different local government reform processes.
13. NPDC's view is that these proposals must be treated as components of a single, coherent change programme. This programme should involve clearly mapping out the timing of the SLG reform package with the replacement RMA legislation. The programme should also include investment in sector capability and capacity to ensure successful implementation of the reforms.
14. This is not to suggest that the reform programmes are entirely misaligned; we acknowledge the value of aggregating or elevating delivery functions above the local level to optimise scarce

capability. We also recognise the potential for these reforms to contribute to broader economic growth and productivity.

#### **Impact of reforms on Long-Term Plans and 2028 local elections**

15. NPDC notes the timing and uncertainty of the SLG reform will make preparation of a robust Long-Term Plan 2027-37 (LTP) challenging. Initial LTP decisions will be made by mid-December 2026 and the LTP 2027-2037 will be confirmed no later than 30 June 2027.
16. We also observe that the two-year timeframe for developing the Regional Reorganisation Plans would see the plans entering the final stages in mid-2028, at about the time that the 2028 local elections would be called. Attempting to run significant reorganisation processes during an election period could be detrimental to effective decision-making. SLG reform design must therefore account for its interaction with Long-Term Plan development, RMA reform implementation, and the 2028 local elections.

#### **Composition of a Combined Territories Board**

17. NPDC supports the proposal for a CTB, but only as an interim governance mechanism in place until more enduring local governance arrangements are designed and implemented. NPDC supports CTBs comprising district Mayors, the regional council Chair, and an independent Commissioner to ensure that there is an appropriate breadth of skills amongst all members of the CTB. The Commissioner should hold voting rights and a veto power.
18. The presence of a Commissioner in the CTB would provide independent expertise during a period of significant regional transformation. The appointment of a Commissioner will support CTBs with the specialised skills required to lead complex transformational reforms.
19. NPDC considers a Commissioner should hold voting rights on the CTB so that their expertise is fully reflected in decision-making and to provide a more balanced governance model.
20. We support the Commissioner also having a veto power to act as a safeguard against decisions made for short-term or localised gain at the expense of regional or national outcomes. A Commissioner with veto power would provide a critical safeguard to prevent poor decisions, promote stable and consistent regional outcomes, and balance the influence of the district Mayors and regional council Chair. A veto power could also support investor confidence during a period of substantial structural change.
21. Clear guidance or criteria would be required for when a veto may appropriately be exercised by a Commissioner.
22. The involvement of Commissioners in CTBs offers continuity beyond the 2028 local elections and avoids tying critical regional reforms to electoral cycles.
23. To avoid any perception of politicisation, NPDC's view is that Commissioners should be appointed by the Local Government Commission. The Commission brings deep understanding of the local government sector and is best positioned to ensure consistent, merit-based appointments across regions.

24. NPDC does not support governance options that grant excessive influence to Commissioners, i.e. a Commissioner-only CTB. Such a model would undermine the principle of localism and risk disconnecting regional decision-making from the communities affected.
25. While the inclusion of independent Commissioners may create a perception of reduced local representation, having a Commissioner in the CTB will reduce the burden on the Mayors (in particular) and enhance their ability to maintain visible representation within their respective communities. It is also likely to lift governance performance during a crucial transition period.
26. The CTB model presents potential benefits, including the potential for stronger alignment across district and regional priorities, and more cohesive regional approaches for groups already operating on a Taranaki-wide basis.

#### **Allocation of voting power**

27. Allocation of voting power in a CTB based on pure population would be problematic in Taranaki due to the imbalance of population between our three districts. If, for example, Taranaki's CTB comprised only the three district Mayors and voting was allocated based on pure population, this would heavily favour the New Plymouth District as it is 70% of the region by population. NPDC appreciates that this arrangement would be unfair to the smaller Taranaki district councils.
28. It would also be difficult for the NPDC to support a One Mayor, One Vote model, given the democratic weight of New Plymouth District's higher population compared to South Taranaki District and Stratford District.
29. NPDC supports the proposal for Mayors on the CTB to have a proportional vote adjusted for effective representation and that this be determined by the Local Government Commission. The Local Government Commission should also be responsible for determining the voting weight of the regional council Chair and a Commissioner on the CTB.

#### **Regional Reorganisation Plans**

30. Council broadly supports the proposed criteria for Regional Reorganisation Plans set out in the discussion document. They cover the key bases of local democracy, effective service delivery, financial sustainability, upholding of Treaty settlements (though we suggest this criterion should be strengthened later in our submission), alignment with government priorities, and practicality. However, care is needed to balance achieving government priorities with recognition of localism and meeting the priorities that are most important to local communities. A system that does not devolve sufficient authority to achieve meaningful engagement and service delivery will not get the necessary buy-in from local communities.
31. If the proposal goes ahead, the Taranaki Mayoral Forum is interested in developing its Regional Reorganisation Plan early. Doing so would make the most of regional councillors' expertise while they are still in office and would better align with the timing of the RMA reforms. We appreciate that not all regions will be in a position to do this. We aim to be an exemplar for other regions and would like an assurance that Government will be ready to receive our submission early.

32. We consider there is merit in local authorities having the ability through the development of Regional Reorganisation Plans to look more broadly at service delivery options than catchment-based boundaries.

#### **Maintaining Effective Regional Governance During the Transition**

33. The proposal involves removing regional councillors, however, regional councils themselves and their legal responsibilities would continue until Regional Reorganisation Plans are complete.

34. Regional functions are generally quite different from those of their territorial counterparts in terms of their community of interest (i.e. the entire water catchment as opposed to a particular stretch), heavy focus on environmental management (including the regulation of the effects of use and management of environmental risks), and use of science as a primary driver of decision-making.

35. Under the proposal, the CTB would effectively become the governing body for regional councils while simultaneously being responsible for developing Regional Reorganisation Plans. The district Mayors would also continue to exercise executive authority in their territorial authorities with their respective Council teams. In our view, this arrangement risks overburdening district Mayors to the potential detriment of good governance, decision-making, and strategic planning at local and regional level.

36. To mitigate this risk, **NPDC recommends** regional councillors stay in place until the 2028 local elections, with oversight from the CTB. The CTB could act as a safeguard to ensure no decisions are made by regional councillors that could undermine the CTB's options for future regional governance or service delivery arrangements (contracts, disposal of property, creation of trusts, etc.). The CTB could potentially exercise this oversight role through a form of veto power.

37. This approach would give the CTB more bandwidth to focus on shaping future local governance arrangements in their region, while enabling district Mayors to fulfil their responsibilities to their local constituents. It would also maintain experienced day-to-day leadership of regional councils and their service delivery at a critical time.

#### **Te Tiriti o Waitangi | Treaty of Waitangi and regional representation by mana whenua and iwi**

38. NPDC supports the proposal that any new CTB inherits Treaty settlement obligations and that statutory obligations relating to Te Tiriti and Māori in the Local Government Act 2002 will apply to CTBs.

39. However, NPDC is concerned that the proposal risks eroding Māori Tiriti rights of rangatiratanga, partnership and the duty of active protection. Specifically:

- Māori representation on a future regional-level governance body would be dependent on implementing a unitary council and establishing Māori wards. Alternatively, if CTBs are retained in the reorganisation, then there is no opportunity for dedicated regional Māori representation.

- b. In the Taranaki context, iwi appointments on Taranaki Regional Council's Policy and Planning Committee will be hollowed out given that the committee will likely no longer prepare and review regional policy statements and plans as they do currently under the RMA. Rather, under the proposed Planning and Natural Environment Bills, a Spatial Plan Committee will prepare and review a new regional spatial plan.

40. To address these concerns, **NPDC recommends:**

- a. Treaty settlement obligations for iwi representation on regional council committees apply to any Spatial Plan Committee, contingent on iwi agreement, and subject to the Spatial Plan provisions being enacted.
- b. That the nationally consistent criteria for the Minister of Local Government to make decisions on Regional Reorganisation Plans includes whether the principles of Te Tiriti have been taken into account.

41. The proposals will increase the responsibility of Mayors, and potentially district councillors, to meet Treaty settlement obligations. Currently NPDC elected members are responsible for Treaty settlement obligations and relationships in respect of the five main iwi groups for our district. The obligations pertain largely to statutory acknowledgement area provisions.

42. Under the proposed CTB model, if regional committees are comprised of district councillors, then NPDC elected members will become responsible for Treaty settlement obligations and relationships with nine iwi groups for the region. Other regional level obligations that will be new for NPDC's elected members include:

- Taranaki Regional Council Relationship Agreement with Ngāti Maniapoto in respect of Ngā Wai o Maniapoto.
- Joint Management Agreement for the Waitara river and activities affecting it with Ngāti Maru.
- Preferential right to purchase authorisations under Part 7 of the RMA 1991 for Ngāti Mutunga (permits to occupy space in the coastal marine area).

43. We note that provisions involving the Taranaki Regional Council and Mana Whenua under our New Plymouth District Council (Waitara Lands) Act 2018 may require transition to any future regional-level governance body. An example is the requirement for Taranaki Regional Council to establish the Waitara River Committee.

44. NPDC agrees with Taituarā's submission point that the system of local governance should give effect to the partnership established in Te Tiriti, and explicitly recognise that the decisions and actions of local government support that partnership. We agree that the proposal's treatment of Te Tiriti is overly transactional, relying largely on existing consultation obligations under the Local Government Act 2002 rather than recognising Māori as Treaty partners.

45. Successful reform requires the system of local government to give effect to Te Tiriti by embedding Māori partnership and participation throughout the design and operation of new local governance structures. Ample time will also be needed for discussion and genuine collaboration to ensure the new arrangements recognise the role and rights of mana whenua granted via Treaty settlements.
46. Lastly, we note that iwi and hapū may require support with resource capacity to input into Regional Reorganisation Plans. **NPDC recommends** that consideration is given to how central government can support iwi and hapū to undertake this work with councils.

#### **Resourcing, Transition Costs, and Rates-Capping Alignment**

47. As explained above, the proposal would substantially expand the statutory responsibilities and day-to-day workload of district Mayors, particularly in Taranaki where there are only three district Mayors. Inevitably, this will increase the volume and complexity of advice, governance support, and administrative capacity required from council officers.
48. The proposal does not acknowledge the fundamental tension between imposing additional governance and reforms functions on councils at the same time as requiring councils to operate within the constraints of a rates target model.
49. There is also insufficient clarity on funding responsibility. We understand the CTB is intended to be funded through regional rates and to operate within proposed rates target constraints. However, the limits of regional rate funding are not clearly defined. In particular, it is unclear whether an expanded Mayoral support function (advice, programme support, and associated administrative overhead) would be met from the regional rates base or remain a district council cost. If these costs sit with territorial authorities, they will increase operating pressure on existing budgets precisely when councils may be operating under a rates target model.
50. **NPDC recommends** that central government clearly defines the costs that will and won't be covered by the existing regional rates base.
51. The cost of reform will be significant and should be explicitly acknowledged, planned for, and funded. Regardless of the final design of the SLG proposal, the development of Regional Reorganisation Plans is intended to be comprehensive and will require substantial time and resource to investigate options, assess costs and benefits, consult communities, transition governance arrangements, and implement organisational change. While efficiency gains may accrue over time, the transition phase will produce a concentrated spike in work and cost. Local authorities will need financial and non-financial relief from central these pressures.
52. **NPDC recommends** that system change and transition costs for councils that arise directly from the SLG proposal should be exempt from any new rates target model.

Yours faithfully

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Mayor of New Plymouth District

## CENTRAL GOVERNMENT REFORM SUBMISSION – LOCAL GOVERNMENT (INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING) AMENDMENT BILL

### MATTER / TE WHĀINGA

1. The matter for consideration by the Council is the adoption of a submission to the government on the Local Government (Infrastructure Funding) Amendment Bill and supporting consultation document.

### RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION / NGĀ WHAIKUPU

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, Council's submission on the exposure draft of the Local Government (Infrastructure Funding) Amendment Bill and supporting consultation document (Appendix 1) be approved.

COMPLIANCE / TŪTOHU	
Significance	This matter is assessed as being of some importance or administrative
Options	<p>This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the submission</li> <li>2. Do not approve the submission</li> </ol>
Affected persons	The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are the New Plymouth District community, mana whenua, developers, property owners, infrastructure providers and other businesses affected by development regulatory changes.
Recommendation	This report recommends option 1 for addressing the matter.
Long-Term Plan / Annual Plan Implications	Yes
Significant Policy and Plan Inconsistencies	No.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY / WHAKARĀPOPOPOTANGA MATUA

2. The recommendation for consideration is that Council approve New Plymouth District Council's submission on the exposure draft of the Local Government (Infrastructure Funding) Amendment Bill and supporting consultation document.

