



TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O  
**WHAKAAHURANGI**  
**STRATFORD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Our reference**  
F19/13/03-D21/26182

5 September 2024

**Meeting of Council**

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the **Council Chambers, Stratford District Council, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford** on **Tuesday 10 September 2024** beginning at **3.30pm**.

**Timetable for 10 September 2024 as follows:**

3.00pm	Public Forum - Central Taranaki Safe Community Trust
3.30pm	Ordinary Meeting of Council

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sven Hanne', written over a light blue circular watermark.

Sven Hanne  
**Chief Executive**

# 2024 - Agenda - Ordinary - September

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# AGENDA

## Ordinary Meeting of Council



F22/55/05 – D24/42130

Date: 13 August 2024 at 3:30 PM  
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

### 1. Welcome

- 1.1 Opening Karakia  
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### 2. Apologies

### 3. Announcements

### 4. Declarations of Members Interest

Elected members to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda.

### 5. Attendance Schedule

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Attendance schedule for Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings.

### 6. Confirmation of Minutes

- 6.1 **Ordinary Meeting of Council – 13 August 2024**  
D24/38791 Page 8

#### Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 13 August 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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Moved/Seconded

- 6.1.1 Public Forum – 13 August 2024  
D24/39488 Page 14

The notes from the August public forum are attached for council's information

- 6.6 **Policy and Services Committee – 27 August 2024**  
D24/41100 Page 17

#### Recommendations

- 1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27 August 2024 be received.
- 2. THAT the recommendations, in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27 August 2024 be adopted.

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Moved/Seconded

7. District Mayor's Report  
D24/38925 Page 26

**Recommendations**

1. THAT the report be received.

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Moved/Seconded

8. Information Report – Stratford District Licensing Committee – 2023/24 Annual Report  
D24/34001 Page 41

**Recommendations**

1. THAT the Annual Report for Stratford District Licensing Committee for 2023/2024 be received and contents noted.
2. THAT, subject to any amendments, the Annual Report will be forwarded to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority.

**Recommended Reason**

The report is required to be prepared by the Stratford District Licensing Committee as part of its duties under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

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Moved/Seconded

9. Information Report – Dog Control Policy & Practices Report – Year Ended 30 June 2024  
D24/34792 Page 48

**Recommendation**

THAT the Annual Report on Dog Control Policy and Practices for the year ending 30 June 2024 be received and contents noted.

**Recommended Reason**

The report is required under section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996.

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Moved/Seconded

10. Questions

11. Closing Karakia  
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**Our reference**  
F19/13/03-D21/40748

**Karakia**

Kia uruuru mai  
Ā hauora  
Ā haukaha  
Ā haumāia  
Ki runga, Ki raro  
Ki roto, Ki waho  
Rire rire hau Paimārire

I draw in (to my being)  
The reviving essence  
The strengthening essence  
The essence of courage  
Above, Below  
Within, Around  
Let there be peace.



**Our reference**  
F19/13/03-D22/17082

### **Health and Safety Message**

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If there is an earthquake, please drop, cover and hold where possible. Remain indoors until the shaking stops and you are sure it is safe to exit or remain where you are until further instruction is given.

**5. Attendance schedule for 2024 Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings.**

Date	13/02/24	12/03/24	9/04/24	14/05/24	20/06/24	25/06/24	11/06/24	9/07/24	23/07/24	13/08/24	10/09/24	8/10/24	12/11/24	10/12/24
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>
Neil Volzke	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Steve Beck	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Grant Boyde	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	A				
Annette Dudley	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓				
Jono Erwood	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Ellen Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Amanda Harris	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Vaughan Jones	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A				
Min McKay	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓				
John Sandford	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Clive Tongaawhikau	✓	A	A	A	A	✓	A	✓	✓	✓				
Mathew Watt	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				

Key	
O	Ordinary Meeting
E	Extraordinary Meeting
EM	Emergency Meeting
✓	Attended
A	Apology/Leave of Absence
AB	Absent
S	Sick
(AV)	Meeting held, or attended by, by Audio Visual Link

# MINUTES

## Ordinary



F22/55/05 – D24/38791

Date: 13 August 2024 at 3:30 PM  
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

### Present

The District Mayor N C Volzke (the Chairman), the Deputy Mayor M Mckay, Councillors: S J Beck, J M S Erwood, A M C Dudley, A K Harris, E E Hall, W J Sandford, C M Tongaawhikau and M J Watt.

### In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Acting Director – Assets – Mr S Bowden, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Acting Director – Community Services – Mrs E Bishop, the Committee Secretary – Ms E Coulton, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, the Communications Advisor – Ms S Clarkson, the Sustainability Advisor – Mrs V Dombroski, the HR & Governance Administrator – Mrs C Reynolds, the Community and Economic Development Manager – Ms S Afzal, 3 members of the media (the Taranaki Daily News and the Stratford Press) And 18 members of the public.

#### 1. Welcome

The District Mayor welcomed Elected Members, members of the public, staff and the media to the meeting.

The opening karakia was read.

The District Mayor reiterated the health and safety message and emergency procedures.

#### 2. Apologies

An apology was received from Councillor V R Jones and approved leave of absence noted from Councillor G W Boyd.

#### Recommendation

THAT the apology be received.

TONGAAWHIKAU/HALL  
Carried  
CL/24/100

#### 3. Announcements

The District Mayor noted that an updated recommendation for item 8 has been tabled. This revision includes minor adjustments to wording and sentence structure.

#### 4. Declarations of Members Interest

Elected members to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda. There were no conflicts of interest declared.

#### 5. Attendance Schedule

The attendance schedule for Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings was attached.



6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 **Ordinary Meeting of Council – 9 July 2024**  
D24/333405 Page 10

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 9 July 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

ERWOOD/HARRIS  
Carried  
CL/24/101

6.2 **Audit and Risk Committee Meeting – 16 July 2024**  
D24/38200 (Open) D24/34064 (PE) Page 22

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 July 2024 be received.

McKAY/BECK  
Carried  
CL/24/102

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting, including the public excluded section, held on Tuesday 16 July 2024 be adopted.

VOLZKE/HALL  
Carried  
CL/24/103

6.6 **Policy and Services Committee – 23 July 2024**  
D24/36732 Page 37

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 23 July 2024 be received.

McKAY/SANDFORD  
Carried  
CL/24/104

2. THAT the recommendations, excluding item 10 – Draft Sustainability Policy, in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 23 July 2024 be adopted.

3. THAT the Sustainability Policy (item 10) be amended to:  
THAT the Sustainability Policy be adopted.

McKAY/DUDLEY  
Carried  
CL/24/105

6.5 **Extraordinary Meeting of Council – 23 July 2024 (Insurance Renewal)**  
D24/36806 (Open) D24/38224 (PE) Page 41

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 23 July 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

ERWOOD/HARRIS  
Carried  
CL/24/106

7. **District Mayor's Report**  
D24/38925 Page 49

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/SANDFORD  
Carried  
CL/24/107

2. THAT Mayor Volzke be appointed as the Stratford District Council presiding delegate for the 2024 LGNZ Annual General Meeting to be held on 21 August 2024 and Deputy Mayor Mckay being the alternate presiding delegate.

VOLZKE/HARRIS  
Carried  
CL/24/108

The District Mayor noted the following:

- Item 1 in the report offers an update of Jobseeker Support numbers in the Stratford District. He pointed out that this item prompts a question about how our Council would like to contribute to reducing these numbers and what level of involvement is desired. He expressed interest in gathering input from councillors on this matter at a later date.
- The District Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Hall are attending the LGNZ Annual General Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August. He mentioned that the meeting requires delegates for voting purposes and proposed himself as the primary delegate, with the Deputy Mayor serving as the alternate presiding delegate.

8. Decision Report – Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act  
D24/38357 Page 55

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

HARRIS/DUDLEY  
Carried  
CL/24/109

2. THAT Council resolves to retain the Māori Ward for the 2025 Elections.

3. THAT Council notes that this decision will require the holding of a binding poll on the question of Māori Wards to be held in conjunction with the 2025 elections with the result of the poll being in place for the 2028 elections.

McKAY/HALL  
Carried  
CL/24/110

**Recommended Reason**

There is significant public interest in this matter but due to the timeframes set within the legislation Council is unable to do this justice at this point. Therefore the recommendation is to retain the status quo until appropriate consultation and poll can be undertaken.

The Chief Executive noted the following:

- Before discussing the details of the decision report, it is important to acknowledge those who paved the way for the establishment of a Māori Ward within the Stratford District Council. He expressed a desire to honour past Councillor Peter Dalziel, who, despite undergoing cancer treatment, attended the pivotal meeting on Māori Wards via audiovisual link in his car, to second the motion to adopt a Māori ward. The one-year anniversary of his passing has just been.
- The report presents three options: 1) Retain the Māori Ward for the 2025 elections with a binding poll to be held during the 2028 elections, 2) Disestablish the Māori Ward, or 3) Divert the decision to an Extraordinary Meeting to gather community feedback. It was emphasised that the first option is preferred, as a decision needs to be made by September 6th, which does not allow enough time for comprehensive and fair community input.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The Deputy Mayor expressed that she is in favour of retaining the Māori Ward. She emphasised that she believes the community is a better place for *everyone* when working alongside Iwi and it is about partnership, not just having a seat at the table. It was noted that the Deputy Mayor is concerned about the central government's actions, regardless of the specific issue, as they are implementing changes that retroactively affect past decisions. She pointed out that while the current central government advocates for empowering local government to make their own decisions in the best interest of their communities, they are now undermining this principle by overturning a decision already made in 2021. She highlighted that the Māori Ward is the only Ward requiring a binding referendum which creates an inconsistency within the legislation. She expressed that this does not exhibit good decision making.

