



COUNCIL REPORT

Date : 16 October 2026
To : Ordinary Council Meeting, 27 October 2026
From : His Worship the Mayor, David Moore
Subject : **MAYORAL REPORT 5 SEPTEMBER 2026 – 16 OCTOBER 2026**
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This report provides an update to Council on meetings and events attended by His Worship the Mayor for the period 5 September 2026 to 16 October 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) **That the report titled “Mayoral Report 5 September 2026–16 October 2026” be received.**

PURPOSE

1. To provide an update to Council on meetings and events attended by His Worship the Mayor.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

2. The matters detailed in this report relate to the following priorities from Opōtiki District Council's Long-Term Plan 2024-2034:
 - ☒ Community Priority One: Strong relationships and partners
 - ☐ Community Priority Two: Investment in our district
 - ☐ Community Priority Three: Wellbeing is valued
 - ☐ Community Priority Four: Our communities are resilient
 - ☐ Community Priority Five: Growth is sustained over time

DISCUSSION

3. Since 5 September 2026 I have attended or met with the following:

7 September 2026

Councillor/CEO catch up meeting

10 September 2026

Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum, Tauranga

11 September 2026

LGNZ briefing: Infometrics' Brad Olsen on rates capping and latest quarterly Insights, via Zoom

12 September 2026

Councillor Browne attended, and spoke at, the opening of the Ōpōtiki Bowling Club's new Fieldturf artificial green on my behalf.

14 September 2026

Council workshop

15 September 2026

Extra Ordinary Council meeting

Ordinary Council meeting

16 September 2026

LGNZ briefing: Preparing for Head Start decision announcements, via Zoom

Met with Ōpōtiki College Student Leadership team

Property Advisory Group meeting

18 September 2026

Māori Language Week - Whakatōhea Presentation (Raupatu)

Eastern Bay of Plenty Community Foundation Annual Dinner, Whakatāne

21 September 2026

Council workshop

22 September 2026

Coast Community Board meeting

LGNZ briefing: the Minister of Local Government, via Zoom

23 September 2026

Councillor/CEO catch up meeting

24 September 2026

Risk and Assurance Committee meeting

LGNZ briefing: Lessons from the Mauao tragedy, via Zoom

25 September 2026

Bay of Plenty Emergency Management Committee meeting, Tauranga

28 September 2026

Performance and Delivery Committee meeting

LGNZ briefing: Chlöe Swarbrick discusses the Green Party's approach to Local Government, via Zoom

1 October 2026

LGNZ briefing: The role of elected members in the new planning system, via Zoom

2 October 2026

Tauranga

Regional Transport Committee workshop

Regional Transport Committee meeting

5 October 2026

Unveiling: Malcolm Campbell Lifestyle Village (previously Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village)

LGNZ briefing: Green Party's Julie Anne Genter discusses infrastructure and the Resource Management Act, via Zoom

6 October 2026

Citizenship Ceremony

7 October 2026

Councillor/CEO catch up meeting

Council workshop

8 October 2026

LGNZ briefing: Hon Kieran McAnulty & Tangi Utikere discuss Labour's policies relevant to Local Government, via Zoom

9 October 2026

Ōpōtiki College Opening of New Spaces - Karakia and Breakfast

Deputy Mayor Maxwell attended the Pōhiri and Dedication later that morning on my behalf

Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee meeting, Whakatāne

12 October 2026

Declaration Ceremony for Victor Luca, the newly elected Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Eastern Bay General Constituency Councillor, Whakatāne

13 October 2026

LGNZ Te Maruata Hui, Rotorua

14-15 October 2026

Local Government New Zealand Conference, Rotorua

Financial/budget considerations

4. There are no financial/budget considerations associated with this report.

Risks

5. There are no risks associated with this report.

Local government purpose considerations

6. The purpose of local government is to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and to meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality, cost-effective, and local infrastructure, public services, and the performance of regulatory functions; and to support local economic growth and development by fulfilling this purpose.
7. The subject matter of this report has been evaluated in terms of the meeting the purpose of local government during the process of developing this report.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT ASSESSMENT

Assessment of significance

8. On every issue requiring a decision, Council is required to determine how significant a decision is to the community, and what the corresponding level of engagement should be. Council uses the Significance Flowchart in the Significance and Engagement Policy to determine the level of significance.

9. The level of significance related to the decision in this report is considered to be **low**. Because the decision is determined to have **low** significance in accordance with the policy, the corresponding level of engagement required is **Inform**.

Assessment of engagement

10. As the level of significance has been determined to be **low**, the level of engagement required is **Inform** according to the Engagement Framework of the Significance and Engagement Policy:

INFORM

To provide balanced and objective information to assist understanding about something that is going to happen.

11. The tools that Council will use for the 'Inform' level of engagement include a report in the public agenda of the Council meeting and may include a combination of public notices in the newspaper and/or on Council's social media.

David Moore

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR