

Ashburton District Council

AGENDA

Notice of Meeting:

A meeting of the Ashburton District Council will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 3 April 2024

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Hine Paaka Council Chamber
Te Whare Whakatere, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton

Membership

Mayor	Neil Brown
Deputy Mayor	Liz McMillan
Members	Leen Braam
	Carolyn Cameron
	Russell Ellis
	Phill Hooper
	Lynette Lovett
	Rob Mackle
	Tony Todd
	Richard Wilson

Meeting Timetable

Time	Item
1.00pm	Council meeting commences
1.15pm	Deputation: Carters Creek Catchment Group
1.30pm	Kiwirail – Alan Piper (Executive GM)
2.30pm	James Meager MP
2.50pm	Welcome to new and long-serving staff
3.30pm	Fonterra – Rob Stevens, Tom Munro and Mat Cullen (Public excluded)

1 Apologies

- Cr Rob Mackle

2 Extraordinary Business

3 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant and to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

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Business Transacted with the Public Excluded

11	Council 20/03/24		PE 1
	- Service provider CE review	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities	
	- West St carpark	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities	
	- CE 6 month review	Section 7(2)(a) Protection of privacy of natural persons	
	[Now in open meeting]		
	- EPH Units – 1-16 Friendship Lane – funding for redevelopment		
12	Library & Civic Centre PCG – 19/03/24	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities	PE 2
13	Sale of Building	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities	PE 5

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4. Council Minutes – 20 March 2024

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 20 March 2023, commencing at 1pm in the Hine Paaka Council Chamber, Te Whare Whakaterere, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton.

Present

His Worship the Mayor, Neil Brown; Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan and Councillors Leen Braam, Carolyn Cameron, Russell Ellis, Phill Hooper, Lynette Lovett, Rob Mackle and Richard Wilson.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Toni Durham (GM Democracy & Engagement), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Leanne Macdonald (GM Business Support), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Sarah Mosley (GM People & Facilities) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Ian Hyde (Planning Manager), Nicholas Law (Senior Planner), Mark Chamberlain (Roading Manager), Mark Low (Strategy & Policy Manager), Femke van der Valk (Corporate Planner), Ian Soper (Open Spaces Manager), Christian Chukwuka (Ecologist/Biodiversity Officer) and Renee Julius (Property Manager).

1 Apologies

Cr Tony Todd (absence) and Cr Phill Hooper (early departure) Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

Presentations

- Civic Financial Services – 1.06pm-1.20pm
- Ashburton Water Zone Committee – 2.32pm-2.50pm

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 6/03/24

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 March 2024, be taken as read and confirmed.

Cameron/McMillan Carried

5 Methven Community Board – 11/03/24

That Council receives the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 11 March 2024.

Cameron/Lovett Carried

Civic Financial Services

Chief Executive, Charlie Howe provided an overview of Riskpool, the public liability insurance for councils. Council was reminded that the mutual liability fund provided cover to member councils from July 1997 until June 2017 when members decided to close down the scheme.

Weather tightness had become an issue throughout NZ, the fund couldn't cope with the demand, and insurers no longer wanted to be involved. During the wind-up period, there have been some late notified claims.

A call was made on member councils in December for payment and all responded. Riskpool will continue to keep member councils informed and ADC will be provided with the detail of the approximately 60 claims made from this district.

The presentation concluded at 1.20pm.

6 District Plan Change 5

1. **That** Council adopts the Commissioner's recommendations attached to this report in respect of Plan Change 5 to the Ashburton District Plan comprising alterations to:

- Provision of cycle parking and mobility parking standards
- Provision for the assessment of high trip generation activities
- Consequential amendments to various sections resulting from the implementation of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development
- Updates to the Roading Hierarchy tables in the Transportation section.

Ellis/Cameron

Carried

7 Adoption of Long-Term Plan 2024-34 – Supporting Information

The Strategy & Policy Manager presented information that will be consulted on as part of the Long-Term Plan, including rating systems maps and proposed fees and charges.

Officers will clarify the following –

- 1) Clarification on whether the new (\$75) event application fee would be charged to 'not for profit' organisations.
- 2) Whether a hyperlink to Infometrics data can be included in the Financial Strategy (pg 173)
- 3) Whether a comment can be included (fees & charges) to encourage events at the Ashburton Airport.

The Mayor questioned the need to extend the Rakaia waste services collection area to the extent proposed and suggested that it instead be reduced to a distance of approximately 1km from the wastewater treatment area.

That the Rakaia waste collection rating map show the area of service extended approximately 1km from the existing boundary to the new subdivision.

Mayor/Cameron

Carried

The Chief Executive recorded his thanks to the Officers involved in getting the Long-Term Plan to this stage. Council will now look forward to feedback from the community.

1. **That** Council adopts the LTP 2024-34 supporting information for consultation.
2. **That** Council approves the Rating Map revisions, as amended, as outlined for consultation

Mayor/Lovett

Carried

8 Adoption of Long-Term Plan 2024-34 Consultation Document

1. **That** Council adopts the Long-Term Plan 2024-34 consultation document and undertakes consultation with the community from 27 March to 28 April 2024.

Cameron/Ellis

Carried

9 Adoption of Biodiversity Strategy 2024

Council agreed to amend references to significant natural areas to show that consideration is being given central government's intentions. With a 12 month review clause in the Strategy, Council will await further direction from the Minister before reconsidering the future of SNAs.

[Sections 1.1A, 1.1# and the Glossary were amended]

That Council adopts the Biodiversity Strategy 2024.

Lovett/McMillan

Carried

Ashburton Water Zone Committee

Zone Committee Chair, Bill Thomas presented the Committee's Annual Progress Report 2022-23 and 2024 update. *[Powerpoint presentation circulated]*

10 Stockwater Closure – SKW/008/23 – Ashburton River Road

1. **That** Council approves the closure of the stockwater race starting on PN: 25334 – Ashburton River Road, Methven to a junction on PN: 379 – 50 McNeill's Road, Methven, being a total of 9,623m.
2. **That** the closure be effective from 21 September 2024.

Wilson/Braam

Carried

Cr Hooper left the meeting at 3.03pm.

11 Stockwater Closure – SKW/010/23 Wilkinsons Road

1. **That** Council approves the closure of the stockwater race starting on PN: 24668 – Wilkinson Road, Chertsey to two points on PN: 20140 – Chertsey Kyle Road, Chertsey, being a total of 5,220m.
2. **That** the closure be effective from 21 June 2024.

Lovett/Ellis

Carried

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 3.08pm to 3.29pm.

12 Ashburton Car Club road closure – street sprints

That Council permits the temporary road closure of Smallbone Drive, Robinson Street, Watson Street and McNally Street from 7.00 pm on Friday, 26 April 2024 until 8.00 pm on Sunday, 28 April 2024 and the temporary road closure of Range Street from 6.00 pm Saturday, 27 April 2024 until 6.30 am on Sunday, 28 April 2024 to allow the Street Sprint Meeting to be held.

Ellis/Cameron

Carried

13 Mayor's Report

That the Mayor's report be received.

Mayor/Cameron

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.32pm

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely – the general subject 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 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Item No	General subject of each matter to be considered:	In accordance with Section 48(1) of the Act, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter:	
15	Council – 6/03/24	Sections 7(2)(a) & h)	Protection of privacy of natural persons & Commercial activities
16	EPH Friendship funding	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
17	Service Provider – CE Performance Review	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
18	West Street carpark	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
19	CE 6 Month Performance Review	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons

Ellis/McMillan

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

- **EPH Units at 1-16 Friendship Lane – Funding for redevelopment**
 1. **That** Council approves the required loan funding of \$1,631,194 spread over the life of the project, including the current annual plan 2023/24.
 2. **That** Council approves any under-spend of the \$800,000 loan currently budgeted in the 2023/24 annual plan, be carried into 2024/25 for the continuation of the project.

Braam/Ellis

Carried

Council resumed in open meeting and concluded at 4.15pm.

Confirmed 3 April 2024

MAYOR

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5. *Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee – 5/03/24*

Minutes of the Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5 March 2024, commencing at 9.30am in the Wakanui Room, Te Whare Whakaterere, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton.

1 Welcome and Apologies

That apologies for absence be received from Ben Grant (NZ Police), Lucy Mehrstens (Road Safety – South Canterbury), David Scarlett

John Skevington/Richard Wilson

Carried

Present:

Neil Brown	Mayor	Andrae Gold	ACADS
Liz McMillan	ADC Deputy Mayor (Chair)	Lesley Symington	Safer Mid Canterbury
Phill Hooper	ADC Councillor	Steve Ochsner	FENZ
John Keenan	Waka Kotahi	Stephen Burgerhout	NZ Police
James Long	Waka Kotahi	Shane Cochrane	NZ Police
Neil Simons	Principals Association	Jim Crouchley	Ia Ara Aotearoa/Transporting NZ
John Skevington	Automobile Association		

In attendance:

Mark Chamberlain	Roading Manager	Carol McAtamney	Governance Support Officer
Georgie Wilson	Road and Safety Technician		

2 Notification of Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Principals Association

Wording to be changed to ‘ is occasionally not able to attend the meetings’

That the minutes of the Ashburton District Road Safety Coordinating Committee meeting held on 5 December 2023, incorporating the above amendment, be taken as read and confirmed.

John Keenan/Phill Hooper

Carried

4 Correspondence

Nil

5 Reports/Agency Updates

5.1 Ashburton District Road Safety

A request is to be made for CoDriVR usage status reports to be grouped in districts rather than individual schools.

It was noted that flush medians on highways are not being used correctly and it was suggested that an advertising campaign be undertaken to educate drivers on how to use them correctly.

5.2 Waka Kotahi/NZTA

Tinwald Corridor Improvements projects

The estimated completion date is May 2024.

It was noted that at times there is no construction work being carried out on the main road at the Carters Terrace intersection however there are still traffic cones on site with a 30km speed limit which is hindering traffic. Request is to be made for the road cones to be scaled back to improve traffic flow over the upcoming busy weekends.

Speed Limit Changes

The Committee have requested that the Mayor endorse a letter to the Minister of Transport, Simeon Brown with MP James Meager copied in, requesting action on lowering the speed limit on the outskirts of Methven outside the new Ōpuke Thermal Pools & Spa from 100kph to 50kph.

[Post meeting update]

There was an error in the report submitted by NZTA in advance of the meeting. The report stated that;

The planned 23-24 interim speed management changes for Methven and Rakaia townships are affected by these changes. Rakaia has already been taken off the list for the NLTP 21-24 ISMP projects due to a recent reprioritisation.

The Rakaia speed limit change has not been reprioritised at this time.

John Keenan

It was noted that John Keenan has resigned from Waka Kotahi/NZTA and this was his last Road Safety meeting. The Chair expressed thanks and appreciation to John for his contributions over the years.

Automobile Association

- There are an additional 1,000 sets of cycle lights for the 'Be Safe – Be Seen' project some of which are earmarked to be distributed in the Ashburton district.
- John advised that he had been re-elected as Chair of the AA Board for another year.

Police

- Currently having issues with tractors towing trailers with unsecured loads. Fed Farmers are to be approached to put a reminder re securing loads in their newsletter.
- New legislation to come into force on Friday, vehicles that fail to stop for Police can be impounded for up to a six month period.

Ia Ara Aotearoa/Transporting NZ

- Still have concerns with the stock effluent dumpsite in Tinwald, alternative locations are being investigated.
- Concerns with the new six month vehicle impound rule, if the driver is not the owner of the vehicle what are the vehicle owners rights.

Safer Mid Canterbury

- Initial signs are being drawn up for the Bike Skills Park and funding is being sought.

ACADS

- CAP report will be available for next month's meeting.

6 Next Meeting

The next meeting date is Tuesday 4 June 2024 at 9.30am.

Meeting closed at 10.53am.

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6. *Endorsement of Carters Creek Catchment Group Submission to ECan LTP 2024-34*

Author *Tayyaba Latif; Policy Advisor*
Activity manager *Mark Low; Strategy & Policy Manager*
Group manager *Toni Durham; Democracy & Engagement*

Summary

- The purpose of this report is to extend Council's endorsement for the submission Carters Creek Catchment Group is making to ECan on their draft LTP.

Recommendation

1. **That** Council endorses Carters Creek Catchment Group's submission to ECan's draft Long-Term Plan 2024-34.

Attachment

Appendix 1 Carters Creek Catchment Group Submission

Background

The current situation

1. Environmental Canterbury (ECan) is consulting in their Long Term Plan (LTP) between 13 March to 14 April 2024.
2. Carter's Creek Catchment Group (CCCG) was formed in April 2023 to advocate for improvements in water quality and water drainage.
3. CCCG operates under the umbrella of Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective and is backed by the Lake Hood Water Quality Taskforce and Ashburton District Council.
4. CCCG is writing in support of ECan's proposed river engineering project to undertake urgent flood investigation of Carters Creek which flows into Lake Hood and also covers Lagmhor Creek.
5. CCCG is seeking Council's endorsement of their submission to ECan and also urges council to support CCCG's argument in its own submission to ECan.

Options analysis

Option one – Council endorse CCCG submission to ECan's draft LTP 2024-34 (recommended option)

6. Under this option council will endorse CCCG's submission and will also extend its support in Council's own submission to ECan.

<p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will help raise a consolidated voice on water quality issues impacting our district. 	<p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None identified.
<p>Risks: There is no risk associated with this option.</p>	

Option two – Do Nothing

7. Council can decide to stay silent on the issue.

<p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None identified. 	<p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council may miss the opportunity to press upon the issue of water quality in Lake Hood which is going to be our responsibility to maintain starting 1 July 2024.
<p>Risks: There's no risk associated with this option.</p>	

Legal/policy implications

8. Endorsing a submission does not breach or trigger any statutory or legal duty of the Council.

Climate change

9. There are no obvious linkages between the content of the report and climate change mitigation or adaptation.

Strategic alignment

Wellbeing		Reasons why the recommended outcome has an effect on this wellbeing
Economic	χ	The topic of the report will help improve the environmental wellbeing of the district.
Environmental	✓	
Cultural	χ	
Social	χ	

Financial implications

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	Consultation costs covered by existing budgets.
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	Yes
Where is the funding coming from?	Strategy & Policy budget
Are there any future budget implications?	No
Reviewed by Finance	Not required.

Significance and engagement assessment

Requirement	Explanation
Is the matter considered significant?	No
Level of significance	Low
Level of engagement selected	1. Inform
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	This has low significance and is in support of a local group's position of ECan's LTP 2024-34. No wider engagement is required.
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	Mark Low; Strategy & Policy Manager

Submission Carters Creek Catchment Group

“The Carters Creek Catchment Group – backed by the Lake Hood Water Quality Taskforce and Ashburton District Council – is submitting in support of a proposed Environment Canterbury river engineering project to undertake an urgent flood investigation of Carters Creek which flows into Lake Hood (also covering Lagmhor Creek). The project will look at potential flooding mitigations and ways to make Carters Creek flow more effectively and safely for the people who live either side of it. We understand the project has been scheduled in Environment Canterbury’s 2024/2034 Long Term Plan for 2025/2026 through to 2028/2029, but we are advocating for earlier commencement.

It is vital that this project proceeds at pace to provide flooding resilience for our Tinwald and upper Lake Hood communities which have been subject to regular flooding events due to the creek’s inability to carry the level of water that it now receives. Carters Creek is an Environment Canterbury managed drain but is an anomaly in the Hinds Ashburton Drainage District in that unlike every other drain managed in this scheme, it is the only one with the ability to impact large numbers of urban and rural households when it overflows.

Additionally, this project has the dual benefit of potentially reducing or removing phosphorous-enriched water entering Lake Hood, which is arguably Ashburton District’s most popular recreational asset. In the past two years, algae blooms occurring in Lake Hood have been attributed partly to Carters Creek water entering the lake. Potentially diverting or reducing flows will mitigate this impact. Lake Hood is the only accessible and safe recreational water body for this community (when algae are not present) within a short distance of the Ashburton and is well used by a range of aquatic sporting groups across the South Island.

The Carters Creek Catchment Group formed in April 2023 to advocate for improvements in water quality and drainage for the creek. Our members include Lake Hood residents, those living on rural blocks upstream of the lake and urban Tinwald residents. The group is about to commission a landscape management concept plan to develop a vision for what the creek could look like with improved drainage and water quality. Our members are keen to work with the Lake Hood Water Quality Taskforce to come up with a shared approach to implementing these improvements. Ultimately, once drainage and water quality improvements are underway, the group will instigate conversations with the community around biodiversity values, but until we rectify the immediate threat that Carters Creek poses to households due to flooding risk and the implications for the lake’s health, we can’t have these conversations.

Please help us make Carters Creek an asset, rather than a problem. We are happy to come and speak in support of our submission.

Kind regards,

Willy Leferinks



Chairman, Carters Creek Catchment Group

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7. *Environment Canterbury Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-34: Submission*

Author *Tayyaba Latif; Policy Advisor*
Activity manager *Mark Low; Strategy & Policy Manager*
Group manager *Toni Durham; Group Manager, Democracy & Engagement*

Summary

- The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a submission to the Environment Canterbury Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-34.
- The submission is due Sunday 14 April 2024.

Recommendation

1. **That** Council receives the report;
2. **That** Council approves the submission to Environment Canterbury on the draft Long-Term Plan 2024-34.

Attachment

Appendix 1 Ashburton District Council draft submission

Background

The current situation

1. Environment Canterbury are currently consulting on their draft Long-Term Plan 2024-34.

2. The [consultation document](#) poses three significant decisions:

i. Environmental Regulation and Protection

- Option 1: Effective Environmental Regulation and Protection services with significant investment towards community funding.
- Option 2: Effective Environmental Regulation and Protection services with reduced investment towards community funding to manage cost pressures. *(Preferred Option)*
- Option 3: Reduces investment for Environmental Regulation and protection services.

ii. Community Preparedness and Response to Hazards

- Option 1: Effective and efficient Community Preparedness and Response to Hazards services with significant increase in investment across the service.
- Option 2: Effective Community Preparedness and Response to Hazard services with less additional investment and use of debt funding to manage cost pressure. *(Preferred Option)*
- Option 3: Compromised Community Preparedness and Response to Hazard services through reduced investment in flood and river resilience.

iii. Public Transport

- Option 1: Full investment in committed work programme of service improvement. *(Preferred Option)*
- Option 2: Slow delivery of service improvements.
- Option 3: Public Transport futures delivery as the only service improvement, removing our ability to respond to changes in the network.

3. The proposed increase in total rates is 24.2% in Year 1, 13.6% in Year 2, and 8.3% in Year

3. The proposed average rate increases across the 10 years is 6.5%.

4. Officers have prepared draft submission for the council to consider and approve.

Options analysis

Option one – Do nothing

5. This is not the recommended option. Council may decide to stay silent and not make a submission on the Plan.

<p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None identified. 	<p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council may miss the opportunity to advocate on behalf of the district.
<p>Risks:</p> <p>Small degree of reputational risk associated with this option.</p>	

Option two – Approve the submission as attached in Appendix One (recommended option)

6. This option would see Council officers lodge the attached submission to Environment Canterbury.

<p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council can express its views on proposals included in the Draft ECan LTP 2024-34 on behalf of the Ashburton District community. 	<p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None identified.
<p>Risks:</p> <p>There is no risk associated with this option.</p>	

Legal/policy implications

7. The lodging of a submission does not breach or trigger any statutory or legal duty of the Council.

Climate Change

8. Environmental Canterbury plays a vital role at regional level on the issues related to climate change.

Financial implications

9. There are no financial implications in making this submission.

Strategic alignment

Wellbeing		Reasons why the recommended outcome has an effect on this wellbeing
Economic	✓	The topic of the report is related to economic and environmental wellbeing of the district.
Environmental	✓	
Cultural	χ	
Social	χ	

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	Officer resource in preparing the submission. This has been met from within existing operating budgets.
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	Yes
Where is the funding coming from?	Strategy & Policy
Are there any future budget implications?	No
Reviewed by Finance	No

Significance and engagement assessment

10. The overall significance level in regards to the preparation of this submission is considered low.

Requirement	Explanation
Is the matter considered <i>significant</i> ?	No
Level of significance	Low
Level of <i>engagement</i> selected	1 - Inform
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	The submission has been developed following consideration of the plan in liaison with relevant Council officers. There is no wider community engagement required and community members are able to lodge their own submissions relating to ECan's proposals.
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	Mark Low; Strategy & Policy Manager

8. Council supports the prioritising Ashburton River/Hakatere in river review scheme for 2024/25. We encourage partnership with council and key agencies as this work proceeds.
9. Council supports proposed schemes and projects listed for maintenance and capital expenditure in Ashburton District and acknowledge the significance of work planned in the draft plan.
10. In ADC's draft LTP 2024/34, we are consulting with the community on whether we should get out of providing the Stockwater service by 30 June 2027. We look forward to discussing the implications of this, including any role ECan will play in stockwater channels that remain.

Carters Creek

11. Council supports the proposed maintenance expenditure (\$1,500,000 in 2027-2029) and capital expenditure (\$1,500,000 in 2028-2030) on Carters Creek but requests that this work is brought forward in the final Long Term Plan. Carters Creek has been the cause of flooding of residential properties and roads through Tinwald on multiple occasions in recent years. Therefore, Council strongly supports any work that can be undertaken to reduce or eliminate the risk of flooding for these affected residents by diverting flood flows to the Ashburton River.
12. Carters Creek is also a contributor to the water quality issues at Lake Hood, as the creek discharges directly into the north-western corner of the lake. Council is aware through water quality testing that Carters Creek contains high phosphorous levels, particularly during storm and high flow events. As increased phosphorous levels are one of the main contributors to poor water quality in Lake Hood (resulting in the recent algal blooms), Council supports any action that can be taken to remove flood flows from entering Lake Hood. In this regard, Council endorses the Carters Creek Catchment Group's submission and encourages earlier consideration of the work required.

