

**MINUTES OF CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE CARTERTON EVENTS CENTRE, 50 HOLLOWAY ST, CARTERTON  
ON WEDNESDAY, 11 JUNE 2025 AT 9:00 AM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Ron Mark, Deputy Mayor Steve Cretney, Cr Brian Deller, Cr Robyn Cherry-Campbell, Cr Steve Laurence, Cr Lou Newman, Cr Steve Gallon, Joel Ngātuere (Ngāti Kahukuraāwhitia)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Staff  
Geoff Hamilton (Chief Executive), Karon Ashforth (Corporate Services Manager), Geri Brooking (People and Wellbeing Manager), Solitaire Robertson (Planning and Regulatory Services Manager), Glenda Seville (Community Services and Facilities Manager), Johannes Ferreira (Infrastructure Services Manager), Anna Tulloch (Communications and Engagement Advisor), Robyn Blue (Democratic Services Officer), Katrina King (Democratic Services Officer)

**1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA**

The meeting opened with a karakia by all members.

**2 APOLOGIES**

**MOVED**

That apologies be accepted from Cr G Ayling.

Cr L Newman / Deputy Mayor S Cretney

**CARRIED**

**MOVED**

That apologies be accepted from Cr D Williams.

No mover or seconder

**MOTION FAILED**

**3 CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARATION**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**4 PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public forum.

**5 DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC FORUM**

N/A

## **6 YOUTH COUNCIL VIEWS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

N/A

## **7 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

N/A

## **8 REPORTS**

### **8.1 ADOPTION OF DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2025/26**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

For the Council to consider the adoption of the draft Annual Plan 2025/26 and resolution to set rates for the year ending 30 June 2026.

#### **NOTED**

- Page 15 of the Annual Plan will be amended to include that Ngāti Kahukuraāwhitia has historical connections to the Mangatarere Stream, as well as connections to the Waiohine River and Taratahi.
- Waters renewals are funded by depreciation, and funding is put into a reserve to be used when needed. This is carried over if not utilised.
- In the past, depreciation of waters assets has been at 75%. The reduction from 75% to 50% occurred several years ago with the changes proposed as part of Three Waters Reforms. It was planned to increase this back to 75% in the Long-Term Plan (LTP) 24/25 and was supported by Council in earlier discussions. However, Council has since asked Management to amend the Annual Plan and defer the proposed increase in funding of waters depreciation by one year, keeping it at 50% for the Annual Plan 25/26.
- The rationale for keeping depreciation of waters assets at 50% is to reduce the impact on rates for urban ratepayers who are disproportionately affected by increasing the depreciation on waters assets back to 75%.

At the meeting several elected members expressed concern about the impact on this change in the next rating cycle.

- There was discussion on the following mitigating factors:
  - Only water renewals are funded by depreciation in CDC; other capital works are funded by debt.
  - All of the reserves will be transferred to the new entity when it is operational. CDC won't fund waters when it is handed over to the new entity.
  - The new LWDW model doesn't rely on depreciation for funding renewals. Capital works will be funded by debt.

- CDC has the lowest debt of the two other Wairarapa councils and Tararua District Council – both in quantity and proportion. The risks in increasing Council debt are not considered to be material.
- Legal advice has been sought, and there is no need to consult the community on this change to the LTP.

**MOVED**

That the Council:

1. **Receives** the report.

Cr R Cherry-Campbell / Cr S Gallon

**CARRIED**

2. **Notes** changes made to the second year of the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan have been reflected in the draft 2025/26 Annual Plan.

Cr B Deller / Cr L Newman

**CARRIED**

3. **Notes** the deferral of the increased ratepayer funding of waters depreciation from 50% to 75% for the 2025/26 fiscal year is inconsistent with the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan.

Mayor R Mark / Cr S Laurence

**CARRIED**

4. **Notes** the deferral of increased ratepayer funding of waters depreciation can be considered by Council without the need for further consultation.

Cr S Laurence / Cr R Cherry-Campbell

**CARRIED**

5. **Notes** Council will consider further public consultation on deferring ratepayer funding of waters depreciation in 2026.

Cr B Deller / Cr L Newman

**CARRIED**

6. **Adopts**, pursuant to Section 95 of the Local Government Act 2002, the draft Annual Plan 2025/26, including the schedule of fees and charges in **Attachment 1 and 2**.

Cr L Newman / Cr S Gallon

**CARRIED**

7. **Delegates** authority to the Mayor and Chief Executive to make minor editorial changes to the draft Annual Plan 2025/26 prior to publication.

