

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING NO. CL25-8
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1484 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA
ON THURSDAY, 26 JUNE 2025 AT 9.30AM**

1 KARAKIA

Whakatau mai te wairua	Settle the spirit
Whakawātea mai te hinengaro	Clear the mind
Whakarite mai te tinana	Prepare the body
Kia ea ai ngā mahi	To achieve what needs to be achieved.
Āe	Yes

2 PRESENT

Mayor J Denyer, Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour, Cr T Coxhead, Cr G Dally, Cr M Grainger, Cr A Henry, Cr R Joyce, Cr M Murray-Benge, Cr L Rae, Cr A Sole, Cr D Thwaites and Cr A Wichers.

3 IN ATTENDANCE

M Taris (Interim Chief Executive), R Davie (Deputy CEO/GM Strategy and Community), A Henderson (General Manager Corporate Services), A Curtis (General Manager Regulatory Services), P Watson (Acting General Manager Infrastructure Services), J Fearn (Chief Financial Officers), L Balvert (Communications Manager), R Gallagher (Acting Policy and Planning Manager), J Rickard (Community and Strategic Relationships Manager), R Garrett (Governance Manager), J Abraham (Team Lead Asset Management), S Meredith (Revenue Lead), H Wi Repa (Governance Systems Advisor), M Potton (Finance Contractor), P Jones (Finance Contractor) and P Osborne (Senior Governance Advisor).

4 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION CL25-8.1

Moved: Cr R Joyce
Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

That the apology for absence from Cr Henry be accepted.

CARRIED

5 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

8 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

9 REPORTS

9.1 TOURISM BAY OF PLENTY HALF-YEARLY REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2024 AND STATEMENT OF INTENT 2025-26 TO 2027-28

Council considered a report dated 26 June 2025 from the Community and Strategic Relationships Manager.

Oscar Nathan (General Manager) and Richard Faire (Head of Strategy and Insights) were in attendance on behalf of Tourism Bay of Plenty (TBOP) to present their Six Month Report as PowerPoint Presentation 1.

They responded to pātai as follows:

- TBOP had not explored the changes to the Eligible Investor Category in New Zealand, and what opportunities there may be in increasing international tourism through international investors. It was noted that the International Strategy Outcomes meeting did raise this particular topic, and Priority One was coordinating a lot of the international outcomes.
- It was acknowledged that more housing would be preferable to help with tourism, noting that the biggest accommodation providers were Air B'n'B and holiday parks. It was noted that part of the reason that people were hesitant to come to the region was the perceived lack of commercial accommodation.
- There was hope that the numbers relating to cruises would increase, noting that there had been a shift in thinking in relation to the importance of the cruise sector under the current government.
- It was acknowledged that both Te Arawa and Tauranga Moana should be referenced within the KPI's for Cultural Wellbeing.
- Despite not having a dedicated cruise passenger facility/terminal, Tauranga Port was listed number one for passenger satisfaction, as passengers were able to

disembark directly from the boat and walk around town/Mauao. TBOP saw real benefit in having a passenger facility at the back of Coronation Park at some stage in the future.

- They acknowledged the concern raised that although everyone was rated for this activity, they may not necessarily see the benefit. It was noted that TBOP was looking into the opportunity for a visitor levy attached to different services, to ensure those that were using the service were paying for it.
- Where there was seasonality that put pressure on local resource, TBOP tried to focus on this area in relation to over tourism.
- There were some programmes on TBOP's agenda that they were continuing to work with. It was noted that there were local operators in Waihi Beach who were proactive in making Waihi Beach distinctive from the rest of Aotearoa.

RESOLUTION CL25-8.2

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr A Sole

1. That the Community and Strategic Relationships Manager's report dated 26 June 2025 titled 'Tourism Bay of Plenty Half Yearly Report to 31 December 2024 and Statement of Intent 2025-26 to 2027-28' be received.
2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. That Council receives Tourism Bay of Plenty's Half Yearly Report to 31 December 2024, included as **Attachment 1** to this report.
4. That Council receives the Tourism Bay of Plenty Statement of Intent 2025-26 to 2027-28, included as **Attachment 2** to this report.
5. That Council notes that Tauranga City Council, as joint shareholder, received the Half Yearly Report to 31 December 2024 on 4 June 2025, and will receive the final Tourism Bay of Plenty Statement of Intent 2025-26 to 2027-28 at its Council meeting to be held on 15 July 2025.

