

# Council Controlled Organisations

Council controlled organisations are described in the Local Government Act 2002 (section 6 (1)(b)) as any organisation in which one or more local authorities control 50% or more of the voting rights or appoint 50% or more of the directors.

Council can, by resolution, exempt small CCOs that are not Council Controlled Trading Organisations from the requirements of CCOs.

Council has two exempt CCOs, these are;

- Manawatū-Whanganui Local Authority Shared Services Limited; and
- Shannon Community Development Trust.

As these CCO's have the status of being exempt there is no requirement for Council to disclose their performance targets and measures.

## Manawatū-Whanganui Local Authority Shared Service Limited (MW LASS Ltd)

### Nature and scope of activities

Formed in 2008, MW LASS Ltd is made up of seven councils from the Manawatū Whanganui region-Horizons Regional Council, Horowhenua, Manawatū, Rangitikei, Ruapehu, Taranaki and Whanganui District Councils.

MW LASS Ltd provides for the Councils in this Region (excluding Palmerston North City Council) to work together on mutually beneficial joint projects to

ensure consistent levels of service throughout the Region and to reduce the individual costs of delivering these services incurred by each Council.

The projects that have been developed through MW LASS Ltd to date include (but are not limited to):

- The Regional Archives Project (which included the construction, operation and recent system upgrade of Archives Central);
- Joint debt collection service;
- Shared valuation database system;
- Health and Safety Project;
- Insurance Broker Tender; and
- Aerial Photography (rural coverage).

### Policies and Objectives on Ownership and Control

MW LASS Ltd is managed by its own Chief Executive and member councils are all represented by their Chief Executives on the Board of Directors. In accordance with the MWLASS each Council can opt in or out of a project if it doesn't meet the business need of that council.

## Shannon Community Development Trust

### Nature and scope of activities

The Shannon Community Development Trust was established in July 2012, and allocates funding assistance to the residents of the Shannon township for the purpose of Community Development including:

- educational activities including scholarships for educational purposes;
- the provision of training and equipment for the protection of the community;
- the provision of financial assistance for events recognising the involvement of community members; and
- the alleviation of hardship (in some circumstances).

### Policies and Objectives on Ownership and Control

Council is responsible for the appointment of all Trustees, but does not control, either directly or indirectly, any votes at any Shannon Community Development Trust meeting. Horowhenua District Council provides secretarial support to the Shannon Community Development Trust for operational purposes.