



### Notice is hereby given of an Audit and Risk Committee Meeting

### Tuesday 8 June 2021

Commencing at 9:00am

Meeting Room Waimate Event Centre Paul Street Waimate

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Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee will be held in the Meeting Room, Waimate Event Centre, Paul Street, Waimate, on Tuesday 8 June 2021, commencing at 9:00am.

#### **Committee Membership**

Damian Hogue	Chairperson		
Sheila Paul	Deputy Chairperson		
Craig Rowley	Mayor		
Miriam Morton	Councillor		
Tom O'Connor	Councillor		

Quorum - no less than three members

#### Significance Consideration

Evaluation: Council officers, in preparing these reports have had regard to Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. Council and Committee members will make the final assessment on whether the subject under consideration is to be regarded as being significant or not. Unless Council or Committee explicitly determines that the subject under consideration is to be deemed significant then the subject will be deemed as not being significant.

#### **Decision Making**

The Council, in considering each matter, must be:

- i. Satisfied that it has sufficient information about the practicable options and their benefits, costs and impacts, bearing in mind the significance of the decision;
- ii. Satisfied that it knows enough about and will give adequate consideration to the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decisions to be made.

Stuart Duncan Chief Executive

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#### **OPENING**

- 1 APOLOGIES
- 2 VISITORS

#### 3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

As per the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968 (as below), the Chair will enquire if there are any Conflicts of Interest to be declared on any item on the agenda, and if so, for any member to declare this interest.

#### Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968

Councillors are reminded that if they have a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda, then they must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item and are advised to withdraw from the meeting table.

## 4 IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR (URGENT) OR MINOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

1. The Chair will call for any major (urgent business) or minor items not on the agenda to be raised according to Standing Orders, as below:

#### a. Standing Orders 3.7.5 – Major Items

An item not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at the meeting if the local authority by resolution so decides, and the presiding member explains at the meeting at a time when it is open to the public -

- i. The reason why the item was not listed on the agenda; and
- ii. The reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

#### b. Standing Orders 3.7.6 – Minor Items

An item not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at the meeting if -

- i. That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
- ii. The presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- iii. No resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.

#### **MINUTES**

#### 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 5.1 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2 MARCH 2021

Author:	Kara	Caralyn Reid, Committee Secretary and PA to the Mayor			
Authoriser:	Tina Stevenson, Corporate Services Group Manager				
Attachments:	1.	Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 2 March 2021			

#### PURPOSE

To present the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 2 March 2021 for confirmation.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 2 March 2021 be adopted as a true and correct record.



# MINUTES

# Audit and Risk Committee Meeting

# 2 March 2021

#### MINUTES OF WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE FUNCTION ROOM, WAIMATE EVENT CENTRE, PAUL STREET, WAIMATE ON TUESDAY 2 MARCH 2021, COMMENCING AT 9.37AM

- PRESENT: Chair Damian Hogue, Cr Sheila Paul, Mayor Craig Rowley, Cr Miriam Morton, Cr Tom O'Connor
- APOLOGIES: Nil
- IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Sharyn Cain, Cr Sandy McAlwee, Cr David Owen, Cr Colin Pankhurst

Stuart Duncan (Chief Executive), Paul Cooper (Regulatory and Compliance Group Manager), Carolyn Johns (Community and Strategy Group Manager), Dan Mitchell (Asset Group Manager), Tina Stevenson (Corporate Services Group Manager), Karalyn Reid (Committee Secretary)

Partial: Melissa Thomson (Accountant)

#### **OPENING**

1 APOLOGIES

Nil

- 2 VISITORS
- 11.00am Audit NZ
- 3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Chair asked for any conflicts of interest to be identified. There were no conflicts of interest declared.

#### 4 IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR (URGENT) OR MINOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Nil

#### **MINUTES**

#### 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### 5.1 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2020

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/1**

Moved: Mayor Craig Rowley Seconded: Cr Sheila Paul

That the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 15 December 2020 be adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

#### REPORTS

#### 6 **GENERAL REPORTS**

#### 6.1 OUTSTANDING AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE ACTIONS REPORT - PUBLIC

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/2

Moved: Cr Miriam Morton Seconded: Chair Damian Hogue

That the Outstanding Audit & Risk Committee Actions Report – Public is accepted.

CARRIED

#### 6.2 HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/3**

Moved: Mayor Craig Rowley Seconded: Cr Sheila Paul

That the Health and Safety report is accepted.

CARRIED

### 6.3 OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL FORUM - VERBAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee gave a verbal report on the main discussion points from the OAG Forum held on 2 February 2021 relating to the role of the Audit and Risk Committee in Long Term Plan preparation and adoption.

A discussion was held around Council's stance on climate change. The Chief Executive is currently preparing a climate change strategy, and hopes to use in-house expertise, as well as knowledge from other organisations, rather than employing additional staff. It was pointed out Climate Change is on Council's radar and being considered in all areas of Council's business including the Long Term Plan.

#### 6.4 COUNCIL'S POLICY STATUS

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/4**

Moved: Mayor Craig Rowley Seconded: Cr Tom O'Connor

That the Policy Status report is accepted.

#### Note:

CARRIED

The Committee discussed policies coming up for renewal and the expectation to meet the review deadlines in light of the busy workload. The Committee asked about progress of the media and social media policies, which have been noted as 'under development' for some time.

