

2022/2023 Highlights and achievements

Improving our infrastructure and facilities

- Over 10km of roads were resealed and 260km of unsealed roads were graded to address a backlog of maintenance and rehabilitation.
- Long standing boil-water notices were lifted for East Coast and Fernleigh water supplies, all other networks are capable of full compliance with NZ Drinking Water Standards.
- The landfill ceased to operate at the end of July 2022, with the site reconfigured as a transfer station and all waste transported to Kate Valley.
- Progress has started on the Link Pathway through \$1.9M funding received from the government Tourism Infrastructure Fund. The Link Pathway will extend from the Memorial Hall gardens along the Esplanade to Point Kean.

Becoming more efficient and effective

- To ensure our property records comply with the Public Records Act we have improved our property file systems and are now underway with a large digitisation project.
- The library has received a significant technological upgrade increasing library usage and growing e-book and book issues.
- The Mayors Taskforce for Jobs employment and support programme in collaboration with Te Ha o Mātauranga was successful with funding confirmed for a further two years.
- A Spatial Plan is being developed, to inform a regional policy statement and to form the basis of the District Plan review, this work is ongoing into 2023/2024.

Enhancing our community's perception of the Council and our services

- The satisfaction levels with the Council services remained strong in 2022/2023, with 69% of respondents expressing their satisfaction which was similar to recent years.

Challenges we face

- Delays are ongoing for the replacement of the former Glen Alton Bridge, Iwi remain opposed to the significant aspects of the project however discussions with Iwi and Council continue to seek a way forward.
- The Council received four abatement notices from Environment Canterbury (ECan) – three for wastewater and one for stormwater relating to resource consents and monitoring data. An action plan was accepted by Ecan for actions to be carried out in 2023/2024.
- Large slips at the Puhī Puhī Valley Road and Blue Duck Valley Road will require strengthening work which is planned for 2023/2024.
- The Wakatu Quay project is progressing with the majority of community feedback confirming the Council's commitment to funding \$800K in loans towards the first phase of development.
- Staff retention and recruitment has been a significant challenge for almost all areas of the Council with the Building Control activity being the worst affected.
- Increasing costs are impacting our operations, including the cost of insurance, maintenance contracts and audit fees.

New Projects

- The Infrastructure Fund (IAF) has approved a \$7.88M grant to the Council to enable further residential development. The project will enable housing development such as Vicarage Views, as well as new roads, shared pathways for cyclists and foot traffic.
- The Council was successful in its application to government for funding related to the three-waters reform also known as the Better Off Fund. The \$1.55M funding will enable new public toilets to be built, playgrounds to be upgraded and various other projects.
- The Better Off Fund has also provided grants to Kaikōura Dark Sky, community hall upgrades and more.

From the CEO

The 2022/2023 financial year was another strong year for Council. We continued to deliver on our commitments made in the long-term plan (LTP) despite a number of challenges both locally and nationally. We welcomed a new Council in October 2022 with six returning elected members from the previous term and two additional experienced former elected members. It was pleasing to note that we had a strong field of candidates for the election and had the highest percentage voter turnout in the country at 62.06% (compared to the country average of 40.44%). This shows the importance of local democracy and local decision making.

Long-Term Plan 2021-2031

In terms of our LTP commitments the focus on roading will continue into the 2023/2024 year and beyond. Our footpath working group have identified the priority footpath renewals programme for the next three years and beyond. The long-standing boil water notices for two rural water schemes were lifted after source bore and treatment upgrades. Our spatial plan work commenced as a basis of the District Plan review and will continue into 2023/24, irrespective of what happens with the Resource Management Act (RMA) reforms, this is a vital piece of work for Kaikōura to manage our own destiny from a planning and growth perspective.

Community Projects

Through our various discretionary grants fund, we have been able to support over 50 community initiatives and projects through the 2022/2023 financial year which is a fantastic outcome.

Government Reforms

The Central Government reform agenda dominated the year, creating uncertainty, noise and distraction from our core activities. Kaikōura District Council has been an active member of Community for Local Democracy (C4LD), we have also made sure that we have added our community voice to the other reforms. Time will tell if there are further major policy shifts in the reform space.

Post Covid

The post Covid economic climate has seen high inflation and a steep rise in the cost of living, which is still being felt across the country. This has had a major impact on our community, but also increasing costs of our operations in terms of capital works, maintenance contracts, insurance and audit fees.

Financial position

The net surplus for the year was \$2.284M compared to a budgeted surplus of \$1.073M. Debt remained at \$5.3M. Total revenue for the year was \$19.3M, with operating expenditure at \$16.97M. We remain in a strong financial position, however, as highlighted there are some increasing pressures we will need to contend with as we come into the next long-term planning cycle.

My thanks once again to both the Council team and elected members for all their hard work through the year. It has been one to roll your sleeves up and get stuck in too! A heartfelt thank you must also go to all of the community groups, volunteers and our partner organisations who year on year tirelessly contribute to making Kaikōura a very special place.



Will Doughty
Chief Executive Officer

How we invested your rates



How well did Council perform?

Across our groups of activities this year, the Council achieved 60 out of 87 performance measures (69%).

This year, the Council was able to accurately report on 73% of its performance measures (64 of 87).

For the remaining performance measures, 10 measures were incomplete (part-year, part area, or only KDC results excluding contractors). In 13 cases no results were available, or the measure was not applicable.

Roads & bridges, Footpaths and Streetlights

260km of unsealed road graded, 504 potholes repaired, 18.9km of high shoulder removed, 2.76km of swales regraded, 10.1km of reseals at 9% of the sealed network is resurfaced per annum. Resident satisfaction with footpaths was 41%.

Water supplies

The previous Suburban water supply is now amalgamated within the Kaikoura Urban supply. Long standing boil water notices on Fernleigh and East Coast rural supplies were lifted. Not all service requests or complaints were adequately recorded, or the time taken was not accurately captured. This means we had to disclose our performance against target as not available. We are working on improving the way we capture and record this information so that it is more meaningful in the future.

Sewerage services

There were 4 complaints/requests regarding sewer during the year, there are 1,802 connections to the Kaikōura sewerage system. Call out response times have not been recorded or not accurately captured therefore the results are not available. There were no sewer overflows during the year so there were no records available to evidence any response times.

Stormwater

The council met 3 out of 4 measures for compliance with the Councils resource consent for discharge from the stormwater system. Performance measures for complaints and service requests were incomplete.

Recycling

The total weight of waste produced per person has increased from 327kg last year to 385kg – this is more than the target of 380kg. The percentage of recycled materials that had to be treated as refuse due to contamination was 4% which is better than our target of 5%.

Community & customer services

79% of respondents to our resident survey said they are satisfied with the customer services team.

Our Community Events Co-ordinator supported, promoted and in some cases directly assisted or organised 17 community events nearly double than the previous year.

The Council funded 27 individuals or organisations to offer an arts, sport or other opportunity to the community, exceeding our target of 10.

Community facilities

Memorial Hall bookings (excl Council use) increased to 113 compared to 67 the previous year.

New projects are on the horizon including the development of the Link Pathway and a new cycleway from Green Lane through to Ocean Ridge.

We continue to refurbish housing for the elderly including double glazing and resealed the parking areas.

The Council exceeded the resident satisfaction target with the cemetery, public toilets and playgrounds at 82%.

Regulatory services

Staffing shortages have heavily impacted our building, planning and regulatory teams. In some cases, external resources have had to be employed at increased cost, or the delivery of some projects has been delayed. Despite these challenges 92.65% of building consents were processed within statutory timeframes.

We processed 154 consents, including 34 new swellings, 4 new commercial buildings, 41 log fires, 60 alterations and 9 pole sheds/garages.

Due to staff shortages within the planning team, only 65.4% of resource consents processed were within the statutory timeframes, this did not meet our target of 97%.

97% of dogs known to be living in the district are registered, there are currently 1237 known dogs in the district. Regulatory Enforcement Officers are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Parking Control issued 52 parking and or freedom camping infringements, parking wardens have taken an approach of education and communication to encourage better behavior.

District development

A major programme of work this year has been in developing the blueprint for future district growth in a new Spatial Plan. We continued to follow the repeal and replacement of the Resource Management Act and examined new National planning documents which were released.

With the Resource Management Act being repealed and replaced we have refocused the 10-year rolling review to create a spatial plan with the aim of setting high-level direction for the wider Kaikōura Township area for the next three decades. The spatial plan will then help to inform the rolling review of the District Plan.

The Council supported no external environmental projects therefore not achieving our target of 3.

The Council plays a role in supporting and promoting economic development for the district, the scale of the support and assistance is relative to the funding available for this activity. 6 projects or events were undertaken during the year that benefited the local economy.

Tourism is the dominant contributor to the economy of Kaikōura. The Council provides substantial funding to support Destination Kaikōura (DK), this enables DK to market Kaikōura as a world class visitor destination. Our events coordinator also supports a range of community and visitor events and provides information and assistance.

Summary financial statements

	Council			Group	
	2023 Budget \$000	2023 Actual \$000	2022 Actual \$000	2023 Actual \$000	2022 Actual \$000
Summary Statement of Comprehensive Revenue & Expense					
Total Revenue	18,540	19,293	16,102	20,291	17,017
Total Expenses (excl financing)	17,232	16,756	16,276	17,878	17,279
Financing expenses	235	215	93	220	95
Operating surplus/(deficit)	1,073	2,322	(267)	2,193	(357)
Ecan share of MRF surplus	-	(38)	40	(38)	40
Net surplus/(deficit) before tax	1,073	2,284	(227)	2,154	(317)
Income tax	-	-	-	(29)	28
Net surplus/(deficit) after tax	1,073	2,284	(227)	2,183	(288)
Gains on asset revaluation	-	191	74,460	191	74,460
Impairment losses	-	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Revenue & Expense	1,073	2,475	74,233	2,374	74,172

Summary Statement of Changes in Equity					
Equity at start of year	221,592	285,503	211,265	286,540	212,363
Adjustment on adoption of PBE IPSAS 41	-	12	-	12	-
Total comprehensive revenue & expense	1,073	2,475	74,233	2,374	74,172
Equity at end of year	222,665	287,990	285,503	288,924	286,540

Summary Statement of Financial Position					
Current assets	5,543	5,138	4,415	5,369	4,762
Non-current assets	228,378	294,323	291,788	295,175	292,674
Total Assets	233,831	299,461	296,203	300,544	297,436
Current liabilities	1,851	5,463	3,539	5,613	3,719
Non-current liabilities	9,316	6,008	7,161	6,008	7,178
Equity	222,665	287,990	285,503	288,924	286,540
Total Liabilities & Equity	233,831	299,461	296,203	300,544	297,437

Summary Statement of Cashflows					
Net cash from operating activities	5,356	2,075	(260)	2,006	(220)
Net cash from investing activities	(7,559)	(1,451)	(2,687)	(1,525)	(2,772)
Net cash from financing activities	2,000	-	300	(10)	280
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(203)	624	(2,647)	471	(2,712)
Opening cash at start of year	4,181	2,790	5,437	3,066	5,777
Closing cash balance	3,978	3,414	2,790	3,537	3,065

