

ORDER PAPER

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 9 June 2022
Time: 1.00 pm
Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

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Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitīkei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Thursday, 9 June 2022 at 1.00 pm.

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AGENDA

1 Welcome

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

No public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, [enter item number](#) be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Reports for Decision

6.1 Analysis of Submissions and Adoption of the Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land

Author: Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To provide an analysis of submissions received on the Draft Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land to enable Council's deliberation and adoption.

2. Context

- 2.1 Consultation on the Draft Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land was undertaken simultaneously with the consultation document for the draft Annual Plan - Framing 2022/23. Consultation was undertaken in accordance with Principles of Consultation set out in Section 82 and the Special Consultative Procedure set out in Section 83 of the Local Government Act.
- 2.2 The Policy was reviewed, with the changes made driven by the Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori) Amendment Act 2021. The draft Policy was reviewed in consultation with Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti. Changes included:
 - The introduction a new section that supports the principles set out in the preamble to Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993.
 - Amendment to Section 1.3 to align with Schedule 1 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 that outlines what land is non-rateable.
 - Some land under the conditions and criteria within the Policy are now non-rateable under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. Section 4 of the Policy has been amended to reflect this as remissions would no longer be applicable.
 - A new section (4.5) to expand and enhance Section 4.4 of the Policy and reflect changes made to Section 114A the Local Government (rating) Act 2002. This is in reference to Māori freehold land under development.
 - Various other amendments to increase clarification.

3. Submissions

- 3.1 One submission was received (refer to Attachment 1).

4. Summary of Submission

- 4.1 The submitter suggested that if money is generated from Māori Freehold Land, then both tax and rates should be paid.

5. Officer Comment

- 5.1 Section 91 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 specifies that (except where provided otherwise) Māori freehold land is liable for rates in the same manner as if it were general land. A key exception from rating requirements is for unused land (Clause 14A of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Act).

ITEM 6.1

- 5.2 The draft Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land identifies three key conditions and criteria for eligibility for a rates remission; unoccupied land, economic development and papakainga development.
- 5.3 The Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land is recommended to be adopted without amendment.

6. Decision Making Process

- 6.1 The degree of significance of this decision is considered to be moderate. Consultation has occurred in accordance with legislative requirements.

Attachments

- 1. **Submission - Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land** [↓](#)
- 2. **Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land** [↓](#)

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Analysis of Submissions and Adoption of the Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land' be received.

Recommendation 2

That the submission received on the Draft Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land be received.

Recommendation 3

That the Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land be adopted with/without amendment **[delete one]**.

SUBMISSION FORM**Draft Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land 2022**
RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

9 May 2022
#001

ITEM 6.1 ATTACHMENT 1

<p>Submissions close at 5pm on 9 May 2022</p> <p>Return this form, or send your written submission to:</p> <p>Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land Rangitikei District Council Private Bag 1102 Marton 4741</p> <p>Email: info@rangitikei.govt.nz</p> <p>Oral submissions</p> <p>If you wish to speak to your submission, please tick the box below.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I wish to speak to my submission on 19 May 2022.</p> <p>If you have any special requirements, such as those related to visual or hearing impairments, please note them here.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I wish to use New Zealand Sign Language</p> <p>Privacy</p> <p>Please note that submissions are public information. The content on this form including your personal information and submission will be made available to the media and public as part of the decision making process</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please tick this box if you would like your contact details to remain private</p>		<p>Organisation (if applicable)</p> <p>Postal address</p> <p>Phone</p> <p>Email</p> <p>Do you support the amended Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land?</p> <p>Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Comments</p> <p>If commercial monetary gain is received from this Freehold land then Tax must be paid - and so to must Rates.</p> <p>Attach additional information or pages if necessary</p> <p>Signed</p> <p>Date</p>
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RATES REMISSION POLICY FOR MĀORI FREEHOLD LAND

Date of adoption by Council	XX XX 2022 ¹
Resolution Number	
Date by which review must be completed	2028
Relevant Legislation	Local Government Act 2002 s102 and 108
Statutory or Operational Policy	Statutory
Included in the LTP	No

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Māori freehold land is recognised under the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 as a taonga tuku iho of special significance to Māori passed from generation to generation. An interest in Māori land is also considered a tangible whakapapa (genealogical) link for owners to their past and present whānau, hapū and Iwi, whether they live on or close to the land or not.

- 1.2 The Policy provides for the fair and equitable collection of rates from Māori freehold land, recognising that certain Māori-owned freehold lands have particular conditions, features, ownership structures or other circumstances determining the land as having limited rateability under legislation. This Policy also acknowledges the desirability of avoiding further alienation of Māori freehold land.

Note: The policy applies to unsold land affected by the Māori Affairs Amendment Act 1967, which provided for Māori land owned by not more than four persons to be changed to General land. While this amendment was repealed in 1973, those blocks that had been changed remained as General land and therefore could be subject to compulsory sale to recover rate arrears.² The onus for identifying this status to the Council lies with the land owners.

- 1.3 Some provisions exist within the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 exempting land from rates; these are as follows and apply automatically to land of this nature:

- Land that is used as a Māori burial ground.
- Maori customary land.

¹ This policy was first adopted 15 July 2004 (04/RDC/154), was reviewed 29 June 2006 (06/RDC/193) and 25 June 2009 (09/RDC/233)

² Te Puni Kokiri is currently working with the owners of the remaining titles to make them aware of the status of the land. In addition, Te Puni Kokiri and the Māori Land Court intend undertaking a programme to identify all Māori land titles affected by the Amendment and communicating this status of the titles to the current owners.

- Land that is set apart under section 338 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 or any corresponding former provision of that Act and used for the purposes of a meeting place, excluding any land used—
 - (a) primarily for commercial or agricultural activity; or
 - (b) as residential accommodation.
- Land that is a Māori reservation held for the common use and benefit of the people of New Zealand under section 340 of Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993.
- Land that is used for the purposes of a marae, excluding any land used—
 - (a) primarily for commercial or agricultural activity; or
 - (b) as residential accommodation
- Māori freehold land on which a meeting house is erected, excluding any land used—
 - (a) primarily for commercial or agricultural activity; or
 - (b) as residential accommodation.
- Land used for the purposes of a Kohanga Reo educational establishment.
- Māori freehold land that is, for the time being, non-rateable by virtue of an Order in Council made under section 116 of this Act, to the extent specified in the order.
- An unused rating unit of Māori freehold land.

2 Interpretation/Definition

General Land means land that is not Māori Freehold Land.

Papakainga means the development of dwellings on ancestral land (whether held in Māori Multiply-Owned land ownership or not), and where the development provides for the reconnection and resettlement of Iwi and hapu to their acknowledged ancestral lands. This definition does not apply to single developments or multi-lot subdivisions that are not intended for resettlement purposes.

Māori freehold Land is defined by section 5 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 as “land whose beneficial ownership has been determined by the Māori Land Court by freehold order”. Only land that is the subject of such an order may qualify for remission under this policy.

Māori freehold land in multiple ownership means Māori freehold land owned by more than 2 persons.

Occupation for this policy is where a person/persons do one or more of the following for their significant profit or benefit (except if the land and its housing is used to contribute to the Kaumātua support and enhancement of the Marae):

- leases the land to another party, or
- permanently resides upon the land, or
- de-pastures or maintains livestock on the land, or
- undertakes significant commercial operations.

Unoccupied means, in respect of a block of land or a portion of a block of land, that there is no person, whether with a beneficial interest in the land or not, who, alone or with others:

- leases the land, and/or
- does any of the following things on the land, with the intention of making a profit or for any other benefit
- resides on the land
- de-pastures or maintains livestock on the land
- stores anything on the land.

Urupa means cemetery or burial site.