Cr L Newman / Cr B Deller

**CARRIED**

## 8.2 SETTING RATES FOR 2025-26

### 1. PURPOSE

For Council to consider the setting of rates for the 2025-26 financial year.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

**Receives** the report:

Pursuant to Sections 23, 24 and 57 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, **resolves** to set the rates, due dates and penalties regime for the 2025/26 financial year as follows:

All rate amounts stated are GST inclusive.

#### (a) General rate

A general rate on the capital value of each rating unit in the district.

The general rate is set on a differential basis over three rating categories as follows:

General rates – differential factor	
Residential	1 . 0
Commercial	1 . 8
Rural	0 . 8

Where –

- Residential means:
  - all rating units used primarily for residential purposes within the residential zone of the Carterton District as depicted in the District Plan
  - all rating units located in the commercial and industrial zones of Carterton District, as depicted in the District Plan, that are used primarily for residential purposes
  - all rating units associated with utility services (water, telecommunications, etc.) that are located in the urban area.
- Commercial means:
  - all rating units in the commercial zone of Carterton District, including the Carterton Character Area, as depicted in the District Plan, and all rating units outside the said commercial zone that have existing use rights or resource consent to undertake commercial land use activities under the Resource Management Act 1991

- all rating units in the industrial zone of Carterton District, as depicted in the District Plan, and all rating units outside the said industrial zone that have existing use rights or resource consent to carry out industrial land use activities under the Resource Management Act 1991.
  - Excludes any rating units used primarily for residential purposes
  - Includes any rating units within the rural zone of Carterton District, as depicted in the District Plan, holding or exercising existing use rights or resource consent to carry out commercial or industrial land use activities under the Resource Management Act 1991
- Rural means:
    - all rating units within the rural zone of Carterton District, as depicted in the District Plan, but excluding those rating units that hold and are exercising existing use rights or resource consent to carry out commercial or industrial land use activities under the Resource Management Act 1991
    - all rating units associated with utility services (water, telecommunications, etc) that are located in the rural area.

A General Rate set under section 13(2)(b) Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on every rating unit on a differential basis as described below:

- a rate of 0.19184 cents in the dollar (including GST) of capital value on every rating unit in the Residential category
- a rate of 0.34531 cents in the dollar (including GST) of capital value on every rating unit in the Commercial category
- a rate of 0.15347 cents in the dollar (including GST) of capital value on every rating unit in the Rural category

### **(b) Uniform Annual General Charge**

A Uniform Annual General Charge on each rating unit in the district to fully fund Governance activities and to fund Community Support activities within the maximum possible under section 21 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

The Uniform Annual General Charge is calculated as one fixed amount per rating unit, for the rating year 2025/26 this rate will be \$1,288.18 (including GST) per rating unit set under section 15(1)(a) Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

### **(c) Targeted rates**

#### ***Regulatory and planning service rate***

A regulatory and planning service rate for regulatory, resource management, and district planning services on every rating unit in the district, calculated on capital value.

A targeted Regulatory and Planning Services Rate of 0.00849 cents per dollar of capital value set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every rating unit in the district.

***Urban wastewater rates***

A differential targeted rate for the Council's urban wastewater and treatment and disposal of wastewater services of a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in relation to all land in the district to which the Council's urban wastewater service is provided or available.

The rate applied is as follows:

- A charge per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that is able to be connected
- A charge per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit connected

The Council also sets a rate (pan charge) per water closet or urinal within each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit after the first one for rating units with more than one water closet or urinal.

For the purposes of this rate:

- 'Connected' means the rating unit is connected to the Council's urban wastewater service directly or through a private drain.
- 'Able to be connected' means the rating unit is not connected to the Council's urban wastewater drain but is within 30 metres of such a drain.
- A separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit used primarily as a residence for one household is treated as not having more than one water closet or urinal.
  - a. A rate of \$635.32 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for rating units that are not yet connected but are able to be connected to the Council's urban sewerage reticulation system.
  - b. a rate of \$1,270.64 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for rating units that are connected to the Council's urban sewerage reticulation system.
  - c. a rate of \$1,270.64 set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for each water closet or urinal after the first in each separately used or inhabited part of a non-residential rating unit connected to Council's urban sewerage reticulation system.

***Waingawa wastewater rates***

A targeted rate of a fixed amount on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that is connected to the Waingawa wastewater service.

