

Council Controlled Organisations

Legislative context

The Local Government Act (LGA) 2002 defines Council Controlled Organisations (CCOs) as (section 6 (1)(b)):

An organisation in respect of which one or more local authorities have, whether or not jointly with other local authorities or persons-

- 1. control, directly or indirectly, of 50% or more of the votes at any meetings of the members or controlling body of the organisation; or*
- 2. the right, directly, or indirectly, to appoint 50% or more of the trustees, directors, or managers (however described) of the organisation.*

Horowhenua District Council does not have any organisations which fit within the definition of a Council Controlled Organisations.

Council Controlled Organisations (Exempt)

In accordance with section 7(3) of the LGA the Council can, by resolution, exempt small CCOs that are not Council Controlled Trading Organisations from the requirements of CCOs.

The Council has two CCOs that have been exempt; these are the Manawatu-Wanganui Local Authority Shared Services Limited and the Shannon Community Development Trust.

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

Manawatu-Wanganui Local Authority Shared Service Limited (MW LASS Ltd)

Nature and scope of activities

MW LASS Ltd brings together Horizons Regional Council and Horowhenua, Manawatu, Rangitikei, Ruapehu, Tararua and Wanganui District Councils. MW LASS Ltd was established in 2008 to investigate, develop, and deliver shared services.

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 and operation of a regional archives facility);
- Joint debt collection service; and
- Shared valuation database system.

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.

Shannon Community Development Trust

Nature and scope of activities

The Shannon Community Development Trust was established in July 2012. The Shannon Community Development Trust distributes funds for the benefit of the residents of Shannon for:

- Educational activities including scholarships for educational purposes;
- The alleviation of hardship;
- The provision of training and equipment for the protection of the Community; and
- The provision of financial assistance for events recognising the involvement of community members.

Policies and Objectives on Ownership and Control

The 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 administrative support to the Shannon Community Development Trust for operational purposes.