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3. Approving the submission enables Council to provide clear and timely feedback on central government reforms that will reshape how critical growth related infrastructure is planned and paid for.
4. The draft council submission looks to support in-principle any improvements to legislation that help to enhance the deliverability of increased housing choice and affordability.
5. The submission sets out the Council's position on the proposed reform and advocates for the district's infrastructure investment, financial planning, housing growth and long-term planning needs. The submission notes that support for the proposal is contingent on the reform being improved in a range of areas.
6. Taking this approach ensures NPDC has a clear and proactive voice in a national reform process and strengthens Council's ability to advocate for better infrastructure planning and that growth pays for growth.
7. Approving the submission presents a low risk and aligns with Council's responsibility to participate in national policy development. Not approving the submissions carries some minor reputational risk and may reduce NPDC's ability to advocate for district interests.
8. The risk is assessed as being minor as council will be provided with further opportunities to feedback on the proposal following the introduction of a complete Bill in May 2026.
9. If Council approves the submission, Officers will finalise and lodge it with the Finance and Expenditure Committee by 4.30pm, 20 February 2026. Officers will monitor the Select Committee process, provide updates to Elected Members, and report on any further opportunities to engage as the Bills progress.

## **BACKGROUND / WHAKAPAPA**

10. "Going for Housing Growth" is one part of government's plan to develop housing and is structured around three pillars which span a range of legislation and work programmes across government:
  - a) Pillar 1: freeing up land for development and removing planning barriers.
  - b) Pillar 2: improving infrastructure financing to support urban growth.
  - c) Pillar 3: providing incentives for councils to support growth.

11. As part of Pillar 2, the government intends replacing the existing development contributions regime under the Local Government Act 2002 with a new development levies system. The government believes the new system is required to address perceived short comings of the existing regime and to ensure that development pays an appropriate contribution towards the infrastructure required for growth.
12. To this end, the Government released an exposure draft to the Local Government (Infrastructure Funding) Amendment Bill, and a supporting consultation document entitled "Growth Through a Development Levies System" in November 2025.
13. The documents outline the proposal to replace development contributions under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA02) with a development levies system that will ensure that development pays an appropriate amount towards the infrastructure required for growth.
14. The existing NPDC Development and Financial Contributions Policy, which would be replaced by the new development levies model, was adopted by the Council on 4 July 2024.
15. The proposed system represents a significant shift for councils as it will amend the way growth related infrastructure is planned and paid for. Under the new system Council's will be required to establish a new development levy framework operated within a more standardised process.
16. The Government is also considering independent regulatory oversight for development levies to ensure charges are fair and appropriate. Further information on the proposed regulator and its functions will be released in due course.

## **OVERVIEW OF SUBMISSION**

17. The submission offers high level support for the intent of the reform proposal on the basis that it aligns with the Council's aim of promoting housing growth and affordability through the efficient delivery and stewardship of infrastructure including social infrastructure.
18. The submission does however raise some concerns which risk undermining the chances of the reform being a success and achieving the outcomes intended, these include:
  - a) The need for the development levy framework to be informed by and integrated with the resource management system reform.

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- b) Ensuring the price signalling tools within the Bill which are designed to reflect higher development costs are fit for purpose.

## **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS / HURINGA ĀHUARANGI**

- 19. The potential climate impacts are assessed as low. The decision to approve or not approve Council's submissions does not create direct climate related risks.

## **NEXT STEPS / HĪKOI I MURI MAI**

- 20. Following Council's decision, Officers will finalise the submission in line with the resolutions passed and lodge it with the Department of Internal Affairs before the 20 February 2026 deadline.
- 21. Progress of the reform process will be monitored, and any implications for the future planning and investment in infrastructure will be identified through Council's regular reporting processes.
- 22. The government intends to introduce a Bill to parliament in May 2026 providing a further opportunity for the Council's to provide feedback on the reform.

## **SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT / KAUPAPA WHAKAHIRAHIRA**

- 23. Having considered the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, the matter has been assessed as being of some importance or administrative. Making a submission to Parliament is a routine operational Council function, and the decision does not involve changes to Council levels of service, financial commitments, or strategic assets.
- 24. While the content of the Bill will have long-term implications for Council's infrastructure investment and spatial planning, and resourcing will be required to implement the new levies system, the act of lodging a submission does not create impacts for the community. The matter does not adversely impact community wellbeing, service levels, or existing strategies and policies.
- 25. Elected Members and the public have opportunities to follow the legislative process of the Bill through the Parliamentary website. Given the administrative nature of the decision and the availability of public participation directly through the select committee process, further Council-led engagement is not considered necessary.
- 26. As the matter is administrative in nature, no further consultation or engagement is proposed.

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## OPTIONS / KŌWHIRINGA

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### Option 1 Approve the Submission

### Option 2 Do not Approve the Submission

Both options have been assessed together below

#### *Financial and Resourcing Implications / Ngā Hīraunga ā-pūtea, ā-rauemi*

27. There are no financial implications associated with either option. The submissions have been prepared within existing work programmes and budgets.

#### *Risk Analysis / Tātaritanga o Ngā Mōrearea*

28. The risks associated with this decision are minimal, as approving or not approving Council submissions does not affect service levels, statutory compliance, or operational delivery.

Approving the submission is the lower-risk option. Doing so demonstrates civic participation in a nationally significant reform process, maintains transparency by clearly communicating Council's position.

29. Not approving the submissions has a higher reputational risk. This approach would forego an opportunity to advocate for the district's interests and would limit NPDC's influence during an important legislative process. It may also create perceptions that Council has been less engaged or proactive than expected.
30. There is no material financial, legal, operational, health and safety, or direct climate-related risks associated with either option.

#### *Alignment with Strategic Framework and Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes / Te Hāngaitanga ki te Anga Rautaki me Te Tutuki/Whakatairanga o Ngā Whāinga ā-hāpori*

31. Approving the submissions aligns with the Council's Strategic Framework by supporting informed, proactive participation in national reforms that will directly influence delivery of growth-related infrastructure.
32. Approving the submission also supports the Strategic Framework including an infrastructure strategy. The strategy contributes to achieving the vision of creating a sustainable lifestyle capital where people want to live, learn, work, play, and invest.

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33. Conversely, not approving the submissions provides no strategic benefit and reduces Councils ability to influence legislative changes that will impact future planning frameworks and environmental outcomes. This option does not advance the Strategic Framework or strengthen community outcomes.

*Statutory Responsibilities / Ngā Haepapa ā-ture*

34. Approving the submissions supports Council's statutory responsibilities under the Local Government Act 2002 to enable democratic decision-making.

35. Not approving the submissions provides no benefit in terms of statutory compliance under the Local Government Act 2002.

*Consistency with Policies and Plans / Te Paria i ngā Kaupapa Here me ngā Mahere*

36. Approving the submission is consistent with Council's established policy and planning approach, including the Long-Term Plan focus on transparent decision-making, prudent stewardship, and advocacy on legislation that affects planning, environmental management, infrastructure delivery, and community wellbeing. Preparing and lodging submissions is a routine Council practice and aligns with governance and policy development processes.

37. While not approving the submissions is not inconsistent with existing policies and plans; it provides no policy benefit and reduces alignment with Council's usual practice of advocating on system-level reforms that will later need to be implemented through Council plans and programmes.

*Participation by Māori / Te Urunga o Ngāi Māori*

38. There has been no participation by Māori in the drafting of this submission. This reflects the administrative nature of the decision. Approving the submissions does not prevent future engagement.

*Community Views and Preferences / Ngā tirohanga me Ngā Mariu ā-hāpori*

39. No community views or preferences have been specifically sought for this submission. This reflects the administrative nature of the decision and the fact that the Parliamentary process provides a direct avenue for individuals, organisations, iwi, and hapū to make their own submissions. In addition, officers note the very short timeline for preparation and approval of the submission, with the legislation only being notified in November 2025. This has reduced the ability for officers to effectively engage with the broader community.

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*Advantages and Disadvantages / Ngā Huanga me Ngā Taumahatanga*

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40. Approving the submission ensures Council's views are formally represented at an earlier point in the reform process. It demonstrates proactive civic participation, maintains transparency, and helps safeguard the district's interests. There are no material disadvantages to this option, the action is administrative and completed within existing resources.
41. Not submitting removes an opportunity for NPDC to influence nationally significant reforms at an early stage in the process. It does not however limit Council's ability to influence the legislation altogether, given a complete Bill which reflects sector feedback will be introduced in May 2026. There are no identified advantages for this option.

**Recommended Option**

This report recommends option 1 – approve the submission for addressing the matter.

**APPENDICES / NGĀ ĀPITIHANGA**

Appendix 1 Letter NPDC Submission to the Local Government (Infrastructure Funding) Amendment Bill and supporting consultation document (ECM 9699316)

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20 February 2026

Committee Secretariat  
Finance and Expenditure Committee  
Parliament Buildings  
Wellington

Dear Chairperson of the Committee

**New Plymouth District Council Submission on Local Government (Infrastructure Funding) Amendment Bill**

New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the exposure draft of the Local Government (Infrastructure Funding) Amendment Bill (the Bill) and the supporting Development Levies System discussion document ('DLS').

Our district is growing and is expected to increase by 9800 people to a total population of 98,800 by 2034 requiring an extra 4000 new homes to be built. To achieve this target, the Council is committed to continued efficient investment in infrastructure providing certainty for local developers.

Our recently updated Development Contributions (DC) policy provides for multiple local catchments within the New Plymouth District where different contributions apply, as well as district-wide catchments for the water, stormwater, parks and open spaces, transportation and community infrastructure activities.

The policy sets clear price signals to support the efficient use of infrastructure to support greater housing diversity and improved housing affordability. For example, by setting a higher contribution rate for greenfield sites (reflective of the higher costs of required growth-related infrastructure) compared to infill sites. This price incentive supports more efficient use of existing infrastructure and encourages greater housing diversity, and therefore also housing affordability. It also supports the New Plymouth District Plan strategic objectives of providing opportunities for increased urban densities delivering a compact, well-functioning urban form.

The policy reflects Council direction at the time to ensure that growth pays for growth and the burden of growth-related infrastructure costs from under recovery of the costs of growth from development through contributions on rate payers is minimised.

NPDC supports the following as aspects of the reform package:

- a) The overarching purpose to "recover from developments the cost of capital expenditure necessary to provide capacity for growth" and 6 guiding principles (necessity, proportionality, particularity, sufficiency, transparency and economic efficiency);

b) The required contents of the development levy policy including key aspects of the councils

- Financial Strategy.
- Infrastructure Strategy.
- Growth plans and land-use strategies.
- the significant forecasting assumptions.

c) The required consultation requirements and 3-year review obligation;

d) The powers to require development levies which reflect and expand upon existing powers i.e. at resource and building consent, new service connections etc;

e) The effective date of any new policy being date when the policy is notified rather than date when this is adopted; and

f) The ability to charge interest on and adjust an unpaid development levy to reflect changes in policy over time.

The success of the reform will however be dependent on the following matters being addressed:

#### **Improved Linkages with Wider Government Reform**

As part of the concurrent reform of the resource management system, the Council will be required to establish new spatial and land use plans conforming zoning and release of land for housing. We support this process but have concerns about the sequencing of the regional planning process for example that these plans are required to be delivered prior to key national policy direction, environmental limits, and standards are in place.

We hold similar concerns regarding the sequencing of a new development levy policy and how this would align with the spatial and land use plan process. Whilst we support the requirement for a future development levy policy to be informed by a range of matters including land use planning, we are concerned this matter may not be settled by the time the council is required to start charging development levies in July 2028.

We suggest that the transitional arrangement of the new legislation be amended and if necessary delayed so that the new policy can be fully informed by and integrated with the new regional planning framework.

#### **Ensuring High-Cost Overlays Can be Applied**

The reform provides the ability to establish “high-cost overlays” where there are “substantial differences in the growth costs”. This balances out of the levy area first standardisation offered by the reform generally. NPDC supports the flexibility offered by this tool including the ability to create more than one high-cost overlay within a levy area.

We do however believe the regulatory threshold and tests in the Bill to establish these overlays should be refined and that:

a) The legislative threshold, in particular, the use of the term “substantial” should be lowered; and

b) The matters to determining whether a high-cost overlay is appropriate be made more explicit.

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We are also concerned that establishing high-cost overlays maybe prone to litigation by developers concerned about the negative price signalling. Together these risks may reduce success rate for establishing the overlays or act as a general disincentive to use this tool. Whilst it is appropriate that developers have the right to request a review of any levy, the legislation should include a proportional and efficient reconsideration and objection process including the ability to recoup fair and actual and reasonable costs for administering the process. This detail is currently missing from the exposure draft.

**Summary**

The Council reiterates its support for the proposal but emphasises that the final legislation should include a strong connection between the stated intent of the policy and the methods of delivery. The move to standardise the cost recovery of growth infrastructure should not stifle innovation at the local level and should be well integrated with the reform of the resource management system to ensure success.

The Council notes that the reform proposal is in its early stages that further details will be released. We understand this will include details of a possible crown regulator of the development levy system.

We will continue to monitor the progress of the reform and provide a further submission when the complete Bill is introduced later in 2026.

We thank the committee for the opportunity to make a submission.

Yours faithfully

## **CLOSING**

The chairperson, or a person authorised by the chairperson, may make a statement to close the meeting.