



AGENDA

Late Report

Ordinary Council meeting

Tuesday, 23 June 2026

Date: Tuesday, 23 June 2026

Time: 9:30 am

**Location: Tauranga City Council Chambers
L1, 90 Devonport Road
Tauranga**

**Marty Grenfell
Chief Executive**

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. Inform Council about prioritisation in the stormwater programme and implications on the proposed 2026/27 Annual Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Stormwater Prioritisation 2026/27 Annual Plan".

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. This report outlines the prioritisation of stormwater projects within the 2026/27 Annual and Long-Term Plan and proposes minor budget reallocation to enable earlier progress on high-priority projects.
3. Council is asked to approve rephasing \$300K programme budget in total to accelerate two legacy projects—\$250K for Awaiti Road and \$50K for Resolution Road—offset by a \$300K reduction from the Wairakei Stream Culvert Upgrade in the same financial year. The Wairakei Stream project is well into construction and some risk component can be released.
4. The stormwater programme is currently weighted toward planning rather than delivery, with many projects across citywide and spatial programmes (including Stormwater Management Plans, Network Upgrades, Water Quality, and Growth) still in early stages. Implementing Awaiti Road and Resolution Road enables tangible progress on projects with consents largely in place and clear flood-risk benefits.
5. Consents have been secured for Awaiti Road and engagement with tangata whenua showed strong support for the project.
6. Overall, the proposal represents a low-significance change focused on optimising timing within existing budgets, enabling more efficient delivery of priority stormwater infrastructure without increasing total expenditure.

BACKGROUND

Stormwater Programme & Project Prioritisation

7. Stormwater programmes in the LTP are either citywide or have distinct spatial areas. Most projects are in the planning phase reflecting increased implementation toward the end of the current LTP period.

Programme	Spatial Area
Integrated Stormwater Project and Reactive Reserve	Citywide
Stormwater Management Plans	Te Papa, Otumoetai and surrounds, Mount Maunganui
Network Upgrade Programme	Te Papa, Otumoetai and surrounds, Papamoa & Wairakei and 'Other areas'
Water Quality Programme	Citywide
Growth/Development sites	Citywide

Integrated Stormwater Project and Reactive Reserve

- 8. Two projects from the Integrated Stormwater Project are within the LTP (Awaiti Road & Resolution Road). None of the lower priority projects have been allocated funding through this programme, however some of these sites are being picked up as part of the Stormwater Management Plan and Network Upgrade programmes. This includes investigations for Darraghs Road/ Barossa Way flow path.
- 9. The Reactive Reserve Fund has \$1.7m for the 27 FY.

Stormwater Management Plans

- 10. Stormwater Management Plans have identified several potential projects that support both existing flood risk and future growth. The Tauranga Girls College project and the upgrades that are being considered as part of the Fifteenth Avenue/Turret Rd Transport project are the two projects which have progressed to the Design phase.

Network Upgrades

- 11. Work started in 2025 to develop a programme to support better decision making on where and when to invest in the stormwater network. Drivers to network investment include frequent flooding of properties and constraints to growth. Over 35 potential upgrades in the city have been identified as higher priority, but implementation has additional drivers, such as the timing of transport upgrades where disruption and costs can be minimised.

Stormwater Quality Programme

- 12. Contaminant exceedances as monitored under the Comprehensive Stormwater Consent are a key component in this programme. Eight project sites are currently under assessment with Coach Drive and Esk Street Reserve having completed feasibility studies. The Esk Street Reserve project proposes water quality interventions along Chadwick Road which are being considered as part of the planned water main upgrade.
- 13. All stormwater projects consider water quality interventions where appropriate.

Growth

- 14. Other growth-related projects are being progressed. The SH2 Culvert in Bethlehem is currently in the Design Phase and scheduled for commencement in 2027/2028. The Pond 12B project will finalise the Pyes Pa West Urban Growth Area. This project is in design and completion 2027.

15. Programme / Project Overview

Programme / Projects	Implementation Cost	Indicative Timeframe	Risk to Life	Property	Infrastructure	Growth	Water Quality
Integrated Stormwater Project & Reactive Reserve							
Awaiti Road	\$11m	2028	✓	✓			
Resolution Road	\$900k	2028/2029	✓	✓			
Lower priority projects in Integrated Stormwater Project are delayed or included in the programmes listed below. Reactive Reserve programme is active. Several recent applications are being assessed.							
Stormwater Management Plans							
Tauranga Girls College	\$6m	2026-2028		✓	✓	✓	
Fifteenth Avenue	\$5-6m	2027-2028		✓	✓	✓	
Twenty-first Avenue	TBC	TBC		✓	✓	✓	
Greerton Projects*	\$20m	TBC		✓	✓	✓	✓
Cherrywood Shops	\$20m +	Low priority		✓	✓	✓	
Brookfield Shops	\$2-5M	TBC		✓	✓	✓	
Several other projects currently in planning including Valley Rd, Burrows Ave, Links Ave.							
Stormwater Quality Programme							
Esk St Reserve	\$500k - 4m	TBC (2027?)					✓
Coach Drive	\$2m	TBC (2026/27?)					✓
Hull Rd	TBC	TBC					✓
Another 5 project areas being developed	TBC	TBC					
Network Upgrades							
c.35 potential upgrades in planning.	TBC	TBC		✓		✓	
Initial issue areas and long-list of potential projects identified. Currently confirming Feasibility of highest priority projects only.							
Other							
Bethlehem Culvert / SH2	\$5m	2027-		✓	✓	✓	