CARRIED

CARRIED

CARRIED

#### 6.5 RISK TOLERANCE

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/5**

Moved: Mayor Craig Rowley Seconded: Cr Miriam Morton

That the Risk Tolerance report is accepted; and that this item be re-presented to a future Audit and Risk Committee, following training in risk management.

Note:

The Committee thanked the Corporate Services Group Manager for the report and guidelines, and asked for this agenda item to be re-presented after Council has held risk management training in order to be able to make a more informed decision on risk tolerance.

#### 6.6 **RISK REGISTER**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/6**

Moved: Mayor Craig Rowley Seconded: Cr Sheila Paul

That the Risk Register Report is accepted, with amendments to 5 'Business Continuity'.

#### Note:

R0005: Strategic - Business Continuity amend wording to 'destroyed and damaged', and review the rating from moderate to significant.

#### 6.7 2020/21 MAJOR PROJECT UPDATE

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/7

Moved: Mayor Craig Rowley Seconded: Cr Sheila Paul

That the 2020/21 Major Project Update report is accepted.

#### Note:

'Delivery Plan – Stimulus Funded' – that itemised works be included for future reporting, and that all percentages be reviewed to reflect the entire project status.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.46am for morning tea. The meeting was reconvened at 11.00am.

#### 6.8 AUDIT NZ PRESENTATION - 11.00AM

Audit NZ Director Rudie Tomlinson and Manager Debbie Bradfield (via Zoom) presented to the Audit and Risk Committee on the 2020 audit and discussed the proposed Long Term Plan timing.

#### 6.9 AUDIT NEW ZEALAND AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

The Audit and Risk Committee were presented with the Audit NZ report on the audit of Council for the year ended 30 June 2020.

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/8

Moved: Mayor Craig Rowley Seconded: Cr Sheila Paul

- 1. That the Audit New Zealand Audit Report for the year ended 30 June 2020 report is accepted; and
- 2. That the Audit New Zealand Audit Report for the year ended 30 June 2020 is received.

#### CARRIED

#### Note:

The Audit NZ Director highlighted Downlands Water Scheme and Alpine Energy Share Valuation were the two main challenges in the Council audit for the year ended 30 June 2020.

The Committee expressed their frustration over the additional fees incurred by Council, and were assured the additional fees Audit NZ are seeking to recover were costs incurred for the Waimate audit only. The Chief Executive stated the Office of the Auditor General has confirmed non-budgeted items as legitimate, however the Chief Executive is yet to have a further discussion with the Audit Director to confirm fees.

The Audit Manager confirmed the status of the audit recommendations is discussed when the Interim audit is undertaken, and actions can be taken to close off any items where possible.

The Audit Director commented that they have no concerns with the internal audit processes of Council and of the excellent relationship they have with staff.

Discussions are being held between Audit NZ and Council on Long Term Plan work, with the high likelihood the Long Term Plan (LTP) may not be adopted by 30 June. Audit have subsequently reset audit dates, however, there are consequences of missing the LTP deadline, as it is viewed as a statutory breach. This will have an impact on rates, with a delay in adopting rates resolution, it will be important to get legal advice to establish risks and implications to Council.

CARRIED

#### 6.10 EXTERNAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS PROGRESS REPORT TO MARCH 2021

The Audit and Risk Committee reviewed the External Audit Recommendations Progress Report.

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/9

Moved: Cr Sheila Paul Seconded: Cr Tom O'Connor

That the External Audit Recommendations Progress Report to March 2021 report is accepted.

#### Note:

The Chair asked for the External Audit Recommendations Progress report to be updated for the next meeting in order for the Committee to review the recommendations that are able to be signed off as acknowledged and accepted.

#### PUBLIC EXCLUDED

#### 7 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC REPORT

#### **RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/10

Moved: Mayor Craig Rowley Seconded: Cr Sheila Paul

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
7.1 - Public Excluded Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 15 December 2020	s6(a) - the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial	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
7.2 - Cyber Security - Public Excluded	s7(2)(j) - the withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	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

#### CARRIED

#### 8 **RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC REPORT**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/11**

Moved: Mayor Craig Rowley Seconded: Cr Miriam Morton

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

#### **MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 11.59am.

The Minutes of this meeting are to be confirmed at the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting scheduled on Tuesday 1 June 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON

#### REPORTS

#### 6 **GENERAL REPORTS**

#### 6.1 OUTSTANDING AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE ACTIONS REPORT - PUBLIC

Author:	Karalyn Reid,	Committee S	Secretary a	and PA	to the Mayor
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Authoriser: Tina Stevenson, Corporate Services Group Manager

Attachments: 1. Audit & Risk Actions Report - Public 🗓 🛣

#### PURPOSE

For the Outstanding Audit & Risk Committee Actions Report – Public to be presented for the information of the Audit & Risk Committee.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Outstanding Audit & Risk Committee Actions Report – Public is accepted.

#### AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

	IMITTEE MEETING AGEN		8 JUNE 202			
Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject			
Audit and Risk Committee 15-Dec-20	Stevenson, Tina	General Reports	Risk Register			
COMMITTEE RESOLU	TION 2020/43					
That the Risk Register F	Report is accepted, with the	e below amendments.				
Amendments:						
R0003: Correction to the	e wording, should be 'irreco	oncilable'				
R0020: Pandemic – ado	supply chain disruption to	the risk description				
Note:						
R0014: Cyber Security	prior to mitigation) had bee	en moved from moderate to	o significant.			
The Chief Executive verbally updated the Committee on his opinion of risk involved with staff work overload and high leave balances. He reiterated the reason has been mostly unanticipated large work projects undertaken this year, staff turnover and Covid-19, and suggested a need for additional resourcing in the finance area. He noted that he will be encouraging key staff to take leave by mid-2021, but in the meantime will continue to monitor the situation.						
The Committee asked for a separate Council workshop to be held around risk management, and that the Chief Executive lead a discussion as an agenda item at the upcoming Council Retreat scheduled for 2 February 2021, possibly using outside assistance through the Office of the Auditor General, or LGNZ policy team.						
The Committee asked th	nat future changes to the ri	sk register be tracked.				
specialist has been rece costings. The detailed p consider and confirm the workshop to occur., As development of a Risk M	eived, with a subsequent re roposal is expected to be r e content with the specialis this workshop will provide a	quest made for a refined p eceived by mid-June 2021 t and identify the most app a base for Risk Management leration of Risk Tolerance a	., Management will then			
Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject			
Audit and Risk Committee 02-Mar-21	Stevenson, Tina	General Reports	Risk Tolerance			
COMMITTEE RESOLU	TION 2021/5					
	report is accepted; and the aining in risk management.	at this item be re-presented	d to a future Audit and Risk			

#### Note:

28 May 2021: A broad proposal for a Risk Management Workshop to be presented by a Risk Management specialist has been received, with a subsequent request made for a refined proposal and estimated costings. The detailed proposal is expected to be received by mid-June 2021., Management will then consider and confirm the content with the specialist and identify the most appropriate timing for the workshop to occur., As this workshop will provide a base for Risk Management work to follow; including the development of a Risk Management Policy, consideration of Risk Tolerance and Risk Register refresh, the workshop will be scheduled before the end of 2021., The Risk Tolerance item can then be re-presented subsequent to this workshop.

#### 6.2 HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGERS REPORT

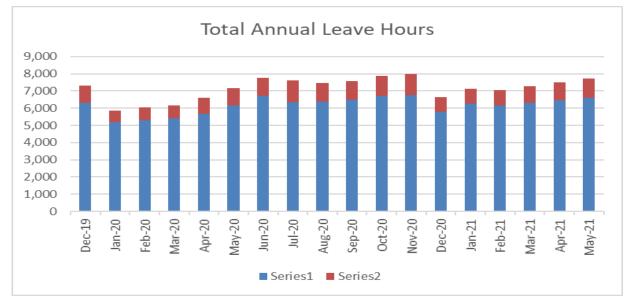
Author:Fiona Hester-Smith, Human Resources ManagerAuthoriser:Fiona Hester-Smith, Human Resources ManagerAttachments:Nil

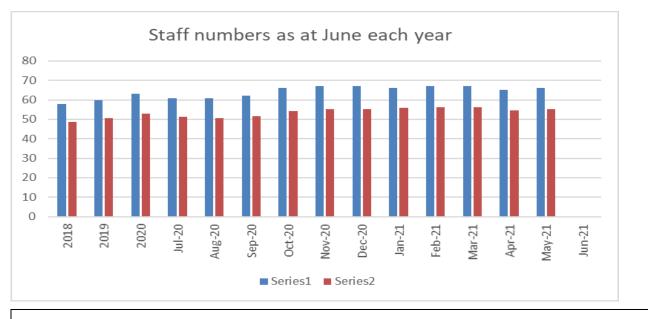
#### PURPOSE

1. The Human Resources Report is submitted for the information of the Audit and Risk Committee.



2. We currently have 14 staff with excess leave. Which is a drop in 4 since my last report. (Note: excess leave is any leave over one year's entitlement. e.g. if an employee has a yearly entitlement of 150.00 hours and they have a balance of 160.00 hours, then 10 hours will be counted as excess leave.) 3. The below graph shows the proportion of excess leave (red) to the balance of the leave liability as current leave (blue)





#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Human Resources Manager's report is accepted.

#### 6.3 OAG FORUM - VERBAL REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY CHAIR

Author: Karalyn Reid, Committee Secretary and PA to the Mayor

Authoriser: Tina Stevenson, Corporate Services Group Manager

Attachments: Nil

#### PURPOSE

For the Deputy Chair to give the Audit and Risk Committee a verbal report from the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) zoom session held remotely on Tuesday 1 June for Audit and Risk Committee Chairs and Deputy Chairs.

This session was on local government finance and accountability documents, and explored the process and linkages between councils' annual plans, long-term plans, financial statements and annual reports, from the point of view of an independent audit and risk committee member.

We understand the recording of this zoom session will be made available.

#### 6.4 2020/21 MAJOR PROJECT UPDATE

Author:	Dan Mitchell, Asset Group Manager
Authoriser:	Dan Mitchell, Asset Group Manager
Attachments:	1. 2020/21 Major Projects Update 🗓 🖺

#### PURPOSE

The 2020/21 Major Project list to May 2021 is submitted for the information of the Audit and Risk Committee.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the 2020/21 Major Project Update report is accepted.