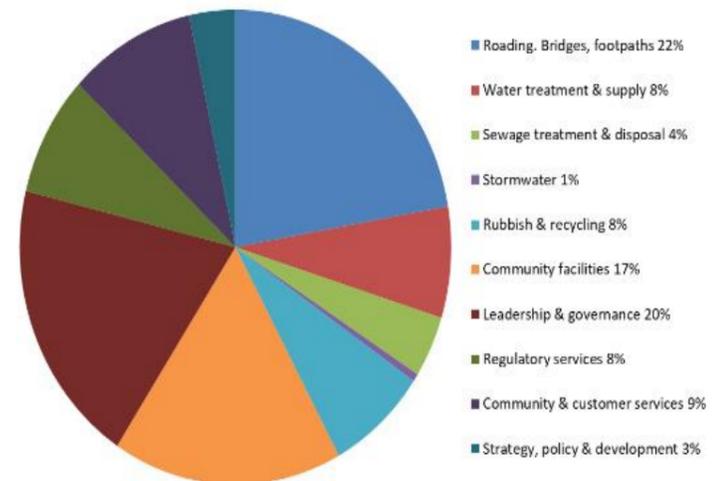
Equity	2023 Actual \$000	2022 Actual \$000	2023 Actual \$000	2022 Actual \$000
Year end equity is split into the following reserves:				
Public equity	117,660	115,080	118,593	116,116
Special reserves & special funds	3,805	4,089	3,804	4,089
Asset revaluation reserves	166,525	166,333	166,525	166,333
	287,990	285,503	288,927	286,540

Financial Highlights

- We had an overall surplus of \$2.28 million, with a total revenue of \$19.29 million.
- Our total expenditure was \$16.97 million.
- We collected \$9.04 million in rates.
- We currently own \$294 million of non-current assets including infrastructure.
- We invested \$4.5 million in capital expenditure.
- There was a \$2.3 million gain from “found” assets at the North Wharf, including seawalls and parking area. These assets were “discovered” when the Council received a valuation for insurance purposes for harbour assets.
- Debt has remained steady at approx. \$5.3 million, this is all long-term debt.

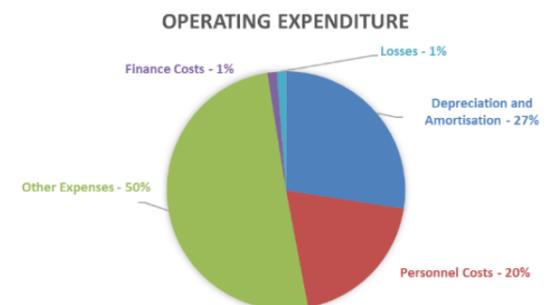
Where we spent our money

This includes operating and capital expenditure. Overall, roads, bridges and footpaths received 22% of total expenditure, Leadership and Governance 20% and Community Facilities were 17%.



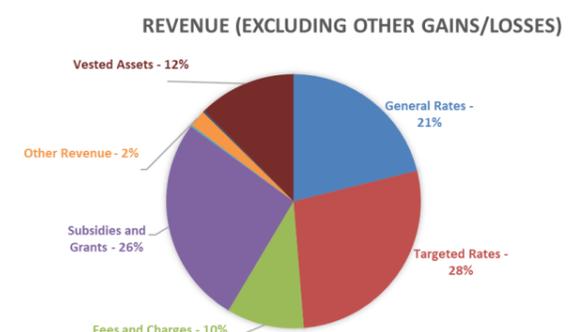
Operating Expenditure

Overall total operating expenditure of \$16.97 million exceeded the budget of \$17.47 million this includes revaluation losses of \$211 thousand.



Revenue

Kaikoura District Council rates contributed 49% of revenue totaling \$9.04 million. Subsidies and grants made up 26%, fees and charges 10%. Vested assets made up 12% of revenue being the “found” assets at Wakatu Quay after revaluation.



Annual Report Disclosure Statement

This Summary Annual Report provides an overview of Kaikōura District Council and group’s operational and financial performance for the financial year ended 30 June 2023. All statutory requirements in relation to the Annual Report, as outlined in Section 98 and Part 3 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2002, have been complied with, it represents fairly and consistently the information regarding the major matters dealt within the full Annual Report.

