

Manawatu Water Services Committee

Meeting of 004- 12/08/2026: Manawatu Water Services Committee

Business Unit: Infrastructure
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Quarterly Report to Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport

Purpose Te Aronga o te Pūrongo

To present the Water Services Delivery Plan quarterly monitoring reports for the periods 1 January to 31 March 2026 and 1 April to 30 June 2026, and provide the Committee with an overview of progress against the Delivery Plan.

Recommendations Ngā Tūtohunga

That the Manawātū Water Services Committee receives and notes the quarterly monitoring reports for the periods 1 January to 31 March 2026 and 1 April to 30 June 2026.

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1 Background Ngā Kōrero o Muri

- 1.1 The Manawātū District Council's Water Services Delivery Plan sets out the activities, deliverables and milestones required to implement the in-house water services business unit and achieve financially sustainable water services delivery. The Plan includes a staged implementation programme covering regulatory readiness, infrastructure and asset management, planning integration, and financial ringfencing.
- 1.2 As the entity responsible for delivering water services, Manawātū Water Services is required to provide quarterly updates to the Department of Internal Affairs on progress with implementing the accepted Water Services Delivery Plan. The updates report against the activities, deliverables and milestones in the Delivery Plan, including delivery status, key issues and risks, and work planned for the following quarter.

2 Strategic Fit Te Tautika ki te Rautaki

- 2.1 This report supports the Committee's oversight of implementation of the accepted Water Services Delivery Plan. It is a legislative and operational monitoring item and is consistent with the Committee's governance and assurance role.

3 Discussion and Options Considered Ngā Matapakinga me ngā Kōwhiringa i Wānangahia

- 3.1 Following acceptance of the Water Services Delivery Plan, Council is required to provide quarterly monitoring information on progress against the activities, deliverables and milestones in the implementation plan, including whether each item is on track, relevant issues and risks, and the activity planned for the following quarter. The Ministry also monitors specific matters identified in the Secretary for Local Government's letter of acceptance, including delivery of the renewals investment programme and any potential impacts on levels of service.

Reporting period	Status	Key points
1 Jan - 31 Mar 2026	On track	Delivery Plan approved; Feilding Integrated Abstraction Consent obtained; standard operating procedures completed; SCADA upgrades, stormwater condition assessment and financial ringfencing preparation commenced.
1 Apr - 30 Jun 2026	On track	Drinking Water Safety Plan updated; SCADA upgrades and stormwater condition assessment continued; standard operating procedures completed; financial ringfencing preparation continued.

4 Risk Assessment Te Arotake Tūraru

- 4.1 No material delivery risks are identified in the two attached reports. All reported activities and milestones are recorded as on track. Key delivery dependencies continue to include coordination across operational, compliance, information technology, finance, asset management and supplier resources, together with the quality and completeness of asset information.

5 Engagement Te Whakapānga

Significance of Decision

- 5.1 The Council's Significance and Engagement Policy is not triggered by matters discussed in this report. No stakeholder engagement is required.

Māori and Cultural Engagement

- 5.2 There are no known cultural considerations associated with the matters addressed in this report. No specific engagement with Māori or other ethnicity groups is necessary.

Community Engagement

- 5.3 No additional community engagement is required for this monitoring report. The quarterly reports will form part of the public Committee agenda, supporting transparency of progress with Water Services Delivery Plan implementation.

6 Operational Implications Ngā Pānga Whakahaere

- 6.1 Preparation, review and submission of the quarterly monitoring reports is being managed within existing operational work programmes. The reporting also provides a regular mechanism for coordinating delivery plan activities across Council teams.

7 Financial Implications Ngā Pānga Ahumoni

- 7.1 There are no additional financial implications arising from this report.

8 Statutory Requirements Ngā Here ā-Ture

- 8.1 Quarterly monitoring is undertaken under section 24 of the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024. The reports provide implementation monitoring information required by the Secretary for Local Government and report progress against Council's accepted Water Services Delivery Plan.

9 Next Steps Te Kokenga

- 9.1 The two quarterly reports have been submitted to the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport. Future monitoring reports will continue to be prepared quarterly and presented to the Committee as part of its regular oversight of Water Services Delivery Plan implementation.

10 Attachments Ngā Āpitihanga

- Quarterly monitoring report - Water Services Delivery Plan: 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026
- Quarterly monitoring report - Water Services Delivery Plan: 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026
- Manawātū District Council Water Services Delivery Plan