# 2020-21 Major Project Report As at May 2021

Financial Year	Project	Project Description	Budget	Spend to Date	% Complete	Status Time Budget	Comments / Issues / Risks / Reasons
Water Supply							
2016/17 (carry forward)	Lower Waihao DWSNZ CAP funded upgrade	Planned project that will increase service levels for 2016/17	Subsidised	\$350,798	25%		A joint Request for proposal (Early Contractor Involvement) has been completed but is yet to be advertised. Timeline has been put at risk due to Government's Three Waters Reform process. Some analytical monitoring equipment has been installed in previous financial year.
2018/19 (carry forward)	Cannington DWS NZ Compliance upgrade	Drinking Water Standards upgrades to meet compliance. (Install Monitoring and Control in the interim, while waiting for Government direction on legislation and standards).	\$125,080	\$125,079	100%		On hold until Government can give clear direction on Drinking Water Standards changes and funding. Monitoring and control has been installed including a new shed, power to site and telemetry.
2020/21	Hook / Waituna - Drinking Water Intake/Plant Compliance Upgrade	Drinking Water Standards upgrades to meet compliance	\$250,700	\$10,518	4%		Carried over from 2018/19. A joint Request for Proposal (Early Contractor Involvement) has been completed but is yet to be advertised. Timeline has been put at risk due to Government's Three Waters Reform process.
2020/21	Lower Waihao - Drinking Water Intake/Plant Compliance Upgrade	Drinking Water Standards upgrades to meet compliance	\$921,375	\$26,207	3%		A joint Request for proposal (Early Contractor Involvement) has been completed but is yet to be advertised. Timeline has been put at risk due to Government's Three Waters Reform process. Some analytical monitoring equipment has been installed in previous financial year.
2019/20 & 2020/21	Otaio / Makikihi - Tavistock Bore - Treatment Filter & UV	Drinking Water Standards upgrades to meet compliance	\$143,400	\$71,065	100%		Project managed in house. Medium Pressure UV and analytical equipment have been purchased and analytical equipment installed. Pipework and electrical control installed and commissioned. Completed.
2020/21	Waihaorunga - Drink Water Intake/Plant Compliance Upgrade	Drinking Water Standards upgrades to meet compliance. (Install Monitoring and Control in the interim at Tavendales, while waiting for Government direction on legislation and standards).	\$526,500	\$63,242	100%		On hold until Government can give clear direction on Drinking Water Standards changes and funding. Monitoring and control has been installed at Waihaorunga Main. Monitoring and control is also programmed at Tavendales Plant, in agreement with the MoH and DWA.
2020/21	Waikakahi - Drinking Water Intake/Plant Compliance Upgrade	Drinking Water Standards upgrades to meet compliance	\$1,474,200	\$0	0%		Note, New Treatment Plant upgrade is on hold with the agreement of DWA until 2020/21 and clearer direction on legislation and standards. Investigation has started into alternate source, which did not yield any usable water. Turbidity meter installed at shed. Further investigation on source as part of stimulus funding (Delivery Plan).
2019/20	Urban Water - Rising Main Renewals	New water main	\$130,400	\$10,098	8%		Easements for Stage 5 Rising Main. Remaining to be used for Urban pipe renewal / pressure management.
2019/20	Urban Water - Lateral Renewals	Toby and lateral renewals	\$63,180	\$14,019	22%		Ongoing Toby and lateral renewals
2019/20	Urban Water - Tim Rd Plant - Treatment Filter & UV	Drinking Water Standards upgrades to meet compliance	\$278,588	\$156,980	56%		Project managed in house. Medium Pressure UV and analytical equipment have been purchased, and analytical equipment installed. Pipework in progress. Electrical and control works awarded.
2019/20	Urban Water - AC Water Main Renewals	Renewal of aged and poor condition AC water main, with PVC	\$115,830	\$63,920	55%		Contract 19/24 Parsonage Road, and 20/23 Paul St water mains renewal.
2019/20	Urban Water - CI Water Main Renewals	Renewal of aged and poor condition CI water main, with PVC	\$212,780	\$213,301	100%		Contract 19/24 Parsonage Road, and 20/23 Paul St water mains renewal.
Sewerage and S	Sewage						
2019/20	Investigate inflow and infiltration	Infiltration investigation from surface influences i.e. illegal storm water connections					Project now part of delivery plan. Consultant engaged and work has commenced.
2020/21	Sewer - Waimate Urban Renewals		\$530,897	\$469,589	88%		High Street Upgrade(s) completed. Remainder re-allocated to Queen Street Upgrade. New enabling manhole on Queen Street installed. Contract awarded.

10.40.100		Project Description	Budget	Spend to Date	% Complete	Statu	-	Comments
2019/20 5	Sewer - Edward Street Upgrade (Renewal)		\$551,000	\$22,405	4%	Time E	0	Project to be informed b on latter works being co
Storm water Drai	inage	I I						design. Part delivery pla
	Storm water - Consent & Management Plan		\$30,000	\$119,287	70%		i	Consent application lodg in obtaining approval from discharge.
2020/21 S	Storm water - Queen Street Upgrade		\$133,640	\$32,759	25%		f	Project now part of delive market. Tender awarded discussion with contract
Delivery Plan - St	timulus Funded							
2020/22 C	Delivery Plan Works - See separate report	Various Projects	\$4,600,000				S B A T C C C C C	Stimulus Funding is \$3.3 started include Reform C Break Tank Upgrades, D Rural and Urban Hydrau and Queen Street Upgra reflected in financials pre of stock (water meters, to others and therefore pos report to follow
Waste Manageme	ent	· · · · ·						
2020/21 V	Waste Management - Weighbridge		\$120,060	\$73,459	61%			Supplier selected, procu and software to be opera
Property								
2018/19 V	Waimate Library extension		\$1,400,000	Nil	0%			Delayed due to investiga proposal
2016/17 (carry P forward)	Public toilets (new) Waimate town and review of District toilets		\$200,000	Nil	0%		F	Investigation and option project options
2021 L	Local Government Centre Flood Damage	Recovery from January 2021 flooding event / renovation opportunity	\$500,000	\$189,292.23	90%		r.	Refurbishment of front o plastering, painting, carp include replacement of c

