



2024/25
SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT
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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, facilitate our communities to be vibrant and thriving and to do this in a financially prudent 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 2024/25 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

INTRODUCTION KŌRERO WHAKATAKI

FROM THE MAYOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

This year ending 30 June 2025 has been one when most of the road network repair projects that came about from the storm events in 2023 were completed. We spent \$17 million on such repairs over two years, with over ninety percent funded by the New Zealand Transport Agency.

Investment in our stormwater network in Te Kūiti was also sparked by these storm events. Work continues to mitigate against flood risk and to understand and attend to issues arising from our wastewater network being infiltrated by stormwater. Our wastewater ponds have accumulated years of solids. A sludge removal project has begun, expected to take place over the next 10-15 years.

In October 2022 Council agreed to begin a stream of work to mitigate against some of the risk of failure of the public drinking water supply in Te Kūiti. A design and build process was selected. In May this year Council resolved to proceed to negotiate a contract with the preferred tenderer. A contract has since been executed with HEB Construction Limited. Total project cost will be close to \$10 million.

Our parks and reserves have benefited from grants and central government funding. These include upgrading Centennial Park, including its grandstand, and walkways in Te Kūiti along the river.

We have continued to release Council land for housing. New build housing activity has been relatively strong in the year under review.

Council debt at \$33.2 million has changed little from a year ago. Our operating surplus this year was \$5.7 million. We finish the year in a sound fiscal position.

This year Council have had to consider some of the most important decisions facing local government through central government reforms. We presented stakeholders our proposal for how our Council might best deliver

water services in the future. Feedback supported Council's joining a multi-Council entity. In a landmark decision on 30 June 2025, elected members unanimously supported the formation of Waikato Waters Limited, with our Council transitioning its drinking water and wastewater assets and services into it on 1 July 2026.

Council also decided on 30 June 2025 that the estimated \$6.5 million to open up more area for solid waste disposal at the Waitomo District Landfill in Te Kūiti was too high risk given the falling waste volumes and difficulties of the old quarry site.

Elected members and staff have worked through a challenging few years. Government water reforms have been especially taxing, as policies have changed with changes in government. Further reforms lie ahead with respect to resource management and possibly the structure of local and regional government.

Delivering the best possible outcomes for our community is always at the heart of what we strive for. We are pleased to present this Summary Annual Report 2024/25.



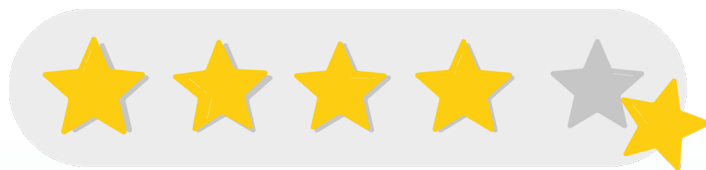
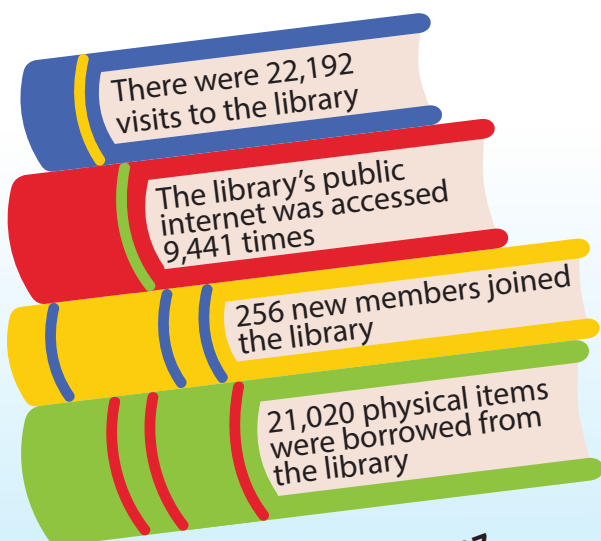
John Robertson
Mayor



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 received 4,703 service requests
Customer Service handled 9,749 calls
354 Rate Rebates were processed

There were **6,857** visits to The Customer Services and Visitor Hub



We have **7,597** followers on Facebook
Our Facebook Page Reach was 495,915k
There were 68,036k Page visits

76% of residents rate their **quality of life** either good or excellent

66% of residents say they are **proud to live in the Waitomo District**

75% of residents are satisfied with Council's **rubbish and recycling services**

73% of residents are satisfied with Council's **waste management**

94% of residents are satisfied with Council's **open spaces**

76,985 visits to the Gallagher Recreation Centre



We received **723** **Waters related service requests**

We completed **85** playground inspections

74% are satisfied with Council's overall water management



We have 2946 registered dogs



Resurfacing **41km** of sealed roads

Maintained **553km** of unsealed road and **459km** of sealed road

Rehabilitated **2.27km** of pavement
We received **712** **roading related service requests**

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

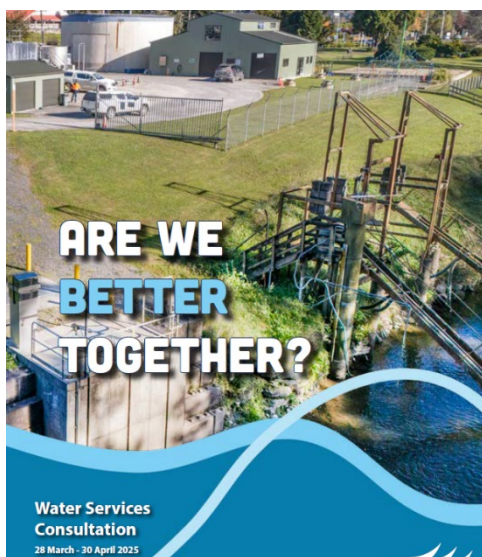
We ensure the wise use and management of all land and resources, now and for future generations.



