

\$(6.37)m

We had an operational deficit of \$(6.37)m compared with a budgeted deficit of \$(3.44)m.

\$32.60m

Total debt

Council uses debt to fund projects with long term benefits such as sewerage schemes and water supplies

9,186

Total number of rating units

Total capital value of rating units \$3,879m

Total land value of rating units \$ 1,749m

\$11.18m

Capital expenditure

Amount spent on asset renewals and new assets

\$588m

Total asset value

This includes Council's Property, Plant and Equipment (e.g. roading network, sewerage systems, water supply systems etc.) as well as other assets such as cash and term investments

From the Mayor and CEO

Welcome to this summary of the 2023/2024 Annual Report. It provides an overview of Council's performance during the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. The Annual Report is an important way of demonstrating Council's accountability to you - its community. In this summary we list some of our achievement highlights from the previous 12 months, look at how we have performed and show what it has all cost.

Tania Gibson
Mayor



Joanne Soderlund
Chief Executive



This summary was authorised for issue by Grey District Council on 24 March 2025.

How do we measure our financial performance?

We measure our financial performance against our budget as set out in our Long-Term Plan 2021-2031. Information on how much Council has spent and on what is outlined in the summary financial statements section of this document.

How do we measure our service performance?

We use a range of performance measures to measure our service performance and we set targets for each measure in our Long-Term Plan 2021-2031. Information on how we performed is outlined in service performance section of this document.

Some of our measures are based on our annual resident satisfaction survey. Our independent research company carried out on-line and telephone interviews between late November 2023 and early February 2024. The on-line sample was self-selecting, and the overall sample profile was balanced as far as possible within budget constraints by using the telephone interviews. The statistical margin of error at a 95% confidence level for the sample of 359 is plus/minus 5.2%.

Highlights and achievements for the year

Council started and continued work on the following multi-year projects:

- Construction of the new Library building in partnership with Development West Coast.
- Construction of the new Toilet block at Anzac Park.
- The Kotare Domain Improvement project.
- Continued work and construction on the Cobden, Arnotts Heights, Tasman View and Puketahi Street Water Reservoirs.

Want to read the whole report?

The Annual Report provides information about our performance for the year ended 30 June 2024. This document is a summary of that report and is intended to provide an overview only of the full report. If you would like to know more, the full Annual Report for 2023/2024 is available from:

- Council's website, www.greydc.govt.nz; or
- Pick up a copy from Council offices at 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth

You can find more information about Council and its activities by following us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/GreyDC

Service performance

Based on our annual resident survey, 56% of residents surveyed are satisfied with Council's performance. We also achieved 29 of our 72 (40%) performance targets for the financial year. On the whole, this is a fair result, with good levels of resident satisfaction for most services and good response times for services when issues arise.

A selection of our performance measure for the year is set out below.

Community & recreation

Includes libraries, swimming pools, heritage, recreation centres, cemeteries, parks and tracks, in-house task force & public toilets

✘	61%	% of residents satisfied with our libraries [target: 82%]
✘	69%	% of users are satisfied with swimming pools [target: 75%]

Democracy & administration

Includes Council, consultation, administration & economic development

✘	61%	% of residents satisfied with the overall service from Council offices [target: 80%]
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Environmental services

Includes district planning, building control, animal control, health regulation, liquor licensing, regulatory enforcement & emergency management

✓	100%	% of after-hours animal control complaints responded to within two hours [target: 100%]
✘	93.71%	% of building consent applications issued within statutory time limits [target: 100%]

Land transport

Includes roading & footpaths

✘	73%	% of customer requests responded to within 10 working days [target: 87%]
✘	69%	% of residents are satisfied with Council's roading network [target: 72%]

Commercial & property

Includes Council property, parking, retirement housing, aerodrome & Port

✘	65%	% of residents are satisfied with the availability of public parking [target: 70%]
✓	92%	% of tenants satisfied with retirement housing [target: 90%]

