



WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL TE KAHUI O POUTINI  
SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022



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## INTRODUCTION

This report summarises Westland District Council's financial and service delivery performance for the year ended 30 June 2022. It provides an overview of how we delivered against planned activities and budgets.

It has been prepared in accordance with PBE FRS43 – Summary Financial Statements and was authorised for issue by the Mayor and Chief Executive on 21 December 2022.

Westland District Council's Annual Report has been prepared in observance of the Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014 along with the Local Government Act 2002, which brings additional disclosure requirements. The 'whole story' is contained in the full Annual Report 2021/2022, which was adopted and authorised for issue by Council on 15 December 2022.

The Annual Report is available from

- Westland District Council's website: <https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/media/1qhgn0yo/annual-report-2021-2022-with-audit-opinion.pdf>
- Westland District Council's Customer Service Centre, 36 Weld Street Hokitika

## KEY FACTS

<b>Population – Census Night (2018)</b>	11,301
<b>Resident in District</b>	8,640
<b>Total Area</b>	1,186,272 ha
<b>Rateable Area</b>	141,522 ha
<b>No. of Rateable Assessments</b>	6573
<b>No. of Non-rateable Assessments</b>	772
<b>Proportion of general rates to total income</b>	22%
<b>Average general rates per rateable property</b>	\$1,352
<b>Public debt (as a percentage of property, plant &amp; equipment)</b>	6%
<b>Public debt (per rateable property)</b>	\$4,515

*Cover photo –Hokitika Gorge*

## MAYOR AND CE MESSAGE 2021/2022

E aku nui, e aku rahi, tēnā koutou katoa. Anei te pūrongo ā-tau hei pānui mā koutou.

*Greetings to all of you. Here is the Annual Report for you to read.*

Once again we write to you from a position of a year of change and challenge. Like all businesses around the country, Council has been affected by Covid-19 lockdowns, rising costs, staff illness and staff shortages. In spite of this, Council has achieved much of what it set out to do this year.

Council's have to be strong advocates for their communities. This year we joined Communities 4 Local Democracy - He hapori mō te Manapori as a Plenary member. The Westland community made it clear that they do not support the Three Waters Reform and the voice of Westland can be heard better by working with a wider group than standing on its own.

Resource and Building Consents continue to be in high demand, which is extremely positive for the local economy and the community. This means that both these departments are extremely busy and have at times struggled to maintain statutory timeframes. These are not the only departments to have faced difficulties this year. Rising costs have affected the day-to-day work and projects of the District Assets team, and all departments have struggled with recruiting and retaining skilled staff.

Even with these challenges, the hard work of staff ensured that we have achieved many positive results for the community. There has been significant investment, some of which is still ongoing, such as:

- Maintenance and improvements to heritage buildings.
- Maintenance and improvements to community and town halls.
- Improvements to playgrounds around the district.
- Water reticulation upgrades district wide.
- New generators have been installed at all water treatment plants.
- A new water treatment plant for Arahura.
- CCTV work has been carried out within the district's stormwater network.
- Two new large capacity sumps were installed in areas of Hokitika to alleviate roadside flooding during high rainfall events.
- Septage receivers installed at the Fox and Haast oxidation ponds will greatly reduce the potential for odours, which can negatively impact the surrounding environment.
- The new cell was completed at Butlers Landfill using funding from Central Government through the Provincial Growth Fund Covid-19 relief package.

Other highlights can be found in the 2021/2022 Highlights information.

Nō reira e ngā iwi o tēnei rohe Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa



**Bruce Smith**

Mayor 2021/2022

**Simon Bastion**

Chief Executive

# Highlights of 2021/2022

## Community Awards

Westland residents were recognised during the 2021/2022 year for their community spirit and service.



Mayor Bruce Smith, Lita and Jimmy Gordon

In December 2021, Jimmy Gordon was presented with the award for “Westlander of the Year” in recognition of his work crafting 220 wooden poppy bowls for every RSA branch throughout New Zealand. Each bowl is made from native wood grown on the West Coast and finished with a piece of Pounamu and a penny.

At the same ceremony Ian Gilbertson was awarded “Senior Westlander of the Year”, recognising the 60 years of service that he has given the district in a wide variety of roles. Mr Gilbertson has been involved in sports, Volunteer Fire Brigade, Restorative Justice, Hokitika Chartered Club, RSA and the Westland Industrial Heritage Park.



Howard and Berry Hughes, and Deputy Mayor David Carruthers

Howard Hughes, who voluntarily maintained the town clock for 47 years, received a Community Award for his service in June 2022. Mr Hughes retired from the position in January 2022 for a well-deserved retirement.

## Hokitika Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Oversight Subcommittee

A new subcommittee was formed in August 2021 to oversee the development of the Hokitika Wastewater Treatment Plant. The subcommittee is a co-governance model with local Iwi.

- Ngāti Waewae is represented by James Mason Russell and Ema Weepu.
- Ngāti Maahaki is represented by Barry Wilson and Jackie Douglas.
- Council is represented by Deputy Mayor Carruthers (Chair), His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Davidson and Councillor Martin.



## Arahura Water Treatment Plant

The Arahura Water Treatment Plant project was included in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028. Work began on the plant in October 2020, with contractors Process Flow prefabricating and fitting out the plant at their base in Nelson. The plant was transported to Arahura upon completion. The new water treatment plant addresses issues such as the location of the bore, power supply and monitoring. Water from the new treatment plant will meet the revised Drinking Water Standards, providing a safe and compliant supply for the Arahura Township. The plant is expected to be running by the end of August 2022.

### Three Waters Reform Engagement

Council undertook an engagement with the Westland community in September 2021 to understand the community's preferences regarding three waters reform.

There were 370 responses, with the majority rejecting the proposed reform.

The key reasons that people want us to opt-out are:

- Submitters wanted three water services managed, built and operated locally, by people who understand the area.
- Submitters don't believe the reform will improve efficiencies.
- There were concerns their community won't have a strong democratic say in how their three waters services are provided.
- The community is concerned their rates will fund upgrades in other areas.

### Updated Council Logo



During the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan process, Council was gifted the name 'Te Kahui o Poutini' by local iwi as the formal Te Reo name for Westland District Council.

This year we updated our logo to include the formal Te Reo name and began using it on our website, media and in new documents.



### Glass Recycling

Council began collecting glass for recycling in December 2021, in conjunction with Envirowaste. The glass is sorted by colour and transported to Auckland to be recycled into new glass products. Over 172 tonnes of glass has been diverted from landfill.

### E-Waste Recycling

An E-Waste collection pilot programme with Techcollect began in December 2021. This allows residents to deposit their e-waste for free at Hokitika Transfer station to be taken for recycling. Over 1 tonne of waste has been diverted from landfill since the pilot began.



## Museum – New branding and new website

The new logo and icon were launched in 2022 as part of a rebranding exercise undertaken by the Museum. The overall brand strategy is to tell a broad range of stories concerning life in Westland and the wider West Coast. The Museum's collection reflects the life of our communities in the extreme and inspiring place that is Te Tai o Poutini -West Coast, New Zealand.



Hokitika Museum's new website was launched this year, with a focus on improved user experience and a consistent look and feel with the main Council website. On the new website Users are able to contact and interact with staff through online forms that are designed to support them in their requests.

## International Bring Your Dog to Work Day

Staff at Westland District Council celebrated 'Bring Your Dog to Work Day' with their canine companions. Having a dog in the office is proven to improve staff wellbeing and both dogs and humans alike enjoyed their day.



## Rainbow Storytime at the Library

Westland District Library hosted their first ever children's Rainbow Storytime, part of our Pride Month celebration this June. The fabulous drag queens, Erika and CoCo Flash, entertained an audience of over 75 children and adults. They read children's picture books on themes of acceptance, inclusion and being kind and raised the roof singing favourite children's songs, including the infamous Baby Shark!

## Overview of our activities

**127** Resource consents issued

**269** Building consents issued

**1968** dogs registered

**31** dog control infringements issued

**11** groups received Sport NZ Rural Travel Funds

**11** groups received Creative Communities Funding

Mayors Taskforce for Jobs **76** people supported into employment

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- **350 – 400** School students visited the swimming pool;
  - **87,182** users recorded on the West Coast Wilderness Trail;
  - **64,026** physical items borrowed from the library;
  - The museum updated **1419** records in the Past Perfect database;
  - **75** people attended Rainbow Storytime at the library
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Average quality of primary collector road condition  
**95.5%**

**100%** compliance with stormwater discharge

Over **177 tonnes** of waste diverted from landfill through glass and e-waste recycling

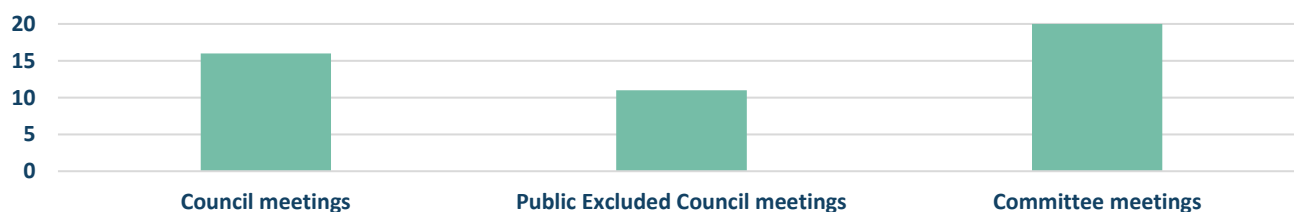
### Hokitika Airport extension



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**19** Council meetings; **28** Committee meetings; LGOIMA requests decreased **16%**; **2586** Facebook followers; **~600** subscribers to Westland Matters

2021/2022





# Statement of Service Performance

## An Overview of Council Performance

This is a summary of Council’s performance in delivering services, measured against selected non-financial targets. For complete details of Council performance, including the specific measures and explanations of the results, see the full Annual Report 2021/2022, available from [our website](#) or our service centre.

Council set many non-financial targets in the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan. To assess Council’s performance against these measures, a number of objective measures were used:

- District-wide Resident Satisfaction Survey was conducted in the 2021/2022 year.
- Responsiveness measures were assessed with reference to incidents reported on Council’s service request system. These are captured when customers contact the Council helpdesk to request assistance, and retrospectively when staff or contractors have responded to emergencies and later report the details to customer service.
- Certain other targets are industry specific mandatory benchmarks or legislative requirements.

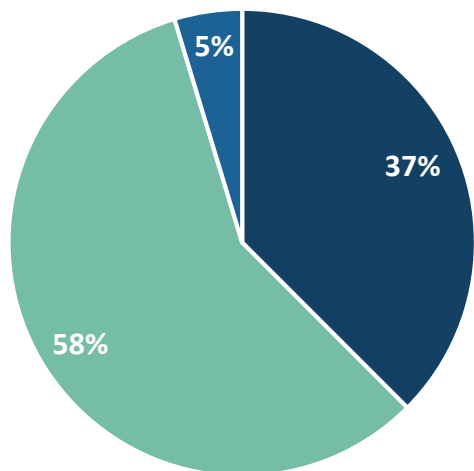
The data gathered is combined with the statistics and measurements captured in Council’s systems to give a balanced scorecard of where we are meeting our objectives, and the areas where improvement is required.

Council has 9 Groups of Activities as follows:



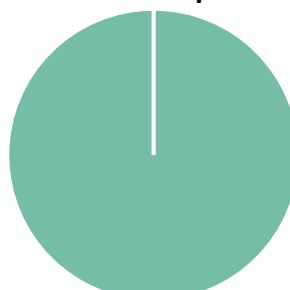
Performance is measured against a number of different indicators. Some of these are mandatory measures set by central government and others are measures that Council set itself. There are 64 measures in total.

- We achieved 37% of the measures (24 out of 64). This includes 30% of the mandatory measures (7 out of 24)
- We did not achieve 58% of the measures (37 out of 64).
- 5% of the measures were not measured (3 out of 64). Two of these are mandatory measures for drinking water. Council does not measure these as to do so would incur an unreasonable cost. One stormwater measure could not be measured as there were no reported flooding events to attend.

