



Ōtorohanga and Waipā councils approve Joint Contract

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Ōtorohanga District Council and Waipā District Council have approved a joint watermain renewals contract which aims to save ratepayers' money on water services delivered across the two districts.

The collaborative arrangement seeks to save both councils costs and internal resources on future water works for the next three financial years.

Waipā District Council's group manager – service delivery Dawn Inglis said the joint model to deliver upgrades and renewals through a single contract that will benefit both parties.

"It will achieve value for money, secure sharing of assets and materials over the contract term and meet Ōtorohanga and Waipā communities' needs in renewing our ageing watermain infrastructure."

Ōtorohanga District Council Mayor Max Baxter agreed, saying "the joint model will benefit our communities with cost savings and the provision of much needed watermain infrastructure upgrades."

The contract will be managed by Waipā staff with the oversight of a joint management team.

The contract will deliver approximately 38 kilometres of watermain pipe upgrades ranging in size from 50mm to 300mm in diameter across the Waipā and Ōtorohanga districts.

The work encompasses water connections, isolation valves, air valves, and associated chambers. The renewal and upgrade of watermains will take place in Cambridge, Leamington, Te Awamutu, Kihikihi, Kāwhia, and Ōtorohanga, said Inglis.

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Both councils have significant work programmes planned over the next three years to improve water, stormwater and wastewater networks. Waipā District's ageing infrastructure watermain renewals are forecast to be in the vicinity of \$10m over the next three years, with Ōtorohanga District's watermain renewal budgets sitting at approximately \$2.8M over the three-year period.

The contract has been awarded to local contractor, Cambridge Excavators.

Under the guidance of a joint project agreement, Ōtorohanga District Council has adopted Waipā District Council's procurement processes to enable a streamlined procurement process across the two Councils.

Both council policies aligned with each other in general principals and Ōtorohanga staff were part of the procurement plans and involved in the tender evaluation.

To learn more about the Ōtorohanga district's water services here:

<https://www.otodc.govt.nz/services/water/>. Find out more about Waipā district's water services, head to www.waipadc.govt.nz/water

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