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## Introduction

The purpose of a Quarterly Operational Report (QOR) is to present a snapshot of the Council progressing through the delivery of the programme of activities agreed to in that year's annual plan or long-term plan. It is designed to give a feel for how the Council is progressing and the forecast for the rest of the year.

The QOR is structured in the following manner for each activity within each one of the six groups of activity:

- The objective for that activity
- Commentary/Highlights – a high level overview of how that activity is progressing and any indications for future performance. Case studies and/or matters of interest may also be included in this section.
- Outputs/Key performance indicators – these are the annual plan/long-term plan measures for the year together with actual performance to date. "NF" (non-financial status) is the performance year to date and "E" (expected future status) is the forecast for the rest of the year. The colours are as defined below.
- Scoreboard – Outputs/Key performance indicators – this is a graphical representation of how performance is progressing and how it is forecast to progress for the rest of the year. The key is:
  - green – performance is on target for the year or is forecast to remain on target for the year
  - orange – performance to date is at risk of not achieving the target or there is a risk that the year end performance may not be achieved
  - red – performance to date has not achieved the target or the performance for the rest of the year is unlikely to achieve the target
  - grey – the performance measure has been delayed
  - black – reporting on the performance measure has not been updated or the forecast for the rest of the year has not been updated.
- Further explanation of all performance that is not "on target" is provided.

# Resource Management



## Resource management planning

Preparing, adopting and maintaining comprehensive and publicly considered policies, plans and strategies that will deliver to the Taranaki community, efficient and effective management of the Council's functions and Taranaki's natural and physical resources.

### Commentary/Highlights

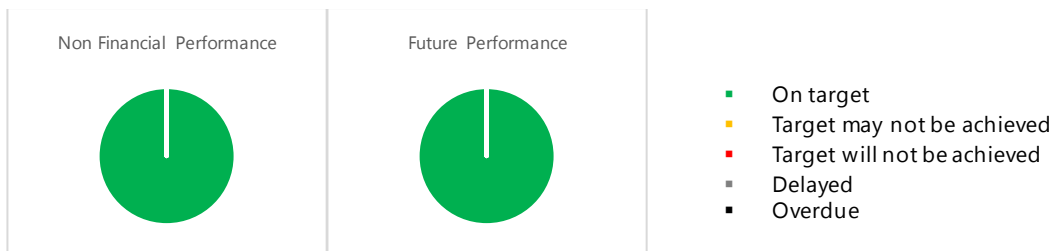
Continued to make progress on the review of the Regional Freshwater and Coastal plans. Various reports associated with the reviews have been presented to the Policy and Planning Committee and feedback has been received. The Council decided to delay the release of a Proposed Freshwater Plan to allow further work to be undertaken and recognising the considerable uncertainty for the review arising from central government initiatives. In the interim the Council's requirements for farm dairy discharge to go to land, whenever possible, will be worked through with consent holders with appropriate transition arrangements. A requirements document for this and other changes has been prepared for discussion with key stakeholders. A draft Coastal Plan is out for public consultation.

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
<b>Complete preparation/full reviews and interim reviews of resource management policies, plans and strategies:</b>	
<b>Regional Policy Statement: Interim review in 2016/2017. Full review in 2019/2020.</b>	Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki (RPS) made operative in January 2010. No further work is required until the full review in 2019/2020 however, an interim review of the RPS has commenced.  
<b>Regional Coastal Plan: Full review 2016/2017. Interim review 2022/2023.</b>	Review ongoing. A Draft Coastal Plan and summary sheet prepared and released for targeted consultation 2 September.  
<b>Regional Air Quality Plan: Interim review 2016/2017. Full review 2021/2022.</b>	The review of the Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki was completed and made operative on 25 July 2011.  

Performance measure	Actual performance
<b>Regional Fresh Water and Land Plan: On going review 2019/2020. Interim review 2025/2026.</b>	<p>The Freshwater and Soil Plans have been reviewed and a combined Draft Plan sent out for targeted consultation on 1 May 2015. Draft Section 32 Report commenced. At the Policy and Planning Committee of 26 November 2015, the Council agreed to defer the public notification of a Proposed Plan for up to five years in accordance with a revised NPSFM progressive implementation plan (PIP). A revised timeline was approved to allow the review to factor in planned Government reforms in freshwater management and to undertake further consultation and work on issues identified to date. In the meantime, the Council will continue to progress the Plan review by undertaking further work, consultation, studies and investigations to finalise Plan provisions.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>

### Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



### Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A

## Consent processing and administration

Processing all applications for resource consents and administering resource consents in an efficient and effective manner.

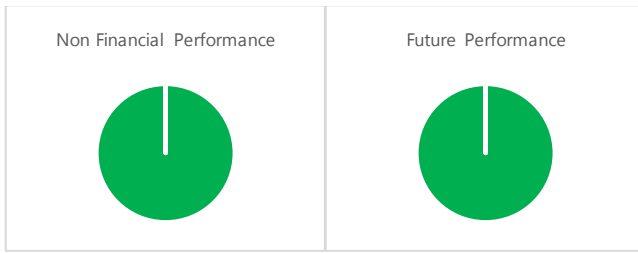
### Commentary/Highlights

Fewer resource consent applications are being received arising from the downturn in the dairy and oil and gas sectors. However, staff are busy working on new applications and consent renewals. The consenting process is becoming more streamlined with ongoing system improvements being made to manage consenting risks and to reduce costs (e.g., on-line resource consent applications). There have been no objections or appeals against consent decisions. The 100% consent processing timeframe compliance has been maintained, meaning activities are not being delayed.

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
Provide appropriate and timely information in response to 100% of requests for assistance in implementing Resource Management Act 1991 plan rules.	Timely and appropriate information has been provided for all information requests. <b>N E</b>
Process, issue and report upon 100% of accepted resource consent applications (approximately 450 consents per annum), in compliance with the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Council's Resource Consents Procedures document and successfully defend 100% of consent decisions appealed to the Environment Court.	Over the year to date, all of the resource consent applications processed (57) were completed in accordance with the statutory procedures of the Act and the Council's Resource Consents Procedures documentation. There have been no appeals to the Environment Court against any Council decision. <b>N E</b>
Process and administer 100% of accepted resource consent applications in compliance with statutory timeframes prescribed in the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Council's Resource Consents Procedures document.	In the year to date, 100% of resource consent applications have been processed within the timeframes required by the Resource Management Act and the Council's Resource Consents Procedures documentation. <b>N E</b>
Minimising the number and duration of resource consent hearings by resolving, through the pre-hearing process, at least 50% of submissions received on resource consent applications.	In the year to date no applications involving submissions have been processed. <b>N E</b>

### Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



- On target
- Target may not be achieved
- Target will not be achieved
- Delayed
- Overdue

### Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A

## Compliance monitoring programmes

Undertaking effective and efficient monitoring of resource consents and, where necessary, undertaking successful enforcement action.

### Commentary/Highlights

The Council implemented 209 specific individual compliance programmes in 2015/2016 for major consent holders (including catchment programmes that cover multiple consent holders within a single programme), together with additional programmes for hydrocarbon exploration and development activities as they arose. Consent holders have been assessed on environmental performance and on consent compliance. The ratings for these consent holders in 2015/2016 was found to be 71% 'high' and 24% 'good'. A similar number of specific programmes are being delivered in 2016/2017. The farm dairy effluent monitoring programme for the year has commenced with officers undertaking inspections and water quality sampling to assess compliance with consent conditions. The non-compliance rate is at a similar level to last year and reflects the need to maintain oxidation pond systems. Monitoring inspections of permitted activities associated with minor industries was undertaken during the winter months and compliance has generally been found. Appropriate enforcement action has been undertaken in response to non-compliance with abatement notices and infringement notices issued.

