

7.3 Civil Defence and Emergency Management

Report To:	Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee
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Purpose

To provide an update for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee on matters relating to the role of Civil Defence Emergency Management within the Council.

Recommendation

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee:

- a. Receives and notes the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Report (Resolve #2025-174).

Executive Summary

The attached report is to update the Committee regarding the activities of Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) within South Waikato District Council (SWDC), the responsibilities for the Council and the aspects of risk that need to be mitigated and planned for within our region.

Context

Service Level Agreement (SLA)

In late 2022, SWDC signed a service level agreement with Waikato Regional Council (WRC) for the provision of CDEM services to the district. As a result, I am employed by WRC's Group Emergency Management Office (GEMO) and work day to day at SWDC to deliver effective emergency management to the district's communities.

South Waikato is one of four local councils with this SLA arrangement. The others are Hamilton City, Hauraki District Council, and Matamata-Piako District Council. This group arrangement provides support, training, and development in the areas of Operations, Planning, Intelligence, Public Information Management, and Welfare. It also includes a 24/7 duty roster in which all participating councils are involved.

From 1 July 2025, Waikato Regional Council (WRC) will no longer provide this service to the other councils. Although the arrangement between WRC and South Waikato District Council (SWDC) remains in place until August 2027, we have taken the opportunity to explore a sub-regional arrangement with Hauraki and Matamata-Piako District Councils. This new arrangement is expected to commence on 1 July 2025, with Matamata-Piako District Council acting as the service provider.

Attachments

1. Civil Defence Emergency Management CDEM Report for Audit Risk Improvement Committee Meeting - June 2025 (002) 1

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2. FINAL - SWDC Exercise Assessment 6May2025 (003) 1
 3. South Waikato - Hikurangi Subduction Zone LC RH 1
 4. South Waikato District HSZ exposure assessment 1
 5. Hikurangi Subduction Zone Presentation- public 1
 6. SWDC Volcanic Response Plan Jan 2025 1