

MANAWATŪ DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Agenda

Wednesday 28 October 2026, 8:30 am

The meeting will be held at the Manawatū District Council Chambers, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding, and a video recording made available on

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MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson

His Worship the Mayor, Michael Ford

Deputy Chairperson

Councillor Grant Hadfield

Members

Councillor Bridget Bell
Councillor Shelley Dew-Hopkins
Councillor Rob Duindam
Councillor Colin Dyer
Councillor Sam Hill
Councillor Raewyn Loader
Councillor James McKelvie
Councillor Jerry Pickford
Councillor Andrew Quarrie
Councillor Alison Short



Shayne Harris
Chief Executive

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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1. MEETING OPENING

Mayor Michael Ford will open the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Councillor Andrew Quarrie is on an approved leave of absence.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

There are no minutes to be confirmed for this meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Notification from elected members of:

4.1 Any interests that may create a conflict with their role as an elected member relating to the items of business for this meeting; and

4.2 Any interests in items in which they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest as provided for in the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968

5. PUBLIC FORUM

There are no public forum speakers scheduled for this meeting.

6. PRESENTATIONS

There are no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

7. NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting, that item may be dealt with at that meeting if:

7.1 The Council by resolution so decides; and

7.2 The Chairperson explains at the meeting at a time when it is open to the public the reason why the item is not on the agenda, and the reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There are no recommendations from committees.

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9. NON-COUNCIL MEETINGS – FOR INFORMATION

Minutes of the following Council Committees, Community Committees and Youth Council meetings are uploaded to the Council's website, as they become available.

Liaison councillors will have the opportunity to provide a verbal update.

The below meetings took place from 21 to 27 October 2026:

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
Bainesse-Rangiotu – Cr Raewyn Loader	• 21 October 2026
Himatangi Beach – Cr Jerry Pickford	• 22 October 2026
https://www.mdc.govt.nz/about-council/committees-and-organisations/community-committees-and-plans	

MARAE
Aorangi Marae – Cr Rob Duindam
Kauwhata Marae – Cr Raewyn Loader
Parewahawaha Marae – Cr Alison Short
Poupatatē Marae – Cr James McKelvie
Taumata-o-te-rā Marae – Cr Colin Dyer
Te Hiiri Marae – Cr Sam Hill
Te Rangimārie Marae – Cr Jerry Pickford
Te Tikanga Marae – Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins
Ngāti Te Au – Cr Grant Hadfield
Ngāwhakaraua Marae – Cr Andrew Quarrie

10. OFFICER REPORTS

10.1 ADOPTION OF THE 2025-26 ANNUAL REPORT 8.45 AM 5

Report of the Chief Financial Officer.

11. CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

12. PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

There is no Public Excluded Business for this meeting.

13. MEETING CLOSURE

Council

Meeting of 28 October 2026

Business Unit: Finance
Date Created: 12 October 2026

Adoption of the 2025-26 Annual report

Purpose Te Aronga o te Pūrongo

To adopt the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2026.

Recommendations Ngā Tūtohinga

1. That the Council adopt the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2026.

2. That the Council note that Audit Office will issue a formal Audit Report with findings and recommendations which will be presented to the Finance & Performance Committee.

3. Council permits the Chief Executive to make minor changes as necessary within the Annual Report in order to meet any further requirements from Audit Office and the proofreader.

Report prepared by:
Jenna Glenny
Senior Financial Accountant

Approved for submission by:
Joel Richards
Chief Financial Officer

1 Background Ngā Kōrero o Muri

1.1 Each year the Council is required to report against its key performance indicators, financial projections and projects set in the Annual Plan and the relevant year of the Long-Term Plan.

1.2 The Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2026 compares actual performance against 2025-26 Annual Plan. Performance has also been reported quarterly to the Finance and Performance Committee during the financial year.

1.3 The draft Annual Report was presented to the Finance and Performance Committee meeting 23 September 2026 and subsequently adopted by Council at the following meeting.

1.4 The annual Infrastructure revaluations for 30 June 2026 are undertaken and were not externally reviewed as the external review is undertaken every 3 years.

1.5 An external fair value assessment was undertaken of land and buildings at 30 June 2026 and determined that the movement was not material and did not require a revaluation to be undertaken.

1.6 Changes made to the report during the audit process are summarised in section 3.

2 Strategic Fit Te Tautika ki te Rautaki

2.1 This is a report on the 2024-34 Long Term Plan which is one of Council's key strategic documents.

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

3.1 The draft report outlined a financial result of $1.985M surplus against a budget deficit of $4.864M, with the main variances outlined in note 36. Audit changes have not impacted the surplus and it remains $1.985M. Other key financial adjustments made during the audit process include:

3.1.1 An adjustment to the current vs non-current split of council assets investments council organisations and similar entities. This reflects that a portion of Councils community loans with MCT ($48k) and borrower's notes ($278k) were incorrectly classified as non-current assets.

3.1.2 A range of changes to the financial notes taking into account the change made above combined with any minor changes audit identified.

3.2 The draft report outlined Council achieved 88 of the 102 performance indicators (81.1%). In previous year's the results were: 83% (2024/25) and 77.9% (2023/24). The final result is now 82.1% (improvement) due to change in level of service for roading responsiveness to non-urgent requests increasing the result to 95.7% (previously 88.2%) which meant the performance measure was achieved.

3.3 The draft report did not include the disclosures for Fielding Civic Centre Trust as the draft Annual Report had not been prepared. The Fielding Civic Centre Trust has now been disclosed in the annual report as required by the LG Act and the Group Financial results have been updated.

4 Risk Assessment Te Arotake Tūraru

4.1 There are no significant risks associated with adopting the Annual Report, as the document has been audited by Audit Office and reviewed by the Finance and Performance Committee.

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.

6 Operational Implications Ngā Pānga Whakahaere

6.1 A summary of the Annual Report document will be created and subsequently audited by Audit Office.

6.2 A copy of the adopted Annual Report including the Audit Opinion is required to be published on the website within 28 days of adoption.

6.3 The Audit report will be presented to the Finance & Performance Committee once received from Audit Office. Recommendations received through the Audit Report are then brought into business as usual practices as required.

7 Financial Implications Ngā Pānga Ahumoni

7.1 There are no unplanned/unbudgeted consequences of this report going forward.

8 Statutory Requirements Ngā Here ā-Ture

8.1 Section 98 of the Local Government Act 2002 sets out the requirements for preparing and adopting the Annual Report.

8.2 The Annual Report (including the Audit opinion) must be completed and adopted, by resolution of Council, within four months after the end of the financial year to which it relates (31 October 2026).

9 Next Steps Te Kokenga

9.1 Audit Office will issue a formal Audit Report with findings and recommendations

9.2 A summary Annual Report will be produced within 30 days of adoption of the Annual Report and requires to be audited and an audit opinion issued.

10 Attachments Ngā Āpitihanga

- Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2026