

**CIVIC BUILDING LIMITED**

**STATEMENT OF INTENT 2026 – 28**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Statement of Intent (SOI) is prepared in accordance with Section 64(1) of the Local Government Act 2002.

This SOI includes acknowledgement of the matters raised in the enduring Statement of Expectation issued to the Directors of Civic Building Limited (CBL) by the Christchurch City Council (Shareholder or Council) in December 2022 as they apply to the company.

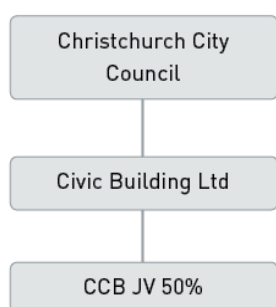
The SOI specifies for CBL and the Civic Building Unincorporated Joint Venture (CCB JV), the objectives, the nature and scope of the activities to be undertaken, and the performance targets and other measures by which the performance of the group may be judged in relation to its objectives, amongst other requirements. It covers the three financial years ending 30 June 2026, 2027 and 2028.

The process of negotiation and determination of an acceptable SOI is a public and legally required expression of the accountability relationship between CBL and its Shareholder.

CBL is 100% owned by the Council. Council provides management services to CBL through a management services arrangement.

The Civic Offices building is owned by an unincorporated joint venture jointly owned by CBL and Ngai Tahu Property Ltd and each party owns 50% of the unincorporated joint venture.

The group structure is:



The SOI is reviewed annually with Council and covers a three-year period. CBL is a Council Controlled Trading Organisation (CCTO) for the purposes of the Local Government Act 2002.

## 2.0 DIRECTORY

Address:	Civic Building Limited PO Box 73015 Christchurch 8154
Registered Office:	53 Hereford Street Christchurch 8011
Board:	Councillor James Gough (Chairperson) Councillor Sam MacDonald Councillor Jake McLellan

### **3.0 VISION**

The CBL objectives are:

- To continue to own 50% of the Civic Building in partnership with Ngai Tahu Property Ltd and lease the building to the Council.

### **4.0 NATURE AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES**

CBL and the unincorporated joint venture with Ngai Tahu Property Ltd are CCTO's for the purposes of the Local Government Act 2002. CBL is registered under the Companies Act 1993.

The Civic Office is jointly owned by CBL and Ngai Tahu Property Ltd, through an unincorporated joint venture with each party owning 50%. CBL borrowed sufficient finance from the Council to enable it to carry out its obligations as joint venture partner with Ngai Tahu Property Ltd and to implement the proposal adopted by the Council for the design, construction and ownership of the Civic Building.

### **5.0 GOVERNANCE**

The Board is responsible for the strategic direction and control of CBL's activities. The Board guides and monitors the business and affairs of CBL on behalf of the Shareholder, to whom it is accountable.

The joint venture is governed by a management committee comprised of representatives of CBL and Ngai Tahu. The management committee meets regularly and is responsible for the achievement of the goals of the joint venture.

The primary function of the Board is to ensure that CBL meets its objectives and requirements as listed in the SOI. Additionally, the Board has obligations under the Local Government Act 2002 to deliver an annual Statement of Intent and relevant half-yearly and annual reports to the Shareholder.

Appointments to the Board are confirmed by Council resolution.

## 6.0 PERFORMANCE TARGETS

### 6.1 Financial Performance Targets

The financial performance targets for CBL are as follows:

	2025/26 \$000	2026/27 \$000	2027/28 \$000
<u>Revenue</u>			
Interest - Finance Lease	2,693	2,545	2,386
Interest - Other	29	91	51
Other income	1,387	1,407	1,428
	4,109	4,043	3,865
<u>Expenses</u>			
Finance costs	2,737	2,629	2,649
Other expenses	825	845	866
	3,562	3,474	3,515
(Loss)/profit before income tax	547	569	350
Income tax (income)	95	144	131
(Loss)/profit for period	452	425	219

CBL is forecasting operating surpluses for the periods covered by this Statement of Intent. Long term projections (incorporating rent reviews) are for CBL to generate positive cash flows and there is adequate funding in place to support CBL until this time. Income tax expense includes impact of tax depreciation on buildings and fittings.

#### Ratio of Shareholder Funds to Total Assets

The forecast ratio of Shareholder funds to total assets for the next three years is:

2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
-15.4%	-19.1%	-16.8%

#### Capital Structure

The forecast capital structure for the next three years is:

	2025/26 \$000	2026/27 \$000	2027/28 \$000
Uncalled Capital	10,000	10,000	10,001
RPS Shares	2,251	0	0
Borrowings from Council	50,324	50,324	50,324
Finance Lease asset	35,324	32,328	29,111
Total Assets	45,271	42,762	42,225

## 6.2 Operational Performance Targets

In addition to the above financial performance measures, CBL will use the following measures to assess its operational performance in the 2026 financial year:

Objective and Strategy	Performance Measure
Meet the financial targets contained within this SOI.	Review of corporate financials in comparison to budget.
Manage the investment in a commercially astute and prudent manner.	Review of asset performance following the investing of capex and opex.