- Councillor Hall emphasised that the governments bill is an overreach on local governments power and responsibility to make decisions for the best interest of the community. It does not honour Te Tiriti and the Local Government Act and reverses decisions made within local councils. She expressed that she is saddened to see these conversations being had again and that the processes taken by central government surrounding this decision are alarming and frustrating. She emphasised that when the referendum takes place she hopes our community votes yes, otherwise we all lose.
- Councillor Harris reiterated that the mechanism taken by central government is an overreach and feels as if there is a one way street between local government and central government. She emphasised that the central government needs to be reminded about entrusting local government in decision making.
- Councillor Tongaawhikau expressed that the words shared by the Wahine Toa in the room made him feel a sense of humbleness. He emphasised that he has taken on this role out of a deep love and passion for his Whānau, and that it has never been about personal gain or money for him. He expressed that his people are from this land, and he feels a profound connection to the whenua that goes beyond superficial or material concerns. He has fallen in love with his role within council and thanked councillors for their kind words.
- Councillor Dudley noted her support for the retention of the Māori Ward and highlighted that in an ideal world we would not be in this position. It is disappointing to be having this conversation again.
- The District Mayor acknowledged that the speakers that came forward in the public forum did an excellent job. He noted that in 2021, we had the opportunity to establish Māori wards, and the Council agreed, with this decision taking effect in the 2022 elections, however we are now faced with a decision that may impact this based on the recent bill provided by central government. He emphasised that councillors made that decision in good faith and within the framework of the legislation at the time, but now the rules have changed. It is disappointing how the government has handled this matter, demonstrating a lack of respect for our Council's authority to make decisions that impact our community. He expressed that we had the opportunity to make a decision, and the Council should be entitled to retain it. Comments from speakers have highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts such as housing and health developments, as well as the exceptional COVID response from the local iwi. These successes would not have been possible without the addition of a Māori ward, he emphasised that he is in favour of the retention of the Māori Ward.
- Councillor Beck admitted that he was not the biggest fan of the addition of a Māori Ward seat when the decision was first made in 2021, but working with Councillor Tongaawhikau and Iwi on projects and in a governance matter has changed his point of view. He noted that he supports the retention of the Māori Ward.

*Councillor Tongaawhikau and 15 Members of public left the meeting at 4.13 pm.*

9. [Information Report – 2024 Customer Satisfaction Survey](#)  
D24/34569 Page 70

**Recommendation**

THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/ERWOOD  
Carried  
CL/24/111

**Recommended Reason**

This is an information report only. It provides the 2023/24 Customer Satisfaction Survey results.

The Communications Manager noted the following:

- The Library and I-Site had an incredible customer satisfaction report.
- Going forward this will be the last report seeing the Library and the I-Site as two separate services as they will now be seen as one service as per the LTP.
- An additional question was added into the survey this year surrounding council run events.
- This survey was the last survey to be delivered via post and future surveys will be received via email and available online.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The District Mayor noted that across the report it seems to indicate that people received access to the survey at different times throughout the year. The Communications Manager clarified that this is intentional as the survey is released in 4 waves, she noted that this gives a wide overview of people opinions throughout the year and helps spread out the communication from council during busy periods.
- It was discussed that the statistics breakdown seemed to only be based on 400 participants, it was questioned whether this was the actual number of people who filled out the survey or if it was the sample number of responses used. The Communications Manager noted that she will follow this up with Key Research.
- The Acting Director - Community Services reiterated the excellent results achieved by the library and noted the positive increase in cemetery satisfaction rates. She attributed this improvement to the diligent efforts of the officers working behind the scenes.
- The Deputy Mayor noted that the report includes comments suggesting the council does not listen to the community's voice. She expressed discomfort with this characterisation, believing that councillors do a good job of considering public input. She inquired whether any steps could be taken from a communications perspective to address and change this narrative. The Communications Manager noted that it comes down to being transparent with the public and sharing the process. She noted that in the past the communications team has been fantastic at reporting on decisions but not so great at taking people on the journey of how council came to that decision, she emphasised that the communications team are working on this and are due to see an improvement shortly due to the new engagement tools implemented. The Chief Executive noted that he is aware of the allegations and noted a multitude of projects that have been implemented or altered due to public consultation, these include the toilets behind the clocktower, the pedestrian crossing change in plan and the pool complex upgrades. He emphasised that interest in councils processes and decisions have changed in the last 5 years becoming increasingly popular.

## 10. Questions

- The District Mayor noted that he has sent out an email to councillors regarding the LGNZ AGM, he emphasised that each councillor needs to respond with their answers to this so that information can be collated before the meeting next week.

*The Meeting Closed at 4.35 pm.*

N C Volzke  
**Chairman**

Confirmed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

N C Volzke  
**District Mayor**

# PUBLIC FORUM

## Notes



F22/55/05 – D24/39488

Date: Tuesday 13 August 2024 at 3pm

Venue: Council Chambers, Stratford District Council, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

### Present

The District Mayor N C Volzke (the Chairman), the Deputy Mayor – M McKay, Councillors: S J Beck, A M Dudley, J M S Erwood, A K Harris, E E Hall, W J Sandford, and M J Watt.

### In attendance

The Chief Executive - Mr S Hanne, the Acting Director – Assets - Mr S Bowden, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Acting Director – Community Services – Mrs E Bishop, the HR & Governance Administrator – Mrs C Reynolds, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, the Communications Advisor – Mrs S Clarkson, the Committee Secretary – Ms E Coulton, the Community and Economic Development Manager – Ms S Afzal, the Sustainability Advisory – Mrs V Dombroski, eighteen members of the public and three members of the media.

#### 1. Welcome

The District Mayor welcomed the Chief Executive, Councillors, members of the public, staff, and the media. He noted apologies have been received from Councillors Boyde and Jones.

A Karakia was said.

#### 2. Speakers

**Speakers:** Ngapari Nui - Te Runanga o Ngati Ruanui  
Graeme Young - Te Runanga o Ngati Ruanui  
**Topic:** Māori Wards

Points noted in the presentation:

- Mr Young thanked the council on behalf of Te Runanga o Ngati Ruanui for allowing them to speak.
- Mr. Young acknowledged that the SDC created Māori Wards in 2021 and commended the council for this decision. He criticised the central government for removing this decision from the council, calling it an overreach of governance.
- Mr Young noted that this decision made by the government will result in division and hatefulness. He highlighted that the decision made in 2021 was a decision to benefit the whole community and allowed Māori to have guaranteed representation. Ngati Ruanui see Māori Wards as a positive way forward to ensure Māori voice is heard.
- It was expressed that the retention of the Māori wards is the right thing to do and reinstating such ward is a way to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- Mr Young emphasised that it feels as if Māori are being singled out by the actions of the government, seeking to divide Māori and non-Māori.
- He thanked the council for supporting the opposition of this legislation and reiterated that Māori Wards are a positive aspect within council and asked council to do the right thing and keep the momentum and partnership going.

**Speakers:** Anaru Marshal - Te Kahui Maru  
Sam Tamarapa - Te Kahui Maru  
**Topic:** Māori Wards

Points noted in the presentation:

- Mr Marshal noted that the previous provisions set out by past governments were outdated and were removed by the most recent previous government. He emphasised that the previous government made positive steps towards the inclusion of Māori within government seating, however the current government has retracted this progress.
- Mr Marshal noted that the new government's decision on this legislation actively defies section 4 of the Local Government Act which states that local government organisations must uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi. It was emphasised that the lack of consultation with Māori on this legislation is reflective of the rushed job undertaken by the government.
- Mr Marshal noted that Taranaki iwi have worked diligently alongside council in recent years and this relationship will continue in efforts to support the community as a whole. He highlighted that Ngati Maru have worked together collaboratively with council on a number of projects such as the Covid 19 response, SHS alternative education and a number of conservation projects throughout the region.
- Ngati Maru strongly oppose the legislation as it denies opportunities for Māori to contribute in democratic processes.

**Speakers:** Emma Gardiner - Te Korowai o Ngaruahine  
John Hooker - Te Korowai o Ngaruahine  
**Topic:** Māori Wards

Points noted in the presentation:

- Mr Hooker noted that they are hands on investing into the community with a 3 Million dollar social housing venture to cater for those in need. He emphasised that they are continuously working on social housing and health initiatives within the Stratford/Eltham area.
- Mr Hooker noted the Covid 19 response undertaken by Ngati Ruanui and Te Kahui Maru where health staff were deployed out into the Stratford community to provide free onsite covid testing.
- Mr Hooker emphasised that he can see Stratford developing well, and Iwi are excited with the environment ahead of them regardless of the 'pinpricks' from the side.
- Ms Gardiner noted that as the Chair of Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust she is in complete support of the Iwi members who have taken the time to speak at the forum.
- Ms Gardiner emphasised that in an ideal world the Te Tiriti partnership would be enough motivation for councillors and community to support the poll to retain Māori wards in 2025, she expressed that today she wants to focus on those who are on the fence, undecided or think otherwise.
- Economic development has been at the forefront of Iwi organisations minds, noting that there are multiple investments held by Iwi organisations to ensure a successful and vibrant Stratford community. She noted that a major investment undertaken by Iwi is the rebuilding of the Stratford Lodge, she emphasised that the rebuild of the lodge will be a significant development in tourism infrastructure.
- Final stages of a large scale housing development in the Stratford area are underway.

*Three members of the public joined the meeting at 3.24pm*

- Ms Gardiner emphasised that this decision and vote is not about race and how one may feel about it, this vote is about whether councillors are prepared to give the community their voice, regardless of their own opinions.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Beck noted that Ms Gardiner mentioned that Iwi hold investments, he questioned if Iwi are 'selling themselves short' as this is not widely known by the public. He asked if it would be possible to make this more known. Ms Gardiner noted that Te Tiriti partnerships are seeing an increase and there is a movement from Iwi to increase and improve investments .

*The meeting closed at 3:29pm*

N C Volzke  
**Chairman**

Confirmed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.



# MINUTES

## Policy and Services Committee



F22/55/05 – D24/41100

Date: Tuesday 27 August 2024 at 3.00pm  
Venue: Council Chambers, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

### Present

The Deputy Mayor – M McKay (the Chairperson), the District Mayor N C Volzke, Councillors: S J Beck, J M S Erwood, A K Harris, E E Hall, W J Sandford, A M C Dudley, V R Jones, C M Tongaawhikau, G W Boyde and M J Watt.

### In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Acting Director – Assets – Mr S Bowden, the Corporate Accountant – Mrs C Craig, the Committee Secretary – Ms E Coulton, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson (*part meeting*), the Communications Advisor – Mrs S Clarkson (*part meeting*), the Parks and Reserves Officer – Mrs M McBain (*part meeting*), the Property Officer – Mrs S Flight (*part meeting*), the Sustainability Advisor – Mrs V Dombroski (*part meeting*), one member of the public and one member of the media (Stratford Press).

#### 1. Welcome

The opening karakia was read.

The Deputy Mayor welcomed the Chief Executive, Councillors, staff, and the media.

The Deputy Mayor reiterated the health and safety message and emergency procedures.

#### 2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

#### 3. Announcements

The Chief Executive noted a workshop is scheduled for 3 September to discuss the water reforms. He emphasised that he has sent out an email regarding this. It was noted that due to the depth of the information sent out, the Chief Executive is available the Friday and Monday prior to the workshop to meet with Councillors individually to explain this information to ensure that each Councillor can get the maximum benefit from the workshop.

#### 4. Declarations of members interest

Elected members were asked to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda. There were no conflicts of interest declared.

#### 5. Attendance Schedule

The Attendance schedule for Policy and Services Committee meetings, including Hearings, was attached.

## 6. Confirmation of Minutes

### 6.1 Policy and Services Committee –23 July 2024

#### Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 23 July 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

HARRIS/HALL  
Carried  
P&S/24/201

It was noted that the recommendation for item 10 (draft Sustainability Policy) had not been adopted by the Ordinary Meeting of Council. Council had amended the wording of the resolution and adopted the policy.

## 7. Matters Outstanding

#### Recommendation

THAT the Matters Outstanding be received.

ERWOOD/DUDLEY  
Carried  
P&S/24/202

It was noted that the Parking Bylaw review will be put into workshop once it has been confirmed as legally correct.

## 8. Decision Report – Policy Reviews – August 2024

#### Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

HALL/BOYDE  
Carried  
P&S/24/203

2. THAT the following, updated policy, being the:

1. ~~Solid Waste Kerbside Collection Policy~~

~~be adopted.~~

#### **Recommended Reason**

This is part of council's rolling review of policies. Policies require review from time to time to ensure they still reflect current legislation and best practice, as well as elected members' views and meet the business needs of the organisation. Any policies recommended for withdrawal have either been found to be not required, amalgamated into an existing policy or replaced by a new policy as outlined in the body of this report.

The Chief Executive noted:

- This review is part of the regular maintenance required of the by-law, therefore not much has been changed.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Beck suggested that the objective 'to encourage appropriate behaviour in the district towards reducing contamination in all our waste streams', listed under 3.2 should be edited to include the word educate. The Chief Executive expressed that he believes that the addition of the word educate is in line with other statements within the policy and will edit this objective accordingly.
- Councillor Harris pointed out that section 6.1 specifies that the policy for replacing damaged bins, states that council aim to have them replaced within 10 working days. She expressed that she feels that this is a long period of time and questioned if council typically replaces bins faster than this. The Chief Executive noted that typically bin replacements are resolved quicker than the stated 10 days in the policy, it was noted that this is usually a period of 3 working days. The Chief Executive additionally highlighted that typically damaged bins are still useable, this is because the most common form of damage are broken hinges and other similar damages.
- The District Mayor sought clarification on the regulations surrounding bins and separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit (SUIP), he noted that clause 4.5 states that extra bins incur a set extra fee and wanted to know if this applies for SUIPs. The Chief Executive clarified that because SUIPs pay rates, their charge for bins is included within the rates, the extra fee only applies if one rate paying household or SUIP requires an extra set of bins.
- The District Mayor noted that clause 5.5 states that churches, sports clubs and maraes can opt in for bin collection, he questioned if the rate is the same as domestic. The Chief Executive clarified that that is correct. The District Mayor further questioned if schools and ECEs get this service for free. The Chief Executive clarified that this is correct, he noted that the reason for this is to teach kids about recycling and make it easily accessible.
- The District Mayor noted that clauses 8.1 and 8.2 are similar, he questioned if it is necessary to have these two separate clauses and if it would be reasonable to combine these clauses. The Chief Executive noted that it will be amended accordingly.
- The District Mayor questioned if clause 10.1, dispute resolution, is fair. He questioned this as the Director makes the final decision without consultation, he expressed that a better option may be that the Director makes a recommendation to the Chief Executive for approval. Councillor Hall noted her support of the Mayors views.
- Councillor Boyde noted that he agrees with the District Mayors views on this, he noted that he believes only a small amount of cases would escalate to the Chief Executive for sign off and he would not be inundated with requests. He expressed that whilst it is out of the Chief Executives scope, it makes the process equitable and fair. He questioned as to how many incidents there has been where the Director – Assets has had issues with disputes. The Chief Executive noted that if the Chief Executive was to do this, it needs to go to the Director first and then the Chief Executive. It was noted that there are typically 10 disputes a year.
- Councillor Erwood expressed that he is happy with clause 10 as is.
- Councillor Harris noted that the policy notes Monday as the collection day, she questioned if this is subject to change and if it does will we need to update the policy. The Chief Executive noted that we are currently locked into a 7 year contract in regard to rubbish collection, he expressed that it is good practice to update the policy when a new contract is put in place.
- The Deputy Mayor noted that clause 5.7 states specifically the left kerbside, she noted that this may be taken too literally and suggested to drop the word left. The Chief Executive noted that he is happy with that change.
- Councillor Dudley noted that an issue not addressed within the policy is wind and the impact on bins, she questioned if it would be possible to include something in the policy on knocked over bins due to wind such as providing clips to residents. The Chief Executive noted that it is a matter that extends outside the policy but if council had the desire to provide clips for residents we can investigate, it was noted that this will be added to matters outstanding.
- The Deputy Mayor questioned as to how many schools and ECEs utilise the free recycling. The Chief Executive noted that all schools within the rubbish collection programme distance, utilise the service, he was unsure on the number of ECEs.

- Matters of dispute resolution were discussed further and it was decided that two voices are required to make the final decision. It was agreed that this will be amended in the policy and councillors are happy to approve that policy without seeing the final wording.
- Councillor Boyde noted that he was concerned with the cost of allowing schools and ECEs to have free bin collection. Councillor Erwood noted that he is happy with the current arrangement as it is about educating our young people. Councillor Hall noted that she is on the fence as she agrees with Councillor Erwood but after the LGNZ conference she is feeling money conscious.
- It was decided that officers will supply councillors with information such as how many schools utilise this service and how much it costs.

Recommendation

2. THAT the Solid Waste Kerbside Collection Policy remain on the table awaiting further information as requested.

BOYDE/HALL  
Carried  
P&S/24/204

9. Decision Report – Stratford Croquet Club – Location Decision

**Recommendations**

1. THAT the report be received.

SANDFORD/HARRIS  
Carried  
P&S/24/205

2. THAT the Committee decline Stratford Croquet Club's request to relocate to the green space next to Wai o Rua (corner of Portia and Regan Streets).

BOYDE/HALL  
Carried  
P&S/24/206

**Recommended Reason**

Establishment of a permanent facility within this reserve space would negatively impact the current, mainly casual users of this space as well as permanently compromise any future potential to add to the aquatic centre.

The Acting Director – Assets noted:

- This decision report is seeking councils endorsement to decline the request for the Stratford Croquet Club to re-locate their activity to the green space next to Wai O Rua. He noted that the reason for the recommendation to decline is due to the possible future development of Wai O Rua.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Harris asked if council are responsible for recommending another space if we decline the request. The Chief Executive noted that it is not our responsibility to provide them with an alternative space, it is only our responsibility to provide them with feedback on their proposals.
- Councillor Harris questioned who would be responsible for the recovery of the old croquet club if council were to accept their proposal. The Chief Executive noted that this could be made a condition of a move but that most likely there would be a cost to Council.
- Councillor Boyde noted he supports the recommendation to decline the request, he expressed that whilst they are passionate about their activity, protecting the area for future development is more important.

- Councillor Hall noted that she likes the idea of being able to facilitate all community group needs but in this case the proposed area will not work. She emphasised that she wants to acknowledge the work achieved by the croquet club on this proposal and encourages them to look for other options as there may be more opportunities elsewhere within Stratford.