Waahi Tapu means a place sacred to Māori in the traditional, spiritual, religious, ritual and mythological sense.

3 Objectives

The objectives of this Policy is to provide rates relief for Māori freehold land to recognise, support and take account of: the use of the land by the owners for traditional purposes;

- the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands;
- avoiding further alienation of Māori freehold land;
- facilitating any wish of the owners to develop the land for economic use;
- the presence of Wāhi Tapu that may affect the use of the land for other purposes;
- the importance of the land in providing economic and infrastructure support for marae and associated papakainga housing (whether on the land or elsewhere);
- the importance of associated housing in providing Kaumātua support and enhancement for Marae;
- the importance of the land for community goals relating to:
 - the preservation of the natural character of the coastal environment;
 - the protection of outstanding natural features; and
 - the protection of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna.
- matters related to the legal, physical and practical accessibility of the land;
- land that is in and will continue to be in a natural and undeveloped state.

4 Conditions and Criteria**A. Unoccupied Land**

4.1 Maori freehold land which is unoccupied qualifies for a rates remission if at least one of the following criteria is met:

- Wāhi Tapu is present that may affect the use of the land for other purposes. (A rates remission will be considered on a property or part of a property where the use of that property is affected by the presence of Wāhi Tapu).
- The site is used for preservation/protection of character or coastline, has outstanding natural features, significant indigenous vegetation and habitats of indigenous fauna. Applications under this criterion need to be supported by an existing Department of Conservation or Regional Council Management Plan, or other supporting evidence (e.g. in the Department of Conservation Coastal Management Plan for the area).
- The site has accessibility issues - if it is difficult to legally, physically or practically access a property. Examples of accessibility issues are:
 - The property is landlocked by properties owned by other people/entities.
 - Access is legally available by paper road or easement but the road does not exist.
 - A road ends or passes a property but a river, ravine, cliff or other impediment prevents practical access.
- The site is in a natural and undeveloped state, and will continue to remain in such state.
- The land is placed under Ngā Whenua Rahui (conservation covenant)

B. Economic Development

4.2 Māori Freehold land which has previously been unoccupied and is about to undergo development, is undergoing development, or has undergone recent development shall be entitled to a remission of rates.

4.3 Council may remit all or part of the rates if it is satisfied the development is likely to:

- Benefit the District by creating new employment opportunities
- Benefits the District by creating new houses (this extends to Papakainga Development)
- Benefit Council by increasing Council's rating base in the long term
- Benefit Māori in the District by providing support to Marae in the District
- Benefits the owners by facilitating the occupation, development and utilisation of the land

4.4 The length and degree of remission will be decided by having particular regard to the impediments to development suffered by any given piece of land and/or the

ownership group or management entity thereof, the value of the economic activity compared with the value of the land, and to the extent to which the development will enhance the capacity of the land/ownership group to pay rates into the future.

C. Papakainga Development

- 4.5 Papakainga development implemented through the provisions of the Rangitikei District Plan and supported by a development plan shall be entitled to a remission of rates for the period of such development and a further period before and after the development up to a maximum period of five years.
- 4.6 The length and degree of remission will be determined having particular regard to the characteristics of the development and to the extent to which the development will maintain and enhance the capacity of Māori to live on their traditional lands and embrace their culture and traditions.

5 Exclusions

- 5.1 As a general principle rates will be payable on Māori Freehold Land where:
 - a) The land contains a habitable dwelling and is occupied as a permanent residence.
 - b) The land is leased to an external party.
 - c) The land is used for the personal use of one of the owners.

6 Process of Application and Consideration for Rates Remission under this policy

Applications

- 6.1 On application to the Rangitikei District Council, consideration will be given for the remission of rates on Māori freehold land under this policy.
- 6.2 The application for rates remission under this policy shall include:
 - details of appropriate contacts;
 - details of property and occupancy;
 - the condition(s), as listed in Section 3 of this policy, under which the application is made;
 - any relevant information to support the application, such as historical, ancestral, cultural, archaeological, geographical or topographical information;
 - details of the financial status of the land supported by full financial statements;
 - a copy of any agreements or licenses to operate on the land; and
 - a declaration stating that the information supplied is true and correct and that any changes in circumstances during that period of rate remission will be notified to the Council.

7 Consideration of Applications by Māori Land Rates Remission Committee

- 7.1 All applications for rates remission under this policy shall be considered and decided upon by the Māori Land Rates Remission Committee. The Māori Land Rates Remission Committee is to consist of three Council members and three Tangata Whenua, nominated by Te Roopu Ahi Kaa.
- 7.2 Any decision as to whether any land or part thereof meets or continues to meet the qualifying criteria shall be made by the Māori Land Rates Remission Committee.

Six Year Duration

- 7.3 Any remission of rates granted under this policy will generally apply for a six-year period.
- 7.4 All remissions are reviewed every six years.
- 7.5 If the use of a property changes within the period the owners will notify the Council immediately and the remission status of the property will be reviewed.
- 7.6 Any changes of rates remission status will be effective from the date the property use changed.

Right of Appeal to Full Council

- 7.7 If an applicant considers the decision of the Māori Land Rates Remission Committee is not correct they may appeal to the full Council.

8 Māori Land Rates Remission Committee can consider properties without Application by Owners (i.e. Committee-generated Applications)

- 8.1 If a property could apply for a rates remission but the owners have not applied for the remission, the Committee can consider the granting of a remission of rates under the criteria outlined in Section 3 of this Policy.
- 8.2 An example of the situation where this Committee-generated application could apply is where land is unoccupied but an application has not been made as the owners are geographically dispersed.

9 Rate and Penalty Arrears Write OffIntention to Write Off Rate Arrears and Penalties

- 9.1 For a number of landlocked properties considerable rate arrears have accrued over the past decade due to an inability of the property to sustain the rates assessed.

Council will write off rates arrears in respect of

- a) land that is subject to a Ngā Whenua Rāhui kawenata; and
- b) Māori freehold land that is unused (within the meaning of Schedule 1 of this Act).

Committee can recommend arrears write off to Council

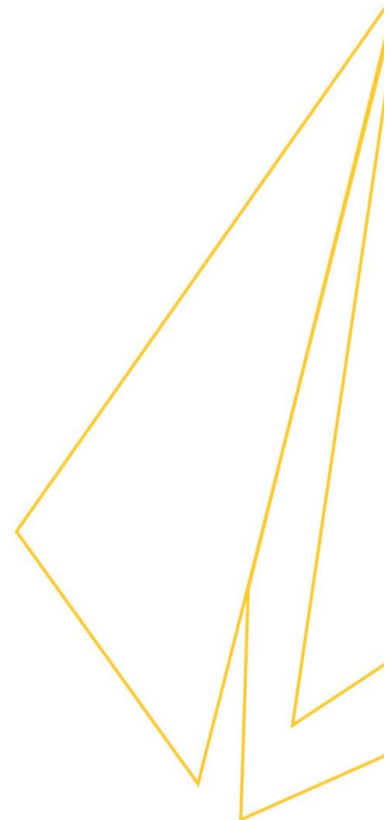
- 9.2 When considering a Māori land rate remission the Committee is to assess any rates and penalty arrears on the property. If these arrears have resulted from the inability of the property to sustain the rates, the Committee is to recommend to Council that the arrears be written off.

10 Right to change conditions and criteria

- 10.1 The Council reserves the right to add to delete or alter in any way the above conditions and criteria from time to time.
- 10.2 When making such changes Council will follow its Significance and Engagement Policy and ensure affected parties are engaged in the change process.

11 No postponement of rates

- 11.1 Nothing in this policy is to be taken as providing or implying a policy providing for the postponement of rates on Māori freehold land.



6.2 Analysis of Submissions and Adoption of the Rates Remission Policy**Author:** Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner**Authoriser:** Dave Tombs, Group Manager - Corporate Services**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 To provide an analysis of submissions received on the Draft Rates Remission Policy to enable Council's deliberation and adoption.

2. Context

- 2.1 Consultation on the Draft Rates Remission Policy was undertaken simultaneously with the consultation on the draft Annual Plan - Framing 2022/23.
- 2.2 Council's Rates Remission Policy is required under section 102 of the Local Government Act 2002, with the specific requirements set out under section 109. Local developers were directly notified of the proposed changes related to incentivising residential development.
- 2.3 Consultation was undertaken in accordance with the Principles of Consultation set out in Section 82 and the Special Consultative Procedure set out in Sections 83 of the Local Government.
- 2.4 The draft Rates Remission Policy was reviewed, with the following changes proposed:
 - Improvement to administration processes for applying for rates relief for economic development.
 - Limiting the criteria for rates relief for development, with the inclusion of "economic" development.
 - Removal of Incentives for Business Expansion.
 - Limiting applications to the northern end of the District for 'Incentivising Residential Development'.
 - Removal of contiguous rating units owned or leased by a single ratepayer – this is removed as it is covered by other legislation.
 - Additional information to make it clearer on how to apply for remissions.
 - Other various amendments have been made for clarification.

3. Submissions

- 3.1 Four submissions were received specifically on the Draft Rates Remission Policy:
 - Ellen Dickson (001), Jordie Peters (002), Anonymous (003), Federated Farmers (004).
- 3.2 Two submitters also raised comments related to the draft Rates Remission Policy in their Annual Plan submission:
 - Carolyn Bates (Annual Plan 012), Robert Snijders (Annual Plan 051).
- 3.3 All submissions are attached.

4. Summary of Submissions

- 4.1 Submitters 001, 002 and 003 raised concerns about the transition timeframe for the incentivising residential development remission to be removed from the southern part of the District. All three submitters purchased sections on the basis the remission would be available.
- 4.2 Submitter 004 questions the development incentives contained within the Rates Remission Policy. This submitter questions if remitting rates to incentivise residential development is a prudent way to encourage development (at the cost of established ratepayers), given the increased costs associated with the three waters network. This submitter also opposes the removal of contiguous rating units owned or leased by a single ratepayer in the Rates Remission Policy.
- 4.3 Annual Plan submission 012 suggested removal of the rates remission for residential development. The submitter suggests that if the remission is removed, then ratepayers would have lower rates.
- 4.4 Annual Plan submission 051 also suggested removal of the rates remissions for incentivising residential development and that money saved from not giving rates remissions for development could be invested in beautifying towns.

5. Officer Comment

- 5.1 All remissions contained in the Policy were reviewed as part of the Annual Plan considerations and amended as considered appropriate.
- 5.2 The purpose of the incentivising residential development remissions is to increase the amount of housing stock in the Rangitikei District. Given the recent growth in the southern half of the District, remissions for incentivising residential development were no longer considered necessary. Remissions were retained for the northern part of the District to act as an incentive to encourage housing development in these settlements.
- 5.3 It is acknowledged there was an error in the date for the transition for removal of the incentives for residential development in southern Rangitikei in the draft Rates Remission Policy that was released for consultation. The date noted a transition of 2022, which should have read 2023. This error has been rectified, addressing the concerns raised by submitters 001, 002 and 003. Officers have also suggested a minor change to increase clarity in section 9 of the policy.
- 5.4 Officers consider that the remaining remissions provide an equitable balance between social responsibility and fiscal responsibility. Overall, the Rates Remissions Policy, including proposed changes are considered to be prudent.
- 5.5 The removal of the reference to contiguous rating units is because this aspect is addressed by other legislation, and is therefore unnecessary to remain part of the Rates Remission Policy.

6. Decision Making Process

- 6.1 The degree of significance of this decision is considered to be moderate. Consultation has occurred in accordance with legislative requirements.

Attachments

1. Submissions - Rates Remission Policy [↓](#)
2. Rates Remission Policy [↓](#)

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Analysis of Submissions and Adoption of the Rates Remission Policy' be received.

Recommendation 2

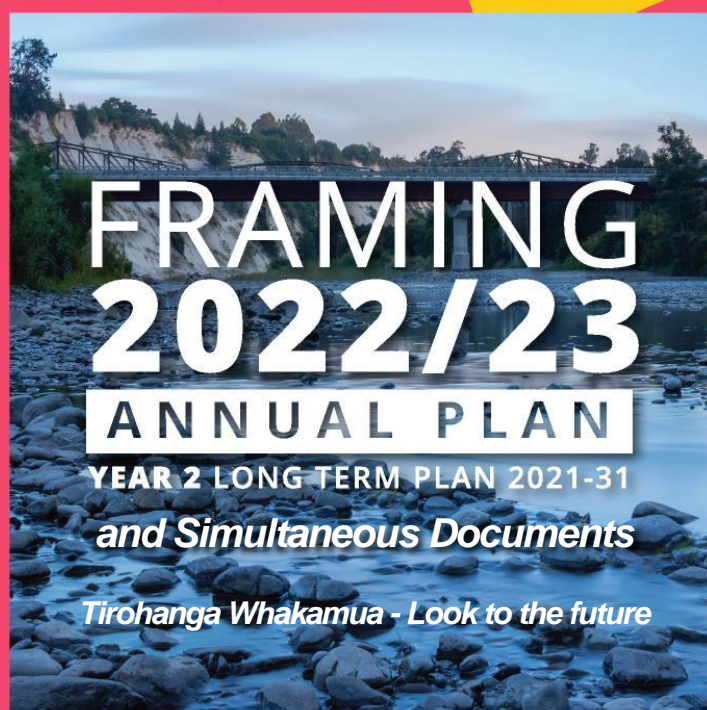
That the submission received on the Draft Rates Remission Policy be received.

Recommendation 3

That Council adopt the Rates Remission Policy with/without amendment **[delete one]**.

ITEM 6.2
ATTACHMENT 1

Rates Remission



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Rates Remission Policy 2022

Submission:1

5/8/2022 4:14:43 AM

Name:

Ellen Dickson

Organisation (if applicable):

Postal Address:

[REDACTED]

Phone:

[REDACTED]

Email:

[REDACTED]

Do you support the amended Rates Remission Policy?

No

Comments:

My husband and I paid a deposit on one of the Hereford height sections in Marton in January 2021, on the promise from the building company and developer that we would have title may 2021. We only just received title for our section on the 24th February 2022. We knew about the rates rebate since we paid our initial deposit and it was one of the draw cards to be completely honest, compared to similar sections in the area. As we have waited so long for title and our building company have mucked us around for most of last year getting ready for consent we will only be applying for consent within the next fortnight meaning we may not have consent by the end of June 2022. Therefore I don't think it's fair for those who already own land and are in the process of planning to build to be penalised by this, due to no fault of their own.

I am happy to discuss this further over the phone if required.

Additional information:

Do you wish to speak to your submission?

Special requirements



Rates Remission Policy 2022

Submission:2

5/8/2022 5:07:51 AM

Name:

[REDACTED]

Organisation (if applicable):

Postal Address:

[REDACTED]

Phone:

[REDACTED]

Email:

[REDACTED]

Do you support the amended Rates Remission Policy?

No

Comments:

This amendment is disingenuous to those who have committed to making a significant investment in the Marton region. As someone who has committed to purchasing in the new Bredins Line Development, a key factor in my decision to do this was this incentive RDC had in place. Amending this policy will remove the ability for us all to actually realise these incentives through no fault of our own. We all committed to the purchase of land at this development in 2021, well before this proposed amendment was issued. This amendment should be changed to ensure that all developments or eligible situations with S&P agreements signed prior to 1 July 2022 are included in the incentive scheme, anything less than that should be considered a serious breach of trust by the council.