Ashburton River Consent Review

13. Council would also like Environment Canterbury to consider allocating funding towards reviewing the appropriateness of the recent Ashburton River consent review process that imposed new Ashburton River minimum flow conditions on consent holders. The new minimum flow restrictions that took effect from 1 July 2023 have had dire consequences for our Ashburton community, including many unable to irrigate farm land in the summer of 2023/24, the loss of biodiverse ecosystems in Greenstreet Creek and the inability for river water to even be taken into Lake Hood under the current consent or via a new non-consumptive take.

Lake Hood Water Quality

14. Council is the predominant landowner of Lake Hood and surrounding land. Due to the new Ashburton River minimum flow restrictions, very little water has been able to be taken from the Ashburton River into the lake over the 2023/24 summer. Expert advice received is that one of the contributors to the algal bloom in the lake is the inability to take sufficient water to flush the lake. Council and the Lake Hood Water Quality Taskforce are currently working through mitigation options to improve water quality in the lake and would appreciate assistance from Environment Canterbury where possible. One of Council's priorities is to find a way to increase water flows into Lake Hood from the river in order to improve water quality, however the ability to do so is severely restricted due to the Ashburton River minimum flows. Council would therefore support funding being allocated to review the recent Ashburton River consent review

and undertake a plan change/further consent review to enable more practical and appropriate restrictions are in place.

Mt Somers

15. This community has experienced flooding during recent heavy rainfall events (most notably the 2021 Canterbury Floods) that has both inundated and threatened residential dwellings within the Mt Somers Township. It is noted that due to the regular occurrence of flooding some residential property is unable to be insured given the threat of repeat inundation.
16. Our team at Ashburton District Council have recently completed investigations into a potential cut-off drain to protect Mt Somers Township from rural catchment flooding. The investigations are still to be formally completed with our Council, but the output from the work will form the basis of future discussions with Environment Canterbury officers.
17. Council would support appropriate funding provision being made to progress further work on this matter towards finalising a practical solution to address this flooding risk.

Consultation Topics

Environmental Regulation & Protection | Ngā mahi tiakina me ngā whakaritenga taiao

18. Council supports Environment Canterbury's Option 2 that enables effective and efficient environment regulation and protection services through reduced investment towards community funding.
19. Council notes that reduced investment on community incentive and grants funding may reduce our community's ability to progress the projects within the district.
20. Council supports Environment Canterbury role in pest management which leads to preservation of natural and indigenous environment. We would draw your attention to recent sightings of wallaby in Ashburton District and seek collaborative action to enable effective results.
21. Council supports the development of a regional integrated plan by 2028 as we see value and effectiveness in taking an omnibus approach that combines the Land and Water Regional Plan, Regional Coastal Environmental Plan, and the Regional Air Plan into a single regulatory plan. We urge ongoing liaison with Council over this period of review.
22. Council strongly believes that Environment Canterbury's biosecurity and biodiversity functions are people focused activities, therefore, we suggest it would be more appropriate to fund these through the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC).
23. Council supports proposed increased investment to improve consents delivery timeframes. We believe that delays to resource consenting has immense implications for the wider Canterbury community and the consequential impacts on the ECan reputation as regulator.

Community Preparedness and Response to Hazards | Te whakarite hapori me ngā urupare mōrearea

24. Council supports Environment Canterbury's ongoing crucial role towards flood protection and resilience work.
25. Council supports ECan taking a greater role in investigating and providing solutions for managing rural land drainage particularly where such flows are impacting on rural townships.

26. Council supports Option 2 in principle and welcomes increased investment in Civil Defence and Emergency Management as it improves the region's capability to respond to events.
27. Council notes that in Civil Defence and Emergency Management, maintaining workload has been challenging over the years due to resource shortage. We support uplift in the number of staff as this will enable coordination of training across the group and delivery of consistent messaging to the community, as clear and consistent communication is one of the most effective form of preparedness we can do to respond to the emergency situations.
28. Council supports inclusion of new service measures 19, 20, 21, &22 and believe that this will help achieve enhanced resilience and improved service delivery.
29. Council supports Environment Canterbury's ongoing work on climate change, adaptation, mitigation, and resilience.
30. Council officers and elected members participate in the work of the Regional Climate Change Councillor Workshop, Canterbury Climate Change Working Group, Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Group and the Canterbury Natural Hazard Risk Reduction Group. We support continued collaborative action to maximise the benefits of sharing knowledge and resources in these areas.
31. Council do not support increasing the use of general rate and targeted rates to fund Flood and River Resilience services but rather urges Environment Canterbury to reassess the scope of the people benefit associated with these works and move to the UAGC where appropriate.
32. Council urges ECan to review how river catchments are rated for and funded. The benefits of flood protection affect all in the community, not just neighbouring properties, therefore the rating policy should reflect this.

Public Transport / Ngā waka tūmatanui

33. Council supports increased investment on the Community Vehicle Trust. Council thanks Environment Canterbury for the continued inclusion of our Community Vehicle Trust in this funding and wishes to note its support for the future.
34. Council supports continued and increased investment in the Total Mobility scheme. Council notes the continued funding of the Ashburton Total Mobility scheme. For our eligible residents with accessibility issues this program enhances their quality of life, therefore we support this remaining in the Long Term Plan.
35. Ashburton District Council would like to be considered for future public transport pilot programmes, particularly for the Ashburton urban area.
36. Ashburton District Council believes that consideration should be given in the future to a daily Ashburton-Timaru and Ashburton-Christchurch public transport system to cater for the working population who commute into, and out from, the district.

Fees and Charges Schedule

37. Council agrees with the use of fees and charges for activities where an individual directly benefits rather than a group or community as a whole.
38. Therefore, Council supports the use fees and charges to pay for activities such as consents, compliance, and monitoring.

39. Council supports the proposal to move towards a fixed fee approach for the consenting work. We believe that fixed fee approach will facilitate applicants/customers by enhancing cost certainty while improving transparency and administrative efficiency for Environment Canterbury.

Uniform Annual General Charge/Uniform Annual Charge (UAGC/UAC)

40. Council do not support Environment Canterbury's approach of low use of UAGC as a funding tool. Therefore, we are not in support of the proposed option of keeping UAGC at 8% of total rates.

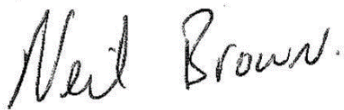
41. Council has commented in previous submissions about increasing the use of UAGC where appropriate.

42. Council supports option 2 and urges Environment Canterbury to consider utilising the UAGC at at least 12% of total rates or higher to better reflect the benefits of its programmes across the region and to alter the spread of the rates burden.

Regional and Strategic Leadership

43. Council supports Environment Canterbury's ongoing secretariat and executive support for the Regional Forums. We believe this adds value for all local authorities in Canterbury and that the sharing and understanding of issues helps us all to ensure we have strong relationships in place when challenges invariably arise.

Ashburton District Council thanks Environment Canterbury for the opportunity to provide this submission. We do wish to be heard in support of this submission.



NEIL BROWN

Mayor



HAMISH RIACH

Chief Executive

Council

3 April 2024



8. Council Representative to the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy Review

Author *Toni Durham: GM Democracy & Engagement*
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Summary

- The purpose of this report is for Council to appoint an elected member to attend the forthcoming Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy – Discovery Session.
- The session will discuss the current state of biodiversity and confirm if there is a collective interest in revitalising the Strategy.

Recommendation

1. **That** Council appoints Cr _____ to represent Ashburton District Council at the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy – Discovery Session on 10 April 2024.

Attachment

Appendix 1 Invitation Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy – Discovery Session

Background

The current situation

1. In 2008, 22 signatories representing central and local government (including Ashburton District Council, Ngāi Tahu, community groups, trusts, industry and education) adopted the [Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy](#) (the Strategy). In doing so the signatories acknowledged the importance of Canterbury's biodiversity and their roles in sustaining it.
2. The Strategy was a first for the region, with Environment Canterbury facilitating its development. It is a non-statutory document.
3. There has been significant change since the adoption of the strategy in 2008. The state of biodiversity in Canterbury has shifted, our understanding of our natural environment has grown and the regulatory framework, including the management of indigenous biodiversity, has evolved.
4. In light of the above changes, Environment Canterbury, as previous facilitator of the Strategy's development, believes it is time to revitalise the strategy.
5. At their meeting in November 2023, Environment Canterbury's Biodiversity and Biosecurity Committee agreed to a series of next steps on the path towards revitalisation.
6. One of the next steps involves hosting a Discovery session on 10 April 2024 at Environment Canterbury's offices – 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch. This event will discuss the current state of biodiversity and confirm if there is a collective interest in revitalising the Strategy.
7. This report allows Council to appoint an elected member to attend the Discovery Session on behalf of Ashburton District Council.

Options analysis

Option one – Council appoints an elected member to represent ADC at the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy Review Discovery Session (recommended)

8. This option would see Council appoint an elected member to represent Council's view at the upcoming Discovery session.
9. Given the recent adoption of the Ashburton District Biodiversity Strategy, there could be much relevant detail that could be provided by an elected member attending.

<p>Advantages: Aligns with Council’s advocacy role for the district.</p> <p>Being in the conversation from the outset of the process will enable to stay well informed of progress.</p> <p>Important to be aware of where the strategy aligns with or will influence Ashburton District’s Biodiversity Strategy.</p>	<p>Disadvantages: Unplanned for time commitment for an elected member.</p>
<p>Risks: Nil</p>	

Option two – Council does not appoint an elected member to represent ADC at the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy Review Discovery Session

10. This option would see Council forgo the opportunity to have an elected member attend the Discovery Session.

<p>Advantages: Elected members would not attend an unplanned meeting.</p>	<p>Disadvantages: Missed opportunity for Council to advocate for the District from the perspective of our recent Biodiversity Strategy development.</p>
<p>Risks: Reputational risk for Council in having been a partner in 2008 for the development of the original Biodiversity Strategy.</p>	

Legal/policy implications

Legislative

11. The Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy has potential implications for other wide range of legislation and national strategies including the Local Government Act (LGA) 2002, Resource Management Act 1991, National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity and *Te Mana o te Taiao* – Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy.

Climate change

12. Ashburton District Council’s [Climate Resilience Plan 2022](#) emphasises continuing investment in biodiversity.
13. The Biodiversity Strategy also recognises indigenous biodiversity's role in mitigating the adverse effects of climate change.

Strategic alignment

14. The recommendation relates to Council's community outcome of A balanced and sustainable environment (*He taiao toitū*).

Wellbeing		Reasons why the recommended outcome has an effect on this wellbeing
Economic	✓	We value our District's natural assets in supporting economic Development. Both agricultural productivity, food security and human health depends on functions biodiversity provides.
Environmental	✓	The project values our indigenous biodiversity and signals the need to protect them.
Cultural	✓	The project values Māori culture, the <i>Mātauranga</i> Māori and <i>Whakapapa</i> that described the interconnectedness of land, water and biodiversity thereof.
Social	✓	Increased abundance of native biodiversity can provide opportunities for learning, enhance people's personal development, physical and mental wellbeing while promoting social interactions and connections with nature.

Financial implications

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	Elected Member time
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	Yes – via Council activity
Where is the funding coming from?	UAGC
Are there any future budget implications?	Potentially yes, depending on the outcome of the review of the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy. These costs are not currently know.
Reviewed by Finance	Erin Register; Finance Manager.

Significance and engagement assessment

Requirement	Explanation
Is the matter considered significant?	No
Level of significance	Low
Rationale for selecting level of significance	N/A
Level of engagement selected	1 Inform
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	The community will be informed of the outcome of the decision through the usual media channels.
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	Mark Low; Strategy and Policy Manager

Appendix One- Invitation Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy – Discovery Session



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22 March 2024

To: partners with an interest in the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā rau rangatira mā, ngā manaakitanga o te wā, ki a koutou kātoa

I am writing to you, as a partner with an interest in the [Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy](#). We are excited to be revitalising the Strategy and believe your involvement in its review is essential. This is an invitation to an initial Discovery session regarding that review.

Background: In 2008, 22 signatories representing central and local government, Ngāi Tahu, community groups, trusts, industry and education adopted the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy. In doing so the signatories acknowledged the importance of Canterbury's biodiversity and their roles in sustaining it. The Strategy was a first for the region, with Environment Canterbury facilitating its development. It is a non-statutory document.

There has been significant change since the adoption of the strategy 2008. The state of biodiversity in Waitaha has shifted, our understanding of our natural environment has grown and the regulatory framework, including the management of indigenous biodiversity has evolved.

I would like to take a moment to recognise some of the great work achieved under the strategy over the years. It has provided guidance to our collective biodiversity protection and restoration efforts since it was signed.

Review needed: In light of the above changes, Environment Canterbury, as previous facilitator of the Strategy's development, believes it is time to revitalise the strategy. We are committed to working collaboratively with our Strategy partners, communities and landowners to revitalise the Strategy and to achieve positive biodiversity outcomes for the Canterbury region. At their meeting in November 2023, Environment Canterbury's Biodiversity and Biosecurity Committee agreed to a series of next steps on the path towards revitalisation.

One of our next steps will involve hosting a Discovery session on 10 April 2024 at Environment Canterbury's offices – 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch. This event will allow us to discuss the current state of biodiversity, and confirm if there is a collective interest in revitalising the Strategy.

Invitation: We are committed to working collaboratively with our partners, alongside our communities in this Strategy review. In the first instance we are keen to get everyone together for this initial Discovery session.

When: 10 April 2024 – 2:30pm – 5:00pm

Where: Environment Canterbury's offices
200 Tuam Street
Christchurch

The current Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy was developed by a mixture of representatives from various organisations, comprising staff, governors and interested parties. I would greatly appreciate if you could nominate the right person from your organisation to attend the discovery session.

We look forward to having you at this discovery session. To that end, assuming you are willing to be involved, can you please provide the contact information of your nominated representative/s to Alex Morgan – alex.morgan@ecan.govt.nz – so that they can be contacted directly and invited to participate.

We look forward to hearing back from you all about this exciting opportunity, and working with you to revitalise a critical document for the region.

Ngā mihi nui



Councillor Craig Pauling
Chair – Biodiversity and Biosecurity Committee

Council

3 April 2024



9. Financial Reports

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Attachments

Financial variance report – February 2024

***Ashburton
District Council
Financial Variance Report
For the period ending
29 February 2024***

Variances greater than \$100,000 are highlighted in **red bold**. If the variance is permanent an explanation is provided.

F (favourable variance) means that either actual revenue is greater than budget or actual expenditure is less than budget.

U (unfavourable variance) is **when** actual revenue is less than budget or actual expenditure is greater than budget.

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Income and Expenditure – Overview

For period ending 29 February 2024

\$55.47 M Actual YTD Operating Income	\$91.36 M Forecast Full Year Operating Income	(\$35.89) M Variance Operating Income	61% % of Forecast Operating Income
\$53.35 M Actual YTD Operating Expenditure	\$83.47 M Forecast Full Year Operating Expenditure	(\$30.11) M Variance Operating Expenditure	64% % of Forecast Operating Expenditure
\$6.11 M Actual YTD Capital Income	\$64.95 M Forecast Full Year Capital Income	(\$58.84) M Variance Capital Income	9% % of Forecast Capital Income
\$39.74 M Actual YTD Capital Expenditure	\$81.07 M Forecast Full Year Capital Expenditure	(\$41.33) M Variance Capital Expenditure	49% % of Forecast Capital Expenditure
\$0.00 M Actual YTD Loans Repaid	\$7.02 M Forecast Full Year Loans Repaid	(\$7.02) M Variance Loans Repaid	0% % of Forecast Loans Repaid

Deferred Capital Expenditure

Activity	Forecast	Projected Spend	Variance	Carryover	Reason
<u>Drinking Water</u>					
Group Water Supplies	18,397,791.00	16,397,791.00	(2,000,000.00)	No	Already included in draft LTP
Montalto Water Supply	870,999.00	670,999.00	(200,000.00)	No	The proposed intake upgrades included in draft LTP
<u>Waste Water</u>					
Ashburton Wastewater	9,352,911.00	6,352,911.00	(3,000,000.00)	No	Accounted for in the draft LTP
<u>Stormwater</u>					
Ashburton Stormwater	224,140.00	-	(224,140.00)	Yes	West St Treatment & Attenuation (Design Phase)
<u>Recreation Facilities and Services</u>					
Library	236,427.00	186,427.00	(50,000.00)	Yes	Library team resourcing limitations
<u>Recreation & Community Services</u>					
Elderly Persons Housing	1,021,560.00	221,560.00	(800,000.00)	Yes	Delay in construction of replacement units
Reserves and Camping Grounds	1,600,000.00	-	(1,600,000.00)	Yes	\$1.5M West Street Car Park/\$100k Rakaia Memorial Hall Earthquake Strengthening
<u>Economic Development</u>					
Commercial Property	28,149,701.00	24,849,701.00	(2,900,000.00)	Yes	\$484k Balmoral Hall/\$300k Oval Pavilion/ \$150k Walnut Pavilion/\$1.9M Art Gallery
Commercial Property			(400,000.00)	No	Rakaia Medical Centre not progressing
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Information Systems	783,210.00	542,210.00	(241,000.00)	Yes	Delays due to the timing of Te Whakaterere Whare
			(11,415,140.00)		
			(5,200,000.00)	Rebudgeted in the LTP	
			(400,000.00)	Project not progressing	
			(5,815,140.00)	Expected Carry Forwards	
			(11,415,140.00)		

Income and Expenditure – Summary

For period ending 29 February 2024

	Actual YTD	Full Year Forecast	Variance	Percentage of Forecast
Revenue				
Rates	31,801,576	46,905,992	(15,104,416)	68%
Fees and Charges	7,566,067	11,044,099	(3,478,032)	69%
Subsidies and Grants	8,662,299	10,903,866	(2,241,568)	79%
Finance Income	760,896	417,200	343,696	182%
Other Revenue	5,081,757	5,394,060	(312,303)	94%
Other Sales	1,133,929	1,139,074	(5,145)	100%
Development / Financial Contributions	462,651	632,800	(170,149)	73%
Gain on Sale of Assets	0	12,107,828	(12,107,828)	0%
Vested Assets	0	2,816,100	(2,816,100)	0%
Total Revenue	55,469,175	91,361,020	(35,891,845)	61%
Operating Expenditure				
Payments to Staff and Suppliers	38,476,976	61,651,384	(23,174,409)	62%
Finance Costs	3,411,411	4,576,131	(1,164,721)	75%
Other Expenses	122,869	205,155	(82,286)	60%
Depreciation	11,340,795	17,034,370	(5,693,575)	67%
Total Expenditure	53,352,051	83,467,041	(30,114,990)	64%
Net operating surplus (deficit)	2,117,125	7,893,979	(5,776,855)	27%
Capital Income				
Loans Raised	4,226,473	60,047,564	(55,821,090)	7%
Land Sales	1,835,505	4,797,800	(2,962,295)	38%
Other Asset Sales & Disposals	49,304	104,300	(54,996)	47%
Total Capital Income	6,111,283	64,949,664	(58,838,381)	9%
Capital Expenditure				
Infrastructural Assets	10,349,305	22,958,929	(12,609,625)	45%
Cyclic Renewals	12,879,902	22,752,893	(9,872,991)	57%
Plant	502,735	902,634	(399,899)	56%
Additions/Alterations	14,248,845	24,921,199	(10,672,354)	57%
Other Assets	1,757,454	9,530,352	(7,772,898)	18%
Total capital expenditure	39,738,241	81,066,008	(41,327,767)	49%
Loan Repayments	0	7,024,840	(7,024,840)	0%
Total capital to be funded	33,626,958	23,141,184	10,485,774	145%

Transportation – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 29 February 2024

	Actual YTD	Forecast Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Forecast	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Footpaths	1,219,352	1,451,336	(231,984)	84%	No
Roading	11,439,314	15,805,183	(4,365,869)	72%	Yes
	12,658,666	17,256,519	(4,597,854)	73%	
Operating Expenditure					
Footpaths	916,699	1,451,336	(534,637)	63%	No
Roading	10,992,637	15,805,184	(4,812,547)	70%	Yes
	11,909,336	17,256,520	(5,347,183)	69%	
Capital Income					
Footpaths	0	11,053	(11,053)	0%	
Roading	0	2,342,897	(2,342,897)	0%	No
	0	2,353,950	(2,353,950)	0%	
Capital Expenditure					
Footpaths	733,427	521,500	211,927	141%	Yes
Roading	6,172,349	9,378,039	(3,205,690)	66%	Yes
	6,905,776	9,899,539	(2,993,763)	70%	
Loan Repayments					
Footpaths	0	60,728	(60,728)	0%	
Roading	0	254,177	(254,177)	0%	No
	0	314,905	(314,905)	0%	

The above financials include the following:

Development Contributions	0	0	0	0%
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The above financials do not include the following:

Vested Assets	0	0	0	0%
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The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities

Transportation – Operating Income

Roading **\$4,365,869U**

Reason for variance

There will be additional subsidy resulting from the additional \$1,000,000 for sealed pavement rehabilitation and \$1,044,790 for emergency works approved by Waka Kotahi.

Transportation – Operating Expenditure

Roading **\$4,812,547F**

Reason for variance

The cost of emergency works of \$1,044,790 from the July 2023 heavy rain event will result in an overspend at the end of the 2023/24 year.

