

Statement of Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

Hurunui District Council (the Council) is a territorial local authority established under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) and is domiciled and operates in New Zealand. The relevant legislation governing the Council's operations includes the LGA and the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

The group consists of the ultimate parent Hurunui District Council and its subsidiary Hurunui Holdings Limited (HHL) (100% owned), associates Enterprise North Canterbury (50% equity share) and Transwaste Canterbury Limited (1.2%). The Council's subsidiaries and associates are incorporated and domiciled in New Zealand.

The Council and group provides local infrastructure, local public services, and performs regulatory functions to the community. The Council does not operate to make a financial return.

The Council has designated itself and the group as public benefit entities for financial reporting purposes.

The prospective financial statements of the Council and group are for the ten years ended 30 June 2034. The prospective financial statements were authorised for issue by the Council on 25 June 2024.

Basis of Preparation of the Forecast Information

The prospective financial statements of the Council and group have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the LGA and the Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014 (LG(FRP)R), which include the requirement to comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand (NZ GAAP).

The prospective financial statements and service performance information have been prepared in accordance with and comply with PBE Standards. The opening balances for the 2024/2025 year are based on forecast closing balances for the 2023/2024 year.

The prospective financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, modified by the revaluation of land and buildings, certain infrastructural assets, investments, biological assets and financial instruments (including derivative instruments).

The Council, who are authorised to do so and believe that the assumptions underlying these prospective financial statements are appropriate, has approved the Long Term Plan for distribution.

The Council and management of the Hurunui District Council accept responsibility for the preparation of their prospective financial statements, including the appropriateness of the assumptions underlying the prospective financial statements and all other required disclosures.

No actual financial results have been incorporated within the prospective financial statements.

Statement of compliance

The financial information contained within this report has been prepared in accordance with the generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand as required under section 111 of the Local Government Act 2002, and the Long Term Plan requirements of section 93. It is audited under section 84 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The prospective financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Tier 1 PBE accounting standards. The financial statements incorporated in the Long Term Plan have been prepared in compliance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) number 42: Prospective Financial Statements.

Cautionary Note

The information in the prospective financial statements is to outline service and spending priorities in the statement of proposal for the Long Term Plan and may not be appropriate for any other use.

Consolidation

The Council has not consolidated the prospective financial statements to include the Council's subsidiary Hurunui Holdings Limited. As Hurunui Holdings holds no assets and has no transactions, the Council believes consolidation for the purpose of the Long Term Plan will not be material.

Measurement base

The prospective financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$'000). The functional currency of the HDC is New Zealand dollars.

Changes in accounting policies

No changes to the accounting policies are allowed for in the preparation of the Long Term Plan.

Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated prospective financial statements are prepared by adding together like items of assets, liabilities, equity, revenue, and expenses of entities in the group on a line-by-line basis. All intragroup balances, transactions, revenues, and expenses are eliminated on consolidation.

Cost Allocation

HDC has derived the net cost of service for each significant activity of the Council using a system of cost allocation. Direct Costs are charged directly to significant activities. Indirect costs are charged to significant activities based on cost drivers and related activity/usage information. 'Direct' costs are those costs directly attributable to a significant activity.

'Indirect costs' are those costs, which cannot be identified in an economically feasible manner with a specific significant activity.

The costs of internal services not directly charged to activities are allocated as overheads using appropriate cost drivers such as actual usage, staff numbers and the like.

Goods and services tax

Items in the prospective financial statements are stated exclusive of GST, except for receivables and payables, which are presented on a GST inclusive basis. Where GST is not recoverable as input tax, it is recognised as part of the related asset or expense.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the IRD is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

The net GST paid to, or received from, the IRD, including the GST relating to investing and financing activities, is classified as an operating cash flow in the statement of cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed exclusive of GST.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The preparation of prospective financial statements in conformity with PBE IPSAS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis

of making the judgments about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources.

Management has exercised the following critical judgments in applying the accounting policies to the preparation of the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan. Judgments have been made over useful lives of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets, landfill aftercare provision, probability of reaching vesting date for long service liability, sick leave provisions, valuations of infrastructural assets and the long term effects on HDC's assets as a result of the Canterbury earthquakes. Therefore, actual results may differ from these estimates.

The judgments and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period to which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The full discussion on assumptions used in the development of the Long Term Plan are recorded in the separate section.

Revenue

Revenue is measured at fair value.

