



SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE YEAR END 2011

Introduction

This document is a summary of our Annual Report.

An Annual Report compares Council's performance against the objectives, performance measures and budgets set in the Annual Plan for the year.

It also gives details of the Council's overall financial performance for the year together with its financial position as at 30 June 2011, along with other financial data and information.

The summary Annual Report is audited by Audit New Zealand and their opinion is included on the back page.

What follows is a summary of the Annual Report, but you can view the full report by contacting Council - see contact details at the bottom of the page.

Message from the Chief Executive

Welcome to the 2010/2011 Annual Report. This looks at how Council has performed against its budgets and other performance targets as they were set in the 2010/2011 Annual Plan.

The surplus for the year is stated as \$145,500 as against a budget of \$219,700. Care must be taken in understanding these figures as expenditure includes grants that have been paid out in this year, however the financial contribution revenue to which these grants relate has been received over the last two years.

Excluding these financial contributions which are self balancing over the last two years, the Council surplus to compare with budget would be \$333,500. Council has been able to reduce its expenditure which we have provided explanations for on page 13 of the full Annual Report, "Variations to the Annual Plan".

This is good news for Council as they will be able to utilise these funds in future to aid in developing the Long Term Plan, rather than being a future cost on rates.

One particularly pleasing result has been that solid waste to landfill has reduced over the past two years from 2,078 tonnes of refuse in 2008/9 to 1,604 tonnes this year. Council's recyclables have continued to increase from 491 tonnes in 2008/9 to 1,031 this year.

This year the preliminary design work was completed for the Stratford Water Treatment Plant so that Council could get a better indication of the type of plant and the cost of the new plant. This new treatment plant is needed to achieve compliance with the NZ Drinking Water Standards which have to be met by 2013.

Further sealing of the Makuri Road was completed this year costing \$260,000 with the remaining two kilometres of this to be sealed in 2011. Kerb and channel extensions were also completed in Glanville Road at a cost of \$149,000 which resolved some outstanding drainage issues.

The Building Act 2004 requires all local authorities to be registered as a building consent authority in order to process building consents. Every two years Council will be audited by International Accreditation NZ (IANZ) Council was audited and received confirmation of its reaccreditation this year. This entailed close scrutiny of inspection practices and monitoring of performance.

I wish to acknowledge the commitment of staff to continuing to provide good service to our ratepayers and for the various projects that have been completed successfully. It has been a challenging year for staff with a number of changes at the senior level.

S Davidson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Role of Council

The purpose of the Stratford District Council is to enable democratic local decision making to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the Stratford District in the present and for the future.

Council's role in the promotion of the community well-being and the progress being made towards achieving the community outcomes can range from:

- an advocate for the community;
- a facilitator of the actions of other agencies or groups;
- a funder of activities;
- a provider of activities and services;
- a regulator of activities;
- a monitor of activities.

The Elected members of the Council have the overall responsibility and accountability for the proper direction and control of the Council's own activities in pursuit of community outcomes.

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This responsibility includes:

- Formulating the District's strategic direction in conjunction with the community - the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP);
- Determining the services and activities to be undertaken;
- Managing principal risks;
- Administering various regulations and up-holding the law;
- Monitoring the delivery of the LTCCP and Annual Plan;
- Ensuring the integrity of management control systems;
- Safeguarding the public interest;
- Ensuring effective succession of Elected Members;
- Reporting to ratepayers.

The Stratford District Council consists of the District Mayor and nine Councillors. These positions are subject to election every three years.

The Mayor is elected at large over the whole district, with the Councillors elected from wards.

District Mayor and Councillors as at 30 June 2011

District Mayor - N C Volzke
Deputy Mayor - R M Hignett

Councillor J A Campbell
Councillor V Milner
Councillor S M Pugh
Councillor R C Thomson
Councillor W J Sandford
Councillor K R Squire
Councillor R K Vickers
Councillor A L Jamieson