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 nine public consultations with the community this year over 90 submissions received, community views for and against proposals were appreciated by Elected Members as valued contribution to the decision-making process. Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero committee had a successful year supporting iwi, whare, marae, hapu and individuals bring issues to or on a pathway to a resolution.

Development of Centennial Park has been a focus this year from bring together the various clubs and users, obtaining funding for the grandstand refurbishment and cricket nets to careful maintenance of the playing fields increasing the use and enjoyment for all.

The Mangaokewa walkway has been completed in conjunction with Ngāti Rōrā and now provides a historical walk through Te Kūiti for all to enjoy and learn from.

Our Community and Partnerships Fund has continued to help over 20 local groups and clubs to provide a range of community activities and facilities such as sports, recreation, museums and arts that make our district a great place to live.

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 working closely with our neighbouring Councils with combined services including Animal Control, Building Services, Regulation and Compliance and Emergency management.

Critical decisions were made by Council this year, the most significant was to form a regional entity to deliver water and wastewater services Waikato Waters Ltd, activities will transition in July 2026.

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.

We completed essential renewals for stormwater network improvements for Te Kūiti, also removal of sludge from the wastewater treatment ponds and progressed the Te Kūiti water resilience project.

Council made the decision not to spend \$6.5 million to develop the next stage of the Waitomo District Landfill, instead we will look at more cost-effective approaches to managing our solid waste.



SERVICE PERFORMANCE

PAEARU MAHI RATONGA

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

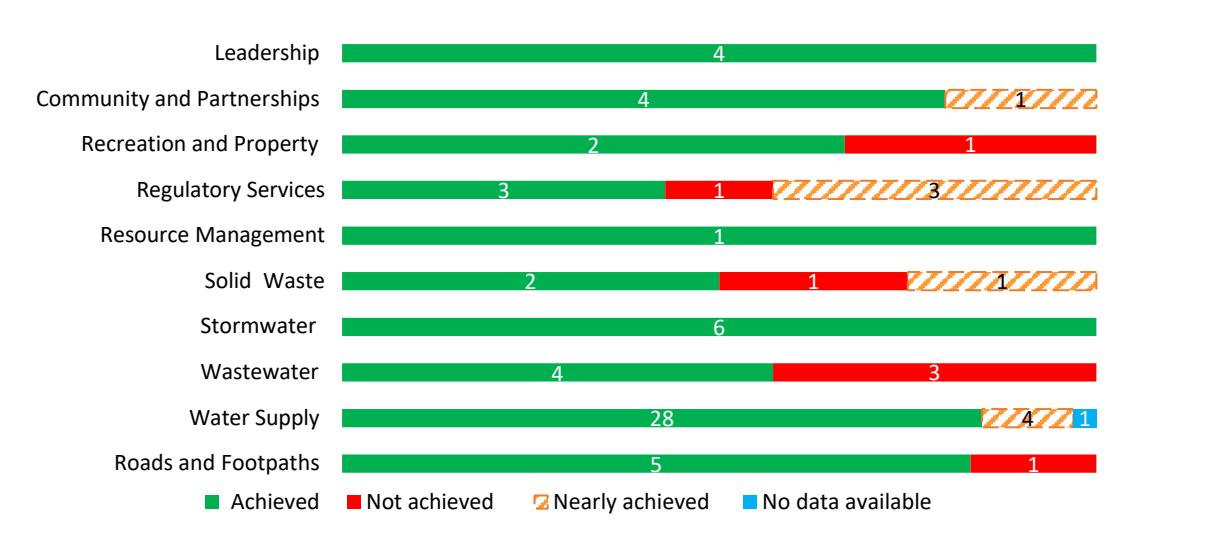
This part of the Summary Annual Report covers the services we provide and how we performed against our service commitments for 2024/25.

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

Of the 76 measures that we use to track performance, the summary graph below shows that we have met the target for 59 measures, nearly achieved nine measures, one measure has no data and we have not met the targets for seven 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.