The specific disclosures included in this summary have been extracted from the full Annual Report. The auditor, Audit New Zealand, issued a qualified opinion on the financial statements and the statement of service provision (reported as Council activities). Council’s service performance information because of lack of sufficiently reliable systems and processes in place during the year to accurately report on a number of performance measures. The Council also has a qualified opinion due to the carrying value of the District Council and Group’s revalued property, plant and equipment at 30 June 2021. Based on an analysis of relevant cost indices since the last revaluation, there is evidence that there could be a material change in fair value of the revalued asset classes. As the District Council and Group did not carry out a revaluation as at 30 June 2021, it is impracticable to determine the amount of any adjustment required – any misstatement of the property, plant and equipment’s carrying value as at 30 June 2021 consequently affects the amount of depreciation for these revalued assets for the year ended 30 June 2022, and revaluation movement recognised in the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense for the year ended 30 June 2022. Therefore, we are unable to determine whether these items, presented as comparative information, are materially correct. An Emphasis of matter relating to the Governments three-water reform programme announcement was also noted. The full annual report was authorised for issue by the Council on 31 October 2023.

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$,000). This Summary Annual Report complies with PBE FRS43 Summary Financial Statements, and the full Annual Report was prepared in accordance with public benefit entity accounting standards with reduced disclosure requirements (Tier 2).

This summary report cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding of the Council and group’s financial and service performance, financial position and cash flows as the full Annual Report.

The full version of the Annual Report is available on our website; www.kaikoura.govt.nz or via the Council office.

Summary of Major Variances Against our Budget

Revenue

Revenue was \$19.29 million, \$752K higher than the \$18.54 million forecast in the Councils 2022/2023 Annual Plan.

- \$3.04 million showing in gains with the majority of this for the North Wharf and Wakatu Quay sea walls which were previously impaired after the earthquake, the impairment has been reversed.
- Other revenue includes unbudgeted reserve land sales and MRF share of income.
- The Annual Plan had forecast \$2.4 million in grants for capex, plus \$2.1 million in grants for opex, for the Wakatu Quay project. The project was delayed due to the withdrawal of interest from a potential funder which left the Council going back out to seek further expressions of interest.

Expenses

Operating expenditure of \$16.97 million, \$497K less than budget. The Wakatu Quay project is \$1.65 million behind in forecast operating spend, again due to delays while the Council seeks further expressions of interest.

Other areas where expenditure exceeded budget were:

- Personnel costs \$375k less than budget due to vacancies, especially in the building and planning activities. This has, however, resulted in higher costs in external resources as those roles have needed to be filled by consultants and other agencies.
- Depreciation is \$305k higher than budgeted because of the valuations performed last year, which increased the value of assets and, in some cases, altered remaining useful lives of assets.
- Due to staffing shortages and the difficulty recruiting personnel there was lower than expected personnel expenses, however the use of external resources in some areas has increased other expenses especially in the building and regulatory activities.
- The funding for the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs of \$445k was not included in the Annual Plan budgets because the grants had not been approved at the time the Plan was adopted. Those funds were paid to the service provider, Te Ha O Marokura, over the course of the year.
- Fair value losses of \$211k were not budgeted. They were decreases in the carrying value of standing trees, and in the value of investment property at Wakatu Quay.

Statement of Financial Position

Current assets are \$315k less than forecast in the 2022/2023 Annual Plan, with cash \$564k less than expected due to the timing of Wakatu Quay development and other projects.

Property, plant and equipment is \$67.8 million higher than predicted, due to the significant increase in carrying value for roading and three waters assets in the valuations performed at 30 June 2022. These valuations were received after the Annual Plan was adopted.

Current liabilities are \$3.6 million more than expected, with \$1.84 million in grants received and held as revenue in advance, such as for the Link Pathway, Wakatu Quay development, and community courts.

Borrowings were kept at \$5.3 million instead of the forecast \$7.3 million, to utilize existing cash balances rather than draw loans.

The landfill provision has decreased due to capping and closure work during the year as part of the reconfiguration of the site as a transfer station.

Statement of Cash Flows

Cash increased during the year by \$624k, largely due to the receipt of several large grant payments, and the delay in spending those funds. This also meant we did not need to draw \$2 million in loans as had been forecast in the Annual Plan – no loans were drawn or repaid in the year.



Post Balance Date Events

Three-Waters Reform

Until the election of October 2023, the Labour-led New Zealand Government was in the process of implementing a water services reform programme that is intended to ensure all New Zealanders have safe, clean and affordable water services. The reform will be enacted by three pieces of legislation:

- The Water Services Entities Act 2022, which establishes two publicly owned water services entities and sets out ownership, governance and accountability arrangements.
- The Water Services Legislation Act 2023, to provide the transfer of water services assets and liabilities to the water services entities.
- The Water Services Economic Efficiency and Consumer Protection Act 2023, to provide the economic regulation and consumer protection framework for water services. The consumer protection framework will come into force on 1 July 2024 and rest of the Act came into force on 31 August 2023.

Post-election, it seems apparent that there will be a change of government, and with National to lead a coalition that has collectively promised to rescind much of the three-waters reform legislation that has been enacted to date. Until that legislation is actually rescinded, and the form of any new legislation is known, the Council takes the view that the current legislation remains in force.

Ownership of harbour assets

Complexities exist in respect of the ownership of South Bay harbour facilities, which will need to be resolved if the harbours potential is to be fully realised. The complexities are in relation to the Marine Coastal Areas Act 2011 (the MACAA). Legal advice is being sought on ownership of harbour assets under the MACAA, and negotiations are ongoing with both Whale Watch and Encounter Kaikoura. The value of those assets total \$1.7 million and are included in harbour assets.

Council Spending at a Glance

Area of Spend

Capital Spend

Operating Spend

Governance and Corporate Services

- Governance
- Administration
- Chief Executive Office
- Finance
- IT
- Communications

\$95,000

\$3,664,000

Roads, Bridges and Footpaths

- Roads and bridges
- Footpaths
- Streetlights
- Cycleways

\$2,555,000

\$1,718,000

Water treatment and Supply

- Water treatment
- Reticulation

\$141,000

\$1,312,000

Sewerage treatment and disposal

- Sewerage treatment
- Reticulation

\$24,000

\$782,000

Stormwater

- Urban stormwater
- Stormwater treatment

\$8,000

\$94,000

Rubbish and recycling

- Solid Waste
- Recycling

\$742,000

\$702,000

Commercial Facilities

- Parks and Reserves
- Property
- Harbour
- Airport

\$859,000

\$2,442,000

Regulatory Services

- Building control
- Traffic and parking control
- Dog and stock control
- Food premises and environmental health
- Liquor licensing
- Other TA regulatory functions

\$10,000

\$1,572,000

Community and Customer Services

- Customer Services
- Community Development
- Civil Defence emergency management
- Community grants, events and fundraising
- Youth Development
- Library

\$43,000

\$1,781,000

District Development

- Strategy and Policy
- District Planning
- Statutory Planning
- Economic Development
- Tourism & Marketing

\$0

\$665,000

Independent Auditor's Report

To the readers of Kaikōura District Council and group's summary of the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2023

The summary of the annual report was derived from the annual report of the Kaikōura District Council (the District Council) and group for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The summary of the annual report comprises the following information on pages 2 to 5:

- the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023;
- the summaries of the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, statement of changes in equity and statement of cashflows for the year ended 30 June 2023;
- the notes to the summary financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the summary statement of service provision (reported as 'How well did Council perform?').

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the annual report; and
- the summary statements comply with PBE FRS 43: Summary Financial Statements.

However, the summaries of the financial statements and statement of service provision include limitations in scope to the equivalent extent as the full audited financial statements and statement of service provision (reported as "Council activities") in the full annual report. These limitations are explained below in *The full annual report and our audit report thereon* section.

Summary of the annual report

The summary of the annual report does not contain all the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. Reading the summary of the annual report and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the full annual report and the auditor's report thereon.