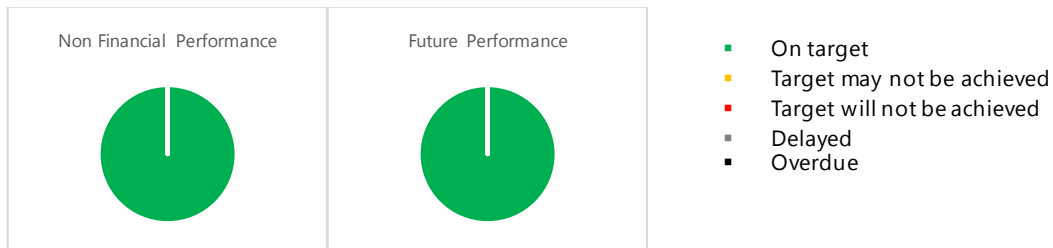
### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
<b>100% of individual compliance monitoring programmes for all major consents designed, implemented and publicly reported upon (approximately 200 individual compliance monitoring programmes per annum) within the negotiated budgets and completed within nine months of the end of the monitoring period.</b>	<p>The implementation of individual compliance monitoring programmes for the 2016/2017 monitoring period within agreed budgets is underway. During the first three months of 2016/17 the Council has publicly reported 24 annual programmes in 20 reports presented to the Consents and Regulatory Committee. 210 individual scheduled compliance programmes are being implemented in the 2016/2017 year, with additional programmes applying to hydrocarbon exploration and work-over activities as they occur during the year. Fewer programmes are being implemented this year as a number of programmes have been combined. The work towards producing annual reports in a timely manner continues.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<b>Implement and report on 100% of recommendations arising from prior year's monitoring of resource consents subject to an individual compliance monitoring programme.</b>	<p>Within each compliance monitoring annual report, recommendations from previous reports are set out and their implementation, via monitoring programme design and consent reviews, is reported upon. Implementation of every recommendation is reported in the relevant report presented during 2016/2017.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<b>Implement annual programmes for 100% of resource consents for agricultural discharges and 90% of minor industries not otherwise subject to an individual compliance monitoring programme (approximately 3,300 inspections per annum).</b>	<p>157 inspections of minor industrial operations have been completed. These inspections are to ensure good environmental practices are being achieved. 461 annual dairy inspections have been completed.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>



Performance measure	Actual performance
<p>Where necessary, implement appropriate advisory and enforcement actions to require 100% compliance with resource consents and/or regional plans.</p>	<p>The Council has undertaken appropriate monitoring and enforcement actions to require 100% compliance with resource consents and/or regional plans. Enforcement action, including 55 abatement notices and 17 infringement notices, has been undertaken. No prosecution have been initiated as a result of unauthorised incidents.</p> <p><b>N F E</b></p>

### Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



### Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A

## Pollution incidents and response

Responding effectively to pollution incidents, reducing the occurrence and effects of pollution and other unauthorised incidents and, where necessary, undertaking successful enforcement action.

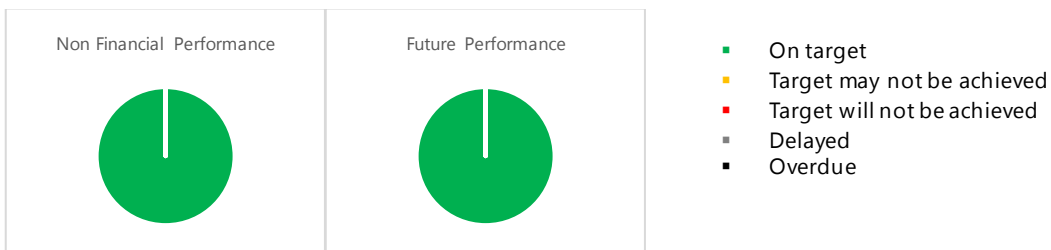
### Commentary/Highlights

The number of prosecutions in the system is low which shows an improved compliance attitude, possibly arising from recent high profile prosecutions and high fines. This should translate to improved environmental quality. The number of abatement and infringement notices issued are similar to 2015/2016 indicating similar compliance and non-compliance rates. There have been no significant marine oil spills that required actioning the response plan.

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
<b>Respond to 100% of pollution and other complaints (generally within four hours of receipt) and where appropriate instigate control, clean up and enforcement procedures, where reasonable and appropriate, and publicly report on all pollution incidents.</b>	<p>Responded to all 139 reported incidents (100%) within the required timeframe. Instigated control and clean-up where required. Issued 43 fourteen day letters, 55 abatement notices and 17 infringement notices. No prosecutions have been initiated as a result of unauthorised incidents.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<b>Administer and implement the Taranaki Regional Oil Spill Response Plan as agreed with Maritime New Zealand including responding to 100% of oil spills.</b>	<p>Administered the Tier II Taranaki Regional Oil Spill Response Plan in accordance with the programme agreed with Maritime New Zealand. No significant marine oil spills occurred that warranted actioning the Plan.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>

### Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



### Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A




## State of the environment monitoring

Monitoring the state of the environment in Taranaki to enable periodic evaluation of trends in the state of the environment and of the effects of the implementation of the Council's policies and plans—this activity contributes to all levels of service.

### Commentary/Highlights

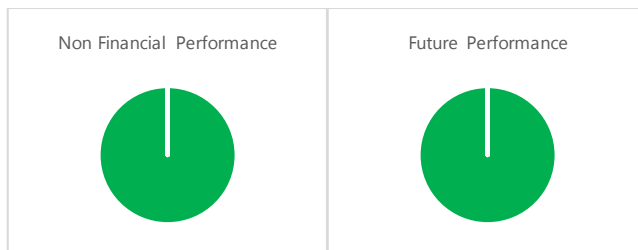
Implementation of the Council's suite of state of the environment (SEM) programmes (over 50) is continuing. The Council has received a two-year report on the state of and trends in periphyton in the region's rivers, and has considered aspects of SEM reporting at the national level. Programmes have been reviewed for implementation in 2016/2017. The Council has continued to support the regional councils' environmental data LAWA website and to be engaged in developing the national EMaR (environmental monitoring and reporting) programmes alongside MfE.

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
<b>Implement and report on 100% of the Council's state of the environment monitoring programmes comprising monitoring of surface fresh water quantity, levels and flows, fresh water quality, groundwater quantity and quality, coastal waters, biodiversity, air quality and land use sustainability using recognized and reputable methods of data collection, analysis and reporting in accordance with the Council's State of the Environment Monitoring Procedures document and State of the Environment Monitoring Programmes.</b>	Implemented 100% (100%-2015/2016) of the Council's state of the environment monitoring programmes, in accordance with the programmes prepared for 2015/2016. The Council's report Taranaki as one- Taranaki Tangata Tu Tahi State of the Environment report 2015 was published at the start of the 2015/2016 year.  
<b>Monitor, review and where appropriate, further develop existing programmes by 30 June of each year.</b>	State of the environment monitoring is being delivered as scheduled. The fresh and marine recreational bathing water and the periphyton programmes were reported in June and September respectively. Additional sites for physical/chemical monitoring have been established and are being monitored. Soft shore marine and shellfish programmes are being scoped. The riparian management programme is being reviewed and the reporting format is now being developed. The current regional lake water quality programme is being reviewed to identify if additional parameters could be included for greater benefit.  
<b>Prepare and publish the five-yearly state of the environment report. The next report is due in 2020.</b>	The Council's five-yearly state of the environment report, Taranaki as one - Taranaki Tangata tu Tahi, was published in July 2015.  

Performance measure	Actual performance
<p>Maintain all quality assurance programmes and information databases for hydrometric, air quality, physicochemical freshwater, terrestrial biodiversity, fresh water biological and marine biological data. IANZ registration for chemical analysis maintained.</p>	<p>All quality assurance programmes and information databases for hydrometric, air quality, physicochemical freshwater, terrestrial biodiversity, fresh water biological and marine biological data, are being maintained. IANZ accreditation (International Accreditation New Zealand) for a range of the tests undertaken by the Council's laboratory has been maintained, with the most recent surveillance assessment in early August awarding the Council accreditation with no corrective actions required.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<p>Maintain public access to on-line live regional data on hydrology, meteorology, soil moisture and bathing beach water quality. Live data reported on the Taranaki Regional Council's website.</p>	<p>Live on-line data is being maintained and reported for 32 hydrology sites, 27 meteorology sites and 9 soil moisture sites, and seasonally for 18 freshwater sites and 9 marine bathing beach water quality sites. The freshwater and marine bathing site data commences when seasonal sampling recommences in November.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>

Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



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- Target will not be achieved
- Delayed
- Overdue

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N/A

## Resource investigations and projects

Providing relevant research information for resource management purposes—this activity contributes to all levels of service.

### Commentary/Highlights

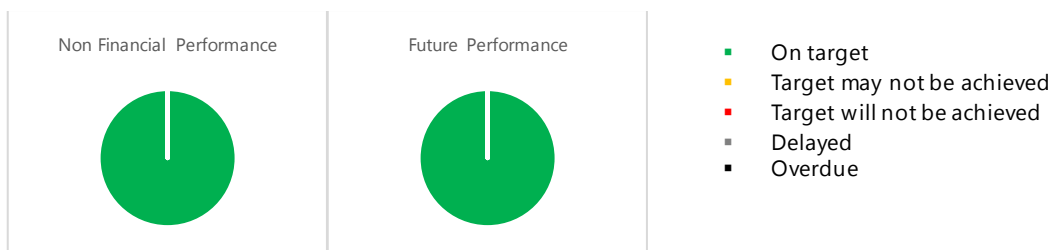
The Council undertakes targeted and pro-active research and investigative activities each year that support and inform its policies and activities, providing a sound scientific and evidential basis for decision-making and policy development, so that potential problems are identified and responses researched before they become critical. Various activities continue as planned, with a high level of engagement with applicants in the MBIE research bidding process for environmental research funding. This involves exploring opportunities relevant to regional council activities, with CRIOs in allocation of Strategic Science Investment funding, and with several of the National Science Challenges - in particular the 'Our Land and Water', 'Nature's Challenges', 'Sustainable Seas', and 'Our Biological Heritage'. Staff have also participated in the development of long-term science research roadmaps for MfE/DoC and for MPI. The regional study by Lincoln Ventures into groundwater attenuation processes has been completed and a draft report has been received for information and review. Studies on the effects of cadmium in soils and crops are continuing, and interim reports have been received. Another Envirolink funding round of resource-focused research is being planned for (October-November).