Additional information:

Do you wish to speak to your submission?

Yes_oral_submission

Special requirements



Rates Remission Policy 2022

Submission:3

5/9/2022 3:05:50 AM

Name:

[REDACTED]

Organisation (if applicable):

Postal Address:

[REDACTED]

Phone:

[REDACTED]

Email:

[REDACTED]

Do you support the amended Rates Remission Policy?

No

Comments:

I bought the section on the understanding there would be a \$5000 rate credit from council.

Additional information:

Do you wish to speak to your submission?

Special requirements

Privacy

Yes_details_private

Rates Remission Policy 2022

Submission:4

5/9/2022 4:41:15 AM

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acook@fedfarm.org.nz

Do you support the amended Rates Remission Policy?

Comments:

Please see our submission to the Annual Plan and Rates Remission Policy Review (word document attached).

Additional information:

Do you wish to speak to your submission?

Yes_oral_submission

Special requirements

Privacy

Roading

16. We note that on page 20 of the Draft Annual Plan, there is an increase of 3.2 million for roading debt, compared to what was proposed in the LTP for Y2 of the plan. Federated Farmers would like **clarification** on what project this additional debt would be funding. This is a significant variation on the proposed council debt amounts.
17. Federated Farmers would like to **highlight** that performance measures for roading does not provide for any indication on the condition of unsealed roads. We note there is a measure for re-metalling of unsealed roads; however, there are no mechanisms for reporting on user experience/concerns.
 - **Federated Farmers seek clarification on the proposed 3.2 million increase of roading debt.**
 - **Federated Farmers highlight the roading performance measures to do not capture user experience on unsealed roads.**

Fees and Charges 2022/23

18. Federated Farmers **acknowledge** the increase in costs associated with building control through the introduction of the Simpli portal, which is proposed to be recovered through a user pays costing regime. We would assume that over time productivity costs are reduced (through faster online administration processing), and potentially costs over time would be lower?
19. We note in the summary of information that all fees and charges have been adjusted for inflation at 3.3% (except for library charges, amusement devices, and liquor licensing). We **highlight** that farmers cannot transfer increase costs within their operations, and there are no additional revenue streams. Any increases are absorbed and taken out of their profits and results in a reduction of funds to spend on improving the footprint of the farming operation, and reduces the amount spent locally by the rural sector.
20. Additionally, we **encourage** the Council to update their website (under "Liquor licensing" - "Licensing Authority Reports") to include the 2020 and 2021 Annual Report (as required under section 199) 5) of the Sale and Supply of Act 2012), as we are unable to ascertain if the liquor licensing function is operating within the budget covered by the current fees and charges regime.
 - **Federated Farmers acknowledges the increase in costs for Simpli portal, which is recovered through user pays regime.**
 - **Federated Farmers encourages the Council to include the 2020 and 2021 Annual Report under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act on their website.**

Rates Remission Policy

21. We **acknowledge** the strategic approach the Council is using by limiting the 'Incentivising Residential Development' in a particular area of the district. This is a tool that the Council uses

to encourage residential development in appropriate areas of the district. We **question** if the strategic approach of remitting rates to incentivise residential development/subdivision is a prudent way to encourage development (at the cost of established rate payers). Being that the Council has identified in its Annual Plan that large increases are because of additional demands on wastewater and sewerage, and improving the levels of service for stormwater and drainage.

22. Federated Farmers **oppose** the removal of the contiguous rating units under the Rates Remission Policy. Where ratepayers own multiple properties but run these as a single economic unit, it would be better to retain contiguous rating units. In this regard, income derived from productive use of land (and hence ability of ratepayers to contribute to rates revenues) may be quite unrelated to whether the land is held in different parcels under the same ownership. The Council should retain the ability to make appropriate distinctions about contiguous rating units in recognition of the fact the 'one size does not fit all'.

- **Federated Farmers questions the development incentives contained within the Rates Remission Policy.**
- **Federated Farmers opposes the removal of contiguous rating units owned or leased by a single ratepayer in the Rates Remission Policy.**

Marton Rail Hub related CCO

23. Federated Farmers **prefer** that any work associated with the Marton Rail Hub CCO be funded by a targeted rate on rating units situated within the Marton township including residential properties, township commercial business, and visitor accommodation businesses who benefit from enhancing 'business' activity near transport facilities for businesses and visitors. Rural ratepayers get no direct benefit from funding this sort of activity.

Recommendation:

- **That Council fund work associated with Marton Rail Hub CCO with targeted rates on rating units within the Marton township.**

Climate change

24. Federated Farmers understands that many in local government want to do more to fight climate change and its effects. We think councils could do more to reduce their own emissions footprints, starting with taking stock of the Council's essential services going forward, and how these can be effectively funded without incurring wasteful and unnecessary ratepayer costs and reducing emissions footprints. Councils could influence greenhouse gas emissions more generally through their core role of planning and funding their transport infrastructure and services.
25. Federated Farmers recognises that councils will continue to have an important role in ensuring that their areas adapt to the varied and many expected localised impacts of climate change. New Zealand's favourable climatic conditions have enabled the agriculture sector to be one

of the most productive in the world, but these conditions cannot be relied upon into the future. Some regions will become hotter and drier, other regions will become colder and wetter, and extreme weather events will become more frequent and damaging.

Answers to targeted climate change questions:

Q1: Together, how can we immediately reduce the impact of climate change in Rangitikei? •

Examples: Offsetting emissions, creating more cycleways, restoring waterways.

26. Before spending money on arbitrarily chosen projects, the Council should undertake a cost benefit analysis to identify any benefit to citizens and ratepayers for future identified projects based on likelihood of actual use of such facilities. For example, cycleways may be a waste of ratepayer's money if these are not used (or barely used) over the asset lifetime.

Q2: What resources are needed to better prepare Rangitikei for the effects of climate change? •

Examples: Natural flood management, erosion barriers, new technology, educational resources.

27. The answer to this question depends upon which areas are at risk of climate-change related hazards, and what the level of that risk is. Areas likely to experience high or extreme risk of destruction/loss may need to be abandoned, rather than sinking large amounts of ratepayer resources into staving off inevitable destruction, especially where use of such at-risk land is limited, or where there is a risk of harm to life (including human life). On the other hand, infrastructure such as river/floodplain stop-banks, which have a 'high-payback' for investment where these enable economic utilisation of primary production land, from which revenue can be derived (including rates), and where there is little risk of damage to residential properties.

Rates

28. We **remind** the Council that the incomes of ratepayers will in no way increase to the same extent as the proposed increases in rates, with the implication that the costs the Council is imposing on its ratepayers, will squeeze out other areas of expenditure. This is especially so for farming, where, despite farm properties having higher land values than residential properties, the ability of farmers to pay rates is tied to their ability to productively farm the land, rather than relative or absolute wealth in land. While the total rates increase for the district is 7.29% (up 0.04% from the 2021 LTP) is significant, the reality is that for our members, rural ratepayers, the increase will have a real impact on their livelihoods.

About

Federated Farmers is a not-for-profit primary sector advocacy organisation that represents farmers, and other rural businesses. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand's farmers.



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

RATES REMISSION POLICY

Date of adoption by Council	XX XX 2022 ¹
Resolution Number	
Date by which review must be completed	2028
Relevant Legislation	Local Government Act 2002 s102(3)(a) and s.109(2A)
Statutory or Operational Policy	Statutory
Included in the LTP	No

This policy remits rates under ten specific objectives and criteria:

1. Economic Development
2. Incentives to address earthquake-prone buildings
3. Community, sporting and other not-for-profit organisations
4. Multiple toilet pans
5. Penalties
6. Land affected by natural calamity
7. Land protected for natural conservation purposes
8. Financial hardship, disproportionate rates compared to the value of the property, or other extenuating circumstances
9. Incentivising residential development
10. Any other matters

This policy is in addition to the statutory provisions for fully non-rateable land provided in Schedule 1 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

1 Rates Relief for economic development

1.1 Objective

To assist the economic development of the Rangitikei and to increase the variety of goods and services able to be obtained in the Rangitikei.

1.2 Conditions and criteria

¹ This policy was first adopted 15 July 2004 (04/RDC/154), reviewed 29 June 2006 (06/RDC/193), reviewed 25 June 2009 (09/RDC/233), reviewed 28 June 2012 (12/RDC/112), reviewed 2 May 2013 (13/RDC/109), amendment for earthquake-prone buildings 30 October 2014 (14/RDC/233), amendment for incentives for business development 29 October 2015 (15/RDC/307), amendments for financial hardship, disproportionate rates, extenuating circumstances 26 May 2016 (16/RDC/117), amendments for incentivising residential development 31 January 2019 (19/RDC/019), 31 October 2019 (19/RDC/395), 12 December 2019 (19/RDC/427), reviewed 25 June 2020 (20/RDC/209).

As provided by section 85 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, the Council will consider the remission of rates (other than Uniform Annual Charges) to any business or businesses that wish to establish and operate as a business which in the view of the Council:

- is a new type of business or a type of business which does not compete with any existing business within a recognised zone or area; and
- operates from premises, which are regarded as commercial, i.e. as distinct from residential.

1.3 Consideration of Applications

Applications for a remission of rates for economic development may be made at any time to the Council's Chief Executive.

Applications will be presented to Council for consideration having regard for the six attributes in the table below. Each attribute will be scored on a five point scale (1 being the lowest and 5 the highest) and weighted according to the specified significance.

No rates remission will be granted to an application which scores fewer than 5 unweighted points for the two attributes of high significance.

The score evaluation will be conducted in open meeting. However, as section 38(1)(e) of the Local Government (Rating) Act prohibits public disclosure of remissions, the determination of the basis for a remission and setting of the actual amount and term of the remission will be determined by Council in a public excluded session.

ATTRIBUTE	EXPLANATION	SIGNIFICANCE
Employment opportunities	Regard will be given to the number of new jobs created by the expansion, their characteristics (seasonal/skill etc.) and the likelihood that they will be filled by people who live locally	High (25%)
Impact of the business on the local economy	Regard will be given for the significance of the business in the local (or district) economy, and how the business will complement, support or develop other enterprises	High (25%)

Impact of the business on the local community	Regard will be had for how the business will engage with the community, e.g. by way of sponsorship, involvement with volunteer groups etc.	Medium (15%)
Stability of investment	Regard will be had for likelihood of the expansion being sustained over the longer term	Medium (15%)
Technological leadership	Regard will be had for the extent to which the business applies/develops technology to improve the quality of its product, extend market reach etc.	Low/Medium (10%)
Ownership structure	Regard will be had for the extent to which the business is owned and managed locally	Low/Medium (10%)

2 Incentives to address earthquake-prone buildings

2.1 Introduction

Council recognises the value of addressing earthquake-prone buildings, either by strengthening them or by rebuilding following demolition. While there will be varying views over the respective value of preserving heritage compared with creating a new structure, Council's concern is that such sites remain viable business entities. Council recognises that strengthening all or part of heritage buildings or retaining the street façade as part of a replacement building helps retain townscape character.

This policy applies to

- a) all buildings originally constructed prior to 1945 in the commercial zones of the District where the businesses operating within them (currently or projected) depend on the presence of a significant number of public customers or employees to be viable; and
- b) any other commercial or industrial building where the businesses operating within it (currently or projected) depends on the presence of a significant number of public customers or employees to be viable, for which the owner provides evidence of a professional assessment that the building is earthquake prone (i.e. below the 33% threshold of the New Building Standard).

This policy does not apply to any earthquake-prone building for which the Council has provided grants and/or waiver of fees equivalent to (or exceeding) financial assistance available within this policy. Where that assistance is less, the policy will be applied on a pro rata basis.

This policy does not apply to any demolition, strengthening or rebuilding for which building consents were issued prior to this policy being adopted.

2.2 Remission during building work

A full remission of rates will be granted for up to six months during the period when

- a) the building is strengthened; or
- b) the building is demolished, and a new building is erected on the site; or
- c) the building is demolished, the site is cleared and (in consultation with the Council) set out for passive public use, and a new building is erected on another site within the commercial area of that town

The site must be unoccupied other than by contractors undertaking the building work.

Application for this remission must be made no later than three months before the intended strengthening and demolition. The application must include documentation which gives evidence of

- a) *either* the proposed strengthening work and the time envisaged for that work to be done,
- b) *or* the proposed demolition and rebuilding and the time envisaged for that work to be done.

Approval of this remission will be associated with a waiver of all District Council consent costs up to a maximum of \$5,000 (plus GST). This excludes any government levies and charges, which will remain the responsibility of the property owner.

If the proposed strengthening or demolition/rebuilding is not achieved within the time noted in the application, or as otherwise mutually agreed, Council will reverse the remission and may recover part or all of the waived fees.

2.3 Remission following completion of building work

A full remission of rates will be granted for a maximum of three years for a property containing one or more earthquake-prone buildings once a Code Compliance Certificate has been issued for *either* the strengthening of such earthquake-prone buildings *or* the erection of a new building on a site previously occupied by one or more earthquake-prone buildings *or* the erection of a new building on another site in the commercial zone of that town provided that the use of the former site is consistent with the provisions of the District Plan, irrespective of whether the owner retains the site, transfers it to another entity or (at no cost) vests that site in Council.

Application for this remission must be made no later than three months after the issue of the Code Compliance Certificate.

This remission is available only to the owner of the site when the strengthening or new building work was undertaken.

2.4 Consideration of applications

Applications for a remission of rates may be made at any time to the Council's Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive has authority to grant the remission up to \$5,000 (excl GST). Amounts above this level require Council approval.

3 Rates remissions for Community, Sporting and other Not-For-Profit Organisations

3.1 Objective

To facilitate the ongoing provision of non-commercial community services and non-commercial recreational opportunities for the residents of the Rangitikei District.

3.2 Conditions and criteria

This part of the policy applies to land owned or occupied by a charitable organisation, (by or in trust for any society or association of persons, whether incorporated or not) which is used exclusively for the free maintenance and relief² of persons in need³, or provides welfare, sporting, recreation, or community services. The policy does not apply to organisations operated for private pecuniary profit.

Full Remission

To qualify, land –

- must be owned and occupied by an organisation, whose object or principal object is to promote generally the arts or any purpose of recreation, cultural, health, education, or instruction for the benefit of all the residents or any group or groups of residents of the District, and who are responsible for the rates; and
- does not fit within the definition of non-rateable land under schedule 1 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002; but

²An Institution will be treated as carried on for the free maintenance and relief of the persons to whom this clause applies if;

(a), those persons are admitted to the institution regardless of their ability to pay for the maintenance or relief; and
(b) no charge is made to those persons or any other persons if payment of the charge would cause those persons to suffer hardship.

³Persons in need are defined as persons in New Zealand, who need care, support, or assistance because they are orphaned, aged, infirm, disabled, sick or needy.

- is not leased to a third party and the terms of the lease provide for rates to be paid by the Lessor.
- excludes land in respect to which a club licence under the Sale of Liquor Act 1989 is for the time being in force.

