

2025/26 SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT

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Waitomo District Council

Front cover: Motakiora view northeast

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INTRODUCTION
KŌRERO WHAKATAKI

Everything we do at Waitomo District Council is linked to our vision.

"Te hanga tahi o tātou Takiwa
Shaping our District together"

Our aim is to make the District an attractive place that people will want to come and visit, work and live in. The intention is to enhance the liveability of our District by engaging with our communities and encouraging their local voice in shaping our district, and to do this in a financially responsible and sustainable manner. Waitomo District Council has set areas of focus to drive this vision and guide our efforts:

- strengthening relationships;
- preparing for the future;
- effective management of resources.

We have made excellent progress in our focus areas during the 2025/26 year.

Key highlights are included in the following pages with further detail of our achievements in the activity areas included in the 'Service Performance' section of the full Annual Report which is available at www.waitomo.govt.nz/council/publications

FROM THE MAYOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

This is the first annual report of the current Council elected in October 2025 which has brought together a mix of new and existing members. It is also the last annual report where water and wastewater activities sit directly under Waitomo District Council, from 1 July 2026 Waikato Waters will report on these activities. Staff's commitment and hard work throughout the year helped ensure a smooth transition.

October 2025 also delivered another severe weather event in Waitomo which caused damage to 120 sites on our roading network, the most significant being the large landslide on Kopaki Road, Council is still evaluating the options for repair or closure of this road considering affordability and functioning of the roading network in the area.

The majority of repairs for these weather events are funded by New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA). Staff work with NZTA to get approval for the repairs that must be fit for purpose and cost effective. This process can take considerable time.

This year sees the last of the 2023 storm event repairs being completed, combining this with the 2025/26 weather event repairs has resulted in one of our largest annual roading programmes with about $15.4 million capital investment made into our roading network.

One of our most significant infrastructure projects, Te Kuiti Water Resilience, has got underway this year installing a new rising main and water storage reservoir, once completed this will increase the treated water supply and create a more robust water network. On 1 July the project transitioned to Waikato Waters and is on track to be completed in November 2026.

Stormwater improvement works in Te Kuiti have been completed in priority areas of Te Kuiti west. Further investment will be needed, however the completed works have performed well during recent storms.

Council net debt is similar to last year and now sits at $32.6 million. Our operating surplus this year was $9.2 million mostly due to external funding for capital projects. We sit in a good fiscal position at year end.

This year we have continued to be faced with local government reforms including rates capping, removal of regional councils and possibility of council amalgamations. Waitomo and Otorohanga Councils came together and agreed to submit a proposal to form a combined unitary council for both districts. A strong collaborative approach demonstrated across our area is important as we continue through local government reform.

We asked our community through our annual residents survey to give us feedback on how we are delivering our activities and services. Overall the response was very positive with leadership and trust ranking highest compared to 22 other councils in the survey group.

We remain committed to delivering the best possible outcomes for our community while keeping you informed about Council's work, projects and decisions.

We are pleased to present this Annual Report 2025/26.



John Robertson
Mayor



Ben Smit
Chief Executive

Our Impact on the District

Here's a sample of our performance and what we delivered last year across the district.



We had **9,204** followers on Facebook

Our Facebook page views was **5,106,370**

There were **119,289** Page visits



89% of residents are happy they received or found Council information when needed

100% of resource consents processed within 20 days

99% of building consents processed within 20 working days

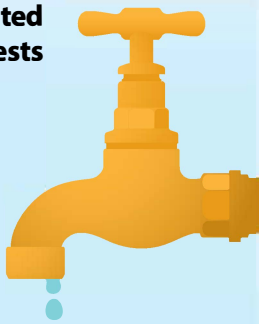
78% of residents rate their **quality of life** as either good or excellent



We received **802 3 Waters related service requests**

We received 4,942 **service requests**

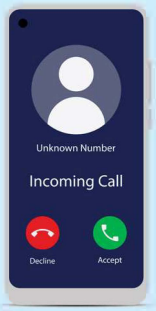
72% are satisfied with Council's overall water management



10,625 users/ participants through bookings for the Gallagher Recreation Centre

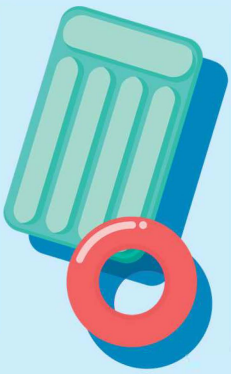


397 Rate Rebates were processed



There were **6,464** visits to The Customer Services and Visitor Hub

There were **16,688** visits to the Aquatic Centre



Customer Service handled **10,542** calls

83% of residents are happy with Council's engagement and consultation with the community

The library's public internet was accessed 9,278 times

21,695 physical items were borrowed from the library

73% of residents say they are **proud to live in the Waitomo District**



280 new or returning members joined the library



We have **2809** registered dogs



We completed **85** playground inspections

There were 22,505 visits to the library





93% of residents are satisfied with Council's **open spaces**

77% of residents are satisfied with Council's **rubbish and recycling services**

Resurfacing **29.3km** of sealed roads

We received **1079 roading related service requests**

97% of residents are satisfied with the Les Munro Centre

OUR COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

Our Community Outcomes and Priority Areas describe what we aim to achieve for our community and what the community can expect us to work towards.

These outcomes and focus areas shaped the development of the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan. All our activities contribute to the overall achievement of our community outcomes and our vision -

Te hanga tahi o tātou Takiwa
Shaping our District together



Our outcomes are:

A prosperous district
We enable a thriving and sustainable economy to create greater benefits for everyone.