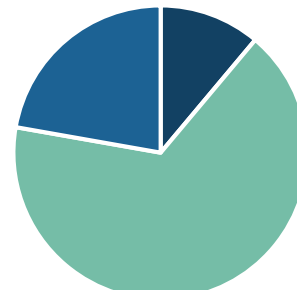


■ Achieved ■ Not Achieved ■ Not Measured

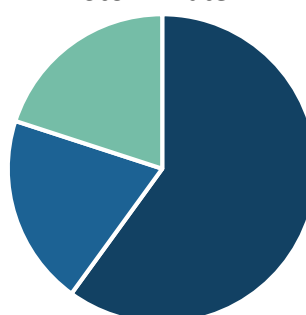
**Land Transport**



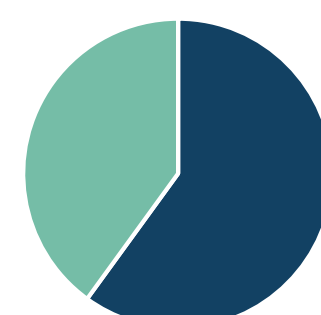
**Drinking Water**



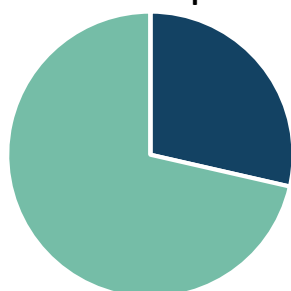
**Stormwater**



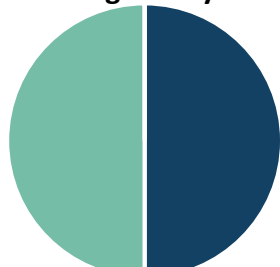
**Wastewater**



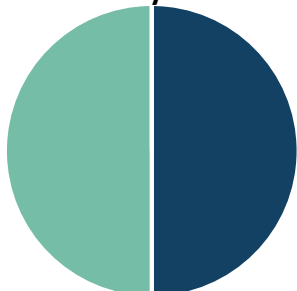
**Leadership**



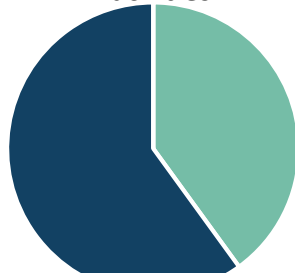
**Planning & Regulatory**



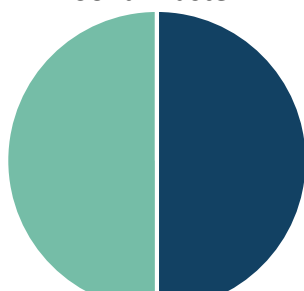
**Community Services**



**Leisure Services & Facilities**



**Solid Waste**



Mandatory Measure	Progress	Achievement	
Water Supply	Safety of drinking water	2/9 supplies fully compliance with bacterial compliance criteria 0/9 supplies compliant with protozoal compliance criteria	Not achieved
	Fault response times	84% (16/19) urgent callouts attended within 2 hours.	Not achieved
		32% (6/19) urgent callouts resolved within 12 hours	Not achieved
		63% (101/161) non-urgent callouts attended within 24 hours.	Not achieved
		41% (66/101) non-urgent callouts resolved within 72 hours	Not achieved
	Maintenance of reticulation network	Measured in context with the Benchloss NZ Manual	Not measured
Demand Management	Analysed on a three-yearly basis	Not measured	
Customer Satisfaction	Total complaints = 31 Complaints per 1000 connections = 11	Achieved	
Stormwater	System adequacy	0 flooding events affecting habitable floors occurred Habitable floors effected = 0 0 per 1000 connections	Achieved
	Response times	There were no reported events to attend.	Not measured
	Customer satisfaction	Total complaints = 17 Complaints per 1000 connections = 33.1	Not achieved
	Discharge compliance	Fully compliant with resource consents	Achieved
Wastewater	System and adequacy	Complaints per 1000 connections = 2.3 – 5 dry weather overflows reported.	Achieved
	Discharge compliance	100% compliance.	Achieved
	Fault response times	60% (3/5) responded to within 2 hours. 60% (3/5) notifications resolved within 4 hours.	Not achieved
	Customer satisfaction	Total complaints = 13 Complaints per 1000 connections = 6	Achieved
Transport	Road safety	1 serious crash injury.	Not achieved
	Road condition	Primary collector 95.5%; Secondary collector 93.4%; Access 91.1%; Low Volume 87.4%	Not achieved
	Road Maintenance	3.4% as a result of increasing bitumen prices.	Not achieved
	Footpaths	1 – 4 = 93%; 1 – 3 = 74%; 5 = 6%. No agreed level of service standard	Not achieved
	Customer service requests	65% (170/262) responded to within 2 working days. 65% (182/279) resolved within the informal target timeframe.	Not achieved

## Summary of Group Activities Performance

Activity	No. of Measures	Achieved	Not Achieved	Not Measured	% Achieved
<b>Leadership</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29%</b>
Democracy	2	0	2	0	0%
Corporate Services	4	2	2	0	50%
Council Controlled Organisations	1	0	1	0	0%
<b>Planning and Regulatory</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50%</b>
Resource Management	2	1	1	0	50%
Inspections and Compliance	6	0	6	0	0%
Animal Control	3	2	1	0	67%
Emergency Management	5	5	0	0	100%
<b>Community Services Group</b>					
Community Halls	4	2	2	0	<b>50%</b>
<b>Leisure Services and Facilities</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40%</b>
Cemeteries	2	1	1	0	50%
Hokitika Museum	3	3	0	0	100%
Parks and Reserves	1	0	1	0	0%
Public Toilets	1	0	1	0	0%
Swimming Pools	1	0	1	0	0%
West Coast Wilderness Trail	1	0	1	0	0%
Westland District Library	1	0	1	0	0%
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Water Supply</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Wastewater</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Stormwater</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Solid Waste</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Total for the Council</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>37%</b>

## How Council Activities Contribute Towards Meeting Its Vision

### Community Outcomes

The following groups of activities contribute to the Council's community outcomes and what it intends to achieve during the reporting period:

Group of activities	Activities included within the group	Community outcomes supported by group of activities	Number of performance measures supporting each outcome	Number of performance measures achieving against the indicators
<b>Leadership</b>	Governance Corporate services	Resilient Communities	7	2
	Council Controlled Organisations	Diverse Economy	1	0
<b>Planning &amp; Regulatory</b>	Planning	Sustainably Managed Environment	4	2
	Compliance (Building Control, Liquor Licencing, and Food Control)	Resilient Communities	9	8
	Animal Control	Diverse Economy	6	0
	Emergency Management			
<b>Community Services</b>	Community Development Community Halls	Resilient Communities	4	2
<b>Facilities, &amp; Leisure Services</b>	Cemeteries	Sustainably Managed Environment	4	1
	Hokitika Museum	Environment		
	Parks & Reserves	Resilient Communities	10	4
	Public Toilets			0
	Swimming Pools	Diverse Economy	1	
	West Coast Wilderness Trail			
	Westland District Library			
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Land Transport	Sustainably Managed Environment	14	7
	Drinking Water	Environment		
	Stormwater	Resilient Communities	23	6
	Wastewater			
	Solid Waste	Diverse Economy	3	0

Council is committed to ensuring its services work towards achieving positive outcomes for the community. Difficulties in providing all services due to Covid-19 lockdowns and staff shortages have contributed to lower achievement of the performance measures that relate to Community Outcomes. In some cases, changes to requirements regarding inspections mean that the outcome cannot be achieved due to how the performance indicator was framed at the time of developing the Long Term Plan.

Each activity group has identified the way in which their activity contributes to the measures and indicators of the Community Outcomes, which may not be a part of specified performance measures.

Activities contribute by:

- Open and transparent meeting processes, and engagement opportunities with meaningful community involvement.
- Iwi participation, partnership and protection.
- Conducting a biennial resident satisfaction survey.
- Creating diverse employment opportunities, encouraging residents to remain in the district, and providing a means for tourists and residents to get to Hokitika.
- Community resilience is enhanced with provision and maintenance of recreational assets and elderly housing.
- Assisting customers to be compliant with legislation.
- Fostering connections and reducing isolation.
- Increasing the quantity of recyclable material extracted from the waste stream.
- Project improvements aligned with sustainably managed environment and resilient communities.

## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

This is an overview of the financial results for the year ended 30 June 2022. The information is extracted directly from the financial statements contained in the full audited Annual Report 2021/2022. The audited financial statements comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014.