The Council will grant the following rates remission:

- 100% on all rates other than rates for utility services.
- 50% on rates for utility services (water supply, sewage disposal, and stormwater).

Partial Remission

To those organisations in respect to which a club licence under the Sale of Liquor Act 1989 is for the time being in force the council will grant the following rates remission.

- A remission of 75% on all rates other than rates for utility services.

3.3 Application Information

Organisations making application for the first time must include the following in their application:

- statement of objectives or charter document; and
- financial accounts; and
- information on activities and programmes; and
- details of membership or clients; and
- any other information that supports the application in relation to the eligibility criteria

Council requires that organisations receiving the remission under this specific objective must confirm their eligibility on an annual basis. Council will remind organisations of this requirement prior to the first rates instalment in any rates year.

3.4 Consideration of Applications

Applications for this type of rate remission should be made to the Chief Executive officer. The Chief Executive Officer has the authority to assess and approve, as appropriate, this type of rate remission application.

4 Remission of rates set on Multiple Toilet Pans

4.1 Objective

To recognise that many properties with multiple toilet pans are not fully utilised and offer some relief to those rating units so affected.

4.2 Conditions and criteria

Where the Council has set a rate per number of water closet and urinals (toilet pans) within the rating unit or part of the rating unit the Council will remit the rate according to the following formula:

- The first two pans will receive only one charge
- 3-10 toilet pans: 50% of the value of the Uniform Annual Charge for each pan
- 11+ toilet pans: 75% of the value of the Uniform Annual Charge for each pan

4.3 Application of remission

This remission is applied by Council staff, based on historical data and any new building/resource consents that are received.

5 Remission of penalties

5.1 Objective

To enable the Council to act fairly and reasonably in its consideration of rates that have not been received by the Council by the Penalty date.

5.2 Conditions and criteria

- Unless there is an element of error on the part of the Council or the Council staff, then any application for penalty remission is declined unless remitted as part of a payment plan.
- The Finance Officer- Rates is delegated the authority to remit one instalment penalty in cases where the rate payment history of the property occupier over the last five years (or back to purchase date where property has been occupied/owned for less than five years) shows no evidence of previous late payment and the instalment was received within 10 working days of the penalty date.
- The Finance Officer- Rates is delegated the authority to remit one instalment penalty if the owner/occupier of the property enters into a Direct Debit payment plan for the next instalment.

6 Remission of rates on Land Affected by Natural Calamity

6.1 Objective

To assist ratepayers experiencing extreme financial hardship due to a natural calamity that affects their ability to pay rates.

6.2 Conditions and criteria

This part of the policy applies to a single event where erosion, subsidence, submersion, or other natural calamity has affected the use or occupation of any rating unit. The policy does not apply to erosion, subsidence, submersion, etc that may have occurred without a recognised major event.

The Council may, at its discretion, remit all or part of any rate assessed on any rating unit so affected by natural calamity.

The Council will set the criteria for remission with each event. Criteria may change depending on the severity of the event and available funding at the time. The Council may require financial or other records to be provided as part of the remission approval process.

6.3 Consideration of applications

Applications for this type of rate remission may be made at any time to the Council's Chief Executive. Applications will be presented to Council for consideration.

7 Rates remission on Land Protected for Natural Conservation Purposes

7.1 Objective

To provide rates relief to property owners who have voluntarily protected land of natural conservation purposes; to protect and promote significant natural areas; and to support the District Plan where a number of these features have been identified.

7.2 Conditions and Criteria

Ratepayers who own rating units which include significant natural areas, including those identified in the District Plan, and who have voluntarily protected these features, may qualify for remission of rates under this part of the policy.

Land that is non rateable under section 8 of the Local Government (Rating) Act and is liable only for rates for water supply, wastewater or refuse collection will not qualify for remission under this part of the policy.

Applications must be made in writing. Applications should be supported by documentary evidence of the protected status of the rating unit, e.g. a copy of the covenant or other legal mechanism.

Applications for the remission will be considered by officers of the Council acting under delegated authority from the Council.

In consideration of any application for rates remission under this part of the policy, Council will consider the following criteria:

- The extent to which the protection of significant natural areas will be promoted by granting remission of rates on the rating unit;

- The degree to which the significant natural areas are present on the land, and
- The degree to which the significant natural areas inhibit the economic utilisation of the land.

In granting the submissions for land protected for natural conservation purposes, the Council may specify conditions that must be met before remission is granted. Applicants will agree in writing to these conditions and agree to repay the remission if the conditions are violated.

Council will decide remissions on a case-by-case basis; remissions will usually be applied to the value of the rating unit or proportion of a rating unit that contains the areas of significant natural flora.

The Council may agree to an on-going remission in perpetuity provided the terms and conditions of the voluntary legal mechanism applying to the feature are not altered.

7.3 Consideration of applications

Applications for this type of rate remission may be made at any time to the Council's Chief Executive. Applications will be presented to Council for consideration.

8 Financial hardship, disproportionate rates compared to the value of the property or other extenuating circumstances

Council may, on application of a ratepayer, remit all or part of a rates assessment for one or more years if satisfied there are sufficient grounds of financial hardship by the ratepayer, or where the size of the annual rates assessment compared with the rateable value of the property is deemed disproportionately high, or where there are other extenuating circumstances to do so.

Council's threshold for 'disproportionately high' is where the annual rates assessment exceeds 10% of the rateable value of the property.

Council is also able to reduce or waive rates only in those circumstances which it has identified in policies. This addition allows Council to consider individual circumstances, but it does not compel Council to reduce or waive rates.

8.1 Consideration of applications

Applications for this type of rate remission can be approved as follows:

Disproportionately High:	Finance Officers
Financial Hardship (up to \$5,000):	Group Manager Corporate Services
Financial Hardship (over \$5,000):	Council

9 Incentivising residential development*Objective*

To increase the amount of housing stock in the Rangitikei.

Rates remission on new or relocated dwellings

1. Council may grant a rates remission on a new residential building constructed anywhere in the Rangitikei District or a relocated dwelling if brought from outside the District and so certified by the agency undertaking the relocation.
2. The remission will be for a total of \$5,000 (GST inclusive), and available after the Council has issued a building code compliance certificate for the dwelling. The remission will end once \$5,000 of rates has been remitted. The remission applies to the property and if sold will be transferred to the subsequent owner.
3. If more than one qualifying new or relocated dwelling is constructed on a single rating unit, the remission is increased proportionate to the number of dwellings.
4. A remission will be considered, by way of waiver of internal building consent costs, if the otherwise qualifying new or relocated dwelling is replacing an existing dwelling. Waiving of internal building consent costs for a new dwelling replacing an existing dwelling be calculated by taking the percentage increase in ratable value between the new house and the existing house and applying this percentage to the \$5,000 ratable value, with the proviso that \$5,000 would be the maximum amount waived.
5. The remission is not available retrospectively for otherwise qualifying new or relocated dwellings which have been completed before the commencement date of this policy.
6. If approved the remission will be allocated against the rate account pertaining to that property.

Rates remission on subdivisions for residential purposes

1. Council may grant a rates remission on a residential subdivision with a minimum of three sections anywhere in the Rangitikei District.
2. Once a subdivision for residential purposes receives the relevant certificates of title, Council will remit all rates which are fixed amounts* for up to three years (commencing from 1 July) on the lots which are unsold during that time provided at least one lot has been sold.
3. Any section sold from a subdivision for residential purposes during the three-year period when a remission has been granted over the whole site will be remitted 75% of all rates which are fixed amounts for one year. The remission available for new or relocated homes will apply after that year, if eligible.
4. New rates are calculated and applied at 1 July, being the start date for Council's financial year.
5. If approved, the remission will be credited against the rate account pertaining to that property.