Solid waste

Includes refuse collection, refuse disposal & recycling

✘	19%	% of waste recycled [target: 20%]
✘	84%	% of residents satisfied with the household rubbish and/or recycling collection service provided by the Council [target: 85%]

Stormwater

Includes management of stormwater & flood protection

✘	51%	% of residents satisfied with the way their property drains stormwater (urban and residential areas only) [target: 70%]
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Wastewater (sewerage)

Includes collection, treatment & disposal of wastewater

✓	0.7%	Number of dry weather sewerage overflows per 1,000 sewerage connections [target: 1.8%]
✘	62%	% of residents satisfied with wastewater service [target: 65%]

Water supply

Includes treatment & distribution of drinking water

✘	56%	% of residents satisfied with overall water supply service [target: 58%]
✘	65%	Maximum % of real water loss from Greymouth reticulation system [target: 20%]

The level of water loss suggests that leakage has slightly improved on 2022/23. Council is working to improve monitoring and identification of leakage.

Summary financial statements

Grey District Council is a public benefit entity (PBE) and the full financial statements have been prepared in accordance with and comply with, Tier 1 PBE accounting standards. The summary financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in New Zealand (NZ GAAP) as it relates to summary financial statements.

Basis of preparation

Council has prepared the summary financial statements to give an overview of its performance. The specific disclosures included in the summary financial report have been extracted from the full audited Annual Report, which was approved and adopted by Council on 24 March 2025. The full financial statements comply with PBE standards and received an unqualified audit opinion.

Readers should note that the summary information contained here cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial statements of the financial performance, financial position, cash flows, accounting policies and service performance measures of the Council. Users who would like additional information should read the full Annual Report, available online at www.greydc.govt.nz and Council offices.

The summary financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars and are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$000) where indicated. These summary financial statements have been prepared in accordance with PBE FRS 43: Summary Financial Statements.

Summary statement of comprehensive revenue & expense for the year ended 30 June 2024

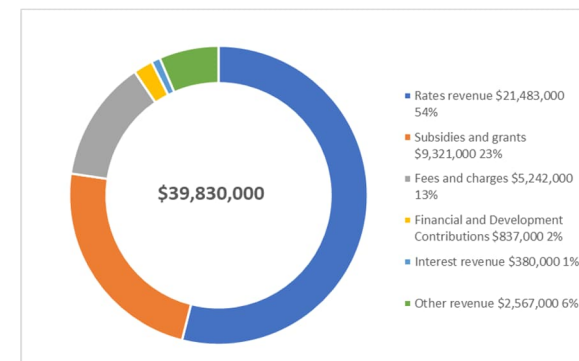
	Actual 2024 \$000	Budget 2024 \$000	Actual 2023 \$000
Total revenue	39,830	33,364	37,373
Finance costs	(1,484)	(1,421)	(1,363)
Other expenditure	(44,716)	(35,382)	(39,943)
Surplus/(deficit) before tax	(6,370)	(3,439)	(3,933)
Income tax expense	-	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) after tax	(6,370)	(3,439)	(3,933)
Other comprehensive income and expense			
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of assets	13,212	-	47,063
Total comprehensive revenue and expense	6,842	(3,439)	43,131

Significant variations from budget

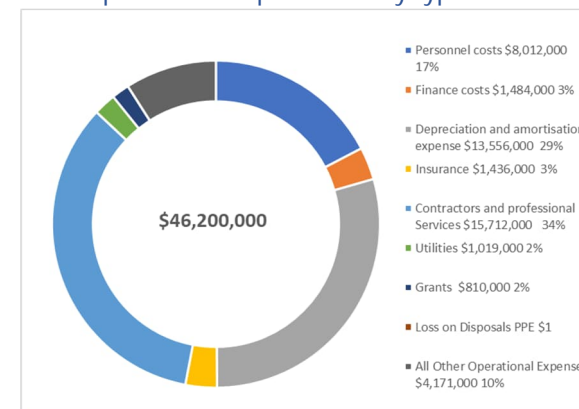
Our operating deficit for the year is \$(6.370)m compared to a budgeted deficit of \$(3.439)m. This deficit was mainly driven by other expenses and depreciation expenses. The main variations compared with our budget include:

- Subsidies and grants revenue was \$4.225 million more favourable than budget mainly due to extra NZTA funding for Transport emergency work, footpaths and sealing, and Kanoa funding for the new library build.
- Financial Contributions revenue was \$772k above budget due to higher than anticipated sub-division activity.
- Other revenue was \$1.45 million more favourable than budget mainly due to movements in the fair value of councils interest rate swaps and investment property portfolio.
- Other Expenditure was \$9.33 million less favourable than budget mainly due to increased consultants and contactor costs in regulatory and transport as well as increased costs in utilities and insurance.

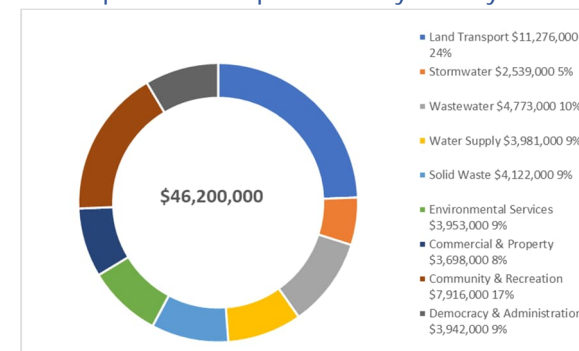
Sources of revenue



Total operational expenditure by type



Total operational expenditure by activity



Summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024

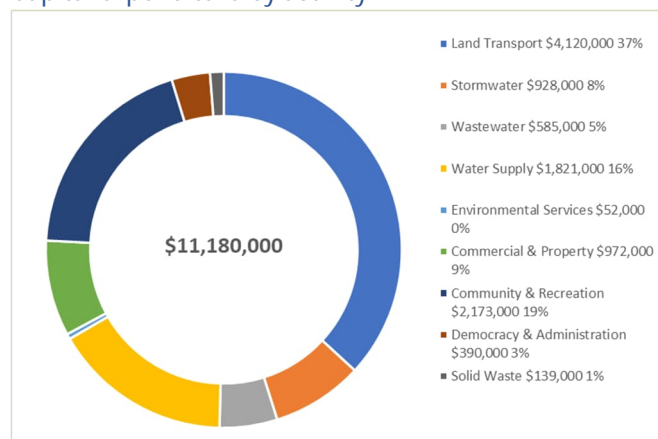
	Actual 2024 \$000	Budget 2024 \$000	Actual 2023 \$000
Current assets	12,618	17,680	14,999
Non-current assets	575,698	540,946	563,264
Total assets	588,318	558,626	578,263
Current liabilities	18,561	11,582	14,195
Non-current liabilities	24,016	34,481	25,170
Total liabilities	42,577	46,063	39,365
Accumulated funds	221,431	238,702	228,725
Reserves	9,898	7,799	8,973
Revaluation reserves	314,410	266,063	301,201
Total equity	545,741	512,564	538,899
Total equity and liabilities	588,318	558,626	578,263

Significant variations from budget

Our total equity as at 30 June 2024 is \$33,117 million more favourable than budget. The main variations compared with our budget include:

- Total Assets are above budget are \$29.7million more favourable than budget due to revaluation of our Land and Buildings portfolio, and our Transport and 3 Waters assets being revalued in 2023 not accounted for in the 2023/24 annual plan.
- Total Liabilities are \$3.486 million less than budget due to council not needing to increase their borrowing capacity relating to new capital projects in the 2023/2024 financial year.