The specific accounting policies for significant revenue items are explained below:

Rates revenue

The following policies for rates have been applied:

- General rates, targeted rates (excluding water-by-meter), and uniform annual general charges are recognised at the start of the financial year to which the rates resolution relates. They are recognised at the amounts due. The Council considers that the effect of payment of rates by instalments is not sufficient to require discounting of rates receivables and subsequent recognition of interest revenue.
- Rates arising from late payment penalties are recognised as revenue when rates become overdue.
- Revenue from water-by-meter rates is recognised on an accrual basis based on usage. Unbilled usage, as a result of unread meters at year-end, is accrued on an average usage basis.
- Rates remissions are recognised as a reduction of rates revenue when the Council has received an application that satisfies its rates remission policy.
- Rates collected on behalf of the Canterbury Regional Council (ECan) are not recognised in the financial statements, as the Council is acting as an agent for ECan.

Development and financial contributions

Development and financial contributions are recognised as revenue when the Council provides, or is able to provide, the service for which the contribution was charged. Otherwise, development and financial contributions are recognised as liabilities until such time as the Council provides, or is able to provide, the service.

Insurance proceeds

The Council recognises insurance proceeds when they become receivable.

Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency roading subsidies

The Council receives funding assistance from Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency, which subsidises part of the costs of maintenance and capital expenditure on the local roading infrastructure. The subsidies are recognised as revenue upon entitlement, as conditions pertaining to eligible expenditure have been fulfilled.

Other grants received

Other grants are recognised as revenue when they become receivable unless there is an obligation in substance to return the funds if conditions of the grant are not met. If there is such an obligation, the grants are initially recorded as grants received in advance and recognised as revenue when conditions of the grant are satisfied.

Building and resource consent revenue

Fees and charges for building and resource consent services are recognised on a percentage completion basis with reference to the recoverable costs incurred at balance date.

Entrance fees

Entrance fees are fees charged to users of the Council's local facilities. Revenue from entrance fees is recognised upon entry to such facilities.

Landfill fees

Fees for disposing of waste at the Council's landfill are recognised as waste is disposed of by users.

Provision of commercially based services

Revenue derived through the provision of services to third parties in a commercial manner is recognised in proportion to the stage of completion at balance date. Generally, this is determined by the proportion of costs incurred to date bearing to the estimated total costs of providing the service.

Sales of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when a product is sold to the customer.

Infringement fees and fines

Infringement fees and fines mostly relate to traffic and parking infringements and are recognised when the infringement notice is issued. The revenue recognised is determined based on the probability of collecting fines, which is estimated by considering the collection history of fines over the preceding 2-year period.

Vested or donated physical assets

For assets received for no or nominal consideration, the asset is recognised at its fair value when the Council obtains control of the asset. The fair value of the asset is recognised as revenue, unless there is a use or return condition attached to the asset.

The fair value of vested or donated assets is usually determined by reference to the cost of constructing the asset. For assets received from property developments, the fair value is based on construction price information provided by the property developer.

For long-lived assets that must be used for a specific use (for example, land must be used as a recreation reserve), the Council immediately recognises the fair value of the asset as revenue. A liability is recognised only if the Council expects that it will need to return or pass the asset to another party.

Donated and bequeathed financial assets

Donated and bequeathed financial assets are recognised as revenue unless there are substantive use or return conditions. A liability is recorded if there are substantive use or return conditions and the liability is released to revenue as the conditions are met (for example, as the funds are spent for the nominated purpose).

Interest and dividends

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method.

Dividends are recognised when the right to receive payment has been established. When dividends are declared from pre-acquisition surpluses, the dividend is deducted from the cost of the investment.

Personnel Costs

Superannuation schemes

Defined contribution schemes: Employer contributions to KiwiSaver, the Government Superannuation Fund, and the State Sector Retirement Savings Scheme are accounted for as defined contribution superannuation schemes and are expensed in the surplus or deficit as incurred.

Finance costs

Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the financial year in which they are incurred.

Other expenses

Grant expenditure

The Council's grants awarded have no substantive conditions attached.

Non-discretionary grants are those grants that are awarded if the grant application meets the specified criteria and are recognised as expenditure when an application that meets the specified criteria for the grant has been received.

Discretionary grants are those grants where the Council has no obligation to award on receipt of the grant application and are recognised as expenditure when approved by the Council and the approval has been communicated to the applicant.

Operating leases

An operating lease is a lease that does not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an asset.

Lease payments under an operating lease are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Lease incentives received are recognised in the surplus or deficit as a reduction of rental expense over the lease term.

Income tax

Income tax expense includes components relating to current tax and deferred tax.

Current tax is the amount of income tax payable based on the taxable profit for the current year, plus any adjustments to income tax payable in respect of prior years.

Deferred tax is the amount of income tax payable or recoverable in future periods in respect of temporary differences and unused tax losses.

Council does not have any deferred tax.

Current tax and deferred tax are measured using tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at balance date.

Current and deferred tax is recognised against the surplus or deficit for the period, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive revenue and expense or directly in equity.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

Trade and other receivables

Short-term receivables are recorded at the amount due, less an allowance for expected credit losses (ECL). The Council and group apply the simplified ECL model of recognising lifetime ECL for short-term receivables.

In measuring ECLs, receivables have been grouped into rates receivables, and other receivables, and assessed on a collective basis as they possess shared credit risk characteristics. They have then been grouped based on the days past due. A provision matrix is then established based on historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

Rates are “written-off”:

- when remitted in accordance with the Council’s rates remission policy; and
- in accordance with the write-off criteria of sections 90A (where rates cannot be reasonably recovered) and 90B (in relation to Māori freehold land) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

Other receivables are written-off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include the debtor being in liquidation or the receivable being more than one year overdue.

Inventory

Inventories are held for retail purposes by the Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools and Spa.

The inventory is measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Non-current assets held for sale

Non-current assets are classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction, not through continuing use. Non-current assets held for sale are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell.

Any impairment losses for write downs or non-current assets held for sale are recognised in the surplus or deficit.

Any increases in fair value (less costs to sell) are recognised up to the level of any impairment losses that have been previously recognised.

Non-current assets are not depreciated or amortised while they are classified as held for sale (including those that are part of a disposal group).

Derivative financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments are used to manage exposure to foreign exchange risks arising from the Council’s operational activities and interest rate risks arising from the Council’s financing activities. In accordance with its treasury policy, the Council does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for trading purposes.

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at each balance date. The method of recognising the resulting gain or loss depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and, if so, the nature of the item being hedged.

The associated gains or losses on derivatives that are not hedge accounted are recognised in the surplus or deficit. The full fair value of a hedge accounted derivative is classified as non-current if the remaining maturity of the hedged item is more than 12 months, and as current if the remaining maturity of the hedged item is less than 12 months.

The full fair value of a non-hedge accounted foreign exchange derivative is classified as current if the contract is due for settlement within 12 months of balance date; otherwise, foreign exchange derivatives are classified as non-current. The portion of the fair value of a non-hedge accounted interest rate derivative that is expected to be

realised within 12 months of balance date is classified as current, with the remaining portion of the derivative classified as non-current.

Hedge accounting

The Council and group designates certain derivatives as either:

- hedges of the fair value of recognised assets or liabilities or a firm commitment (fair value hedge); or
- hedges of highly probable forecast transactions (cash flow hedge).

The Council and group documents at the inception of the transaction the relationship between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as its risk management objective and strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. The Council and group also documents its assessment, both at hedge inception and on an ongoing basis, of whether the derivatives that are used in hedging transactions are highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of hedged items.

Fair value hedge

The gain or loss from remeasuring the hedging instrument at fair value, along with the changes in the fair value on the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk, is recognised in the surplus or deficit. Fair value hedge accounting is applied only for hedging fixed interest risk on borrowings.

If the hedge relationship no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, the adjustment to the carrying amount of a hedged item for which the effective interest method is used is amortised to the surplus or deficit over the period to maturity.

Cash flow hedge

The portion of the gain or loss on a hedging instrument that is determined to be an effective hedge is recognised in other comprehensive revenue and expense, and the ineffective portion of the gain or loss on the hedging instrument is recognised in the surplus or deficit as part of "finance costs."

If a hedge of a forecast transaction subsequently results in the recognition of a financial asset or a financial liability, the associated gains or losses that were recognised in other comprehensive revenue and expense are reclassified into the surplus or deficit in the same period or periods during which the asset acquired or liability assumed affects the surplus or deficit. However, if it is expected that all or a portion of a loss is recognised in other comprehensive revenue and expense will not be recovered in one or more future periods, the amount that is not expected to be recovered is reclassified to the surplus or deficit.

When a hedge of a forecast transaction subsequently results in the recognition of a non-financial asset or a nonfinancial liability, or a forecast transaction for a non-financial asset or non-financial liability becomes a firm commitment for which fair value hedge accounting is applied, the associated gains and losses that were recognised in other comprehensive revenue and expense will be included in the initial cost or carrying amount of the asset or liability.