*The Sustainability Advisor left the meeting at 3.56 pm.*

#### 10. Decision Report – Review of Victoria Park Reserve Management Plan

##### Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received

VOLZKE/JONES  
Carried  
P&S/24/207

2. THAT in accordance with Section 41(4) of the Reserves Act 1977, as administering body of the reserve, Council carries out a comprehensive review of the Victoria Park Reserve Management Plan.

3. THAT council approves council officers to seek submissions and feedback from key stakeholders in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977.

BOYDE/DUDLEY  
Carried  
P&S/24/208

##### Recommended Reasons

The Reserves Act 1977 requires Council to “keep its management plan under continuous review”. Victoria Park is one of Stratford’s premier reserves both in terms of passive and active recreation and warrants it’s own management plan to better guide it’s present and future use, maintenance, and development. This plan is due for review, given the changes to parts of the reserve within the last few years.

The Parks and Reserves Officer noted the following:

- There is a small spelling error within the report. It should say contacting lwi not contacted lwi.
- The process of consultation for this management plan is different to typical public consultation processes. This management plan undergoes two consultation processes and is a very engaged process.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Jones questioned if public domains managed by boards are required to go through the same consultation processes. The Parks and Reserves Officer noted that this is not required of domains as domains are not classified as reserves and boards are under the umbrella of incorporated societies.
- Councillor Boyde noted that it is great that people are able to look through this report and see the progress of Victoria Park throughout the years. He emphasised that there has been a massive amount that has been achieved which is a kudos to the team. He is looking forward to coming back with tweaks at a later date.
- Councillor Beck questioned if the communications team are planning to do a story to showcase this. The Chief Executive emphasised that it is important for the communications team to do a release on this matter as we need to explain the consultation process to them and showcase

what has been achieved since the last plan. Councillor Beck noted that he likes the consultation process.

#### 11. Decision Report – Stopping and Disposal of Part Walter Road to Regularize Encroachment

##### Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

HARRIS/BECK  
Carried  
P&S/24/209

2. THAT in order to allow a substantial woolshed that has been erected over part of unformed Walter Road to remain, the Council accepts the offer of the adjoining owners, RC & RA McGregor and J Harold to vest as road on the deposit of their proposed plan of subdivision of Part Lot 1 DP 312/B & Lot 1 DP 11027, an area of approximately 822m<sup>2</sup> adjoining the area of encroachment and shown as Lot 7 on the scheme plan attached to this report.
3. THAT in exchange for the road to vest as outlined in (2) above and following the deposit of the relative plan of subdivision, the Council agrees to stop that part of Walter Road, which is currently occupied by the woolshed, comprising approximately 709m<sup>2</sup> and to amalgamate the road, when stopped, with the owners adjoining land, being Lot 1 DP 11027.
4. THAT the road stopping referred to in (3) above be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act 1981 and that all associated costs be met by the owners.

BECK/HALL  
Carried  
P&S/24/210

##### Recommended Reason

While Walter Road has only been formed up to the boundary of the owners' land, the woolshed occupies the unformed continuation of legal road and as such, constitutes an unlawful encroachment. The above recommendations will provide for the substantial woolshed to remain while maintaining the continuity and integrity of Walter Road at no cost or inconvenience to the Council.

The Acting Director – Assets noted:

- The purpose of the report is to put forward a proposal to alter the status of Walter Road due to a woolshed encroaching on the unformed continuation of the legal road.

Questions/Points of clarification:

- The District Mayor questioned if this will cost council anything. The Acting Director – Assets clarified that all costs will be fronted by Mr McGregor.

#### 12. Monthly Reports

11.1 Assets Report  
D24/32566 Page 105

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

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Carried  
P&S/24/211

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Hall asked if funding from NZTA will be available to update our speed signage as per NZTAs request. The Acting Director – Assets noted that it is highly unlikely that NZTA will fund this.
- The District Mayor noted that all funding that has been requested has been approved by NZTA bar the funding for footpath renewals. Due to this, we now have a funding shortfall and have to make the decision whether to carry on as planned and locate the extra money ourselves or scale the programme of works back and only spend the money we have received via funding. The Acting Director – Assets noted that the preferable option would be to only spend what is being funded which in turn is a 64% reduction.

Recommendation

THAT the Council resolve to only spend the NZTA funded portion of the footpath renewals budget in the 2024 – 34 Long Term Plan.

VOLZKE/ERWOOD  
Carried  
P&S/24/212

- Councillor Boyde expressed that the illegal dumping taking place is frustrating, he emphasised that it has become worse in rural areas.
- The Chief Executive noted that the Stanley Road property has gone through the tender process but we have not accepted any as they have all been under the GV etc of the property.
- Councillor Beck asked if the \$400,000 allocated to walking and cycling in the tentative capital works programme is still going to be our strategy knowing what the Prime Minister has recently said. The Acting Director – Assets noted that it will still be a strategy for us regardless of what central government has to say.
- Councillor Sandford questioned if the Prospero Place development plan, has taken into account the request from the Austin family for a garden memorial. The Chief Executive clarified that the design has yet to be completed and they are only in early stages of planning. He emphasised that the current plan is based on the whole area.
- The Deputy Mayor asked what the consequence would be from NZTA if we did not use the new signage proposed. She expressed that she finds it ironic that the central government is creating unfunded mandates and that we should look into different options before we commit to electronic signs. Councillor Harris noted that we should follow other councils lead. Councillor Erwood noted that we should be mindful of councils reputation if injury or fatality was to occur and we don't put out the mandated signs, he expressed that it may be a big issue.

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

HARRIS/HALL  
Carried  
P&S/24/213

The Chief Executive noted:

- The business plan for Wai O Rua – Stratford Aquatic Centre is underway.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Hall commented on section 2.2, Youth Council updates. She emphasised that it is fantastic to see the significant positive impact SDYC has on the young people of the Stratford community and that their collaboration and partnership with Zeal is awesome.
- Councillor Sandford gave an update on the Austin Trust. He noted that a major concern for the trust are Enviroschool initiatives falling off at a high school level, he expressed that we have many primary schools around the district with highly accomplished Enviroschool programmes but very little high school involvement. The Austin Trust are helping to fund this throughout high schools and primary schools and have seen a large volume of interest for programmes and projects associated with this. He emphasised that there are some awesome initiatives in the works throughout most of the schools within the district with the help of the Austin Trust.

*The Communications Manager, the Communications Advisor, the Parks and Reserves Officer and the Property Officer left the meeting at 4.30 pm.*

11.3 Environmental Services Report  
D24/30675 Page 137

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

DUDLEY/JONES  
Carried  
P&S/24/214

The Chief Executive noted the following:

- Resource consent numbers have seen an increase in the month of July, the team are unsure whether this is an anomaly or the beginning of a widespread activity increase.
- STDC have taken an interest in joining the local alcohol policy shared between SDC and NPDC.
- Current building activity is at a low but steady number, it is not as tragic as once perceived.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde questioned if we have the resources to deliver resource consents in a timely manner due to the increase in resource consent applications. The Chief Executive noted that we do have the resources available to achieve this as we also have back up external processes to help alleviate the pressure if needed.

### 13. Questions

- Councillor Erwood questioned if it has been considered to invest in some covert cameras to attempt to catch the vandals responsible for the rise of illegal dumping and vandalism within the community. The Chief Executive noted that it has been discussed previously but ultimately



was decided that it was not worth investment due to the cost and high likelihood of the cameras being vandalised or stolen. He also noted that it is a difficult task to pin point what exact location will be targeted for vandalism next aside from those areas with repeat offenders.

- Councillor Boyde noted that there is no corporate services report presented and asked if there is a reason for this. The Chief Executive noted that because it is the first month of a new LTP, there are no confirmed figures as of yet. He highlighted that this is common practice across councils.
- Councillor Hall was asked as to how the LGNZ conference was. Councillor Hall gave an overview of the conference.

#### 14. Closing Karakia

D21/40748

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The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 4.50 pm.

M McKay  
**Chairperson**

Confirmed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

# MONTHLY REPORT

## District Mayor



To: Council  
From: District Mayor  
Date: 4 September 2024  
Subject: District Mayor Monthly Report – August 2024

### Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

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Moved/Seconded

### 1. Offshore Wind Projects

Last month the British High Commissioner and a trade delegation visited the region to talk about off-shore wind developments in our region. While this is a new energy form for New Zealand, it is well established in other parts of the world and the UK is a world leader in this field. The delegates presentation focussed on their experience in designing, developing and operating off shore-wind farms around the world and how that expertise could be of benefit to this region.

The South Taranaki Bight has been identified as a near perfect location for the development of off-shore wind electricity generation. The transition from fossil fuels to green energy and Taranaki's future role as the energy province is at a crossroads waiting for the legislative framework that will enable the establishment of the sector. At present there are around 12 off shore wind farm proposals for New Zealand and most significantly, Taranaki has been identified as the epicentre off shore wind.

### 2. Local Government NZ Annual General Meeting

Deputy Mayor McKay, Councillor Hall and myself attended the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting and the Conference that followed. I also attended the Mayor's Task Force for Jobs Annual Meeting. At the AGM eight remits were voted on and a summary of the results has been shared with elected members.

The conference was well worthwhile, being informative and the lineup of speakers was high level, including the Prime Minister Christopher Luxon, Minister Shane Jones, Minister Simeon Brown, Minister Chris Bishop, Minister Louise Upston and the leader of the opposition Chris Hipkins.

There was plenty of media coverage over the Prime Ministers speech and it is fair to say he gave us all a bit of a good old fashioned bollocking that upset some people. His tone was blunt but his message was clear, and I think that many elected members present were in general agreeance with him that councils need to be more focussed on keeping costs down and delivering the core services. I saw this as a challenge and difficult one to achieve within the present local government sector, but new proposed legislation will enlighten us on what those core services are and hopefully enable us to succeed in keeping rates affordable.

### 3. Local Water Done Well

The legislative process around the changes to council owned water services is moving forward at a steady rate with the passing of the bill that establishes the framework and preliminary arrangements for water services. This is second of three pieces of legislation that will change the way we do business. Possibly the most important part of this is the requirement for councils to develop a Water Service Delivery Plan by 3 September 2025 and for councils to commit to an implementation plan; so the clock is now ticking.

Thankfully, as a result of some earlier decisions to start work on developing options for the region, we are well down the track with the research data and some draft options for consideration. A series of workshops and meetings will be held over coming months to debate and narrow the options to a smaller number that will be subject to more detailed analysis. As each iteration is presented the end outcome will become clearer, but for the moment all options are on the table. A little surprisingly, the enabling legislation did allow more scope than originally anticipated adding to the complexity of the process.

#### 4. Chunuk Bair Commemoration

On August 8<sup>th</sup> we held our annual service to commemorate the Battle of Chunuk Bair. This WW1 battle at Gallipoli was of particular importance to the ANZAC forces mainly due to the strategic location of this peak. New Zealand's troops were led by Lieutenant-Colonel William Malone. The Chunuk Bair Memorial is one of four memorials that commemorate soldiers who died in operations on the Gallipoli peninsula and whose graves are not known. It bears 849 names.

Eight years after the battle, Malone's regiment commended him by erecting the Malone Memorial Gates at the entrance to King Edward park. Recognised as a prominent Stratford citizen of his time and for his military heroism, the small local service to commemorate the battle and his deeds still continues on. Several current members of Malones Wellington regiment attended the service along with Defence Force personnel.

#### 5. Blue Light

The local branch of Blue Light continues to provide an excellent support service for young people in our community. Targeting some of our at risk youth that have been referred through youth aid or MSD, along with others that are referred from various social service organisations, Blue Light is able to address the needs of those young people and make impactful change to their futures.

Last month, I attended their presentation function and their AGM. The success of the Blue Light programme was easily seen when several of the young people shared their personal stories with those present. I noted the similarity between the work they are doing, together with the issues they are encountering, and the work that is being done by Mayors Task for Force Jobs. Assisting young people attain their drivers license is an example of this and not having a testing operation based in Stratford compounds the problem. I also acknowledge the work being done by the volunteers associated with Blue Light.

#### 6. TOI Foundation

Recently I attended the Annual General Meeting of the TOI Foundation. The foundation is the sole shareholder of the TSB Bank and the majority shareholder of Fisher Funds. The dividends that arise from these two investments provides the funding source that finances the community grants scheme that the foundation operates. In the 30 June 2024 financial year the foundation allocated \$27.4 million in grants within the Taranaki region. This is a very substantial number and the positive impact this amount can have on community organisations operating across the regions is enormous. The funding available is only considered via an application process and I encourage local organisations that may fit the criteria to submit for funding assistance as the opportunity arises.

#### 7. Correspondence

- Stratford Volunteer Fire Brigade Call Outs – August 2024
- Letter from Debbie Ngarewa-Packer
- Letter regarding the Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2024
- Email Regarding Increases to parking infringements and towage fee
- Media release regarding submission to the Ministry for the Environment on the Second Emissions Reduction Plan Discussion Document.

## 8. Some Events Attended

- Attended – Blue Light Youth Graduation function
- Attended – Hosted the Citizen Awards presentation evening
- Attended – Chunuk Bair Commemoration Ceremony
- Met – with representative of Trustees of Ngāti Te Whiti Whenua Topu Trust
- Met – with Carl Bates, Member of Parliament for Wanganui
- Met – with representative of Stratford A & P Association
- Attended – Justice of the Peace training session
- Attended – meeting with British High Commission trade delegation
- Attended – meeting with UK Off-shore wind representative group
- Attended – Local Water Done Well seminars with DIA (x2)
- Attended – Blue Light Annual General meeting
- Attended - LGNZ Leaders meeting (zoom)
- Attended - Stratford Health Trust meeting (x2)
- Attended - Local Government New Zealand Annual General meeting
- Attended – Local Government New Zealand Conference
- Attended – Mayors Taks Force for Jobs Annual General meeting
- Attended – TOI Foundation Annual General meeting
- Attended – Daffodil Day lunch function
- Attended – Percy Thompson Gallery Exhibition opening
- Radio Interview - Access Radio (x1)
- Newspaper - Stratford Press Interviews and Articles (multiple)
- Newspaper - Daily News (multiple)
- Attended - Regional Mayors and Chairs weekly meeting (x3)
- Attended - Regional Mayors and Chairs, Emergency Services meeting (x1)
- Attended - Council Pre-Agenda meetings (x2)
- Attended - Council Public Forums and Deputations (x1)
- Attended - Council Meetings (x2)



N C Volzke JP  
District Mayor

Date: 4 September 2024

## Correspondence

### **Stratford Volunteer Fire Brigade Call Outs August 2024**

The Stratford Fire Brigade responded to 18 calls in August 2024

- 03-08-24 Assist ambulance medical call Celia Street
- 03-08-24 Vegetation fire Mountain Road Midhirst
- 05-08-24 Assist ambulance with medical call Percy Ave
- 05-08-24 Tanker required cow shed fire Eltham Road Awatuna, to assist Kaponga, Manaia, Opunake and Hawera fire brigades
- 10-08-24 House Fire Swansea Road assisted by the Toko fire brigade
- 13-08-24 Assist ambulance with medical call Waingongora Road
- 15-08-24 Alarm activation Stratford War Memorial Hall Miranda Street
- 16-08-24 Alarm activation Stratford High School Swansea Road
- 21-08-24 Alarm activation Stratford War Memorial Hall Miranda Street
- 22-08-24 Alarm activation Elizabeth R unit 21 Brecon Road
- 24-08-24 Skip bin on fire Orlando Street South
- 26-08-24 Alarm activation Stratford High School Swansea Road
- 26-08-24 Motor vehicle accident car over bank Opunake Road
- 28-08-24 Train vs. truck SH 3 / Oxford Terrace Midhirst
- 28-08-24 Gas leak Cordelia Street
- 29-08-24 Investigate smoke coming from house, blocked chimney Pembroke Road East
- 29-08-24 Back Yard fire Ajax Street
- 29-08-24 Alarm activation Juliet Motel Juliet Street
- 31-08-24 Alarm activation Stratford Vets Juliet Street

**Debbie Ngarewa-Packer**

Kaiārahi Takirua o Te Pāti Māori, Mema Paremata mo Te Tai Hauāuru

**māori**



**14 August 2024**

Te Kaunihera ā Rohe o Whakaahurangi  
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### Māori Ward

Ki ngā kaikaunihera o Whakaahurangi,

Tēnei au ka mihi ki tā koutou whakaaronui ki te pupuri tonu ki tā tātou Wāri Māori.

I would like to personally acknowledge and thank you all for your courageous decision to retain the Stratford Māori Ward.

This is a powerful statement of your commitment to fairness, inclusion and the honouring of Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Ruanui, Ngāruahine and Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Nāku noa,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Debbie Ngarewa-Packer**

Kaiārahi Takirua o Te Pāti Māori

Mema Paremata mo Te Tai Hauāuru



6 August 2024

Document: 3296730

Sven Hanne  
Chief Executive  
Stratford District Council  
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Stratford 4352

Attn: Neil Volzke

## Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2024

Tēnā Koe Sven,

In accordance with section 18F of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (LTMA) please find attached a copy of the Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2024/25-2026/27 (RLTP 2024), as approved by the Taranaki Regional Council at its meeting of 25 June 2024. The RLTP was submitted electronically to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency via the Transport Investment Online system on the due date of 31 July 2024.

As you are well aware, the RLTP is prepared by the Regional Transport Committee for Taranaki under sections 14 to 18 of the LTMA. It sets out the strategic direction for land transport in the Taranaki region over a 30-year planning horizon; states the regional investment priorities for the 10-year period from 1 July 2024; and outlines the proposed land transport activities over the first three years, for which the involved organisations are seeking national funding.

This RLTP 2024 has been developed in partnership with our regional partners, with agreement on which activities (of those put forward for consideration) that the region wants to pursue and in what order of priority. It is now available on our [website](#). If you have any queries on the RLTP or would like to receive printed copies please contact Fiona Ritson on 06 765 7127 or [fiona.ritson@trc.govt.nz](mailto:fiona.ritson@trc.govt.nz).

Nāku noa rā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M J Nield", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

M J Nield  
Director - Corporate Services

**Carissa Reynolds**

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**Subject:** FW: Parking infringement and towage fee increases effective 1 October 2024  
**Attachments:** 1 October 2024 Increases to parking infringement and towage fees .pdf

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Kia ora

Following on from our engagement with you in late June, we can now confirm that inflation increases to parking infringement and towage fees will come into effect from 1 October 2024.

The Minister of Transport and the Minister for Disability Issues announced the fee increases earlier today. This includes a \$750 infringement fee for misuse of a mobility parking space. You can read the full release here: <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/government-update-parking-penalties>.