Transportation – Capital Expenditure

Footpaths **\$211,927U**

Reason for variance

All programmed footpath renewals have been completed for the year. The overspend relates to the Baring Square East upgrade which was not allowed for in the budget. This will be offset by a reduction in Roothing Capital Expenditure and covered by the overall subsidized rooding budget.

Roading **\$3,205,690F**

Reason for variance

Waka Kotahi has approved an additional \$1,000,000 for sealed pavement rehabilitation as mentioned above under operating income.

Drinking Water – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 29 February 2024

	Actual YTD	Forecast Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Forecast	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Group Water Supplies	4,619,259	6,492,235	(1,872,976)	71%	No
Montalto Water Supply	258,723	383,282	(124,559)	68%	No
Lyndhurst Water Supply	10,976	17,974	(6,998)	61%	
Barhill Water Supply	3,277	4,830	(1,553)	68%	
	4,892,235	6,898,321	(2,006,085)	71%	
Operating Expenditure					
Group Water Supplies	3,866,600	6,349,738	(2,483,138)	61%	No
Montalto Water Supply	222,002	386,087	(164,085)	58%	No
Lyndhurst Water Supply	5,299	4,926	373	108%	
Barhill Water Supply	1,531	1,405	126	109%	
	4,095,432	6,742,156	(2,646,724)	61%	
Capital Income					
Group Water Supplies	0	17,623,432	(17,623,432)	0%	No
Montalto Water Supply	0	744,636	(744,636)	0%	No
	0	18,368,068	(18,368,068)	0%	
Capital Expenditure					
Group Water Supplies	7,859,192	18,397,791	(10,538,599)	43%	Yes
Montalto Water Supply	23,132	870,999	(847,867)	3%	Yes
	7,882,324	19,268,790	(11,386,466)	41%	
Loan Repayments					
Group Water Supplies	0	780,829	(780,829)	0%	No
Montalto Water Supply	0	12,859	(12,859)	0%	
Lyndhurst Water Supply	0	13,048	(13,048)	0%	
Barhill Water Supply	0	3,425	(3,425)	0%	
	0	810,161	(810,161)	0%	
<i>The above financials include the following:</i>					
Development Contributions	101,504	178,232	(76,728)	57%	
<i>The above financials do not include the following:</i>					
Vested Assets	0	1,189,020	(1,189,020)	0%	

The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities

Drinking Water – Capital Expenditure

Group Water Supplies

\$10,538,599F

Reason for variance

A forecast favourable variance of ~\$2,000,000 is expected at year end. This budget includes (amongst other projects) the installation of UV equipment on seven supplies. Due to the increased complexity of this project, the design phase is taking longer than originally envisaged. As a consequence, the timing of some physical works (and incurred costs) will extend into the next financial year. Note-: This is already accounted for in the 2024-34 Draft LTP.

Affected projects include:

- Filtration and/or UV Treatment Upgrades – Ashburton; Rakaia; and Chertsey

Montalto Water Supply

\$847,867F

Reason for variance

A forecast favourable variance of ~\$200,000 is expected at year end. This budget covers the ongoing investigations into upgrading the treatment plant for the scheme and another project covering repairs to be undertaken at the intake. This latter project is being scoped at present and because of the proposed intake upgrades now programmed in the draft LTP, the scope of the repair works will be less than originally envisaged.

Affected projects include:

- Montalto Treatment Plant Upgrade (Design phase)
- Montalto Intake Repairs

Wastewater – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 29 February 2024

	Actual YTD	Forecast Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Forecast	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Ashburton Wastewater	3,487,107	5,041,400	(1,554,292)	69%	No
Methven Wastewater	390,333	479,331	(88,998)	81%	No
Rakaia Wastewater	246,063	424,516	(178,454)	58%	No
	4,123,503	5,945,247	(1,821,744)	69%	
Operating Expenditure					
Ashburton Wastewater	3,399,715	4,699,136	(1,299,421)	72%	No
Methven Wastewater	341,327	479,480	(138,153)	71%	No
Rakaia Wastewater	290,051	426,096	(136,045)	68%	No
	4,031,093	5,604,712	(1,573,619)	72%	
Capital Income					
Ashburton Wastewater	0	8,706,061	(8,706,061)	0%	No
Rakaia Wastewater	0	105,769	(105,769)	0%	No
	0	8,811,830	(8,811,830)	0%	
Capital Expenditure					
Ashburton Wastewater	5,443,453	9,352,911	(3,909,458)	58%	Yes
Methven Wastewater	55,660	165,082	(109,422)	34%	No
Rakaia Wastewater	71,249	105,769	(34,520)	67%	
	5,570,362	9,623,762	(4,053,400)	58%	
Loan Repayments					
Ashburton Wastewater	0	1,456,620	(1,456,620)	0%	No
Methven Wastewater	0	16,277	(16,277)	0%	
Rakaia Wastewater	0	54,326	(54,326)	0%	
	0	1,527,223	(1,527,223)	0%	
<i>The above financials include the following:</i>					
Capital Services Contribution	320,508	383,791	(63,284)	84%	
<i>The above financials do not include the following:</i>					
Vested Assets	0	1,397,620	(1,397,620)	0%	

The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities

Wastewater – Capital Expenditure

Ashburton Wastewater

\$3,909,458F

Reason for variance

A forecast favourable variance of ~\$3,000,000 is expected at year end. This budget area includes (amongst other projects) the grit chamber pipeline renewal funding now reallocated to the Rakaia Sludge Drying Beds project. There was a delay associated with securing Council approval of the project and funding reallocation. As a consequence, the timing of physical works (and incurred costs) will extend into the next financial year. Note-: This is already accounted for in the 2024-34 Draft LTP.

Affected projects include:

- Grit Chamber Pipeline Renewal
- Rakaia¹ Sludge Drying Beds (New Project – added to programme Dec 2023)

¹ Rakaia project funding is sitting under the Ashburton cost centre.

Stormwater – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 29 February 2024

	Actual YTD	Forecast Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Forecast	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Ashburton Stormwater	934,440	1,373,843	(439,403)	68%	No
Methven Stormwater	62,683	89,916	(27,233)	70%	
Rakaia Stormwater	32,635	46,794	(14,159)	70%	
Hinds Stormwater	7,931	11,728	(3,798)	68%	
Rural Stormwater	37,553	53,535	(15,982)	70%	
	1,075,242	1,575,816	(500,574)	68%	
Operating Expenditure					
Ashburton Stormwater	775,586	1,521,860	(746,274)	51%	No
Methven Stormwater	61,825	90,869	(29,044)	68%	
Rakaia Stormwater	20,503	47,418	(26,915)	43%	
Hinds Stormwater	5,439	11,729	(6,290)	46%	
Rural Stormwater	46,867	53,535	(6,668)	88%	
	910,220	1,725,411	(815,191)	53%	
Capital Expenditure					
Ashburton Stormwater	0	224,140	(224,140)	0%	Yes
	0	224,140	(224,140)	0%	
Loan Repayments					
Ashburton Stormwater	0	273,939	(273,939)	0%	No
Methven Stormwater	0	7,539	(7,539)	0%	
	0	281,478	(281,478)	0%	
<i>The above financials include the following:</i>					
Development Contributions	0	0	0	0%	
<i>The above financials do not include the following:</i>					
Vested Assets	0	229,460	(229,460)	0%	

The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities

Stormwater – Capital Expenditure

Ashburton Stormwater

\$224,140F

Reason for variance

There will be a forecast favourable variance of ~\$200,000 from the budget for the design phase of West Street Treatment & Attenuation project. This is no longer expected to be significantly advanced in this financial year. This will be the subject of a carryover request.

Affected projects include:

- West Street Treatment & Attenuation (Design phase)

Stockwater – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 29 February 2024

	Actual YTD	Forecast Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Forecast	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Stockwater	734,220	1,140,681	(406,461)	64%	No
	734,220	1,140,681	(406,461)	64%	
Operating Expenditure					
Stockwater	886,201	1,141,752	(255,551)	78%	Yes
	886,201	1,141,752	(255,551)	78%	
Capital Expenditure					
Stockwater	22,831	127,171	(104,341)	18%	No
	22,831	127,171	(104,341)	18%	
Loan Repayments					
Stockwater	0	17,674	(17,674)	0%	
	0	17,674	(17,674)	0%	

The above financials include the following:

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The above financials do not include the following:

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The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities

Stockwater – Operating Expenditure

Stockwater

\$255,551F

Reason for variance

There will be a forecast unfavourable variance of ~\$120,000 in the maintenance area. This is due to impacts arising from flood events in the Ashburton River system affecting the intakes in particular the Methven Auxiliary intake where significant rivers works were required.

Affected Projects / Activities Include:

- BAU - Planned and unplanned network maintenance

Waste Reduction & Recycling – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 29 February 2024

	Actual YTD	Forecast Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Forecast	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Refuse Collection	2,060,753	2,966,392	(905,639)	69%	No
Refuse Management	3,809,248	5,332,623	(1,523,375)	71%	No
	<u>5,870,002</u>	<u>8,299,016</u>	<u>(2,429,014)</u>	<u>71%</u>	
Operating Expenditure					
Refuse Collection	1,773,150	2,966,390	(1,193,240)	60%	No
Refuse Management	3,657,969	5,463,623	(1,805,654)	67%	No
	<u>5,431,119</u>	<u>8,430,013</u>	<u>(2,998,894)</u>	<u>64%</u>	
Capital Income					
Refuse Management	0	256,707	(256,707)	0%	No
	<u>0</u>	<u>256,707</u>	<u>(256,707)</u>	<u>0%</u>	
Capital Expenditure					
Refuse Management	278,224	240,525	37,699	116%	
	<u>279,693</u>	<u>240,525</u>	<u>39,168</u>	<u>116%</u>	
Loan Repayments					
Refuse Collection	0	4,462	(4,462)	0%	
Refuse Management	0	27,710	(27,710)	0%	
	<u>0</u>	<u>32,172</u>	<u>(32,172)</u>	<u>0%</u>	
<i>The above financials include the following:</i>					
Development Contributions	0	0	0	0%	
<i>The above financials do not include the following:</i>					
Vested Assets	0	0	0	0%	

The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities

Recreation Facilities – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 29 February 2024

	Actual YTD	Forecast Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Forecast	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Ashburton Museum and Art Gallery	1,574,231	2,292,530	(718,299)	69%	No
Library	1,203,114	1,770,933	(567,818)	68%	No
Recreation Facilities and Services	4,459,540	7,038,217	(2,578,677)	63%	Yes
	<u>7,236,885</u>	<u>11,101,679</u>	<u>(3,864,794)</u>	<u>65%</u>	
Operating Expenditure					
Ashburton Museum and Art Gallery	1,443,007	2,353,305	(910,298)	61%	No
Library	1,127,257	1,802,933	(675,676)	63%	No
Recreation Facilities and Services	4,400,827	7,177,017	(2,776,190)	61%	No
	<u>6,971,091</u>	<u>11,333,255</u>	<u>(4,362,164)</u>	<u>62%</u>	
Capital Income					
Library	0	157,309	(157,309)	0%	No
	<u>0</u>	<u>182,246</u>	<u>(182,246)</u>	<u>0%</u>	
Capital Expenditure					
Ashburton Museum and Art Gallery	46,250	101,094	(54,844)	46%	
Library	101,793	236,427	(134,634)	43%	Yes
Recreation Facilities and Services	406,482	316,759	89,723	128%	Yes
	<u>554,525</u>	<u>654,280</u>	<u>(99,755)</u>	<u>85%</u>	
Loan Repayments					
Library	0	7,104	(7,104)	0%	
Recreation Facilities and Services	0	10,822	(10,822)	0%	
	<u>0</u>	<u>17,926</u>	<u>(17,926)</u>	<u>0%</u>	
<i>The above financials include the following:</i>					
Development Contributions	0	0	0	0%	
<i>The above financials do not include the following:</i>					
Vested Assets	0	0	0	0%	

The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities

Recreation Facilities – Operating Income

Recreation Facilities and Services

\$2,578,677U

Reason for variance

There is a likely permanent variance due to an error in budgeted income relating to Upfront Flexi memberships of approximately \$400,000. In addition to this, funding will also be received from Better Off Funding and other grants.

