



Manawatū Water Services Committee

Meeting of 13 October 2026

Business Unit: Infrastructure

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Operational Risk Review

Purpose Te Aronga o te Pūrongo

To provide the Committee with a point-in-time update on operational risk across water services as at 30 September 2026, show where those risks are recorded, and provide members with an opportunity to review the information, familiarise themselves with the risk registers and ask questions.

Recommendations Ngā Tūtohunga

That the Manawatū Water Services Committee receives the operational risk update as at 30 September 2026.

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1 Background Ngā Kōrero o Muri

- 1.1 The Committee previously agreed that risk would be managed under Council's risk management framework. This report gives effect to that direction by bringing together the operational risk information relevant to water services.
- 1.2 This is the first annual operational risk update provided to the Committee and follows the reporting approach used for the Finance and Performance Committee. It provides a point-in-time view as at 30 September 2026.
- 1.3 The review covers water-related risks in Council's Corporate Risk Register and the district-wide, water supply, wastewater and stormwater asset management risk registers. Health and safety risks are outside the scope of this report and are reported through separate governance processes.

2 Strategic Fit Te Tautika ki te Rautaki

- 2.1 Regular review of operational risk supports the Committee's governance and oversight role. It also supports Council's strategic direction for infrastructure that meets community needs now and into the future, including safe, reliable and compliant water services, environmental stewardship and resilient service delivery.

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

- 3.1 Operational risks are recorded at different levels within Council's risk management framework. The attached registers provide the detailed risk descriptions, assessments and management information. Their respective roles in this review are summarised below.

Risk register	Risk information captured
Council Corporate Risk Register	Water-related risks recorded at the corporate level for organisation-wide oversight.
District-wide Asset Management Risk Register	Asset-management risks that apply across the district or across more than one water service.
Water Supply Asset Management Risk Register	Operational and asset-management risks specific to the delivery of water supply services.
Wastewater Asset Management Risk Register	Operational and asset-management risks specific to the collection, treatment and discharge of wastewater.
Stormwater Asset Management Risk Register	Operational and asset-management risks specific to stormwater systems and service delivery.

- 3.2 The registers are attached in full so members can see where individual risks are captured and review the supporting detail. No individual risk has been singled out for separate consideration in this covering report.

4 Risk Assessment Te Arotake Tūraru

- 4.1 No new operational risk arises from receiving this update. Providing the registers to the Committee supports visibility of water-services risks and the controls and actions recorded against them.

5 Engagement Te Whakapānga

Significance of Decision

- 5.1 The Council's Significance and Engagement Policy is not triggered by the matters discussed in this report. No decision with a material impact on levels of service, ownership, funding or community interests is sought.

Māori and Cultural Engage

- 5.2 No specific Māori or cultural engagement has been undertaken for this point-in-time governance update.

Community Engagement

- 5.3 No community engagement is required because the report presents existing risk information and does not seek a change to policy, service delivery or funding.

6 Operational Implications Ngā Pānga Whakahaere

- 6.1 There are no new operational implications arising from receiving this report. Water-services risks will continue to be managed through Council's existing risk management framework and the relevant registers.

7 Financial Implications Ngā Pānga Ahumoni

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. Any financial implications associated with individual risks or treatments are addressed through the relevant operational, asset-management and budget processes.

8 Statutory Requirements Ngā Here ā-Ture

- 8.1 There are no specific statutory requirements arising from the recommendation in this report.

9 Next Steps Te Kokenga

- 9.1 The Committee will receive the next annual operational risk update in accordance with its work programme. Officers will continue to maintain and use the relevant risk registers as part of normal risk management activity.

10 Attachments Ngā Āpitihanga

- Council Corporate Risk Register – only water-related risks included
- District-wide Asset Management Risk Register
- Water Supply Asset Management Risk Register

- Wastewater Asset Management Risk Register
- Stormwater Asset Management Risk Register