High Risk (budget and/or timeframe)

Some risk (budget and/or timeframe) - Highlight issues in comments

Not started / External to Council

#### nts / Issues / Risks / Reasons

by inflow investigation works. Contingent completed before committing to final plan funded

odged and currently on hold. Some difficulty from land owners at the various points of

elivery plan. Tender documents went to ded. Potential budget increase. In actor to find ways of reducing costs.

3.36M. Council Funding is \$1.24M. Projects rm Consultancy, New Staff, Reservoir and es, Desludging of WWTP Ponds, Update of draulic Models, Sewer Inflow Investigation grade. A number of transactions not presented as they relate to early purchase s, tanks etc.) Some projects contingent on pose a risk if nor managed well. Detailed

ocurement in process. Weighbridge, booth perational prior to 1 July 2021.

tigation into Library / LGC redevelopment

on presentation delayed due to Library

t office (includes relining walls, electrical, arpet, joinery, furniture). Extended to of concrete roof tiles with long-run iron.

#### 6.5 RISK REGISTER

Author:	Tina Stevenson, Corporate Services Group Manager
Authoriser:	Tina Stevenson, Corporate Services Group Manager
Attachments:	1. 🛛 Risk Register - June 2021 🎚 🖺

#### PURPOSE

1. To provide the Audit and Risk Committee with Council's updated Risk Register for consideration.

#### **Risk Register**

- 2. In accordance with the Audit and Risk Committee Annual Work Plan, the Committee is to 'monitor corporate risk assessment' at each meeting. We provide the register to the Audit and Risk Committee regarding Council's key risks and mitigation measures.
- 3. The updates to the register are 'tracked' for easy identification.
- 4. The updates include some minor amendments suggested by the Committee at the March 2021 meeting.
- 5. Additionally, the risk description for the 'Human Resources Stress and Work Overload' risk (R0021) has been amended to include 'High employee leave balances' and a new extreme rated risk for 'Service Delivery' proposed as an addition (R0022), for the Committee's consideration.
- 6. We ask the Committee to consider the updated Risk Register and provide any feedback or suggested amendments.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Risk Register Report is accepted.

#### PUBLIC KEY RISK REGISTER - MARCH JUNE 2021

#### **RISK IMPACTS**

Rating Level	Consequence Description	Score
<ul> <li>Catastrophic</li> <li>Catastrophic loss of public or stakeholder confidence, or breakdown in standards, which requires major recovery action to restore reputation or effectiveness; or</li> <li>Clearly threatens operations or ability of organisation over an extended period to achieve its objectives, or</li> <li>Major unexpected financial overspend or loss of \$1 million or above</li> <li>Loss of life</li> <li>Prolonged national media and political attention</li> </ul>		5
Major	<ul> <li>Major unexpected financial overspend or loss of \$500,000 to \$1 million</li> <li>Significant dissatisfaction expressed by stakeholders,</li> <li>Serious harm, or</li> <li>Unexpected failure to meet a standard and/or legislation.</li> </ul>	4
Moderate	<ul> <li>Failure leading to review of project or operation that will require changes to processes or goals; or</li> <li>Likely to cause some damage or, disruption or breach of controls; or</li> <li>Moderate financial overspend or loss of \$100,000 to \$500,000</li> <li>Regional media attention, loss of image</li> <li>Injury to staff or contractor</li> </ul>	3
Minor	<ul> <li>Localised or isolated failure to meet stakeholder requirements or standards,</li> <li>Unlikely to cause damage or threaten the effectiveness of the project,</li> <li>Minor financial impact, involves management time, up to \$100,000</li> </ul>	2
Insignificant	Very low impact that will not be visible, negligible	1

Likelihood	Likelihood Description	Scoring	Probability % (to assist assessment)
Frequent	Will almost certainly occur, and at least once in a month	5	91-100
Often	Will probably occur 6-12 times per year	4	71-90
Likely	1-5 times per year – likely to occur at least once in the next two - three months. There is a chance in the foreseeable future	3	51-70
Possible	May occur at least once in the next year. Little chance of occurrence in foreseeable future	2	21-50
Rare	Not expected to occur this year but may occur in a future period – unlikely in foreseeable future	1	1-20

#### **RISK LIKELIHOOD**

#### **SCORING RISKS**

			Consequence										
Likelihood		Insignificant (1)	Minor (2)	Moderate (3)	Major (4)	Catastrophic (5)							
Frequent	(5)	5	10	15	20	25							
Often	(4)	4	8	12	16	20							
Likely	(3)	3	6	9	12	15							
Possible	(2)	2	4	6	8	10							
Rare	(1)	1	2	3	4	5							

