

Statement of Intent

Financial Year Beginning 1 July 2023

Introduction

North Canterbury Economic Development Trust trading as Enterprise North Canterbury (ENC) is a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) established by the Waimakariri District & Hurunui District Councils. This Statement of Intent sets out the overall intentions and objectives for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2026.

Nature & Scope of Activities

ENC is an Economic Development Agency with a vision:

'To inspire, attract and retain individuals, businesses and social enterprises to invest in our region'

The Objects of the Trust

The objects of the Trust as set out in clause 3.1 of the Deed of Trust are to:

- Cultivate economic initiatives and foster growth for the benefit of the North Canterbury Community
- Promote the economic, environmental, cultural and social well-being of the North Canterbury Community
- Foster, develop and assist in the management of best practices and effective use of the resources of North Canterbury
- Promote and nurture community-based, sustainable economic growth through projects to benefit the people of North Canterbury Community"

In pursuing these objects ENC will:

- Operate with the utmost integrity
- Be innovative, proactive and professional
- Work collaboratively in all activities it facilitates
- Respect the democratic processes of the sponsoring Councils.

ENC's *modus operandi* is to "stimulate/facilitate/liberate" new projects, as initiatives will only lead the regional economy to a higher level if a project is self-sustaining in the hands of the private sector. ENC does not see itself as "owning" projects in the long term. Accordingly when assessing new initiatives ENC will:

- Promote the sustainability of business
- Have an awareness of the needs of the community within which business operates
- Be a leader and facilitator but not an investor in development projects

The Performance Measures

In pursuit of its vision ENC has adopted three strategic objectives against which its performance will be monitored

ENC Strategic Objectives Performance Measures 2023/24

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE ONE: SUPPORTING EXISTING BUSINESSES TO GROW & PROSPER

	Performance Measure	Target
Objective 1.1 Support existing businesses to survive and thrive	Deliver the Regional Business Partner Programme for NZTE Attract Talent to the Region Support new and expanding businesses Maintain and grow ENC's website and social media	Undertake 48 Capability Assessments and issue a minimum of \$80,000 NZTE Vouchers A minimum of 24 businesses referred to Business Mentors NZ Local employers and recruiters use website and toolkit to attract employees to the region to work and live. Provide business support 50 new startup businesses and 50 existing businesses to grow/expand Grow social media channels by 10%
Objective 1.2 Celebrate and Recognise Business Leaders in the region	Organise and Host the 2023 Business Awards Gala Dinner and Ceremony	Business Awards Gala event a success
Objective 1.3 To assist Hurunui Council establish economic projects in the district, improving the wellbeing and viability of Hurunui communities	Programme of initiatives agreed and implemented	ENC assists and supports initiatives as agreed

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE TWO: ATTRACT & INSPIRE BUSINESSES, MANA WHENUA (Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga and Ngāti Kuri) & GOVERNANCE TO INVEST IN OUR REGION

	Performance Measure	Target
2.1 Develop a North Canterbury Cycle Trail	Continue to seek and apply for funds for the development of a North Canterbury Cycle Trail from Christchurch to Waipara	Staff prepare and submit applications in conjunction with the Councils Draft a project plan with budget to deliver the funding from DIA
2.2 Deliver the MADE NORTH CANTERBURY Food and Beverage project to achieve greater collaboration	Local food and beverage producers and manufacturers are provided opportunities to collaborate and connect	Grow MADE NORTH CANTERBURY Website, Facebook and Instagram platforms by 10% that promote detail of business and product, increasing awareness and sales of NCF&B New marketing and promotional initiatives and resources for NCF&B businesses created Opportunities identified to attend and profile MADE NORTH CANTERBURY members at event and trade shows Track referrals, engagements and type of support given
2.3 Collaborate with Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga and Ngāti Kuri	Activate relationships with the business entities through various projects involving ENC and both Councils	Identify and promote investment opportunities that benefit the North Canterbury community

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE THREE: PROMOTE THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT

	Performance Measure	Target
Produce an annual business promotion plan for board and Council approval	Deliver on Business Promotion objectives, as contracted to Council	Contract delivered Performance reported six monthly to Waimakariri District Council

The Board's Approach to Governance

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the overall corporate governance of ENC. The Trust Deed sets out the governance responsibilities of the Trustees. The Board guides and monitors management of the business and affairs of the Trust on behalf of the Councils to whom they are accountable. The Mayors of each of the Councils are Trustees, and the two CEO's are Advisory Trustees. The Board meets two monthly.

The Accounting Policies

The Trust is a not-for-profit organisation. The Trust has adopted accounting policies that are consistent with the Financial Reporting Act 1993 and Financial Reporting Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand. The Trust has elected to apply the PBE SFR-A (PS) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Public Sector) on the basis that the Trust does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses of less than \$2m.

The Ratio of Consolidated Shareholders Funds to Total Assets

As at 30th June 2022 the Trust's Equity comprised 41% of total assets and 100% of net assets. Equity is defined as the sum of the amount of retained earnings and accumulated losses. Total assets are defined as the sum of the net book values of current assets and non-current assets as disclosed in the Trust's annual report.

Distribution to Shareholders

The Trust's Equity is not distributed, but is held in reserve to fund the Trust's future economic development activities and Waimakariri District promotion activities as appropriate.

Information to be Provided to Shareholders

Annually the Trust reports to the Councils, with the following matters being covered:

- Trust Directory
- Review of the Year's Activities
- Report against the Year's Performance Measures
- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Cashflows
- Statement of Financial Performance
- Statement of Movements in Equity
- Notes to the Accounts
- Auditor's Opinion

Half yearly reports are provided to Councils including a statement of income and expenditure for the period, and a report of achievements against the Trust's objectives.

The two Mayors and CEO attend Board meetings and receive bi-monthly management and financial reports. The Trust's Strategic Plan and the Annual Business Plan and Budget are made available to the two Councils following its approval by the ENC Board

Procedures for Members to Acquire Shares

There is no means for Trustees to acquire shares.

Compensation from Local Authorities

The Trust receives seed capital from the two District Councils to enable it to initiate its economic development activities. In addition ENC has a service contact with Waimakariri District for the provision of District Promotion services. The following table sets out the current level of funding and that projected for the next three years (excl. GST).

Local Authority	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Activity
Waimakariri District Council (confirmed)	\$225,020	\$TBA	\$TBA	Economic Development
Waimakariri District Council (confirmed)	\$473,210	\$TBA	\$TBA	District Promotion
Hurunui District Council	\$51,250	\$51,250	\$51,250	Economic Development

As advised by Council funding through their Annual Plan processes.

If any other contracts are entered into between the Trust and any territorial or regional authority, payment of the contract price will be required from such contracting authority.

Commercial Value of the Shareholders Investment

The commercial value of the shareholders' investment is the Trust's equity is \$530,343 at 30 June 2022 as stated in the annual report.

The Trust Deed requires that *"the capital and income of the Trust fund shall be applied only within New Zealand to meet the Objects of the Trust"*. On winding up all surplus assets are to be applied by the Councils to similar purposes as the Objects of the Trust. No reassessment of the Trust's commercial value is therefore proposed.

Other Matters

The Trust has a contract with Waimakariri District Council for the provision of promotion services until 30 June 2024. The contract has a right for the trust to call for renewal of the contract for a further three years. The contract has a minimum annual level of funding specified (\$200,000) but provides for the Council to confirm a final level of funding each year as it approves the annual Promotion Business Plan, prior to the commencement of each year.