CARRIED

9.2 GENERAL RATES CHANGES TO 2025/26 ANNUAL PLAN

Council considered a report dated 26 June 2025 from the Chief Financial Officer. The General Manager Corporate Services supported this discussion by providing an overview of the 'General Rate Funded Changes' and rationale for each change, as highlighted in the report.

It was noted under the Transportation Savings rationale it should state: "*As a result of the Transport Activity being brought in house, and cost efficiencies from the completion*"

of the cycleway project from Tauranga to Ōmokoroa, savings were realised in the 2024/25 financial year.”

Staff responded to pātai as follows:

- The savings number that related to personnel changes was 13 and would be able to be seen through the Annual Report.
- The issues that had been occurring through Council’s current systems were due to loss of inhouse knowledge with staff leaving over the years, as well as the complex taxation structure and the current systems needing to be upgraded. It was noted that an improved review process had been implemented, and specialist advisors brought in to support this analysis. These improvements should see any last-minute changes mitigated in the future.
- Staff reviewed water volumetric consumption and the option of increasing the volumetric charge and/or the fixed charge. Staff felt they had the balance right at this stage between the two, including the assumption on water usage. It was noted that, due to the volumetric charge increasing, there was still some risk if our community decided to reduce consumption and revenue was not met.
- The rebuilding of the General Rate Reserve was required to ensure that Council could deal with emergencies/unknowns if required.
- The General Rate Reserve was the ‘overs’ and ‘unders’ on all general rate activities.
- The numbers discussed at the Audit, Risk and Finance Committee were the actuals for the 2024/25 year, including the landing position for that year. The changes presented today were from the time the draft Annual Plan had been issued and reflected what had been found through the review period.
- With inflation and interest moving at the rate it was, although staff worked with the best figures known to date through the Long Term Plan, the Annual Plan was the opportunity for more accurate figures to be included for that particular year.
- It was noted that as part of the sale of the Electricity Company in the 1980s/1990s, funds were put aside for disaster contingency, noting that there was currently \$9.8 Million.

There was a suggestion from Councillors to consider the following points:

1. That the Council write to the Auditor General requesting assistance in reviewing Council’s Internal Auditing Programme; and
2. That the Council engages forensic accountants with Local Government experience to review the relevant Council finances.

The Interim Chief Executive noted that in relation to engaging forensic accountants, Council would need to determine what the purpose of the investigation would be, as it would need to have a particular focus. This would be an expensive and time-consuming exercise, so Council would have to determine the rationale. For these reasons, it would need further discussion, also noting that this was not common for councils to undertake.

Annual Plan updates provided for the latest information to be reflected and rates to be set. The Interim Chief Executive noted that the Long Term Plan is a forecast.

In relation to Council's Internal Auditing Programme, it was noted that this could be revisited through the Audit, Risk and Finance Committee, including what Council wanted to consider and what the recommendations were. The Interim Chief Executive was supportive of this suggestion.

It was suggested that a paper be brought to an Audit, Risk and Finance Committee workshop to revisit the Internal Audit Programme and consider any possible use of forensic accountants. For this reason, recommendation 2 was added.

RESOLUTION CL25-8.3

Moved: Cr R Joyce
Seconded: Cr M Grainger

1. That the Chief Financial Officer's report dated 26 June 2025 titled 'General Rates Changes to 2025/26 Annual Plan' be received.
2. That Council requests an Audit, Risk and Finance workshop be convened to revisit the Internal Audit Programme and consider any possible use of forensic accountants.

CARRIED

10.44am The hui adjourned.
11.03am The hui reconvened.

9.3 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL PLAN 2025/26, FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULE 2025/26 AND THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES 2025/26

Council considered a report dated 26 June 2025 from the Acting Policy and Planning Manager. The Deputy CEO/General Manager Strategy and Community took the report as read.

RESOLUTION CL25-8.4

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour
Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

1. That the Acting Policy and Planning Manager's report dated 26 June 2025, titled 'Recommendation to Council for the Adoption of the Annual Plan 2025/26,

Financial Contributions Schedule 2025/26 and the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2025/26', be received.

2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of **medium** significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. In accordance with section 80 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council acknowledges that the decision to fund the Community Boards from the general rate in the Annual Plan 2025/26 is inconsistent with Council's Revenue and Financing Policy. The reason is due to the timing of the Local Government Commission determination on the representation review which meant there was inadequate time for consultation on any changes to rating to occur. Council intends to review the approach to funding for community boards as part of the Annual Plan 2026/27.
4. That Council adopts the Annual Plan 2025/26 (**Attachment 2** of this report), as recommended by the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan Committee.
5. That Council adopts the Structure Plans (**Attachment 3** of this report), as recommended by the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan Committee.
6. That Council adopts the Financial Contributions Schedule 2025/26 (**Attachment 4** of this report), supported by the Disclosure Tables for Financial Contributions 2025/26 (**Attachment 5** of this report), as recommended by the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan Committee.
7. That Council adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2025/26 (**Attachment 6** of this report), as recommended by the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan Committee.
8. That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to make such minor editorial changes to the final documents for publishing as may be required.

CARRIED

9.4 SETTING OF THE RATES FOR 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR

Council considered a report dated 26 June 2025 from the Revenue Lead. The General Manager Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer took the report as read.

RESOLUTION CL25-8.5

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

1. That the Revenue Lead's report dated 2025 titled 'Setting of the Rates for 2025/26 Financial Year' be received.
 2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of **high** significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
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3. That Council sets the rates set out in resolutions 4, 5 and, 6 under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Funding Impact Statement in the Annual Plan for 2025/2026, on rating units in the district for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2025 and ending on 30 June 2026, noting that all rates shall be inclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST).
4. That Council approves the General Rate as follows:
General Rate
A general rate is set under section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 at
- A rate of \$0.001064186 in the dollar of capital value on all rateable rating units in the Western Bay of Plenty District.
5. That Council approves the Uniform Annual General Charge as follows:
Uniform Annual General Charge:
- A uniform annual general charge is set under section 15(1)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 at: A rate of \$700.00 per rating unit.
6. That Council approves Targeted Rates as follows:
Targeted Rates:
- The following targeted rates are set under sections 16 and 17 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

Council sets volumetric water targeted rates under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002:

Differential roading targeted rate: A targeted rate for roading set on all rateable land in the district (as an amount in the \$ of land value), set differentially on the following categories:		Amount of the rate (GST Incl.)
RESIDENTIAL / RURAL differential category	\$	0.000654877
COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL / POST HARVEST differential category	\$	0.002619507
Rural Roading Rate: A targeted rate for roading set on all rural-zoned land in the district as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$	380.08

Community board targeted rates	
Community board targeted rates set as a fixed amount per rating unit in respect of all rating units in the relevant area:	
WAIHĪ BEACH - Community Board targeted rate	\$ -
KATIKATI - Community Board targeted rate	\$ -
ŌMOKOROA - Community Board targeted rate	\$ -
TE PUKE - Community Board targeted rate	\$ -
MAKETU - Community Board targeted rate	\$ 170.79
Community Halls targeted rate	
Targeted rates set on all land in the defined areas and set as a fixed amount per rating unit:	
KATIKATI WAR MEMORIAL HALL CHARGE	\$ 15.30
TE PUNA WAR MEMORIAL HALL CHARGE	\$ 12.64
TE PUNA COMMUNITY CENTRE CHARGE	\$ 36.59
PAENGAROA COMMUNITY HALL CHARGE	\$ 48.98
PUKEHINA BEACH COMMUNITY CENTRE CHARGE	\$ 30.34
OHAUITI COMMUNITY HALL CHARGE	\$ 49.25
OROPĪ WAR MEMORIAL HALL CHARGE	\$ 44.94

KAIMAI COMMUNITY HALL CHARGE	\$ 27.87
ŌMOKOROA SETTLERS HALL CHARGE	\$ 19.56
OMANAWA COMMUNITY HALL CHARGE	\$ 31.41
TE RANGA COMMUNITY HALL CHARGE	\$ 34.96
PYES PA COMMUNITY HALL CHARGE	\$ 47.88
TE PUKE WAR MEMORIAL AND SETTLERS HALL CHARGE	\$ 49.70
WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY CENTRE CHARGE	\$ 18.50
WHAKAMARAMA HALL CHARGE	\$ 39.62
Promotion targeted rates	
Targeted rates set on all land in the defined areas and set as a fixed amount per rating unit:	
WAIHĪ BEACH PROMOTION	\$ 19.58
WAIHĪ BEACH PROMOTION COMM/IND	\$ 360.01
KATIKATI PROMOTION CHARGE	\$ 17.78
KATIKATI PROMOTION CHARGE COMM/IND	\$ 504.47
KATIKATI TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT	\$ 23.00
TE PUKE PROMOTION	\$ 18.46
TE PUKE PROMOTION COMM/IND	\$ 279.81
TE PUKE PROMOTION MAKETU	\$ 9.27
Community development and grants targeted rates	
Katikati resource centre targeted rate: A targeted rate set on all land in the following areas set as a fixed amount per rating unit on a differential basis:	
All rating units in Katikati	\$ 8.54
All rating units in Waihi Beach	\$ 4.29
Waihi Beach coastal protection targeted rates	
Rock revetment operational targeted rate: A targeted rate set in respect of the defined area of benefit at Waihi Beach, set as an amount per rating unit.	\$ 219.77
Rock revetment capital targeted rate: A targeted rate set in respect of the defined area of benefit at Waihi Beach, set as an amount per rating unit.	\$ 1,510.64
Rock revetment capital targeted rate lump sum: A targeted rate set in respect of the defined area of benefit at Waihi Beach, set as an amount per rating unit on those rating units that have elected to pay the lump sum.	\$ 11,871.22
Ward targeted rate: A targeted rate set in respect of all rating units in the Waihi Ward area, as an amount per rating unit.	\$ 16.22
Waihi Beach dunes charge – A targeted rate set in respect of all rating units in the Waihi Beach Northern end area of benefit, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 773.88
Waihi Beach dunes charge – A targeted rate set in respect of all rating units in the Waihi Beach Glen Isla Place area of benefit, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 797.10
Pukehina Beach protection targeted rate	
A targeted rate set on all land in the following areas set as a fixed amount per rating unit on a differential basis:	
All rating units in the Coastal area	\$ 67.58
All rating units in the Inland area	\$ 12.05
Western Water targeted rates	
Metered connection targeted rate: A metered water connection targeted rate, set on all rating units with a metered connection to the Western Water scheme as a fixed amount per connection and set differentially based on the size of the connection	
WATER CONNECTION 20MM	\$ 403.45

ADDITIONAL WATER CONNECTION 20MM	\$ 100.86
WATER CONNECTION 25MM	\$ 225.93
WATER CONNECTION 40MM	\$ 1,210.35
WATER CONNECTION 50MM	\$ 2,118.11
WATER CONNECTION 100MM	\$ 9,682.78
WATER CONNECTION 150MM	\$ 22,290.56
Unmetered connection targeted rate: An unmetered water connection targeted rate, set in respect of all rating units connected to the Western Water scheme (but without a metered connection) as a fixed amount per connection	\$ 525.29
Availability targeted rate: An availability targeted rate set as a fixed amount per rating unit in respect of all land which could be connected but is not connected to the scheme	\$ 201.72
Volumetric water targeted rate: A volumetric targeted rate set on all rating units with a metered connection to the scheme as an amount per cubic metre of water consumption.	\$ 1.75
Capital repayment targeted rate: A targeted rate set as a fixed amount per rating unit on all rating units connected to the Woodland Road water supply extension	\$ 606.48
Capital repayment lump sum targeted rate: A targeted rate set as a fixed amount per rating unit on all rating units connected to the Woodland Road water supply extension that have elected to pay the lump sum.	\$ 1,813.37
Central Water targeted rates	
Metered connection targeted rate: A metered water connection targeted rate, set on all rating units with a metered connection to the Central Water scheme as a fixed amount per connection and set differentially based on the size of the connection	
WATER CONNECTION 20MM	\$ 403.45
ADDITIONAL WATER CONNECTION 20MM	\$ 100.86
WATER CONNECTION 25MM	\$ 225.93
WATER CONNECTION 40MM	\$ 1,210.35
WATER CONNECTION 50MM	\$ 2,118.11
WATER CONNECTION 100MM	\$ 9,682.78
WATER CONNECTION 150MM	\$ 22,290.56
Unmetered connection targeted rate: An unmetered water connection targeted rate, set in respect of all rating units connected to the Central Water scheme (but without a metered connection) as a fixed amount per connection	\$ 525.29
Availability targeted rate: An availability targeted rate set as a fixed amount per rating unit in respect of all land which could be connected but is not connected to the scheme	\$ 201.72
Volumetric water targeted rate: A volumetric targeted rate set on all rating units with a metered connection to the scheme as an amount per cubic metre of water consumption.	\$ 1.75
Eastern Water targeted rates	
Metered connection targeted rate: A metered water connection targeted rate, set on all rating units with a metered connection to the Eastern Water scheme as a fixed amount per connection and set differentially based on the size of the connection	
WATER CONNECTION 20MM	\$ 403.45
ADDITIONAL WATER CONNECTION 20MM	\$ 100.86
WATER CONNECTION 25MM	\$ 225.93
WATER CONNECTION 40MM	\$ 1,210.35
WATER CONNECTION 50MM	\$ 2,118.11
WATER CONNECTION 100MM	\$ 9,682.78
WATER CONNECTION 150MM	\$ 22,290.56
Unmetered connection targeted rate: An unmetered water connection targeted rate, set in respect of all rating units connected to the Eastern Water scheme (but without a metered connection) as a fixed amount per connection	\$ 525.29
Availability targeted rate: An availability targeted rate set as a fixed amount per rating unit in respect of all land which could be connected but is not connected to the scheme	\$ 201.72
Volumetric water targeted rate: A volumetric targeted rate set on all rating units with a metered connection to the scheme as an amount per cubic metre of water consumption.	\$ 1.75