Recreation Facilities – Capital Expenditure

Library

\$134,634F

Reason for variance

There is likely to be permanent variance of approximately \$50,000 of capital not spent on new books. This is due to the library team being resource poor with the relocation to Te Whare Whakatere, the amount that remains unspent will form part of a carry forward request.

Recreation Facilities and Services

\$89,723U

Reason for variance

There will be a permanent variance due to approved unbudgeted capital expenditure. This includes Better Off Funding projects, other grant funded projects and the heat pump replacement for which we expect to receive some insurance proceeds.

Recreation & Community Services – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 29 February 2024

	Actual YTD	Forecast Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Forecast	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Public Conveniences	926,871	811,059	115,812	114%	Yes
Elderly Persons Housing	490,612	751,567	(260,955)	65%	Yes
Memorial Halls	292,511	306,558	(14,048)	95%	
Reserves and Camping Grounds	796,336	1,041,109	(244,773)	76%	No
Reserve Boards	707,089	596,951	110,138	118%	Yes
Community Safety	42,522	57,826	(15,304)	74%	
	3,255,941	3,565,071	(309,130)	91%	
Operating Expenditure					
Public Conveniences	300,354	614,271	(313,917)	49%	No
Elderly Persons Housing	512,930	798,942	(286,012)	64%	No
Memorial Halls	556,711	595,145	(38,434)	94%	
Reserves and Camping Grounds	583,955	1,145,509	(561,554)	51%	No
Reserve Boards	509,609	581,370	(71,761)	88%	
Community Safety	35,976	57,826	(21,850)	62%	
	2,499,534	3,793,063	(1,293,529)	66%	
Capital Income					
Elderly Persons Housing	0	971,920	(971,920)	0%	No
Reserve Boards	0	149,218	(149,218)	0%	No
	0	3,530,992	(3,530,992)	0%	
Capital Expenditure					
Public Conveniences	675,269	793,854	(118,585)	85%	Yes
Elderly Persons Housing	151,893	1,021,560	(869,667)	15%	Yes
Memorial Halls	21,587	20,172	1,415	107%	
Reserves and Camping Grounds	10,140	1,600,000	(1,589,860)	1%	Yes
Reserve Boards	268,831	169,035	99,797	159%	Yes
	1,127,720	3,604,621	(2,476,900)	31%	
Loan Repayments					
Public Conveniences	0	251,946	(251,946)	0%	No
Elderly Persons Housing	0	9,929	(9,929)	0%	
Reserves and Camping Grounds	0	2,252	(2,252)	0%	
Reserve Boards	0	14,587	(14,587)	0%	
	0	278,714	(278,714)	0%	
<i>The above financials include the following:</i>					
Development Contributions	300	0	300	0%	
<i>The above financials do not include the following:</i>					
Vested Assets	0	0	0	0%	

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Recreation & Community Services – Operating Income

Public Conveniences **\$115,812F**

Reason for variance

Council has received \$184,000 unbudgeted TIF funding for the Rakaia Gorge new facilities. This will be a permanent variance.

There will also be a permanent difference relating to unbudgeted Better Off Funding of \$250,000 from the DIA for the Digby Park Toilet.

Elderly Persons Housing **\$260,955U**

Reason for variance

There will be a permanent reduction in income due to tenants moving out of the Friendship Lane units. These units are unable to be re-tenanted as any new tenancy would require compliance with the Healthy Homes Standards within 90 days.

Reserve Boards **\$110,138F**

Reason for variance

There will be a permanent positive variance in income due to Better Off Funding for water treatment and changing rooms for local reserve pools.

Recreation & Community Services – Capital Expenditure

Public Conveniences **\$118,585U**

Reason for variance

There will be a permanent variance of \$250,000 for the construction of the new Digby Park Toilet which is funded by the Better Off Funding. This will be a permanent variance.

Elderly Persons Housing **\$869,667F**

Reason for variance

There will be a delay in the construction of replacement units, a carryover of up to \$800,000 is likely to be requested.

Reserves and Camping Grounds**\$1,589,860F*****Reason for variance***

There will be a permanent variance of \$1,500,000 due to timing of the construction of the new West Street carpark and \$100,000 for the Rakaia Memorial Hall earthquake strengthening. At this stage, these will both be subject to a carryover request.

Reserve Boards**\$99,797U*****Reason for variance***

There will be permanent variance due to expenditure on Hinds Reserve Board for water treatment and changing rooms at the swimming pool \$60,000 and Rakaia South Camping Ground water treatment and changing rooms at the swimming pool \$72,000. Both of these projects are funded by Better Off Funding.

Economic Development – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 29 February 2024

	Actual YTD	Forecast Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Forecast	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Commercial Property	5,078,719	19,924,084	(14,845,365)	25%	Yes
Business & Economic Development	738,070	863,518	(125,448)	85%	Yes
District Promotion	179,017	262,423	(83,406)	68%	
Forestry	628,676	604,619	24,057	104%	
	<u>6,624,483</u>	<u>21,654,643</u>	<u>(15,030,161)</u>	<u>31%</u>	
Operating Expenditure					
Commercial Property	6,308,604	6,797,575	(488,971)	93%	Yes
Business & Economic Development	640,515	948,517	(308,002)	68%	Yes
District Promotion	108,484	177,423	(68,939)	61%	
Forestry	267,681	474,897	(207,216)	56%	Yes
	<u>7,325,285</u>	<u>8,398,413</u>	<u>(1,073,128)</u>	<u>87%</u>	
Capital Income					
Commercial Property	6,061,978	25,918,122	(19,856,144)	23%	No
	<u>6,061,978</u>	<u>25,918,122</u>	<u>(19,856,144)</u>	<u>23%</u>	
Capital Expenditure					
Commercial Property	13,406,015	28,298,966	(14,892,951)	47%	Yes
	<u>13,406,015</u>	<u>28,298,966</u>	<u>(14,892,951)</u>	<u>47%</u>	
Loan Repayments					
Commercial Property	0	3,254,184	(3,254,184)	0%	No
	<u>0</u>	<u>3,254,184</u>	<u>(3,254,184)</u>	<u>0%</u>	
<i>The above financials include the following:</i>					
Development Contributions	0	0	0	0%	
<i>The above financials do not include the following:</i>					
Vested Assets	0	0	0	0%	

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Economic Development – Operating Income

Commercial Property **\$14,845,365U**

Reason for variance

There will be a permanent difference relating to unbudgeted Better Off Funding from the DIA of \$2,300,000 for the Fairfield Freight Hub and \$150,000 for the Boer War Memorial Relocation.

There will be a significant permanent difference in income relating to timing of the sale of buildings.

Business & Economic Development **\$125,448U**

Reason for variance

There will be a permanent positive difference relating to funding received from the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs of approximately \$325,000.

Economic Development – Operating Expenditure

Commercial Property **\$488,971F**

Reason for variance

There will be a \$2,300,000 permanent difference relating to expenditure for the Fairfield Freight Hub. There will also be a permanent variance of \$150,000 for the Boer War Memorial relocation. Both will be offset by the Better Off Funding mentioned in operating income above.

Business & Economic Development **\$308,002F**

Reason for variance

There will be a permanent difference relating to the expenditure of the funding received from the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs as mentioned under Operating Income.

Forestry **\$207,216F**

Reason for variance

The variance has been caused by under expenditure for the establishment work due to no planting at Wightmans Road following the delays with harvesting. This variance will be permanent, other under spending could result in a total favourable variance of \$90,000 at year end.

Economic Development – Capital Expenditure

Commercial Property

\$14,892,951F

Reason for variance

Balmoral Hall Improvements of \$484,000 will not take place in this financial year. The Oval Pavilion \$300,000 and Walnut Pavilion \$150,000 refurbishments may begin but the majority of the projects will be completed in next financial year and subject a carry-over request. The Art Gallery air conditioning upgrade \$1,900,000 will be delayed until 2025.

Other permanent variances include an expected underspend on the Rakaia and Methven medical centres of \$400,000 which will not be subject to a carryover request and the Boer War Memorial relocation of \$150,000 which will be funded by Better Off Funding. Any unspent budget will be subject to a carryover request.

Parks & Open Spaces – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 29 February 2024

	Actual YTD	Forecast Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Forecast	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Cemeteries	518,365	732,549	(214,184)	71%	No
Parks and Recreation	3,658,671	5,209,116	(1,550,445)	70%	No
	<u>4,177,036</u>	<u>5,941,665</u>	<u>(1,764,629)</u>	<u>70%</u>	
Operating Expenditure					
Cemeteries	328,430	732,549	(404,119)	45%	No
Parks and Recreation	3,151,531	4,485,613	(1,334,082)	70%	Yes
	<u>3,479,961</u>	<u>5,218,162</u>	<u>(1,738,201)</u>	<u>67%</u>	
Capital Income					
Parks and Recreation	0	4,357,478	(4,357,478)	0%	No
	<u>0</u>	<u>4,357,478</u>	<u>(4,357,478)</u>	<u>0%</u>	
Capital Expenditure					
Cemeteries	66,922	0	66,922	0%	Yes
Parks and Recreation	3,178,470	4,622,270	(1,443,800)	69%	No
	<u>3,245,392</u>	<u>4,622,270</u>	<u>(1,376,878)</u>	<u>70%</u>	
Loan Repayments					
Cemeteries	0	14,587	(14,587)	0%	
Parks and Recreation	0	199,248	(199,248)	0%	No
	<u>0</u>	<u>213,835</u>	<u>(213,835)</u>	<u>0%</u>	

The above financials include the following:

Development Contributions	300	0	300	0%
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The above financials do not include the following:

Vested Assets	0	0	0	0%
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The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities

Parks and Open Spaces – Operational Expenditure

Parks and Recreation

\$1,334,082U

Reason for variance

Current expenditure for staff training is overbudget and will remain so becoming a year end permanent variance of approximately \$120,000. This is attributed to the costs associated with getting staff trained up and being compliant with temporary traffic management practices - as required by road controlling authorities.