## 6.3 Environmental Performance Target

In addition to the above financial performance measures, CBL will use the following measures to assess its environmental performance in the 2026 financial year:

Performance Target	Performance Measure
The Civic Building was designed to achieve a high standard in terms of environmental and energy sustainability.	Any plant or system that helps reduce energy consumption is maintained and kept to a high standard of operation - All plant related to this target remains operational 90 % of the time unless there is a specific issue requiring further attention (lighting controls / rainwater tanks / solar panels)

REGGE refers to the Resource Efficiency Greenhouse Gas Emissions monitoring programme.

## 6.4 Social Performance Target

In addition to the above financial performance measures, CBL will use the following measures to assess its social performance in the 2026 financial year:

Performance Target	Performance Measure
Maintain Te Hononga to meet or exceed New Zealand Standard NZS 4121:2001 Design for access and mobility – buildings and associated facilities and Christchurch City Council's Equity and Access for People with Disabilities Policy.	To maintain the implementation of all pertinent recommendations from the accessibility audit conducted in the fiscal year 2022.

## 7.0 DISTRIBUTIONS

During the year to 30 June 2026 CBL will make no distribution to the Shareholder.

## **8.0 INFORMATION TO BE REPORTED TO THE SHAREHOLDER**

An annual report will be submitted to the Shareholder. The annual report will include audited financial statements and such other details as are necessary to permit an informed assessment of CBL's performance and financial position during the reporting period provided to the Shareholder.

Half-yearly reports will also be provided to the Shareholder. These reports will contain unaudited information and comply with NZ IAS 34.

The statement of intent will be submitted to the Shareholder for consultation annually, as required by the Local Government Act 2002. The Directors will include any other information they consider appropriate. Where appropriate, revised forecasts will be submitted to the Shareholder.

CBL will operate on a 'no surprises' basis in respect of significant Shareholder related matters, to the extent possible in the context of commercial sensitivity and confidentiality obligations.

CBL will provide information requested by the Shareholder in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002.

## **9.0 ACQUISITION / DIVESTMENT POLICY**

The subscription or acquisition of securities in any company or organisation, or a divestment of part of the existing business, will only be considered where it is consistent with the long-term commercial objectives of CBL.

When the subscription, acquisition or divestment is considered by Directors to be significant to CBL's business operations, it will be subject to consultation with the Shareholder.

Major transactions as defined in the Companies Act 1993, s129(2), will be subject to Shareholder's approval by special resolution.

Where CBL decides to incorporate or subscribe for shares in subsidiaries to undertake its commercial activities, it will ensure effective management of that subsidiary. Control of any subsidiary is exercised by CBL's Directors.

## **10.0 COMPENSATION SOUGHT FROM LOCAL AUTHORITY**

At the request of the Shareholder, CBL may undertake activities that are not consistent with normal commercial objectives. Specific financial arrangements will be entered into to meet the full commercial cost of providing such activities.

Currently, no such activities are undertaken.

## **11.0 ESTIMATE OF COMMERCIAL VALUE**

The Shareholder has recorded the value of its investment in Civic Building Ltd in its accounts at 30 June 2024 as \$92.5 million and this is considered an appropriate estimation of the commercial value of CBL.

## **12.0 ROLE IN THE COUNCIL GROUP AND REGIONAL ECONOMY**

### **Commercial Relationships within the Council Group**

CBL has a mandate from its Shareholder, the Council, to own the Civic Building and lease it to the Council. CBL will use the services of the Council to manage its affairs.

## **13.0 ROLE IN THE COUNCIL GROUP AND REGIONAL ECONOMY**

### **Contingent Liabilities or Unresolved Matters**

As at the date of this Statement of Intent, CBL is aware of a matter involving the annex component of the Civic Building which may give rise to a liability in the future. However, due to the uncertainty of the outcome, and because any possible financial effect cannot be measured reliably, no provision has been made in these financial projections. The Board considers this a contingent liability and will reassess this position in future reporting periods as more information becomes available.



## **Reporting Entity**

These are the significant accounting policies of Civic Building Limited (CBL).

CBL is registered under the Companies Act 1993 and is domiciled in New Zealand. The Company is a Council Controlled Trading Organisation as defined by section 6 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CBL was established on 12 October 2007 in order to carry out the development of the Civic Building for the Council. On 26 October 2007 CBL entered into an agreement to develop the Civic Building on the former NZ Post site with Ngai Tahu. The Council's 2009 Annual Plan approved the creation of an unincorporated joint venture structure to carry out the development. CBL has a 50% interest in the resulting joint operations.