Capital repayment targeted rate: A targeted rate set as a fixed amount per rating unit on all rating units connected to the Black Road water supply extension	\$ 587.96
Capital repayment lump sum targeted rate: A targeted rate set as a fixed amount per rating unit on all rating units connected to the Black Road water supply extension that have elected to pay the lump sum.	\$ 1,758.11
Gibraltar water scheme targeted rate: A targeted rate for water supply on all rating units connected to the Gibraltar water scheme, set as an amount per rating unit	\$ 121.96
<u>Waihi Beach wastewater targeted rates</u>	
Availability charge: A targeted rate set on all rating units to which Waihi Beach wastewater services are available, but which are not connected, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 703.96
Connection charge: A targeted rate set on all rating units connected to the Waihi Beach wastewater scheme, set as a fixed amount per rating unit	\$ 1,407.93
Multiple pan charge: A targeted rate set on all rating units connected to the Waihi Beach wastewater scheme, set as a fixed amount per water closet or urinal after the first.	\$ 1,196.74
Waihi Beach School: A targeted rate set for wastewater services in respect of the Waihi Beach School, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 11,817.32
<u>Katikati wastewater targeted rates</u>	
Availability charge: A targeted rate set on all rating units to which Katikati wastewater services are available, but which are not connected, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 703.96
Connection charge: A targeted rate set on all rating units connected to the Katikati wastewater scheme, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 1,407.93
Multiple pan charge: A targeted rate set on all rating units connected to the Katikati wastewater scheme, set as a fixed amount per water closet or urinal after the first.	\$ 1,196.74
Katikati College: A targeted rate set for wastewater services in respect of the Katikati College, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 38,722.81
Katikati Primary School: A targeted rate set for wastewater services in respect of the Katikati Primary School, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 24,373.22
<u>Ōmokoroa wastewater targeted rates</u>	
Availability charge: A targeted rate set on all rating units to which Ōmokoroa wastewater services are available, but which are not connected, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 703.96
Connection charge: A targeted rate set on all rating units connected to the Ōmokoroa wastewater scheme, set as a fixed amount per rating unit	\$ 1,407.93
Multiple pan charge: A targeted rate set on all rating units connected to the Ōmokoroa wastewater scheme, set as a fixed amount per water closet or urinal after the first.	\$ 1,196.74
Ōmokoroa Point School: A targeted rate set for wastewater services in respect of the Ōmokoroa Point School, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 8,150.78
<u>Te Puna West wastewater targeted rates</u>	
Availability charge: A targeted rate set on all rating units to which Te Puna West wastewater services are available, but which are not connected, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 703.96
Connection charge: A targeted rate set on all rating units connected to the Te Puna West wastewater scheme, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 1,407.93
Multiple pan charge: A targeted rate set on all rating units connected to the Te Puna West wastewater scheme, set as a fixed amount per water closet or urinal after the first.	\$ 1,196.74
Capital repayment targeted rate: An optional targeted rate set as a fixed amount per rating unit on all rating units connected to the Te Puna West wastewater scheme.	\$ 1,335.79

Capital repayment lump sum targeted rate: A non optional targeted rate set as a fixed amount per rating unit on all rating units connected to the Te Puna West wastewater scheme that have elected to pay the lump sum.	\$ 8,651.78
<u>Ongare Point wastewater targeted rates</u>	
Availability charge: A targeted rate set on all rating units to which Ongare Point wastewater services are available, but which are not connected, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 703.96
Connection charge: A targeted rate set on all rating units connected to the Ongare Point wastewater scheme, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 1,407.93
Multiple pan charge: A targeted rate set on all rating units connected to the Ongare Point wastewater scheme, set as a fixed amount per water closet or urinal after the first.	\$ 1,196.74
Capital repayment targeted rate: A targeted rate set as a fixed amount per rating unit on all rating units connected to the Ongare Point wastewater scheme.	\$ 1,335.79
Capital repayment lump sum targeted rate: A targeted rate set as a fixed amount per rating unit on all rating units connected to the Ongare Point wastewater scheme that have elected to pay the lump sum.	\$ 8,554.71
<u>Te Puke wastewater targeted rates</u>	
Availability charge: A targeted rate set on all rating units to which Te Puke wastewater services are available, but which are not connected, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 703.96
Connection charge: A targeted rate set on all rating units connected to the Te Puke wastewater scheme, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 1,407.93
Multiple pan charge: A targeted rate set on all rating units connected to the Te Puke wastewater scheme, set as a fixed amount per water closet or urinal after the first.	\$ 1,196.74
Te Puke High School: A targeted rate set for wastewater services in respect of the Te Puke High School, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 45,897.62
Te Puke Intermediate School: A targeted rate set for wastewater services in respect of the Te Puke Intermediate School, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 20,785.81
Te Puke Primary School: A targeted rate set for wastewater services in respect of the Te Puke Primary School, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 16,301.56
Fairhaven Primary School: A targeted rate set for wastewater services in respect of the Fairhaven Primary School, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 21,682.66
Te Timatanga Hou Kōhanga: A targeted rate set for wastewater services in respect of the Te Timatanga Hou Kōhanga, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 2,848.81
<u>Maketu / Little Waihi wastewater targeted rates</u>	
Availability charge: A targeted rate set on all rating units to which Maketu / Little Waihi wastewater services are available, but which are not connected, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 703.96
Connection charge: A targeted rate set on all rating units connected to the Maketu / Little Waihi wastewater scheme, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 1,407.93
Multiple pan charge: A targeted rate set on all rating units connected to the Maketu / Little Waihi wastewater scheme, set as a fixed amount per water closet or urinal after the first.	\$ 1,196.74
Maketu Primary School: A targeted rate set for wastewater services in respect of the Maketu Primary School, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.	\$ 2,848.81
<u>Land drainage targeted rate</u>	
A targeted rate for land drainage set on a differential basis on land in the defined areas and set as a fixed amount per hectare:	
WAIHI LAND DRAINAGE CLASS A	\$ 65.38
WAIHI LAND DRAINAGE CLASS B	\$ 27.16

WAIHI PUMPING DRAINAGE CLASS A	\$	288.52
WAIHI PUMPING DRAINAGE CLASS B	\$	151.61
WAIHI PUMPING DRAINAGE CLASS C	\$	92.68
Stormwater targeted rate		
A stormwater targeted rate set on all land in the following areas set as a fixed amount per rating unit on a differential basis:		
WAIHĪ BEACH STORMWATER CHARGE	\$	489.02
KAURI POINT STORMWATER CHARGE	\$	130.94
ONGARE POINT STORMWATER CHARGE	\$	130.94
TANNERS POINT STORMWATER CHARGE	\$	130.94
TUAPIRO POINT STORMWATER CHARGE	\$	130.94
KATIKATI STORMWATER CHARGE	\$	489.02
ŌMOKOROA STORMWATER CHARGE	\$	489.02
TE PUNA STORMWATER CHARGE	\$	130.94
TE PUKE STORMWATER CHARGE	\$	489.02
PAENGAROA STORMWATER CHARGE	\$	130.94
PUKEHINA STORMWATER CHARGE	\$	130.94
MAKETU STORMWATER CHARGE	\$	130.94
Ōmokoroa greenwaste targeted rate		
A targeted rate for greenwaste facilities on all rating units in Ōmokoroa, set as a fixed amount per rating unit.		
	\$	49.84
Solid waste targeted rate		
A solid waste targeted rate set differentially in respect of all land in the following differential categories as a fixed amount per rating unit:		
Western area WAIHĪ BEACH differential category	\$	102.82
Western area KATIKATI differential category	\$	102.82
Eastern area TE PUKE differential category	\$	87.87
Eastern area MAKETU differential category	\$	87.87
Kerbside collection targeted rate		
A kerbside collection targeted rate set on a differential basis as a fixed amount per rating unit and set in respect of all land in the relevant service area.		
Partial service	\$	113.45
Full service	\$	170.17

7. That Council approves:

- a) Under section 55 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and Council's Discount for early payment of rates in current financial year Policy, a 3% discount will be applied where a ratepayer pays all prior year's rates with no arrears owing, all current year rates in full except volumetric water targeted rates, by the 25 September 2025
- b) Under section 24 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 all General and targeted rates will be due in two instalments, the first on 25 September 2025 and the second on 25 March 2026. Volumetric water targeted rates due dates are as per resolution 9 below.

