

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2019/20



# INTRODUCTION

*THE PROSPECTIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WERE AUTHORISED FOR ISSUE ON 21 MARCH 2019 BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CLUTHA DISTRICT COUNCIL.*

*THE COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROSPECTIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PRESENTED, INCLUDING THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE ASSUMPTIONS UNDERLYING THE PROSPECTIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ALL OTHER REQUIRED DISCLOSURES.*

*THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PLAN IS PROSPECTIVE FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN TERMS OF PBE FRS 42 'PROSPECTIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS', THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IS TO ENABLE RATEPAYERS, RESIDENTS AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE EXPECTED FUTURE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE, POSITION AND CASHFLOW OF COUNCIL.*

*NO ACTUAL FINANCIAL RESULTS ARE INCORPORATED IN THE PROSPECTIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.*

*IT IS NOT INTENDED TO UPDATE THE PROSPECTIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SUBSEQUENT TO PRESENTATION.*

# PROSPECTIVE STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE & EXPENSE

(All in \$000s)	Long Term Plan		Annual Plan
	2018/19	2019/20	2019/20
<b>Revenue</b>			
Rates	26,035	26,844	27,104
Rental Revenue	911	930	930
Grants, Subsidies and Donations	8,920	10,617	10,932
Fees and User Charges	2,970	3,058	3,209
Permits and Licences	598	610	699
Other Income	9	9	9
Interest Income	1,257	1,264	1,275
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>40,700</b>	<b>43,332</b>	<b>44,158</b>

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## PROSPECTIVE STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE & EXPENSE

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(All in \$000s)	Long Term Plan		Annual Plan
	2018/19	2019/20	2019/20
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Employee Benefit Expense	6,920	6,765	7,216
Administration Costs	2,803	2,863	2,906
General Expenses	1,786	1,835	1,898
Operating Expenditure	13,407	13,783	14,432
Grants	1,734	2,409	2,409
Finance Costs - External Loan	0	474	233
Depreciation and Amortisation	12,581	12,951	13,134
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>39,231</b>	<b>41,080</b>	<b>42,228</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expense</b>			
Property, plant and equipment Revaluations	0	83,722	81,711
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>1,469</b>	<b>85,974</b>	<b>83,641</b>

# PROSPECTIVE STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

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(All in \$000s)

	Long Term Plan		Annual Plan
	2018/19	2019/20	2019/20
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>			
Opening Balance	242,457	246,066	228,302
Add Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the Year	1,468	85,974	83,640
Transfers to Reserves	2,141	2,838	(3,206)
Transfer to Asset Revaluation Reserve	0	(83,722)	(81,711)
Closing Balance	246,066	251,156	227,026
<b>RESERVES</b>			
Opening Balance	46,434	44,293	63,886
Transfers from Accumulated Funds	(2,141)	(2,838)	(3,206)
Closing Balance	44,293	41,455	67,092
<b>ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE</b>			
Opening Balance	744,208	744,208	744,208
Add Transfer from Accumulated Funds	0	83,722	81,711
Closing Balance	744,208	827,930	825,919

# PROSPECTIVE STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

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(All in \$000s)	Long Term Plan		Annual Plan
	2018/19	2019/20	2019/20
<b>OTHER</b>			
Available for Sale Revaluation Reserve - Equity Securities	(25)	(25)	(25)
Trust Funds - Restricted	396	396	408
Closing Balance	371	371	383
<b>EQUITY AT THE END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>1,034,938</b>	<b>1,120,912</b>	<b>1,120,420</b>

# PROSPECTIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(All in \$000s)	Long Term Plan		Annual Plan
	2018/19	2019/20	2019/20
<b>Revenue</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	375	542	253
Trade & Other Receivables	3,732	3,811	4,480
Inventory	1,000	1,020	3,940
Other financial assets	25,281	25,718	25,947
Development Property	500	0	500
Non-current assets held for sale	317	317	60
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>31,205</b>	<b>31,408</b>	<b>35,180</b>
<b>Non Current Assets</b>			
Property, Plant & Equipment	1,015,312	1,110,137	1,098,735
Other Financial Assets	52	52	52
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>1,015,364</b>	<b>1,110,189</b>	<b>1,098,787</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,046,568</b>	<b>1,141,597</b>	<b>1,133,968</b>