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
<p><b>Over the period of the 2015/2025 Long-Term Plan the Council intends to undertake a range of resource investigations and applied research projects. Specifically for 2016/2017, the Council intends to:</b></p>	
<p><b>Continue to support the “best practice dairying catchments” study in the Waiokura Stream catchment.</b></p>	<p>Council staff continue to monitor ecological and physicochemical water quality parameters within the Waiokura catchment, and to consider data interpretation and analysis.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<p><b>Continue to use microbial source testing technology to identify sources of faecal contamination in Taranaki waters.</b></p>	<p>The mid-reaches of the Patea River have been confirmed as one stretch for investigation in 2016/2017. The Waitara embayment was targeted for additional investigations following some unexplained short-term high bacterial counts. However, the study outcomes were inconclusive as the high counts did not recur.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<p><b>Support studies into the behaviour and bioavailability of cadmium in agricultural soils and fertilizer.</b></p>	<p>The Council participates as an active member of the Cadmium Working Group (CWG). The purpose of the research is to provide an assessment of the risks to NZ agriculture posed by any accumulation of fertiliser derived-Cd and to provide evidence for effective soil management options to mitigate plant uptake. Reports have been received (July) on cadmium accumulation in a range of forage and market garden crops grown in various soils, levels of Cd within NZ's agriculture and food chain systems, the significant of Cd within primary production sectors, and options for management of soil systems and fodder pasture to control Cd uptake.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>

Performance measure	Actual performance
Investigate shallow groundwater transport, transformation and attenuation processes.	<p>This study, delivered by Lincoln Ventures with field work support by Council staff, has been reported in draft form to the Council for review and finalisation. Regional groundwater sampling will continue shortly. GNS are undertaking age studies of groundwater in the Waiokura catchment to determine travel times and hence groundwater lags between land management practices and receiving surface water quality.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
Engagement in "EnviroLink" and other science research project development opportunities and strategies for regional councils, to enhance knowledge base for policy development and implementation. Projects with clear relevance and benefit to Taranaki to be adopted by "EnviroLink" and other funding opportunities (advocacy to be reported through Council's annual report processes).	<p>The 2015/2016 'EnviroLink' projects are underway: a review of a national High Intensity Rainfall Design System, and development of Discrete Water Quality Sampling Standards. MBIE approval now provided for 4 projects in 2016/2017: farm scale soil mapping and applications, management of aquatic weeds, assessment criteria for fish passage and barrier mitigation options, and review of marine recreational microbiological guidelines and their scientific basis. There is on-going engagement with MBIE's National Science Challenges, to pursue specific projects of benefit to the Taranaki region. A workshop for the Taranaki-specific projects within 'Natural hazards' NSCs was held. Staff are participating in a Joint project in conjunction with VT, to deliver a pilot 'Participatory Science Platform Project', providing mentoring to community science projects, with high public awareness and publicity. Staff have met with NIWA to discuss research needs of mutual interest. Council has provided submissions to DoC/MfE on the 'conservation and environment' and to the MPI 'Enhanced productivity' 20-year science roadmap projects.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>

### Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



### Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A

## Waste minimisation

Encouraging and implementing waste management and cleaner production initiatives in Taranaki consistent with the *Regional Waste Strategy for Taranaki* and the waste management plans of the districts.

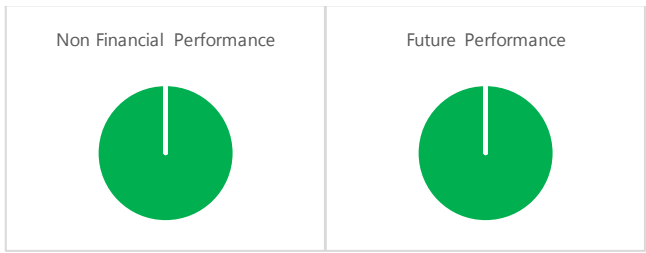
### Commentary/Highlights

The purpose of this work stream is to encourage and implement waste management and cleaner production initiatives in Taranaki consistent with the *Regional Waste Strategy for Taranaki* and the waste management plans of the districts. Significant areas of activity include in-house waste minimisation educational campaigns, public presentations, the administration of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee, and a review of the *Regional Waste Minimisation Strategy for Taranaki*. In particular, the Council will work with the three district councils in the review of their waste management plans.

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
<b>Assist sector leaders in six activity areas in exploring and implementing energy efficiency and waste minimisation.</b>	<p>In 2016/2017 work has focussed on: WITT orientation - hosted a stand with NPDC with the purpose of reducing contamination of recycling by students, investigated opportunities to manage and minimise soft plastics, preparation for the Clean-up Week in collaboration with Stratford District Council, and facilitated the Midweek 'hook-up' with new Community Fruit Harvesting venture.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<b>Work with the agricultural sector to identify, implement and/or promote waste minimisation opportunities.</b>	<p>The Council continues to promote waste recovery within the agricultural sector through education and publicity. Specifically, the Council has initiated the development of a mapping tool to establish distances to transfer stations for rural residents.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<b>Facilitate a regional approach to waste management initiatives and programmes at policy, management, and implementation levels, in particular servicing the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee, implementing a revision of the Regional Waste Strategy by June 2021, and partnering in delivering waste plans for the three districts of Taranaki.</b>	<p>Servicing of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee (TSWMC) continues. The review of the district waste plans has commenced. Other work includes collation of data for waste assessments, undertaken training in the use of NAUS model - a data analysis tool, coordinated information for the SWAP report and drafting a vision, goals and objectives as well as identifying options. Planning for an industry workshop is underway. The 2016/2017 Education Plan has been reviewed and adopted. A report on the soft plastics waste stream, the revision of the <i>Waste Management and Minimisation Strategy for Taranaki</i> and an outline of the last year of activity in the 2015/16 significant activity report have been completed.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>

Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



- On target
- Target may not be achieved
- Target will not be achieved
- Delayed
- Overdue

Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A



## Sustainable land management plans and plant supply programme

Promoting sustainable land and riparian management by providing land management advice and information on an individual property basis and through advocacy and facilitation.

### Commentary/Highlights

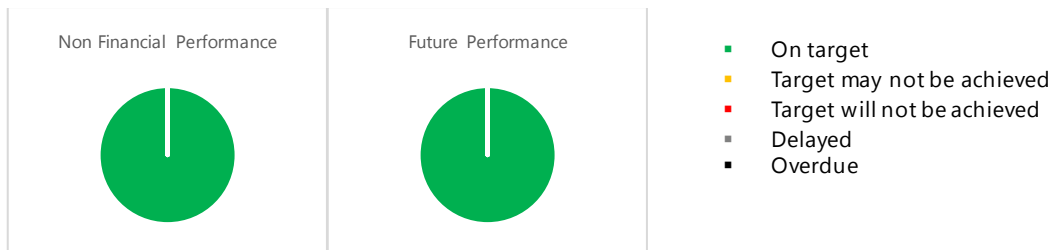
Mostly business as usual across both the riparian and hill country programmes. Riparian fencing and plant sales are progressing as expected at rates similar to last year. A further 32km of fencing and 26km of new planting recorded for the first quarter. Riparian margins are now 84.4% fenced and 69.4% vegetated where recommended. The hill country programme is progressing and delivery of the STRESS targets is on target. This includes hill country farmer focus group meetings and the pole harvest and dispatch of around 4,000 hill country poplar poles. Work is progressing on the development of a riparian compliance certificate. The development of new mobile field technology for both the riparian and hill country programmes will be ready for use by early next year.

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
<b>Planning services. Provide property planning services to landholders. Prepare plans covering 1,000 hectares of land use capability mapping in the hill country and 100 riparian plans in the intensive water management zone. By the end of the period of this Plan it is intended to have active or completed riparian plans in place for over 99% of dairy farms (approximately 1,680) and active comprehensive farm plans in place for over 69% of hill country in private ownership where approximately 840 sheep and beef farms are located.</b>	<p>There have been two comprehensive farm plans and no agroforestry plans prepared covering 397 hectares. Plans now cover 66.4% or 203,279 hectares of the land in private ownership in the hill country. Ten riparian plans were prepared in September. Ten riparian plans and three add-ons have been completed for the year.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<b>Monitoring and reporting. Liaise with and monitor approximately 2,600 riparian plans and 100 farm plans and report on the implementation of the recommended fencing and planting.</b>	<p>For the year to date, there have been 1,639 liaisons (314 observations and 1,325 events). In total, 4,357.5 kilometres of new fencing has been erected resulting in 84.4% of waterways protected by fencing. Since 1 July 2016, 2,412 kilometres of new planting has been established, resulting in 69.4% of waterways having adequate vegetation where recommended.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<b>Provision of advice. When requested, provide advice on sustainable land management practices within ten working days.</b>	<p>Staff have responded to 66 requests all within the required timeframe.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<b>Provide servicing and support to the Taranaki Biodiversity Trust and assistance to other organizations involved in promoting sustainable land management.</b>	<p>Provided administrative and treasury services to the Taranaki Biodiversity Trust "Wild For Taranaki"</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>

Performance measure	Actual performance
Provide annually, on a cost-recovery basis, approximately 450,000 suitable plants for land stabilisation, soil conservation and riparian planting programmes.	To the end of September 2016, 157,189 plants have been ordered for the year. <b>N E</b>
Implement the South Taranaki and Regional Erosion Support Soil Conservation Programme including an estimated 6,000 poplar poles, 50 ha of protection forestry and construction of 22 km of retirement fencing to retire 300 ha of marginal land.	3,931 poles ordered and planted in July/August. 24.4 hectares of reversion proposed. 3.16 kilometres of fencing proposed to protect 36.3 hectares of forestry. Audits to be completed by end of October. No fencing proposed for retirement of marginal land. This will be reported in November. <b>N</b>

### Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



### Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A

## Biodiversity

Maintaining and enhancing the indigenous biodiversity of the Taranaki region, working alongside landowners and other groups and agencies in accordance with the Council's policies and biodiversity strategy priorities.

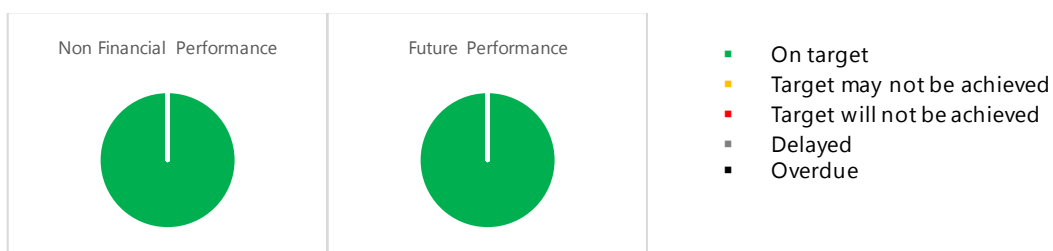
### Commentary/Highlights

Work with landowners to prepare biodiversity plans that protect the values within their Key Native Ecosystems (KNE) continues. Work on existing plans including: fencing, planting and pest plant and animal control, continues. Staff are actively looking for new sites that meet the Key Native Ecosystem criteria with particular focus on areas that are close to existing sites to provide corridors of protection across the landscape. Working with our partners within the Taranaki Biodiversity Trust assisting the Board with planning for a landscape programme "Restoring Taranaki".

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
<b>Prepare at least 10 biodiversity plans per annum for properties containing key native ecosystems (KNE).</b>	<p>Work is progressing towards the preparation of 14 new biodiversity plans for KNE's. Four of these have been completed and presented to landowners. Planned dates for completion are 25 December 2016 for 12 of these new plans and the end of February for the remaining two.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<b>Initiate and support implementation of work programmes on all KNE's with a biodiversity plan and monitor and report on progress.</b>	<p>Annual work plans have been approved for 87 KNE's with a biodiversity plan to progress works in line with approved funding. Work type is seasonal, with pest animal control spanning the year, pest plant control and fencing carried out during the summer months and plantings during winter/spring.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>

### Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



### Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A

## Enhancement grants

Promoting the protection of the environment through the provision of targeted enhancement grants.

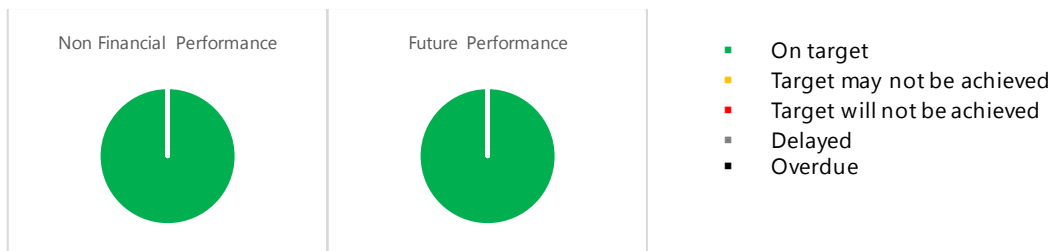
### Commentary/Highlights

Enhancement grants provide funding for a range of the Council's programmes including Key Native Ecosystems, wetland protection and STRESS. Funding is provided for projects as outlined in plans that are agreed to with the landowner. This funding also supports the Taranaki Biodiversity Trust "Wild for Taranaki".

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
Implement a programme using environmental enhancement grants for the protection of biodiversity habitats of regional significance.	<p>Excluding the STRESS budget, \$100,000 worth of environmental enhancement grant projects are pending. A further \$4,281 has been paid out. All funds are allocated at this stage.</p> <p><b>NF E</b></p>

### Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



### Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A

# Biosecurity

## Biosecurity planning

Preparing, adopting and maintaining comprehensive and publicly considered policies, plans and strategies that will deliver to the Taranaki community, efficient and effective management of the Council's biosecurity functions.

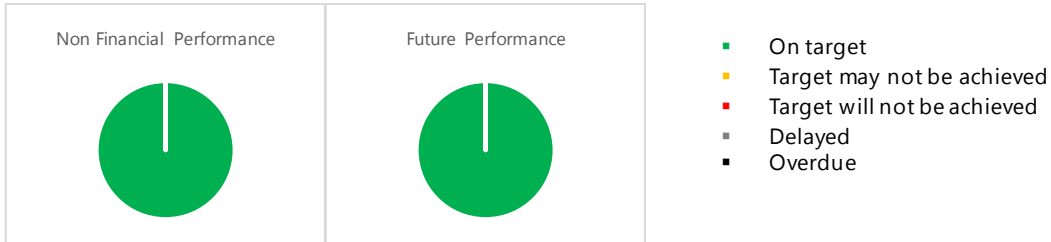
## Commentary/Highlights

The Biosecurity Strategy for Taranaki and the reviewed Regional Pest Management Plan are both at the draft stage and will be presented to the Council prior to public consultation.

## Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
Undertake ten-yearly review of the Pest Management Plan for Taranaki in 2016/2017 and an interim review in 2021/2022.	<p>A Draft Pest Plan and a section 72 cost/benefit analysis report have been prepared taking into account the recently promulgated National Policy Direction (NPD). A separate draft Biosecurity Strategy for Taranaki has also been prepared that Council will consult on at the same time as the RPMP.</p> <p><b>N F E</b></p>

## Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



## Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A

## Pest animal and pest plant management

Controlling pest animals and controlling or eradicating pest plants to minimise their adverse effects on biodiversity, primary production and the regional economy and environment.

### Commentary/Highlights

The self-help possum control programme continues with landowners in the eastern zone undertaking maintenance to ensure they meet strategy requirements. Delays in the Department of Conservation’s aerial 1080 control within Egmont National Park are causing hold up for the Council’s contracts on surrounding land. Officers continue to respond to public enquiries on a range of pest plant and animals. Planning for the first round of control of Old Mans Beard within the Waingongoro catchment is on track with contractors due to start in the spring. Monitoring of the Kaupokonui catchment has highlights some hotspots that will require additional work before removing from the current exemption from strategy rules. The pest plant inspection programme continues. Land owners with pest plants on their properties are required to undertake control.

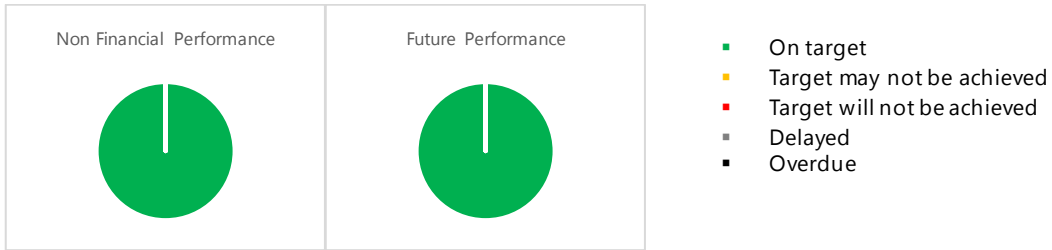
### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
<b>Dependent upon the review of the Pest Management Plan for Taranaki:</b>	
<b>Undertake property inspections, provide advice and, where necessary, enforcement action, for the self-help possum control and sustained control pest plant programmes.</b>	<p>1,004 self-help possum control properties had control facilitated this quarter. Four Notices of Direction have been issued under the self-help possum programme. Pest plant inspections for this quarter include 1,224 “A” properties, 634 “B” properties and 38 “C” properties. Six Notices of direction issued under the Pest Plant Programme. No default action required. Advertising through various media has been undertaken relating to strategy pest plants.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<b>Engage with the community and raise awareness about management and control of pests, including providing advice and responding to public enquiries relating to pest issues.</b>	<p>22 pest plant enquires have been received and actioned for strategy pest plants and 13 enquiries have been received for non-strategy pest plants. 68 enquiries have been received and actioned for strategy pest animals. In addition to this, the Council has received 16 enquiries regarding non-strategy animal pests such as rats and insects.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<b>Monitor and report trends for key pest species in the region and effectiveness of pest control programmes.</b>	<p>Maintenance of the Eastern zone of self-help possum control programme will be completed in October when residual trap catch monitoring will commence for 2016/2017.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>

Performance measure	Actual performance
<b>Implement control operations for possum control in the areas surrounding Egmont National Park in conjunction with the Department of Conservation.</b>	<p>Three control contracts have been let for land surrounding Egmont National Park. Delays in the Department of Conservation operation within the park is causing concern, with the decision made to delay any further work until the operation is complete.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<b>Implement control operations for the eradication of selected pest plants.</b>	<p>Intensive inspection work has found new infestations of eradication species with twenty direct control operations being undertaken on 'Eradication Pest Plants' this quarter. Control work will increase during the drier months.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<b>Implement control operations for Old Mans Beard in the Waingongoro catchment.</b>	<p>Initial work along the Waingongoro Stream has commenced with quotes being obtained and landowners contacted. Monitoring along the Kaupokonui stream area has shown a number of hot spot areas remain. Further treatment will be undertaken before the hand over to landowner maintenance.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<b>Implement control operations for selected Key Native Ecosystems.</b>	<p>Pest plant and animal control in KNEs, in keeping with 5 year biodiversity plans, annual work plans and associated budgets is being undertaken.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<b>Develop and implement biological control programmes for pest plants. Make releases of control agents when appropriate.</b>	<p>No releases of biological agents this quarter. On going monitoring will identify the effectiveness of agents over time.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<b>Provide advice on and, if necessary, implement small-scale control of unwanted plant organisms.</b>	<p>In the first quarter, thirteen enquiries about non-strategy pest plants were received. In all cases, advice was provided as appropriate.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>

Performance measure	Actual performance
<b>Implement the National Pest Plant Accord, inspecting all plant nurseries and retail outlets annually to promote and, where necessary, enforcing the prohibition from propagation, sale or distribution of specified unwanted plant organisms.</b>	To date, no nurseries or retail outlets have been undertaken.  <span style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold; color: #90ee90;">NF E</span>

### Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



### Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A



# Transport

## Regional land transport planning

Contributing to an effective, efficient and safe land transport system in the public interest.

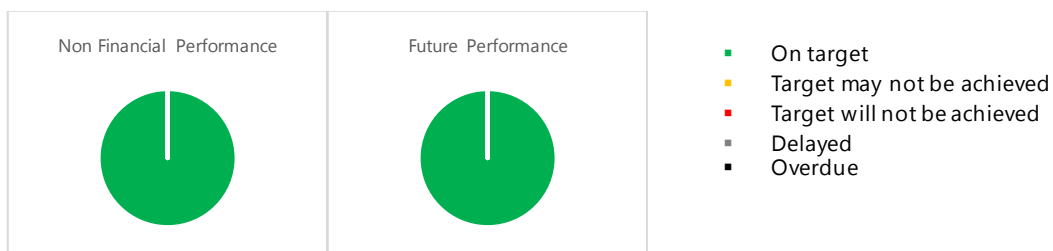
### Commentary/Highlights

Taranaki's transport advocacy continues to be active on a number of fronts. In particular, the Council continues to work closely with the NZTA on the SH3 North (Awakino to Mt Messenger), Bell Block to Waitara and New Plymouth to Hawera projects. It is pleasing to note the near completion of the Normanby Overbridge project and the completion of the Vickers to City project. The focus moves to the sealing of the Forgotten Highway (SH43). Implementing the adopted Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/2016 – 2020/2021 is ongoing. Support provided to Regional Transport Committee and State Highway 3 Working Party. Officers continue to liaise with stakeholders and respond to submissions.

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
<b>Complete preparation/full reviews and interim reviews of the transport policies, plans and strategies:</b>	
<b>Review and make adjustments to the regional land transport plan, as required, in accordance with statutory requirements.</b>	Four variations (December 2015, June 2016 and September 2016) have been required to the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP).  NF E
<b>During 2017/18 complete a mid-term review of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015/16-2020/21 in 2017/2018.</b>	The regional component of the Regional Land Transport Plan is being implemented. No further action is required in 2016/2017.  NF E
<b>Review and make adjustments to the Transport Activity Procurement Strategy, as required, in accordance with statutory requirements.</b>	The Transport Activity Procurement Strategy for the Taranaki region is current and ongoing. All reviews are up to date.  NF E

### Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



### Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A

## Public transport

Promoting the provision of community public transport in Taranaki and assist the transport needs of the transport disadvantaged.

### Commentary/Highlights

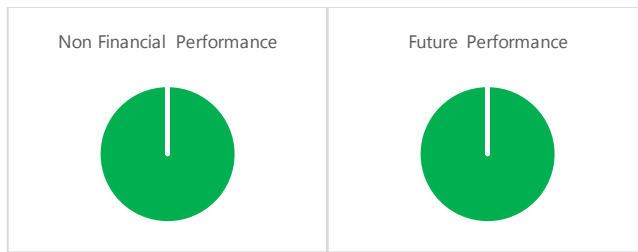
The Total Mobility Scheme continues to assist people with impairments. The number of trips is down this quarter on the corresponding quarter in 2015/2016. Existing passenger services continue throughout the region with ongoing monitoring of patronage, farebox recovery and the region's commerciality ratio. Total patronage across these services was down on the corresponding quarter in 2015/2016. However, only Citylink (-5.4%) and the Opunake to New Plymouth service (-7.6%) recorded a decrease in this quarter.

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
<b>Provide Total Mobility subsidy assistance to qualifying persons through the New Zealand Transport Agency supported Total Mobility Scheme. Process complete applications from eligible applicants within 10 working days.</b>	<p>Provided Total Mobility Scheme services to the targeted areas-10,025 trips. An additional 1,833 trips have been made by the Ironside Vehicle Society. ID cards were issued to 100% of eligible applicants within the required timeframe.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<b>Operate public transport services in the New Plymouth district and regional Taranaki consistent with the Regional Public Transport Plan subject to funding approval from the New Zealand Transport Agency and the availability of local share funding.</b>	<p>Passenger transport services in the New Plymouth district and regional Taranaki were operated consistent with the Regional Public Transport Plan.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<b>Monitor the New Plymouth bus service contract including patronage growth and fare box recovery.</b>	<p>Services have been provided as contracted. No variations or issues have arisen during the year to date. YTD patronage is 151,163. YTD farebox recovery rate is 40.2%.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<b>Monitor the regional bus service contracts including patronage growth and fare box recovery.</b>	<p>Services have been provided as contracted. No variations or issues have arisen during the year to date. YTD patronage is 9,379, an increase of 5.6%. YTD farebox recovery is 55.7% (Farebox recovery includes direct funding from WITT and TDHB, in lieu of fares, for the Connector service).</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>

Performance measure	Actual performance
Monitor the commerciality ratio of the region's public transport services and publish the ratio annually.	The commerciality ratio for the region's public transport services is 43.1%.  NF E
Review public bus service fares annually to ensure passengers pay a fair share of the cost of the services.	Fares and the fare structure will be reviewed in 2016/2017.  NF E
Provide financial assistance to the Ironside Vehicle Society subject to funding eligibility criteria being met.	Financial assistance to the Ironside Vehicle Society is provided (\$50,000).  NF E

### Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



- On target
- Target may not be achieved
- Target will not be achieved
- Delayed
- Overdue

### Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A

## Harbour management

Promoting safe navigation for all users of the waters of Port Taranaki.

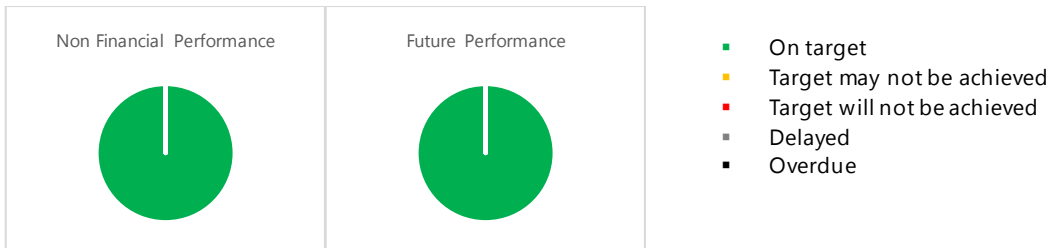
### Commentary/Highlights

There were no significant navigation and safety incidents at the port and there was compliance with the required codes and management systems. A revised Port Taranaki Harbour Safety Management System was presented to Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) for assessment.

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
<p><b>Provide harbourmaster and harbour warden services for Port Taranaki and implement the Navigation Bylaw for Port Taranaki and Approaches. No significant breaches of the requirements of the New Zealand Port and Maritime Safety Code, including the Port Taranaki Harbour Safety Management System.</b></p>	<p>In the year to date, no breaches have been reported. The Harbourmaster contract is in place for the year and is under revision to improve it. The Harbour Safety Management System has been reviewed and is with MNZ.</p> <p><b>N F E</b></p>

### Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



### Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A

# Hazard Management



## Civil defence emergency management

Promoting and enhancing, within the Taranaki community, an integrated comprehensive emergency management system including reducing risk, maintaining readiness, and providing response and recovery capacity and capabilities.

### Commentary/Highlights

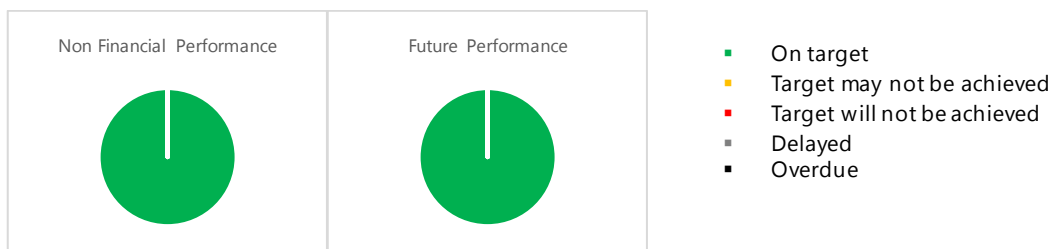
The Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group has commissioned a review of the effectiveness and areas for enhancement of CDEM in Taranaki, and have adopted the consequent report. Key areas for development include a re-structuring of the Taranaki Emergency Management Office, to support and mentor district councils in delivery of CDEM functions at the local level- risk identification and reduction, community readiness and resilience, and response and recovery capacity and capability. Members of the Co-ordinating Executive Group and the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group are reflecting more broadly on the effectiveness and efficiency of existing structures and means of delivery of civil defence activities in Taranaki during the review of the Group Plan.

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
<p><b>Prepare, implement, monitor and report upon the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Annual Business Plan.</b></p>	<p>The implementation of the 2015/2016 Annual Business Plan for Taranaki Civil Defence and Emergency Management (CDEM) has been reported on. Five key activity areas have been identified in the 2016/2017 Annual Business Plan: (i) administration of advisory groups, the Co-ordinating Executive Group (CEG) and the CDEM Group meetings with reporting of progress on implementing the Annual Business Plan. (ii) community resilience plans: these are being developed for Opunake, Manaia and Whangamomona; (iii) training courses: these are now being delivered at EOC and district council levels; (iv) identification, staff training, and operational protocols for civil defence community centres are being developed; and (v) planning: the Flood and Welfare Plans have been and are being revised, respectively. Final formatting of the Flood Plan is underway. Work continues on the Group Plan review (hazards and risks workshop held, report awaited from GNS, contingency and response plans stocktake completed).</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<p><b>Develop, implement, monitor and report upon the Civil Defence Emergency Management Public Education Plan for Taranaki. Review the Plan in 2016 and 2021</b></p>	<p>The in-school and community event-based delivery of educational material and public presentations is continuing. Educational material prepared in the Whanau Resilience Project is being distributed and used as occasion arises. Currently there are 10,000 followers of CDEM on Facebook, 1,000 on Twitter, and 5,800 registered members of the OPTN public text-based alerting system. Taranaki CDEM has endorsed the Red Cross app 'Hazards', which includes public education material.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>

Performance measure	Actual performance
<p><b>Implement, monitor and report upon the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan for Taranaki 2012, and review, draft, and notify the next Plan in 2017</b></p>	<p>Implementation of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan in 2015/2016 through the Annual Business Plan has been reported on. The work plan implementing the Group Plan for 2016/2017 is being implemented as agreed with the Taranaki CDEM Group, with reporting to each meeting of the CEG and CDEM Group. A project brief for the preparation of the next generation Group Plan has been prepared by staff and presented to the CEG and CDEMG. The budget and work plan for 2016/2017 includes provision for the preparation of the next Group Plan. Related work projects have been initiated, including receipt and adoption of a review of TA responsibilities and functions as part of the wider Taranaki CDEM organisation, a stocktake of hazards and risks research undertaken for the Taranaki region or parts thereof, and a stocktake of regional readiness and risk reduction across all agencies. These will feed into the Group Plan process in due course. The project brief for the Group Plan review has been considered and accepted by the CEG.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>

Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A

## Flood management and general river control

Providing accurate and timely flood warnings, providing flood control advice and undertaking minor works and associated actions to minimise and prevent damage by floods and river erosion.

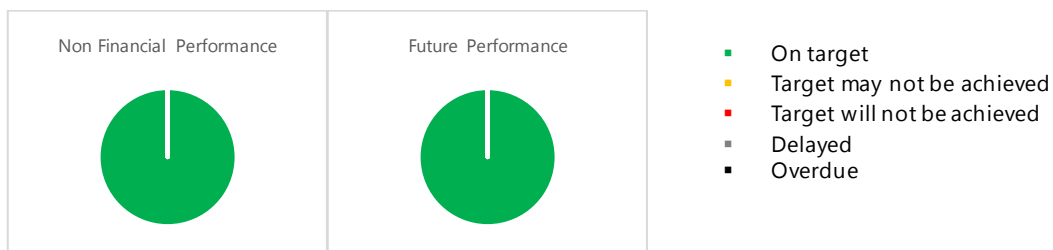
### Commentary/Highlights

Information from Council rainfall and river level monitoring systems was provided. Council provided advice to landowners on a range of river/stream flood control advance and drainage related matters.

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
Effectively monitor rainfall and river levels and issue timely flood warnings. Maintain continuous monitoring systems (100% functional) and issue timely warnings for all cases, where necessary, in accordance with the Flood Event Standard Operating Procedure (approximately 35 warnings per annum).	A total of 18 weather watches and 6 warnings (24 notifications) have been issued to date. In all instances, flood monitoring was undertaken in accordance with the Flood Event Standard Operating Procedure.  NF E
Undertake minor emergency river and flood control works when necessary.	No emergency works requiring Council funding have been required.  NF E
Respond to 100% of requests for drainage, river and flood control advice and assistance within ten working days.	Staff have provided advice, predominantly to farmers, on a range of requests for general advice on works in streams.  NF E
Facilitate river control projects for the environmental enhancement of the region's waterways.	The willow control programme continues, focusing on removal of willow in riparian areas to improve flood flows and enhance riparian vegetation.  NF E

### Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



### Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A

## River control schemes

Managing and maintaining river control scheme works to accepted design standards to minimise and prevent damage by floods and river erosion.

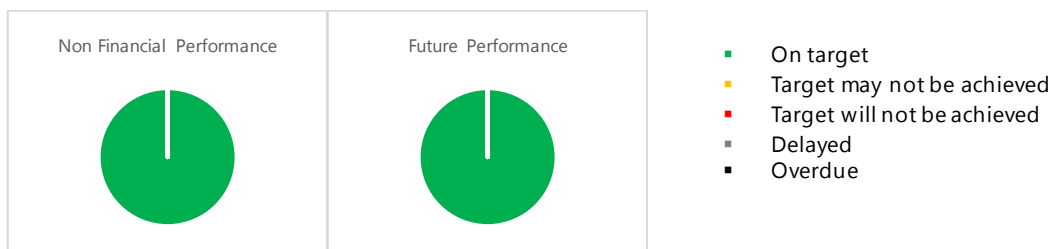
### Commentary/Highlights

All schemes (Lower Waiwhakaiho, Lower Waitara, Okato and Waitotara) have been maintained as per their respective asset management plans. A range of maintenance works have been occurring across the schemes including vegetation clearance within the flood channel, erosion control and flood gate maintenance. The Opunake flood control scheme design works are nearly completed and will be considered by Council in due course. The Lower Waitara River Scheme upgrade is now substantially complete.

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
<p><b>Manage all flood and river control schemes across the region in accordance with asset management plans; including Lower Waiwhakaiho, Lower Waitara, Okato and Waitotara Schemes.</b></p>	<p>All schemes have been maintained as per their asset management plan: Waiwhakaiho Scheme Works -clearance of heavy vegetation on right bank of the Waiwhakaiho directly downstream of SH3 Bridge, tree and weed clearance of the stream channel, rock riprap stabilisation of eroding bank and planting along the Mangaone Stream between Katere Road and Devon Road. Clearance of inappropriate riparian planting and self-seeded wattle trees from Mangaone Stream channel upstream of Katere Road. Okato Scheme. Clearance of in-channel gravel build up in Stoney River downstream of SH54 Bridge and some associated channel alignment works. Waitotara Scheme. Harvesting and planting of willow poles to control erosion at strategic locations in Waitotara River. General. All floodgated outlets along Waitara and Waiwhakaiho Rivers that are the responsibility of NPDC have been inspected and problems identified. NPDC are now undertaking remedial works to ensure that all gated outlets are operational and effective. Detailed design completed for Opunake Flood Control Scheme Rural works.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<p><b>Manage other minor river schemes to standards as agreed with scheme participants.</b></p>	<p>No works have been planned for this period.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>

### Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



### Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A



# Recreation, Culture and Heritage



## Regional gardens

Ensuring that Hollard Gardens, Tupare and Pukeiti are maintained and enhanced as regionally significant recreational and heritage amenities.

### Commentary/Highlights

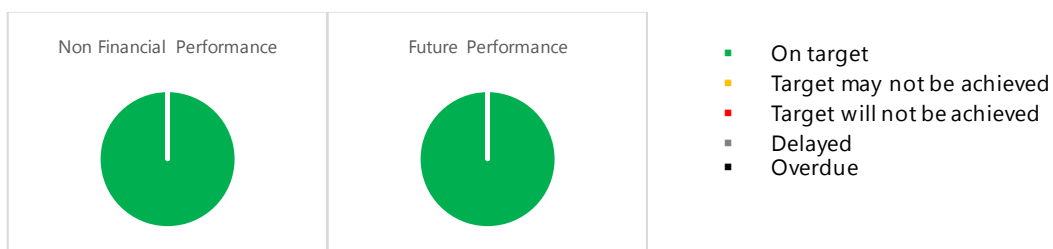
All three gardens have presented well despite a particularly wet winter/spring. Visitor numbers have been strong and the early spring colour has been excellent. A range of works have been completed across all three gardens in the first quarter including: Hollards: extending the BBQ and picnic sheltered area, plus general seasonal cultivation and finishing winter projects, including significant changes in the outer garden creating open space and linked garden areas. Tupare: completion of the new kitchen restoration in Tupare house plus general high standard of garden presentation. Pukeiti: the Rainforest centre upgrade, track improvements to the Keiller garden, landscaping of the Lodge lawn environs and the installation of the explorer tree house trail for children, also of note is the plant collection now being available online. A range of gardening activities including extensive planting around the misty knoll area.

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
Provide three regional gardens (Tupare, Hollard Gardens and Pukeiti) for free general use by the regional community. Three gardens open 9am to 5pm seven days a week, with Hollard Gardens and Tupare open till 8pm during daylight saving hours.	<p>The gardens are open seven days a week from 9:00am to 5:00pm (to 8.00pm during daylight saving time for Tupare and Hollard Gardens). Entry is free to all three properties.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
Encourage the increased use of the regional gardens by the community for recreational purposes and for specific events.	<p>Visitor numbers for July-Sept: Pukeiti 3,860, Tupare 3,397, Hollards 2,297. Events: Pukeiti 1, Tupare 7, Hollards 18. Events were primarily education workshops and included design, beginner vege gardeners and flax weaving. The popularity of the Hollard Centre for both public and private events continues to grow.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>

Performance measure	Actual performance
<p><b>Continue implementing the Pukeiti asset management plans focusing on completing the upgrade works at Pukeiti. Priority tasks to be completed include: enhancing the garden and the Rhododendron Collection; continuing the implementation of the Plant Collection Plan; refurbishing the Lodge and surrounds; stabilising the cultivated area to the south of the Lodge by way of a retaining wall; refurbishing the plant borders; renovating the Pukeiti lookout; completing the rainforest interpretation material; subject to demand, extending the carpark; upgrading the outer ring tracks; reconfiguring and upgrading the Gate House.</b></p>	<p>The focus of the last quarter has been the planning and installation of the rock features and irrigation in the covered areas. Concept planning of the different spaces to display the vireya collection is complete and staged planting will follow over the coming months. The lodge and environs work is being reassessed with a view to having a higher standard of built features and complementary plantings in Zone 1. The Misty Knoll landscape installation is largely complete with the soil and plantings now completed. The main lawn has been redefined with more sympathetic and flowing lines to fit the contours. The Rainforest Centre upgrade is well underway. This expanded and remodelled building will feature a captivating entrance, inside will be modern hospitality, interpretation and function areas. A new potting shed has been constructed in the service area along with more open space for parking.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<p><b>Review and adopt asset management plans for Tupare, Hollard Gardens and Pukeiti by 31 October 2017.</b></p>	<p>Latest asset management plans were adopted by the Council in September 2014. Preparation of the next set of asset management plans will commence in 2017 for adoption in September/October 2017.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>

### Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



### Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A

## Puke Ariki

Maintaining an ongoing partnership relationship with the Puke Ariki regional museum and library including the ongoing use of display and presentation material within an annual project.

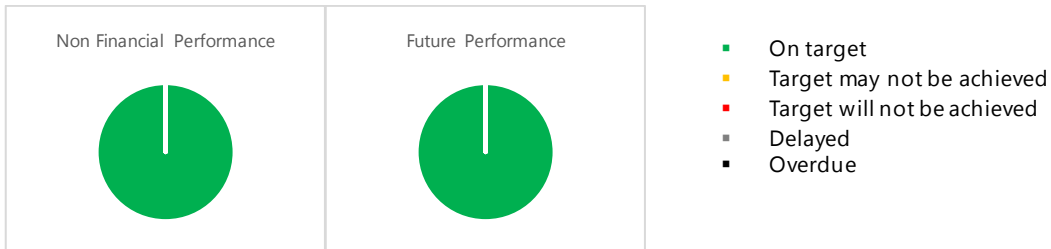
### Commentary/Highlight

The relationship with Puke Ariki is progressing well. The projects for 2016/2017 (see below) have been agreed upon and are in the process of being delivered.

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
<p><b>Maintain an ongoing partnership relationship with the Puke Ariki regional museum and library including the ongoing use of display and presentation material within an annual project.</b></p>	<p>Quarterly partnership meetings are held with Puke Ariki. The five 2016/2017 projects are: "Bugs: Our Amazing Backyard Heroes" (\$85,000), TRC Events Programmes (\$5,000), "Gardens: The Four Seasons" (\$10,000), Taranaki Theatre Experience (\$25,000 - held over for 2017/2018 proposal), Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki. (\$25,000).</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>

### Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



### Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A

## Yarrow Stadium

Facilitating the continued maintenance and development of Yarrow Stadium.

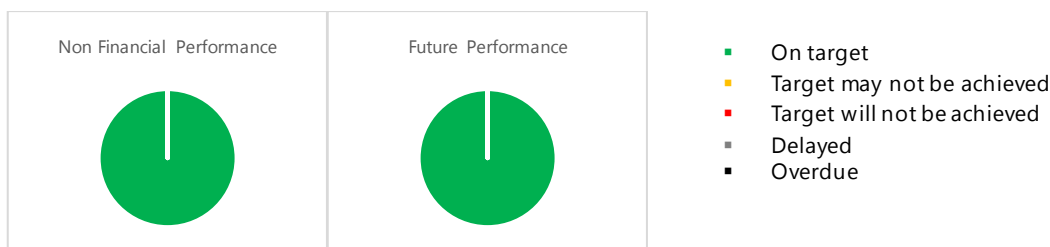
### Commentary/Highlights

The Management Agreement between the Taranaki Stadium Trust and the New Plymouth District Council is working well. The major project for 2016/2017 is the extension of hospitality facilities in the Yarrow Stand. Planning is well underway with the work going to tender in October/November 2016. The work is due to be completed ahead of the September 2017 All Black test match against Argentina.

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
<b>Contract with New Plymouth District Council for the operation and management of Yarrow Stadium.</b>	<p>The Trust and the New Plymouth District Council have a management agreement for the operation and management of Yarrow Stadium. New Plymouth District Council are operating and managing Yarrow Stadium under this agreement.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<b>Undertake asset management planning for the future maintenance, enhancement and development of Yarrow Stadium.</b>	<p>A joint committee of the Council and the New Plymouth District Council have developed and adopted a strategic plan and associated 2015/2025 asset management plan for the long-term development of Yarrow Stadium. The Council adopted the 2016/2017 programme of major maintenance and development in June 2016. The main focus in 2016/2017 will be the new hospitality facilities in the Yarrow Stand.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
<b>Provide regional funding for the future maintenance, enhancement and development of Yarrow Stadium.</b>	<p>The Council provides regional funding to the Taranaki Stadium Trust for long-term maintenance and development at Yarrow Stadium. The implementation of the 2016/2017 approved programme of major maintenance and development is the focus.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>

### Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



### Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A

# Representation, Advocacy & Investment



## Investment management

Ensuring that the equity, property and treasury investments owned by the Council are efficiently managed.