- c) Under sections 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, the following penalties be applied to unpaid rates, except volumetric water targeted rates (set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act):
- i. A charge of 10 percent on so much of any rates assessed before 1 July 2025, which remains unpaid on 1 July 2025, will be applied as a penalty on or after 3 July 2025.
 - ii. A charge of 10 percent on so much of any instalment that has been assessed after 1 July 2025 and which remains unpaid after the relevant due date as per 7(b) above, will be applied as a penalty on or after 27 September 2025 for instalment one and on or after 27 March 2026 for instalment two.
 - iii. A charge of 10 percent on so much of any rates assessed before 1 July 2025, which remains unpaid six months after 7(c)(i) above will be applied as a penalty on or after 3 January 2026.
8. In accordance with its Rates Postponement for Homeowners Aged Over 65 years Policy, the Western Bay of Plenty District Council sets a \$50.00 postponement fee under section 88 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for the financial year. A \$50.00 fee will be added to the rates when Council grants postponement. This fee is non-refundable and covers the administration costs associated with processing the application.
9. That Council approves Volumetric Water supply rates/invoices will be issued twice during the year. The due dates for the financial year commencing 1 July 2025 and ending on 30 June 2026 are as follows:

Council Supply Zone	Instalment	Due date
Western Supply Zone 1	1	Friday 15 th August 2025
Western Supply Zone 2	1	Friday 12 th September 2025
Central Supply Zone 1	1	Friday 3 rd October 2025
Central Supply Zone 2	1	Friday 24 th October 2025
Eastern Supply Zone 1	1	Friday 14 th November 2025
Eastern Supply Zone 2	1	Friday 5 th December 2025
Western Supply Zone 1	2	Friday 27 th February 2026
Western Supply Zone 2	2	Friday 27 th March 2026
Central Supply Zone 1	2	Friday 17 th April 2026
Central Supply Zone 2	2	Friday 8 th May 2026
Eastern Supply Zone 1	2	Friday 5 th June 2026
Eastern Supply Zone 2	2	Friday 26 th June 2026

CARRIED

9.5 PUKEHINA DEVELOPMENT FUND UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS

Council considered a report dated 26 June 2025 from the Community and Strategic Relationship Manager, who, supported by the Deputy CEO/General Manager Strategy and Community, provided an overview of the report and recommendations therein.

Staff responded to pātai as follows:

- The panel would be made up of the recommended Elected Members and two members of the Residents and Ratepayer Association.
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RESOLUTION CL25-8.6

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

1. That the Community and Strategic Relationship Manager's report dated 26 June 2025 titled 'Pukehina Development Fund Update and Next Steps', be received.
2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. That Council approves the list of projects to be funded from the Pukehina Development Fund, as set out in **Attachment 1**.
4. That Council appoints Councillor Dally and Deputy Mayor Scrimgeour from the Te Puke/Maketu Ward to a grants panel to process applications from identified Pukehina community organisations for up to \$25,000 each, as set out in the list of projects to be funded in **Attachment 1**.

CARRIED

9.6 DEBENTURE TRUST DEED AMENDMENTS

Council considered a report dated 26 June 2025 from the Financial Analyst. The Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of the report and recommendations therein.

Staff responded to pātai as follows:

- This discussion could be added to the Audit, Risk and Finance Committee, and a report back requirement could be included in the recommendation.
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RESOLUTION CL25-8.7

Moved: Cr R Joyce

Seconded: Mayor J Denyer

1. That the Financial Analyst's report dated 26 June 2025 titled 'Debenture Trust Deed Amendments' be received.
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2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. That Council:
 - a. Approves the proposed amendments to the Debenture Trust Deed to enable the issuance of Global Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) Security Stock.
 - b. Authorises two elected members to sign the Deed of Amendment and Restatement on behalf of Council.
 - c. Authorises the Chief Executive to sign the Section 118 Certificate to accompany the amendment.
 - d. Requests that staff report back to the Audit, Risk and Finance Committee on the progress of the Debenture Trust Deed amendments.

CARRIED

9.7 APPOINTMENT OF TANGATA WHENUA REPRESENTATIVE TO SMARTGROWTH LEADERSHIP GROUP

Council considered a report dated 26 June 2025 from the Strategic Kaupapa Māori Manager. The Deputy CEO/GM Strategy and Community provided an overview of the report and the recommendations therein.

Staff responded to pātai as follows:

- There was a particular process/tikanga for Tangata Whenua members to go through in nominating a representative to sit on the SmartGrowth Leadership Group.
- For Elected Members this nomination took place at the beginning of the triennium.
- The iwi/hapū determined their members, noting this did not need to happen every triennium like it did for Elected Members.
- Te Kāhui Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana had a representative on SmartGrowth, as well as Te Ihu o te Waka o Te Arawa.

RESOLUTION CL25-8.8

Moved: Cr L Rae

Seconded: Cr G Dally

1. That the Strategic Kaupapa Māori Manager's report dated 26 June 2025 titled 'Appointment of Tangata Whenua Representative to SmartGrowth Leadership Group', be received.
2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

3. That Council accepts the recommendation of Te Ihu o te Waka o Te Arawa and confirms the appointment of Darlene Dinsdale as a Tangata Whenua representative to the SmartGrowth Leadership Group.
4. That Council notes the decision has also been confirmed by Tauranga City Council on 10 June 2025 and Bay of Plenty Regional Council on 24 June 2025.

CARRIED

9.8 MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

Council considered a report from the Mayor, which was taken as read.

The Mayor responded to pātai as follows:

- He had met with S&P Global to discuss where Council was going and how it was looking, noting that it was a positive meeting, and they were generally happy. It was noted that there was a conversation about a potential rating downgrade, similar to what other Councils were experiencing, however this was something on which Council would have to wait and see.
 - It was noted that the next meeting with Sam Uffindell (Tauranga MP) and Tom Rutherford (Bay of Plenty MP) would be appropriate to have as an all Councillors meeting rather than only with the Mayor. It was noted that there had been an offer for the local Labour spokesperson to meet, to which the Mayor noted he could include all Councillors if they wished.
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RESOLUTION CL25-8.9

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr A Sole

That the Executive Assistant – Mayor/CEO's report dated 26 June 2025 title 'Mayor's Report to Council – 26 June 2025 be received

CARRIED

10 INFORMATION FOR RECEIPT

Nil

11 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

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RESOLUTION CL25-8.10

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

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

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
11.1 - Appointment of Trustees to the Board of Tourism Bay of Plenty	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
11.2 - Te Puna School Wastewater Connection	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
11.3 - Te Puke Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade - Funding Model	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

	<p>who is the subject of the information</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p>	
11.4 - Te Puke Wastewater Treatment Plant - Invent Technology	<p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7</p>
CARRIED		

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRED INTO OPEN SECTION

11.3 TE PUKE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE – FUNDING MODEL

RESOLUTION CL25-8.11

Moved: Cr R Joyce

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

1. That the Infrastructure Capital Delivery Manager's report dated 26 June 2025 titled 'Te Puke Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – Funding Model' be received.
2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of **medium** significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. That Council approves in principle that the updated funding model for the Te Puke Wastewater Treatment Plant be:
 - a. 41.9 % - Existing ratepayers (via the Wastewater Uniform Targeted Rate),
 - b. 12.5 % - Te Puke Growth Stage A (via financial contributions),
 - c. 9.7 % - Te Puke Growth Stage B (via financial contribution loan to be recovered by financial contributions at a later stage, once planning enables it.),
 - d. 35.9 % - Rangiuru Business Park.

4. That Council approves the increase in funding on behalf of Rangiuru Business Park from \$15M to \$17.3M. This is the portion of the development costs to be held as a financial contribution loan by Council and recovered across the business park staged development, from developers, including Quayside. The interest costs associated with the loan are additional to the \$17.3M.
5. That Council approves financial contribution loan funding of \$8.7M, plus an allowance for interest in Council's financial contribution models. The Growth Stage B costs will be recovered through financial contributions or other methods (subject to changes in legislation), once planning enables the growth to occur.
6. That the **Resolution only** be transferred into the open section of the meeting following the Council meeting held 26 June 2025.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 1.51pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record at the Council meeting held 24 July 2025.

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Mayor J Denyer
CHAIRPERSON / MAYOR