The final fee levels are attached. From 1 October 2024, the current parking infringement fees can no longer be used.

We have been in contact with the administrator of the precedent code (P-code) system, Ian James. Ian will update all [nationwide codes](#) to reflect the fee changes. Your appropriate contact will receive these from Ian in the week of 2 September 2024.

For local body codes (ie P-codes for offences set through bylaws, including parking overstaying), you will need to email Ian ([ian.james5019@gmail.com](mailto:ian.james5019@gmail.com)) with a list of the codes you need updated. Please do this ASAP, and no later than 16 September, to ensure Ian has time to make the changes before 1 October 2024.

If there are other system and / or IT changes you need to make to implement the new fee levels by 1 October, we recommend you progress these simultaneously to the P-codes being updated.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi

Rebecca  
Fees and Penalties Review team

**Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport**

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Table 1 Inflation increases to parking infringement fees (effective 1 October 2024)

Offence	Current infringement fee	New infringement fee from 1 October 2024
Overstaying not more than 30 minutes	\$12	\$20
Overstaying more than 30 minutes but not more than 1 hour	\$15	\$25
Overstaying more than 1 hour but not more than 2 hours	\$21	\$36
Overstaying more than 2 hours but not more than 4 hours	\$30	\$51
Overstaying more than 4 hours but not more than 6 hours	\$42	\$71
Overstaying more than 6 hours	\$57	\$97
2.12(2) Stop or park on motorway	\$150	\$255
6.1 Park vehicle without due care and consideration	\$60	\$100
6.2 Park vehicle on roadway when practicable to park on road margin	\$40	\$70
6.3(1) Park vehicle on bend	\$40	\$70
6.3(2) Unauthorised parking on or within 6 metres of intersection	\$60	\$100
6.4(1) Park contrary to a traffic sign (general)	\$40	\$70
6.4(1A) Park in an area reserved for disabled persons	\$150	\$750
6.4(1B) Park, etc, a non-electric vehicle in parking area reserved for charging electric vehicles	\$60	\$100
6.4(4) Park on broken yellow lines	\$60	\$100
6.5(1) Park vehicle on pedestrian crossing	\$60	\$100
6.5(2)(a) Park vehicle within 6 metres of driver's approach to pedestrian crossing	\$60	\$100
6.5(2)(b) Park vehicle in signed/marked area on driver's approach to pedestrian crossing	\$60	\$100
6.6 Park vehicle in special vehicle lane (bus lane or cycle lane)	\$60	\$100
6.7 Park vehicle on traffic island or flush median	\$40	\$70
6.8(1) Park vehicle within 6 metres of bus stop sign	\$40	\$70
6.9(1) Vehicle obstructs entrance or exit of driveway	\$40	\$70
6.10 Park vehicle near fire hydrant	\$40	\$70
6.11 Park vehicle alongside another stopped vehicle	\$60	\$100
6.12 Fail to park vehicle parallel to road	\$40	\$70
6.13 Fail to park vehicle at angle when required	\$40	\$70
6.14 Park vehicle on footpath or cycle path	\$40	\$70
6.15 Park vehicle of unauthorised class on reserved area	\$60	\$100
6.16 Park on loading zone	\$40	\$70
6.17(a) Stop on level crossing	\$150	\$255
6.17(b) Stop near level crossing so as to obscure view	\$150	\$255
6.18(1) Parking goods vehicle at angle during hours of darkness	\$60	\$100
6.19 Park trailer on roadway for more than 5 days	\$60	\$100
8.3(2)(c) Fail to dip headlamps when vehicle parked	\$150	\$255
8.7(1) Park unlit vehicle during hours of darkness	\$150	\$255
8.7(2) Park heavy vehicle (or vehicle fitted with flat-deck for goods carriage) during hours of darkness without rearward facing position lamp	\$150	\$255
8.7(3) Stopping or standing temporarily during hours of darkness without using position lamp(s) or dipped-beam headlamp(s)	\$150	\$255

Table 2 Inflation increases to regulated towage fees (effective 1 October 2024)

Service	Current fee (including GST)	New fee from 1 October 2024 (including GST)
Towage - 3500kg or less, between the hours of 7am and 6pm, Monday to Friday (not including public holidays)	\$53.67	\$90.20
Towage - 3500kg or less, any other time (eg Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday)	\$71.56	\$120.30
Towage - more than 3,500kg, between the hours of 7am and 6pm, Monday to Friday (not including public holidays)	\$132.89	\$223.40
Towage - more than 3500kg, any other time (eg Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday)	\$204.44	\$343.70

**Taranaki Mayoral Forum calls for stronger action to meet emissions targets**

The Taranaki Mayoral Forum is very concerned that New Zealand is not on track to meet its emissions targets.

The Forum, which comprises the mayors of South Taranaki, New Plymouth and Stratford and the Taranaki Regional Council chair, last week made a submission to the Ministry for the Environment on the Second Emissions Reduction Plan Discussion Document.

Calling for stronger action to mitigate the threat from climate change, the Forum says it doubts the Government's focus on net reductions will deliver a least-cost approach and the longer the country leaves reducing gross emissions, the greater the risk of a 'transition shock'.

Forum chair, Stratford Mayor Neil Volzke, says the submission reiterates the importance of Taranaki as ground zero in the transition to a low-emissions future and it is vital new opportunities for the long-term economic wellbeing of the region are created.

"We're at a crossroads in how we address the risks from climate change and if we fail to take action in reducing gross emissions, our region may face significant costs," says Mayor Volzke.

"On the flip side, working towards lowering emissions and successfully mitigating the risks from rising temperatures would help build a more resilient economy and reduce the adaptation requirements across Taranaki.

"It's disappointing that work programmes aimed at supporting the transition to a low-emissions future are being scrapped and our message to the Government remains that Taranaki is best-placed to lead that transition.

"We strongly urge the Government to support the vision of Taranaki becoming the centre for renewable technology excellence for New Zealand."

The submission also sets out the Forum's position on the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) and other issues affecting key sectors such as agriculture, public transport, energy efficiency in homes and waste disposal.

The Forum supported the introduction of restrictions on whole-farm conversions to forestry on highly productive land, highlighting the risks of locking up large swathes of the country in exotics such as *Pinus radiata*, and the need for local decision-making around land use.

Further work is needed on the use of biodiversity credits to support native reforestation. The Forum also highlighted the potential role of a regime for carbon capture, utilisation and storage, particularly after the recent reversal of the oil and gas exploration ban.

"The agricultural sector is a key part of Taranaki's economy so we welcome moves to give farmers the tools to cut emissions while maintaining productivity. Diversification such as through schemes like Venture Taranaki's Branching Out Programme should remain front and centre," says Mayor Volzke.

The Forum reminded the Government that investment in public transport was needed outside of Auckland and Wellington, urged more action on the shift to green hydrogen, offshore wind and improving EV charging infrastructure. It also called for further investigations around organic waste disposal and gas capture at landfills.

“We look forward to more detailed conversations with the Government on the role Taranaki can play in reaching our emissions targets,” added Mayor Volzke.

## Office of Hon Simeon Brown

MP for Pakuranga

Minister for Energy  
Minister of Local Government  
Minister of Transport

Minister for Auckland  
Deputy Leader of the House



22 August 2024

*By email*

Dear Mayor/Chair

### **The Strategic Framework for Regional Deals has been released**

Today at the Local Government New Zealand Conference, I was excited to announce the release of the Strategic Framework for Regional Deals (the Strategic Framework). The Strategic Framework is attached to this letter.

The Strategic Framework sets out how central government, councils, and relevant private sector entities will work together to deliver regional deals. The document provides an overview of the New Zealand regional deals model, as well as our expectations for the deals and the criteria for selecting regions for those deals.

### **A regional deals model fit for New Zealand**

Regional deals will be based on a 30-year vision, with negotiated 10-year strategic plans to deliver shared objectives and outcomes between central and local government. Deals will be long-term commitments, intended to endure. They will promote economic growth and productivity, deliver connected and resilient infrastructure, and improve the supply of affordable, quality housing.

Our intention is that the deals will contribute to a more empowered local government sector that is better able to serve local communities through improved alignment between local needs and national priorities.

Given the current fiscal constraints on central and local government, the regional deal model that has been developed relies on existing funding, financing tools and capacity. My expectation is that future regional deals will be further supported by new financing tools currently under development and by private sector investment.

This means regional deals could include a range of financing tools, regulatory relief, and enabling of coordination between regions and central government.

### **Regional deals will progress in waves**

With the framework for regional deals now in place, Cabinet has agreed to a staged approach for rolling out regional deals around the country.

For the first wave, the Government will be inviting up to five regions to provide 'light-touch' proposals. Ministers will then recommend one of these proposals as the first deal intended to be finalised in 2025. After this first regional deal, a further two deals per year will be finalised over the following three to five years.

When selecting regions for the first wave of regional deals, focus will be given on New Zealand's geographically and economically diverse regions, including both urban and rural economies, and areas with existing high growth, and with growth potential.

### **First wave of deals will be by invitation only**

The Government will start a process for inviting proposals for the first deals in the coming months. Once the Government has finalised decisions around which regions will be considered for a deal in the first wave, the relevant councils will be directly invited to submit proposals.

There will be a strong emphasis on ensuring these initial proposals are 'light touch'. Councils will likely be invited to submit proposals through a standard editable form, allowing councils to put forward their application without incurring any unnecessary expenditure. Guidance will be provided to councils to support them in crafting these proposals.