Current expenditure is sitting slightly above the trajectory for closing out the year on budget. Staff are managing this to ensure it remains a timing variance and not a permanent year end variance.

Parks and Open Spaces – Capital Expenditure

Cemeteries

\$66,922U

Reason for variance

There has been unbudgeted capital expenditure of \$21,186 for a new berm that was required to be installed at Methven Cemetery. There has also been a final claim of \$45,736 come through for the Ashburton Cemetery new driveway which was budgeted for in last financial year.

Community Governance & Decision Making – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 29 February 2024

	Actual YTD	Forecast Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Forecast	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Council	2,379,680	3,481,421	(1,101,741)	68%	No
Methven Community Board	103,035	148,349	(45,314)	69%	
Youth Council	10,001	13,702	(3,701)	73%	
Community Grants Funding	1,463,923	1,886,162	(422,239)	78%	No
Water Zone Committee	118,047	172,890	(54,843)	68%	
	<u>4,074,686</u>	<u>5,702,524</u>	<u>(1,627,838)</u>	<u>71%</u>	
Operating Expenditure					
Council	2,149,814	3,490,296	(1,340,482)	62%	No
Methven Community Board	93,390	158,551	(65,161)	59%	
Youth Council	4,361	13,702	(9,341)	32%	
Community Grants Funding	1,149,314	1,318,320	(169,006)	87%	No
Water Zone Committee	75,292	382,595	(307,303)	20%	No
	<u>3,472,171</u>	<u>5,363,465</u>	<u>(1,891,293)</u>	<u>65%</u>	
Loan Repayments					
Community Grants Funding	0	99,000	(99,000)	0%	
Water Zone Committee	0	18,000	(18,000)	0%	
	<u>0</u>	<u>117,000</u>	<u>(117,000)</u>	<u>0%</u>	

The above financials include the following:

Development Contributions	548,661	561,984	(13,323)	98%
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The above financials do not include the following:

Vested Assets	0	0	0	0%
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The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities

**Water Zone Committee Operating Expenditure Forecast includes \$227,705 of carry forwards for Investigations.

Compliance & Development – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 29 February 2024

	Actual YTD	Forecast Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Forecast	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Environmental Health	86,567	218,077	(131,510)	40%	Yes
Building Regulation	1,474,836	2,685,147	(1,210,311)	55%	Yes
Emergency Management	84,210	124,657	(40,447)	68%	
Liquor Licensing	130,284	190,185	(59,901)	69%	
Land Information Memorandum	72,098	104,343	(32,244)	69%	
Parking	217,840	240,625	(22,784)	91%	
Animal Control	483,222	585,146	(101,925)	83%	No
Resource Consents	482,738	770,783	(288,045)	63%	No
Monitoring and Enforcement	346,932	439,293	(92,362)	79%	
Planning	415,587	626,353	(210,766)	66%	No
	3,794,313	5,984,608	(2,190,295)	63%	
Operating Expenditure					
Environmental Health	177,841	218,077	(40,236)	82%	
Building Regulation	1,629,540	2,685,147	(1,055,607)	61%	No
Emergency Management	50,021	105,112	(55,091)	48%	
Liquor Licensing	142,570	190,185	(47,615)	75%	
Land Information Memorandum	69,279	104,343	(35,065)	66%	
Parking	176,469	240,625	(64,156)	73%	
Animal Control	319,448	585,146	(265,698)	55%	No
Resource Consents	604,479	770,783	(166,304)	78%	No
Monitoring and Enforcement	287,206	439,293	(152,087)	65%	No
Planning	236,236	570,052	(333,815)	41%	Yes
	3,693,090	5,908,763	(2,215,673)	63%	
Loan Repayments					
Animal Control	0	4,400	(4,400)	0%	
Planning	0	144,302	(144,302)	0%	No
	0	148,702	(148,702)	0%	

The above financials include the following:

Development Contributions	0	0	0	0%
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The above financials do not include the following:

Vested Assets	0	0	0	0%
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The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities

Compliance & Development – Operating Income

Environmental Health **\$131,510U**

Reason for variance

The proposed fee increase in the forthcoming LTP aims to gradually correct this under recovery.

Building Regulation **\$1,210,311U**

Reason for variance

Several large, proposed projects have been delayed in coming for building consents due to the current economic climate and are now forecast for the next financial year.

Compliance & Development – Operating Expenditure

Planning **\$333,815F**

Reason for variance

Following changes to legislation, staff are anticipating embarking on a District Plan review in coming years as opposed to undertaking individual policy related projects. It is intended that unspent funds will be carried over to be used in this process.

Miscellaneous, Dividends & Internal Overheads – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 29 February 2024

	Actual YTD	Forecast Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Forecast	Permanent Variance
Operating Income					
Dividends and Interest	2,300,896	1,329,981	970,915	173%	Yes
Library and Civic Centre	208,322	416,958	(208,636)	50%	Yes
Executive Team	1,153,803	1,781,255	(627,452)	65%	No
People & Capability	722,217	1,273,939	(551,722)	57%	No
Information Systems	2,482,033	3,765,936	(1,283,903)	66%	No
Customer Services	443,648	747,023	(303,375)	59%	No
Treasury	1,109,229	1,932,986	(823,757)	57%	No
Rates	459,776	825,430	(365,654)	56%	No
Community Relations	632,023	1,038,306	(406,283)	61%	No
Communications	602,892	990,062	(387,170)	61%	No
Property Administration	1,074,446	1,693,906	(619,460)	63%	No
Service Delivery	2,782,982	4,051,793	(1,268,811)	69%	No
Parks Administration	2,512,835	4,330,434	(1,817,599)	58%	No
Plant Operations	588,524	963,206	(374,682)	61%	No
	17,073,627	25,141,215	(8,067,588)	68%	
Operating Expenditure					
Dividends and Interest	0	55,003	(55,003)	0%	
Library and Civic Centre	208,322	510,273	(301,951)	41%	No
Executive Team	1,153,764	1,781,256	(627,491)	65%	No
People & Capability	722,217	1,707,339	(985,123)	42%	No
Information Systems	2,482,033	4,281,764	(1,799,731)	58%	No
Customer Services	443,648	746,909	(303,262)	59%	No
Treasury	1,109,229	2,087,856	(978,627)	53%	No
Rates	523,243	825,430	(302,187)	63%	No
Community Relations	632,023	1,038,305	(406,282)	61%	No
Communications	602,893	990,062	(387,169)	61%	No
Property Administration	1,074,446	1,865,673	(791,227)	58%	No
Service Delivery	2,782,982	4,051,793	(1,268,812)	69%	No
Parks Administration	2,512,835	4,256,295	(1,743,460)	59%	No
Plant Operations	604,942	923,573	(318,631)	66%	No
	14,852,576	25,121,532	(10,268,956)	59%	
Capital Income					
Information Systems	0	293,000	(293,000)	0%	No
Plant Operations	49,304	550,100	(500,796)	9%	No
	49,304	843,100	(793,796)	6%	
Capital Expenditure					
Library and Civic Centre	113,677	0	113,677	0%	Yes
Information Systems	127,191	783,210	(656,019)	16%	Yes
Plant Operations	502,735	902,634	(399,899)	56%	No
	743,603	1,685,844	(942,241)	44%	

The above financials include the following:

Development Contributions	0	0	0	0%
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The above financials do not include the following:

Vested Assets	0	0	0	0%
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The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities

Miscellaneous, Dividends & Internal Overheads – Operating Income

Dividends and Interest **\$970,915F**

Reason for variance

Dividends and Interest includes a dividend received from Transwaste of \$156,000 and ACL of \$1,384,000 as at the end of February. The remaining balance relates to interest received. The ACL dividend received is \$684,000 above the estimate budgeted dividend.

Library and Civic Centre **\$208,636U**

Reason for variance

There will be a permanent positive variance of \$190,000 due to unbudgeted Better Off funding for enhancements to the Ashburton Library.

Miscellaneous, Dividends & Internal Overheads – Capital Expenditure

Library and Civic Centre **\$113,677U**

Reason for variance

There will be a permanent variance of \$111,000 due to expenditure of Better Off funding for enhancements of the Ashburton Library.

Information Systems **\$656,019F**

Reason for variance

22/23 Capital carryover amounts to \$293K which is for expenditure on aerial renewals and server storage works.

On the aerials, payment (\$68K) is to eCan, who hold the contract and then to the supplier. Looking at progress to date, there remains a level of confidence on the capture being completed by 31 March. This is weather dependent, but if we work off this then I would expect as a minimum 80% of the total value to be paid. The final payment of 20% is subject to full acceptance of product and this may slip into the next financial year.

Our server project (\$225K) is one that sits with the Systems Team and has been delayed due to the required resourcing for the new build. This work has restarted with cost re-confirmation and project planning activities. Project completion is targeted for 30 June 2024 but is yet to be confirmed their remains the possibility that expenditure will slip into the next financial year.

For 23/24 we have a capital budget of \$490K. The spend to date is \$127K with a forecast additional spend for aerial imagery of \$42K. and have desktop renewals of \$30K. History shows there can be unplanned expenditure and have a contingency of \$50K. This would result in a favourable balance of \$241K.

We have a planned capital expenditure programme for the upcoming LTP and would submit a request for the unspent capital in 23/24 to be carried forward to support future works where there is shortfall in allocated budget.