The summary of the annual report does not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our auditor's report on the full annual report.

The full annual report and our audit report thereon

We expressed a qualified opinion on the financial statements and on the statement of service provision in the full annual report and an unmodified opinion on the other audited information in the full annual report for the year ended 30 June 2023 in our auditor's report dated 31 October 2023. The basis for our qualified opinion on the financial statements and on the statement of service provision is explained below.

Statement of service provision: Our work was limited with respect to the reporting on a number of performance measures

The Council did not have sufficiently reliable systems and processes in place during the year to accurately report on a number of performance measures. Consequently, as explained in the introduction section of the statement of service provision on page 14 of the full annual report, for a quarter of the performance measures, the Council is either:

- not able to report any performance for the year; or
- has reported performance as incomplete.

As a result, our work was limited, and we have been unable to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence over the reported performance against these performance measures.

We also draw attention to the fact that we issued a qualified opinion on the District Council's 30 June 2022 statement of service provision, presented as comparative information in the 30 June 2023 statement of service provision, for the same reason.

Information about these matters are also disclosed on page 2 of the summary annual report.

Financial statements: Our work was limited over the comparative year depreciation expense and asset revaluation movement

Our audit report on the 30 June 2021 financial statements was qualified because we considered that there were reliable indicators that there could be a material increase in the fair value of asset classes not revalued during the 30 June 2021 financial year. However, because the District Council did not carry out a revaluation as at 30 June 2021, as required by PBE IPSAS 17, *Property, Plant and Equipment*, it was impracticable to determine the amount of the adjustment required.

As disclosed in note 20 to the financial statements in the full annual report, the District Council revalued its property, plant and equipment asset classes held at fair value as at 30 June 2022 resulting in a revaluation movement of \$74.509 million recognised in the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense for the year ended 30 June 2022. We obtained sufficient appropriate evidence over this valuation.

Because of the limitation in scope explained above in relation to the carrying value of the property, plant and equipment as at 30 June 2021, we were unable to obtain sufficient audit evidence on the consequential effect on the amount of depreciation for those revalued assets for the year ended 30 June 2022, and the revaluation movement recognised in the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense for the year ended 30 June 2022. Therefore, we are unable to determine whether these items, presented as comparative information, are materially correct.

Information about these matters is also disclosed on page 3 of the summary annual report.

Emphasis of matter – Uncertainty over the financial impact of three waters reform

Our auditor's report on the full annual report also includes an emphasis of matter paragraph drawing attention to the uncertainty over the Government's water services reform programme, as disclosed in note 37 to the financial statements of the full annual report.

The Water Services Entities Act 2022, as amended by the Water Services Entities Amendment Act 2023 on 23 August 2023 and the Water Services Legislation Act 2023 on 31 August 2023, establishes ten publicly owned water services entities to carry out responsibilities for the delivery of three waters services and related assets and liabilities currently controlled by local authorities. Water services entities' establishment dates are staggered, with all the water services entities becoming operational between 1 July 2024 and 1 July 2026. The financial impact of the water services reform on the Council remains uncertain until the relevant water services entity's establishment date is known, and the allocation schedule of assets, liabilities, and other matters to be transferred is approved. Information about this matter is also disclosed on page 4 of the summary financial statements.

Council's responsibility for the summary of the annual report

The Council is responsible for preparing the summary of the annual report which includes preparing summary statements, in accordance with PBE FRS-43: *Summary Financial Statements*.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the full annual report and whether the summary statements comply with PBE FRS 43: *Summary Financial Statements*.

Our opinion on the summary of the annual report is based on our procedures, which were carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

In addition to our audit and our report on the disclosure requirements, we are carrying out a limited assurance engagement related to the District Council's debenture trust deed, which is compatible with those independence requirements. Other than these engagements, we have no relationship with or interests in the District Council or its subsidiaries and controlled entities.



Dereck Ollsson
Audit New Zealand
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Christchurch, New Zealand
29 November 2023