Risk Score	Level of risk	Action Required	Attention of / assigned to
15-25	Extreme risk	Requires immediate assessment of actions	Audit and Risk Committee / Council / Chief Executive (as required), statutory bodies
8-12	Significant risk	Requires remedial assessment and action via the annual planning process	Chief Executive / Leadership Team
4-6	Moderate risk	Address via new procedures and/or modification of existing practices and training	Group Manager, programme manager, work stream leaders
1-3	Low risk	No formal requirement for further action, unless escalation of risk is possible	Work stream leaders, project mangers

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R0001	Strategic	Business Continuity	All	Chief Executive	Impact of severe weather, fire, natural disasters on Council infrastructure, Council-owned Forestry	3	4	12	Significant	Policies     Asset Management Plans     Civil Defence     Phone-In Facilities     Insurance Cover     Secondary Ops centre (Gorge Road)	Consider contingency fund to cover unbudgeted repair works to protect existing works program.	Significant		Flooding is the highest risk/impact - we need to be prepared Wind secondary Infrastructure survives very well at present
R0002	Strategic	Governance	Mayor	Mayor	Councillors: confidentiality, conflicts of interest, bad decisions, ignorance of/ignoring statute, failing to meet timelines, "loose tongues", disposal of papers (particularlysensitive council papers)		4	8	Significant	Workshop topics     Publications (Auditor General)     Email to Councillors via Council network     Education     Professional Advice     LGNZ Advice     Members handbook     Legal opinions     Identifyconflicts of interest     Use of Council facilities     Leadership	Continuation of Formal and Informal training Being transparent / information sharing	Moderate		Individuality will always come in to play
R0003	Strategic	Reputation	Councillors	Councillors	Non-functional Council (Council unable to make resolutions due to irreconcilable differences)	1	4	4	Moderate	<ul> <li>Councillor workshops, Councillor retreats and keeping all elected members informed (no surprises)</li> </ul>	Government     intervention     General Elections	Moderate		
R0004	Strategic	Reputation	All	Chief Executive	Neglecting to act at correct or prescribed time     Tending towards Customer Service issue predominantly     We do not react when we should	2	5	10	Significant	Appropriate relationship maintained between Mayor and CE     Regular timeline reviews     Open communication between Leadership Team and Elected Members     Evidence based reporting to Council	Regular Planning meetings	Moderate		
R0005	Strategic	Business Continuity	All	Chief Executive	Local Government Building destroyed <u>or damaged</u> by Earthquake/ Fire <u>Flood</u>	42	5	5 <u>10</u>	Significant Mosterate	IT Information recovery (off-site back-ups)     Insurance coverage     Impact on staff from injury, lack of workplace     Business Continuity plan     Secondary Ops centre (Gorge Road)     Flood protection including redirection of overland flows	Availabilityof Waimate Event Centre, <u>Gorge Road Office</u> and Works yard as secondary operational centres	<u>Significan</u> tModerate		Fire is major issue - other events likely to impact whole District. Has been lifted to. Moderate post mitigation actions. Flood mitigation measures will take time to implement.
R0006	Strategic	Business Continuity	Planning and Regulatory	Regulatory and Compliance Manager	IANZ Accreditation - potential loss of accreditation	2	3	6	Moderate	Constant monitoring of IANZ assessments. To be reviewed by CE and Audit Committee		Low		
R0007	Strategic	Strategic Planning	All	Chief Executive	Non-completion of Performance measures and failure to understand their significance	1	1	1	Low	<ul> <li>Good procedures and systems in place</li> <li>Better understanding of measures</li> </ul>	Audit Team monitoring	Low		
R0008	Strategic	Legislation and compliance	All	Chief Executive	<ul> <li>Compliance with all Statutes</li> <li>Government's 3 waters review may result in new regulation and aggregation</li> <li>Four wellbeing's</li> </ul>	2	3	6	Moderate	Archive mechanisms in place     CE Review     Audit and Risk Committee     Legislation/LGNZ newsletters     regularly     Published timelines     Working to due process and     prescribed timelines     Liaise with Audit NZ	Distribute Anderson Lloyd newsetters to Councillors     Internal Audit projects	Low		Revisit pending Aon Insurance conversation
R0009	Strategic	Market Forces	Finance	Corporate Services Group Manager	Insurance cost and changes in nature of the cost     Other standard costs on the increase     Changes in property Valuations (OV)	2	3	6	Moderate	<ul> <li>LAPP</li> <li>Use of Insurance Broker</li> <li>All of Government Contracts availability</li> </ul>	Review insurance cover required. Review what needs to be fully insured, have limited cover, have fire cover only, or be self- insured.     Other Shared Services/All of Government contracts that may become available	Moderate		Further "Pick and Mix" reviews required on insurance covers with Probability/Consequences to be reviewed during insurance renewal process.