If a hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated, exercised, or revoked, or it no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, the cumulative gain or loss on the hedging instrument that has been recognised in other comprehensive revenue and expense from the period when the hedge was effective will remain separately recognised in equity until the forecast transaction occurs. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, any related cumulative gain or loss on the hedging instrument that has been recognised in other comprehensive revenue and expense from the period when the hedge was effective is reclassified from equity to the surplus or deficit.

Other financial assets

Other financial assets (other than shares in subsidiaries) are initially recognised at fair value. They are then classified as, and subsequently measured under, the following categories:

- amortised cost.
- fair value through other comprehensive revenue and expense (FVTOCRE); and
- fair value through surplus and deficit (FVTSD).

Transaction costs are included in the value of the financial asset at initial recognition unless the it has been designated at FVTSD, in which case it is recognised in surplus or deficit.

The classification of a financial asset depends on its cash flow characteristics and the Council and group's management model for managing them.

A financial asset is classified and subsequently measured at amortised cost if it gives rise to cash flows that are 'solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI)' on the principal outstanding and is held within a management model whose objective is to collect the contractual cash flows of the asset.

A financial asset is classified and subsequently measured at FVTOCRE if it gives rise to cash flows that are SPPI and held within a management model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets.

Financial assets that do not meet the criteria to be measured at amortised cost or FVTOCRE are subsequently measured at FVTSD. However, the Council and group may elect at initial recognition to designate an equity investment not held for trading as subsequently measured at FVTOCRE.

Subsequent measurement of financial assets at amortised cost

Financial assets classified at amortised cost are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any expected credit losses (ECL). Where applicable, interest accrued is added to the investment balance. Instruments in this category include term deposits, community loans, and loans to subsidiaries and associates.

Subsequent measurement of financial assets at FVTOCRE

Financial assets in this category that are debt instruments are subsequently measured at fair value with fair value gains and losses recognised in other comprehensive revenue and expense, except ECL and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in surplus or deficit. When sold, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive revenue and expense is reclassified to surplus and deficit.

Debt instruments in this category are the Council and group's listed bonds.

Financial assets in this category that are equity instruments designated as FVTOCRE are subsequently measured at fair value with fair value gains and losses recognised in other comprehensive revenue and expense. There is no assessment for impairment when fair value falls below the cost of the investment. When sold, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive revenue and expense is transferred to accumulated funds within equity. The Council and group designate into this category all equity investments that are not held for trading as they are strategic investments that are intended to be held for the medium to long-term.

Subsequent measurement of financial assets at FVTSD

Financial assets in this category are subsequently measured at fair value with fair value gains and losses recognised in surplus or deficit.

Interest revenue and dividends recognised from these financial assets are separately presented within revenue.

Other than for derivatives, the Council and group has no instruments in this category.

Expected credit loss allowance (ECL)

The Council and group recognise an allowance for ECLs for all debt instruments not classified as FVTSD. ECLs are the probability-weighted estimate of credit losses, measured at the present value of cash shortfalls, which is the difference between the cash flows due to Council and group in accordance with the contract and the cash flows it expects to receive. ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

ECLs are recognised in two stages. ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next 12 months (a 12-month ECL). However, if there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, the loss allowance is based on losses possible for the remaining life of the financial asset (Lifetime ECL).

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Council and group considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on the Council and group's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward-looking information.

The Council and group consider a financial asset to be in default when the financial asset is more than 90 days past due. The Council and group may determine a default occurs prior to this if internal or external information indicates the entity is unlikely to pay its credit obligations in full.

Council measure ECLs on loan commitments at the date the commitment becomes irrevocable. If the ECL measured exceeds the gross carrying amount of the financial asset, the ECL is recognised as a provision.

Shares in subsidiaries (at cost)

The investment in subsidiaries is carried at cost in the Council's parent entity financial statements.

Note 14: Investments in associates

An associate is an entity over which the Council has significant influence and that is neither a subsidiary nor an interest in a joint venture.

The Council's associate investment is accounted for in the group financial statements using the equity method. The investment in an associate is initially recognised at cost and the carrying amount in the group financial statements is increased or decreased to recognise the group's share of the surplus or deficit of the associate after the date of acquisition. Distributions received from an associate reduce the carrying amount of the investment in the group financial statements.

If the share of deficits of an associate equal or exceeds its interest in the associate, the group discontinues recognising its share of further deficits. After the group's interest is reduced to zero, additional deficits are provided for, and a liability is recognised, only to the extent that the group has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate. If the associate subsequently reports surpluses, the group will resume recognising its share of those surpluses only after its share of the surpluses equals the share of deficits not recognised.

Where the group transacts with an associate, surpluses or deficits are eliminated to the extent of the group's interest in the associate.

The investment in the associate is carried at cost in the Council's parent entity financial statements.

Property, plant & equipment

Property, plant and equipment consists of:

Operational assets — These include land, buildings, landfill post closure, library books, plant and equipment, and motor vehicles.

Restricted assets — Restricted assets are parks and reserves owned by the Council which provide a benefit or service to the community and cannot be disposed of because of legal or other restrictions.

Infrastructure assets — Infrastructure assets are the fixed utility systems owned by the Council and group. Each asset class includes all items that are required for the network to function. For example, sewer reticulation includes reticulation piping and sewer pump stations.

Land (operational and restricted) is measured at fair value, and buildings (operational and restricted), library books, and infrastructural assets (except land under roads) are measured at fair value less accumulated depreciation. All other asset classes are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Revaluation

Land and buildings (operational and restricted) and infrastructural assets (except land under roads) are revalued with sufficient regularity to ensure that their carrying amount does not differ materially from fair value and at least every three years.

Revaluation movements are accounted for on a class-of-asset basis.

The net revaluation results are credited or debited to other comprehensive revenue and expense and are accumulated to an asset revaluation reserve in equity for that class-of-asset. Where this would result in a debit balance in the asset revaluation reserve, this balance is not recognised in other comprehensive revenue and expense but is recognised in the surplus or deficit. Any subsequent increase on revaluation that reverses a previous decrease in value recognised in the surplus or deficit will be recognised first in the surplus or deficit up to the amount previously expensed, and then recognised in other comprehensive revenue and expense.

Additions

The cost of an item of property, plant, and equipment is recognised as an asset only when it is probable that future economic benefits or service potential associated with the item will flow to the Council and group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

Work in progress is recognised at cost less impairment and is not depreciated.

In most instances, an item of property, plant, and equipment is initially recognised at its cost. Where an asset is acquired through a non-exchange transaction, it is recognised at its fair value as at the date of acquisition.

Costs incurred subsequent to initial acquisition are capitalised only when it is probable that future economic benefits or service potential associated with the item will flow to the Council and group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

The costs of day-to-day servicing of property, plant, and equipment are recognised in the surplus or deficit as they are incurred.

Disposals

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount of the asset. Gains and losses on disposals are reported net in the surplus or deficit. When revalued assets are sold, the amounts included in asset revaluation reserves in respect of those assets are transferred to accumulated funds.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis on all property, plant, and equipment other than land, at rates that will write off the cost (or valuation) of the assets to their estimated residual values over their useful lives. The useful lives and associated depreciation rates of major classes of assets have been estimated as follows:

	Useful Life	Depreciation Rate
Buildings - wooden (excluding properties intended for sale)	50 years	2%
Buildings - concrete (excluding properties intended for sale)	100 years	1%
Furniture and fittings: administration	5 years	20%
Furniture and fittings: pensioner flats	10 years	10%
Library books	3 – 8 years	12.5 – 33.33%
Computer hardware	3 – 4 years	25 – 33.33%
Motor vehicles	5 years	20%
Thermal pools - plant	5 years	20%
Thermal pools – development expenditure	20 – 100 years	1% - 5%
Plant and machinery (excluding HDC's infrastructural assets)	10 years	10%
Small plant and machines	3 - 10 years	10 - 33.33%
Car parks	20 – 25 years	4 – 5%
Landscaping	10 – 50 years	2 – 10%
Roads, Streets and Bridges		
- Land under roads	Not depreciated	0%
- Pavement formation	Not depreciated	0%
- Pavement layers (sealed)	100 years	1%
- Pavement layers (unsealed)	Not depreciated	0%
- Pavement surface (sealed)	Average 16 years	6.25%
- Pavement surface (unsealed)	12 years	8.33%
- Culverts	25 – 50 years	2 – 4%
- Kerb and channel	50 – 80 years	1.25 – 2%
- Footpaths	20 – 75 years	1.33 – 5%
- Bridges – timber	70 years	1.43%
- Bridges – concrete and other	100 years	1%
- Retaining walls	50 years	2%
- Traffic signs	12 years	8.33%
- Street lighting	15 – 25 years	4 – 6.67%
Sewerage		
- Pipes	50 – 80 years	1.25 – 2%
- Pipes other	40 years	2.5%
- Pumps and controls	10 – 25 years	4 – 10%
- Manholes	50 – 80 years	1.25 – 2%
- Treatment plant	25 – 60 years	1.67 – 4%
Water		
- Pipes	50 – 80 years	1.25 – 2%
- Pipes other	50 – 80 years	1.25 – 2%
- Reservoir and tanks	80 years	1.25%
- Pumps and controls	10 – 25 years	4 – 10%
- Pump stations/intakes	20 – 60 years	1.67 – 5%
- Treatment plant	10 – 80 years	1.25 – 10%
Drainage		
- Points	80 years	1.25%
- Lines	50 - 80 years	1.25 – 2%

The residual value and useful life of an asset is reviewed, and adjusted if applicable, at each balance date.

Impairment of property, plant, and equipment

Property, plant, and equipment that have a finite useful life are reviewed for impairment at each balance date and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

If an asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is regarded as impaired and the carrying amount is written down to the recoverable amount. For revalued assets, the impairment loss is recognised against the revaluation reserve for that class of asset. Where that results in a debit balance in the revaluation reserve, the balance is recognised in the surplus or deficit.

For assets not carried at a revalued amount, the total impairment loss is recognised in the surplus or deficit.

The reversal of an impairment loss on a revalued asset is credited to other comprehensive revenue and expense and increases the asset revaluation reserve for that class of asset. However, to the extent that an impairment loss for that class of asset was previously recognised in the surplus or deficit, a reversal of the impairment loss is also recognised in the surplus or deficit.

For assets not carried at a revalued amount, the reversal of an impairment loss is recognised in the surplus or deficit.

Value in use for non-cash-generating assets

Non-cash-generating assets are those assets that are not held with the primary objective of generating a commercial return.

For non-cash-generating assets, value in use is determined using an approach based on either a depreciated replacement cost approach, a restoration cost approach, or a service units approach. The most appropriate approach used to measure value in use depends on the nature of the impairment and availability of information.

Value in use for cash-generating assets

Cash-generating assets are those assets that are held with the primary objective of generating a commercial return.

The value in use for cash-generating assets and cash-generating units is the present value of expected future cash flows.

Estimating the fair value of land, buildings, and infrastructure

Revaluation

An asset's fair value at the date of revaluation is equal to the revalued amount. Revaluations are performed with sufficient regularity such that the carrying amount does not differ materially from that which would be determined using fair values at balance date and this is generally every three years.

Revaluation increments and decrements are credited or debited to the asset revaluation reserve for that class of asset. Where this results in a debit balance in the asset revaluation reserve, this balance is expensed in the surplus or deficit. Any subsequent increase on revaluation that offsets a previous decrease in value is recognised in the surplus or deficit. Any increase will be recognised up to the amount previously expensed, and then credited to the revaluation reserve for that class of asset.

Operational land and buildings

Land and buildings were valued by QV Limited (Registered Valuers) as at 30 June 2023. The basis of valuation is fair value with reference to highest and best use, as at 30 June 2023. They are stated at valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment.

Properties in the course of construction for production, rental or administrative purposes, or for purposes not yet determined, are carried at cost, less any recognised impairment loss. Cost includes professional fees.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Council and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the surplus or deficit during the financial period in which they are incurred.

There are some siteworks categorised in Operational Land and Buildings so not all assets within these categories have been revalued.

The basis of valuation undertaken by QV Limited is fair value with reference to highest and best use. QV Limited had reported in their report" due to a lack of current market evidence, there is significant valuation uncertainty. As New Zealand has moved down the Covid-19 Alert Levels more sales evidence has become available however evidence remains limited. As this is a relatively recent event and due to the comparatively low levels of property sales turning over compared to normal, it has made the drawing of market movement conclusions challenging. As more market evidence becomes available, the changes in the market due to the Covid-19 influence will become more apparent. Given the information we have available to date and the ongoing uncertainty, we have adopted our Fair Value assessments towards the lower end of the market value ranges as indicated by comparable sales evidence. We consider this position to be appropriate in light of the current climate."

Restricted assets

Certain infrastructure assets and land have been vested in Council as part of the subdivisional consent process. The vested reserve land has been initially recognised at the most recent appropriately certified government valuation. Vested infrastructure assets have been valued based on the estimated quantities of infrastructure components vested and the current "in the ground" cost of providing identical services.

Infrastructural asset classes: sewerage, water, drainage, and roads

The most recent valuation of three water assets (sewerage, water and stormwater) was performed internally by the Council's Technical Officer - Utilities, D Perry and peer reviewed by M Clough, Registered Valuer of Beca Valuations Limited. The sewer ponds in Amberley and Hanmer Springs have been valued at cost less accumulated depreciation. The valuation is effective as at 30 June 2021. Council has assumed an inflation factor in the intervening three year period to provide a proxy for the revaluation that is due for completion as at 30 June 2024. This has resulted in an increase to the value of three waters assets to provide an amended opening balance as at 1 July 2024.

Roading assets have been valued at depreciated replacement cost as at 30 June 2022. The valuation was prepared by Stephen Lee and Jako Abrie of Beca Limited. The valuation was reviewed by Kevin Dunn of Beca Limited and approved by Marvin Clough of Beca Limited.

The roading valuation includes land under the roading network. The valuation of this land is based on the average rateable value of land in the associated ward as determined by QV Valuations (Registered Valuers) as at 30 June 2005. Under NZ IFRS the Council has elected to use the fair value of the land under roads as at 30 June 2005 at deemed cost. Land under roads is no longer revalued.

Sewerage, water, drainage, and roading infrastructural assets are valued using the depreciated replacement cost method. There are a number of estimates and assumptions exercised when valuing infrastructural assets using the depreciated replacement cost method. These include:

- *Optimisation* - Optimisation allows for obsolete, redundant and over designed assets to be valued accordingly using an optimisation factor where replacement costs are adjusted using this factor to allow for replacement of over designed and obsolete assets in the three waters networks. Existing assets are fully utilised and as such the unit rate factor (URF) equals 1 for the assets. In rural areas, Ashley Rural Water Supply in particular, the original network linked large farm blocks across paddocks. As these blocks have been sub-divided into lifestyle blocks, Council has taken the opportunity to replace the existing pipes across private property with sub-mains in the road reserve thus reducing the amount of public infrastructure on private land. Note that in such a scenario, the existing pipe is abandoned on-site and disposed from the asset database.
- *Replacement Costs* - Replacement cost (RC) is unit rate x quantity and, to account for optimisation, optimised replacement cost (ORC) is unit rate x quantity x unit rate factor. The unit rate includes over Council overheads. Replacements costs have been determined using known asset costs from capital projects completed by the Capital Works Team and from costs provided by developers for vested assets installed during subdivisions.
- *Residual Value* - Residual Value is the salvageable value of an asset at the end of its base life. Assetfinda sets residual value as 0 (unless instructed otherwise). As infrastructure assets are usually disposed of without sale, they are considered to be of little value at the end of their base life. Accordingly, residual values are set at zero for this valuation.
- *Remaining Useful Lives* - During the valuation process Assetfinda allows the user to adjust the remaining life of an asset based on their condition or performance. The valuation of the asset is completed on the remaining useful life. Remaining Useful Life (RUL) is the amount of time remaining in years until the asset reaches the end of its base life. In Assetfinda, RUL is assessed on base life less age with condition and performance also taken into account. If an asset has exceeded its base life but remains in use, Assetfinda assigns the asset with an adjusted remaining life of 2.5% of its base life. A minimum of a one year life has been assigned to all assets in service that have exceeded their base lives. This minimum allows recognition of economically assets for replacement planning purposes and avoids less than one year RULs artificially inflating depreciated replacement cost.
- *Depreciated Replacement Cost* - Assets are straight line depreciated to full depreciation using the depreciated replacement cost (DRC) method at the end of their base lives where the asset no longer depreciates. As the starting points are ORCs, the DRC method produces Optimised Depreciated Replacement Costs (ODRC). ODRC is assessed using the DRC method at any given point within the assets total useful life (TUL). TUL is age + remaining useful life. The formula used to calculate ODRC is $ORC \times RUL/TUL$.

Certain infrastructural assets have been vested in the Council as part of the subdivision consent process. Vested infrastructure assets have been valued based on the estimated quantities of the components vested in the Council.

Intangible assets

Software acquisition and development

Acquired computer software licenses are capitalised on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring to use the specific software. Costs associated with maintaining computer software are recognised as an expense when incurred. Costs that are directly associated with the development of software for internal use by the Group are recognised as an intangible asset. Direct costs include the software development employee costs and an appropriate portion of the relevant overheads.

Carbon credits

Purchased carbon credits are recognised at cost on acquisition. They are not amortised but are instead tested for impairment annually. They are derecognised when they are used to satisfy carbon emission obligations.

Free carbon units received from the Crown are recognised at fair value on receipt. They are not amortised but are instead tested for impairment annually. They are derecognised when they are used to satisfy carbon emission obligations.

Amortisation

The carrying value of intangible assets with a finite life is amortised on a straight-line basis over its useful life. Amortisation begins when the assets is available for use and ceases at the date that the asset is derecognised. The amortisation charge for each period is recognised in the surplus or deficit.

The useful lives and associated amortisation rates of major classes of intangible assets have been estimated as follows:

Computer software	3 – 4 years	25 – 33%
Aerial Photos	10 years	10%

Impairment of intangible assets

Intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life, or are not yet available for use, are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that have a finite useful life are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

Forestry assets

Standing forestry assets are independently revalued annually by Laurie Forestry Limited at fair value less estimated costs to sell for one growth cycle.

Fair value is determined based on the present value of expected net cash flows discounted at a current market determined rate. This calculation is based on existing sustainable felling plans and assessments regarding growth, timber prices, felling costs, and silvicultural costs and takes into consideration environmental, operational, and market restrictions.

Gains or losses arising on initial recognition of forestry assets at fair value less costs to sell and from a change in fair value less costs to sell are recognised in the surplus or deficit.

Forestry maintenance costs are recognised in the surplus or deficit when incurred.

There are no restrictions over the title of forestry assets. No forestry assets are pledged as security for liabilities.

Payables and deferred revenue

Short-term creditors and other payables are recorded at their face value.

Borrowings

Borrowings are initially measured at fair value of net transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Council or group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after balance date.

Employee Entitlements

Provision is made in respect of the Council's liability for retiring gratuity allowances, annual and long service leave, and sick leave.

Short-term benefits

Employee benefits expected to be settled within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employee renders the related service are measured based on accrued entitlements at current rates of pay. These include salaries and wages accrued up to balance date, annual leave earned to, but not yet taken at balance date, and sick leave.

A liability for sick leave is recognised to the extent that absences in the coming year are expected to be greater than the sick leave entitlements earned in the coming year. The amount is calculated based on the unused sick leave entitlement that can be carried forward at balance date, to the extent it will be used by staff to cover those future absences.

A liability and an expense are recognised for bonuses where the Council or group has a contractual obligation or where there is a past practice that has created a constructive obligation.

Long service leave and retiring gratuity.

Employee benefits that are due to be settled beyond 12 months after the end of the period in which the employee renders the related service, such as long service leave and retirement gratuities, have been calculated on an actuarial basis. The calculations are based on:

- likely future entitlements accruing to staff, based on years of service, years to entitlement, the likelihood that staff will reach the point of entitlement, and contractual entitlement information; and
- the present value of the estimated future cash flows.

Presentation of employee entitlements

Sick leave, annual leave, and vested long service leave are classified as a current liability. Non-vested long service leave and retirement gratuities expected to be settled within 12 months of balance date are classified as a current liability. All other employee entitlements are classified as a non-current liability.

Provisions

A provision is recognised for future expenditure of uncertain amount or timing when there is a present obligation (either legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of future economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as an interest expense and is included in "finance costs".

As operator of the Waikari Landfill, the Council has a legal obligation under the resource consent to provide ongoing maintenance and monitoring services at the landfill site after closure. A provision for post-closure costs is recognised as a liability when the obligation for post-closure costs arises.

The provision is measured based on the present value of future cash flows expected to be incurred, taking into account future events including new legal requirements, and known improvements in technology, where there is

sufficient evidence that these events will occur. The provision includes all other costs associated with landfill post-closure.

Amounts provided for landfill post-closure are capitalised to the landfill asset where they give rise to future economic benefits to be obtained.

Components of the capitalised landfill asset are depreciated over their useful lives. The discount rate used is a rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability.

Equity

Equity is the community's interest in the Council and is measured as the difference between total assets and total liabilities. Equity is disaggregated and classified into the following components:

- accumulated funds.
- restricted reserves.
- property revaluation reserve.
- fair value through other comprehensive revenue and expense reserve; and

Restricted reserves

Restricted reserves are a component of equity generally representing a particular use to which various parts of equity have been assigned.

Reserves may be legally restricted or created by the Council. Restricted reserves include those subject to specific conditions accepted as binding by the Council and which may not be revised by the Council without reference to the Courts or a third party. Transfers from these reserves may be made only for certain specified purposes or when certain specified conditions are met.

Also included in restricted reserves are reserves restricted by Council decision. The Council may alter them without reference to any third party or the Courts. Transfers to and from these reserves are at the discretion of the Council.

Asset revaluation reserve

This reserve relates to the revaluation of property, plant, and equipment to fair value.

Fair value through other comprehensive revenue and expense reserve

This reserve comprises the cumulative net change in the fair value of assets classified as fair value through other comprehensive revenue and expense.