		2028?					
Kaituna Overflow	\$72m	2034+				✓	
Pond 12B	\$2.8	2027/28				✓	

*Greerton projects: Three projects from Morland Fox Park, through Pemberton Park to Waimapu that could be delivered individually or connectedly.

STATUTORY CONTEXT

- 16. Most stormwater projects require RMA resource consents and hence a robust environmental review.
- 17. Budgets for stormwater projects are subject to the Annual and Long-Term Plan process under the Local Government Act.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

- 18. This contributes to the promotion or achievement of the following strategic community outcome(s):

	Contributes
We are an inclusive city	<input type="checkbox"/>
We value, protect and enhance the environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
We are a well-planned city that is easy to move around	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
We are a city that supports business and education	<input type="checkbox"/>
We are a vibrant city that embraces events	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 19. A well-planned stormwater system is fundamental for a well-functioning and resilient city. Stormwater projects in the current programme address issues related to flooding and water quality and prepare the city for further growth and intensification.
- 20. The water quality programme specifically addresses environmental concerns, but environmental enhancements are also being considered through other projects, which include the development of blue green networks over time through improvements to overland flow paths.

OPTIONS ANALYSIS

- 21. It is proposed the Resolution Road and Awaiti Road project budgets be incorporated via a rebalanced LTP to ensure there is no adverse impact on the Annual Plan or Long-term Plan budgets.
- 22. A review of the Wairakei Stream Culvert Upgrade project could release \$250K for Awaiti Road and \$50K for Resolution Road, enabling both projects to commence and be ready for construction in the following financial year.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 23. There is no change proposed for the Annual Plan or LTP budget – only minor readjustment of bringing forward \$250K for the Awaiti Road project and \$50K for the Resolution Road project into the 2026/27 financial year and deferring \$300K for the Wairakei Culvert Upgrade project.
- 24. Further readjustment will be made to the upcoming Water Service Delivery Plan /LTP 2027 – 2037 to reflect the required construction budget in the 2028 financial year.

RISKS AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

25. Consents for the Awaiti Road project have been obtained already. The next step is to prepare for the implementation of this project, which includes community engagement.

TE AO MĀORI APPROACH

26. Intensive engagement has been carried out with Ngati Te Ahi, Ngati He, and Ngati Ruahine, who provided a CIA and are in support of the Awaiti Road project.
27. Further input from these groups, including Ngati Ranginui, will be sought on the construction plans before works commences. This is a condition of the consent.

CLIMATE IMPACT

28. A carbon assessment of the Awaiti Dam was carried out. It is a significant one-off carbon impact through earthworks and concrete structures, which is typical for this type of structures. However, it was the only viable option to mitigate the flood risk. Other options did not provide equivalent cost/benefits and reductions in flood risk.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

29. The Awaiti dam application was publicly notified and received a couple of submissions and the consent has been issued.
30. As outlined above significant engagement was carried out with tangata whenua, who are supporting this project.

SIGNIFICANCE

31. The Local Government Act 2002 requires an assessment of the significance of matters, issues, proposals and decisions in this report against Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. Council acknowledges that in some instances a matter, issue, proposal or decision may have a high degree of importance to individuals, groups, or agencies affected by the report.
32. In making this assessment, consideration has been given to the likely impact, and likely consequences for:
 - (a) the current and future social, economic, environmental, or cultural well-being of the district or region
 - (b) any persons who are likely to be particularly affected by, or interested in, the proposal.
 - (c) the capacity of the local authority to perform its role, and the financial and other costs of doing so.
33. In accordance with the considerations above, criteria and thresholds in the policy, it is considered that the proposal is of low significance, as the overarching programme and budgets have not changed.

ENGAGEMENT

34. Taking into consideration the above assessment, that the proposal is of low significance, Staff are of the opinion that no further engagement is required prior to Council making a decision. Further engagement with the community will take place as part of the project implementation.

NEXT STEPS

35. Subject to council endorsement the Awaiti and Resolution Road projects are being enacted in the 2026/27 financial year aiming for construction by 2028 financial year.
36. Continue to use assessment of potential risk to life projects through the Stormwater Management and Network Upgrade Programme.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil