

Council

Meeting of 16 September 2026

Business Unit: Finance

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Budget Carry Forwards Requests from 2025-26 to 2026-27

Purpose Te Aronga o te Pūrongo

To approve the requested financial budget carry forward expenditure along with relevant funding as listed on the attached document from the 2024-25 financial year to the 2025-26 financial year as per the Delegations Policy.

Recommendations Ngā Tūtohunga

That the Council:

1. Approve the requested financial carry forwards of \$18.4M for capital budgets into the 2026-27 financial year to be funded from a mix of development contributions, renewal reserve and loan funding.
2. Note the capital and operational budget carry forwards approved by the Chief Executive of \$9.7M capital expenditure and \$1.6M of operational expenditure under section 10.4 of the Delegations Manual.

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1 Background Ngā Kōrero o Muri

- 1.1 The 2025-26 financial year resulted in a range of both operational and capital budgets being underspent. Budget managers have reviewed the underspent budgets and identified those budgets that are required to be carried forward to ensure levels of service are maintained, these have been reviewed by the Executive team.
- 1.2 The Delegations manual section 10.4 outlines the financial delegation for the Chief Executive approving expenditure carry overs – per project is \$500,000. The approvals made by the Chief Executive are outlined as in the attachment.
- 1.3 The carry forwards that are outside of the Chief Executive delegation require Council approval and are attached.

2 Strategic Fit Te Tautika ki te Rautaki

- 2.1 The budgets requested to be carried forward were approved in the 2025-26 Annual Plan adopted by Council and therefore align with all key priorities.

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

- 3.1 The Capital Budget carry forwards that require Council approval come to a total of \$18.4M across 16 projects. Three of the projects are growth related for a total of \$1.8M, six are renewals at a total of \$8.3M, and seven are for new works at a total of \$6.1M.

4 Risk Assessment Te Arotake Tūraru

- 4.1 Not applicable.

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 There are no known community considerations associated with the matters addressed in this report. No community engagement required.

6 Operational Implications Ngā Pānga Whakahaere

- 6.1 The carry forward approvals allow for work budgeted, planned or committed in the previous financial year to be progressed and completed. If carry forward approvals are declined then some capital projects will not be completed.

7 Financial Implications Ngā Pānga Ahumoni

- 7.1 The growth-related capital expenditure budgets are funded via Development contributions any shortfall between the expenditure and the Development contributions received are funded via debt with the ongoing cost of servicing that debt being built into future development contributions.
- 7.2 The new levels of service relating to the Council sought approval of capital expenditure is funded via \$10.5M of debt to be drawn when the work is done.
- 7.3 The renewal expenditure is funded via the renewal reserve which is replenished by the rates taken for depreciation.
- 7.4 The new levels of service relating to the Chief Executive approval of capital expenditure is funded via \$3.1M of debt to be drawn when the work is done.
- 7.5 The operational expenditure is funded via rates received in 2025/26 which are reflected in the Council Equity Reserves.
- 7.6 The debt requirements associated with point 7.2 and 7.3 is covered under the debt resolution from 2025/26 which remains undrawn at 30 June 2026.

8 Statutory Requirements Ngā Here ā-Ture

- 8.1 There are no statutory requirements for this report.

9 Next Steps Te Kokenga

- 9.1 Should Council approve the carry forward requests then the associate works will be able to continue.

10 Attachments Ngā Āpitihanga

- Carry forward requests