*Rates which are fixed amounts are: the Uniform Annual General Charge; connected and public good charges for water, wastewater and stormwater; and solid waste disposal.

**Where sections are contiguous, only one of those sections can be rated for rates which are fixed amounts.

Conditions and criteria

This remission is applied in two different ways, depending upon the location of the property.

For locations at the northern end of the District (effectively Hunterville and to the north of Hunterville) this remission applies as below. Such locations are identified based on District valuation numbers, being:

13580; 13330; 13350; 13360; 13560; 13310; 13530; 13290; 13320

The map below shows these roll numbers.

For all other locations:

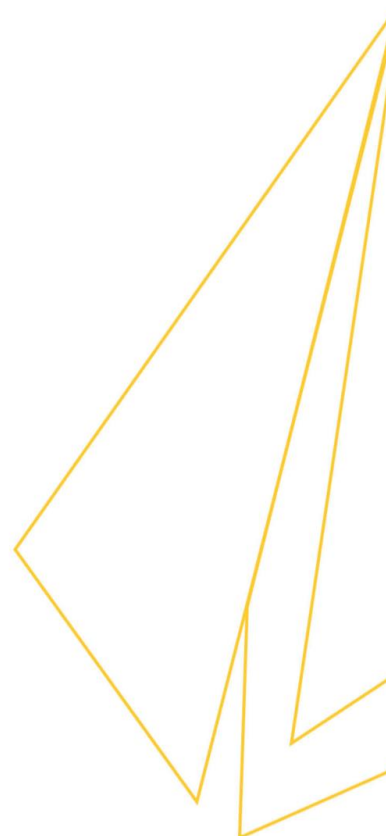
1. ~~The~~ The remission for new or relocated dwellings only applies where:
 - A building consent has been issued by 30 June 202~~32~~³²; and
 - The building construction is complete and a Code Compliance Certificate has been issued by Council inspection no later than 31 December 202~~43~~⁴³.
2. ~~For all other locations, the~~ remission for residential subdivision for residential purposes only applies where the resource consent has been granted before 30 June 202~~32~~³².

9.1 Consideration of applications

Applications for this type of rate remission may be made at any time to the Council's Chief Executive. The Chief Executive Officer has the authority to assess and approve, as appropriate, this type of rate remission application.

10 Any other matters

This list of rate remissions in this Policy is to be regarded as a list of the most common types of rate remissions. Any rate payer can apply for a remission on rates for any other reason. Such applications can be made to the Chief Executive and will be presented to Council for decision.



6.3 Analysis of Submissions and Adoption of the Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2022/23

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1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To provide an analysis of submissions received on the Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges to enable Council's deliberation and adoption.

2. Context

- 2.1 Consultation on the Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2022/23 was undertaken simultaneously with the consultation on the draft Annual Plan - Framing 2022/23.
- 2.2 Consultation was undertaken in accordance with the Special Consultative Procedure set out in Section 83 of the Local Government Act.
- 2.3 All fees (except those set by legislation or regulation) were proposed to increase by 3.3%, the CPI index provided by economic consultancy BERL. In addition, changes were made in the following areas:
 - Regulatory: to include an additional charge associated with the use of the Simpli Portal.
 - Halls: Increase fees to reflect the cost of electricity, insurance, and sanitation. Introduction of fees for regular users and hourly charges.
 - Waste: Increase in weighbridge charges to reflect increased disposal costs.
- 2.4 The Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges is attached.

3. Submissions

- 3.1 Six submissions were received directly on the proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges. All these submissions were related to the proposed fee increases for halls.
- 3.2 Michelle McKay, Taihape Yoga (001), Kathleen Munro (002), W Houghton and V Tantrum, Taihape and Districts Women's Club (003), Marian Cleaver, Taihape Contract Bridge Club (004), Gina Mason, Taihape Mah Jong (005), Margaret Thompson-Kauika, Taihape Women's Advanced Church (006).
- 3.3 In addition, Submitter 059, Federated Farmers, made a comment about fees and charges in their Annual Plan submission.

4. Summary of submissions

- 4.1 Submitters 001, 002 and 003 have suggested that the fees for regular users of the Kokako Street Pavilion should not be increased.
- 4.2 Submitter 004 has suggested that the hourly fee for regular non-profit users be reduced to \$10.00 rather than the proposed \$15.00. They have requested that improvements are made to the kitchen area and Wi-Fi installed, if the fees are to be increased.

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- 4.3 Submitter 005 has suggested that overall hall charges are increased by no more than 50%.
- 4.4 Submitter 006 has suggested that they should be eligible to receive a 25% reduction in fees as per the Policy on reducing or waiving the fees on Council facilities.
- 4.5 Annual Plan Submitter 059 noted the impact on customers of increasing fees and charges for building control costs and queried if building control costs will decrease due to the use of the online portal.

Officer comment

Halls

- 4.6 Several changes were proposed to the fees for the use of Council's halls throughout the district. Changes were made to reflect the increased cost of electricity, insurance, and sanitation services. When proposing the level of fee increases, Officers sought to balance increasing costs with fairness across the district and considered fee prices for other districts in our and neighboring regions.
- 4.7 There is a balance between charging fees that cover operational costs, and the risk of fees becoming so high that the facilities are not used. Council does not recoup the full operating costs of halls from fees.
- 4.8 Submitter 001 currently runs twice weekly yoga sessions of which submitter 002 attends. The submitter has been paying the regular user charge of up to three hours of \$52.00. If the proposed fees are to be adopted, the hourly charge would be \$25.00 as a regular user.
- 4.9 Submitters 003 and 004 were previous users of the 22 Tui Street building. Submitter 003 was offered the use of the Kokako Street Pavilion but chose to use a room in the old Taihape hospital facility. Submitter 004 was offered the use of the other meeting venues in Taihape.
- 4.10 In 2021/22, the fee for the two meeting venues in Taihape was the same for local non-profit organisations:

\$13.50	up to three hours
\$17.75	up to five hours
\$27.50	full day
- 4.11 The Taihape Town Hall is now closed, with a specific fee proposed for the Kokako Street Pavilion. The proposed fees for 2022/23 non-profit groups (regular users) for the Kokako Hall are:

\$15.00	per hour
\$45.00	up to 5 hours
\$80.00	for 24 hours
- 4.12 Submitters 003 and 004 generally book the venue for 2-3 hours, therefore, would have a fee increase from \$13.50 per use to \$30 - \$45 per use.
- 4.13 Submitter 004 suggested improvements are made to the kitchen and for Wi-Fi and Submitter 005 noted that there have been very few improvements since Council took ownership of the building in 2019. Officers note the following improvements have been undertaken:

- Installation of a heat pump along with ceiling heaters
- New gate and redesigned ramp at entrance to allow for improved accessibility
- Installation of an accessible ramp onto the green space
- New curtains
- Installation of sliding door to allow direct access into the kitchen area
- New carpet tiles
- Exterior sensor lighting

4.14 Plans are currently in place for Wi-Fi/Zoom Room connections which will be available for all users. Officers also note that funding is included in the first two years of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan to carry out a comprehensive review of the condition of all Council buildings. Following this Asset Management Plans will be developed which will enable Council to make decisions and prioritise investments in building assets.

4.15 Submitter 006 was on the understanding that the hourly fee for local non-profit users was to increase from \$15.00 to \$25.00. This submitter would be eligible for the local non-profit regular user price, which is proposed to be \$15 per hour. Submitter 006 suggested they should be eligible for the 25% fee waiver associated with Council's Policy on Reducing or Waiving Fees on Council Facilities. However, this waiver does not apply as they would already be receiving the non-profit regular user price.