**And**

A differential targeted rate on capital value on all properties connected or able to be connected to the Waingawa wastewater service. The rate will be set on a differential basis over two rating categories:

- All rating units located in the Waingawa industrial zone of Carterton District, as depicted in the District Plan, that are used primarily for residential purposes
- All other rating units in the Waingawa industrial zone of Carterton District.

For the purposes of these rates:

- ‘Connected’ means a rating unit that is connected to the reticulated wastewater service.
- ‘Able to be connected’ means a rating unit that can be connected to the wastewater service, but it not, and is a property situated within 30 metres of such a drain.

The purpose of these rates is to fund the operation and maintenance of the Waingawa wastewater service.

- a) a targeted Waingawa Sewerage Rate of \$219.00 set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that is connected to the Waingawa Sewerage Service located in the Waingawa industrial zone of Carterton District,
- b) a rate of 0.21579 cents per dollar of capital value set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rating units connected or able to be connected to the Waingawa Sewerage Service, in the Waingawa industrial zone of Carterton District that are not used primarily for residential purposes,
- c) a rate of 0.10789 cents per dollar of capital value set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all properties used primarily for residential purposes connected or able to be connected to the Waingawa Sewerage Service located in the Waingawa industrial zone of Carterton District.

#### ***Stormwater rate***

A stormwater rate on all rating units within the urban area calculated on land value. For the purposes of this rate the ‘urban area’ is rating units:

- Within the residential zone of the Carterton District as depicted in the District Plan,
- Adjacent to the residential zone where stormwater from the property drains to the Council’s urban stormwater system.
  - a targeted Stormwater Rate of 0.04078 cents per dollar of land value set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rating units within the urban area.

#### ***Refuse collection and kerbside recycling rate***

A refuse collection and kerbside recycling rate for kerbside refuse and recycling collection on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit to which the Council’s collection service is provided or available.

- (a) a targeted Refuse Collection and Kerbside Recycling Rate of \$126.00 set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit where Council provides the service, or the service is available.

**Urban water rates**

A differential targeted urban water rate of:

- a fixed amount on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that has been fitted with a water meter or meters and is connected to the Council's urban water supply system.
- of a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit for rating units that are not yet connected but are able to be connected to the urban water supply.

Additionally, a targeted metered water rate per cubic metre of water supplied, as measured by meter, for water consumed over 225 cubic metres per year. This rate will be invoiced separately from land rates.

For the purposes of the differential targeted rate:

- 'Connected' means a rating unit to which water is supplied,
- 'Able to be connected' means a rating unit to which water can be, but is not, supplied being a property situated within 100 metres of the water supply.

The purpose of these rates to fund the operation and maintenance of the urban water supply.

- (a) a rate of \$825.64 set under section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that has been fitted with a water meter or meters and is connected to the Council's urban water supply system,
- (b) a rate of \$412.82 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for rating units that are not yet connected but are able to be connected to the urban water supply system,
- (c) a targeted Metered Water Rate of \$2.10 per cubic metre set under section 19(2)(a) Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for each cubic metre of water supplied, as measured by meter, over 225 cubic metres per year.
- (d) A targeted Metered Water Rate of \$3.20 per cubic metre set under section 19(2)(a) Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for each cubic metre of water supplied, for temporary connections for Commercial and Industrial rating units as defined by the differential for General Rate.

**Carterton Water Race Systems targeted rates**

A targeted rate on a differential basis, calculated on land area, on rating units within the Carrington or Taratahi water race system classified areas as follows:

- Class A land area 200 metres either side of the centreline of the water race
- Class B land area from 200 to 500 metres either side of the centreline of the water race



- Class C land area able to be irrigated from water drawn from natural watercourses fed from the Water Race System, calculated from conditions of the applicable resource consent.

A rural water services rate on every rating unit situated in the Carrington or Taratahi Water Race Classified Areas for provision of the service. The amount is a rate per rating unit. For the purposes of this rate 'provision of the service' means the provision of water for stock or domestic use, including where:

- The water race channel passes over the ratepayer's property
- The water race is piped through the ratepayer's property
- Water is extracted from the water race on a neighbouring property.
- a targeted Rural Water Race Rate of \$311.83 set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 per rating unit on land situated in the Carrington and Taratahi Water Race System Classified Areas that has provision of the service.
- a targeted Rural Water Race Rate set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, calculated on land area on rating units within the Carrington and Taratahi Water Race System Classified Areas as follows:
  - Class A \$36.82683 per hectare
  - Class B \$ 8.45052 per hectare
  - Class C \$226.44919 per hectare

where classes are defined in the Funding Impact Statement.

