



OPEX Dashboard
As at 30 September 2025

Legend	Description
	Overspend more than 10%
	Overspend but less than 10%
	Underspend more than 20%
	Within budget and ≤20% underspend

Asset Type	September 2025					YTD					Full Year				
	Actual \$000	Budget \$000	Variance \$000	%		Actual \$000	Budget \$000	Variance \$000	%		Forecast \$000	Budget \$000	Variance \$000	%	
Treatment Plant	942	908	(-34)	(-4%)		2,394	2,724	330	12%		10,786	10,896	110	1%	
Network	37	312	275	88%		90	935	845	90%		3,294	3,740	446	12%	
Investigations	258	370	112	30%		579	1,109	531	48%		4,422	4,659	236	5%	
Control Systems	116	114	(-2)	(-2%)		234	342	109	32%		1,314	1,369	54	4%	
Monitoring	44	49	5	10%		110	147	37	25%		555	587	32	5%	
Storage	0	1	1	100%		(-1)	3	4	134%		(-1)	11	11	109%	
Utilities	0	0	0			0	0	(-0)			0	0	(-0)		
Pump Stations	26	28	2	6%		62	83	20	25%		292	331	39	12%	
Contingency	0	0				0	0				0	0			
Total Operations	1,424	1,781	357	20%		3,469	5,343	1,874	35%		20,663	21,592	928	4%	
Service Level Agreements (invoiced annually)	37	61	24	39%		219	184	(-35)	(-19%)		771	737	(-34)	(-5%)	
Management & Advisory Services	816	816	0	%		2,447	2,447	0	%		9,789	9,789	0	%	
Total Opex	2,277	2,658	381	14%		6,135	7,974	1,839	23%		31,224	32,118	894	3%	

Expenditure Category	September 2025					YTD					Full Year				
	Actual \$000	Budget \$000	Variance \$000	%		Actual \$000	Budget \$000	Variance \$000	%		Forecast \$000	Budget \$000	Variance \$000	%	
Materials	18	0	(-18)			661	0	(-661)			0	0	0		
Services	601	1,435	834	58%		722	2,869	2,147	75%		0	17,355	17,355	100%	
Consulting or Advice	162	0	(-162)			179	0	(-179)			0	0	0		
Direct Labour & Plant	250	408	158	39%		518	816	298	37%		0	4,973	4,973	100%	
Management & Advisory Services	816	816	0	%		2,447	2,447	0	%		9,789	9,789	0	%	
Other	430	0	(-430)			1,607	1,842	235			21,434	0	(-21,434)		
Total Opex	2,277	2,658	381	14%		6,135	7,974	1,839	23%		31,224	32,118	894	3%	

Investment Category	September 2025					YTD					Full Year				
	Actual \$000	Budget \$000	Variance \$000	%		Actual \$000	Budget \$000	Variance \$000	%		Forecast \$000	Budget \$000	Variance \$000	%	
Monitoring and Investigations	311	456	145	32%		789	1,369	579	42%		4,835	5,696	861	15%	
Maintenance (Planned)	36	264	229	86%		81	793	712	90%		2,966	3,172	207	7%	
Maintenance (Reactive)	29	74	44	60%		57	221	164	74%		1,192	884	(-308)	(-35%)	
Operations, incl Critical spares	142	140	(-2)	(-2%)		366	420	54	13%		1,655	1,680	25	1%	
Treatment Plant	942	908	(-34)	(-4%)		2,394	2,724	330	12%		10,786	10,896	110	1%	
Management & Advisory Services	816	816	0	%		2,447	2,447	0	%		9,789	9,789	0	%	
Total Opex	2,277	2,658	381	14%		6,135	7,974	1,839	23%		31,224	32,118	894	3%	

Unexpected Event Reserve Commentary:
In years that Greater Wellington Regional Council actual costs finish below budget, the funds are retained for the Unexpected Event Reserve (capped at 5% of the OPEX charge for the current financial year). Wellington Water is able to use these funds for costs from unexpected events in subsequent years. The funds are ring-fenced for the Council in which the savings were achieved.

The opening balance for this financial year is \$893.7k, being 5\$ of the underspend from FY2025 transferred to the Unexpected event Reserve.

Unexpected Event Reserve	\$000s
Opening Balance	894
Events:	0
Closing Balance	894

Monthly Commentary (OPEX)

Summary

For the first quarter the OPEX programme including SLAs is 23% (\$1,839k) under budget mainly due to lower than budget Network and Investigation costs. This is being investigated, as these costs appear to be underreported. Any adjustments needed will be made in time for October reporting.

Treatment Plant costs are under budget for the YTD, however the closure of a supplier of chemicals may impact Chemical costs later in the year. The forecast will be updated to include any cost impacts due to the closure when we know more.

Overall the first forecast for the year anticipates 3% (\$894k) under budget for the full year. This forecast will be reviewed monthly, and updated as needed.

Treatment Plant

Currently 12% (\$330k) under budget year to date, and forecasting 1% (\$110k). The closure of a major manufacturing plant that provides chemicals needed for Treatment Plant operations which may result in increased costs by quarter three. The forecast is reviewed monthly and will be updated to reflect estimated impact on costs for all factors including this closure. Currently there are no other known risks that impact Treatment plant operations.

Network and Investigations

Network is 90% (\$845k) under budget year to date and Investigations are 48% (\$531k) under budget year to date. These costs appear to be underreported and are being investigated with any adjustment needed expected to be done in time for October reporting. The forecast is 12% (\$446k) under budget for Network, and 5% (\$236k) under budget for Investigations. This is our first forecast for the year, and it is reviewed monthly and updated to reflect anticipated changes to our costs.

Control Systems, Monitoring, Pump Stations

These are all under budget year to date, with the actuals tracking similar to last month, and all forecasting to be under budget for the full year.

Service Level Agreements (SLA)

SLAs for biodiversity, resource investigations and parks services are invoiced annually, separate from the BAU OPEX programme and include Consents Management, Resource Investigations, Parks services and Biodiversity. These are accrued monthly to budget monthly for the quarter these programmes are 19% (\$35k) over budget, mainly due to \$20k costs for a late invoice that related to last year that had not been accrued.

- Notes on our approach for reporting:
Wellington Water invoices councils a monthly fixed charge in advance for the OPEX programme and management & advisory services.
The OPEX programme is made up of the following:
- Controllable costs incurred by Wellington Water in delivering the programme, such as charges for repairs and maintenance, costs of consumables, consultants and contractors' charges
 - Costs of labour and plant which are charged to specific jobs. This is for Wellington Water employees within the Customer Operations, Network Management and Network Engineering groups i.e. those working directly on OPEX jobs.

Management & Advisory Services is made up of staff costs that cannot be directly attributed to the council's OPEX or CAPEX programmes and overheads such as insurance, rent, IT costs, etc. We're a council-controlled organisation jointly owned by six client councils; the management charge is agreed on an annual basis and proportionately allocated to each of these councils.

