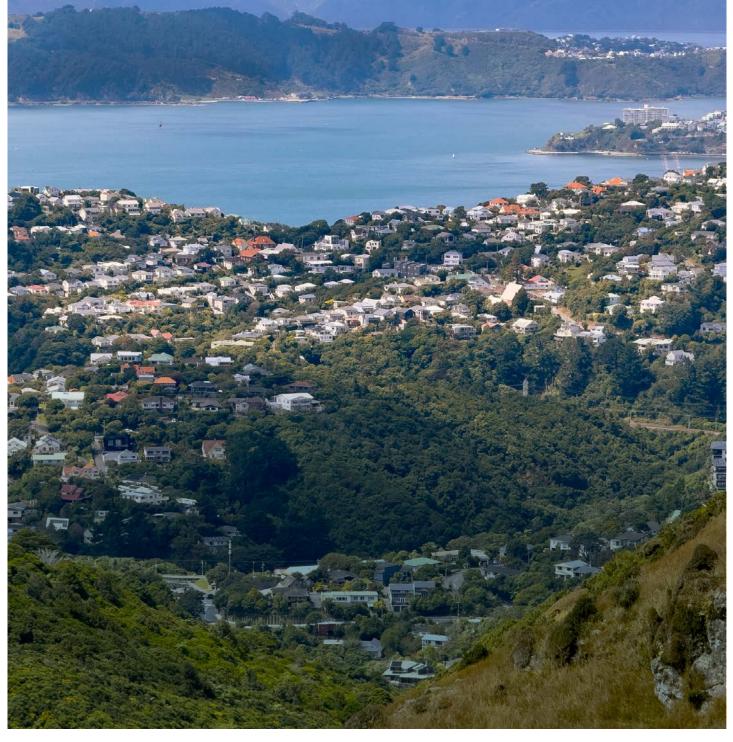
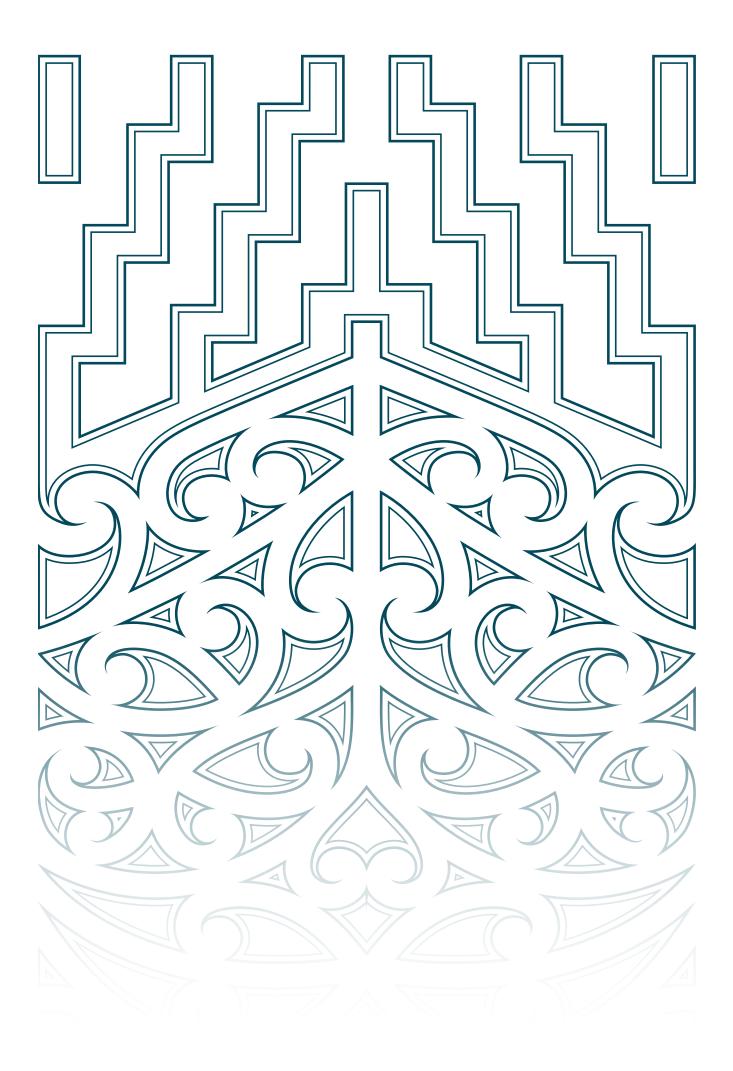
### Tā mātou mahere mō te tau e tū mai nei **Our plan for the year ahead**



TE PANE MATUA TAIAO GREATER WELLINGTON

### Pūrongo ā Tau 2025/26 Annual Plan 2025/26





# Contents

<b>He karere nā te Heamana me Te Tumu Whakarae  </b> Message from the Chair and Chief Executive	6
Nau mai, haere mai   Welcome	8
<b>Part 1</b> <b>He Whakarāpopototanga  </b> Overview	9
<b>E aha ana a Te Pane Matua Taiao?</b> What does Greater Wellington do?	10
<b>Te mahi tahi ki ngā mana whenua</b> Partnership with mana whenua	12
<b>Part 2</b> Ngā panonitanga nō te wā o tā tātou Mahere Pae Tawhiti 2024-34   Changes since our 2024-34 Long Term Plan	
<b>Part 3</b> <b>He whakarāpopototanga Reti me ngā Panonitanga mō te Pūrongo ā-tau 2025/26  </b> Summary of Rates and their changes for the Annual Plan 2025/26	17
<b>Part 4</b> <b>Ngā mea e whakatutukitia ana e mātou i te tau 2025/26  </b> What we are delivering in 2025/26	19
<b>Te Taiao</b> Environment	20
<b>Ngā waka tūmatanui</b> Metlink Public Transport	26
<b>Ko te mahere ā-rohe me ngā rangapū</b> Regional Strategy and Partnerships	
<b>Ngā puna wai</b> Water Supply	

Part 5 Ngā tau The numbers	
<b>He Pūrongo Pūtea  </b> Finances at a glance	
<b>Ko ngā pūtea penapena  </b> Financial reserves	
Ko te whakapuakanga ā-tau ki te tau mutunga 30 o Pipiri 2026   Annual Plan Disclosure Statement for year ending 30 June 2026	
<b>Ko ngā mōhiohio Reti  </b> Rating base information	
<b>He whakarāpopoto reti me ngā utu  </b> Summary of rates and levies	
<b>He Tauākī Pūtea mō ngā Hua  </b> Funding impact statement	64
Ko ngā momo Reti   Rates categories	
<b>He tauākī pūtea mō ngā Reti  </b> Rates funding impact statements	

# He karere nā te Heamana me Te Tumu Whakarae | Message from the Chair and Chief Executive

Tēnā tātou katoa

E rere ana ngā mihi ki ngā mana whenua o te rohe nei, ki tō tātou taiao, otirā ki ngā whānau me ngā hapori maha e noho ana ki tēnei whenua o Te Ūpoko o Te Ika a Māui.

We want to thank you for taking the time to read this document. It outlines how we're working towards our vision of An Extraordinary Region – Thriving environment, connected communities, resilient future.

Like councils across Aotearoa New Zealand, we faced tough challenges throughout 2023 and 2024. Rising costs, increasing inflation, and higher insurance and borrowing rates put a lot of pressure on our budget. We know our communities felt these challenges too.

As we move into 2025/26, inflation and the cost of borrowing have begun to ease. However, we are now navigating a new set of challenges, including reduced central government funding and persistent cost-of-living pressures across our communities. In response, we've undertaken a rigorous review of our work programme and made a series of tough but bold decisions to realign priorities while remaining committed to delivering public value. This has included deferring some projects and recruitment, managing vacancies more tightly, and recalibrating our investment in key areas. For example, we've chosen to moderate the pace of bus electrification, reassessed the deployment of additional busses, and adopted a balanced fare approach that reflects inflation while remaining mindful of affordability pressures.

At the same time, we've protected and sustained investment in core areas such as flood protection, pest control, and asset management, recognising the long-term value these services provide to the region.

These decisions reflect a complex and deliberate process of trade-offs. Together, they've enabled us to significantly reduce the planned average regional rates increase for 2025/26 from 14.5% to 9.72%.

The changes we have made for the 2025/26 Annual Plan from what was planned for year two of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan strikes a balance – helping us manage financial challenges while still investing in the services and projects you told us were important in the Long Term Plan. We remain committed to delivering the services and infrastructure that matters most to you. We continue our work to address climate change, control pests that harm our environment, provide public transport, and protect communities from flooding.

Strengthening our Treaty partnerships with mana whenua o Te Upoko o te Ika is also a key priority. We are working to mature our partnership approach and deepen our relationships across the region. Together we can achieve mutually beneficial outcomes for the Greater Wellington region. We are grateful to the public for your feedback as we drafted this Annual Plan. We appreciate the continuing involvement of community groups, and the support of our mana whenua partners who all make a real difference to our work. We look forward to delivering this mahi over the coming year.

Ngā mihi



**Nigel Corry** Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive



**Daran Ponter** Heamana Chair

# Nau mai, haere mai | Welcome

This 2025/26 Annual Plan confirms our plan and budget for year two of our 2024-34 Long Term Plan: 1 July 2025 through to 30 June 2026. Essentially, it's what we will do, when we will do it, and how we will pay for it.

We develop a Long Term Plan every three years and consult with you about it. This coming year (2025/26) is year two of our 2024-34 Long Term Plan. Things often change, so we produce an Annual Plan to update you about anything that's different from what we said we would do in the Long Term Plan. For example, this could be changes to our budget, different ways of doing some activities, or new things that we couldn't have known about when we developed the Long Term Plan. We also take the opportunity to talk about some of the work we do.

There are five sections in this Annual Plan. We encourage you to read this document alongside the 2024-34 Long Term Plan, which provides lots more detail about what we have planned for this year, and for the years ahead.

#### Part 1: He Whakarāpopototanga | Overview

About Greater Wellington, our partnerships with mana whenua, our strategic focus areas, and the community outcomes we are striving for.

#### Part 2: Ngā panonitanga nō te wā o tā tātou Mahere Pae Tawhiti 2024-34 | Changes since our 2024-34 Long Term Plan

Changes to our work programmes, revised average regional rates figures for 2025/26, and our engagement with the community about these.

#### Part 3: He whakarāpopototanga Reti me ngā Panonitanga mō te Pūrongo ā-tau 2025/26 | Summary of Rates and their changes for the Annual Plan 2025/26

Our upcoming rates summary.

#### Part 4: Ngā mea e whakatutukitia ana e mātou i te tau 2025/26 | What we are delivering in 2025/26

Some of the mahi we will focus on during 2025/26.

#### Part 5: Ngā tau | The numbers

Financial statements and accompanying notes.

# Part 1 **He Whakarāpopototanga**

Overview

### **E aha ana a Te Pane Matua Taiao?** What does Greater Wellington do?

Greater Wellington's vision is what drives us in everything we do.

He rohe taurikura - Nui te ora o te taiao, He hapori kotahi, He manawaroa to āpōpō

An extraordinary region: a thriving environment, connected community and resilient future.



We take care of the environment, protecting forests and wildlife. We deliver public transport, making sure it's sustainable and works well. We manage the region's supply of clean and healthy drinking water. Our team takes action to reduce the risk of flooding from our rivers, lakes and streams. We ensure everyone is prepared for emergencies such as earthquakes and flooding. Greater Wellington puts all our energy into these things and more – to protect and grow our region.

Our relationships with communities and mana whenua are important to us. We work together to deal with the challenges of today and planning for the future. We're all proud of where we live. It's a beautiful place and we're here to protect it for our communities today and those yet to come.

The direction is refreshed every three years as a part of our Long Term Plan. We know the long term outcomes we want to achieve, and we have four strategic focus areas to guide our decisions and support our delivery, they are:

- Active mana whenua partnerships and participation for improved outcomes for Māori
- Holistic approaches to deliver improved outcomes for te taiao
- Leading action for climate resilience and emissions reduction
- Improving access to services and equity of outcomes through participation with communities.

Here you can read more about our focus areas and how we group our activities on page 37 of the <u>2024-34 Long Term Plan.</u>



### **Te mahi tahi ki ngā mana whenua** Partnership with mana whenua

Our partnerships with mana whenua have stood for over 30 years. Built on a foundation of listening, kōrero and working at place with them. They have shared their aspirations and priorities for their respective communities and te taiao with us though avenues such as the Long Term Plan.

Our iwi partners:

- Ngā Hapū ō Ōtaki
- Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust
- Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira
- Taranaki Whānui (represented by Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust)
- Rangitāne o Wairarapa Inc.
- Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa

We invest in our partnerships through Kaupapa and Tūāpapa funding agreements. We involve our partners in both designing solutions and delivering work programmes.

During 2025/26, we are focused on making the changes needed to improve the way we partner together, better understand the role and inherent obligations of mana whenua within their rohe, and the extent of the work they do for our wider communities.

This includes playing our part in supporting the success of existing and future Treaty settlements, and the work of emerging Post Settlement Governance Entities.