A metered Water Race rate for principally commercial / industrial use – per cubic metre taken - \$2.30 per m<sup>3</sup>.

A metered Water Race rate for principally horticultural use per cubic metre taken - \$1.40 per m<sup>3</sup>.

Waingawa Process Water – a metered Process water rate per cubic metre taken - \$1.25 per m<sup>3</sup>.

### ***Waingawa water rates***

A targeted rate of a fixed amount on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that has been fitted with a water meter or meters and is connected to the Waingawa Water Supply service.

For the purposes of this rate:

- 'Connected' means a rating unit to which water is supplied.

Additionally, a targeted rate per cubic meter of water supplied, as measured by meter. This rate will be invoiced separately from other rates.

The purpose of these rates is to fund the operation and maintenance of the Waingawa Water Supply service.

- (a) a targeted Waingawa Water Rate of \$773.11 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit set under Section 16 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rating units that are connected to the Waingawa reticulated water service.
- (b) a targeted metered Waingawa Water Rate of \$3.22 per cubic metre set under Section 19(2)(b) Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, as measured by meter, for all water supplied to each rating unit which has been fitted with a meter or meters with consumption up to and including 50,000 cubic metres per year and is connected to the Waingawa reticulated water service.
- (c) a targeted metered Waingawa Water Rate of \$2.78 per cubic metre set under Section 19(2)(b) Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, as measured by meter, for all water supplied to each rating unit with consumption over 50,000 cubic meters per year, which has been fitted with a meter or meters and is connected to the Waingawa reticulated water service.

#### ***Economic Development Rate***

The economic development rate is primarily used to fund regional and local economic development initiatives.

- a targeted Economic Development Rate of \$586.88 per rating unit on all Commercial and Industrial rating units as defined by the differential for General Rate.

#### **(d) Due Dates for Rate Payments (excluding metered water rates)**

Pursuant to Section 24 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, that the rates (excluding metered water rates) for the year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 be assessed in four equal instalments with each instalment due on the due date for payment for that instalment set out in table 1 below.

*Table 1: due dates and penalty dates for rate payments (excluding metered water rates)*

<b>Instalment</b>	<b>Due date for payment</b>	<b>Penalty date</b>
One	20 August 2025	21 August 2025
Two	20 November 2025	21 November 2025
Three	20 February 2026	23 February 2026
Four	20 May 2026	21 May 2026

#### **(e) Due Dates for Metered Water Rate Payments**

Pursuant to Section 24 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, that the due dates for metered water rates are as set out in the table below for each reading period for the year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

*Table 2: due dates and penalty dates for metered water rates*

<b>Meters read in</b>	<b>Due date</b>	<b>Penalty date</b>
September 2025	31 October 2025	1 November 2025
January 2026	28 February 2026	1 March 2026
March 2026	30 April 2026	1 May 2026
June 2026	31 July 2026	1 August 2026

**(f) Penalty Charges (Additional Charges on Unpaid Rates)**

Pursuant to Sections 57 and 58(1)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a penalty of 10% of the amount of each instalment of rates (except metered water rates) remaining unpaid after the relevant due date for payment will be added on the relevant penalty date for the instalment stated in table 1.

Targeted rates for metered water supply will be invoiced separately from other rates. A 10% penalty will be added to any part of the invoiced metered water rates that remain unpaid after the relevant due date stated in table 2 as provided in Sections 57 and 58 (1)(a) Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The penalty will be added on the relevant penalty date for the instalment stated in table 2.

Pursuant to Sections 57 and 58(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a penalty of 10% will be added on 1 July 2025 to the amount of rates assessed in previous financial years and remaining unpaid as at 30 June 2025 excluding metered water rates.

Pursuant to Sections 57 and 58(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a penalty of 10% will be added on 1 August 2025 to the amount of water meter rates assessed in previous financial years and remaining unpaid as at 31 July 2025.

Mayor R Mark / Cr S Cretny

**CARRIED**

## 9 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

### RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

#### **MOVED**

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:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution</b>
<b>9.1 - Waingawa Water Storage Project</b>	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

Cr L Newman / Deputy Mayor S Cretney

**CARRIED**

#### **MOVED**

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

Deputy Mayor S Cretney / Cr B Deller

**CARRIED**

## 10 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

The meeting closed with a karakia by all members.

**The meeting closed at 10.50 am**

**Minutes confirmed: .....**

**25 June 2025**

**Date: .....**