The summary Financial Statements do not include all the disclosures that are provided in the full financial statements and cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial statements. For a complete understanding of Council's financial performance, financial position and cash flows; readers are encouraged to refer to the full Annual Report 2021/2022.

The Group figures in these statements represent the consolidated financial statements for Council and the Group (which includes Westland Holdings, Westroads and Destination Westland). Figures are presented in New Zealand Dollars and rounded to the nearest thousand.

The full financial statements of the Council have been prepared in accordance with Tier 1 PBE Standards. The full financial statements comply with PBE Standards.

The Audit Report is included in the Annual Report. It is an unqualified opinion. It states that the information in the Annual Report fairly presents Council's financial and non-financial performance and that Council's financial statements comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

Summary	2021/2022 \$000
<b>Rates (General)</b>	8,932
<b>Net surplus/(deficit)</b>	9,482
<b>Working Capital</b>	9,794
<b>Public Debt</b>	29,818
<b>Total Assets</b>	536,705

### Variations from the Long Term Plan

This is year 1 of the Long Term Plan 2021-2031, therefore Council is reporting against the Annual Plan 2021/2022.

Council has a \$9.6 million surplus before tax, which is \$5 million favourable to budget. The main variances are set out below.

	Annual Report 2021/2022 \$000	Annual Plan 2021/2022 \$000	Variance
<b>Revenue</b>			
Rates	18,086	18,030	Actual rates income was higher than budgeted mainly due to metered water usage being higher than forecast.
Grants & Subsidies	16,426	10,750	Grants and subsidies were \$5.7m higher than budgeted. The value of grants is a reflection of either the amount of work completed compared to work expected to be completed for grants actually approved; work completed under new

	Annual Report 2021/2022 \$000	Annual Plan 2021/2022 \$000	Variance
			<p>unplanned grants received; or budgeted grants not actually received in the year. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only \$3.6m of the budgeted grant of \$5.6m for road transport was completed in the 2020-21 year. This is the first year of a three year funding cycle with NZTA during which the balance of any under/over expenditure in select projects can be carried forward into the next two years.</li> <li>• The work on the 3 waters reform program was expected to have been 50% completed in the previous year but the bulk of it (expenditure totalling \$5.8m) was completed in 2021-22.</li> <li>• Work funded by the Provincial Growth Fund continued into 2021/22 and included the following funded expenditure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fox Landfill relocation to Butler's Landfill (\$1.8m)</li> <li>○ Hokitika swimming pool redevelopment (\$1.2m)</li> <li>○ Jackson Bay Wharf (\$0.2m)</li> <li>○ Old Christchurch Road sealing and Cron St works (\$0.3m).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Mayor's Task Force for Jobs funding continued with a further \$0.6m of funding recognised in the current year.</li> <li>• War Memorials and Halls renovation work was also on-going (\$0.4m).</li> <li>• A new grant for Cass Square toilets (\$0.4m).</li> </ul> <p>Where Grants are subject to performance measures not yet fulfilled, Grant actuals have been adjusted for the unspent portion of grants received by transfers to Revenue Received in Advance and, conversely, accruals have been made for any expenditure incurred for which the funds have not yet been received.</p>
Interest Revenue	115	8	Interest on Term Deposits, Borrowers note and cash at call account for the \$0.1m increase in interest revenue over budget.
Fees & charges	2,141	1,801	<p>Demand in the building sector remained strong during the year resulting in resource and consent fees and building regulatory fees contributing an additional \$0.3m to revenue over budget. Landfill fees were overall \$0.1m higher than budget, although reduced tourism numbers in Franz Josef saw a drop in landfill fees of \$0.1m, the increase in revenue at Hokitika refuse station more than compensated for this.</p> <p>Other fees and charges were below budget mainly due to a reduction in trade waste fees (-\$40k), budgeted revenue for bach licence revenue ceasing at the start of the year (-\$36k) and reduced motor vehicle recovery charges (-\$29k). However, partially offsetting this, with the increased activity in the property market, LIM fees were \$22k above budget.</p>
Other revenue	3,192	1,009	<p>Other revenue was \$2.2m higher than the budget mainly due to below factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unbudgeted vested assets income was \$0.6m. The assets vested in Council included two E-bikes; a water main at</li> </ul>

	Annual Report 2021/2022 \$000	Annual Plan 2021/2022 \$000	Variance
			Franz Josef; and the Museum of Fire shed at Heritage Park.
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A \$1.5m gain in financial hedging instruments against a budget of \$0.3m.</li> <li>• Expense recoveries were \$0.2m higher than budgeted, mainly as a result of the recovery of legal costs (\$66k); costs, such as Civil Defence and Three Waters reporting, shared with the three other West Coast Councils (\$51k); a higher number of sewerage, storm water and water connection cost recoveries than expected (\$56k); and costs recoveries from damage incurred during building works (\$20k).</li> <li>• Unbudgeted rental income from Pakiwaitara building contributed \$59k.</li> </ul>
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>			
Employee benefit expenses	5,409	5,474	In spite of additional positions being created and funded through the Mayor's Task Force for Jobs and the NZ Libraries Partnership program, staffing levels were down due to the difficulty of recruiting staff in the current economic climate. As a result, employee benefits were down \$60k on budget.
Finance costs	640	904	Finance costs were \$264k lower than the budget due to lower but rising interest rates following the Covid-19 pandemic and efficient liquidity management.
Depreciation & amortisation	8,019	7,864	Depreciation and amortisation cost was \$155k higher than the budget, from revaluations being higher than forecast; and variations in timing, actual costs and depreciation of asset additions.
Other expenses	16,298	12,811	Other expenses were higher than budgeted mainly due to following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audit fees include an additional OAG Audit Standards and Quality charge not budgeted for, as well as late charges for the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.</li> <li>• Legal costs are higher than budgeted due in part to defamation cases and the provision of employment advice.</li> <li>• Contractors costs included \$84k unbudgeted costs for emergency works and \$66k project supervision of the war memorial and community hall projects which were fully funded projects.</li> <li>• Included under Donations and Grants are expenses totalling \$407k relating to the Mayor's Task Force for Jobs project which is a fully funded operational project. The planned grants totalling \$500k for the seawall projects at Hokitika and Franz Josef did not eventuate in this year and the budgeted grant for Westland Sports Hub for \$79k was not required as this was a one-off cost in the prior year</li> <li>• Insurance costs were under-estimated by \$73k as insurance companies become even more risk averse and costs increase.</li> </ul>



	Annual Report 2021/2022 \$000	Annual Plan 2021/2022 \$000	Variance
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With the completion of a high number of high value infrastructure renewal projects, such as those funded from the 3-waters stimulus grant, disposals of existing assets account for the unbudgeted loss on disposal of \$1.7m.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The unbudgeted loss on swaps due to market factors of \$108k is more than offset by an unbudgeted gain on swaps (included in other income).</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher than forecast rate of inflation and supply shortages as a result of Covid-19 and its variants, contributed to repairs and maintenance costs exceeding budget by \$519k. Electricity costs were also \$43k over budget and the actual costs of the emissions trading scheme were under-estimated by \$138k.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a result of IT systems and requirements continuing to evolve and improve, annual software licence costs exceeded budget by \$110k.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An impairment loss of \$53k in 2021/22 relates to Rose Creek Bridge No. 49 on Dorothy Falls Road which has been removed and replaced temporarily with a culvert.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With staffing shortages and high demand in the building sector, more building consents processing had to be out-sourced which resulted in these costs exceeding budget by \$177k.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A fair value loss on Jackson Bay Wharf of \$323k.</li> </ul>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash & cash equivalents	9,389	13,137	Cash & cash equivalents is lower than the budget by \$3.7m. However a term deposit for \$3m maturing 14th April 2023 is included in other financial assets which are higher than budget by this amount. The increase in debtors is also reflected in the lower than forecast cash balance.
Debtors & other receivables	5,029	2,514	Debtors and Other receivables are \$2.5m higher mainly due to timing differences with claiming for subsidised expenditure.
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Derivative Financial Instruments	869	-	With rising interest rates, derivative financial instruments moved from a budgeted liability of \$0.6m to an unbudgeted asset of \$0.9m.
Other Financial Assets	617	418	The increase in interest-bearing borrowers notes held was \$178k higher than budget. Borrowers' notes increase in line with borrowing levels.
Property, plant & equipment	493,213	447,281	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revaluation of assets was \$69m over budget. This is a reflection of escalating costs and the value of infrastructural work completed during the three years since the last revaluation. Partially offsetting this were unbudgeted asset disposals.</li> <li>Vested assets also added \$0.6m to non-current assets.</li> <li>During the year Council's housing properties were sold to Destination Westland for \$4m which was fully acquitted by way of an equity increase in Council's subsidiary Westland Holdings Limited.</li> </ul>

	Annual Report 2021/2022 \$000	Annual Plan 2021/2022 \$000	Variance
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Borrowings	3,000	-	Short-term loan of \$3m.
Other current liabilities	1,450	425	Income received in advance from grant funding accounts for another \$0.9m.
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Provisions	2,821	2,371	The annual review of the provision for landfill closure and monitoring costs has resulted in this provision being \$0.4m over budget.
Borrowings	26,818	33,809	Lower than planned long term debt of \$7m.

### Contingencies

At balance sheet date Council is subject of a claim for >\$30,000,000 by Scenic Circle Hotel Group Ltd. Westland District Council is second plaintiff in these proceedings with West Coast Regional Council (WCRC) being the first plaintiff. This means that if the proceedings against WCRC do not succeed, then the claim may be laid on Council.

The claim is denied and will be defended by Council with the backing of its public liability insurer.

At balance sheet date Council is subject to a claim of threatened legal proceedings relating to a residential property in Hokitika. The homeowner has issued letters of claim to the engineers, and to the Council. The primary responsibility lays with the engineer who designed and supervised the construction of the house (2020: Scenic Circle [ongoing] and CCH).

### Three Waters Reform programme

In June 2022, the Government introduced legislation to establish four publicly owned water services entities to take over responsibilities for service delivery and infrastructure from local authorities with effect from 1 July 2024. The Water Services Entities Bill received Royal Assent on 14 December 2022. The impact of these proposed reforms will mean that the Council will no longer deliver three waters services or own the assets required to deliver these services. In December 2022, the Government introduced the Water Services Legislation Bill, which will transfer assets and liabilities to the water services entities.

### Impact of Covid-19

Following an outbreak of the 'Delta' variant of Covid-19 in the community on 17 August 2021 the government declared a National State of Emergency, This resulted in the entire country returning to Alert Level 4 from 17 August 2021 until 1 September 2021, when the Alert Level was reduced to Level 3.

Increased costs of supply associated with Covid-19 has impacted on the financial and operational results for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Lock down slowed down the Capital project delivery programme with delays in materials arriving and work ceasing for two weeks during the August 2021 lockdown:

- Renovation works on the Hokitika Swimming Pool were delayed, with the handover running six to eight weeks behind schedule.
- Delays on work to the Carnegie Building have put the work behind schedule. Work is now nearing completion.

The alert levels 3 & 4 lockdown also affected provision of services:

- Westland District Library was closed under Alert Levels 4 and 3, and re-opened with strict hygiene measures, social distancing and contact tracing at Alert Level 2. However staff continued to provide and promote digital services. Programmes of activities have been adapted to online provision and a register and collect service for children's school holiday activities.

- Parks and playgrounds were closed during Alert Levels 4 and 3, in accordance with the Government's Alert levels. These facilities reopened under Alert level 2.
- The i-SITE was closed during Alert Levels 4 and 3. Visitor numbers have dropped significantly with the loss of international tourists.

Council activities in 3 waters, roading, solid waste and public toilets are essential services and remained in operation during lockdown with strict health and safety protocols following the guidance provided by Central Government's Covid-19 Taskforce.

*For full details of impact on activity performance and the work of Council refer to the statement of service provision on pages 19-79 of the full Annual Report 2021/2022.*

While the lockdown and potential future impacts of Covid-19 may have negatively impact residents' ability to pay rates, as at 30 June 2022 this does not appear to be the case. Rates penalties were \$17k lower than in than the year ended 30 June 2021.

### ***Destination Westland***

During Alert Levels 4 (August 2021), staff worked remotely where they could, and services were limited to essential services. The impact on the Company's tourism-based activities continues to be significantly impacted and the extent and duration to which Covid-19 will continue to disrupt and depress economic activity remains to be seen. In 2020, the Company reviewed all its activities to ensure they were viable, reduced nonessential spending, been through a staffing restructure. In 2021, the Company constantly reviewed its performance to ensure continued viability. In 2022, the Company started to experience positive trend in its tourism-based activities.

The Company have prepared (and are continually updating) cash flow forecast that incorporates changes to revenue and expenditure as they appear. Based on this forecast, our current cash reserves and the guaranteed level of management fees, the Board consider that the Company will be able to continue to operate for at least one year from the date of signing their annual report.

The management and Board are continuing to closely monitor the Covid-19 situation and any other changes, and the Company is working closely with the Council and its group to ensure the appropriate actions are taken.

### ***Westroads***

The company's business activity during Alert Level 4 was restricted to providing essential services, (emergency road maintenance, water utilities maintenance, cemetery maintenance & landfill operations). Approximately 25% of staff continued working. During Alert Level 3, all business activity resumed with the required health and safety protocols in place.

The company committed to retaining employees, with staff entitlements partly offset by wage subsidy claimed from the Ministry of Social Development.

While Covid-19 has had a significant economic impact globally throughout 2022, the impact on the company's operations and financial performance and position this time has been minimal, as the Alert Level 4 Lockdown only lasted 2 weeks and at Alert level 3 the entire company was able to return to work.

As part of the impact assessment of Covid-19, Management and the Board considered whether there has been any impact on going concern or impairment of assets. The company has a strong balance sheet, both at 30 June 2022 and for the forecast 2023 year ahead, there is sufficient confirmed forward work and forecast cash requirements can be met by cash on hand and existing facilities. An assessment on debtor balances has been completed and there has been no material impact as a result of Covid-19.

Although the potential future financial impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic are not able to be determined, the company does not expect these future impacts to be substantial. Unless we return to level 4 for an extended period of time, in which case only essential and emergency work would continue therefore potentially 70% of business activities would be put on hold.

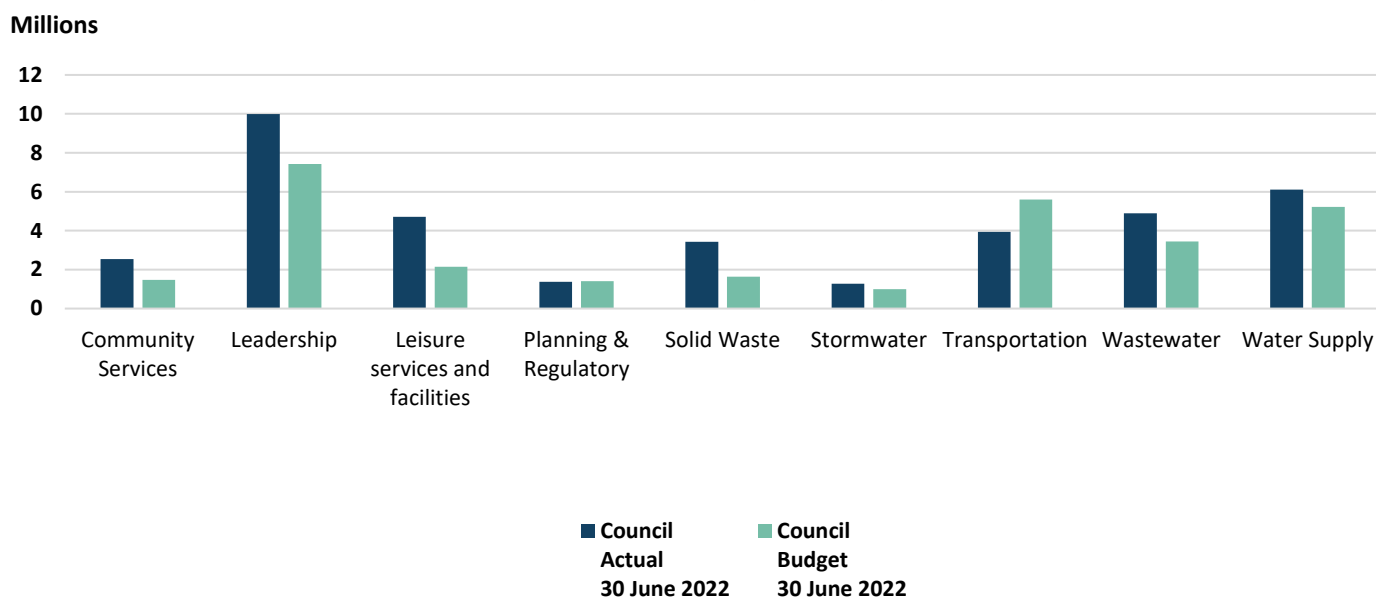
The company continues to monitor the Covid-19 situation and is working closely with the Board and customers to ensure the appropriate actions are taken as required and ensuring that health, safety, and wellbeing continues to be an area of focus.

## Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense

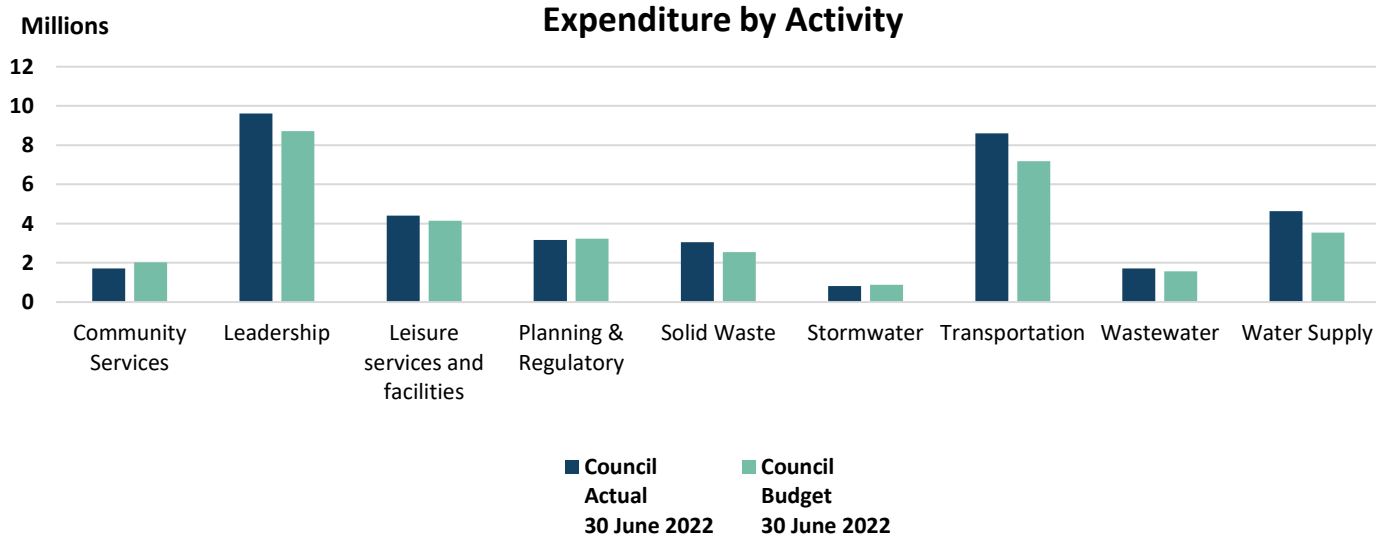
For the year ended 30 June 2022

Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense						
	Council Actual 30 June 2022 \$000	Council Budget 30 June 2022 \$000	Council Actual 30 June 2021 \$000	Group Actual 30 June 2022 \$000	Group Actual 30 June 2021 \$000	Notes
<b>Revenue</b>						
Rates	18,086	18,030	15,670	17,906	15,548	3
Grants and subsidies	16,426	10,750	13,538	17,405	14,552	3
Interest revenue	115	8	51	119	53	3
Fees and charges	2,141	1,801	2,050	2,141	2,050	3
Other revenue	3,192	1,009	3,976	28,635	30,610	3
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>39,961</b>	<b>31,598</b>	<b>35,285</b>	<b>66,207</b>	<b>62,814</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Employee benefit expenses	5,409	5,474	4,731	16,852	17,146	4
Finance costs	640	904	606	983	970	5
Depreciation and amortisation	8,019	7,864	7,555	10,546	10,125	13 & 14
Other expenses	16,298	12,811	14,803	26,614	27,198	6
<b>Total operating expenditure</b>	<b>30,366</b>	<b>27,053</b>	<b>27,695</b>	<b>54,995</b>	<b>55,439</b>	
<b>Surplus before tax</b>	<b>9,595</b>	<b>4,545</b>	<b>7,591</b>	<b>11,212</b>	<b>7,374</b>	
<b>Income tax expenses/(benefit)</b>						
Income tax expense/(benefit)	(10)	-	(50)	(82)	49	7
<b>Income tax expenses/(benefit)</b>	<b>(10)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(50)</b>	<b>(82)</b>	<b>49</b>	
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>9,605</b>	<b>4,545</b>	<b>7,640</b>	<b>11,293</b>	<b>7,325</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Other comprehensive revenue and expense</b>						
Gain on revaluation of assets	84,594	15,776	1,877	85,065	2,353	13
Tax on revaluation surplus/(deficit)	90	-	23	90	23	7
Revaluation losses on disposal of assets	(4,006)	-	(294)	(4,006)	(294)	19
Revaluation losses on impairment of assets	(66)	-	-	(66)	-	19
<b>Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses Subtotal</b>	<b>80,612</b>	<b>15,776</b>	<b>1,605</b>	<b>81,083</b>	<b>2,081</b>	
<b>Total comprehensive revenue and expense/(deficit) for the year attributable to Council</b>	<b>90,217</b>	<b>20,321</b>	<b>9,245</b>	<b>92,377</b>	<b>9,406</b>	

## Revenue by Activity



## Expenditure by Activity



## Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Statement of Changes in Equity					
	Council Actual \$ 30 June 2022 \$000	Council Budget \$ 30 June 2022 \$000	Council Actual \$ 30 June 2021 \$000	Group Actual \$ 30 June 2022 \$000	Group Actual \$ 30 June 2021 \$000
Balance at 1 July	409,157	413,430	399,911	415,138	405,736
Prior year lease reclassification adjustment		-	-	-	(5)
Impairment reversal*	87	-	-	87	-
<b>Adjusted balance at 1 July</b>	<b>409,243</b>	<b>413,430</b>	<b>399,911</b>	<b>415,225</b>	<b>405,731</b>
Total comprehensive income	90,217	20,321	9,245	92,377	9,406
<b>Balance at 30 June</b>	<b>499,460</b>	<b>433,751</b>	<b>409,157</b>	<b>507,602</b>	<b>415,138</b>

\*Re-measurement as a result of Rates Debtors not meeting the definition of financial asset under PBE IPSAS 41 have been recognised directly in accumulated funds. For more details see note 9 in the Full Annual Report 2021/2022.

# Statement of Financial Position

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Statement of Financial Position						
	Council Actual 30 June 2022 \$000	Council Budget 30 June 2022 \$000	Council Actual 30 June 2021 \$000	Group Actual 30 June 2022 \$000	Group Actual 30 June 2021 \$000	Notes
<b>Assets</b>						
<b>Current assets</b>						
Cash & cash equivalents	9,389	13,137	11,411	10,304	12,647	8
Debtors & other receivables	5,029	2,514	4,362	8,560	8,075	9
Inventory	-	-	-	941	727	10
Tax refundable	10	-	1	174	1	7
Work in progress	-	-	-	63	20	13
Derivative financial instruments	12	-	-	12	-	11
Other financial assets	3,048	-	48	3,048	48	12
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>17,487</b>	<b>15,651</b>	<b>15,821</b>	<b>23,101</b>	<b>21,517</b>	
<b>Non-current assets</b>						
Council Controlled Organisation	12,695	11,010	8,695	-	-	12
Deferred Tax	137	-	37	-	-	7
Intangible assets	136	37	65	136	65	14
Assets Under Construction	11,675	-	10,088	11,788	10,897	13
Derivative financial instruments	869	-	94	869	94	11
Other Financial Assets	617	418	394	617	394	12
Investment property	-	-	-	1,125	1,010	13A
Property, Plant and Equipment	493,213	447,281	409,369	515,693	427,911	13
Term Inventory	-	-	-	-	327	10
<b>Total Non-current assets</b>	<b>519,341</b>	<b>458,746</b>	<b>428,742</b>	<b>530,226</b>	<b>440,699</b>	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>536,828</b>	<b>474,397</b>	<b>444,564</b>	<b>553,327</b>	<b>462,216</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>						
<b>Current liabilities</b>						
Creditors & other payables	2,755	2,930	4,082	4,405	6,283	15
Employee benefit liabilities	489	446	436	1,794	1,929	17
Tax payable	-	3	-	-	-	7
Borrowings	3,000	-	3,000	5,031	4,430	18
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	94	-	94	11
Other	1,450	425	6,554	1,863	6,685	18
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>7,694</b>	<b>3,804</b>	<b>14,165</b>	<b>13,093</b>	<b>19,421</b>	
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>						
Deferred Tax	-	32	-	223	232	7
Employee benefit liabilities	35	47	41	144	182	17
Provisions	2,821	2,371	1,846	2,821	1,846	16
Borrowings	26,818	33,809	18,818	29,444	24,861	18
Derivative financial instruments	-	583	536	-	536	11
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>29,674</b>	<b>36,842</b>	<b>21,241</b>	<b>32,632</b>	<b>27,657</b>	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>37,368</b>	<b>40,646</b>	<b>35,406</b>	<b>45,725</b>	<b>47,078</b>	
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>499,460</b>	<b>433,751</b>	<b>409,157</b>	<b>507,602</b>	<b>415,138</b>	
<b>Equity</b>						
Retained Earnings	170,583	166,126	158,744	177,777	164,250	19
Restricted Reserves	12,968	9,361	10,538	12,968	10,538	19
Revaluation reserves	315,733	258,201	239,788	316,681	240,264	19
Other comprehensive revenue and expense reserve	177	64	87	177	87	19
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>499,460</b>	<b>433,751</b>	<b>409,157</b>	<b>507,602</b>	<b>415,138</b>	

## Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2022

<b>Cash Flow Statement</b>					
	<b>Council Actual \$ 30 June 2022 \$000</b>	<b>Council Budget \$ 30 June 2022 \$000</b>	<b>Council Actual \$ 30 June 2021 \$000</b>	<b>Group Actual \$ 30 June 2022 \$000</b>	<b>Group Actual \$ 30 June 2021 \$000</b>
<b>Cash flows from Operating Activities</b>					
Cash was provided from:					
Rates Revenue	17,530	18,030	16,579	17,353	16,457
Fees, charges, and other receipts (including donations)	2,060	1,801	1,759	2,060	1,759
Interest Received	93	8	48	91	48
Dividends received	-	-	220	-	-
Grants and Subsidies	11,143	10,750	17,330	11,085	18,344
Other Revenue	1,138	754	1,617	24,362	30,677
	<b>31,964</b>	<b>31,344</b>	<b>37,553</b>	<b>54,952</b>	<b>67,285</b>
Cash was applied to:					
Payment Staff & Suppliers	20,139	18,285	17,659	38,552	43,757
Interest Paid	549	904	579	963	983
Income tax paid	9	-	1	10	563
	<b>20,697</b>	<b>19,189</b>	<b>18,240</b>	<b>39,525</b>	<b>45,303</b>
<b>Net cash flow Operating Activities</b>	<b>11,267</b>	<b>12,154</b>	<b>19,313</b>	<b>15,427</b>	<b>21,982</b>
<b>Cash flows from Investment Activities</b>					
Cash was provided from:					
Proceeds from Investments realised	-	-	-	-	46
Proceeds sale of property, plant and equipment	8	-	2	680	242
	<b>8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>288</b>
Cash was applied to:					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	17,792	18,375	15,113	20,049	18,924
Purchase of investment property	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of intangibles	283	-	117	283	117
Purchase of Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Term Deposit with maturity greater than 90 days	3,000	-	-	3,000	-
	<b>21,075</b>	<b>18,375</b>	<b>15,230</b>	<b>23,332</b>	<b>19,041</b>
<b>Net cash flows from Investment Activities</b>	<b>(21,067)</b>	<b>(18,375)</b>	<b>(15,228)</b>	<b>(22,652)</b>	<b>(18,753)</b>

	Council Actual \$ 30 June 2022 \$000	Council Budget \$ 30 June 2022 \$000	Council Actual \$ 30 June 2021 \$000	Group Actual \$ 30 June 2022 \$000	Group Actual \$ 30 June 2021 \$000
<b>Cash flows from Financing Activities</b>					
Cash was provided from:					
Proceeds from borrowings	7,773	6,429	2,200	7,793	6,309
Capital works loan repayments	6	-	3	6	3
	<b>7,779</b>	<b>6,429</b>	<b>2,203</b>	<b>7,799</b>	<b>6,312</b>
Cash was applied to:					
Repayment of borrowings	-	-	-	2,436	3,356
	-	-	-	<b>2,436</b>	<b>3,356</b>
<b>Net cash flows from Financing Activities</b>	<b>7,779</b>	<b>6,429</b>	<b>2,203</b>	<b>5,363</b>	<b>2,956</b>
<b>Cash Balance</b>					
Cash Balance					
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(2,022)	208	6,288	(1,863)	6,185
Total cash resources at start of the year	11,411	12,929	5,123	12,164	5,979
<b>Cash Balance</b>	<b>9,389</b>	<b>13,137</b>	<b>11,411</b>	<b>10,301</b>	<b>12,164</b>
Cash & cash equivalents	9,389	13,137	11,411	10,304	12,647
Bank overdraft	-	-	-	(3)	(483)
<b>Cash Balance</b>	<b>9,389</b>	<b>13,137</b>	<b>11,411</b>	<b>10,301</b>	<b>12,164</b>



# Whole of Council Funding Impact Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Funding Impact Statement for Whole of Council				
	2021 Annual Plan \$000	2021 Annual Report \$000	2022 Annual Plan \$000	2022 Actual \$000
<b>(SURPLUS) / DEFICIT OF OPERATING FUNDING</b>				
Sources of Operating Funding				
General rates, uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	7,723	7,603	8,852	8,820
Targeted Rates	8,184	8,068	9,179	9,266
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	2,896	3,751	2,640	3,208
Fees and charges	1,947	2,050	1,801	2,141
Interest and dividends from investments	293	271	8	115
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees, and other receipts	959	1,573	1,009	2,621
<b>Total Operating Funding (A)</b>	<b>22,002</b>	<b>23,316</b>	<b>23,488</b>	<b>26,172</b>
Applications of Operating Funding				
Payments to staff and suppliers	16,609	19,143	18,285	19,660
Finance Costs	867	606	904	640
Other operating funding applications	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Applications of Operating Funding (B)</b>	<b>17,475</b>	<b>19,749</b>	<b>19,189</b>	<b>20,300</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) of Operating Funding (A - B)</b>	<b>4,527</b>	<b>3,567</b>	<b>4,298</b>	<b>5,872</b>
<b>(SURPLUS) / DEFICIT OF CAPITAL FUNDING</b>				
Sources of Capital Funding				
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	2,697	9,787	8,111	13,218
Development and financial contributions	-	-	-	-
Increase (decrease) in debt	5,383	2,200	6,391	8,000
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-	4,008
Lump sum contributions	-	-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Sources of Capital Funding (C)</b>	<b>8,081</b>	<b>11,987</b>	<b>14,502</b>	<b>25,226</b>
Application of Capital Funding				
Capital Expenditure:				
- to meet additional demand	31	3,032	968	5,528
- to improve the level of service	6,000	6,986	6,937	4,045
- to replace existing assets	5,102	5,212	10,471	8,501
Increase (decrease) in reserves	1,475	323	425	9,023
Increase (decrease) of investments	-	-	-	4,000
<b>Total Applications of Capital Funding (D)</b>	<b>12,608</b>	<b>15,553</b>	<b>18,800</b>	<b>31,098</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) of Capital Funding (C - D)</b>	<b>(4,527)</b>	<b>(3,567)</b>	<b>(4,298)</b>	<b>(5,872)</b>
<b>Funding Balance ((A - B) + (C - D))</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE READERS OF WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL AND GROUP'S SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

The summary of the annual report was derived from the annual report of Westland District Council and Group (the District Council) for the year ended 30 June 2022.

The summary of the annual report comprises the following summary statements on pages 8 to 24:

- the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022;
- the summaries of the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended 30 June 2022;
- the notes to the summary financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the summary of group activities performance (referred to as "An overview of Council Performance").

#### Opinion

In our opinion:

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

#### Summary of the annual report

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

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

#### The full annual report and our audit report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the information we audited in the full annual report for the year ended 30 June 2022 in our auditor's report dated 21 December 2022. Our auditor's report on the full annual report also includes an emphasis of matter paragraph drawing attention to the disclosures about the Government's three waters reform programme announcement as set out in the full annual report in note 26 to the financial statements. The Government introduced legislation to establish four publicly owned water services entities to take over responsibilities for service delivery and infrastructure from local authorities with effect from 1 July 2024. The legislation received royal assent from the Governor-General on 14 December 2022. The impact of these reforms will mean that the District Council will no longer deliver three waters services or own the assets required to deliver these services.



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In December 2022, the Government introduced the Water Services Legislation Bill, which will transfer assets and liabilities to the water services entities. These matters are addressed on page 17 of the summary of the annual report.

### **Council's responsibility for the summary of the annual report**

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

### **Auditor's responsibility**

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

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

Other than the audit of the annual report and debenture trustee reporting, we have no relationship with or interests in the District Council or its subsidiaries and controlled entities.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B Summerfield', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Brendan Summerfield  
Ernst & Young  
Chartered Accountants  
On behalf of the Auditor-General  
Christchurch, New Zealand  
21 December 2022