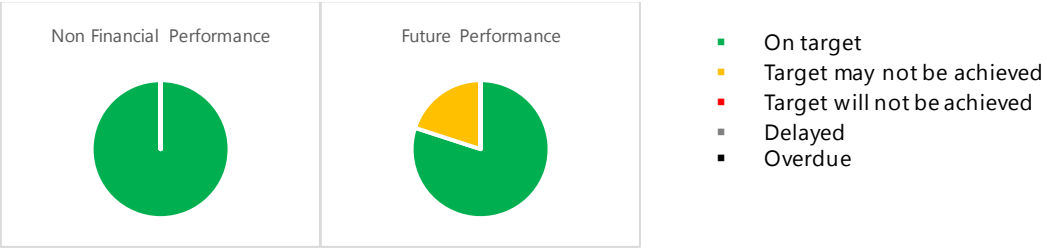
### Commentary/Highlights

Council's investment management activities are working well within defined policies and procedures. Achieving the interest rate return targets is challenging in the current low interest environment. It is unlikely that the Council will achieve its Investment Policy target of 6% in 2016/2017.

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
Consider Port Taranaki's annual statement of corporate intent and monitor performance against established targets on an annual basis.	<p>Port Taranaki Ltd's performance was reviewed when considering their 2015/2016 Annual Report at the Council's Ordinary Meeting on 19 September 2016. The half-year results to 31 December 2016 will be reviewed and considered in the first half of 2017. Performance against standards set in the statement of corporate intent is reported in the annual report.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
Appoint Directors at Port Taranaki Ltd's annual general meeting and at other times as required.	<p>Messrs Auld and Marshall retired by rotation and were reappointed at the 28 September 2016 Annual General Meeting of Port Taranaki Ltd.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
Undertake on-going liaison with port company directors and management.	<p>Regular formal and informal briefings and discussions occurred between the Board and the Council throughout 2016/2017.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
Manage and, where appropriate, divest leasehold land in accordance with the Council's Investment Policy.	<p>Leasehold land is managed in accordance with the Council's Investment Policy. A 5.55% return from leasehold land rentals is expected in 2016/2017. No properties have been divested.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>
Manage and maximise the returns from treasury investments in accordance with the Council's Investment Policy.	<p>All treasury investments are in accordance with the Council's Investment Policy. Treasury investment returns are currently ahead of budget, but the Long-Term Plan target return of 6% is unlikely to be achieved.</p> <p><b>N E</b></p>

Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



Explanation for key performance indications other than “On target”

The Council's *Investment Policy* has a 6% target for interest returns. The *Local Government Act 2002* requires the Council to set a target. In the current interest rate environment, the Council is unlikely to reach this target for 2016/2017. Since the target was established, the Council has exceeded consistently exceeded it. The target may need to be reassessed in the preparation of the *2018/2028 Long-Term Plan*.



## Community engagement

Promoting community awareness and understanding of the Council's functions and activities, and making quality and timely information publicly available.

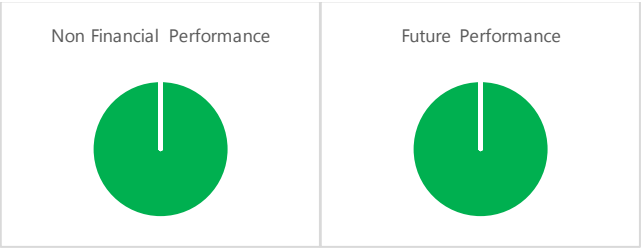
### Commentary/Highlights

The implementation of the Council's digital and social media strategy is the primary focus and good progress is being made on all fronts. The web design and redevelopment project is progressing well with the new look website going live in the first quarter of 2016/2017. The Council hosts this year's environment awards ceremony in the second quarter.

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
<b>Produce regular editions (4 per annum) of the Recount newsletter to over 1,000 stakeholders through a range of channels.</b>	One issue of Recount (1,200 copies) has been produced, distributed and published to the Council's website.  <b>N E</b>
<b>Engage with the community across a range of channels including print and digital publications, news media, websites and mobile and social media.</b>	A range of communications activities have been undertaken to support Council programmes. Stories about the council elections, public transport, water quality, UIRs and Coastal Plan review have featured in social media and print. Continued evolution of the Council's new website is ongoing. Content is reviewed and maintained on external Council websites and the Council's intranet. Social media activity continues to grow with 2,371 followers on the Council's Facebook page.  <b>N E</b>
<b>Implement the Council's environmental awards programme.</b>	Selection of 15 environmental awards has been made and the awards will be presented on 3 November 2016.  <b>N E</b>
<b>Provide an on-going environmental education programme for school children and the wider community including class visits, field trips and the Pukeiti Rainforest School.</b>	There have been 28 class visits/field trips involving 918 students (including the Gardens' School Programmes), 3 staff meetings, 1 professional development sessions and 1 issue of the SITE newsletter.  <b>N E</b>

Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



- On target
- Target may not be achieved
- Target will not be achieved
- Delayed
- Overdue

Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A



## Advocacy and response

Advocating and responding, on behalf of the Taranaki community, to initiatives proposed by other agencies, when those initiatives affect the statutory responsibilities of the Council or relate to matters of regional significance, which are of interest or concern to the people of Taranaki.

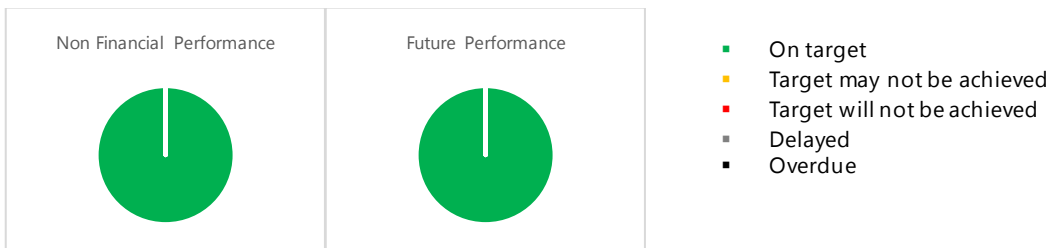
### Commentary/Highlights

While less submissions have been made, officers continue to be heavily involved in various forums, mainly in Wellington, associated with policy development, advocacy, liason and response to national initiatives.

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
<b>Assess the implications of policy initiatives proposed by other agencies including discussion documents, proposed policies, strategies, plans and draft legislation, and respond within required timeframes on approximately 15 occasions per year.</b>	To date, three submissions have been made.  <span style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">NF E</span>

### Scoreboard - Outputs/Key performance indications



### Explanation for key performance indications other than "On target"

N/A



## Governance

Facilitating public representation by the Council and its committees in accordance with statutory requirements.

### Commentary/Highlights

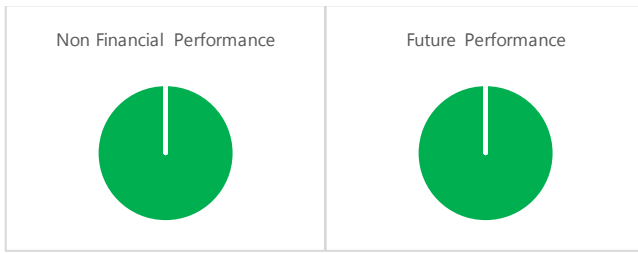
The focus to date has been on the October 2016 local government elections. The elections went smoothly with no problems. The Council is on target with all its statutory governance and engagement obligations. The 2015/2016 Annual Report was adopted on 19 September 2016. The 2017/2018 Annual Plan will be considered in February 2017.

### Outputs/Key performance indications

Performance measure	Actual performance
<b>Complete statutory public accountability documents including long-term plans in 2017/2018, 2020/2021 and 2023/2024, annual plans in years in which a long-term plan is not prepared, and an audited annual report each year.</b>	Statutory planning and reporting accountability documents have all been prepared within statutory requirements and timeframes. The 2015/2016 Annual Report was adopted on 19 September 2016. The Council will consider a draft 2017/2018 Annual Plan at its February 2017 Ordinary meeting. The 2017/2018 Annual Plan is due to be adopted in May 2017.  <b>N E</b>
<b>Preparation of agendas and meetings in accordance with Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.</b>	Agendas are publicly available at least 48 hours before each meeting and minutes are prepared and adopted for all meetings.  <b>N E</b>
<b>Conduct of meetings in accordance with Standing Orders and the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.</b>	All Council meetings are conducted in accordance with adopted Standing Orders and the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.  <b>N E</b>
<b>Successful conduct of triennial local authority elections in 2016, 2019 and 2022.</b>	The 2013 local authority elections were held in October 2013. The elections were successfully completed with no appeals or judicial reviews held. The 2016 elections were held on 8 October 2016..  <b>N E</b>



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