We are working to embed te ao Māori and mātauranga Māori approaches in the way we work. This will enable us to enhance the work of mana whenua to achieve our shared goals. By building a good understanding of the local environment and working together, we can plan, carry out, monitor, and evaluate Whaitua processes.

A Te Tiriti o Waitangi Komiti was established for the 2022-25 triennium; it is a committee of the full Council which aims to strengthen our commitment to our partners. This Komiti helps make sure our internal processes consider the rights and interests of Māori by bringing te ao Māori, tikanga Māori, and mātauranga Māori into our strategies, plans, and decisions from the start. It also ensures that the voices of those caring for their rohe are heard when we discuss issues and solutions. The Komiti supports our goals under Te Whāriki, our Māori outcomes framework.

More detail around our approach to partnering with mana whenua can be found on pages 16-20 of the <u>2024-34 Long Term Plan</u>.



# Part 2

Ngā panonitanga nō te wā o tā tātou Mahere Pae Tawhiti 2024-34 | Changes since our 2024-34 Long Term Plan There have been no significant or material changes to what we planned for in year two of our 2024-34 Long Term Plan (LTP), so in line with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 (Section 95 (2A)) we did not run a formal consultation process on our 2025/26 Annual Plan. However, we wanted to communicate some of the changes from year two (2025/26) of the 2024-34 LTP that may be of interest to the public.

In March 2025 we published an information document outlining the key changes we were proposing for our 2025/26 Annual Plan and invited general feedback from the community on our plans. We also held an in-person 'Coffee-and-Chat' discussion session for members of the community with Councillors, where feedback from participants was also captured. We had direct conversations with our mana whenua partners.

Council confirmed the following changes for the 2025/26 Annual Plan be included in the final version of the Annual Plan:

#### Ngā Waka Tūmatanui – Metlink Public Transport

- Reduce the number of buses we order to meet expected patronage demand across the region
- Increase general fares to reflect inflation levels and reduce the off-peak fare discount from 50% to 30%
- Defer a project to develop the bus interchange and driver facilities in Porirua.

#### Te Taiao - Environment

- Rephasing funding for plan changes to our Natural Resources Plan due to changes in Central Government direction. We are doing this until either the new National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management is operative or 31 December 2025 (whichever is sooner). We know the health of our wai is important to our mana whenua, tangata whenua, our communities and future generations. We will focus on working together on the non-regulatory activities in the meantime to continue momentum in this space.
- Pushing back the timeframes for non-critical erosion protection projects in Pinehaven and Waiohine by 12 months.

#### Staffing

• Delay recruitment of vacant or new positions.

For 2025/26 we have added three new projects to our work programme. These are either new or weren't included in our 2024-34 Long Term Plan because we didn't have enough information at the time.

#### Māori Constituency Referendum:

During 2024, Council affirmed its resolution to establish a Māori Constituency for the 2025 and 2028 local government elections. New central government legislation<sup>1</sup> means we must now hold a public vote on this during the 2025 local elections. The results of this referendum will determine whether the Māori Constituency is in place for the 2028 and 2031 elections.

#### Local Water Done Well:

New central government water legislation requires us to submit a plan on the future of bulk water services by 3 September 2025. We will work hard to meet this deadline. Consultation during March and April 2025 gave the community a chance to have their say on the future of water services in our region.

#### Gollan's Valley Station Purchase:

For the first time in over 60 years the Gollan's Valley Station went on the open market in early 2025. The station is a 1366-hectare block of land in the hills above Eastbourne, that borders two separate sections of East Harbour Regional Park. We were able to secure the purchase of Gollan's Valley Station in part due to a \$1m gift from the estate of John Marsden Nankervis.

Future management of the land will be co-governed by Greater Wellington and Taranaki Whānui (represented by Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust). The land's long-term future will be planned through public consultation, including future Annual or Long Term plans or Reserve Act processes. The settlement date for the land purchase is 25 July 2025.

<sup>1</sup> the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024

# Part 3

# He whakarāpopototanga Reti me ngā Panonitanga mō te Pūrongo ā-tau 2025/26 | Summary of Rates and their changes for the Annual Plan 2025/26

#### Ka pēhea ngā reiti hei te 2025/26? What are the rates for 2025/26?

We have lowered the average regional rates increase for 2025/26 from the 14.5% that was planned for year two of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan, to 9.72%. The table below shows what this means in dollar amounts for residential, business and rural properties.

Your individual actual rates may vary from the figures in the table, as they are an average across the whole region. Based on local factors, your rates bill is likely to be different from the regional average and/or your neighbours. To get a personalised estimate of your 2025/26 rates, visit our rates calculator: <a href="http://www.rates.gw.govt.nz/">www.rates.gw.govt.nz/</a>

	Average increase per annum	Average increase per week
Residential (Including GST)	\$61.23	\$1.18
Business (excluding GST)	\$566.77	\$10.90
Rural (excluding GST)	\$73.15	\$1.41

We're committed to providing the services and infrastructure that matter most to our communities. We're continuing our work to tackle climate change, control pests that harm our environment, improve public transport, and protect communities from flooding.

#### Our lower rates increase is a careful balance—helping us manage financial pressures while still investing in the services and projects you told us were important in the Long Term Plan.

### Part 4

# **Ngā mea e whakatutukitia ana e mātou i te tau 2025/26 |** What we are delivering in 2025/26

# **Te Taiao** Environment

Nui te ora o te taiao -	He hapori kotahi -	He manawaroa te āpōpō -
Thriving environment	Connected communities	Resilient future
We support and protect te taiao in the region to help it thrive.	We work with our communities to connect people with the environment in which they live.	



We live in a beautiful environment. Our region has 497 kilometres of coastline and 813,500 hectares of land. We work alongside communities to protect it. We provide flood protection, monitor plants, animals and ecosystems, manage pests, tackle climate change and boost conservation.

#### *Key projects we are delivering in 2025/26*

Activity/Project	Description	What we will deliver in 2025/26
Te Awa Kairangi – RiverLink	RiverLink is a transformational project for Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt which includes flood protection, transport improvements and Hutt City Centre urban revitalisation.	We will continue work along the river corridor, including construction of rock lined river edge protection and planting for bioengineering. We will relocate high voltage power cables and electrical substations which will allow us to complete more flood protection projects, including the second stage of the Mills Street Stopbank.
		We will continue purchasing properties to make room for the river, in line with our ongoing programme of property purchase agreed in 2015.
		Learn more at <u>Te Awa Kairangi</u>
Flood Resilience Tranche 1	Following Budget 2024, Greater Wellington and MBIE's Regional Economic Development and	This means continuing existing work and starting new projects in the 15 identified project sites in Wairarapa and the 1 project site in Ōtaki.
	Investment Unit, Kānoa, have agreed to co-fund 16 flood resilience projects as part of a nationwide initiative.	All these sites are critical in future proofing community, infrastructure, cultural taonga and the economy, in a major flooding event.
		Learn more at <u>flood resilience projects</u>
Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan implementation	Our long-term vision for regional parks is to restore healthy native ecosystems. It's a 10-year programme of work, delivered by many people in a wide variety of collaborations. Recloaking Papatūānuku is a key activity that delivers native planting to restore the formerly grazed areas of regional parks.	We will continue restoration planting in Queen Elizabeth Park, Belmont Regional Park, East Harbour Regional Park and Kaitoke Regional Park, where the grazing license has ended. We are also continuing our pest control and monitoring programmes in the parks to protect the existing plantings. Learn more at <u>Recloaking Papatūānuku</u>

Activity/Project	Description	What we will deliver in 2025/26
Harbour channel improvement	With our Port and Harbour Marine Safety Code partner, CentrePort Limited, we have had an external review of how ships enter and leave Wellington Harbour, possible interactions, as well as options for improving this now and for future shipping changes.	We will continue to implement changes to improve how ships enter and leave Wellington Harbour safely, including routes in and out of the harbour and navigational aids. Learn more at <u>Greater Wellington —</u> <u>Harbours and coasts</u>
Enhanced pest animal and plant control	We are committed to protecting our most important places from the impacts of pests.	In 2025/26, we are focusing on ungulate control (goats, deer, pigs) particularly in the Wainuiomata catchment, Wairarapa Moana, and Pukaha Mt Bruce sanctuary. Learn more at <u>Greater Wellington —</u>
		Pest management
Keeping our resource management policies up to date	The government has begun a series of amendments to the Resource Management Act, and indicated there will be new or revised national	We will begin work to align our planning documents with this new national direction. We will implement it directly through resource consent processing (as required).
	policy statements and environmental standards.	We will continue to progress through existing plan change processes that are underway. Depending on Environment Court timeframes and capacity, we will complete mediation on Proposed Change 1 to the Regional Policy Statement. We have paused the Hearings for Proposed Change 1 to the Natural Resources Plan (Plan Change 1) until early 2026. The notified Plan Change 1 will continue to be considered in our regulatory implementation.

Activity/Project	Description	What we will deliver in 2025/26
Using nature- based approaches to build resilience	We will continue to implement a suite of nature-based tools and approaches to reduce flood risk, restore biodiversity, build resilience to climate change, water quality and supply issues, and enhance ecosystem services.	We will be further investigating nature- based solutions around wetland restoration, restoring vegetation cover, soil management, and river naturalisation (giving the river room to move). This work will be in co- development with mana whenua, communities, other regional councils and central government partners.
		Learn more at <u>Greater Wellington —</u> Environmental data and information
Marine biosecurity	We will continue to implement our marine biosecurity plan with Top of the South Marine Biosecurity Partnership.	We will focus on increased pest surveillance and raising awareness of threats to our marine environments.

There have been no changes to performance measures for 2025/26 from those published in the 2024-34 LTP. Refer to pages <u>54-58 of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan</u> for a full set of performance measures and targets for the Te taiao | Environment activity group.

#### **Environment and Flood Resilience Prospective Funding Impact Statement**

For the year ending 30 June

	Long Term Plan 2025 \$000	Long Term Plan 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 2026 \$000
Sources of operating funding			
General rates, uniform annual general charge, rates penalties	92,464	107,086	102,066
Targeted rates	14,825	18,203	16,881
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	2,699	1,333	1,469
Fees and charges	214	218	218
Interest and dividends from investments	481	459	356
Local authorities fines, infringement fees, and other receipts	18,586	15,726	14,478
Total operating funding	129,269	143,025	135,468
Applications of operating funding			
Payments to staff and suppliers	90,466	96,521	91,521
Finance costs	13,586	16,964	14,923
Internal charges and overheads applied	28,275	30,359	28,428
Total applications of operating funding	132,327	143,844	134,872
Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding	(3,058)	(819)	596
Sources of capital funding			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	-	-	1,000
Increase (decrease) in debt	61,300	110,806	111,280
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	138	527	790
Total sources of capital funding	61,438	111,333	113,070
Application of capital funding			
Capital expenditure—			
to improve the level of service	53,403	105,028	108,966
to replace existing assets	3,986	4,452	4,202
Increase (decrease) in reserves	310	375	(58)
Increase (decrease) of investments	681	659	556
Total application of capital funding	58,380	110,514	113,666
Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding	3,058	819	(596)
Surplus/(deficit) of funding	-	-	-
Depreciation on council assets	4,521	4,771	6,558

This statement is not an income statement. It excludes all non-cash transactions such as depreciation and valuations. For nore information on the revenue and financing mechanisms applicable to this group of activities, please refer to Greater Wellington's Revenue and Financing Policy. All figures on this page exclude GST

#### **Environment and Flood Resilience Prospective Funding Information**

For the year ending 30 June

	Long Term Plan 2025	Long Term Plan 2026	Annual Plan 2026
Sources of operating funding	\$000	\$000	\$000
Environmental restoration, recreation and harbour safety	42,173	45,872	44,808
Environmental strategy, policy and protection	21,070	23,669	20,785
Planning and prioritising integrated work at a catchment scale	6,151	5,930	6,207
Environmental knowledge and insights	19,899	21,603	21,005
Flood resilience	39,976	45,951	42,663
Total operating funding	129,269	143,025	135,468
Applications of operating funding			
Environmental restoration, recreation and harbour safety	44,492	45,920	45,205
Environmental strategy, policy and protection	20,965	23,407	20,523
Planning and prioritising integrated work at a catchment scale	6,151	5,930	6,207
Environmental knowledge and insights	22,213	23,132	22,775
Flood resilience	38,506	45,455	40,162
Total application of operating funding	132,327	143,844	134,872
Capital expenditure			
Capital Projects	57,164	109,234	113,072
Plant and Equipment	225	246	96
Total Capital Expenditure	57,389	109,480	113,168

This statement is not an income statement. It excludes all non-cash transactions such as depreciation and valuations. For nore information on the revenue and financing mechanisms applicable to this group of activities, please refer to Greater Wellington's Revenue and Financing Policy. All figures on this page exclude GST

# **Ngā waka tūmatanui** Metlink Public Transport

#### Nui te ora o te taiao -Thriving environment

#### He hapori kotahi -Connected communities

We contribute to a low emissions region by lowering the carbon emissions of our transport network. We make sure our public transport network is accessible and efficient so people can get to the places they want to go.