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# PROSPECTIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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(All in \$000s)	Long Term Plan		Annual Plan
	2018/19	2019/20	2019/20
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables and Accruals	4,337	4,403	5,089
Borrowings	320	496	400
Employee Entitlements	482	482	551
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>5,139</b>	<b>5,381</b>	<b>6,040</b>
<b>Non Current Liabilities</b>			
Other Liabilities	62	60	58
Borrowings	5,680	14,493	6,699
Provisions	750	750	750
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>6,492</b>	<b>15,303</b>	<b>7,507</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>11,631</b>	<b>20,684</b>	<b>13,547</b>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>			
Available for Sale Revaluation Reserve - Equity Securities	(25)	(25)	(25)
Asset Revaluation Reserve	744,208	827,930	825,919
Trust Funds - Restricted	396	396	408
Reserves	44,293	41,455	67,093
<b>EQUITY</b>	<b>1,034,938</b>	<b>1,120,912</b>	<b>1,120,421</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSET POSITION</b>	<b>26,066</b>	<b>26,027</b>	<b>29,140</b>



# PROSPECTIVE STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

(All in \$000s)	Long Term Plan		Annual Plan
	2018/19	2019/20	2019/20
<b>CASHFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from customers, rates, grants and other services	39,443	42,192	42,882
Interest received	1,257	1,264	1,275
Payments to suppliers and employees	(26,651)	(28,160)	(29,060)
<b>NET CASHFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>14,049</b>	<b>15,171</b>	<b>15,097</b>
<b>CASHFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from the sale of PP&E	0	0	0
Purchase of PP&E	(23,360)	(24,056)	(25,289)
(Acquisition) / sale of other financial assets	(138)	(438)	(297)
(Acquisition) / sale of development property	2,324	500	1,500
<b>NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(21,174)</b>	<b>(23,994)</b>	<b>(24,086)</b>

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(All in \$000s)	Long Term Plan		Annual Plan
	2018/19	2019/20	2019/20
<b>CASHFLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from borrowings	6,000	9,300	7,500
Repayment of borrowings	0	(310)	(633)
<b>TOTAL CASHFLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>8,990</b>	<b>6,867</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(1,125)</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>(2,122)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	1,500	375	2,375
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>253</b>

# RECONCILIATION OF NON-EXCHANGE & EXCHANGE REVENUE

(All in \$000s)	Long Term Plan		Annual Plan
	2018/19	2019/20	2019/20
<b>Revenue from non-exchange transactions</b>			
Rates	26,035	26,844	27,104
<b>TOTAL NON - EXCHANGE REVENUE</b>	<b>26,035</b>	<b>26,844</b>	<b>27,104</b>
<b>Revenue from exchange transactions</b>			
Rental Revenue	911	930	930
Grants, Subsidies & Donations	8,920	10,617	10,932
Fees and User Charges	2,970	3,058	3,209
Permits and Licences	598	610	699
Other Income	9	9	9
Interest Income	1,257	1,264	1,275
<b>TOTAL EXCHANGE REVENUE</b>	<b>14,665</b>	<b>16,488</b>	<b>17,054</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>40,700</b>	<b>43,332</b>	<b>44,158</b>

# RECONCILIATION OF CASHFLOW TO COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE & EXPENSE

(All in \$000s)	Long Term Plan		Annual Plan
	2018/19	2019/20	2019/20
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>1,469</b>	<b>85,974</b>	<b>83,641</b>
<b>Add non-cash items</b>			
Revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment	0	(83,722)	(81,711)
Working Capital Inflation	0	(32)	33
Depreciation and Amortisation	12,581	12,951	13,134
<b>NET CASH INFLOW / (OUTFLOW) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>14,050</b>	<b>15,171</b>	<b>15,097</b>

# DEPRECIATION & AMORTISATION

(All in \$000s)	Long Term Plan		Annual Plan
	2018/19	2019/20	2019/20
Buildings	382	383	403
Furniture and Equipment	575	576	240
Plant and Motor Vehicles	210	307	425
Library Books	130	130	119
Roads	8,471	8,506	9,088
Stormwater	284	315	296
Sewerage	833	861	854
Water	1,697	1,872	1,710
<b>PROSPECTIVE DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION</b>	<b>12,581</b>	<b>12,951</b>	<b>13,134</b>

# STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## REPORTING ENTITY

The Clutha District Council (“the Council or CDC”) is a territorial local authority established under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) and is domiciled in New Zealand. The relevant legislation governing the Council’s operations includes the LGA and the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

The Council’s principle address is 1 Rosebank Terrace, Balclutha, New Zealand. The Council provides local infrastructure, local public services, and performs regulatory functions to the community. The Council does not operate to make a financial return.

The Council has designated itself as a public benefit entity (PBE) for the purposes of complying with generally accepted accounting practice.

## STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with and comply with Tier 1 PBE standards. The financial statements are fully compliant with the

requirements of PBE FRS 42.

## BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and the accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the period.

## PRESENTATION CURRENCY AND ROUNDING

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$000).

## GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Items in the financial statements are stated exclusive of GST, except for receivables and payables, which are pre-

sented on a GST-inclusive basis. Where GST is not recoverable as input tax, it is recognised as part of the related asset or expense.

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

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

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed exclusive of GST.

## REVENUE ACCOUNTING POLICY

Revenue is measured at fair value.

Each significant activity is stated gross of internal

costs and revenues, and includes targeted rates attributable to activities. In order to fairly reflect the total external operations for Council in the statement of comprehensive revenue and expenditure, these transactions are eliminated.

Council receives its revenue from exchange or non-exchange transactions.

Exchange transaction revenue arises when Council provides goods or services to a third party and directly receives approximately equal value in return.

Non-exchange transaction revenue arises when Council receives value from another party without giving approximately equal value directly in exchange for the value received. Non-exchange revenue comprises rates and transfer revenue.

Transfer revenue includes grants and subsidies and fees and user charges derived from activities that are partially funded by rates.

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

Type	Recognition and measurement
Rates revenue	<p>The following policies for rates have been applied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General rates, targeted rates (excluding water-by-meter), and uniform annual general charges are recognised at the start of the financial year to which the rates resolution relates. They are recognised at the amounts due.</li> </ul> <p>Council considers that the effect of payment of rates by instalments is not sufficient to require discounting of rates receivables and subsequent recognition of interest revenue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rates arising from late payment penalties are recognised as revenue when rates become overdue.</li> <li>Revenue from water-by-meter rates is recognised on an accrual basis based on usage. Unbilled usage, as a result of unread meters at year-end, is accrued on an average usage basis.</li> <li>Rates remissions are recognised as a reduction of rates revenue when Council has received an application that satisfies its rates remission policy.</li> </ul>
Grants	<p>Grants are recognised as revenue when they become receivable unless there is an obligation in substance to return the funds if conditions of the grant are not met.</p>

#### Financial contributions

If there is such an obligation, the grants are initially recorded as grants received in advance and recognised as revenue when conditions of the grant are satisfied.

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

#### New Zealand Transport Agency roading subsidies

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

#### Vested or donated physical assets

For assets received for no or nominal consideration, the asset is recognised at its fair value when Council obtains control of the asset. The fair value of the asset is recognised as revenue, unless there is a use or return condition attached to the asset. The fair value of vested or donated assets is usually determined by reference to the cost of constructing the asset. For assets received from property developments, the fair value is based on construction price information provided by the property developer.

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

#### Infringement fees and fines

When the infringement notice is issued.

#### Interest revenue

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method.

#### Dividend revenue

Dividends are recognised when the right to receive payment has been established.

#### Water and wastewater user charges

When invoiced or accrued in the case of unbilled services at fair value of cash received or receivable.

#### Sale of goods

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

#### Sale of services

On a percentage of completion basis over the period of the service supplied.

#### Building and resource consent revenue

Fees and charges for building and resource consent services are recognised on a percentage completion basis with reference to the recoverable costs incurred at balance date. Partially refundable after administration and inspection fees if application is cancelled.

#### Licence and permit fees

On receipt of application as these are non-refundable.

#### Entrance fees

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

#### Landfill fees

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

## OPERATING EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES

Council's grants awarded have no substantive conditions attached.

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

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

### IMPAIRMENT OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets subsequently measured at cost that have indefinite useful life are tested annually for impairment. Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets subsequently measured at cost that have finite useful life are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. If any indication exists, the Council estimates the asset's recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

An impairment loss is recognised in surplus or deficit in the statement of comprehensive revenue and expenditure for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.



Assets are considered cash generating if their primary objective is to provide a commercial return. The value in use for cash-generating assets is the present value of expected future cash flows.

For non-cash generating assets, value in use is determined using an approach based on a depreciated replacement cost (DRC).

Property, plant and equipment that is measured at fair value, is not required to be separately tested for impairment.

### GROUP OF ACTIVITIES

The cost of service for each significant activity of Council has been derived using the cost allocation system outlined below.

Direct costs are those costs directly attributable to a significant activity. Indirect costs are those costs that cannot be identified in an economically feasible manner with a specific significant activity.

Direct costs are charged directly to significant activities. Indirect costs are charged to significant activities using appropriate cost drivers such as actual usage, staff numbers, and floor area.

There have been no changes to the cost allocation methodology during the period.

## PERSONNEL COSTS ACCOUNTING POLICY

Personnel costs for salaries and wages, annual leave, long service leave and other similar benefit are recognised as an expenditure and liability when they accrue to employees.

## DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION ACCOUNTING POLICY

Depreciation is provided on all property, plant and equipment except for land, land under forests, road formation and land under roads. Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or revalued amount of the assets on a straight line basis over their useful economic lives.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets, except rights to acquire, and is calculated to write down the cost of the assets on a straight line basis over their useful economic lives.

## FINANCE COSTS ACCOUNTING POLICY

Finance costs include interest expenditure, the unwinding of discounts on provisions and financial assets; and net realised losses on the early close-out of derivatives. Interest expenditure is recognised using the effective interest rate method. Interest expenditure includes the amortisation of borrowing costs recognised over the borrowing term. Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the financial year in which they are incurred.

## NET GAINS AND LOSSES ACCOUNTING POLICY

Net other gains and losses on the sale of property plant and equipment, property intended for sale and financial assets are recognised when an unconditional contract is in place and it is probable that Council will receive the consideration due.

## INCOME TAX ACCOUNTING POLICY

Council is exempt from income tax under the Income Tax Act 2007.

## PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT ACCOUNTING POLICY

Property, plant and equipment consist of:

- **Operational Assets**  
Land, buildings, furniture and equipment, plant and motor vehicles, land under forests and library books.
- **Infrastructural Assets**  
Infrastructural assets are the fixed utility systems owned by Council. Each asset class includes all items that are required for the network to function:
  - Roads, bridges and lighting.
  - Land under roads.
  - Stormwater.
  - Wastewater.
  - Water.

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

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

Costs incurred subsequent to initial acquisition are capitalised only when it is probable that future economic benefits or service potential associated with the item will flow to Council and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The costs of day-to-day servicing of property, plant, and equipment are recognised in the surplus or deficit as they are incurred.

### The following estimated useful lives are used in the calculation of depreciation:

	YEARS	DEPRECIATION RATE
<b>Operational Assets</b>		
Land	n/a	Not depreciated
Buildings	40-50	2% - 2.5%
Furniture and Equipment	3-10	10% - 33.3%
Plant and Motor Vehicles	3-10	10% - 33.3%
Land Under Forest	n/a	Not depreciated
Library Books	7	14.3%
<b>Infrastructural Assets</b>		
Roads - Formation	n/a	Not depreciated
Roads - Pavement (Sealed)	2-100	1%-50%
Roads - Pavement (Unsealed)	35-100	1%-2.86%
Roads - Other Roading Assets	20-150	0.6%-5%
Roads - Other	10-50	2%-10%
Roads - Bridges	50-150	0.6%-2%
Land Under Roads	n/a	Not depreciated
Stormwater	20-100	1-5%
Wastewater	20-100	1-5%
Water	20-100	1-5%
<b>Restricted Assets</b>		
Reserves	Not applicable	Not applicable
Endowments	Not applicable	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable	Not applicable

#### • **Restricted Assets**

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

### REVALUATION

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

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

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

### ADDITIONS

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

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

## DISPOSALS

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

## DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis on all property, plant, and equipment other than land, at rates that will write off the carrying value of the assets to their estimated residual values over their useful lives. The useful lives and associated depreciation rates of major classes of assets have been estimated as per table on the previous page.

## IMPAIRMENT OF PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT

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

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

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

From the 30 June 2017 year onwards, Council is required to assess at each reporting date whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If any indication exists, Council is required to assess the recoverable amount of that asset and recognise an impairment loss if the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount. Council can therefore impair a revalued asset without having to revalue the entire class of-asset to which the asset belongs. For assets not carried at a revalued amount, the total impairment loss is recognised in the surplus or deficit.

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

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

## VALUE IN USE FOR NON-CASH-GENERATING ASSETS

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

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

## VALUE IN USE FOR CASH-GENERATING ASSETS

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

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

# INTANGIBLE ASSETS ACCOUNTING POLICY

## SOFTWARE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT

Computer software licenses are capitalised on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring to use the specific software.

Costs that are directly attributable to the development of software for internal use are recognised as an intangible asset. Direct costs include the software development employee costs and an appropriate portion of relevant overheads.

Staff training costs are recognised in the surplus or deficit when incurred.

Costs associated with maintaining computer software are recognised as an expense when incurred.

Costs associated with development and maintenance of Council's website are recognised as an expense when incurred.

## AMORTISATION

The carrying value of an intangible asset with a finite life is amortised on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Amortisation begins when the asset is available for use and ceases at the date that the asset is derecognised.

The amortisation charge for each financial year is recognised in the surplus or deficit. The useful lives and associated amortisation rates of major classes of intangible assets have been estimated as follows:

Computer software	3 to 5 years	20% to 33.3%
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## IMPAIRMENT OF INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life, or are not yet available for use, are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment.

## BORROWINGS ACCOUNTING POLICY

Borrowings are initially recognised at face value plus transaction costs and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

## DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS ACCOUNTING POLICY

### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the statement of financial position when Council becomes a party to contractual provisions of the instrument. Council is party to financial instruments as part of its normal operations. These financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, other financial assets, trade and other

receivables, trade and other payables and borrowings. The relevant accounting policies are stated under separate headings.

### FINANCIAL ASSETS

Financial assets are classified into the following specified categories:

- Financial assets 'at fair value through surplus or deficit';
- 'Available-for-sale' financial assets, and
- 'Loans and receivables'.

The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial assets and is determined at the time of initial recognition.

The effective interest method, referred to below, is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and of allocating interest revenue over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the interest rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset, or, where appropriate, a shorter period.

### FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH SURPLUS OR DEFICIT

Financial assets are classified as financial assets at fair value through surplus or deficit where the financial asset:

- Has been acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the near future;
- Is a part of an identified portfolio of financial instruments that Council manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short term profit-taking; or
- Is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedging instrument.

Financial assets at fair value through surplus or deficit are stated at fair value, with any resultant gain or loss recognised in the Statement of comprehensive revenue and expenditure. The net gain or loss is recognised in the Statement of comprehensive revenue and expenditure and incorporates any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset. Fair value is determined in the manner described later in this note.

Council has classified its managed funds, held with Nikko Asset Management, as financial assets at fair value through surplus or deficit.

### AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE FINANCIAL ASSETS

Available-for-sale financial assets are those that are designated as fair value through other statement of comprehensive revenue or expenditure or are not classified in any of the other categories. This category encompasses investments that Council intends to hold long-term but which may be realised before maturity and equity securities held for strategic purposes.

Equity securities have been classified as being available-for-sale and are stated at fair value.

Fair value is determined in the manner described later in this note. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are recognised directly in the available-for-sale revaluation reserve; with the exception interest calculated using the effective interest method and impairment losses which are recognised directly in the Statement of comprehensive revenue and expenditure. Where the investment is disposed of or is determined to be impaired, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in the available-for-sale revaluation reserve is included in the Statement of comprehensive revenue and expenditure for the period.

Dividends on available-for-sale equity securities are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive revenue and expenditure when Council's right to receive payments is established.

## LOANS AND RECEIVABLES

Trade receivables, loans and other receivables that have fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as 'loans and receivables'. Loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less impairment. Interest is recognised by applying the effective interest rate.

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment. An allowance for doubtful debts is established when there is objective evidence that Council will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. The amount of the allowance is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rate. The amount of the allowance is expensed in the Statement of comprehensive revenue and expenditure.

Loans, including loans to community organisations made by Council at nil, or below-market interest rates are initially recognised at the present value of their expected future cash flows, discounted at the current market rate of return for a similar asset/investment. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The difference between the face value and present value of expected future cash flows of the loan is recognised in the Statement of comprehensive revenue and expenditure as a grant.

Money Market Deposits are included within this classification.

## IMPAIRMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

Financial assets, other than those at fair value through surplus or deficit, are assessed for indicators of impairment at the end of each reporting period. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset the estimated future cash flows of the investment have been impacted. For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the amount of the impairment is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate.

The carrying amount of the financial asset is reduced by the impairment loss directly for all financial assets with the exception of trade receivables where the carrying amount is reduced through the use of an allowance account. When a trade receivable is uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against the allowance account. Changes in the carrying amount of the allowance account are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive revenue and expenditure.

With the exception of available-for-sale equity instruments, if, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed through the Statement of comprehensive revenue and expenditure to the extent the carrying amount of the investment at the date of impairment is reversed does not exceed what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised.

## FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

### TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Trade payables and other accounts payable are recognised when Council becomes obliged to make future payments resulting from the purchase of goods and services. Trade and other payables are initially recognised at fair value and are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

### BORROWINGS

Borrowings are recorded initially at fair value, net of transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, borrowings are measured at amortised cost with any difference between the initial recognised amount and the redemption value being recognised in the Statement of comprehensive revenue and expenditure over the period of the borrowing using the effective interest method.

### DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

From time to time Council enters into certain derivative financial instruments to manage its exposure to interest rate risk, including interest rate swaps.

Council does not hold derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured to their fair value at the end of each reporting period.

Derivative instruments entered into by Council do not qualify for hedge accounting. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in the Statement of comprehensive revenue and expenditure immediately.

There were no derivative financial instruments held by Council.

- **Fair Value Estimation**

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the balance date. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by Council is the current bid price; the appropriate quoted market price for financial liabilities is the current offer price.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. Council uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each balance date. Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments are used for long-term investment and debt instruments held.

- **Assets Held For Sale**

Assets held for sale are classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. Assets held for sale are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell.

Any impairment losses for write-downs of assets held for sale are recognised in the surplus or deficit. Any increases in fair value (less costs to sell) are recognised up to the level of any impairment losses that have been previously recognised.

Assets (including those that are part of a disposal) are not depreciated or amortised while they are classified as held for sale.

## OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS ACCOUNTING POLICY

Other financial assets are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs unless they are carried at fair value through surplus or deficit in which case the transaction costs are recognised in the surplus or deficit.

Other financial assets include unit trusts, loans to related parties, credit support annex, bonds, borrower notes, community loans and listed and unlisted shares.

## FAIR VALUE AND CLASSIFICATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS ACCOUNTING POLICY

The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities are determined as follows:

- The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities with standard terms and conditions and traded on active liquid markets are determined with reference to quoted market prices; and
- The fair value of other financial assets and financial liabilities are determined in accordance with generally accepted pricing models based on discounted cash flow analysis using prices from observable current market transactions.

The carrying amount of financial assets and financial liabilities are recorded at amortised cost in the financial statements which approximates their fair values.

Fair value measurements recognised in the Statement of comprehensive revenue and expenditure. The following table provides an analysis of financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value, reconciled into levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the fair value is observable:

- Level 1 fair value measurements are those derived from

quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

- Level 2 fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and
- Level 3 fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data unobservable inputs).

## FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY ACCOUNTING POLICY

For the purpose of measurement financial assets and liabilities are classified into categories. The classification depends on the purpose for which the financial assets and liabilities are held.

Management determines the classification of financial assets and liabilities and recognised these at fair value at initial recognition. Subsequent measurement and the treatment of gains and losses are presented on the next page:

Categories	Subsequent measurement	Treatment of gains and losses
Fair value through surplus or deficit	Fair value	Surplus or deficit
Loans and receivables	Amortised cost less provision for impairment	Surplus or deficit

Available for sale financial assets	Fair value	Other comprehensive revenue and expenditure
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	Amortised cost	Surplus or deficit
Held to maturity financial assets	Amortised cost less provision for impairment	Surplus or deficit

Council does not have financial assets for purposes of trading. Council has listed shares and unit trusts that are designated on initial recognition at fair value through surplus or deficit. This is because the performances of these groups of assets are managed, and performance evaluated, on a fair value basis, in accordance with Council's investment management policy. Derivatives are, by their nature, categorised as held for trading unless they are designated into a hedge relationship for which hedge accounting is applied.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when offset is legally enforceable and there is an intention to settle on a net basis. Revenue and expenditures arising as a result of financial instrument earnings or fair value adjustments are recognised as a net result for like items.

## CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS ACCOUNTING POLICY

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

## RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS ACCOUNTING POLICY

Short-term receivables are recorded at the amount due, less any provision for uncollectability. A receivable is considered to be uncollectable when there is evidence that the amount due will not be fully collected. The amount that is uncollectable is the difference between the amount due and the present value of the amount expected to be collected.

### FAIR VALUE

Receivables are generally short-term and non-interest bearing. Therefore, the carrying value of receivables approximates their fair value.

## PROVISION FOR IMPAIRMENT OF RECEIVABLES ACCOUNTING POLICY

### ASSESSMENT FOR UNCOLLECTABILITY

Council does not normally provide for any uncollectability on rates receivable, as it has various powers under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to recover any outstanding debts. These powers allow Council to commence legal proceedings to recover any rates that remain unpaid four months after due date for payment. If payment has not been made within three months of the Court's judgment, then Council can apply to the Registrar of the High Court to have the judgment enforced by sale or lease of the rating unit.

Ratepayers can apply for payment plan options in special circumstances. Where such repayment plans are in place, debts are discounted to their present value of future payments if the effect of discounting is material. Council provides for impairment on rates receivables only for abandoned land and properties at rating sales with little chance of recovery.

All receivables more than 30 days in age are considered to be past due.

The provision for uncollectability has been calculated based on a review of specific overdue receivables and a collective assessment. The collective assessment is based on an analysis of past collection history and debt write offs.

Individually impaired receivables have been determined to be impaired because of the significant financial difficulties being experienced by the debtor.

Council holds no other collateral as security or other credit enhancements over receivables that are either past due or uncollectable.

Other than NZTA, the Council has no significant concentrations of credit risk, as it has a large number of credit customers, mainly ratepayers. Council believes no further credit provision is required in excess of the allowance for doubtful debts.

## PAYABLE & ACCRUALS ACCOUNTING POLICY

Current payables and accruals are recognised at cost. Current payables and accruals are non-interest bearing and normally settled on 30-day terms; therefore the carrying value approximates fair value. Non-current payables and accruals are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows.

## EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS ACCOUNTING POLICY

Employee entitlements to be settled within 12 months are reported at the amount expected to be paid. The liability for long-term employee entitlements is reported at the present value of estimated future cash outflows.

## PROVISIONS ACCOUNTING POLICY

Provisions are recognised in the statement of financial position only where Council has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be estimated reliably. Provisions are measured at the present value of the expected future cash outflows required to settle the obligation. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as finance cost in surplus or deficit.

## EQUITY ACCOUNTING POLICY

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

- Accumulated funds;
- Restricted reserves;
- Property revaluation reserve; and
- Fair value through other comprehensive revenue and expenditure reserve.

## RESTRICTED RESERVES

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

Reserves may be legally restricted or created by Council.

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

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

### PROPERTY REVALUATION RESERVE

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

### FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE RESERVE

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

### CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

Council's capital is its equity (or ratepayers' funds), which

comprise accumulated funds and reserves. Equity is represented by net assets.

The LGA requires Council to manage its revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities, investments, and general financial dealings prudently and in a manner that promotes the current and future interests of the community. Ratepayers' funds are largely managed as a by-product of managing revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities, investments, and general financial dealings.

The objective of managing these items is to achieve inter-generational equity, which is a principle promoted in the LGA and applied by Council. Intergenerational equity requires today's ratepayers to meet the costs of utilising Council's assets and not expecting them to meet the full cost of long-term assets that will benefit ratepayers in future generations. Additionally, Council has in place asset management plans for major classes of assets detailing renewal and maintenance programmes, to ensure that ratepayers in future generations are not required to meet the costs of deferred renewals and maintenance.

The LGA requires Council to make adequate and effective provision in its Long-Term Plan (LTP) and in its annual plan (where applicable) to meet the expenditure needs identified in those plans. The LGA also sets out the factors that Council is required to consider when determining the most appropriate sources of funding for each of its activities. The sources and levels of funding are set out in the funding and financial policies in Council's LTP.

Council has the following Council-created reserves:

- Reserves for different areas of benefit;
- Self-insurance reserves; and
- Trust and bequest reserves.

Reserves for different areas of benefit are used where there is a discrete set of rate or levy payers as distinct from payers of general rates. Any surplus or deficit relating to these



separate areas of benefit is applied to the specific reserves.

Self-insurance reserves are built up annually from general rates and are made available for specific unforeseen events. The release of these funds can generally be approved only by Council.

Trust and bequest reserves are set up where Council has been donated funds that are restricted for particular purposes. Interest is added to trust and bequest reserves where applicable, and deductions are made where funds have been used for the purpose they were donated.

## NON-CURRENT ASSETS HELD FOR SALE ACCOUNTING POLICY

Non-current assets are classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. They are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell.

Any impairment losses for write-downs are recognised in the surplus or deficit.

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

Non-current assets are not depreciated or amortised while they are classified as held for sale. These assets are mainly forests.

## DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY ACCOUNTING POLICY

Development Properties are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price for the development properties less all estimated costs to make the sale.

## CONTINGENCIES, COMMITMENTS AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS ACCOUNTING POLICY

Contingent liabilities and contingent assets are not recognised in the financial statements due to their uncertainty or the fact that they cannot be reliably measured. Disclosures are provided for as follows:

- Contingent liabilities are disclosed unless the possibility that these will crystallise is remote.
- Contingent assets are only disclosed when the possibility that these will crystallise is probable.

## LEASE COMMITMENTS ACCOUNTING POLICY

Leases which effectively transfer to the lessee substantially all the risks and benefits incident to ownership of the leased item are classified as finance leases.

Leases where the lessor effectively retains substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the leased items are classified as operating leases.

## SIGNIFICANT JUDGEMENTS & ESTIMATES

### Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

In preparing these financial statements, estimates and assumptions have been made concerning the future.

These estimates and assumptions may differ from the subsequent actual results. Estimates and assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations or future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next ten years are:

- Estimating the fair value and useful lives of land, buildings, and infrastructural assets.

### Critical judgements in applying accounting policies

Management has exercised the following critical judgements in applying accounting policies:

- **Classification of property.**  
Council owns a number of properties held to provide housing to pensioners. The receipt of market-based rental from these properties is incidental to holding them. These properties are held for service delivery objectives as part of Council's social housing policy. The properties are therefore accounted for as property, plant and equipment rather than investment property.

### Estimating the fair value of infrastructure

- The most recent valuation of infrastructural assets effective 30 June 2017 was performed by:
  - Stormwater, wastewater and water infrastructural assets were valued at depreciated replacement cost

as at 30 June 2017 by Council staff and reviewed by Rationale Limited.

- The roading infrastructural assets (excluding land under roads) were revalued at depreciated replacement cost at 30 June 2017 by MWH Limited (Stantec).

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

- Estimating the replacement cost of the asset. The replacement cost of an asset is based on recent construction contracts in the region for modern equivalent assets, from which unit rates are determined. Unit rates have been applied to components of the network based on size, material, depth, and location. If recent contract cost information is considered out of date, it is indexed using Statistics New Zealand's Capital Goods Price Index (based on the March 2017 quarter index) for civil constructions to convert them to current dollar value at the valuation date.
- Estimates of the remaining useful life over which the asset will be depreciated. These estimates can be affected by the local conditions. For example, weather patterns and traffic growth. If useful lives do not reflect the actual consumption of the benefits of the asset, then Council could be over- or under-estimating the annual depreciation charge recognised as an expense in the statement of comprehensive revenue and expenditure. To minimise this risk, infrastructural asset useful lives have been determined with reference to the New Zealand Infrastructural Asset Valuation and Depreciation Guidelines published by the National Asset Management Steering Group, and have been adjusted for local conditions based on past experience. Asset inspections, deterioration and

condition-modelling are also carried out regularly as part of asset management planning activities, which provides further assurance over useful life estimates.

- **Valuation of forestry**

Forestry is revalued annually using a method widely accepted as the industry standard. The approach taken is from a prospective purchaser's perspective. A discount rate is used to calculate the present values of costs and revenues net of tax.

- **Valuation of derivative financial instruments**

Council's derivatives are all under level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. The fair values of level 2 derivatives are determined using discounted cash flows valuation technique based on the terms and valuation inputs from independently sourced market parameters summarised (below):

Item	Valuation input
Interest rate swaps	Forward interest rate yield

- **Landfill aftercare provision**

The management of the Mt Cooee landfill will influence the timing of recognition of some future liabilities. However, it is likely that the main restriction on the future use of the current site will be the statutory and regulatory limitations rather than the capacity of the site. At the current rates of usage there will be significant volumetric capacity remaining in 2023.

The cash outflows for closed landfills are expected to occur until 2026. The long-term nature of the liability means that there are inherent uncertainties in estimating costs that will be incurred. The provision has been estimated taking into account existing technology and using a discount rate of 6%.

Other assumptions made in the calculation of the provision are:

No major capital projects will be required at existing closed landfill sites and  
The Mt Cooee Landfill will close when the current consent expires in 2023.

## STANDARDS ISSUED AND NOT YET EFFECTIVE, AND HAVE BEEN EARLY ADOPTED

### IMPAIRMENT OF REVALUED ASSETS

In April 2017, the XRB issued Impairment of Revalued Assets, which now scopes in revalued property, plant, and equipment into the impairment accounting standards. Previously, only property, plant, and equipment assets measured at cost were scoped into the impairment accounting standards.

Council has early adopted this amendment in preparing its 30 June 2017 financial statements. From the 30 June 2017 year onwards, Council is required to assess at each reporting date whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If any indication exists, Council is required to assess the recoverable amount of that asset and recognise an impairment loss if the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount. Council can therefore impair a revalued asset without having to revalue the entire class of asset to which the asset belongs.

# STANDARDS AND AMENDMENTS, ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE THAT HAVE NOT BEEN EARLY ADOPTED; AND WHICH ARE RELEVANT TO THE COUNCIL

## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

In January 2017, the XRB issued PBE IFRS 9 Financial Instruments. PBE IFRS 9 replaces PBE IPSAS 29 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. PBE IFRS 9 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021, with early application permitted. The main changes under PBE IFRS 9 are:

- New financial asset classification requirements for determining whether an asset is measured at fair value or amortised cost.
- A new impairment model for financial assets based on expected losses, which may result in the earlier recognition of impairment losses.
- Revised hedge accounting requirements to better reflect the management of risks.

Council plans to apply this standard in preparing its 30 June 2022 financial statements. Council has not yet assessed the effects of the new standard.

## EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

PBE IPSAS 39 Employee Benefits replaces the current standard on employee benefits, PBE IPSAS 25. PBE IPAS 39 is effective for annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2019, with early application permitted. The changes mainly focus on defined benefit plans where the new standards:

- Removes the option to defer the recognition of certain actuarial gains and losses arising from defined benefit plans.
- Eliminates some of the presentation options for actuarial gains and losses arising from defined benefit plans.
- Introduces the net interest approach, which is to be used when determining the defined benefit cost for defined benefit plans.

Structures the disclosures for defined benefit plans according to explicit disclosure objectives for defined benefit plans.

Council does not have defined benefit plans and therefore, Council does not expect this standard to have significant impact on the financial statements.

## OTHER CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICES

There have been no other changes in accounting policies.