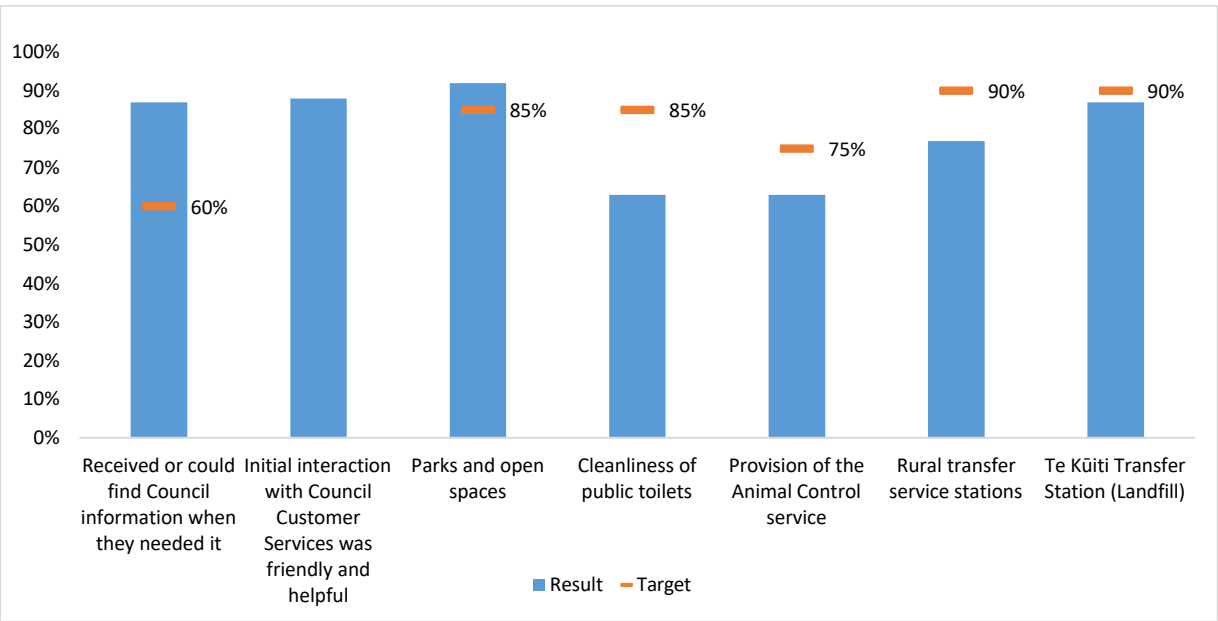
PERFORMANCE RESULTS SUMMARY BY GROUPS OF ACTIVITIES



Our Resident’s survey was undertaken in May/June 2025. 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 **PŪTEA**

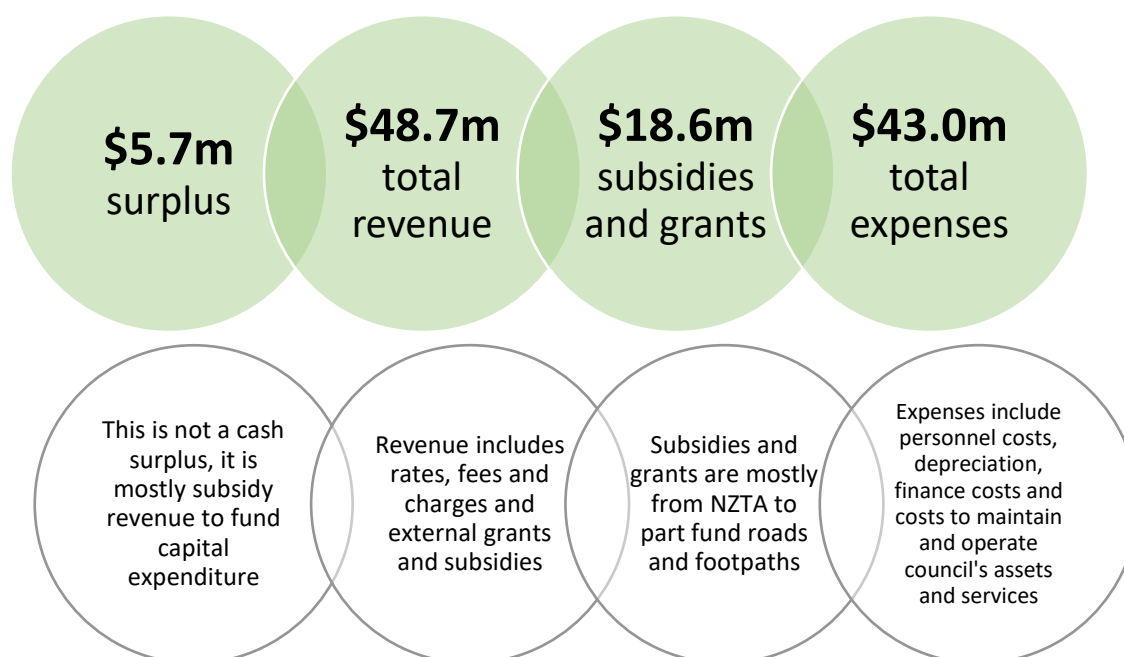
OUR FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

This overview provides a summary of the key highlights of our financial performance for the 12 months ended 30 June 2025.

A snapshot of Council's financial performance for the year

Council's operating surplus for the year was **\$5.7 million**.

The surplus is an accounting surplus and is not a cash surplus. 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, and is not directly due to increases in rates charged.