#### He manawaroa te āpōpō -Resilient future

We are future proofing our public transport network to ensure people can continue to move around the region.



Greater Wellington's public transport network, Metlink, supports more than 37 million journeys a year on bus, rail and harbour ferry services. Every day we have thousands of people travelling with Metlink (across rail, bus, harbour ferry and total mobility) and every one of those journeys matters to us. Our role is to plan, develop, promote and deliver fully connected public transport services that keeps the Wellington region moving.

#### *Key projects we are delivering in 2025/26*

Activity/Project	Description	What we will deliver in 2025/26
Implementation of Council's Strategic Public Transport Asset Control Strategy	As part of Council's Strategic Public Transport Asset Control Strategy –we are delivering a long-term options for bus depots including Miramar and Happy Valley which are expected to replace the ageing depots Kilbirnie and Rongotai.	We will be commissioning Stage One – Kauri Street Miramar, which will provide parking and charging for 68 electric buses and permanent maintenance facilities, bus wash, and staff amenities.
	We are also looking at other potential depot sites in the Region.	
Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility (LNIRIM)	The LNIRIM project seeks to increase the frequency of journeys to the Wairarapa North and the Manawatū replacing the aged locomotive-hauled trains of currently in service.	We will sign a variety of contracts required to design, build and deliver the new rolling stock and associated services and infrastructure changes.
Network Operations Centre	A Network Operations Centre gives us the opportunity to provide more reliable, timely and accurate information to our customers and respond to major events and disruptions in real time.	We will establish a Network Operations Centre, which will initially be focused on the bus network.
Bus services procurement (tranche one)	Our current bus partnering contracts commenced in 2018. All of these bus contracts expire between 2028 and 2031.	Procurement for the first tranche of bus service contracts will begin in this year with a variety of market engagement processes.
New ticketing and real time	Delivery of the new customer-centric technology solutions including the	We will continue to plan for the delivery of the NTS.
information solutions	continuation of the rollout of the Wellington component of the National Ticketing Solution (NTS) and better data and customer information through the Real Time Information (RTI) 2.0 project.	This year we aim to complete the implementation of RTI 2.0 across the network including new digital screens and richer customer to make journey travel easier.
Wellington Rapid Transit Bus Corridors and capacity improvements	Planning and staged delivery of a second bus route along the Harbour quays Wellington City, as well as capacity improvements across Route 2.	We will finalise design and commence construction of infrastructure for Harbour Quays and Implement Route 2 capacity improvements: by mid-2026, including five Electric Articulated Vehicles (EAVs) operating between Karori and Courtenay Place.

There have been no changes to performance measures for 2025/26 from those published in the 2024-34 LTP. Refer to pages <u>73 -74 of the 2024-34 LTP</u> for a full set of performance measures and targets for the Ngā waka tūmatanui | Metlink Public Transport activity group.

#### **Metlink Public Transport Prospective Funding Impact Statement**

For the year ending 30 June

Sources of operating funding	Long Term Plan 2025 \$000	Long Term Plan 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 2026 \$000
Targeted rates	137,937	154,311	153,984
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	163,864	166,644	164,436
Fees and charges	96,577	103,617	92,547
Local authorities fines, infringement fees, and other receipts <sup>1</sup>	7,793	7,947	8,278
Total operating funding	406,171	432,519	419,245
Applications of operating funding			-
Payments to staff and suppliers	369,669	394,962	383,158
Finance costs	18,937	20,359	17,219
Internal charges and overheads applied	21,680	22,276	23,130
Total applications of operating funding	410,286	437,597	423,507
Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding	(4,115)	(5,078)	(4,262)
Sources of capital funding			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	90,034	113,520	119,760
Increase (decrease) in debt <sup>2</sup>	40,551	67,251	71,121
Total sources of capital funding	130,585	180,771	190,881
Application of capital funding			
Capital expenditure— to meet additional demand	27.020	20.045	10.201
	27,020	38,945	19,391
to improve the level of service	17,745	27,551	17,761
to replace existing assets	5,897	6,347	4,014
Increase (decrease) in reserves	(2,507)	918	2,079
Increase (decrease) of investments	78,315	101,932	143,374
Total application of capital funding	126,470	175,693	186,619
Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding	4,115	5,078	4,262
Surplus/(deficit) of funding	-	-	-
Depreciation on council assets	5,509	7,549	4,262

1 This includes revenue from Greater Wellington Rail Limited for services provided to manage the rail assets.

2 Greater Wellington fully funds some public transport improvement expenditure at the time the expense is incurred and recovers a share of the debt servicing costs from the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency. Where this expenditure is for rail rolling stock and infrastructure that will be owned by the 100 percent Council subsidiary Greater Wellington Rail Limited it is treated as an investment in this subsidiary. This statement is not an income statement. It excludes all non-cash transactions such as depreciation and valuations. For more information on the revenue and financing mechanisms applicable to this group of activities, please refer to Greater Wellington's Revenue and Financing Policy.

All figures on this page exclude GST.

#### **Metlink Public Transport Prospective Funding Information**

For the year ending 30 June

	Long Term Plan 2025 \$000	Long Term Plan 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 2026 \$000
Sources of operating funding			
Public Transport commercial, strategy and investments	22,477	20,847	17,821
Public Transport service desgin and delivery	241,708	252,996	257,061
Public Transport assets and infrastructure management	141,986	158,676	144,363
Total operating funding	406,171	432,519	419,245
Applications of operating funding			
Public Transport commercial, strategy and investments	34,722	28,443	6,495
Public Transport service desgin and delivery	238,865	246,198	269,554
Public Transport assets and infrastructure management	136,699	162,956	147,458
Total operating funding	410,286	437,597	423,507
Investment in Greater Wellington Rail Limited			
Rail operations and asset management	78,315	101,932	143,374
Total investment expenditure	78,315	101,932	143,374
Capital expenditure			
Public transport network and infrastructure	50,662	72,843	41,166
Total Capital Expenditure	50,662	72,843	41,166
Total Investment in Public Transport Infrastructure	128,977	174,775	184,540

1 Greater Wellington fully funds some public transport improvement expenditure at the time the expense is incurred and recovers a share of the debt servicing costs from the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency. Where this expenditure is for rail rolling stock and infrastructure that will be owned by the 100 percent Council subsidiary Greater Wellington Rail Limited it is treated as an investment in this subsidiary.

This statement is not an income statement. It excludes all non-cash transactions such as depreciation and valuations. For more information on the revenue and financing mechanisms applicable to this group of activities, please refer to Greater Wellington Revenue and Financing Policy.

All figures on this page exclude GST.



### Ko te mahere ā-rohe me ngā rangapū Regional Strategy and Partnerships

Nui te ora o te taiao -	He hapori kotahi -	He manawaroa te āpōpō -
Thriving environment	Connected communities	Resilient future
We lead by example to put the environment front and centre.	We actively work with our mana whenua partners. We support people to engage with us on the decisions that affect them.	



Our regional leadership role draws on our strategic and collaborative partnerships to inform a more integrated approach to support all our activities across the region. Activities such as emergency management, economic development, spatial and transport planning, environmental restoration, and others, help to build connected and resilient communities, a strong economy and a healthy environment.

#### *Key projects we are delivering in 2025/26*

Activity/Project	Description	What we will deliver in 2025/26
Energy Transformation Initiative (ETI)	The initiative is about investigating the construction of renewable electricity generation assets, such as solar panels on buildings and solar farms on open flat land. This will help us to meet our growing electricity needs and eliminate our carbon emissions from purchasing electricity. This initiative has the potential to avoid thousands of tonnes of carbon emissions each year and help us achieve our climate goals. It will also build resilience by minimising disruption to our local energy supply.	We will deliver a report outlining detailed recommendations for decision makers on the possible next steps towards achieving the objectives of the ETI (e.g. options for investment in assets and different delivery). The ETI will also support consideration of solar power in council projects that involve new asset development, for example on new Metlink facilities.
Regional Adaptation Project	Through the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee, we are developing a regional adaptation framework, toolkit, communications and engagement plan and regional spatial risk tool/ natural hazard portal.	This work continues during 2025/26. A key focus will be partnering with mana whenua to build our collective capacity and understanding of adaptation roles and responsibilities and areas where collaboration is needed.
		We are aligning this mahi with the proposed national adaptation framework led by the Ministry for the Environment and helping ensure that all partners have greater capacity to be able to deal with the continued impacts of climate change.
		Improved accessibility to the latest natural hazard information through the natural hazards portal provides a good platform to inform decisions.
Partnering with Te Matarau a Māui	We are supporting Te Matarau a Māui (Māori economic development agency) to implement the Māori economic development strategy	We will continue to provide direct support and create the right conditions for success internally to grow and support Māori business across the region.

Activity/Project	Description	What we will deliver in 2025/26
Regional Land Transport Plan 2027 (RLTP)	Consisting of two key parts: the long term regional strategic direction for the land transport network, and a regional programme comprising transport activities submitted by Approved Organisations (i.e., any organisation eligible to apply for funding from the National Land Transport Fund) collated and prioritised by the Regional Transport Committee.	During 2025/26 we will develop the Regional Land Transport Plan Strategic Framework with input from the Regional Transport Committee. The Committee is due to approve this Framework for community consultation and engagement in July 2026.

There have been no changes to performance measures for 2025/26 from those published in the 2024-34 LTP. Refer to pages <u>100-103 of the 2024-34 LTP</u> for a full set of performance measures and targets for the Ko te mahere ā-rohe me ngā rangapū | Regional Strategy and Partnerships activity group.

#### **Regional Strategy and Partnerships Prospective Funding Impact Statement**

For the year ending 30 June

	Long Term Plan 2025 \$000	Long Term Plan 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 2026 \$000
Sources of operating funding			
General rates, uniform annual general charge, rates penalties	15,653	17,113	16,398
Targeted rates	5,732	5,705	5,816
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	2,485	2,572	3,334
Fees and charges	21	21	21
Local authorities fines, infringement fees, and other receipts <sup>1</sup>	5,654	5,539	5,279
Total operating funding	29,545	30,950	30,848
Applications of operating funding			
Payments to staff and suppliers	23,814	25,370	27,545
Finance costs	108	73	136
Internal charges and overheads applied	4,736	5,677	4,688
Total applications of operating funding	28,658	31,120	32,369
Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding	887	(170)	(1,521)
Sources of capital funding			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	33	67	67
Increase (decrease) in debt	(626)	(300)	(390)
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	246
Total sources of capital funding	(593)	(233)	(77)
Application of capital funding			
Capital expenditure—			
to improve the level of service	64	131	131
Increase (decrease) in reserves	230	(534)	(1,729)
Increase (decrease) of investments		-	-
Total application of capital funding	294	(403)	(1,598)
Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding	(887)	170	1,521
Surplus/(deficit) of funding	-	-	
Depreciation on council assets	54	49	45

1 This includes revenue from the territorial authorities to fund the amalgamated regional emergency management group.

This statement is not an income statement. It excludes all non-cash transactions such as depreciation and valuations.

For more information on the revenue and financing mechanisms applicable to this group of activities, please refer to Greater Wellington's Revenue and Financing Policy. All figures on this page exclude GST.

#### **Regional Strategy and Partnerships Prospective Funding Information**

For the year ending 30 June

	Long Term Plan 2025 \$000	Long Term Plan 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 2026 \$000
Sources of operating funding	\$000	\$000	\$000
Regional economic development	2,551	2,232	2,778
- Emergency management	6,316	6,321	6,304
Democratic Services	1,946	2,002	1,993
Relationships with mana whenua and Māori	6,180	6,497	6,520
Regional transport and planning programmes	6,281	7,539	6,923
Regional spatial planning <sup>1</sup>	4,921	5,019	4,976
Climate change	1,350	1,340	1,354
Total operating funding	29,545	30,950	30,848
Applications of operating funding Regional economic development	1,969	1,956	3,424
Emergency management	6,316	6,321	6,304
Democratic Services	1,680	2,535	2,526
Relationships with mana whenua and Māori	6,180	6,497	6,572
Regional transport and planning programmes	6,245	7,455	7,052
Regional spatial planning	4,921	5,019	4,976
Climate change	1,347	1,337	1,515
Total operating funding	28,658	31,120	32,369
Capital expenditure			
Capital Project Expenditure	64	131	131
Total Capital Expenditure	64	131	131

1 Regional integrated planning includes the rates and expenditure associated with the Warm Greater Wellington Program. Only ratepayers participating in the scheme are charge a rate to recover the costs of the scheme.

This statement is not an income statement. It excludes all non-cash transactions such as depreciation and valuations. For more information on the revenue and financing mechanisms applicable to this group of activities, please refer to Greater Wellington's Revenue and Financing Policy.

All figures on this page exclude GST.

# **Ngā puna wai** Water Supply

Nui te ora o te taiao -	He hapori kotahi -	He manawaroa te āpōpō -
Thriving environment	Connected communities	Resilient future
Water supply is respectful to the environment we live in.	Our water supply is safe.	



Greater Wellington collects, treats and distributes the safe and healthy drinking water that Wellington, Hutt, Upper Hutt and Porirua city councils supply to their communities. This work is carried out for Greater Wellington by Wellington Water Limited (WWL), a joint-council-owned water management company.