A district for all people
Our district is a great place to live because it is accessible, safe, affordable, and inclusive. We promote health, wellbeing, and participation.

A district that cares for its environment
We ensure the wise use and management of all land and resources, now and for future generations.

A district that values culture
We value the whakapapa of our district, and we promote cultural, creative, and recreational activities where traditions, heritage and arts are celebrated.

OUR PRIORITY AREAS











Strengthening Relationships

We will continue to shape our relationships with all our community, iwi, and mana whenua groups to build partnerships that will benefit the district.

We have had eight public consultations with the community this year covering a variety of topics from speed limits, bylaws, and transfer stations with community input being a valuable part of the decisions made by Council. Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero committee continued their work supporting iwi, whare, marae, hapu and individuals bringing issues to or on a pathway to a resolution.

Local events are an important way to bring our community together, working alongside the Shearing Committee we delivered one of the most successful Great NZ Muster events this year. Our community also enjoyed other local events such as Top of the Town, Tech Step and Christmas parades.

Our Community and Partnerships Fund has continued to help over many local groups and clubs to provide a range of community activities and facilities such as sports, recreation, museums and arts including helping put local tamariki artwork on display around Piopio.

Preparing for the future

We will ensure we are ready for the future by adapting to changes at a global, national, and local level. Demonstrating great leadership to support all the services we deliver.

We are continuing to work closely with our neighbouring Councils with combined services including Animal Control, Building Services, Regulation and Compliance and Emergency management.

Hamilton City Council and Ōtorohanga District Council have also provided additional inspection capacity to help cover staffing changes within the Building Control team. Animal control services also continue to be delivered as a shared service with Ōtorohanga District. Council has also been working with Te Nehenehenui to formalise an iwi liaison role within the Emergency Operating Centre.

Waitomo and Otorohanga Councils agreed to develop a proposal to amalgamate in response to Central Governments Head Start pathway through the Simplifying Local Government reforms.

Many staff have worked throughout the year on the transition of water and wastewater activities to Waikato Waters to ensure a smooth hand over of services, staff, and projects.

Effective management of resources

We manage all of our resources effectively delivering value to our community, we keep sustainability and affordability at the forefront of what we do.

Our infrastructure requires on-going renewals to maintain what we have, priority is given to critical assets. A significant investment into Te Kuiti's water supply resilience has been one of the major projects this year increasing treated water storage.

Our roading network has been significantly impacted by weather events, this puts strain on our resources to manage storm repairs and normal work programmes. Our staff and contractors have stepped up to meet this challenge and delivered the full maintenance programme, previous storm repairs and immediate storm response throughout the year.

Investment into our stormwater network has continued with renewals and improvements around Te Kuiti.



SERVICE PERFORMANCE

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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

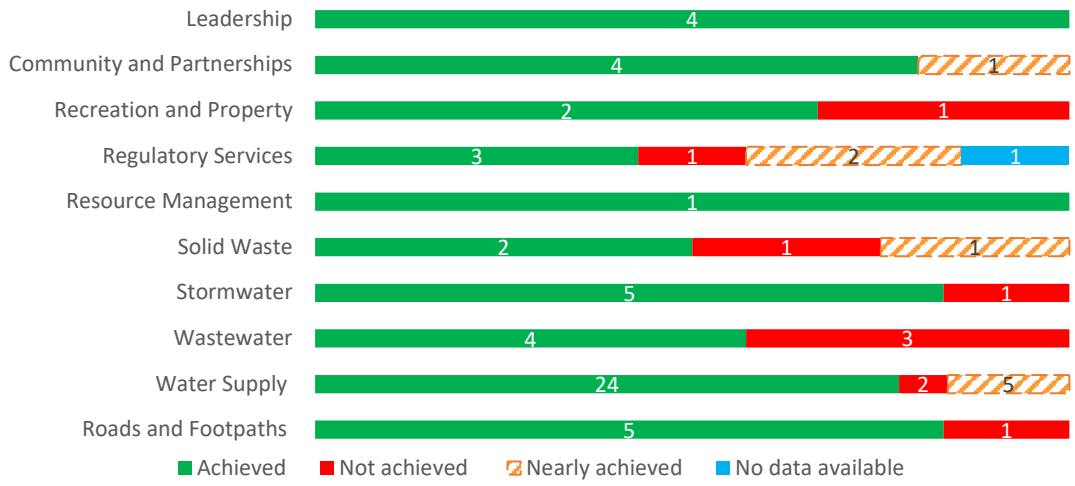
This part of the Summary Annual Report covers the services we provide and how we performed against our service commitments for 2025/26.

Our 2024-2034 Long Term Plan divided the business into 10 activity groups that contribute to the delivery of our community outcomes.

Of the 74 measures that we use to track performance, the summary graph below shows that we have met the target for 54 measures, nearly achieved nine measures, one measure has no data, and we have not met the targets for 10 measures.

A nearly achieved result is shown when a measure has not been achieved but was close to achieving. This occurs when a result is within 5% of the target, this being within the margin of error for Resident Survey results.