Loan Repayments

For period ending 29 February 2024

	Actual YTD	Forecast Full Year	Variance	Percentage of Forecast	Permanent Variance
Loan Repayments	0	7,024,840	(7,024,840)	0%	No

Balance Sheet

As at 29 February 2024

	YTD Actual	2023 Actual
Public Equity		
Ratepayers Equity	486,404,341	521,389,000
Revaluation Reserves	360,123,000	360,123,000
Funds and Reserves	68,460,000	68,460,000
	914,987,341	949,972,000
Non-Current Liabilities		
External Loans	125,600,000	85,600,000
Other Term Liabilities	327,626	303,588
	125,927,626	85,903,588
Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors	4,364,108	7,820,977
Deposits & Bonds	2,024,572	1,287,724
Other Current Liabilities	3,938,493	804,558
Accrued Liabilities	1,943,689	10,116,153
	12,270,862	20,029,412
Total Equity & Liabilities	1,053,185,829	1,055,905,000
Fixed Assets	147,114,533	148,301,389
Infrastructural Assets	793,302,625	804,643,197
Work in Progress	66,811,470	67,254,000
Advances	374,918	390,958
Shares	10,188,455	9,188,455
Current Assets		
Cash & Bank	10,350,377	7,681,523
Cash Investments	15,000,000	3,100,000
GST	1,033,458	2,185,113
Receivables	3,988,949	3,059,151
Provision for Doubtful Debts	(35,438)	(58,933)
Stock	87,452	86,767
Accruals	4,087,404	5,327,882
Other Current Assets	881,626	4,745,498
	35,393,829	26,127,000
Total Assets	1,053,185,829	1,055,905,000

Net Debt and Borrowings

As at 29 February 2024

Net Debt



External Borrowing

Local Government Funding	Amount	Rate		Maturity
LGFA 2018	2,000,000	5.93%	Floating	15-Apr-24
LGFA 2020	5,000,000	6.26%	Floating	15-Apr-24
LGFA 2022	5,000,000	5.99%	Floating	15-Apr-24
LGFA 2023	12,000,000	5.88%	Floating	15-May-24
LGFA 2023	5,000,000	5.97%	Floating	15-Apr-25
LGFA 2021	7,000,000	6.08%	Floating	15-Apr-25
LGFA 2022	3,000,000	6.00%	Floating	15-Apr-25
LGFA 2022	5,000,000	6.06%	Floating	15-Apr-25
LGFA 2020	10,000,000	6.34%	Floating	15-Apr-26
LGFA 2023	5,000,000	6.09%	Floating	15-Apr-26
LGFA 2023	5,000,000	6.31%	Floating	15-Apr-26
LGFA 2023	5,000,000	6.26%	Floating	15-Apr-27
LGFA 2023	5,000,000	6.45%	Floating	15-Apr-27
LGFA 2020	5,000,000	1.23%	Fixed	15-Apr-27
LGFA 2020	5,000,000	0.97%	Fixed	15-Apr-27
LGFA 2024	3,000,000	5.19%	Fixed	15-Apr-27
LGFA 2021	16,600,000	2.01%	Fixed	15-May-28
LGFA 2024	7,000,000	6.42%	Floating	15-May-28
LGFA 2023	5,000,000	5.08%	Fixed	20-Apr-29
LGFA 2022	10,000,000	6.27%	Floating	20-Apr-29
Total External Funding	125,600,000			

Borrowing by Activity

As at 29 February 2024

	External Borrowing	Internal Borrowing
Commercial Property	63,443,017	-
Elderly Person Housing	58,730	-
Wastewater	20,917,480	-
Drinking Water	20,332,218	-
Compliance & Development	833,006	-
Stormwater	2,916,797	-
Cemeteries	1,807,225	-
Water Resources	343,360	-
Arts & Culture	2,146,004	-
Refuse and Recycling	671,063	-
Stockwater	333,294	-
Roading	7,181,415	-
Footpaths	684,328	-
Recreation Facilities	193,190	-
Civic Building	43,794	-
Parks	2,508,180	-
Camping	16,873	-
Public Conveniences	480,027	-
Reserve Boards	690,000	-
Total	125,600,000	-

Council Investments

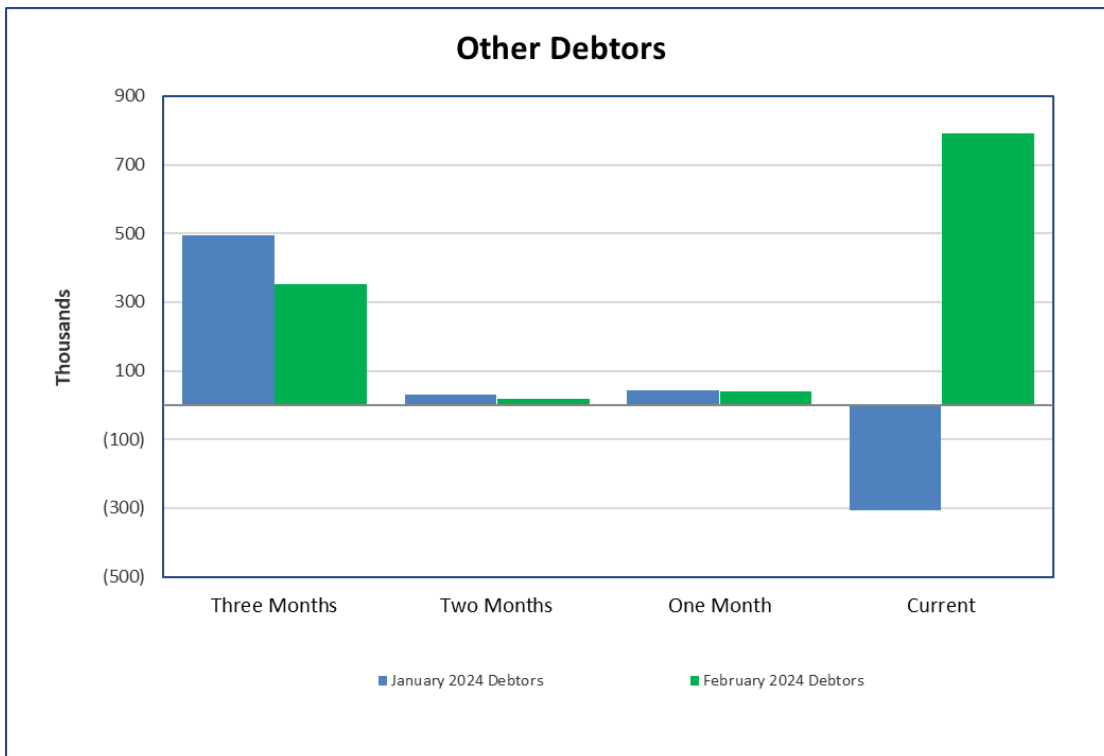
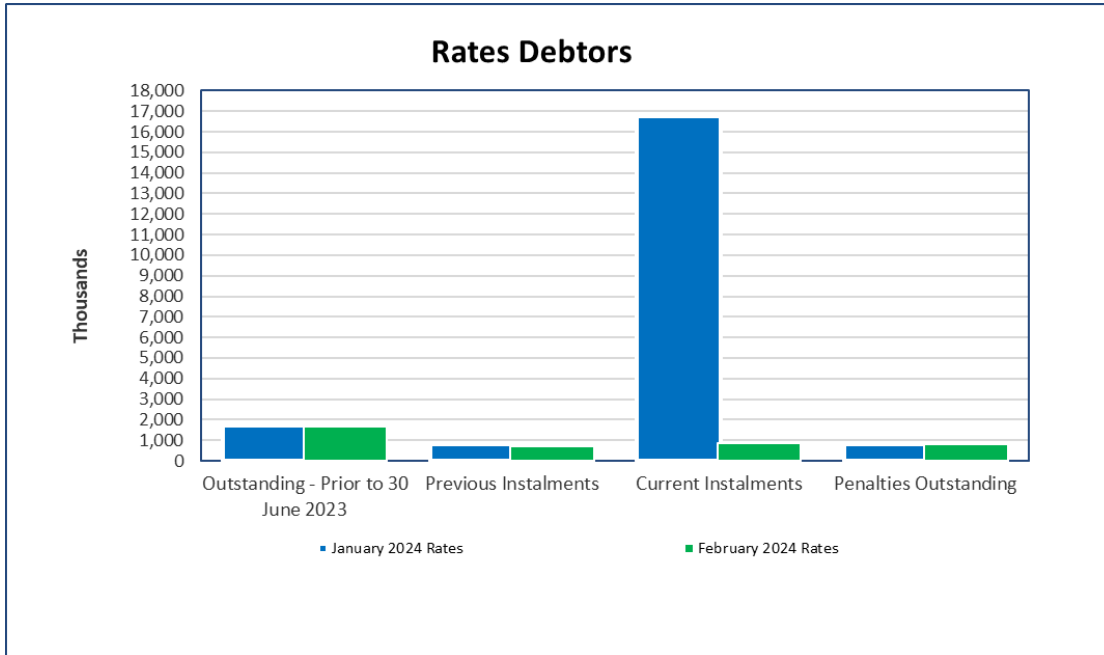
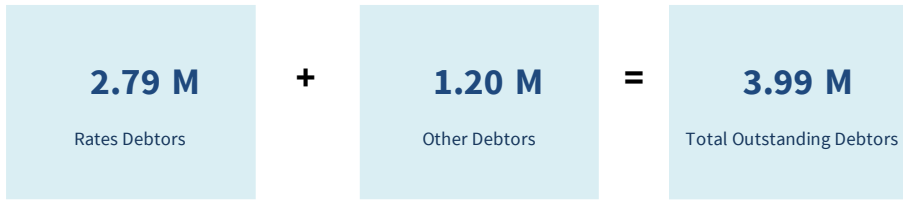
As at 29 February 2024

Listed below are the current significant investments held by Council.

Term Deposit	Principal	Interest	Term	Maturity
Westpac	6,000,000	5.13%	30 days	16-Mar-24
Westpac	5,000,000	5.11%	1 month	26-Mar-24
	11,000,000			
Local Authority Stock and Bonds	Principal	Interest	Yield	Maturity
Bonds				
ANZ	1,000,000	2.99%	6.04%	17-Sep-26
Westpac	1,100,000	6.19%	5.79%	16-Sep-27
Kiwibank	1,000,000	5.73%	4.95%	19-Oct-27
Westpac	900,000	6.73%	5.95%	14-Feb-28
	4,000,000			
Advances				
Eastfield Investments	374,918			
	374,918			
Shares				
Ashburton Contracting Ltd	4,500,000			
Civic Financial Services Ltd	52,655			
RDR Management	30,000			
Transwaste Canterbury Ltd	1,044,000			
ATS	500			
Electricity Ashburton Rebates	1,300			
LGFA Equity	2,795,000			
Eastfield Investments	1,765,000			
	10,188,455			

Receivables Summary (Including Prior Month Comparative)

As at 29 February 2024



Receivables Summary continued

Outstanding Debtors over 90 days	
>\$100,000	0
\$50,000 - \$100,000	1
\$30,000 - \$50,000	3
\$10,000 - \$30,000	11

The above debtors are being actively managed or under a resolution process.

Council

3 April 2024



10. Mayor's Report

10.1 Meetings

- **Mayoral calendar**

March 2024

- 20 March: Council Meeting
- 21/22 March: LGNZ Zone 5 & 6, Christchurch with CE Hamish Riach
- 25 March: MTFJ visit to Ashburton Learning Centre
- 25 March: Advance Ashburton
- 26 March: Dereck Ollsson, Audit NZ with CE Hamish Riach
- 26 March: Ashburton Water Zone Committee
- 27 March: Activity Briefings
- 27 March: LTP Briefing
- 27 March: Audit and Risk
- 28 March: Canterbury Regional Transport Committee

April 2024

- 2 April: RDR meeting
- 3 April: Remuneration workshop
- 3 April: Climate Change briefing
- 3 April: Council Meeting

Recommendation

That Council receives the Mayor's report.

Neil Brown
Mayor