Activity/ Project	Description	What we will deliver in 2025/26
Te Marua Capacity Upgrade	Upgrade the Te Marua Water Treatment Plant to maximise its hydraulic	The project will be completing with the full 60 mega litre per day capacity expected to be available mid 2025.
	capacity under all raw water quality conditions.	As part of the capacity upgrade the pump station will be upgraded to enable the new flow requirements.
Wellington Region Raw Water Source	<ul> <li>Wellington's water supply strategy aims to tackle challenges like population growth, climate change, water loss, and reduced summer water take.</li> <li>To manage this, we need to address both supply and demand:</li> <li>Demand-side solutions: Investing more in fixing water loss and introducing residential water meters to improve efficiency.</li> <li>Supply-side solutions: Building extra storage lakes to store water for drier months and reduce pressure on existing sources.</li> <li>These changes will take 8-10 years and must happen at the same time to improve water security and prepare for future water consent renewals in the mid-2030s.</li> </ul>	Planning work on the Pākuratahi storage lakes project continues. This is a long term project (~10 years) which will increase the water storage capacity supplying the Te Marua treatment plant. Upgrades and maintenance of the pipe network and bulk flow meters is also planned. The Gear Island and Waterloo Wells project will increase raw water supply. The design process of the project is nearing completion. The procurement of a construction contractor will start in 2025.

## *Key projects we are delivering in 2025/26*

Activity/ Project	Description	What we will deliver in 2025/26
Whakawhirinaki: Silverstream Water Bridge and Shared Path project	The Silverstream Water Bridge and Shared Path project improves water infrastructure by replacing or upgrading existing water- related structures, such as pipes and bridges. This will enhance the reliability and capacity of the region's water supply system. It also provides safer, more accessible routes for pedestrians and cyclists in the Silverstream area.	The Silverstream Water Bridge and Shared Path project is due to be completed mid- 2025.
Rocky Point and Ngauranga Interconnection valve chambers pipe connection	The design and installation of seismically resilient pipe connections to Rocky Point and Ngauranga. Interconnection valve chambers on the Wainuiomata to Wellington pipeline. This has been identified as being susceptible to liquefaction, ground subsidence and lateral spreading.	Construction on these works will start in mid - late 2025.
Waterloo Pump Hall Ventilation	Installation of ventilation to cool the pumping facility is needed.	Construction for the installation of a ventilation system to cool the pumping facility at Waterloo Pump Hall is expected to start this year.

There have been no changes to performance measures for 2025/26 from those published in the 2024-34 LTP. Refer to pages <u>116-117 of the 2024-34 LTP</u> for a full set of performance measures and targets for the Ngā puna wai | Water Supply activity group.



# Water Supply Prospective Funding Impact Statement

Please note: Our water supply costs are not funded from regional rates; they are billed to those councils directly. Each council's share of annual costs is estimated from their city's actual water use during that year. Your contribution to our costs is paid through your local council rates bill.

#### Water Supply Prospective Funding Impact Statement

For the year ending 30 June

Sources of operating funding	Long Term Plan 2025 \$000	Long Term Plan 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 2026 \$000
Interest and dividends from investments	2,943	2,809	2,205
Local authorities fines, infringement fees, and other receipts <sup>1</sup>	67,880	76,115	78,658
Total operating funding	70,823	78,924	80,863
Applications of operating funding			
Payments to staff and suppliers	38,958	41,889	59,400
Finance costs	18,353	20,439	18,715
Internal charges and overheads applied	3,189	3,373	3,617
Total applications of operating funding	60,500	65,701	81,732
Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding	10,323	13,223	(869)
Sources of capital funding			
Increase (decrease) in debt	97,618	39,224	52,711
Total sources of capital funding	97,618	39,224	52,711
Application of capital funding			
Capital expenditure—			
to meet additional demand	1,024	5,279	9,725
to improve the level of service	53,908	10,451	13,475
to replace existing assets	49,470	32,174	24,704
Increase (decrease) in reserves	(270)	-	-
Increase (decrease) of investments	3,809	4,543	3,938
Total application of capital funding	107,941	52,447	51,842
Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding	(10,323)	(13,223)	869
Surplus/(deficit) of funding	-	-	-
Depreciation on council assets	20,681	21,381	19,669
Water supply levy	67,731	75,963	78,506

1 This includes the Water supply levy charged to Wellington, Upper Hutt, Hutt, and Porirua city councils.

This statement is not an income statement. It excludes all non-cash transactions such as depreciation and valuations.

For more information on the revenue and financing mechanisms applicable to this group of activities, please refer to Greater Wellington's Revenue and Financing Policy. All figures on this page exclude GST.

## Water Supply Funding Prospective Funding Information

For the year ending 30 June

	Long Term Plan 2025 \$000	Long Term Plan 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 2026 \$000
Sources of operating funding			
Water Supply	70,823	78,924	80,863
Total operating funding	70,823	78,924	80,863
Applications of operating funding			
Water Supply	60,500	65,701	81,732
Total operating funding	60,500	65,701	81,732
Capital Expenditure			
Water Sources	10,556	9,285	16,015
Water treatment plants	54,608	18,357	3,063
Pipelines	28,906	2,913	17,076
Pump Stations	6,077	15,318	9,629
Reservoirs	2,197	812	70
Monitoring and Control	2,058	1,219	2,051
Total Capital Expenditure	104,402	47,904	47,904

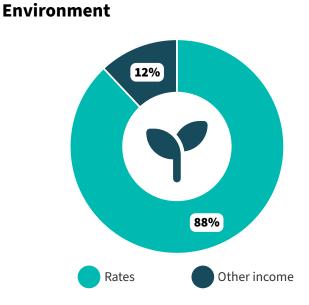
This statement is not an income statement. It excludes all non-cash transactions such as depreciation and valuations.

For more information on the revenue and financing mechanisms applicable to this group of activities, please refer to Greater Wellington's Revenue and Financing Policy. All figures on this page exclude GST

# Part 5

# Ngā tau The numbers

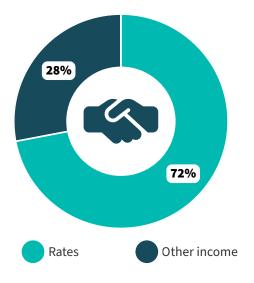
# He Pūrongo Pūtea | Finances at a glance



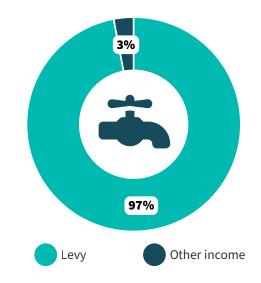
## Metlink

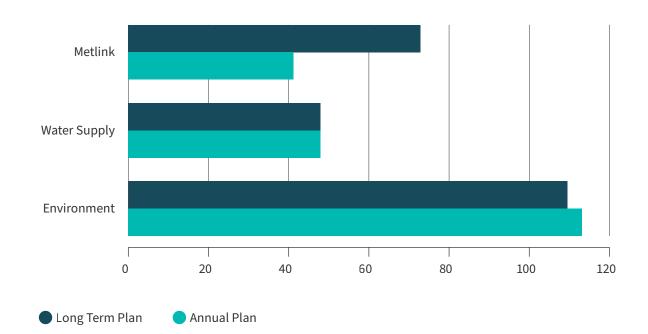


**Regional Strategy and Partnerships** 



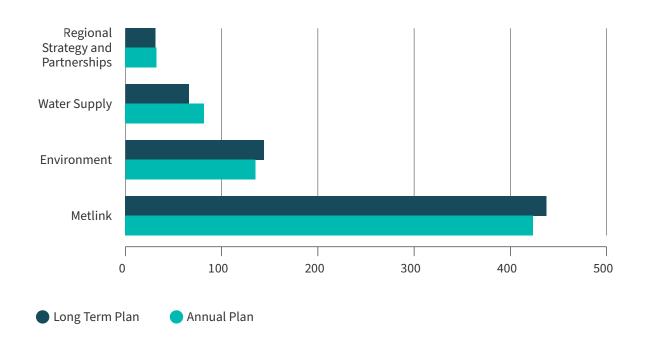
Water Supply





## Capital Expenditure by Activity Group in \$ millions

## **Operating Expenditure by Activity Group in \$ millions**





# He whakapae matua me ngā tūraru | Significant forecasting assumptions and risks

When preparing for a budget, we make some assumptions to help us estimate future costs and income. The assumptions used in the preparation of this Plan are largely the same as those contained in the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan except for the interest rate assumption which has decreased to 4.65% and the salary inflation assumption which has increased to 3.6%.

Since the Long Term Plan, we have updated accounting policy 16 Borrowings to: All borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

For all further assumptions and risks, refer to pages <u>204-214 of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan</u> for accounting policies, refer to pages <u>216-224 of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan</u>.

## **Total Council financial statements**

Prospective Statement of Revenue and Expenses For the year ending 30 June

	Long Term Plan 2025 \$'000	Long Term Plan 2026 \$'000	Annual Plan 2026 \$'000
Operating Revenue	¢ 000	\$ 000	\$ 000
General rates	93,557	109,788	99,419
Targeted rates	158,534	178,613	177,085
Regional rates	252,091	288,401	276,504
Water supply levy	67,731	75,963	78,506
Government subsidies	169,448	170,930	169,620
Transport improvement grants	90,067	113,587	120,827
Interest and dividends	16,457	14,136	13,625
Other operating revenue	133,295	134,451	125,871
Total operating revenue	729,089	797,468	784,953
Operating Expenditure			
Employee benefits	101,168	106,384	112,293
Grants and subsidies	319,708	328,921	302,339
Finance expenses	56,143	59,301	51,202
Depreciation and amortisation	34,149	36,682	33,762
Other operating expenses	162,854	188,335	198,879
Total operating expenditure	674,022	719,623	698,475
Operating surplus/(deficit) before other items and tax	55,067	77,845	86,478
Other fair value changes	5,261	5,378	1,846
Operating surplus / (deficit) after tax	60,328	83,223	88,324
Other comprehensive revenue and expenses			
Increases / (decreases) in revaluations	75,199	11,559	5,620
Total comprehensive income	135,527	94,782	93,944

# **Prospective Statement of Financial Position** As at 30 June

	Long Term Plan 2025 \$'000	Long Term Plan 2026 \$'000	Annual Plan 2026 \$'000
ASSETS	14.007	16.467	10.017
Cash and other equivalents	14,907	16,467	18,217
Investments (current)	184,689	188,383	199,223
Other current assets	64,794	66,589	126,186
Current assets	264,390	271,439	343,626
Investments (non-current)	74,102	76,256	32,653
Investment in subsidiary	440,996	542,928	516,628
Property, plant and equipment	1,905,796	2,112,806	2,062,849
Non-current assets	2,420,894	2,731,990	2,612,130
Total assets	2,685,284	3,003,429	2,955,756
Ratepayer' Funds			
Retained earnings	360,692	441,932	374,395
Reserves	1,027,756	1,041,298	1,120,983
Total ratepayers' funds	1,388,448	1,483,230	1,495,378
Liabilities			
Debt (current)	134,021	136,702	166,352
Other current liabilities	121,654	118,709	91,611
Current liabilities	255,675	255,411	257,963
Debt (non-current)	1,022,059	1,247,699	1,185,318
Other non-current liabilities	19,102	17,089	17,097
Non-current liabilities	1,041,161	1,264,788	1,202,415
Total liabilities	1,296,836	1,520,199	1,460,378
Total equity and liabilities	2,685,284	3,003,429	2,955,756

# **Prospective Statement of Changes to Equity** As at 30 June

	Long Term Plan 2025 \$'000	Long Term Plan 2026 \$'000	Annual Plan 2026 \$'000
Total opening ratepayers' funds	1,252,921	1,388,448	1,401,433
Total comprehensive income	135,527	94,782	93,944
Movement in ratepayers funds for year	135,527	94,782	93,944
Closing ratepayers' funds	1,388,448	1,483,230	1,495,377
Components of ratepayers funds			
Opening accumulated funds	300,361	365,179	285,361
Total comprehensive income	135,527	94,782	93,944
Movements in other reserves	(70,709)	(13,542)	(4,910)
Movement in accumulated funds for year	64,818	81,240	89,034
Closing accumulated funds	365,179	446,419	374,395
Opening other reserves	34,338	29,848	41,210
Movements in other reserves	(4,490)	1,983	(710)
Movement in other reserves for year	(4,490)	1,983	(710)
Closing other reserves	29,848	31,831	40,500
Opening revaluation reserves	918,222	993,421	1,074,863
Movements in revaluation reserve	75,199	11,559	5,620
Movement in revaluation reserve for year	75,199	11,559	5,620
Closing revaluation reserve	993,421	1,004,980	1,080,483
Closing ratepayers' funds	1,388,448	1,483,230	1,495,378

# **Prospective Statement of Cashflows** For the year ending 30 June

Long Term Plan	Long Term Plan	Annual Plar 2026
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
		276,505
67,731	75,963	78,506
259,515	284,517	290,447
16,457	14,136	13,625
133,003	134,171	124,560
728,796	797,187	783,643
56,143	59,301	51,202
582,714	623,001	633,750
638,857	682,302	684,952
89,939	114,885	98,691
	-	800
		1,311
2,380	761	2,111
215,081	232,613	207,054
85,433	107,780	149,197
300,514	340,393	356,251
(298,134)	(339,632)	(354,140)
301,439	278,321	305,349
97,923	52,014	52,014
203,516	226,307	253,335
(4,679)	1,560	(2,114)
10.505		
19,586	14,907	20,331
	2025         \$'000         252,090         67,731         259,515         16,457         16,457         16,457         133,003         728,796         200         56,143         582,714         638,857         300,314         1,950         430         2,380         2,380         2,380         2,380         2,380         2,380         300,514         30,514         301,439         301,439         301,439         303,516	2025       2026         \$'000       288,400         67,731       75,963         259,515       284,517         16,457       14,136         133,003       134,171         728,796       797,187         56,143       59,301         582,714       632,001         582,714       632,001         582,714       632,001         638,857       682,302         10       1,950         11,950       -         1,950       -

# **Whole of Council Prospective Funding Impact Statement** For the year ending 30 June

	Long Term Plan 2025 \$000	Long Term Plan 2026 \$000	Annual Plan 2026 \$000
Sources of operating funding			
General rates, uniform annual general charge, rates penalties	95,306	110,552	100,184
Targeted rates	158,495	178,573	177,045
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	169,448	170,930	169,620
Fees and charges	97,028	104,077	93,007
Interest and dividends from investments	16,457	14,136	13,626
Local authorities fines, infringement fees, and other receipts	101,996	105,333	109,335
Total operating funding	638,730	683,601	662,817
Applications of operating funding			
Payments to staff and suppliers	583,729	623,669	633,768
Finance costs	56,144	59,273	51,203
Total applications of operating funding	639,873	682,942	684,971
Surplus/(deficit) of operating funding	(1,143)	659	(22,154)
Sources of capital funding			
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	90,067	113,587	120,827
Increase (decrease) in debt	203,516	226,307	253,335
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	430	762	1,311
Total sources of capital funding	294,013	340,656	375,473
Application of capital funding			
Capital expenditure— to meet additional demand	20.044	44.224	20.216
	28,044	44,224	29,316
to improve the level of service	125,120	143,161	141,633
to replace existing assets	61,917	45,228	36,103
Increase (decrease) in reserves	(5,694)	922	(2,130)
Increase (decrease) of investments	83,483	107,780	148,397
Total application of capital funding	292,870	341,315	353,319
Surplus/(deficit) of capital funding	1,143	(659)	22,154
Surplus/(deficit) of funding	-	-	-
Depreciation on council assets	34,149	36,682	33,761
Water supply levy	67,731	75,963	78,506

# **Ko ngā pūtea penapena** Financial reserves

#### Greater Wellington sets aside money in two types of reserves for specific purposes:

- **Retained earnings -** Any surplus or deficit not allocated to a specific reserve is kept as retained earnings.
- **Other reserves -** Any surplus or deficit or a specific rate set aside or used by the Council for a specific purpose.

# These reserves are not held as separate cash funds but are managed as part of Greater Wellington's treasury policy.

#### Other reserves are split into four categories:

- Area of Benefit reserves any targeted rate funding surplus or deficit is held to fund future costs for that area.
- **Contingency reserves** funds that are set aside to smooth the impact of costs associated with specific unforeseen events.
- Special reserves funds that are set aside to smooth the costs of irregular expenditure.
- **Re-budgeted reserves** expenditure that has been rated for in one year when the project will not be completed until the following year.

These reserves are not held as separate cash funds but are managed as part of Greater Wellington's treasury policy.

#### Other reserves are split into four categories:

- Area of benefit reserves Any surplus or deficit from targeted rates to fund future costs for that area.
- **Contingency reserves -** Funds set aside to cover unexpected costs from unforeseen events.
- **Special reserves -** Funds set aside to spread the costs of irregular expenditure.
- **Re-budgeted reserves-** Expenditure rated in one year when the project will be completed in the following year.

# **Prospective Reserves Report** for year ending 30 June 2026

Council Created Reserves	Purpose of the fund	Opening Balance	Deposits	Withdrawls	Closing Balance
Area of benefit reserves		\$000s	\$000s	\$000s	\$000s
Public transport reserve	Any funding surplus or deficit relating to the provision of public transport services is used only on subsequent public transport expenditure.	2,803	2,184	-	4,987
Transport planning reserve	Any funding surplus or deficit relating to the provision of public transport planning services is used only on subsequent public transport planning expenditure.	283	10	-	293
WRS reserve	Any funding surplus or deficit relating to the Wellington Regional Strategy implementation is used only on subsequent Wellington Regional Strategy expenditure.	548	4	-	552
lwi reserve	Any funding surplus or deficit relating to the provision of iwi project fund is used only on subsequent iwi project funding expenditure.	819	28	(52)	795
WREMO reserve	Contributions by other Local Authorities to run WREMO.	535	-	-	535
Catchment scheme reserves	Any funding surplus or deficit relating to the provision of flood protection and catchment management schemes is used only on subsequent flood protection and catchment management expenditure.	11,956	699	(226)	12,429
Land management reserves	Any funding surplus or deficit relating to the provision of targeted land management schemes is used only on subsequent land management expenditure.	3,749	227	(381)	3,595
Contingency reserves Flood contingency reserves	To help manage the costs for the repair of storm damage throughout the region.	4,106	350	-	4,456
Rural fire reserve	To help manage the costs of rural fire equipment.	88	3	-	91
Special reserves					
Election reserve	To manage the variation in costs associated with the election cycle.	629	289	(800)	118
Long Term Plan reserves	To manage variation in costs associated with Long Term Plan process.	255	170	-	425
Wellington Analytics Reserve	Contribution by other local authorities for set up costs.	1,536	56	-	1,592
Environmental Restitution Reserve	To manage variation in costs associated with environmental restoration projects.	352	13	-	365
General Reserve	To manage variation in costs associated with new initiative projects.	12,632	447	(3,417)	9,662
Re budget reserves					
Rebudgeted reserve	Expenditure that has been rated for in 2024/25 when the project will not be completed until 2025/26 or beyond.	733	-	(312)	421
Total Reserve Balances		41,024	4,480	(5,188)	40,316

# **Ko te whakapuakanga ā-tau ki te tau mutunga 30 o Pipiri 2026 |** Annual Plan Disclosure Statement for year ending 30 June 2026

### What is the purpose of this statement?

The purpose of this statement is to disclose the Council's planned financial performance in relation to various benchmarks. This enables the assessment of whether the council is prudently managing its revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities, and general financial dealings. The council is required to include this statement in its annual plan in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014 (the regulations).

Benchmark	Limit	Planned	Met
Rates affordability benchmark			
• income (\$millions)	359	276	Yes
• increases (\$ per average property)	200	91.56	Yes
Debt affordability benchmark	280%	143%	Yes
Balanced budget benchmark	100%	112%	Yes
Essential services benchmark	100%	673%	Yes
Debt servicing benchmark			
• Local Government Act 2002	10%	7%	Yes
• Local Government Funding Agency LGFA)	20%	5%	Yes

# Ko ngā mōhiohio Reti | Rating base information

The Council is required to state in its Annual Plan the projected rating base within the region at the end of the preceding financial year.

Projected rating base for 2025/26	
Rating units	216,483
Capital value	\$214.2b
Land value	\$119.6b

# He whakarāpopoto reti me ngā utu | Summary of rates and levies

Rates for Greater Wellington are mainly allocated to ratepayers based on the capital value of properties.

Properties in the city and district councils in the Greater Wellington Region are revalued for rating purposes every three years. The effective date of valuation is not the same in each council.

The Greater Wellington rates are affected by rating valuations. To manage the misaligned valuation dates, Greater Wellington gets a registered valuer to estimate the equalised capital value of properties across the region each year. This ensures the assessment of rates in a consistent manner, year on year, regardless of the timing of the individual city and district council valuations. This section should be read alongside the rating mechanism's Funding Impact Statement for Rating Mechanism and the Revenue and Financing Policy.

The following tables show the rates and levies for Greater Wellington for the financial year 2025/26, compared to financial year 2024/25. Rates comprise general rate and various targeted rates. Greater Wellington also charges a water supply levy to four Local Authorities in the region – Wellington City Council, Lower Hutt City Council, Upper Hutt City Council and Porirua City Council. They in turn set their own rates to cover this cost.

## For 2025/26:

Regional rates increase - 9.72%

Water supply levy increase - 15.91 %

Total rates increase including water supply levy - 11.0%

## Summary of rates and levies

	2024/25 Plan \$000s	2025/26 Plan \$000s	Change \$000s	Change %
General rate	93,557	99,419	5,863	6.3%
Targeted rates				
Region wide targeted rates <sup>1</sup>				
River management rate	12,544	14,324	1,781	14.2%
Public transport rate	137,937	153,984	16,048	11.6%
Stadium purposes rate	-	364	364	100% <sup>4</sup>
Economic development rate	4,996	5,094	98	2.0%
Specific area targeted rates:				
South Wairarapa district – river rates	102	117	15	14.7%
Wairarapa scheme and stopbank rates	2,180	2,440	260	11.9%
Total targeted rates <sup>2</sup>	157,758	176,323	18,565	11.8%
Total regional rates	251,315	275,742	24,428	9.72%
Water supply levy	67,731	78,506	10,775	15.9%
Total regional rates and levies	319,046	354,249	35,203	11.0%
Warm Greater Wellington rates <sup>3</sup>	775	762		
Total rates and levies	319,821	355,011		

1 Region-wide rates are charged to all ratepayers in the region. They exclude targeted rates for Wairarapa river and drainage schemes, and "Warm Greater Wellington", because those rates only apply to highly specific ratepayers in those work programmes.

2 This total excludes "Warm Greater Wellington" targeted rates because they only apply to ratepayers who participate in the scheme

3 The Warm Greater Wellington scheme assists regional ratepayers to insulate their homes. Only ratepayers who participate in the scheme are charged this rate.

4 In 2022, the Council reintroduced a funding mechanism to support the earthquake strengthening and ongoing maintenance of the stadium; this was not rated in 2024/25 financial year.

## Impact on each city and district

Rates increases vary among cities and districts because of differing equalised capital values and targeted rates that are applied according to the Revenue and Financing policy. The following table shows the different rates paid in each city and district.

#### Impact on each City and District

	2024/25 Plan \$000s	2025/26 Plan \$000s	Change \$000s	Change %
Region-wide rates <sup>1</sup>				
Wellington City	130,151	140,644	10,493	8.1%
Hutt City	47,015	51,701	4,686	10.0%
Upper Hutt City	16,109	17,823	1,714	10.6%
Porirua City	18,141	20,279	2,138	11.8%
Kāpiti Coast District	22,508	26,214	3,706	16.5%
Masterton District	7,332	7,572	240	3.3%
Carterton District	2,935	3,318	384	13.1%
South Wairarapa District	4,832	5,624	792	16.4%
Tararua District	9	9	0	-
Total region-wide rates	249,033	273,185	24,153	9.7%
South Wairarapa District – river rates Wairarapa scheme and stopbank rates	2,180	117 2,440	15 260	14.7% 11.9%
Wairarapa scheme and stopbank rates	2,180	2,440	260	11.9%
Total regional rates	251,315	275,742	24,428	9.7%
Water supply levy				
Wellington City Council	34,122	38,907	4,785	14.0%
Hutt City Council	18,215	21,229	3,015	16.6%
Upper Hutt City Council	7,789	9,393	1,604	20.6%
Porirua City Council	7,606	8,977	1,371	18.0%
Water supply levy	67,731	78,506	10,775	15.9%
Total regional rates and levies <sup>2</sup>	319,046	354,249	35,203	11.0%
Warm Wellington rate <sup>3</sup>	775	762		

Hutt City refers to the local government administrative area of Lower Hutt City.

All figures on this page exclude GST.

1 Region-wide rates are charged to all ratepayers in the region. They exclude targeted rates for Wairarapa river and drainage schemes, and "Warm Greater Wellington", because those rates only apply to highly specific ratepayers in those work programmes.

2 This total excludes "Warm Greater Wellington" targeted rates because they only apply to ratepayers who participate in the scheme.

3 The Warm Greater Wellington scheme assists regional ratepayers to insulate their homes. Only ratepayers who participate in the scheme are charged this rate.

# Residential region-wide Rates

Region-wide rates are charged to all ratepayers in the region. They exclude targeted rates for Wairarapa river and drainage schemes, and "Warm Greater Wellington", because those rates only apply to specific ratepayers involved in those programmes.

## Average value of residential property in each City or District

	2024/25	2025/26
Wellington City	\$1,273,970	\$952,044
Hutt City	\$828,360	\$830,168
Upper Hutt City	\$812,682	\$814,879
Porirua City	\$876,647	\$880,318
Kāpiti Coast District excl Ōtaki	\$839,881	\$841,376
Ōtaki rating area	\$600,817	\$601,411
Masterton District	\$531,977	\$539,175
Carterton District	\$596,804	\$601,648
South Wairarapa District	\$763,875	\$717,234

All figures on this page exclude GST.

		General rate	River mana	River management rate	Public tra	Public transport rate	Stadium pu	Stadium purposes rate	Economic development rate	evelopment rate	Total regional terms of the terms of terms	Total region-wide rates
	2024/25	2025/26	2024/25	2025/26	2024/25	2025/26	2024/25	2025/26	2024/25	2025/26	2024/25	2025/26
Wellington City	\$530.08	\$520.10	\$3.32	\$3.54	\$627.07	\$645.37	\$0.00	\$2.24	\$17.25	\$17.25	\$1,177.72	\$1,188.50
Hutt City	\$394.95	\$411.27	\$214.53	\$250.98	\$467.21	\$510.33	\$0.00	\$1.48	\$17.25	\$17.25	\$1,093.94	\$1,191.30
Upper Hutt City	\$368.86	\$396.49	\$81.41	\$83.56	\$436.35	\$491.99	\$0.00	\$1.42	\$17.25	\$17.25	\$903.87	\$990.71
Porirua City	\$422.98	\$460.11	\$4.78	\$5.08	\$500.37	\$570.93	\$0.00	\$1.65	\$17.25	\$17.25	\$945.38	\$1,055.03
Kāpiti Coast District excl Õtaki	\$412.91	\$468.35	\$72.96	\$73.51	\$488.45	\$581.16	\$0.00	\$0.84	\$17.25	\$17.25	\$991.57	\$1,141.12
Ôtaki rating area	\$295.38	\$334.78	\$52.19	\$52.54	\$174.71	\$207.71	\$0.00	\$0.60	\$17.25	\$17.25	\$539.53	\$612.88
Masterton District	\$272.93	\$276.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$161.43	\$171.50	\$0.00	\$0.50	\$17.25	\$17.25	\$451.62	\$465.68
Carterton District	\$291.88	\$319.14	\$4.07	\$6.00	\$172.64	\$198.01	\$0.00	\$0.57	\$17.25	\$17.25	\$485.84	\$540.98
South Wairarapa District	\$364.94	\$384.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$215.86	\$238.43	\$0.00	\$0.69	\$17.25	\$17.25	\$598.05	\$640.67

# 2025/26 residential region-wide rates, for an average value residential property

# 2025/26 residential region-wide rates per \$100k of valued residential property

		Gonoral rato	onem vovid	oter transmenter rout	Dublic to	Dublic transmost rate	r milbet	Ctadium nurnococ rato	Total rates ex	Total region-wide rates excl economic
	2024/25	2025/26	2024/25	2025/26	2024/25	2025/26	2024/25	2025/26	2024/25	2025/26
Wellington City	\$41.61	\$54.63	\$0.26	\$0.37	\$49.22	\$67.79	\$0.00	\$0.24	\$91.09	\$123.02
Hutt City	\$47.68	\$49.54	\$25.90	\$30.23	\$56.40	\$61.47	\$0.00	\$0.18	\$129.98	\$141.42
Upper Hutt City	\$45.39	\$48.66	\$10.02	\$10.25	\$53.69	\$60.38	\$0.00	\$0.17	\$109.10	\$119.46
Porirua City	\$48.25	\$52.27	\$0.55	\$0.58	\$57.08	\$64.86	\$0.00	\$0.19	\$105.87	\$117.89
Kāpiti Coast District excl Õtaki	\$49.16	\$55.67	\$8.69	\$8.74	\$58.16	\$69.07	\$0.00	\$0.10	\$116.01	\$133.57
Õtaki rating area	\$49.16	\$55.67	\$8.69	\$8.74	\$29.08	\$34.54	\$0.00	\$0.10	\$86.93	\$99.04
Masterton District	\$51.31	\$51.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.35	\$31.81	\$0.00	\$0.09	\$81.65	\$83.17
Carterton District	\$48.91	\$53.05	\$0.68	\$1.00	\$28.93	\$32.91	\$0.00	\$0.10	\$78.52	\$87.05
South Wairarapa District	\$47.78	\$53.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28.26	\$33.24	\$0.00	\$0.10	\$76.03	\$86.92

Region-wide rates are charged to all ratepayers in the region. They exclude targeted rates for Wairarapa river and drainage schemes, and "Warm Greater Wellington", because those rates only apply to highly specific ratepayers in those work programmes.

All figures on this page include GST

## Average Rates for each area and category

These tables show the region-wide rates that are charged to all ratepayers in the region. They exclude targeted rates for pest management, Wairarapa river and drainage schemes, and Warm Greater Wellington. Those rates only apply to specific ratepayers involved in those programmes

Residential, including GST	Average capital value	Increase in 2025/26	Increase per week	Rates 2025/26	Rates per week	% Increase
Wellington City	\$952,044	\$11	\$0.21	\$1,188	\$22.86	0.9%
Hutt City	\$830,168	\$97	\$1.87	\$1,191	\$22.91	8.9%
Upper Hutt City	\$814,879	\$87	\$1.67	\$991	\$19.05	9.6%
Porirua City	\$880,318	\$110	\$2.11	\$1,055	\$20.29	11.6%
Kāpiti Coast District excl Ōtaki	\$841,376	\$150	\$2.88	\$1,141	\$21.94	15.1%
Ōtaki rating area	\$601,411	\$73	\$1.41	\$613	\$11.79	13.6%
Masterton District	\$539,175	\$14	\$0.27	\$466	\$8.96	3.1%
Carterton District	\$601,648	\$55	\$1.06	\$541	\$10.40	11.3%
South Wairarapa District	\$717,234	\$43	\$0.82	\$641	\$12.32	7.1%

These projected rates exclude the targeted river management rates that are not charged to all ratepayers

Rural, excluding GST	Average capital value	Increase in 2025/26	Increase per week	Rates 2025/26	Rates per week	% Increase
Wellington City	\$1,371,000	\$110	\$2.12	\$876	\$16.84	14.4%
Hutt City	\$1,249,000	\$81	\$1.55	\$1,051	\$20.20	8.3%
Upper Hutt City	\$1,364,000	\$57	\$1.09	\$895	\$17.20	6.7%
Porirua City	\$1,967,000	\$113	\$2.17	\$1,199	\$23.07	10.4%
Kāpiti Coast District	\$1,214,000	\$104	\$2.01	\$878	\$16.89	13.5%
Masterton District	\$1,185,000	\$6	\$0.11	\$708	\$13.61	0.8%
Carterton District	\$1,253,000	\$67	\$1.29	\$784	\$15.08	9.3%
South Wairarapa District	\$1,496,000	\$126	\$2.42	\$929	\$17.87	15.6%
Tararua District	\$1,858,000	\$17	\$0.33	\$873	\$16.79	2.0%

These projected rates exclude the river management rates that are not charged to all ratepayers

Business, excluding GST	Average capital value	Increase in 2025/26	Increase per week	Rates 2025/26	Rates per week	% Increase
Wellington City	\$3,835,000	\$1,671	\$32.13	\$5,255	\$101.06	46.6% <sup>1</sup>
Wellington City - CBD	\$3,376,000	\$511	\$9.83	\$15,776	\$303.38	3.3%
Hutt City	\$2,688,000	\$314	\$6.04	\$4,039	\$77.67	8.4%
Upper Hutt City	\$2,544,000	\$296	\$5.69	\$3,323	\$63.91	9.8%
Porirua City	\$1,980,000	\$177	\$3.41	\$2,599	\$49.97	7.3%
Kāpiti Coast District	\$1,668,000	\$277	\$5.32	\$2,448	\$47.08	12.7%
Masterton District	\$1,578,000	\$20	\$0.38	\$1,674	\$32.19	1.2%
Carterton District	\$864,000	\$108	\$2.07	\$956	\$18.39	12.7%
South Wairarapa District	\$1,266,000	\$183	\$3.52	\$1,404	\$27.00	15.0%

These projected rates exclude the river management rates that are not charged to all ratepayers

1 Wellington City Council has revalued its drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater pipes by around \$1.45 billion — a 70–80% increase. Because the Council owns these assets, it will carry the largest share of the resulting Greater Wellington rates increase. The remainder, roughly 9.9%, will fall to other business property owners across the City.

## Rates calculator 2025/26 Residential region-wide rates

To calculate region-wide rates for all property types, use the calculator on our website http://www.gw.govt.nz/regional-rates-calculator/

Note: These calculations do not include Greater Wellington targeted rates specific to individual properties or rates set by city or district councils. Greater Wellington sets and assesses its rates, but they are invoiced and collected by the relevant city and district councils. This combined collection is cost-effective and convenient for ratepayers.

	2025/26 region-wide rates per \$100,000 of capital value		Enter the capital value of your property			Economic development rate		Indicative rates on your property for 2025/26 <sup>1</sup>
Wellington City	\$106.98	х		÷100,000	+	\$15.00	=	
Hutt City	\$122.98	х		÷100,000	+	\$15.00	=	
Upper Hutt City	\$103.88	х		÷100,000	+	\$15.00	=	
Porirua City	\$102.51	Х		÷100,000	+	\$15.00	=	
Kāpiti Coast District excl Ōtaki	\$116.15	Х		÷100,000	+	\$15.00	=	
Ōtaki rating area	\$86.12	Х		÷100,000	+	\$15.00	=	
Masterton District	\$72.32	х		÷100,000	+	\$15.00	=	
Carterton District	\$75.69	х		÷100,000	+	\$15.00	=	
South Wairarapa District	\$75.58	х		÷100,000	+	\$15.00	=	
Hutt City example	\$122.98	x	\$800,000	÷100,000	+	\$15.00	=	\$998.81
						includes GST @ 15%	-	\$1,148.63

1 Region-wide rates are charged to all ratepayers in the region. They exclude targeted rates for Wairarapa river and drainage schemes, and "Warm Greater Wellington", because those rates only apply to highly specific ratepayers in those work programmes.

### Assistance in paying your rates

Greater Wellington recognises that our communities live in everchanging environments which can cause circumstances that can be difficult to manage. We can offer support where appropriate, to help our communities thrive. Greater Wellington may provide relief to some or all of your Greater Wellington rates payments (a rate remission) in the case of special or unexpected circumstances. Find out more on our website: <u>https://www.gw.govt.nz/your-region/your-rates/remission-and-postponement-policies/</u>. Rates rebates can also be applied for via your local council.

# He Tauākī Pūtea mō ngā Hua | Funding impact statement

#### **Rating mechanism**

This section describes how Greater Wellington sets its 2025/26 rates. It explains the basis on which each ratepayer's rating liability will be assessed. More detail can be found in Greater Wellington's Revenue and Financing Policy

Rate	Group of activities funded	Funding Mechanism	Valuation System	Matters for differentiation/ categories of land	Calculation Factor
<b>General</b> - Relationships with mana whenua - Emergency management - Democratic services - Resource management - policy and planning - Environment restoration advice - Resource management - compliance, enforecement and prevention - Land management advice - Biodiversity management – Key Native Ecosystems programme - Biodiversity management – other activities - Regional predator control programme - Education: Enforce maritime safety regulations - Flood protection - understanding flood risk - Climate change	Regional Strategy and Partnerships, Environment and Flood Protection	General	Capital Value	All rateable land	Cents per dollar of rateable capital value
Part- General - Regional transport planning and programmes (50%) - Resource Management - State of Environment monitoring (90%) - Environment restoration programme (75%) - Wellington Regional Erosion Control Initiative (30%) - Regional pest management plan (Up to 100%) - Navigational aids and communications service (40%) - Pollution clean-up (Up to 100%) - Maintaining flood protection and control works (Up to 50%) - Improving flood security (Up to 50%) - Wairarapa catchment schemes (Approx. 50%) - Parks (90%)					
Regional Economic Development	Regional Strategy and Partnerships	Capital value for all business and a fixed rate for residential and rural	Capital value for business N/A for residential and rural	Where the land is situated and the use to which the land is put Where the land is situated and the use to which the land is put	Cents per dollar of rateable capital value Fixed dollar amount per rating unit
Wellington Stadium	Regional Strategy and Partnerships	Targeted differentials	Capital value	Capital value, with differentials based on land use, location and provision of service.	Cents per dollar of rateable capital value
Warm Greater Wellington	Regional Strategy and Partnerships	Targeted rate	N/A	Provision of service to the land	Extent of service provided calculated as a percentage of the service provided

Rate	Group of activities funded	Funding Mechanism	Valuation System	Matters for differentiation/ categories of land	Calculation Factor
Public transport	Metlink Public Transport	Targeted differentials	Capital value	Capital value, with differentials based on land use, location and provision of service.	Cents per dollar of rateable capital value
Water Supply	Water Supply	Levy ( + Up to 100%)	Volumetric levy on the participating territorial authorities		
Flood Protection - Maintaining flood protection and control works - Improving flood security	Environment and Flood Protection	Targeted (+ Up to 50% general)	Capital value/ land value	Where the land is situated	Cents per dollar of rateable capital value / land value
River management	Environment and Flood Protection	Targeted (+ Up to 50% general)	Capital value/ land	Where the land is situated	Cents per dollar of rateable capital value / land value
<b>Wairarapa river management schemes</b> (Lower valley and Waiohine – Excludes Upper Ruamahanga)	Environment and Flood Protection	Targeted (+ Up to 50% general)	N/A	Where the land is situated and/ or the benefits accruing through the provision of services and in some cases use	Dollars per hectare in the area protected, or dollars per point attributed to each rating unit and in some cases a fixed charge per separately used or inhabited part (dwelling) <sup>1</sup>
Wairarapa drainage schemes	Environment and Flood Protection	Targeted Rate	N/A	Where the land is situated	Dollars per hectare in the area protected
<b>Te Kāuru catchment</b> Waipoua, Waingawa, Ruamāhanga (Mt Bruce, Te Ore Ore, Gladstone), Whangaehu, Kopuaranga and Taueru	Environment and Flood Protection	Targeted (+ Up to 50% general)	Capital Value	Where the land is situated	Cents per dollar of rateable capital value
Waiōhine River stopbank	Environment and Flood Protection	Targeted (+ Up to 50% general)	Capital Value	Where the land is situated	Cents per dollar of rateable capital value
<b>Wairarapa catchment schemes</b> (Land Management)	Environment and Flood Protection	Targeted (+ Up to 50% general)	N/A	Where the land is situated and/ or the benefits accruing through the provision of services and in some cases use	Dollars per hectare or cents per metre of river frontage in the area protected and in some cases a fixed charge per separately used or inhabited part (dwelling) and cents per dollar of rateable land value <sup>1</sup>

\*Targeted rates - For more detail about each activity within these Groups of Activities, refer to the Activities of Greater Wellington section of this plan.

1 "Separately used or inhabited part" (dwelling) includes any part of a rating unit separately used or inhabited by the owner or any other person who has the right to use or inhabit that part by virtue of a tenancy, lease, licence or other agreement. At a minimum, the land or premises intended to form the separately used or inhabited part of the rating unit must be capable of actual habitation, or actual separate use. To avoid of doubt, a rating unit that has only one use (ie, it does not have separate parts or is vacant land) is treated as being one separately used or inhabited part (dwelling).

#### Differentials

A differential is designed to ensure that each rating category across the region contributes a fair share of the cost of providing a service, reflecting the relative benefits they receive.

## Public transport differentials

The following public transport differentials applied across the Wellington region are designed to ensure that different property rating types pay an equitable share of public transport services in 2025/26.

Location	Differential on the value for 2025/26
Wellington CBD	7
Business - excl Wairarapa	1.4
Business - Wairarapa	1
Residential - excl Wairarapa & Otaki	1
Residential - Wairarapa & Otaki	0.5
Rural	0.25

#### Wellington Regional Stadium differentials

The following stadium differentials applied across the Wellington region are intended to ensure that different property rating categories contribute an equitable share toward the earthquake strengthening and ongoing maintenance of the stadium, based on the principle that properties located closest to the stadium receive the greatest benefit.

Location	Differential on the value for 2025/26
Wellington CBD	2
All other Wellington Properties	1.2
Porirua City. Lower Hutt City, Upper Hutt City	1
Kapiti Coast District, Waiarapa terratorial authorities	0.5

## Estimate of projected valuation

Greater Wellington uses 'Equalised Capital Values' as the estimated property valuations, as allowed by section 131 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to account for the fact that valuation dates differ across the region.

#### Uniform annual general charge

Greater Wellington Regional Council does not set a Uniform Annual General Charge.

### Lump sum contributions

The Council will not accept lump sum contributions for any targeted rates, except for Warm Greater Wellington rates.

# **Ko ngā momo Reti |** Rates categories

Greater Wellington has four rating classes: Wellington City CBD, Business, Residential and Rural. As Greater Wellington rates are invoiced and collected by each of the territorial authorities in the Wellington region, Greater Wellington is limited to using rating categories applicable to each of the territorial authorities.

Set out below are the definitions used to allocate rating units into rating categories.

Location	Use	Description
Wellington City	Wellington CBD	All rating units classified as commercial, industrial and business properties within the downtown area boundary, currently shown on the Downtown Levy Area map (page 76) of Wellington city.
	Wellington city business	All rating units classified as commercial, industrial and business properties in the rating information database for Wellington city outside the Downtown Levy Area map boundary
	Wellington city residential	All rating units classified as base (excluding rural and farm) in the rating information database for Wellington city
	Wellington city rural	All rating units sub-classified as rural or farm within the base category in the rating information database for Wellington city
Lower Hutt City	Lower Hutt city business	All rating units not classified as residential, rural or community facilities in the rating information database for Lower Hutt city
	Lower Hutt city residential	All rating units classified as residential or community facilities in the rating information database for Lower Hutt city
	Lower Hutt city rural	All rating units classified as rural in the rating information database for Lower Hutt city
Porirua City	Porirua city business	All rating units classified as business in the rating information database for Porirua city
	Porirua city residential	All rating units classified as residential in the rating information database for Porirua city
	Porirua city rural	All rating units classified as rural in the rating information database for Porirua city
Upper Hutt City	Upper Hutt city business	All rating units classified as business or utilities in the rating information database for Upper Hutt city
	Upper Hutt city residential	All rating units not classified as rural, business or utilities in the rating information database for Upper Hutt city
	Upper Hutt city rural	All rating units classified as rural in the rating information database for Upper Hutt city
Kāpiti Coast District	Kāpiti Coast district business	All rating units used for a commercial, business, industrial purpose or utility network activity in the Kāpiti Coast district rating information database
	Kāpiti Coast district residential	All rating units located in the urban rating areas, except those properties which meet the classification of rural, commercial, business, industrial purpose or utility network activity in the Kāpiti Coast district rating information database
	Kāpiti Coast district rural	All rating units classified in the rural rating areas for the Kāpiti Coast district
Masterton District	Masterton district business	All rating units classified as non-residential urban in the Masterton district rating information database
	Masterton district residential	All rating units classified as urban residential in the Masterton district rating information database
	Masterton district rural	All rating units classified as rural in the rating information database for the Masterton district
Carterton District	Carterton district business	All rating units classified as urban commercial, urban industrial or urban smallholding – greater than one hectare in the Carterton district rating information database
	Carterton district residential	All rating units classified as urban residential in the Carterton district rating information database
	Carterton district rural	All rating units classified as rural in the rating information database for the Carterton district

Location	Use	Description
South Wairarapa District	South Wairarapa district business	All rating units classified as commercial in the South Wairarapa district rating information database
	South Wairarapa district residential	All rating units classified as urban in the South Wairarapa district rating information database
	South Wairarapa district rural	All rating units classified as rural in the rating information database for the South Wairarapa district
	Greytown ward	All rating units classified in the rating area of the Greytown ward in the rating information database for the South Wairarapa district
	Greytown urban	All rating units classified in the urban area of Greytown in the rating information database for the South Wairarapa district. (Prefaced Nos 18400 and 18420)
	Featherston urban	All rating units classified in the urban area of Featherston in the rating information database for the South Wairarapa district. (Prefaced Nos 18440 and 18450)
Tararua District		All rating units within the Tararua district area are classified as being within the boundaries of the Wellington region

## **Category 2 – Public transport rate**

Public transport is partly funded from a targeted rate, based on capital value. Rating differentials are applied depending on where the land is situated and the use to which the land is put. The table below shows the 2025/26 public transport rates differentials:

Location	Use	Description
Wellington City	Wellington CBD	As in Category 1 above
	Wellington city business	As in Category 1 above
	Wellington city residential	As in Category 1 above
	Wellington city rural	As in Category 1 above
Lower Hutt City	Lower Hutt city business	As in Category 1 above
	Lower Hutt city residential	As in Category 1 above
	Lower Hutt city rural	As in Category 1 above
Porirua City	Porirua city business	As in Category 1 above
	Porirua city residential	As in Category 1 above
	Porirua city rural	As in Category 1 above
Upper Hutt City	Upper Hutt city business	As in Category 1 above
	Upper Hutt city residential	As in Category 1 above
	Upper Hutt city rural	As in Category 1 above
Kāpiti Coast District	Kāpiti Coast district business	All rating units used for a commercial, business, industrial purpose or utility network activity in the Kāpiti Coast district rating information database
	Kāpiti Coast district residential excl. Ōtaki	All rating units located in the urban rating areas except those properties which meet the classification of rural, commercial, business, industrial purpose, utility network activity or Otaki residential in the Kāpiti Coast District rating information database.
	Ōtaki rating area residential	All rating units located in the Otaki urban rating area except those properties which meet the classification of rural, commercial, business, industrial purpose, utility network activity or "Kāpiti Coast District Residential excluding Otaki" in the Kāpiti Coast District rating information database
	Kāpiti Coast district rural	All rating units located in rural rating areas except those properties that meet the classification of commercial, business, industrial purpose, utility network or community activity in the Kāpiti Coast district rating information database
Masterton District	Masterton district business	As in Category 1 above
	Masterton district residential	As in Category 1 above
	Masterton district rural	As in Category 1 above
Carterton District	Carterton district business	As in Category 1 above
	Carterton district residential	As in Category 1 above
	Carterton district rural	As in Category 1 above
South Wairarapa District	South Wairarapa district business	As in Category 1 above
	South Wairarapa district residential	As in Category 1 above
	South Wairarapa district rural	As in Category 1 above

# Category 3 – Targeted rates based on land area, provision of service, land use or location.

Some targeted rates are assigned differentials based on factors, such as land area, service provision, land use, or location. These differentials are then used in the calculation of catchment, drainage, and river management scheme rates. Some schemes also have a fixed charge for each separate use or inhabited part. Properties subject to river management rates are listed in an approved classification register for each scheme.

## Category 4 – Flood protection – property rate for the Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme

The Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme is a targeted rate allocated according to extent of services received (as measured in a points system) and in some cases an additional fixed charge per separately used or inhabited area.

Rating units subject to this rate are shown within an approved classification register for each scheme.

# Category 5 – Warm Greater Wellington rate

The Warm Greater Wellington rate is a targeted rate applied to properties that have installed insulation and /or heating through the Warm Greater Wellington Regional Initiative. The rate is calculated as a percentage of the service cost until the full cost of the service is paid off. In the final year, the rate may be adjusted to reflect the actual remaining balance rather than the percentage.

# Category 6 – Regional Economic Development rate

The Regional Economic Development rate is a fixed amount of \$15 +GST for residential and rural ratepayers and based on capital value for businesses. This rate funds the economic development activities supporting the Regional Economic Development Plan.

Location	Use	Description
Wellington City	Wellington CBD	As in Category 1 above
	Wellington city business	As in Category 1 above
	Wellington city residential	As in Category 1 above
	Wellington city rural	As in Category 1 above
Lower Hutt City	Lower Hutt city business	As in Category 1 above
	Lower Hutt city residential	As in Category 1 above
	Lower Hutt city rural	As in Category 1 above
Porirua City	Porirua city business	As in Category 1 above
	Porirua city residential	As in Category 1 above
	Porirua city rural	As in Category 1 above
Upper Hutt City	Upper Hutt city business	As in Category 1 above
	Upper Hutt city residential	As in Category 1 above
	Upper Hutt city rural	As in Category 1 above
Kāpiti Coast District	Kāpiti Coast district business	As in Category 1 above
	Kāpiti Coast district residential	As in Category 1 above
	Kāpiti Coast district rural	As in Category 1 above
Masterton District	Masterton district business	As in Category 1 above
	Masterton district residential	As in Category 1 above
	Masterton district rural	As in Category 1 above
Carterton District	Carterton district business	As in Category 1 above
	Carterton district residential	As in Category 1 above
	Carterton district rural	As in Category 1 above
South Wairarapa District	South Wairarapa district business	As in Category 1 above
	South Wairarapa district residential	As in Category 1 above
	South Wairarapa district rural	As in Category 1 above

# Category 7 – Stadium Rate

In 2022, the Council reintroduced a funding mechanism to support the earthquake strengthening and ongoing maintenance of the stadium. The stadium provides significant regional benefits by hosting a wide variety of events and attracting a diverse range of visitors, many of whom also explore the wider region.

Those living in closer proximity to the stadium tend to experience greater direct benefits. As a result, a targeted differential has been applied to reflect this variation in benefit.

Location	Use	Description
Wellington City	Wellington CBD	As in Category 1 above
	Wellington city business	As in Category 1 above
	Wellington city residential	As in Category 1 above
	Wellington city rural	As in Category 1 above
Lower Hutt City	Lower Hutt city business	As in Category 1 above
	Lower Hutt city residential	As in Category 1 above
	Lower Hutt city rural	As in Category 1 above
Porirua City	Porirua city business	As in Category 1 above
	Porirua city residential	As in Category 1 above
	Porirua city rural	As in Category 1 above
Upper Hutt City	Upper Hutt city business	As in Category 1 above
	Upper Hutt city residential	As in Category 1 above
	Upper Hutt city rural	As in Category 1 above
Kāpiti Coast District	Kāpiti Coast district business	As in Category 1 above
	Kāpiti Coast district residential	As in Category 1 above
	Kāpiti Coast district rural	As in Category 1 above
Masterton District	Masterton district business	As in Category 1 above
	Masterton district residential	As in Category 1 above
	Masterton district rural	As in Category 1 above
Carterton District	Carterton district business	As in Category 1 above
	Carterton district residential	As in Category 1 above
	Carterton district rural	As in Category 1 above
South Wairarapa District	South Wairarapa district business	As in Category 1 above
	South Wairarapa district residential	As in Category 1 above
	South Wairarapa district rural	As in Category 1 above

# He tauākī pūtea mō ngā Reti | Rates funding impact statements

The tables below outline the impact of rates in your city or district. Please also visit our rates calculator webpage to assess the impact of rates on your individual property: www.gw.govt.nz/regional-rates-calculator

General rate	2025/26 Cents per \$ of rateable capital value	2025/26 Revenue required \$
Wellington City	0.04750	43,863,086
Hutt City	0.04308	17,333,758
Upper Hutt City	0.04235	7,223,285
Porirua City	0.04545	8,879,268
Kāpiti Coast District	0.04840	11,381,942
Masterton District	0.04458	4,774,331
Carterton District	0.04613	2,188,973
South Wairarapa District	0.04659	3,765,114
Tararua District	0.04608	9,420
Total general rate		99,419,178

Hutt City refers to the local government administrative area of Lower Hutt City. All figures on this page exclude GST.

Targeted rate River management rate based on capital value	2025/26 Cents per \$ of rateable capital value	2025/26 Revenue required \$
Wellington City	0.00032	298,499
Hutt City	0.02629	10,578,067
Upper Hutt City	0.00893	1,522,300
Porirua City	0.00050	98,006
Kāpiti Coast District	0.00760	1,786,368
Carterton District	0.00087	41,177
Total District-wide river management rate		14,324,417
Greytown ward	0.00765	113,516
Total river management rates based upon capital value		14,437,933

Hutt City refers to the local government administrative area of Lower Hutt City.

Targeted rate River management	2025/26 Cents per \$ of rateable land value	2025/26 Revenue required \$
Featherston urban: Donalds Creek Stopbank	0.00094	3,149
Total river management rates based upon land value		3,149

Total river management rates

All figures on this page exclude GST.

14,441,082

Targeted rate Stadium Rate based on capital value	2025/26 Cents per \$ of rateable capital value	2025/26 Revenue required \$
Wellington City - CBD	0.00034	36,990
Wellington City - ex-CBD	0.00020	166,898
Hutt City	0.00015	62,271
Upper Hutt City	0.00015	25,949
Porirua City	0.00016	31,899
Kāpiti Coast District	0.0009	20,445
Masterton District	0.0008	8,576
Carterton District	0.0008	3,932
South Wairarapa District	0.0008	6,763
Tararua District	0.0008	17
Total stadium rate		363,740

Targeted rate	2025/26	2025/26
Warm Greater Wellington	Percentage of service provided	Revenue required
For any ratepayer that utilises the service	15.000%	762,152

Hutt City refers to the local government administrative area of Lower Hutt City. All figures on this page exclude GST.

Targeted rate Public transport rate	2025/26 Cents per \$ of rateable capital value	2025/26 Revenue required \$
Wellington City		
Wellington CBD	0.41262	44,718,222
Business	0.08252	6,130,041
Residential	0.05895	42,893,975
Rural	0.01474	191,758
Hutt City		
Business	0.07484	5,061,980
Residential	0.05345	17,591,164
Rural	0.01336	75,474
Upper Hutt City		
Business	0.07164	1,557,453
Residential	0.05253	6,865,587
Rural	0.01311	246,257
Porirua City		
Business	0.07895	1,381,704
Residential	0.05640	9,307,717
Rural	0.01410	180,819
Kāpiti Coast District		
Business	0.08409	1,807,704
Residential excl Otaki	0.06006	9,578,563
Residential Otaki rating area	0.03003	623,660
Rural	0.01502	501,573
Masterton District		
Business	0.05532	530,841
Residential	0.02766	1,328,477
Rural	0.01383	684,120
Carterton District		
Business	0.05724	116,262
Residential	0.02862	472,117
Rural	0.01431	413,928
South Wairarapa District		
Business	0.05781	233,561
Residential	0.02891	763,603
Rural	0.01445	727,803
Total public transport rate		153,984,362

Hutt City refers to the local government administrative area of Lower Hutt City. All figures on this page exclude GST.

Targeted rate Economic development rate	\$ per rating unit	2025/26 Cents per \$ of rateable capital value	2025/26 Revenue required \$
Wellington City			
Wellington CBD		0.00648	702,377
Business		0.00648	481,414
Residential – per rating unit	\$15.00		1,146,510
Rural – per rating unit	\$15.00		14,235
Hutt City			
Business		0.00588	397,536
Residential – per rating unit	\$15.00		594,330
Rural – per rating unit	\$15.00		6,780
Upper Hutt City			
Business		0.00577	122,312
Residential – per rating unit	\$15.00		240,045
Rural – per rating unit	\$15.00		20,055
Porirua City			
Business		0.00620	108,510
Residential – per rating unit	\$15.00		281,220
Rural – per rating unit	\$15.00		9,780
Kāpiti Coast District			
Business		0.00660	141,966
Residential – per rating unit	\$15.00		332,655
Rural – per rating unit	\$15.00		39,465
Masterton District			
Business		0.00608	58,364
Residential – per rating unit	\$15.00		131,850
Rural – per rating unit	\$15.00		55,470
Carterton District			
Business		0.00629	12,783
Residential – per rating unit	\$15.00		39,660
Rural – per rating unit	\$15.00		29,505
South Wairarapa District			
Business		0.00636	25,679
Residential – per rating unit	\$15.00		53,925
Rural – per rating unit	\$15.00		47,220
Tararua District			
Per rating unit	\$15.00		165
Total economic development rate			5,093,811

Hutt City refers to the local government administrative area of Lower Hutt City. All figures on this page exclude GST.

Targeted rate River Management Plans rated using CV	2025/26 Cents per \$ of rateable capital value	2025/26 Revenue required \$
Te Kauru	0.00624	658,051
Waiohine FMP scheme (targeted portion only)	0.00290	34,781
Total River Management Plans rated using CV		692,832

Targeted rate River management schemes 1		2025/26 \$ per hectare	2025/26 Revenue required \$
Waiohine Rural	A	56.187	6,319
	В	46.822	17,923
	С	37.458	47,938
	D	28.093	10,392
	E	18.729	14,930
	S	936.444	16,013
			113,516
Mangatarere	A	42.456	911
	В	40.610	8,510
	С	34.413	543
	D	30.457	2,188
			12,151
Total river management scheme rates 1			125,668

Total river management scheme rates 1

Targeted rate River management schemes 2		2025/26 \$ per dwelling1	2025/26 \$ per point	2025/26 Revenue required \$
	А		0.33742	982,538
Lower Wairarapa valley Development Scheme	Sa	27.694		11,936
	Sb	55.428		140,342
Total river management scheme rates 2				1,134,817
Total river management scheme rates				1,260,485

#### Total river management scheme rates

1 "Separately used or inhabited part" (dwelling) includes any part of a rating unit separately used or inhabited by the owner or any other person who has the right to use or inhabit that part by virtue of a tenancy, lease, licence or other agreement. At a minimum, the land or premises intended to form the separately used or inhabited part of the rating unit must be capable of actual habitation, or actual separate use. To avoid of doubt, a rating unit that has only one use (ie, it does not have separate parts or is vacant land) is treated as being one separately used or inhabited part (dwelling).

All figures on this page exclude GST.

Targeted rate Catchment schemes 1		2025/26 \$ per hectare	2025/26 Revenue required \$
Whareama	A	5.327	3,811
	В	2.049	1,952
	С	0.359	16,341
	E	0.256	4
	F	0.205	565
			22,672
Homewood	А	2.337	5,362
	В	2.226	1,230
	С	1.948	7,133
	D	0.278	484
			14,209
Maungaraki	A	1.158	3,827
	В	0.545	1,619
			5,446
Upper Kaiwhata	А	12.553	409
	В	5.492	289
	С	0.785	752
	D	0.471	966
	E	0.314	515
	F	0.157	71
			3,002
Lower Kaiwhata	А	20.373	939
	В	8.913	397
	С	1.273	1,476
	D	0.764	2,261
	F	0.255	89
			5,163
Catchment management scheme 1 rates			50,493

All figures on this page exclude GST.

Targeted rate Catchment schemes 2		2025/26 Cents per \$ of rateable land value	2025/26 Revenue required \$
Awhea-Opouawe	Land value	0.00629	10,274
Mataikona-Whakataki	Land value within scheme area	0.00504	4,553
Catchment management scheme 2 rates			14,827

Targeted rate Catchment schemes 3		2025/26 \$ per dwelling	2025/26 Revenue required \$
Awhea-Opouawe	Charge per dwelling	\$167.6815 / \$83.9415	17,020
Maungaraki	Charge per dwelling	\$19.00	776
Mataikona-Whakataki	Charge per dwelling	\$27.14	3,339
Catchment management scheme 3 rates			21,135

Targeted rate Catchment schemes 4	Cents per	2025/26 metre of river frontage	2025/26 Revenue required \$
Maungaraki	River frontage	0.03814	1,767
Catchment management scheme 4 rates			1,767
Total catchment management scheme rates			88,222

1 "Separately used or inhabited part" (dwelling) includes any part of a rating unit separately used or inhabited by the owner or any other person who has the right to use or inhabit that part by virtue of a tenancy, lease, licence or other agreement. At a minimum, the land or premises intended to form the separately used or inhabited part of the rating unit must be capable of actual habitation, or actual separate use. To avoid of doubt, a rating unit that has only one use (ie, it does not have separate parts or is vacant land) is treated as being one separately used or inhabited part (dwelling).

All figures on this page exclude GST.

Targeted rate Pump drainage schemes		2025/26 \$ per hectare	2025/26 Revenue required \$
Те Нораі	A	56.010	69,823
Moonmoot pump	А	164.217	37,396
Onoke pump	A	82.864	59,117
Pouawha pump	A	125.006	118,194

Total pump drainage scheme rates	
----------------------------------	--

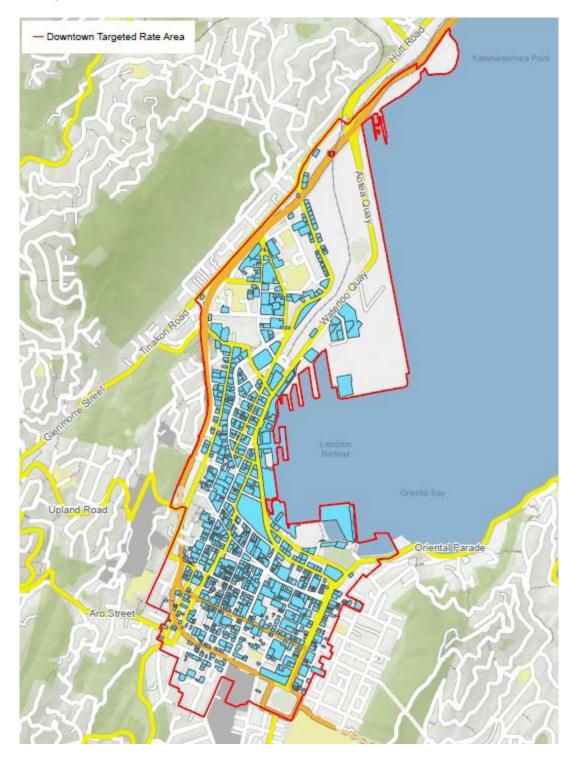
Targeted rate Gravity drainage schemes		2025/26 \$ per hectare	2025/26 Revenue required \$
Okawa	А	16.120	4,546
Taumata	А	21.000	6,102
East Pukio	А	87.905	9,978
Longbush	А	21.958	4,790
Longbush	В	10.979	1,379
Otahoua	А	84.196	7,806
Te Whiti	А	31.126	4,397
Ahikouka	А	56.339	6,322
Battersea	А	48.440	8,171
Battersea	В	40.106	7,835
Battersea	С	31.252	9,914
Battersea	D	18.751	2,861
Battersea	E	16.147	3,098
Battersea	F	15.626	1,101
Manaia	А	101.317	17,679
Whakawiriwiri	А	25.312	18,267
Total gravity drainage scheme rates			114,246

All figures on this page exclude GST.

284,530

## Ko te mapi o ngā utu o te Pokapū o Pōneke | Wellington City Downtown Levy Area Map

For the **Wellington Central Business District (CBD) targeted transport rate**, the downtown area refers to the region shown on the Wellington City Downtown Levy Area Map. This is updated by Wellington City Council from time to time.



For more information, please contact Greater Wellington:

### Wellington office

PO Box 11646 Manners St Wellington 6142 T 04 384 5708 F 04 385 6960

### Masterton office

PO Box 41 Masterton 5840 T 06 378 2484 F 06 378 2146 www.gw.govt.nz info@gw.govt.nz

**f** Facebook

July 2025

