

Item 8.1 & 8.4

Additional Information

Ordinary Meeting

Thursday, 16 October 2025

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Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	16/10/2025
Requesting Councillor:	Councillor T Bunnag		
Item:	8.1 Shorebird Conservation Plan 2025-30		
Circulation	Monday 13 October 2025		
Officer :	Coordinator Coastal, Lakes and Wetlands	Approving Director:	Director Infrastructure and Natural Assets

In response to a question raised by Councillor T Bunnag, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question:

Can the background paper be added to the web and link provided.

Response:

The Background Paper will be uploaded to the website and publicly available, upon endorsement of the plan.

Related Report / Additional Information

Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	16 October 2025
Requesting Councillor:	Councillor W Johnston		
Item:	8.4 Financial Performance Report		
Circulation	Monday 13 October 2025		
Officer :	Co-ordinator Financial Services	Approving Director:	Chief Financial Officer

In response to a question raised by Councillor W Johnston, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question:

In relation to the reduction to the rates collected - what was the impact of people paying rates up front to paying in instalments - how much of the reduction is attributed to that?

Response:

Council recognises revenue on an accrual basis. We recognise all the rates revenue at the time the rates notices are issued, not when the cash is actually paid.

The method of payment, whether by instalments under an agreed payment plan after the rates have been issued, or by advance payments before the rates have been issued, this cash does not impact the total amount of revenue reported.

The impact is on the balance sheet, either as a prepayment for advance payments or as a debtor for outstanding amounts, and in the cash balances.

On the 22 July 2025, when the July 2025 rate notice was issued, 15% of all properties had made part or full payment in advance.

As at 10 October 2025, 7.7% of the total value of rates and charges issued in July 2025 remain outstanding (18,510 properties), compared to 8.7% outstanding at the same time last year (18,809 properties).

Of the 18,510 properties (11.3% of total rateable properties) still to pay 10,789 properties have a payment plan compared to 18,809 properties (11.4% of total rateable properties) of which 9,944 had a payment plan for the same time last year.

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Meeting:	Ordinary Meeting	Date:	16 October 2025
Requesting Councillor:	Councillor M Suarez		
Item:	8.4 Financial Performance Report		
Circulation	Monday 13 October 2025		
Officer :	Co-ordinator Financial Services	Approving Director:	Chief Financial Officer

In response to a question raised by Councillor M Suarez, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question:

What makes up the reduction in the rates revenue?

Response:

The September financial performance result for General Rates was \$718,011 below budget. This variance is attributable to the following factors:

- Transitory Accommodation – \$163,766**
The shortfall is due to 4.16% (34 properties) moving from a transitory accommodation rate category to a residential rate category.
- Balance of General Rates - \$397,594**
Full year rates revenue budget was set based on assumptions that were higher than the end of year actual revenue of the prior year.
- Property Growth Assumption – \$53,009**
The 2025–26 budget assumed a property growth rate of 1.7%. The actual growth from July 2024 to July 2025 was 1.67%. The 0.03% difference resulted in lower rates revenue.
- Rebates - \$77,450**
Several houses bought by a charitable affordable housing entity and receiving a 100% general rate concession
- Pensioner Remissions - \$40,137**
Higher than year to date budget. The number of pensioners receiving a concession has risen by 2.3% from July 2024 to July 2025.
- Interest on Arrears - (\$13,945)**
Higher than year to date budget.