

# Democratic Process

## 2024-2034 Activity Summary

The Democratic Process is at the core of the Local Government function, enabling elections and consultations and organising Council and committee meetings. A primary focus is to support Council decision making through providing quality information and facilitating conversations with the community.

As well as the core governance, strategy, policy and engagement functions, it includes a range of contracts and grants provision. The largest of these is the contract with Great South to provide regional economic, tourism and business, as well as decarbonisation development. A summary of these is provided below.

With the changing demographic and an ageing population, the Activity will need to balance the use of new ways of engaging and technologies with ensuring that all members of the community have access to elected representatives and have the opportunity to participate in the decision-making processes of Council.

In addition, an increasingly passionate and polarised political environment as well as changing expectations of elected representatives and the community mean that more staff with a diverse range of skills will be required.

Lastly, changes to legislation and an increasing devolution of responsibilities from Central Government to Local Authorities will also have an impact on resources required for the activity.

### **Key Projects**

#### ***Climate Change***

Council is consulting on establishing a new internal contestable fund for climate change emissions reduction projects. \$200,000 operational funding annually will provide for a higher level of service.

#### ***Welcoming Communities***

An additional \$30,000 operational funding spread over 3 years has been made available to support projects which support the District to welcome people from an increasingly diverse range of backgrounds.

## Grants for External Services and Projects

| Organisation                                                                | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Funding amount for 2024/2025                                                                                                              |
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| Active Southland - Spaces and Places Strategy                               | The goal of the Strategy is to enhance sports facilities, promote active lifestyles, and foster community wellbeing through collaboration across council boundaries and leveraging pooled funding resources.                                                                                                                                                                | \$52,000                                                                                                                                  |
| Bluff Indoor Pool Trust                                                     | The Bluff Pool facility is a valuable resource for physical activity and recreation for all Bluff residents and it also provides facilities for the Bluff Primary School and St Theresa's Primary School's swimming curriculum.                                                                                                                                             | \$128,791                                                                                                                                 |
| Bluff Maritime Museum Trust                                                 | Bluff Maritime Museum contains an extensive collection of Bluff's fascinating maritime heritage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$20,000 with an additional one off payment of \$20,000 as an interim adjustment for insurance, urgent maintenance and annual leave cover |
| Emergency Management Southland                                              | Established by the four Councils, Emergency Management Southland is responsible for the delivery of Civil Defence and Emergency Management responses throughout this region.                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$462,432                                                                                                                                 |
| Environment Southland for EnviroSchools Programme (Environmental education) | EnviroSchools is a national network of change-makers empowering children and young people. EnviroSchools deliver a facilitated programme and work with teachers and individual schools to achieve sustainability goals relevant to them.                                                                                                                                    | \$7,500                                                                                                                                   |
| Great South                                                                 | Committed to driving economic, social, and cultural growth, Great South has a clear mandate to leverage opportunities for Southland in the areas of economic development, business development services, tourism and events.                                                                                                                                                | \$1,940,446                                                                                                                               |
| Invercargill Public Art Gallery (IPAG) Inc                                  | IPAG is the service provider for managing He Waka Tuia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$314,000                                                                                                                                 |
| Connections Trust Invercargill (IC2 Trust)                                  | IC2 Trust is fundraising to develop a facility that will provide a range of courses, activities, events and services, under the framework of the Haurora model of health and wellbeing that help and assist people of all ethnicities, ages, abilities and genders to grow, feel at home and be their best mentally, physically, socially and with purpose for their lives. | \$200,000                                                                                                                                 |
| South Alive                                                                 | South Alive is an urban rejuvenation project, led by the community, with the goal of identifying the best possible future for South Invercargill and ways to make it happen.                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$25,000                                                                                                                                  |

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| Southland Indoor Leisure Centre Charitable Trust (SILCCT) | SILCCT maintains the ILT Stadium Southland and the Velodrome to a world-class standard. This facility has provided and will continue to provide significant sporting, cultural, educational, art and entertainment opportunities that add to the health and wellbeing of Invercargill residents. | \$700,000 |
| Southland Youth One Stop Shop Trust                       | The Trust provides free health and social services for rangatahi aged 10-24.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$33,496  |

### Community Wellbeing Fund

The Community Wellbeing Fund replaced the previous Council funds, the Community Grants Fund, the Neighbourhood Fund, the Iconic Events and the Development Events Fund.