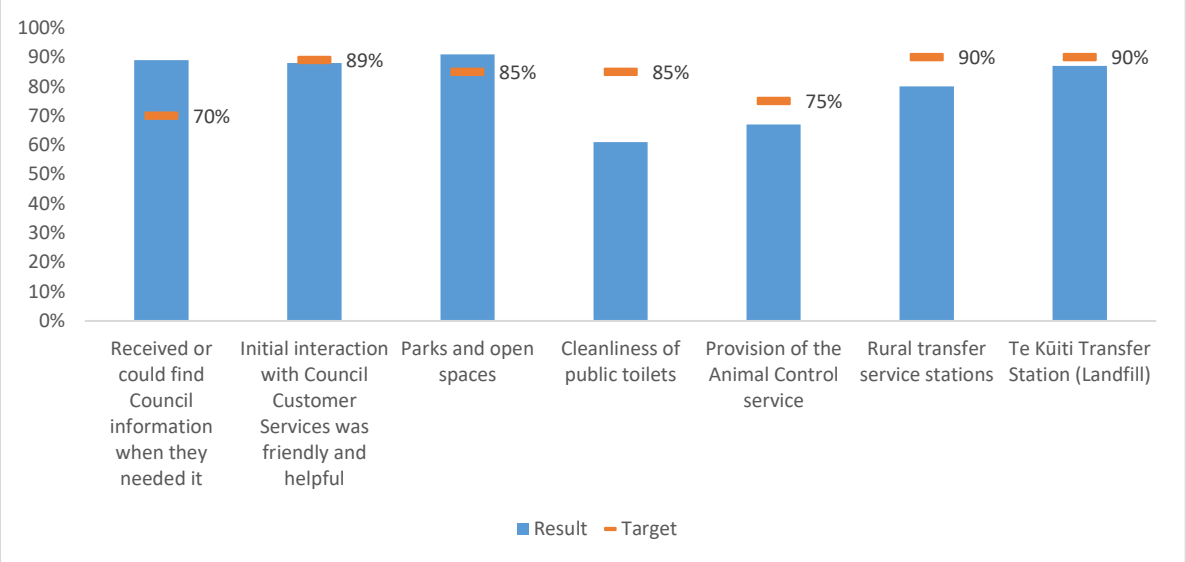
PERFORMANCE RESULTS SUMMARY BY GROUPS OF ACTIVITIES



Our Resident's survey was undertaken in May/June 2026. Below is a summary of these results.

PERFORMANCE AGAINST RESIDENT SURVEY

The full Annual Report provides more detail for each of these activity groups including an overview of the year that has been.





FINANCES
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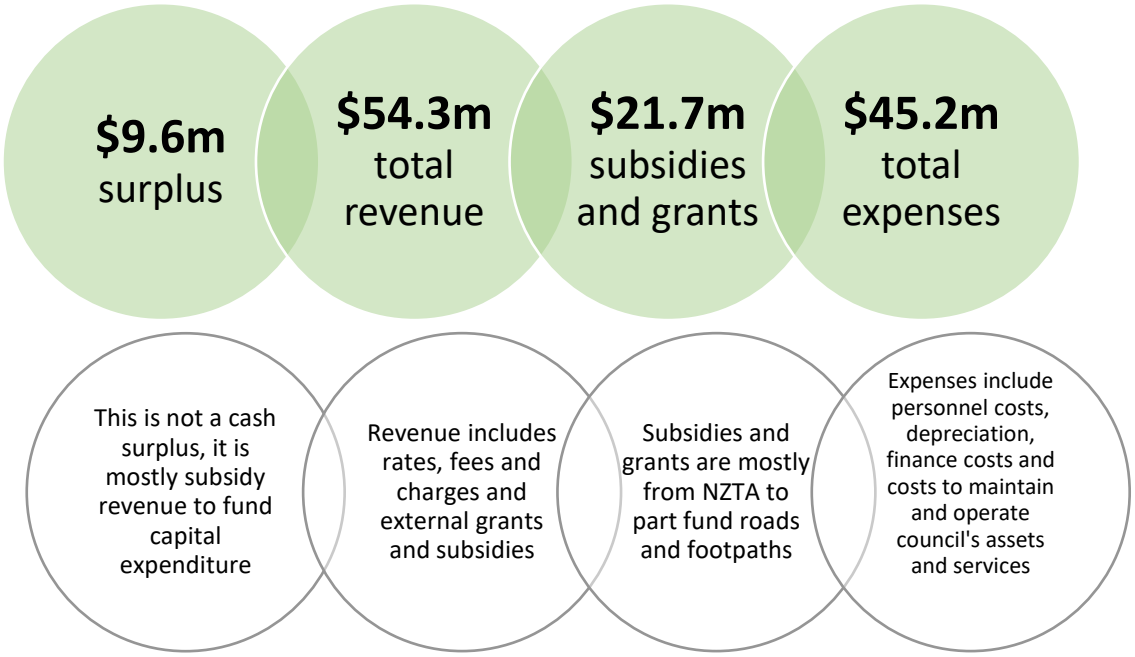
OUR FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

This overview provides a summary of the key highlights of our financial performance for the 12 months ended 30 June 2026.

A snapshot of Council's financial performance for the year

Council's operating surplus for the year was **$9.6 million**.

The surplus is an accounting surplus and is not a cash surplus and is not directly due to increases in rates charged. The surplus is mainly the result of subsidy and grant revenue received for capital expenditure projects, offset in part by not fully rate funding depreciation expense.



Overall results

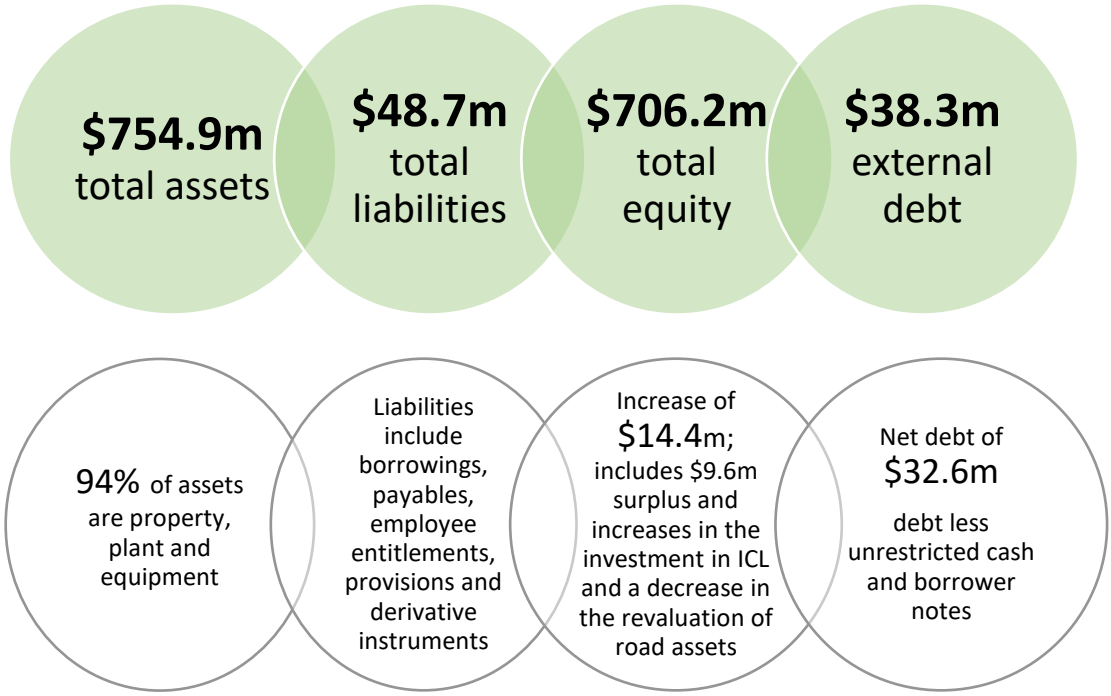
Revenue for the year was **$54.3 million** against a budget of $44.3 million. Subsidy revenue was more than forecast due to the timing of road repairs for storm-related damage which were not forecast in the Annual Plan. Some of the of the planned works were still in progress at June 2026 and will continue into 2026/27. Additional revenue was also received for waste minimisation levy and trade waste. Revenue on vested assets was recognised for water, wastewater, stormwater and assets installed at Te Ara O Ngapaki, Atiria Lane and Fabia Factory Lane.

Expenses for the year were **$45.2 million** against a budget of $43.2 million. Expenditure for maintaining and operating council's assets and services was above forecast for additional road costs incurred for emergency reinstatement first response, drainage maintenance and environmental maintenance. Additional expenditure was also recognised for water supply for additional engineering support, reactive maintenance and transition costs for the transfer of water services and assets on 1 July 2026. Staff costs were below budget, reflecting changes in the organisation structure associated with the transfer of water services and assets.

Financial Position

Council's total equity increased to **$706.2 million**, this was less than the forecast equity of $720.6 million. The revaluation of road assets was less than forecast in the Annual Plan. The valuation of Council's investment in Inframax Construction Ltd was also more than forecast.

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Council borrows externally to fund assets and services that will provide benefit well into the future. Our net debt to total revenue was **60%** which was well within the 165% borrowing limit set in the Financial Strategy.

Council's borrowing increased to $38.3 million at 30 June 2026 to fund the Te Kuiti water resilience project. Borrowings were lower than the Annual Plan forecast for 2025/26 of $44.4 million. The Te Kuiti transfer station improvement project did not proceed as originally planned due to lower waste volumes expected through the transfer station and the lack of central government funding for the project.

Capital expenditure projects

This year we invested in **$24.8 million** of capital improvements and renewal of existing infrastructure and other assets across the district. This included the continued repairs to our roading network from storm damage from prior year events along with emergency reinstatements from three further weather events in July, October and April (largely funded by NZTA subsidy. The Te Kuiti water resilience design and build project continued with significant work underway on the pipeline and the new reservoir.

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CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

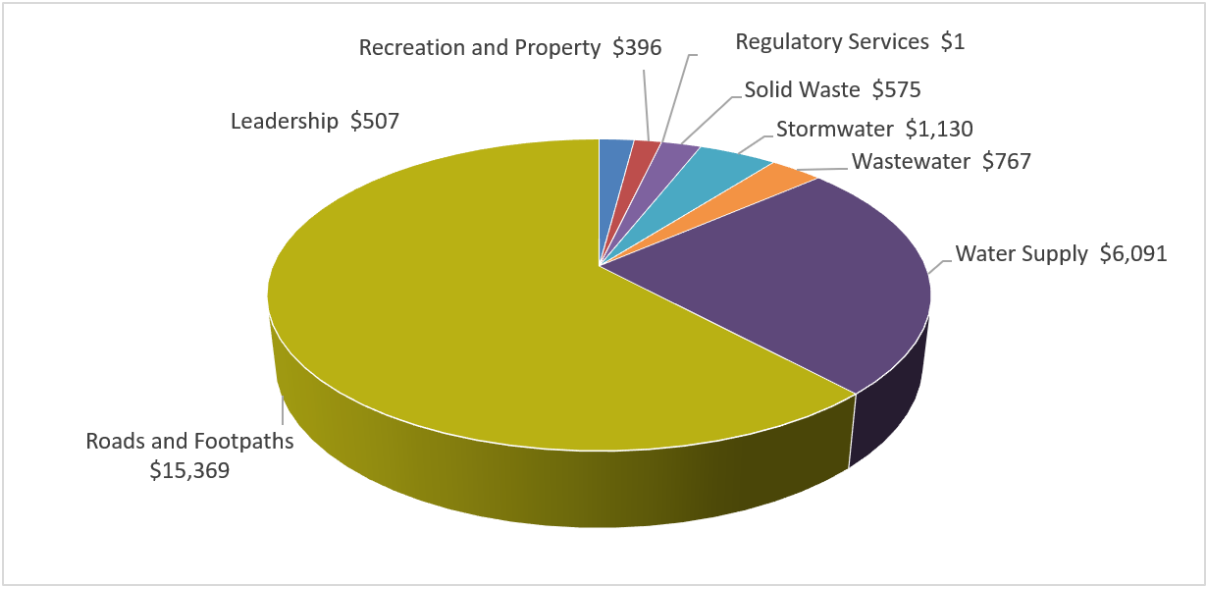
The 2025/26 approved capital budget was $22.0 million; the actual spend for the capital portfolio was **$24.8 million**.

Several capital expenditure projects that were not completed during the year will be deferred to the 2026/27 year. Progress on these projects was affected by longer than expected planning timeframes, delays in the resource consent renewal process, internal resourcing constraints, severe weather events and the reprioritisation of work programmes.

Some key projects undertaken were:

- Weather-related reinstatement work was a significant portion of this year's roading programme.
- Road repairs for damage from prior years events have been completed, alongside emergency reinstatement and renewal activities for three additional weather events that occurred during the year.
- Continuation of the Crown resilience road projects including stabilisation work for Kent Street, Te Kuiti.
- Installation of variable speed signage around schools and traffic calming measures.
- The Te Kūiti water resilience project is progressing with laying a rising main pipeline and building a new reservoir at the Hospital Road site.
- Completion of the Cultural Walkway Storyboards project with Ngati Rora and the upgrade of the walking track through Te Kuiti.
- Public facilities and amenity renewals around the district were completed.
- Pavement rehabilitation projects for Te Anga Road.
- The surface sealing programme has been completed for the year and was undertaken as part of the Maintenance Contract.

TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITY 2025/26 ($000's)



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FINANCIAL REPORTING AND PRUDENCE BENCHMARKS

ANNUAL REPORT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2026

The purpose of this statement is to disclose the Council's 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 report 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. The regulations can be found on the New Zealand legislation website legislation.govt.nz.

A summary of the Performance benchmarks are below, the full list can be found in the Annual Report

RATES AFFORDABILITY BENCHMARK

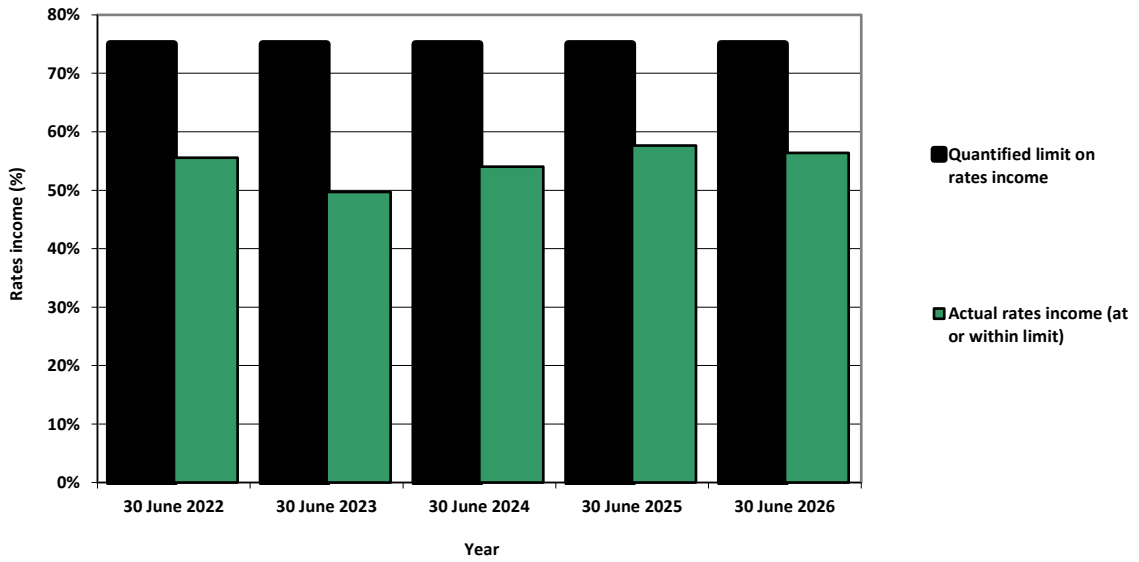
The Council meets the rates affordability benchmark if:

- its actual rates income equals or is less than each quantified limit on rates; and
- its actual rates increases equal or are less than each quantified limit on rates increases.

RATES (INCOME) AFFORDABILITY

The following graph compares the Council's actual rates income with a quantified limit on rates contained in the financial strategy included in the Council's long-term plan.

The quantified limit on rates income is that total rates revenue will be limited to 75% of total operating expenditure. Total rates revenue includes penalties for 2025/26. Rates income was 56% of operating expenditure in 2025/26.

