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WCRC earns A for fourth quarter report

West Coast Regional Council's latest reporting shows it delivering A grade performance for the West Coast over the last quarter of the year.

Staff will present the achievements - in the non-financial performance report for the 2024-25 financial year - at next week's Council meeting. The report measures against year 1 targets as set in the 2024-25 Long-term Plan.

The quarter 4 non-financial performance shows staff strongly focused on delivering on councillors' expectations for the community with 23 of 27 performance measures delivered (85%), says Corporate Services Group Manager Peter Miller.

"Quarters 4 and 3 both rate as solid performance. Our delivery for the community is evident in the floodworks we've completed such as the McKenna stopbank and Cats Creek bund (part of Resilient Westport), Separate Portion 1 works at Greymouth, Stage 1 works at Hokitika and the fact there are now spades in the ground for Stage 2 works at Franz Josef.

"The performance rating shows the focus Council has on keeping Coasters safe, and providing certainty to businesses and investors that the West Coast is a safe place in which to invest.

"Overall for the year we achieved 74%, which is a good B. We met all statutory timeframes for resource consents but recognise there's more we can do to help ensure the Coast is open for business.

"The 74% score reflects our targets don't allow for any variance. So, even if work programmes have to change, such as national policy statements not being released, or if variance had been agreed during the year, e.g. our capital works programmes, our target remains 100%.

The targets don't allow for ability to improve so failing to achieve any target in any quarter means the target is failed for the year, despite any refocus or uplifts in performance from that point on, says Peter Miller.

"We received 136 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) requests over the year and responded to 97.6% within the statutory timeframe. However, we missed the deadline with one request so our target was not achieved."

It was similar with Council's flood warning network. It was fully operational throughout quarters 4, 3 and 1 but, because of a previously reported system issue in quarter 2, rated a not achieved.

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