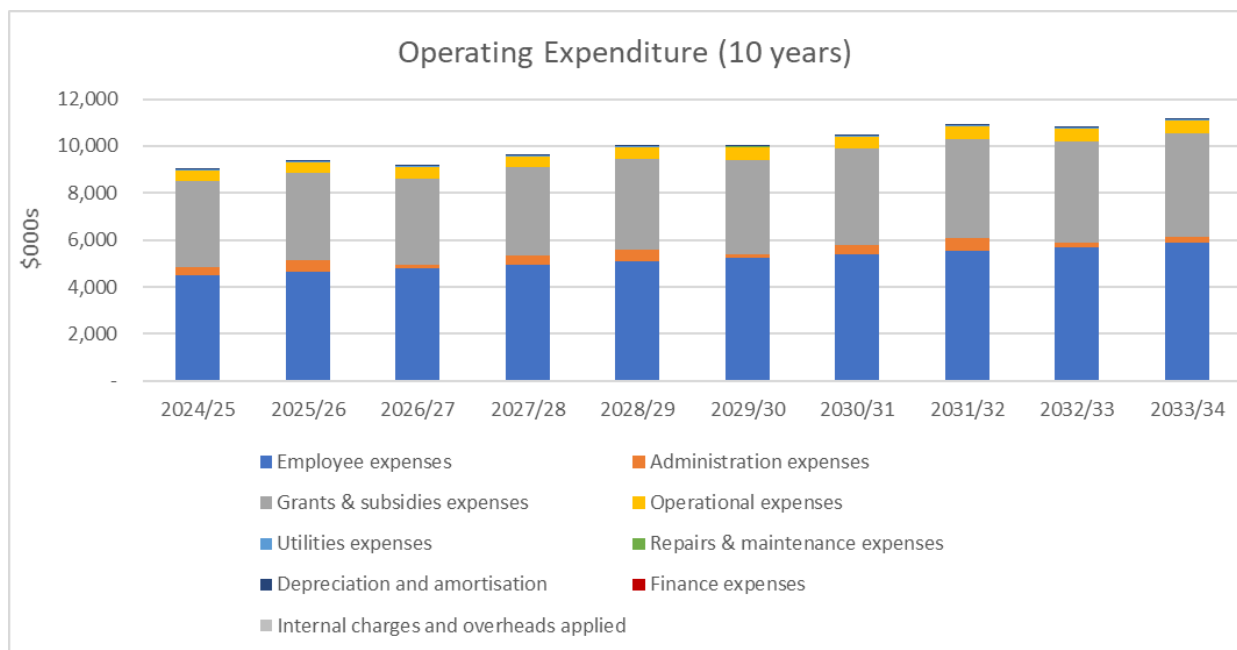
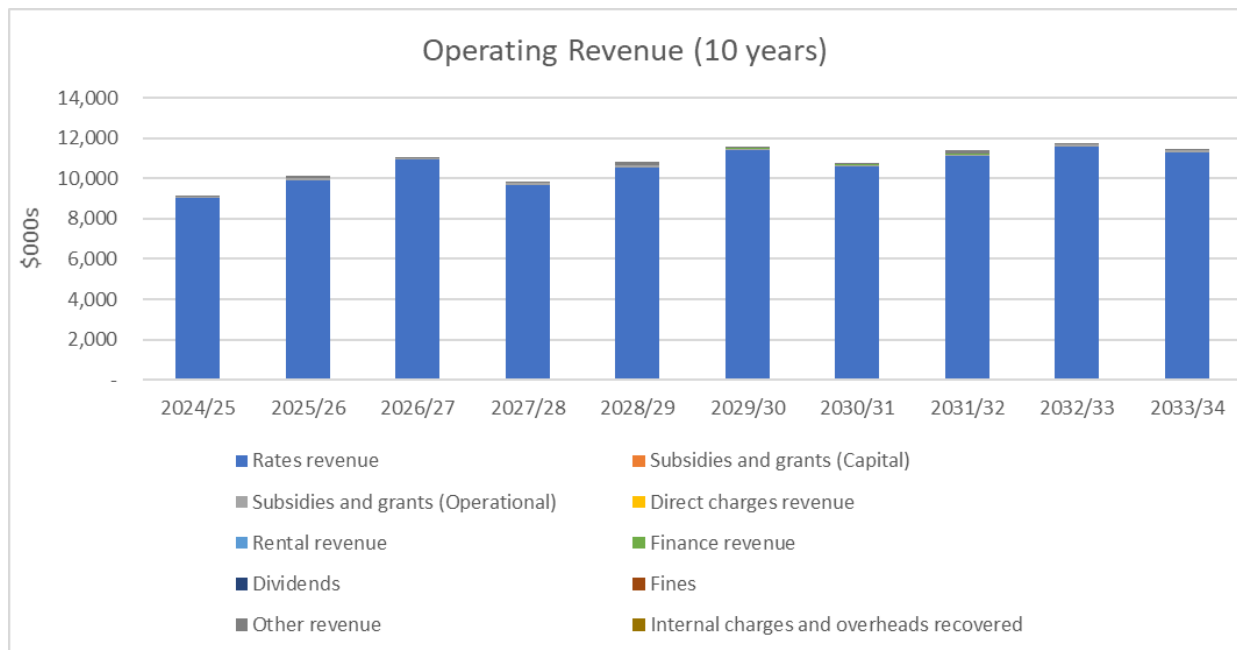
This fund will distribute up to \$565,000 each year across six funding rounds.

### Key Performance Indicators

| Measure                                                                                                                 | Target                                                                             |
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| Percentage of residents satisfied with the opportunities Council provides for community involvement in decision making. | 20%                                                                                |
| Number of activities or events supported by the Community Wellbeing Fund.                                               | 40                                                                                 |
| Voter participation in elections.                                                                                       | 10% increase of voter turnout approximately 2,000 more people to vote in 2025/2026 |

Great South key performance indicators will be available at the time of adoption of the Long-term plan.

## Budget



*Figures in the graphs have been inflation adjusted. All other numbers are uninflated and are based on 2024-dollar levels.*