# Council

Meeting of 18 November 2026

Business Unit: Community
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## Feilding Civic Centre Trust Annual Report

### Purpose Te Aronga o te Pūrongo

To present for consideration the Feilding Civic Centre Trust's 2025 – 2026 Annual Report including the Chair and Operational Report and audited Annual Performance Report, in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act (2002).

### Recommendations Ngā Tūtohinga

That Council receives the Feilding Civic Centre Trust's 2025 - 2026 Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2026.

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## 1 Background Ngā Kōrero o Muri

1.1 The Feilding Civic Centre Trust (FCCT) is a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO). A CCO is any organisation in which one or more local authorities own or control 50% or more of the voting rights or have the right to appoint 50% or more of the directors of the organisation.

1.2 FCCT operates the Civic Centre as a venue for sport, arts, culture and community activities. The attached reports cover the year ended 30 June 2026.

## 2 Strategic Fit Te Tautika ki te Rautaki

2.1 The Feilding Civic Centre Trust promotes and encourages participation in arts, culture, recreation and sport in the Manawatū, managing the Civic Centre. This contributes to a place to belong and grow.

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

3.1 The 2025 – 2026 Annual Reports are attached as Appendix 1 and some of the highlights include:

3.1.1 Bookings increased from 498 to 562, up 12.8% and above the target of 480–500.

3.1.2 Estimated visits increased from 37,904 to 43,918, up 15.9%.

3.1.3 Sport accounted for about 60% of bookings, with growth also in workshops, courses and dance.

3.1.4 Additional income of $13,513 was below the $25,000 target

3.1.5 Upgrades by Council to the Concert Chamber air conditioning and replacement of the kitchen windows.

3.1.6 A Friends of the Civic programme was established attracting eight volunteers

3.1.7 The annual maintenance schedule, supported by Council was completed

3.1.8 An additional staff member was employed to support the team with managing bookings and resulting set up arrangements.

3.2 Chair describes a challenging year with significant governance changes. The report acknowledges departing trustees, particularly Tony Chapman's longstanding service, and thanks Council, staff, volunteers and venue users. The report emphasises working with Council to secure the Centre's long-term sustainability and accessibility.

## 4 Risk Assessment Te Arotake Tūraru

4.1 There is no risk associated with the 2025 – 2026 Annual Report.

4.2 The audited Annual Report was not received by 30th September as per LGA requirements for a CCO, however this was acceptable due to the Trust's decision to transition ownership of the venue to Council by 20 December 2026.

## 5 Engagement Te Whakapānga

Significance of Decision

5.1 The Council's Significance and Engagement Policy is not triggered by matters discussed in the Trust's 2025 – 2026 Annual 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 community engagement is necessary as this report presents FCCT's annual performance for Council's information.

## 6 Operational Implications Ngā Pānga Whakahaere

6.1 There are no operational implications associated with the FCCT's 2025 – 2026 Annual Report.

6.2 Staff will continue to work with the Trust on the transfer of operations and completion of outstanding asset and reporting matters, with the Council assuming operational responsibility of the Centre from 21 December 2026.

## 7 Financial Implications Ngā Pānga Ahumoni

7.1 FCCT receives an operational grant from Council of $202,347, along with an annual honorarium of $1000 per trustee (pro-rata) that equated to $7,250 in 2025 - 2026. In addition FCCT received $3,300 in event funding from Council. The total contribution by Council to FCCT was $205,647.

7.2 In addition the Trust has access to Council's Civic Centre maintenance and repairs 2025/26 budget of $52,891 that forms an agreed Council/FCCT maintenance programme for the venue. In addition, Council installed new heating and ventilation units into the Concert Chamber and replaced the kitchen windows.

7.3 All contributions to FCCT, and the operational and capital expenditure in the venue, were budgeted activity.

## 8 Statutory Requirements Ngā Here ā-Ture

8.1 The Annual Report responds to the approved Statement of Intent as is required for a Council Controlled Organisation.

## 9 Next Steps Te Kokenga

9.1 The Council can receive the Feilding Civic Centre Trust's 2025 – 2026 Annual Report and following the Council meeting, the Report will be published on the Council website.

## 10 Attachments Ngā Āpitihanga

10.1 Feilding Civic Centre Trust Annual Report 2025–2026, including the Chair and Operational report

10.2 Feilding Civic Centre Trust Performance Report 2025–2026, including audited financial statements