Capital expenditure by activity



Council spent \$11.180 million on building new assets and renewing and improving existing assets. The largest projects were

- Roothing renewals-various \$3,939,000
- Water Supply Renewals-various \$992,000
- Stormwater Renewals-various \$855,000
- Sewer Renewals various \$428,000
- Resealing the Aerodrome runway \$282,000
- Cradle for the Slipway \$120,000

Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Actual 2024 \$000	Budget 2024 \$000	Actual 2023 \$000
Balance at 1 July	538,899	516,003	495,768
Total comprehensive revenue and expense for the year	6,842	(3,439)	43,131
Balance at 30 June	545,741	512,564	538,899

Summary statement of cashflows for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Actual 2024 \$000	Budget 2024 \$000	Actual 2023 \$000
Cash flows from operating activities	5,016	7,770	14,250
Cash flows from investing activities	(11,573)	(14,622)	(11,739)
Cash flows from financing activities	2,000	6,252	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(4,557)	(600)	2,511
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	3,471	4,427	8,028

Significant variations from budget

Cash flow variations from budget largely reflect the variations explained above in relation to revenue, expenses and receivables.

Summary of contingent assets and contingent liabilities

- Council has agreed to act as a sole guarantor for a Westurf Recreation Trust loan, up to a maximum of \$200,000, for the purposes of upgrading their artificial turf at the Greymouth Hockey Stadium. This is contingent on final Council satisfaction on the project being financially sustainable. As at balance date the trust has not yet proceeded with uplifting of a loan and has indicated to Council that they are unlikely to require the loan.
- Grey District Council is a guarantor of the New Zealand Local Government Funding Agency Limited (NZLGFA). The NZLGFA was incorporated in

December 2011 with the purpose of providing debt funding to local authorities in New Zealand. The NZLGFA has a current credit rating from Fitch Ratings of AA+ and Standard and Poor's rating of AAA for local currency and AA+ for foreign.

- Grey District Council was previously a member of the New Zealand Mutual Liability Riskpool scheme ('Riskpool'). The Scheme is in wind down; however the Council has an ongoing obligation to contribute to the scheme should a call be made in respect of any historical claims (to the extent those claims are not covered by reinsurance), and to fund the ongoing operations of the scheme. The likelihood of any call in respect of historical claims diminishes with each years limitations periods expire. However, as a result of the Supreme Court decision on 1 August 2023 in Napier City Council vs Local Government Mutual Trustee Limited, it has been clarified that Riskpool has a liability for that member's claim in relation to non-weathertight defects (in a mixed claim involving both weathertight and non-weathertight defects). Riskpool has advised that it is working through the implications of the Supreme Court decision. At this point any potential liability is unable to be quantified.
- Council has entered into a number of bonding arrangements with various sub dividers, whereupon the financial contributions payment to Council is delayed until the sale of each individual lot. The actual contributions are adjusted based on relative price indices and are underwritten by a third-party guarantor. As of 30 June 2024, the payments to be made to Council in the future totalled \$24,995 (2023: \$238,151).



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE READERS OF GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL'S SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

The summary of the annual report was derived from the annual report of the Grey District Council (the District Council) for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The summary of the annual report comprises the following information on pages 2 to 4:

- the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024;
- the summaries of the statement of comprehensive revenue & expense, statement of changes in equity and statement of cashflows for the year ended 30 June 2024;
- the notes to the summary financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the summary of the statement of service performance (referred to as Service Performance).

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the annual report; and

- the summary statements comply with PBE FRS-43: *Summary Financial Statements*.

Summary of the annual report

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

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

The full annual report and our audit report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the information we audited in the full annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024 in our auditor's report dated 24 March 2025.

Council's responsibility for the summary of the annual report

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

Auditor's responsibility

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



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

Other than in our capacity as auditor, we have no relationship with, or interests in the District Council.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B Summerfield', is written over a faint, light blue circular stamp.

Brendan Summerfield,
Ernst & Young
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Christchurch, New Zealand
31 March 2025