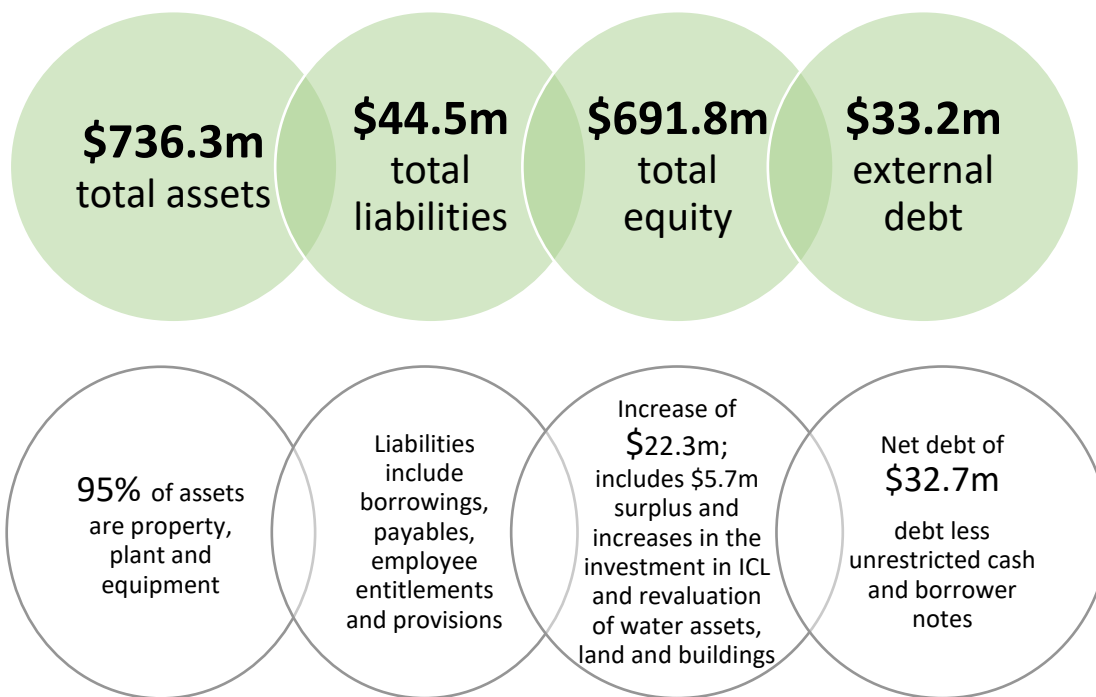
Overall results

Revenue for the year was **\$48.7 million** against a budget of \$46 million. Subsidy revenue was more than forecast due to the timing of road repairs for storm-related damage which were not forecast in the LTP for 2024/25. Some of the of the planned works were still in progress at June 2025 and will continue into 2025/26. Additional revenue was also received for interest and dividend.

Expenses for the year were **\$43.0 million** against a budget of \$43.5 million. Expenditure for maintaining and operating council's assets and services were less than forecast for waste minimisation levy and emissions trading costs due to lower landfill waste volumes, the timing of the district plan development costs against budget, and unspent regulatory budgets for legal expenses and earthquake prone buildings. Staff costs were also less than budget due to a number of vacant positions.

Financial Position

Council's total equity increased to **\$691.8 million**, this was less than the forecast equity of \$703.8 million. The revaluation of water, wastewater, stormwater, land and buildings assets were less than forecast in the LTP. The valuation of the investment in Inframax Construction Ltd was also more than forecast.



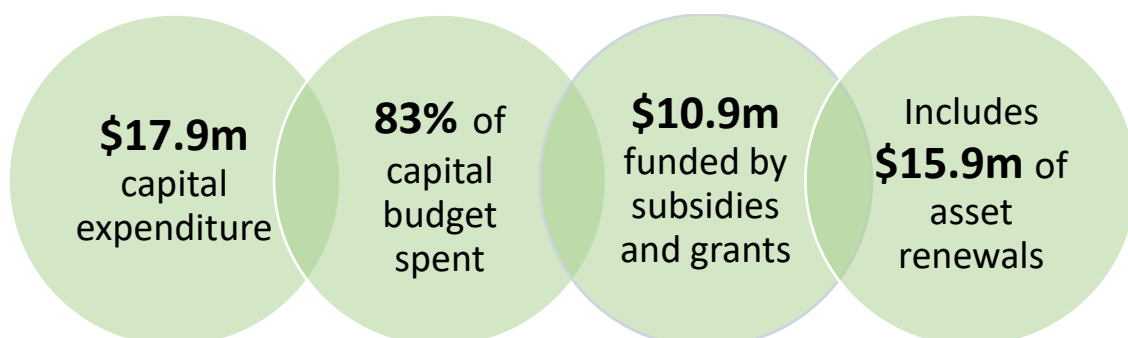
Council borrows externally to fund assets and services that will provide benefit well into the future. Our net debt to total revenue was **64%** which was well within the 165% borrowing limit set in the Financial Strategy.

Council maintained a similar level of borrowing at 30 June 2025 of **\$33.2 million** compared to prior year (2024: \$33.3 million). Borrowings were lower than the LTP forecast for 2024/25 of \$42.5 million.

We were able to maintain a much lower level of debt than forecast as some significant capital projects were delayed. The Te Kūiti water supply resilience project and the Te Kūiti stormwater attenuation ponds project have been re-sequenced as part of the 2025/26 Annual Plan. Council also decided in June 2025 not to proceed with the landfill cell development and gas flaring project. In addition to this several residential properties were sold and dividend revenue was also recognised during the year.

Capital expenditure projects

This year we invested in **\$17.9 million** of capital improvements and renewal of existing infrastructure and other assets across the district. This included additional expenditure on water supply, stormwater and wastewater, sludge removal, Centennial Park grandstand ablutions and changing room upgrades and continued repairs to our roading network from storm damage.



CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

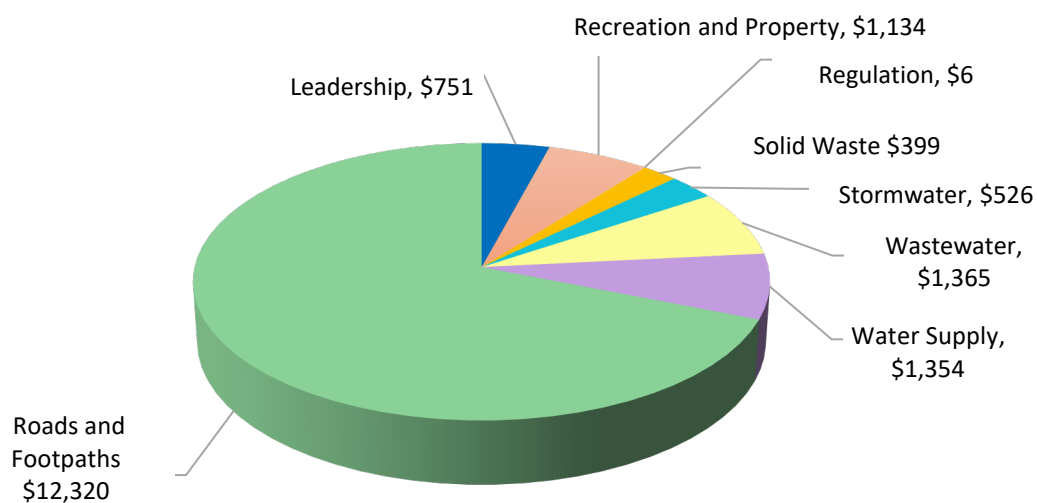
The 2024/25 approved capital budget was \$21.5 million; the actual spend for the capital portfolio was **\$17.9 million**.

Some capital expenditure projects that were not completed during the year will be deferred to the 2025/26 year. Delays occurred due to internal resourcing, severe weather events and reprioritisation of projects.

Some key projects undertaken were:

- Improvement works completed on Te Kūiti Stormwater, Wastewater and Water Supply networks as part of the Carroll Street SH3 upgrades.
- Capital works at the Te Kūiti wastewater treatment plant for sludge removal.
- The Centennial Park grandstand ablutions and changing rooms upgrades were undertaken during the year along with improvements to the cricket pitch and equipment.
- Air conditioning renewal work was undertaken at the Les Munro Centre.
- The Te Kūiti water resilience project has been approved and is underway.
- Pavement rehabilitation projects were tendered and completed within the financial year. This included Mangaotaki Road and Walker Road sites.
- The surface sealing programme has been completed for the year and was undertaken as part of the Maintenance Contract.
- Weather event reinstatements have been a major part of this year's projects with work ongoing on some areas.

TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITY 2024/25 (\$000's)



FINANCIAL REPORTING AND PRUDENCE BENCHMARKS

ANNUAL REPORT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2025

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

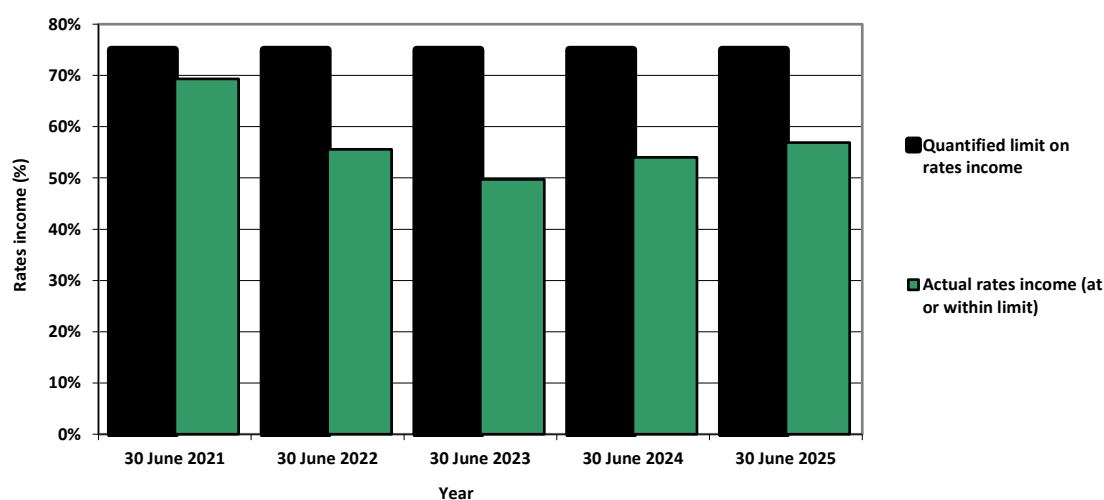
The Council meets the rates affordability benchmark if:

- 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.

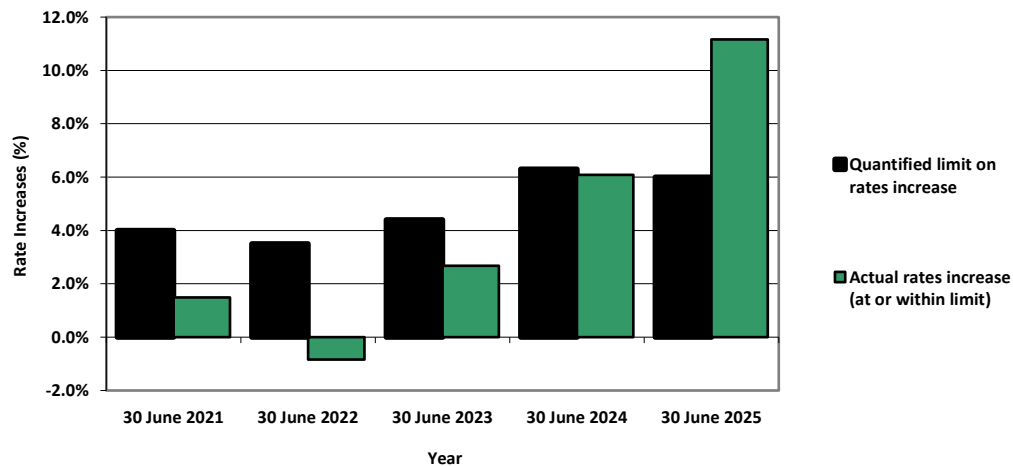
The quantified limit on rates income is that total rates revenue will be limited to 75% of total operating expenditure. Total rates revenue includes penalties for 2024/25. Rates income was 57% of operating expenditure in 2024/25.



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 taken 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 4.33%. The actual rates increase from 2023/24 to 2024/25 was 11.6%.

For June 2021 the rates limit was 4% as set out in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan. 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

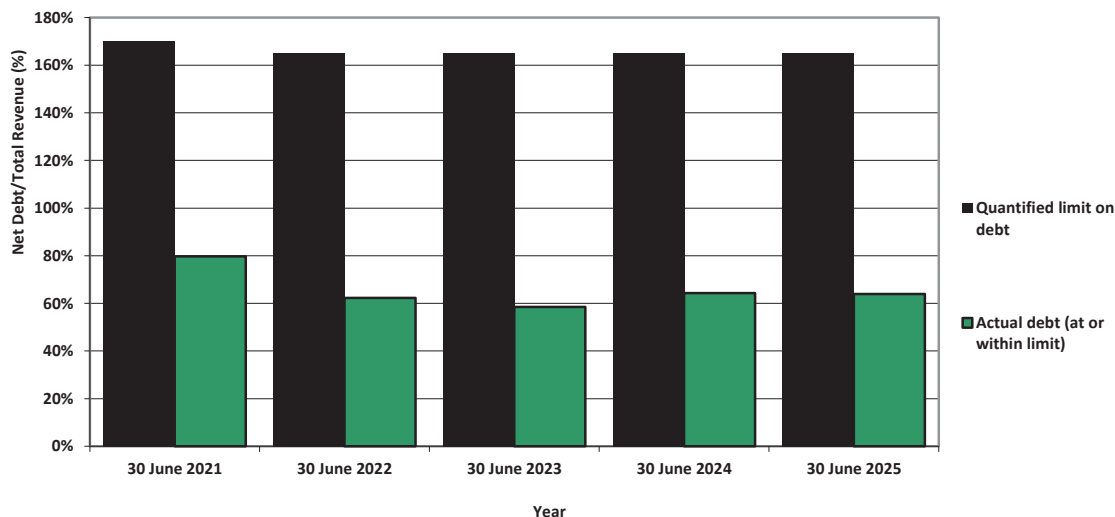
The Council meets the debt affordability benchmark if its actual borrowing is within each quantified limit on borrowing. There are two quantified limits described in the long-term plan.

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.



SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following pages present in summary the financial results for the 2024/25 year.

The financial statements at 30 June 2025 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 9 October 2025 by the Mayor and Chief Executive. The full financial statements were audited by Matt Laing for Deloitte Limited on behalf of the Auditor General, and an unmodified opinion with an emphasis of matter paragraph regarding future of water delivery was issued on 9 October 2025.

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 2024/25 Annual Report can be viewed and downloaded from our website www.waitomo.govt.nz/council/publications.

Water Services Reform Programme

Under the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Services Arrangements) Act (2024) and subsequent Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025, local authorities must prepare water services delivery plans, disclose foundational information for economic regulation, and comply with a new framework for planning, reporting, and financial management of water services. They can choose how to deliver services, through council-controlled organisations, consumer trusts, or joint local government arrangements, but must manage services cost-effectively and sustainably.

Following public consultation, Waitomo District Council (WDC) will deliver water services, excluding stormwater, through a multi-council owned entity, Waikato Waters Limited (WWL). WWL is a multi water services council-controlled organisation (WSCCO). WWL has seven participating councils. The councils have confirmed their transition dates to WWL as follows:

Council	Agreed to Transfer Date
Waitomo District Council	1 July 2026
South Waikato District Council	1 July 2026
Waipa District Council	1 July 2026
Matamata-Piako District Council	1 October 2026
Otorohanga District Council	1 July 2027
Hauraki District Council	1 July 2027

Note:

Taupō District Council has joined Waikato Waters Limited as a shareholder in a limited capacity. Under the arrangement, it will continue to deliver water services in-house with a review within two years.

WDC submitted their Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) on 8 August 2025, to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA). Approval of the WSDP has been received from the Secretary for Local Government on 17 September 2025.

The establishment board for WWL was announced on 27 August 2025. The entity is determining the final business model, principles and methodology for the transition to ensure consistency across the Councils. Fair value assessments to ensure the value of assets and liabilities are a true reflection of the two waters are expected to be required.

All participating Councils are gathering relative information and providing this to WWL as part of the transition process under a range of workstreams as determined by the entity.

WDC are unable to quantify the final financial effects of the decision to deliver the water and wastewater services differently or what the cost of the transition from an operational perspective is at this time, as there are a range of matters being worked through by the new entity as noted above. There is also the impact of post transition that needs to be understood which may have financial impact in relation to how services are delivered, the revenue required to operate, and the cost of services retained in-house that cannot be quantified.

SUMMARY OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

For the financial year WDC reported a net surplus of \$5.7 million compared to a budgeted surplus of \$2.5 million.

(\$'000's)	COUNCIL			GROUP	
	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL
Total Revenue and Gains/(Losses)	46,008	48,668	47,918	75,005	86,355
Total Other Expenses	41,874	41,418	39,671	67,246	76,861
Finance Costs	1,622	1,589	1,633	1,903	1,961
Surplus/(Deficit) Before Tax	2,512	5,661	6,614	5,856	7,533
Income tax expense/(revenue)	0	0	0	218	902
Surplus/(Deficit)	2,512	5,661	6,614	5,638	6,631
Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expenditure					
Revaluation of property, plant and equipment and quarry assets	2,735	16,790	0	16,652	0
Gains/(Losses) from cashflow hedges	0	(838)	(220)	(838)	(220)
Revaluation of financial assets at FVTOCRE	0	643	2,281	0	0
Income tax relating to components of other comprehensive revenue and expense	0	0	0	74	0
Total Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expense	2,735	16,595	2,061	15,888	(220)
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense	5,247	22,256	8,675	21,526	6,411

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

(\$000's)	COUNCIL		GROUP	
	2025 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL
Total Equity				
Balance at 1 July	669,506	660,831	669,206	662,795
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the year	22,256	8,675	21,526	6,411
Balance at 30 June	691,762	669,506	690,732	669,206

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 30 JUNE 2025

(\$000's)	COUNCIL			GROUP	
	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL
Current Assets	7,262	13,552	10,773	20,340	20,191
Non Current Assets	747,105	722,745	700,500	724,358	701,575
Total Assets	754,367	736,297	711,273	744,698	721,766
Current Liabilities	22,033	19,802	25,195	23,490	33,743
Non Current Liabilities	28,538	24,733	16,572	30,475	19,817
Total Liabilities	50,571	44,535	41,767	53,966	53,560
Net Assets	703,796	691,762	669,506	690,732	668,206
Total Equity	703,796	691,762	669,506	690,732	669,206

SUMMARY CASHFLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

(\$000's)	COUNCIL			GROUP	
	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL
Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities	12,625	18,465	15,066	19,015	19,033
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(21,664)	(18,734)	(18,511)	(22,399)	(19,767)
Net Cash Inflow/(outflow) from Financing Activities	9,039	190	4,985	1,660	4,485
Net increase/(decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and bank overdrafts	0	(79)	1,540	(1,724)	3,751
Cash, cash equivalents and bank overdrafts at the beginning of the year	1,553	3,093	1,553	7,129	3,378
Cash at Bank and In Hand	1,553	3,014	3,093	5,406	7,129

FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT

Waitomo District Council: Funding Impact Statement for 2023 to 2025 for Whole of Council (\$000's)	AP 2023/24	Actual 2023/24	LTP 2024-34 2025	Actual 2024/25
Sources of operating funding				
General rates, uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	9,997	10,041	11,328	11,249
Targeted rates	12,523	12,467	14,122	14,162
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	7,675	7,816	7,957	7,653
Fees and charges	4,507	4,456	4,895	4,915
Interest and Dividends from Investments	15	148	66	395
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	249	327	290	346
Total operating funding (A)	34,966	35,255	38,658	38,720
Applications of operating funding				
Payments to staff and suppliers	30,052	29,934	33,022	32,150
Finance costs	1,628	1,633	1,621	1,588
Other operating funding applications	0	0	0	0
Total applications of operating funding (B)	31,680	31,567	34,643	33,738
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A-B)	3,286	3,688	4,015	4,982
Sources of capital funding				
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	8,461	12,338	7,743	10,918
Development and financial contributions	0	0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in debt	8,967	(269)	8,520	22
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	0	66	0	915
Lump sum contributions	41	0	0	0
Other dedicated capital funding	0	0	0	0
Total sources of capital funding (C)	17,469	12,135	16,263	11,837
Applications of capital funding				
Capital expenditure - to meet additional demand	0	0	0	0
Capital expenditure - to improve the level of service	6,098	2,289	7,182	2,002
Capital expenditure - to replace existing assets	16,418	16,928	14,359	15,854
Increase (decrease) in reserves	(1,761)	(3,394)	(1,263)	(1,019)
Increase (decrease) of investments	0	0	0	0
Total applications of capital funding (D)	20,755	15,823	20,278	16,827
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding (C-D)	(3,286)	(3,688)	(4,015)	(4,982)
Funding Balance ((A-B)+(C-D))	0	0	0	0

Events after balance date

On 6 August 2025 Council entered a contract for the Te Kūiti water resilience project with HEB Construction Ltd valued at \$7.7 million. The contract includes constructing a new watermain to directly connect the main reservoirs to the water treatment plant, replacing the existing reservoir adjacent to Te Kūiti Hospital with a larger modern tank and expanding network storage to better manage demand and emergency situations. Construction is expected to begin in early 2026.

On 17 September 2025 Council's Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) was approved by the Secretary of Local Government. Council's transfer date for water supply and wastewater services to Waikato Waters Ltd is 1 July 2026. Stormwater services will continue to be provided by Waitomo District Council.

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 \$5.6 million.

At 30 June 2025 total equity of the Group was \$690.7 million, an increase of \$21.5 million from the prior year. This increase in equity reflects the following net asset increases:

- The Group's after tax surplus of \$5.6 million.
- Current liabilities decreased by \$10.3 million due mainly to the reclassification of Council borrowings to non current liabilities and decrease in payables at year end.
- Non current assets increased by \$22.8 million arising mostly from the revaluation of water, wastewater and stormwater assets at 30 June 2025 and property, plant and equipment additions.
- Non current liabilities increased by \$10.7 million due mainly to the reclassification of some Council borrowings to non current liabilities.