### **Further information**

A copy of the Strategic Framework is attached to this letter and are available on the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) website.

More detailed information can also be found in the associated Cabinet papers that will soon be proactively released on the DIA website.

I have asked DIA to engage directly with mayors to provide further information about the Strategic Framework and the next steps for the first wave of deals. Officials will be in touch directly to arrange further meetings and information sessions.

I encourage you to get in touch with DIA if you have further questions at this stage, or to seek assistance with any initial discussions your council may be having. Please contact [councils@dia.govt.nz](mailto:councils@dia.govt.nz).

Regional deals provide an exciting opportunity for regions to put forward proposals for how central government can support local government to meet the needs of their community and drive economic development. This new model is about working together to explore ways to do better and to make a difference to our local communities, so we can all benefit from economic growth.

I look forward to working with you in the process ahead.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Simeon Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Simeon" and the last name "Brown" clearly distinguishable.

Hon Simeon Brown  
**Minister of Local Government**



# INFORMATION REPORT



F22/55/04 – D24/34001

To: Council  
 From: Environmental Health Manager  
 Date: 10 September 2024  
 Subject: Stratford District Licensing Committee – 2023/24 Annual Report

### Recommendations

1. THAT the Annual Report for Stratford District Licensing Committee for 2023/2024 be received and contents noted.
2. THAT, subject to any amendments, the Annual Report will be forwarded to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority.

### Recommended Reason

The report is required to be prepared by the Stratford District Licensing Committee as part of its duties under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

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 Moved/Seconded

1. Purpose of Report
  - 1.1 The report is prepared for the Alcohol and Regulatory Licensing Authority (ARLA). The report gives ARLA an overview of the District Licensing Committee workload and activities for the past financial year.
2. Executive Summary
  - 2.1 The report covers statistical information, agency initiatives, the Local Alcohol Policy, enforcement and liaison with other agencies for the 2023/2024 year.

### 3. Local Government Act 2002

Under section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Council's purpose is to "enable democratic local decision making by and on behalf of communities; as well as promoting the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities now and into the future"			
Does the recommended option meet the purpose of the Local Government 4 well-beings? And which:			
Social	Economic	Environmental	Cultural
✓		✓	

- 3.1 The details in the report relate to key regulatory functions that Council performs in accordance with the purpose of the Local Government Act.

4. Background

4.1 The Stratford District Licensing Committee is required by statute to prepare an Annual Report for ARLA. This report covers all the activities that the District Licensing Committee was involved with during the financial year. It is required by s.199 of the Act, and is required to include:

- An overview of the District Licensing Committee
- District Licensing Committee initiatives provided
- Local Alcohol Policy
- Legislation trends
- Licence statistics

5. Information Summary

5.1 This report notes a drop in the number of licensed premises and the number of applications for an alcohol licence.

Strategic Alignment

6.1 **Direction**

The Stratford Community Outcome of having “*a built environment that is attractive, safe and healthy*” is addressed by the collective information in this report.

6.2 **Annual Plan and Long Term Plan**

The recommendation does not have any implications for the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.

6.3 Sustainability Consideration

This report informs the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority on the annual statistics for Alcohol Licensing matters in the Stratford district. Legislation informs the criteria that is required for those statistics. Sustainability consideration is not required in this instance.

6.4 **District Plan**

The recommendation does not have any implications for the Stratford District Plan.

6.5 **Legal Implications**

The content of this report is provided annually to Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority in a survey format. Failure to produce this report would see the District Licensing Committee not fulfilling its duties as required by the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

6.6 **Policy Implications**

There are no policy implications concerning the recommendation.

**Attachments**

**Appendix 1** Annual Report – Stratford District Licensing Committee



Rachael Otter  
**Environmental Health Manager**



[Endorsed by]  
Blair Sutherland  
**Director – Environmental Services**



[Approved by]  
Sven Hanne  
**Chief Executive**

**Date** 3 September 2024

## **Appendix 1**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

# **STRATFORD DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**1 JULY 2023 - 30 JUNE 2024**

## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR** **STRATFORD DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**1 JULY 2023 - 30 JUNE 2024**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This Annual Report has been prepared pursuant to s.199 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

This report covers a 12 month period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

### **OVERVIEW OF THE DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE WORKLOAD**

Stratford District Council's Chief Executive Sven Hanne has delegated the position of the Stratford District Licensing Committee Secretary to the Environmental Services Director Blair Sutherland, who has delegated powers of authority, duties, and discretion under the Act.

Neil Volzke is the Commissioner of the Stratford District Licensing Committee. Councillor Min McKay had recently been appointed to the position of Deputy Chairperson. The remaining committee members are selected from a list shared between the New Plymouth District Council and the Stratford District Council. Rachael Otter is the Chief Licensing Inspector and Sian Horton is the Licensing Inspector.

A total of 85 licence applications were received by the Stratford District Licensing Committee during the 2023/2024 period. One of these applications was for a Temporary Authority and required a hearing of the committee.

Licence applications have been steady over the last five years and over that time application numbers have either increased or decreased slightly. While there is a slight drop this year it is not considered significant if compared to other years. However, there is a drop in the number of licensed premises that are operating. The closures have more to do with personal reasons as adverse to being affected by the current economic climate.

### **DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE INITIATIVES PROVIDED**

Both licensing inspectors and the Stratford District Licensing Committee Commissioner attended training webinars during the 2023/2024 period. The Chief Licensing Inspector attended the New Zealand Institute of Licensing Inspectors progressive training conference during this period.

### **LOCAL ALCOHOL POLICY (LAP)**

The combined New Plymouth District Council and Stratford District Council Local Alcohol Policy became operative on 28 February 2017. The policy is due for its first review in conjunction with the New Plymouth District Council.

The purpose of the LAP is to provide local direction on alcohol licensing matters and gives clear guidance to applicants and the community, so they are certain about the provisions for alcohol licensing in the Stratford District.

### **CURRENT LEGISLATION AND TRENDS**

All premises that are operating in the Stratford District were inspected for compliance during the 2023/2024 period.

No enforcement action was taken during the 2023/2024 period. General compliance with legislation by licensees and managers operating in the Stratford District has been good. The NZ Police and Licensing Inspectors share information in a collaborative approach towards achieving compliance and this demonstrates a joint approach to applications and compliance overall.

Despite the premises that have closed this period due to personal reasons, licensees have commented that patronage of their premises is low if compared to other years. No other trends have been noted over the 2023/2024 period, other than the reduction in licensed premises operating.

**LICENCE STATISTICS**

	<b>2019/2020</b>	<b>2020/2021</b>	<b>2021/2022</b>	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
On Licence	14	13	15	12	10
Off Licence	10	10	12	12	10
Club Licence	9	9	8	8	8
<b>Total Licences</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Applications</b>					
New On/Off/Club/BYO Licence	2	3	7	0	2
Renewal/Variation of Licences	12	12	9	12	8
Temporary Authorities	3	4	4	1	1
Manager's Certificates	15	13	21	14	15
Renewal of Manager's Certificates	33	32	36	34	33
Specials	16	23	11	29	26
Certificates of Compliance	0	0	0	0	0
Extract from records	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total issued</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>85</b>

**Stratford District Licensing Committee**  
**LICENSED PREMISES (ACTIVE) REGISTER FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2024**

Premises Name	Type	Nature of	Address			Licensee	Licence No.	Date of	Expiry Date
Club X	Club	Sports Club	127	Cordelia St	STRATFORD	Club X Incorporated	34/CL/2/2022	17/03/2003	17-Mar-25
Colonel Malone's	On	Restaurant	319	Broadway	STRATFORD	Colonel Malone's Limited	34/ON/9/2021	10/12/2020	10-Dec-24
Dawson Falls Mountain Lodge	On	Restaurant		Manaia Rd	KAPONGA	Te Rere o Kapuni Ltd	34/ON/3/2021	9/03/2017	09-Mar-24
Empire Hotel	On	Hotel	320	Fenton St	STRATFORD	Empire Hotel 2017 Limited	34/ON/3/2022	31/10/2018	31-Oct-25
Fine Wines of the World	Off	Cellar Door	231	Broadway	STRATFORD	Michael Gregory Radich	34/OFF/5/2023	19/10/2007	19-Oct-26
Five Star Liquor	Off	Bottle Store	6	Fenton St	STRATFORD	Stratford Liquor Merchants Ltd	34/OFF/1/2023	20/04/2004	20-Apr-26
Masala Bay	On	Restaurant	262	Broadway	STRATFORD	NMP Holdings Ltd	34/ON/3/2023	8/11/2019	08-Nov-26
Midhirst Tavern	On	Tavern	3158	Mountain Rd	MIDHIRST	KL Reddy Limited	34/ON/5/2023	27/01/2023	27-Jan-27
New Commercial Hotel	On	Hotel	339	Broadway	STRATFORD	Bahudha Limited	34/ON/2/2022	16/04/2021	16-Apr-25
Stratford Avon Bowling Club	Club	Sports Club		Regan St	STRATFORD	Stratford Avon Bowling Club Inc	34/CL/3/2022	20/10/2006	20-Oct-25
Stratford Cricket Club	Club	Sports Club		Cordelia St	STRATFORD	Stratford Cricket Club Inc	34/CL/1/2021	28/08/2000	28-Aug-24
Stratford Golf Club	Club	Sports Club		Pembroke Rd	STRATFORD	Stratford Golf Club Inc	34/CL/2/2021	9/08/1990	28-Aug-24
Stratford Mountain House	On	Restaurant		Pembroke Rd	STRATFORD	Ngati Ruanui Operating Company Limited	34/ON/5/2021	15/07/2011	15-Jul-24
Stratford New World Supermarket	Off	Supermarket	114	Regan St	STRATFORD	Snow Badger Limited	34/OFF/1/2024	10/05/2024	10-May-25
Stratford Rugby & Sports Club	Club	Sports Club	61	Orlando St	STRATFORD	Stratford Rugby & Sports Club Inc	34/CL/1/2023	21/03/2007	21-Mar-26
Strathmore Golf Club	Club	Sports Club	989	Makuri Rd	STRATFORD	Strathmore Golf Club Inc	34/CL/4/2022	6/12/1994	06-Dec-25
Taranaki Stock Car Club	Club	Sports Club	9	Flint Rd	STRATFORD	Taranaki Stock Car Club Inc	34/CL/1/2022	3/12/2010	07-Mar-25
Stratford Black Bull Liquor	Off	Bottle Store	279	Broadway	STRATFORD	Preet and Preet Stratford Limited	34/OFF/3/2022	11/11/2021	11-Nov-25
Whangamomona Hotel	On	Hotel	6018	Ohura Rd	STRATFORD	JB Ventures (2012) Ltd	34/ON/4/2023	13/12/2013	13-Dec-26
Whangamomona Hotel	Off	Hotel	6018	Ohura Rd	STRATFORD	JB Ventures (2012) Ltd	34/OFF/6/2023	13/12/2013	13-Dec-26
Stratford 4 Square	Off	Grocery Store	406	Broadway	STRATFORD	Watergold Limited	34/OFF/2/2021	8/09/2020	08-Sep-24
Countdown Stratford	Off	Supermarket	21A-2	Broadway	STRATFORD	General Distributors Limited	34/OFF/4/2022	12/06/2015	12-Jun-25
Big Barrel	Off	Bottle Store	36	Miranda St	STRATFORD	Just Liquor Limited	34/OFF/2/2022	30/06/2015	12-Jun-25
Arts Collective	Off	Cellar Door	11	Fenton St	STRATFORD	The Couch Limited	34/OFF/2/2023	3/04/2019	03-Apr-26
Arts Collective	On	Café/Restaurant	11	Fenton St	STRATFORD	The Couch Limited	34/ON/6/2022	13/12/2018	13-Dec-25
Egmont Rod & Custom Club	Club	Sports Club	119	Cordelia St	STRATFORD	Egmont Rod and Custom Club Inc	34/CL/2/2023	28/11/2019	28-Nov-26
Stadium Bar and Bistro	On	Tavern	62	Portia St	STRATFORD	Roberts Tribe & Company Limited	34/ON/1/2022	5/04/2022	05-Apr-25
Stadium Bar and Bistro	Off	Tavern	62	Portia St	STRATFORD	Roberts Tribe & Company Limited	34/OFF/1/2022	5/04/2022	05-Apr-25

# INFORMATION REPORT



F22/55/04 – D24/34792

To: Council  
 From: Environmental Compliance Officer  
 Date: 10 September 2024  
 Subject: Dog Control Policy & Practices Report – Year Ended 30 June 2024.

**Recommendation**

THAT the Annual Report on Dog Control Policy and Practices for the year ending 30 June 2024 be received and contents noted.

**Recommended Reason**  
 The report is required under section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996.

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 Moved/Seconded

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the Annual Report on Dog Control Policy and Practices (**Appendix 1**).

2. Executive Summary

The Dog Control Act 1996 requires Council to report annually on its Dog Control Policy and practices, give public notice of that report after adoption by Council and send a copy to the Secretary for Local Government. This report meets those requirements.

3. Local Government Act 2002

Under section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Council’s purpose is to “enable democratic local decision making by and on behalf of communities; as well as promoting the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities now and into the future”			
Does the recommended option meet the purpose of the Local Government 4 well-beings? And which:			Yes
Social	Economic	Environmental	Cultural
✓		✓	

The Dog Control Policy contributes to the *performance of a good quality regulatory function and local public service*.

4. Background

The Dog Control Act 1996 requires a Territorial Authority to report annually on Dog Control Policy and practices:



**10A Territorial authority must report on dog control policy and practices**

- (1) *A territorial authority must, in respect of each financial year, report on the administration of-*  
    “(a) *its dog control policy adopted under section 10; and*  
    “(b) *its dog control practices.*
- (2) *The report must include, in respect of each financial year, information relating to-*  
    “(a) *the number of registered dogs in the territorial authority district;*  
    “(b) *the number of probationary owners and disqualified owners in the territorial district;*  
    “(c) *the number of dogs in the territorial authority district classified as dangerous under section 31 and the relevant provision under which the classification is made;*  
    “(d) *the number of dogs in the territorial authority district classified as menacing under section 33A or section 33C and the relevant provision under which the classification is made;*  
    “(e) *the number of infringement notices issued by the territorial authority;*  
    “(f) *the number of dog related complaints received by the territorial authority in the previous year and nature of those complaints;*  
    “(g) *the number of prosecutions taken by the territorial authority under this act.*
- (3) *The territorial authority must give public notice of the report-*  
    “(a) *by means of a notice published in-*  
        “(i) *1 or more daily newspapers circulating in the territorial authority district; or*  
        “(ii) *1 or more other newspapers that have at least an equivalent circulation in that district to the daily newspapers in that district; and*  
    “(b) *by any means that the territorial authority thinks desirable in the circumstances.*
- (4) *The territorial authority must also, within 1 month after the adopting the report, send a copy of it to the Secretary for Local Government.”*

**5. Information Summary**

The attached report is produced to meet the requirement of the Dog Control Act 1996.

The Animal Control team has seen a decrease in the number of dogs recorded in the Stratford District. Out of the 2148 dogs recorded, 98% were registered during the 2023/2024 period.

The number of complaints overall has increased. We have seen an increase in the number of people using Antenno and other media platforms to advise the Council of a nuisance. This allows officers to educate dog owners or use enforcement tools where necessary. Not all calls for service are substantiated and sometimes calls for service relate to the same property or incident. We also see a decrease in the number of wandering dogs in the district for this period.

The number of calls about dog attacks and rushing has increased. Not all of these complaints were substantiated, or sufficient evidence was provided to use enforcement tools (i.e., the owner could not be identified). No prosecutions were undertaken this year for attacks. This is because owners choose to euthanise dogs involved in attacks.

**6. Strategic Alignment**

**6.1 Direction**

The Stratford Community Outcome of having a *“built environment that is attractive, safe and healthy”* is addressed by the collective information in this report.

**6.2 Annual Plan and Long Term Plan**

The recommendation does not have any implications concerning the proposed Long Term Plan.

6.3 **Sustainability Consideration**

This report informs the Department of Internal Affairs on the annual statistics for Dog Control matters in the Stratford district. Legislation informs the criteria that is required for those statistics. Sustainability consideration is not required in this instance.

6.4 **District Plan**

The recommendation does not have any implications concerning the Stratford District Plan.

6.5 **Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications concerning the recommendation.

6.6 **Policy Implications**

There are no policy implications concerning the recommendation.

**Attachments**

**Appendix 1** - Council report to the Department of Internal Affairs required by the Dog Control Act 1996.



Megan Moss  
**Environmental Compliance Officer**



[Endorsed by]  
Blair Sutherland  
**Director – Environmental Services**



[Approved by]  
Sven Hanne  
**Chief Executive**

**Date** 3 September 2024

## Appendix 1

**STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL****DOG CONTROL POLICY & PRACTICES REPORT - YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	This Year 2023/24	Last Year 2022/23
<b>DOG REGISTRATIONS</b>		
Total number of registered dogs	2148	2176
Total number of Probationary Owners	NIL	NIL
Number of Probationary Owner declarations this year	NIL	NIL
Number of lapsed Probationary Owners this year	NIL	NIL
Total number of Disqualified Owners	4	3
Number of Disqualified Owner declarations this year	NIL	3
Number of lapsed Disqualified Owners this year	NIL	NIL
Total number of Dangerous Dogs	2	NIL
Number of Dangerous Dog classifications this year	NIL	2
Provision(s) (Number)		
31(1)(a)	NIL	1
31(1)(b)	NIL	NIL
31(1)(c)	NIL	NIL
Total number of Menacing Dogs	9	11
Number of Menacing Dog classifications this year	1	2
Provision(s) (Number)		
33A(1)(a)	0	1
33A(1)(b)(i)	0	0
33A(1)(b)(ii)	0	1
Number of Infringement Notices issued	115	118
Infringements forwarded to Court for collection	52	23
Number of Prosecutions obtained	0	0
Number of dogs impounded	45	52
Number of dogs destroyed	6	3
Number of dogs rehoused	8	10
Total Number of complaints	336	286
Barking dogs	135	63
Wandering dogs	172	192
Dog attacks on stock or other animals	8	15
Dog attacks on people	6	1
Dogs rushing	4	1
Miscellaneous*	11	17

\*Miscellaneous duties are responses to calls for lost dogs, dog rescue, customer complaints, education and the like.



**Our reference**  
F19/13/03-D21/40748

### **Karakia**

Kia uruuru mai  
Ā hauora  
Ā haukaha  
Ā haumāia  
Ki runga, Ki raro  
Ki roto, Ki waho  
Rire rire hau Paimārire

I draw in (to my being)  
The reviving essence  
The strengthening essence  
The essence of courage  
Above, Below  
Within, Around  
Let there be peace.