Accordingly, CBL has designated itself as a profit orientated entity for the purposes of New Zealand Equivalent to International Financial Reporting Standards (NZ IFRS). CBL is not considered 'large' for the purposes determining the appropriate reporting tier and has consequently opted to report as a Tier 2 entity applying NZ IFRS with Reduced Disclosure Requirements.

The financial statements of CBL are prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Act 2013, the Companies Act 1993 and the Local Government Act 2002.

## **Basis of financial statement preparation**

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the New Zealand generally accepted accounting practice as appropriate for Tier 2 for-profit entities.

The financial statements are prepared on an historical cost basis except for the revaluation of investment properties.

The functional and presentation currency is New Zealand dollars. All values are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$000).

## **Judgement, estimates and assumptions**

In preparing its financial statements, CBL is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. These estimates and assumptions form the basis for making judgements about the carrying values of assets and liabilities, where these are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are regularly reviewed. Any change to estimates is recognised in the year if the change affects only that year, or into future years if it also affects future years. In the process of applying CBL's accounting policies, management has to make the following judgements, estimates and assumptions that have the most significant impact on the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The determination of the fair value of investment property is regarded as a critical estimate and is valued at least on an annual basis. This requires the estimation of current market values by an independent registered valuer.

The accounting policies set out below are applied consistently to all periods in preparing financial statements.

### **a. Joint Operations**

A joint operation is a joint arrangement whereby the parties have joint control of the arrangements and have rights to the assets, and obligations for the liabilities relating to the arrangement.

Where such an arrangement exists CBL will recognise its share of the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses including its share of any held or incurred jointly.

**b. Financial Assets**

Term deposits with maturities greater than three months are measured at amortised cost and have been designated as loans and receivables.

**c. Trade and other receivables**

Trade and other receivables are initially measured at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment.

**d. Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less. Bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of CBL's cash management are included as a component of cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of the statement of cash flows, and in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

**e. Investment Property**

The land leased to third parties under operating leases is classed as investment property.

Investment property is measured initially at cost, including transaction costs. After initial recognition, the investment property is measured at fair value as determined annually by an independent valuer.

Gains or losses arising from a change in fair value of the investment property are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

**f. Share capital**

**(i) Ordinary share capital**

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

**(ii) Preference share capital**

Preference share capital is classified as equity if it is non-redeemable and any dividends are discretionary, or is redeemable but only at CBL's option. Dividends on preference share capital classified as equity are recognised as distributions within equity.

Preference share capital is classified as a liability if it provides for mandatory redemption by the issuer for a specific amount at a specific date (or gives the holder the right to require such redemption from the issuer), or if it gives the holder the right to put it back to the issuer for cash or another financial asset. Dividends thereon are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as interest expense.

**g. Interest-bearing borrowings**

Interest-bearing borrowings are recognised initially at fair value less attributable transaction costs.

Subsequent to initial recognition, interest-bearing borrowings are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**h. Provisions**

A provision is recognised in the statement of financial position when CBL has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that an outflow of expenditures, the amount of which can be reliably estimated, will be required to settle the obligation. If the effect is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability.

#### i. Leases

##### (i) Finance leases

Leases in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset transfer to the lessee are classified as finance leases whether or not title is eventually transferred. At inception, finance leases are recognised in the statement of financial position at the present value of the minimum lease payments plus the present value of any unguaranteed residual value expected to accrue at the end of the lease term.

Amounts due from lessees under finance leases are recorded as receivables. Finance lease payments are allocated between interest revenue and reduction of the lease receivable over the term of the lease in order to reflect a constant rate of return on the net investment outstanding in respect of the lease.

##### (ii) Operating leases

An operating lease is a lease that does not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an asset.

#### j. Revenue

Revenue is measured at the fair value of consideration received.

##### (i) Interest income

Interest income is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

##### (ii) Finance lease income

Finance lease income is allocated over the lease term on a systematic and rational basis.

This income allocation is based on a pattern reflecting a constant periodic return on CBL's net investment in the finance lease.

##### (iii) Operating lease income

Operating lease income is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

##### (iv) Insurance proceeds

Insurance proceeds are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the compensation becomes receivable.

#### k. Financing costs

Financing costs comprise interest payable on borrowings calculated using the effective interest rate method. All interest payable on borrowings is recognised as an expense in the statement of comprehensive incomes as it occurs.

#### l. Income tax

Income tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in equity.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable profit for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is provided using the statement of financial position liability method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Temporary differences arising from the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting nor taxable profit are not provided for.

The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance date.

A deferred tax asset is recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

m. Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables are initially measured at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. They represent liabilities for goods and services received by CBL during and up to the end of the financial year and which remain unpaid as at balance date.

n. Goods and Services Tax

The financial statements are prepared exclusive of GST with the exception of receivables and payables that are shown inclusive of GST. Where GST is not recoverable as an input tax it is recognised as part of the related asset or expense. The net amount of GST recoverable from, payable to, the Inland Revenue Department is included as part of receivables or payable in the statement of financial position.