Inframax Construction Ltd

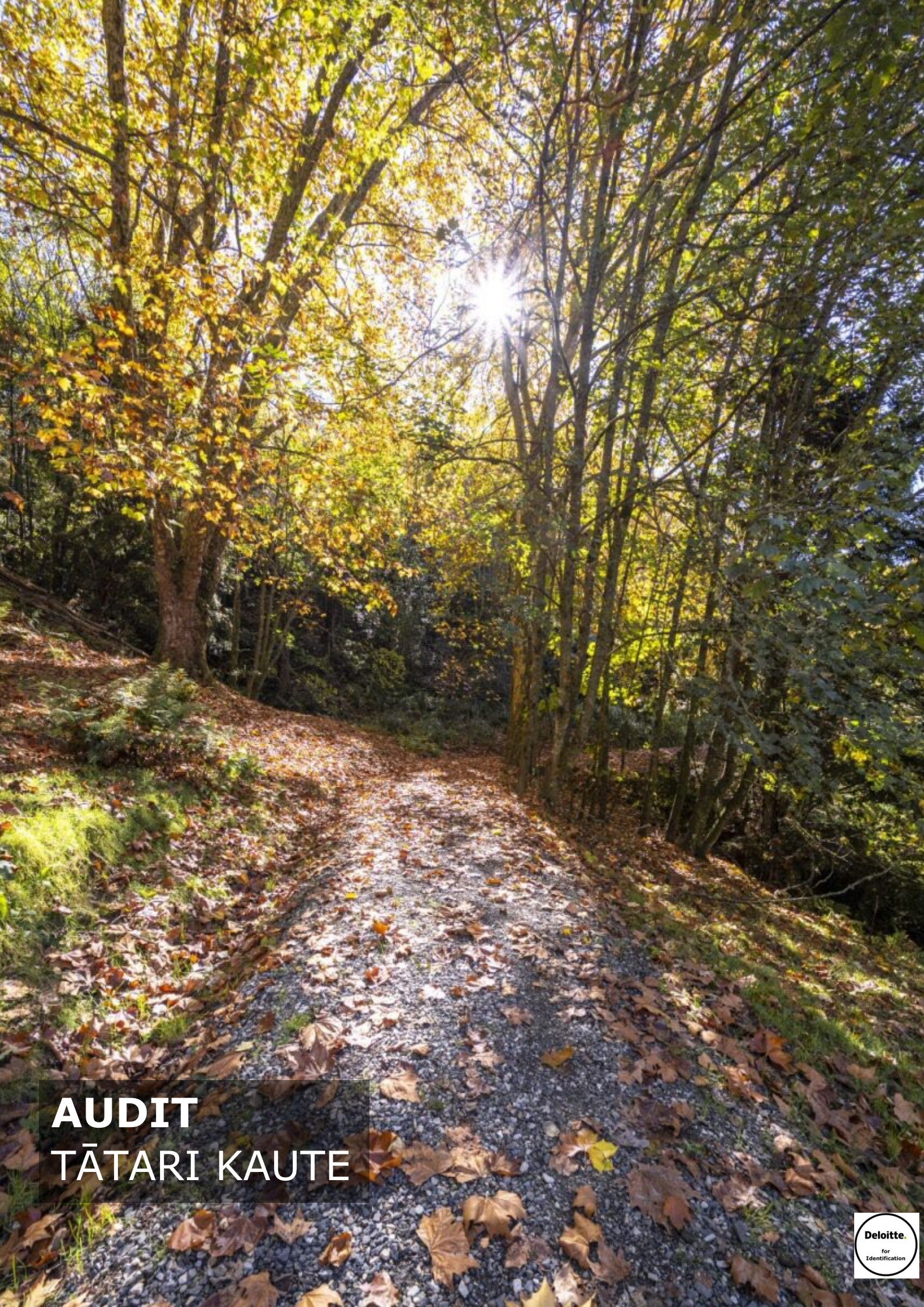
Inframax Construction Ltd have reported another positive year end result, with the reported net profit after tax for the company was \$0.55 million for the year ended 30 June 2025 (2024: \$0.68m).

The equity position of the company increased to \$13.5 million, with an equity ratio of 55%.

Both revenue and expenditure were lower than the prior year, reflecting the challenging economic and market conditions for the road maintenance and construction sector particularly with the downturn in construction work and increased level of competition.

The company also paid a dividend of \$200,000 during the year to Waitomo District Council.

Further information on the company's performance results against the targets set out in the Statement of Intent can be found on page 120, in the full Annual Report.

A photograph of a gravel path winding through a forest in autumn. The path is covered with fallen brown leaves. Tall trees with yellow and green foliage line the path, and sunlight filters through the canopy, creating a bright starburst effect in the upper center.

AUDIT TĀTARI KAUTE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE READERS OF WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCIL'S SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

The summary of the annual report was derived from the annual report of the Waitomo District Council (the 'District Council') for the year ended 30 June 2025.

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

- the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025;
- the summaries of the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2025;
- 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 2025 in our auditor's report dated 9 October 2025.

Emphasis of matter - Future of water delivery

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to pages 17 to 18 which outlines that in response to the Government's Local Water Done Well reforms, the District Council has decided to establish a multi-owned water organisation with South Waikato District Council, Waipā District Council, Matamata-Piako District Council, Ōtorohanga District Council, Hauraki District Council and Taupo



District Council (as a shareholder in a limited capacity) called Waikato Waters Limited to deliver water and wastewater services from 1 July 2026. The financial impact of this decision is unknown because details of the exact arrangements are still being considered.

District Council's responsibility for the summary of the annual report

The District 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 2024-34 long term plan, we have carried out an assurance engagement under the trust deed, which is compatible with those independence requirements. Other than in our capacity as auditor, we have no relationship with, or interests in, the District Council.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Laing", with a horizontal line underneath.

Matt Laing
for Deloitte Limited
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Hamilton, New Zealand
10 October 2025

YOUR COUNCIL



Standing left to right: Councillors Gavin Todd, Eady Manawaiti, Dan Tasker and Janette Osborne

Sitting left to right: Deputy Mayor Allan Goddard, Mayor John Robertson and Councillor Janene New





