

PKF Local Government Service Desk

PKF Goldsmith Fox is an independent New Zealand–owned audit and advisory firm based in Christchurch. We provide tailored technical advice to support local councils with NZ-specific financial reporting and regulatory obligations.

Core Offerings

Focus Area	Key Offer
Audit of Annual Report & Long-Term Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit-readiness assessment • Audit issue resolution and remediation support, • Accounting technical support, • Accounting and performance reporting positions papers.
Internal Controls & Risk Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process mapping and control design • Internal control testing and reporting • Review of risk register with focus on Reporting and Compliance
Climate Reporting & ESG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GHG inventory development (MfE / GHG Protocol) • Data validation & assurance readiness • Integration with LTP / Annual Reports
Asset Accounting & Valuation Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuation planning & control setup • Review of instruction to valuers • Review of data, assumptions & methods used in valuations • Review of assets register for water and roading infrastructure assets
Governance & Audit Committee Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting templates & audit-response tracking • Briefings & training on emerging issues • ARC workplans & charter review
Group Accounting & Consolidations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chart of accounts harmonisation • Policy alignment for mixed group • Consolidation framework and templates • Quality control over consolidation process • Accounting and Financial Reporting Manuals
LTPs & Forecasting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical & compliance advice • forecast-model support.



How We Can Help – Practical Scenarios

Preparing for the Audit:

- Pre-audit tasks and estimate review
- Financial model support for LTP
- Governance training and reporting pack review

Accounting Technical Support:

- IPSAS and/or IFRS/PBE standards guidance
 - Audit responses and accounting position papers
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How We Work

- Project-based or embedded support
 - Senior team leadership
 - Local delivery, tailored advice
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Why Councils Work with Us

- Avoid audit delays and disputes
 - Focus on strategic outcomes
 - Strengthen internal governance
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