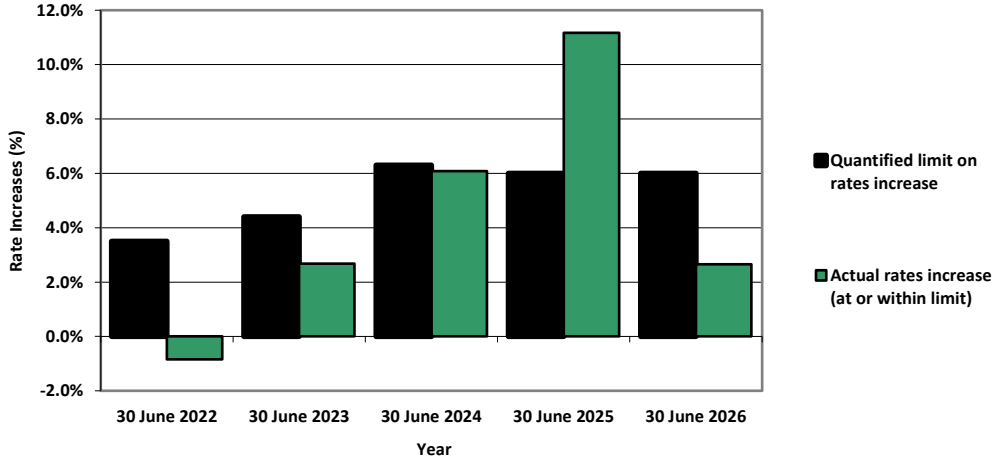


RATES (INCREASES) AFFORDABILITY

The following graph compares the Council's actual rates increases with a quantified limit on rates increases in the financial strategy included in the Council's 2024-34 Long Term Plan (LTP). The quantified limit for rates increases is limited to an average rates increase of 6% over the ten years of the LTP. The annual rates increase per year may exceed 6% as the limit is based on the average increase over 10 years. The increase takes into account with the forecast rate revenue in the Annual Plan 2025/26 and future increases in the LTP resulting in an average rates increase over the 10 years of 3.81%. The actual rates increase from 2024/25 to 2025/26 was 2.65%.

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For the years 2022-2024 the rates increases were limited to a cap of the forecast Local Government Cost Index for that year plus 2% as set out in the LTP 2021-31.



DEBT AFFORDABILITY BENCHMARK

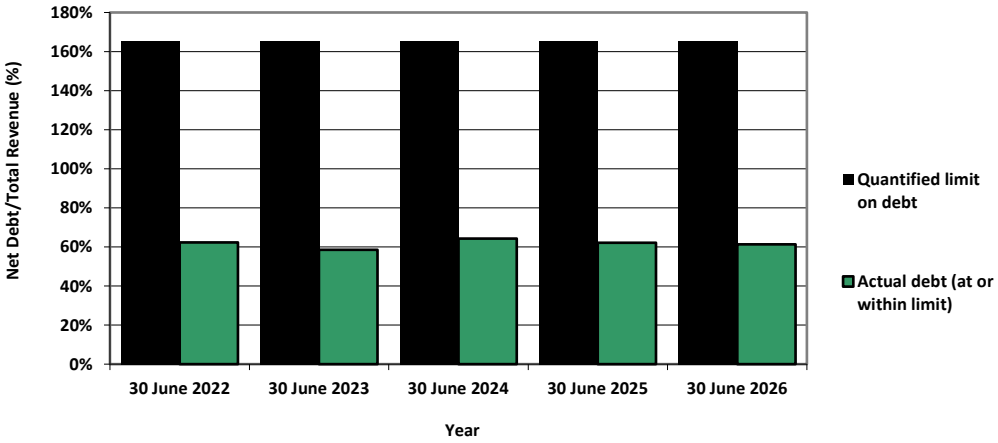
The Council meets the debt affordability benchmark if its actual borrowing is within each quantified limit on borrowing. There are two quantified limits described in the long-term plan.

Total interest expense includes interest on borrowings and finance leases.

Total revenue includes rates revenue and penalties, government grants and subsidies for operating and capital expenditure, interest revenue, gains on sale of assets, and other revenue. Total revenue excludes gains or losses from change in value of investment property and available for sale non-current assets, gains on derivatives, gains on forestry and revenue on acquisition of property plant and equipment at nominal value.

Net debt will not exceed 165% of total revenue

The following graph compares the Council's actual borrowing with a quantified limit on borrowing stated in the financial strategy included in the Council's long-term plan. The quantified limit is net debt will not exceed 165% of total revenue. A value of less than 165% indicates compliance with the prudential limit.



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SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following pages present in summary the financial results for the 2025/26 year.

The financial statements at 30 June 2026 comprise the Waitomo District Council (Council) and its wholly owned subsidiary Inframax Construction Limited incorporated in New Zealand (Group). Waitomo District Council has designated itself as a public benefit entity for the purposes of financial reporting.

The full financial statements included in the full Annual Report have been prepared in accordance with NZ GAAP and they comply with Tier 1 Public Benefit Entity (PBE) Standards. The Summary Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with Public Benefit Entities Financial Reporting Standard No.43 Summary Financial Statements (PBE FRS 43). The presentation currency of the financial statements is New Zealand dollars and values are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

The summary financial statements have been extracted from the corresponding full Annual Report which was authorised for issue on 27 October 2026 by the Mayor and Chief Executive. The full financial statements were audited by Matt Laing for Limited on behalf of the Auditor General, and an unmodified opinion with an emphasis of matter paragraph issued on the 27 October 2026. The emphasis of matter is regards to uncertainty related to local government reform.

The statements do not include all the disclosures provided in the full financial statements and cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial statements. The full financial statements contained within the 2025/26 Annual Report can be viewed and downloaded from our website **www.waitomo.govt.nz/council/publications**.

Future Uncertainty: Local Government Reform

The Government is progressing a range of reforms that may have implications for the future structure and functions of local government in New Zealand. Two reform pathways were on offer; Head Start, where councils could elect who they amalgamate with and the Back Stop process, was where the government will determine council amalgamations. After council elected to progress the Head Start Process, both processes are now on hold until after the 2026 general elections. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and no adjustments have been made in relation to these reforms.

SUMMARY OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

For the financial year WDC reported a net surplus of $9.6 million compared to a budgeted surplus of $1.1 million.

($000's)	COUNCIL			GROUP	
	2026 BUDGET	2026 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL	2026 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL
Total Revenue and Gains/(Losses)	**44,274**	**54,328**	**48,668**	**80,250**	**75,005**
Total Other Expenses	41,606	43,731	41,418	67,362	67,246
Finance Costs	1,545	1,424	1,589	1,613	1,903
Surplus/(Deficit) Before Tax	**1,123**	**9,173**	**5,661**	**11,275**	**5,856**
Income tax expense/(revenue)	0	(468)	0	577	218
Surplus/(Deficit)	**1,123**	**9,641**	**5,661**	**10,698**	**5,638**
Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expenditure					
Revaluation of property, plant and equipment and quarry assets	31,531	(479)	16,790	2,023	16,652
Losses from impairment of revalued property, plant and equipment	0	(2,265)	0	(2,265)	0
Gains/(Losses) from cashflow hedges	(636)	67	(838)	67	(838)
Revaluation of financial assets at FVTOCRE	0	7,474	643	0	0
Income tax relating to components of other comprehensive revenue and expense	0	0	0	0	74
Total Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expense	**30,895**	**4,797**	**16,595**	**(175)**	**15,888**

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Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense	**32,018**	**14,438**	**22,256**	**10,523**	**21,526**

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

($000's)	COUNCIL		GROUP	
	2026 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL	2026 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL
Total Equity				
Balance at 1 July	691,762	669,506	690,732	669,206
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the year	14,438	22,256	10,523	21,526
Balance at 30 June	**706,200**	**691,762**	**701,255**	**690,732**

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 30 JUNE 2026

($000's)	COUNCIL			GROUP	
	2026 BUDGET	2026 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL	2026 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL
Current Assets	9,009	15,047	13,552	26,286	20,340
Non Current Assets	764,183	739,861	722,745	734,125	724,358
Total Assets	**773,192**	**754,908**	**736,297**	**760,411**	**744,698**
Current Liabilities	29,113	45,202	19,802	51,651	23,490
Non Current Liabilities	23,462	3,506	24,733	7,505	30,475
Total Liabilities	**52,575**	**48,708**	**44,535**	**59,156**	**53,966**
Net Assets	**720,617**	**706,200**	**691,762**	**701,255**	**690,732**
Total Equity	**720,617**	**706,200**	**691,762**	**701,255**	**690,732**

SUMMARY CASHFLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

($000's)	COUNCIL			GROUP	
	2026 BUDGET	2026 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL	2026 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL
Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities	11,868	18,550	18,465	22,833	19,015
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(22,293)	(21,057)	(18,734)	(20,868)	(22,399)
Net Cash Inflow/(outflow) from Financing Activities	8,925	5,194	190	3,404	1,660

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($000's)	COUNCIL			GROUP	
	2026 BUDGET	2026 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL	2026 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL
Net increase/(decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and bank overdrafts	**(1,500)**	**2,687**	**(79)**	**5,369**	**(1,724)**
Cash, cash equivalents and bank overdrafts at the beginning of the year	3,093	3,014	3,093	5,405	7,129
Cash at Bank and In Hand	**1,593**	**5,701**	**3,014**	**10,774**	**5,405**

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FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT

Waitomo District Council: Funding Impact Statement for 2025 to 2026 for Whole of Council ($000's)	LTP 2024-34 2025	Actual 2024/25	AP 2025/26	Actual 2025/26
Sources of operating funding				
General rates, uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	11,328	11,249	11,026	10,927
Targeted rates	14,122	14,162	15,166	14,172
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	7,957	7,653	6,988	10,045
Fees and charges	4,895	4,915	4,390	5,063
Interest and Dividends from Investments	66	395	342	339
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	290	346	282	360
Total operating funding (A)	**38,658**	**38,720**	**38,194**	**40,906**
Applications of operating funding				
Payments to staff and suppliers	33,022	32,150	31,281	33,207
Finance costs	1,621	1,588	1,545	1,425
Other operating funding applications	0	0	0	0
Total applications of operating funding (B)	**34,643**	**33,738**	**32,826**	**34,632**
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A-B)	**4,015**	**4,982**	**5,368**	**6,274**
Sources of capital funding				
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	7,743	10,918	6,534	12,624
Development and financial contributions	0	0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in debt	8,520	22	9,325	4,272
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	0	915	0	1,231
Lump sum contributions	0	0	0	0
Other dedicated capital funding	0	0	0	0
Total sources of capital funding (C)	**16,263**	**11,855**	**15,859**	**18,127**
Applications of capital funding				
Capital expenditure - to meet additional demand	0	0	0	0
Capital expenditure - to improve the level of service	7,182	2,002	10,889	7,578
Capital expenditure - to replace existing assets	14,359	15,854	11,151	17,258
Increase (decrease) in reserves	(1,263)	(1,019)	(813)	(435)
Increase (decrease) of investments	0	0	0	0
Total applications of capital funding (D)	**20,278**	**16,837**	**21,227**	**24,401**
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding (C-D)	**(4,015)**	**(4,982)**	**(5,368)**	**(6,274)**
Funding Balance ((A-B)+(C-D))	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

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Events after balance date

Waikato Waters Limited

After balance date on the 1 July 2026, Council along with Waipa and South Waikato councils transferred their drinking water and wastewater services, assets and liabilities to a newly formed council controlled organisation; Waikato Waters Limited. These three councils were the first of six councils transferring to the new entity.

Waikato Waters Limited was incorporated on the 24 July 2025 as a council-controlled organisation and is jointly owned by Hauraki, Matamata-Piako, Ōtorohanga, South Waikato, Waipa and Waitomo district councils. Council was issued with 4,944 shares, 5% of total shares on issue and this shareholding proportion is not expected to change as part of the washup calculations to take place in November 2026.

The purpose of the company is to provide drinking water and wastewater services to the communities the company serves. Once the remaining three councils transfer their services, assets and liabilities the company will be responsible for 50,000 connections, 60 treatment plants and 3,300 km of pipes across the greater Waikato – Hauraki plains region.

There remains uncertainty of the financial impact for ratepayers for both fees and charges set by Waikato Waters Limited for drinking water and wastewater services and rates (and fees and charges) for Council for the remaining services provided by Council. Fees and charges set by Waikato Waters Limited will be subject to economic regulation by the Commerce Commission.

GROUP PERFORMANCE

The Group consists of the Council and its 100% owned subsidiary, Inframax Construction Ltd.

The Group's overall performance for the year was an after tax surplus of $10.7 million.

At 30 June 2026 total equity of the Group was $701.2 million, an increase of $10.5 million from the prior year. This increase in equity reflects the following net asset increases:

- The Group's after tax surplus of $10.7 million.
- Current assets increased by $5.9 million reflecting an increase in cash and cash equivalents and other financial assets.
- Current liabilities increased by $28.2 million due mainly to the reclassification of Council borrowings to current liabilities due to the agreed repayment of debt on 1 July 2026 reflecting the transfer of water assets and services to Waikato Waters Ltd.
- Non current assets increased by $9.8 million arising mostly from property, plant and equipment additions.
- Non current liabilities decreased by $23.0 million due mainly to the reclassification of some Council borrowings to current liabilities due to the agreed repayment of debt on 1 July 2026 reflecting the transfer of water assets and services to Waikato Waters Ltd.

Inframax Construction Ltd

Inframax Construction Ltd delivered a strong year-end result despite ongoing challenges across the civil construction and infrastructure sectors. The company reported a net profit after tax of $2.7 million for the year ended 30 June 2026, an improvement of $2.1 million on the prior year (2025: $0.55 million).

Equity increased to $16.0 million, with the company maintaining a solid equity ratio of 55%.

Revenue rose to $43.6 million, up $5.7 million from the previous year (2025: $37.9 million), while expenditure increased to $39.9 million compared with $37.1 million in 2025.

A dividend of $200,000 was paid to Waitomo District Council during the year (2025: $200,000).

Further information on the company's performance results against the targets set out in the Statement of Intent can be found on page 123, in the full Annual Report.

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The Audit Office
Te Mana Arotake

Independent Auditor's Report

To the readers of Waitomo District Council's summary of the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2026

The summary of the annual report was derived from the annual report of Waitomo District Council (the Council) and its subsidiaries and controlled entities (the Group) for the year ended 30 June 2026.

The summary of the annual report comprises the following information on pages 10 to 21:

- the summary statement of financial position of the Council and Group as at 30 June 2026;
- the summaries of the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows of the Council and Group for the year ended 30 June 2026;
- the notes to the summary financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the summary statement of service performance.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the annual report; and
- the summary statements comply with PBE FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements.

Summary of the annual report

The summary of the annual report does not contain all the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. Reading the summary of the annual report and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the full annual report and the auditor's report thereon.

The summary of the annual report does not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our auditor's report on the full annual report.

The full annual report and our audit report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the information we audited in the full annual report for the year ended 30 June 2026 in our auditor's report dated 27 October 2026.

Our auditor's report on the full annual report includes an emphasis of matter paragraph drawing attention to note 33 of the financial statements in the full annual report, which outlines the government's announcement to simplify local authorities by amalgamations within regions.

Information about this matter is also disclosed on page 17 of the summary of the annual report.

Council's responsibility for the summary of the annual report

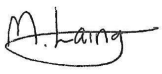
The Council is responsible for preparing the summary of the annual report which includes preparing summary statements, in accordance with PBE FRS-43: *Summary Financial Statements.*

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the full annual report and whether the summary statements comply with *PBE FRS 43: Summary Financial Statements*.

Our opinion on the summary of the annual report is based on our procedures, which were carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

Other than in our capacity as auditor for the statutory audit and long term plan and assurance services related to Trustee Reporting, we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Council or the Group.



Matt Laing
for Deloitte Limited
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Hamilton, New Zealand
27 October 2026

YOUR COUNCIL



Standing left to right: Councillors Olivia Buckley, Janette Osborne, Allan Goddard and Dan Tasker
Sitting left to right: Deputy Mayor Eady Manawaiti, Mayor John Robertson and Councillor Isaiah Wallace


Te Maika
Tahaaroa
Te Waitere
Kinohaku
Waipa District
South Waikato
Te Koraha
Waitomo Valley
Otorohanga District
Te Anga
Piripiri
Awamarino
Waitomo Caves
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Hangatiki
Te Kumi
Kiritehere
Oparure
Te Kuiti
Pururu
Mangaohae
Ngapaenga
Mangatea
Rangitoto
Moeatoa
Waitanguru
Mairoa
Tanehopuwai
Haku
Mangaotaki
Arapae
Waipa Valley
4
Puketutu
30
Mangaokewa
Piopio
4
Horokino
Te Mapara
Kopaki
Barryville
Paemako
Aratoro
30
Ngatamahine
Tiroa
Pureora
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Porootarao
Maraeroa
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