### **RISK AREAS**

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R0010	Operational	Legal and Contractual	All	Chief Executive	Incurrence of Legal costs     Minimise the cost of Legal     Opinions, mitigate conflicting     opinions and monitor New     Legislation     Breach of Public Liability creating     exposure and cost	3	4	12	Significant	Up to date Policies, specifically Procurement, HR and Delegations Policy     Standard Conditions of contract File of Legal opinions maintained. legal activity to be approved by CE (re delegations Policy) Annual report of legal matters discussed with Council (confidential)	CE with sole delegation to instruct Legal advisors and involved in all litigation	Moderate		Predicting occurrence of events not easy
	Operational / Strategic	Fraud / Theft / Bitbery/ Corruption	All	Chief Executive / Corporate Services Group Manager	<ul> <li>Theft of assets, portable &amp; attractive items or cash</li> <li>Acceptance of bribes</li> <li>Acceptance of Gifts</li> </ul>	3	3	9	Significant	<ul> <li>Review Councils Fraud Policy and training for the nominated fraud officers</li> <li>Maintain accurate asset registers and asset owners</li> <li>Staff awareness and training</li> <li>Whistle blower policy</li> </ul>		Moderate		Fraud awareness and Bribery & Corruption training was undertaken by all available staff and elected members in March 2019. Council's Fraud Policy was reviewed and adopted by Council in October 2019. Asset stocktakes are undertaken by class of asset as appropriate.
R0012	Operational	Non Compliance	Assets	Asset Group Manager	Supply of non-potable water	3	5	15	Extreme	<ul> <li>SCADA monitoring and reporting</li> <li>Testing for bacterial compliance</li> <li>Monitoring adverse weather events</li> <li>Monitoring and regulating catchment activities (Regional and District Plans)</li> <li>Maintenance of approved Water Safety Plans alongside regular implementation reviews</li> <li>Inclusion of "Critical Control Points" and associated procedures</li> <li>Residual chlorination</li> </ul>	Act 1956, Health (Drinking Water) Amendment Act 2007, and the Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand 2005 (Revised 2008) (DWSNZ). See Waimate	Moderate	Bacterial transgressions have occurred in the past with appropriate measures implemented. These include the transgression response procedures required by DWSNZ or the issue of Boil Water Notices (Permanent and Temporary) where controls are considered inadequate.	events not easy. Council has participated in
R0013	Strategic / Operational	Financial	Finance	Corporate Services Group Manager	<ul> <li>Unaffordable rates</li> <li>Not operate within budget</li> <li>Unable to maintain agreed levels of service</li> <li>Increased borrowing / debt limits</li> <li>Alpine Energy share revaluation</li> </ul>	4	3	12	Significant	Report income and expenditure against budget monthly and annually     Performance reporting quarterly and annually	Continually monitor internally	Moderate		Budget variation reports are provided to Council on a quarterly basis
R0014	Operational	Cyber security	Ali	Corporate Services Group Manager	<ul> <li>Cyber threats</li> <li>Compromised availability of systems</li> <li>Sensitive information exposed</li> </ul>	3	3	9	Significant	<ul> <li>Commissioning of Cyber Security Review Report</li> <li>Cyber Security Project</li> <li>Preventative operational processes</li> </ul>	Completion of Cyber Security Project to achieve project outputs	Moderate		The Cyber Security Project has been completed. Training was delivered to staff and elected members during February and March 2019. Customisation of reports to describe cyber- security threats and incidents has progressed. A Computer Systems Use policy was reviewed and completed in February 2020. Further prioritised options to mitigate have been identified.
	Operational	Roading Quality Assurance	Assets	Asset Group Manager	<ul> <li>Contracts not being performed to the standard required</li> <li>Unsafe bridges</li> </ul>	3	2	6	Moderate	Audits carried out     Inspections completed     Failures identified	<ul> <li>Increased audit numbers</li> <li>Increased work inspections</li> </ul>	Low		
R0016	Operational	Management of Closed Landfill Sites	Assets	Asset Group Manager	<ul> <li>Illegal dumping at closed sites</li> <li>Exposure of legacy materials</li> <li>Leachate causing contamination</li> </ul>	2	3	6	Moderate	<ul> <li>Sites are visually monitored by staff</li> <li>Some sites groundwater monitored</li> <li>Identify contingent liability associated with sites</li> </ul>		Moderate	Hook landfill where erosion exposed old material. River realigned to protect edge of closed landfill.	Once new contract commences 1 Jul2021, provision of CCTV will be considered after an operational period is complete.
R0017	Operational and reputational	Compliance & Enforcement	Regulatory & Compliance	Regulatory & Compliance Group Manager	<ul> <li>Conduct a regulatory function subsequently found in proceedings to be in error or ultra</li> </ul>	3	3	9	Significant	<ul> <li>Follow enforcement policy guidance</li> <li>Provide appropriate and current training to staff</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provide training for staff and managers</li> <li>Continued vigilance to ensure</li> </ul>	Moderate		Council may choose to warrant enforcement officers to issue

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					vires (done beyond one's legal power or authority).					<ul> <li>Liaise closely with manager around work being conducted so assess risk to organisation</li> <li>Seek legal advice where appropriate</li> </ul>	current best practice is followed • Monitor current case law • Ensure regular meetings occur between manager and regulatory practitioners to ensure on going risk as sessment is undertaken			infringement notices under section 372 of the Act. Any enforcement activities are to follow policy guidelines, and any enforcement action beyond minor instances should be backed by legal advice.
R0018	Strategic / Operational	Investments	Finance	Corporate Services Group Manager	<ul> <li>Lesser return on investment compared to that anticipated, resulting in reduced income to use to potentially offset against rates</li> <li>Loss on value of investment</li> <li>Volatility of market prices i.e. forestry</li> </ul>	3	3	9	Significant	<ul> <li>Follow our Investment Policy</li> <li>Monitoring returns on investments</li> <li>Participation in Shareholder, company and board represented meetings for Alpine Energy Limited to ensure District's wishes are heard</li> <li>Engaged Forestry Consultants to provide advice</li> </ul>	Consider alternative investment opportunities     Ensure active participation in Shareholder, company and board represented meetings for Alpine Energy Limited     Reduce reliance on investment returns used to offset rates	Moderate	<ul> <li>Present economic climate is exhibiting low returns on investments due to low interest rates</li> <li>Reduction of Alpine Energy Dividend in 2020/21 financial year expected to continue for the foreseeable future.</li> </ul>	
R0019		Climate mitigation and adaptation		Chief Executive	<ul> <li>Higher proportion of extreme weather events</li> <li>Financial (from disaster mitigatior and recovery and transitioning to low carbon economy)</li> <li>Legal - Planning provisions need to recognise for the management of significant risks from natural hazards.</li> </ul>		4	12	Significant	<ul> <li>Update planning and GIS provisions including possible prohibition of building in certain areas or restricted designs.</li> <li>Liaise with Ecan, LGNZ and other TA's</li> <li>Show leadership through action</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Flood erosion protection</li> <li>Infrastructure relocation</li> <li>Map carbon footprint and identify opportunities to reduce emissions</li> </ul>	Significant	changing climate on communities. It is also required to incorporate climate change into existing frameworks, plans, projects and standard decision-making procedures. A climate change perspective is now integrated into activities such as flood management, water resources, planning, building regulations and transport	Climate mitigation and adaptation requires global investment and is a long- game. New Zealand accounts for 0.17% of the world's greenhouses gases, but we rank much higher on a per gcapita basis (18 per person per year) WDC as a minor player in the over all ability to reduce
R0020	Operational	Pandemic		Chief Executive	<ul> <li>Part or all of community locked down for extended periods, including Council.</li> <li>Inability to deliver statutory functions.</li> <li>Loss of revenue.</li> <li>Potential high levels of sistif, leadership and governance.</li> <li>Significant impacts on corporate planning cycle (A/P's &amp; LTP's)</li> <li>Council heavily relied on to provide for welfare needs in the community (food, shelter and access to medical services).</li> <li>Supply Chain Disruption</li> </ul>	1 to 2	4 to 5	8 to 10	Significant	<ul> <li>Completed a Pandemic Plan that aligns with the National Pandemic Plan and has incorporated local learnings from the COVID-19 response.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Consider developing some generic business continuity planning to provide a high leve framework across a number of scenarios.</li> </ul>		COVID-19 had all Council sites closed for 7 weeks and only very limited services available throughout the lockdown period – particularly at Alert Level 4.	developed at the beginning of the COVID-19 lockdown
R0021	Operational	Human Resources Stress and Work Overload	All	Chief Executive	Potential high levels of sickness/depression/mortality across all of staff, leadership and governance     Decision making impaired     Vehicle/workplace accident increase     High staff turnover     High employee leave balances	4	3	12	Significant	<ul> <li>Ensuring adequate staff resources</li> <li>Job descriptions are reviewed for impact employees</li> <li>Communication across the organisation manager / staff regular meetings</li> <li>Maintain positive work culture and team building</li> <li>Encourage breaks/leave</li> <li>Workplace Support available</li> <li>Health Monitoring</li> <li>Communication is vital !</li> </ul>	ensure the steps minimise harm • Review levels of resourcing	Significant	COVID-19 being a large disrupter; and the Three Waters Reforms being a large unplanned work stream. 1. The disruption from COVID primarily impacted on Councils BAU and more directly on the Annual Plan and LTP productivity with this project being set-back	control of the WDC. It is disappointing that the Government is fast-tracking the implementation of major policy changes beyond Local Governments ability to adapt, scope, plan, build and adopt these changes in a controlled and timely

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													Information (RFI) added approximately 800 hours work (or two staff at 10 weeks)	finance area. Council can expect leave liabilities to grow and remain high for the short to medium term (8 months). All staff will be closely monitored.
<u>R0022</u>	Strategic / Operational	Service Delivery	Assets (and others)	Chief Executive	3W's Reform process is likely to affect service delivery arrangements for the 3W's post 1 July 2024.     Short timeframes available to consult with the community regarding opting out of reforms Short timeframe to identify risks. to the organisation associated with opting in or opting out of reforms Possible decision required before. Water Services Act is active. For example, Councils decision could be influenced by compliance methods that are currently unavailable in current legislation.		5	20		Actively involved in the reform process.     Engagement with stakeholder (Committees, Representatives from organisations etc.)	Organisational modelling of th <u>impact of changes to Service</u> <u>Delivery</u>			be required to make significant decisions toward the end of 2021

#### PUBLIC EXCLUDED

#### 7 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC REPORT

#### **RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

#### RECOMMENDATION

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
7.1 - Public Excluded Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 2 March 2021	s6(a) - the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial	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
7.2 - Health & Safety Incident Report	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons s7(2)(d) - the withholding of the information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public	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
7.3 - Cyber Security Report	s7(2)(j) - the withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	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
7.4 - Security Camera Footage Requests	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
7.5 - Insurance Report	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons s7(2)(j) - the withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	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

7.6 - Delivery Plan / Stimulus Funding Update	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 who is the subject of the information	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
	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	

#### 8 **RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC REPORT**

**MEETING CLOSURES**