4.16 The Policy on Reducing or Waiving Fees on Council Facilities is due for review. Officers have recommended removing this Policy from the Schedule of Fees and Charges so that the fees and charges document does not become inaccurate once a review has been completed, noting that the policy will remain current and available in the policies section of Council's website.

4.17 In addition, Officers have suggested that the following charges for an 8-hour block be included in the Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2022/2023 for hireage of the Kokako Street Pavilion Taihape

	2022/2023	Local non-profit
8-hour block	\$205.00	\$117.00

Building Control Costs

4.18 The Simpli portal improves the service delivery of the Building Control function and creates efficiency within the delivery of this function. Council officers are not recommending any changes in building control costs from what was in the proposed Fees and Charges.

Dog Control Fees

4.19 Officers have noted an error in the dog control fees which has been corrected. The fee capping charges for more than 5 working dogs needs to increase to \$225 (which is five times the increased fee). Wording has been amended to ensure this error does not occur in the future.

5. Decision Making Process

5.1 The degree of significance of this decision is considered to be moderate. Consultation has occurred in accordance with legislative requirements.

Attachments

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1. **Submissions - Fees and Charges** [↓](#)
2. **Schedule of Fees and Charges 2022/23** [↓](#)

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Analysis of Submissions and Adoption of the Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2022/23' be received.

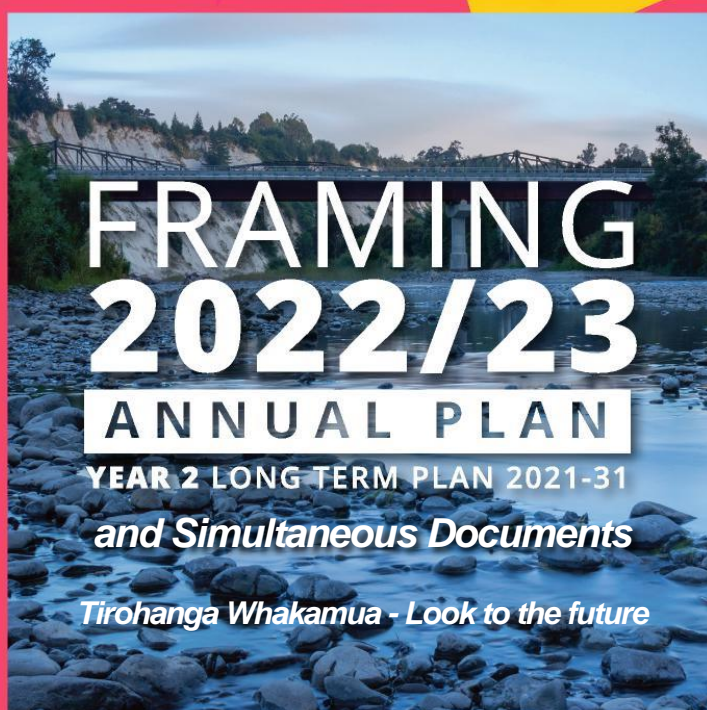
Recommendation 2

That submissions 001 to 006 (and Annual Plan 059 submission point) for the Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2022/23 be received.

Recommendation 3

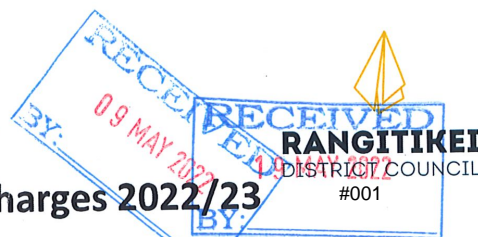
That the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2022/23 be adopted as amended/without amendment **[delete one]**.

Fees and Charges



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**Submissions close at
5pm on 9 May 2022**

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Rangitikei District Council
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Marton 4741

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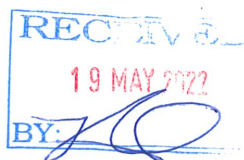
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Name	Michelle McKay
Organisation (if applicable)	Taihape Yoga
Postal address	1A Bostwick Rd RD 5 Tpc
Phone	0274 557761
Email	chelleandallan@tdmail.co.nz
Which fees/charges do you think should be increased?	
Regular Users Fee should remain the same. I run Yoga as a community health/fitness class, no profit is made. I appreciate the use of the hall although it is old, we watch nice run through, users blow so I feel the price should remain the same.	
Which fees/charges do you think should be decreased?	
<i>Attach additional information or pages if necessary</i>	
Signed	Michelle McKay
Date	9/5/22

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RANGITIKEI
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Name	Kathleen Munro
Organisation (if applicable)	
Postal address	3 Puketo St Taihape
Phone	06 3880750
Email	
Which fees/charges do you think should be increased?	
Charges of the old Bowling Club should be kept the same.	
Yoga classes are twice weekly and the instructor makes \$34.00 a week, less charges.	
Seems unfair to raise charges and that includes everyone that uses Bowling Club	
Which fees/charges do you think should be decreased?	
None	
Attach additional information or pages if necessary	
Signed	
Date	5-5-22

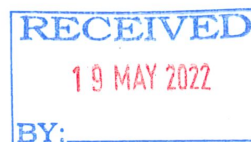
Submission from The Taihape and District Women's Club.

As you know, Taihape and District Women's Club had to vacate their Tui Street premises. (Now demolished) This caused the club a lot of stress and we relocated to the old Taihape Hospital and now have had to vacate these premises.

We were happy to move into the Kokako Pavilion at a cost of \$27.50 each time. We are upset to be faced with a \$17.50 rental increase per time.

All members are Senior Citizens with some relying on their pension only for their income. Some belong to other clubs (Friendship, Art, Garden, Mah-jong etc.) again further expense.

Also of concern is a proposed rate increase of at least 7%. Surely this should offset your increased costs.

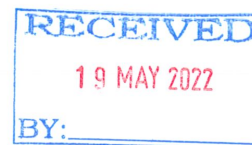


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SUBMISSION TO
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19 MAY 2022



Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges:

The Taihape Contract Bridge Club Inc meets regularly for three hours on a Monday night to play bridge. It is a small club of approximately 40 members, of which an average of 24 players attend each session.

The Bridge Club is requesting that the proposed fees per hour for these sessions be reduced to perhaps \$10.00 per hour from the proposed \$15.00.

We are a small, non-profit organisation which met at the Womens' Club until required to leave those premises. We were originally informed that use of the Kokako St pavilion would be free to those displaced from the Womens Club, but were happy to pay the \$13.50 per night.

If the proposed fees are not reduced, can we expect to see improvements made to the kitchen area of the Kokako St Pavilion? The sink in particular needs to be replaced and the plumbing improved as it is very user unfriendly.

We would also ask that we have access to the internet in that building if we are paying higher fees.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marian Cleaver".

Marian Cleaver
Secretary, Taihape Contract Bridge Club.

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Name	Gina Mason
Organisation (if applicable)	Tairāpe Mah Jong.
Postal address	5b Kaka Road Tairāpe 4720
Phone	0212322596
Email	gina.ken.mason@gmail.com
Which fees/charges do you think should be increased?	
Looking at Hall usage fees - None should be increased by more than 50%.	
see Attached Letter.	
Which fees/charges do you think should be decreased?	
Looking at Hall usage fees - present costs are fair	
Attach additional information or pages if necessary	
Signed	Gina Mason
Date	8-5-2022

Submission to Rangitikei District Council re – Hall usage fees in particular Kokako Street Pavilion

I notice in 2021/22 Fees list Kokako Street Pavilion was not mentioned but as users of this facility it seems charges have been made as per Town Hall supper room, so I am basing this submission on this.

There is not at present an hourly rate, only an 'up to three hours' rate of \$13.50. This makes an hourly rate of \$4.50. The new proposed hourly rate (for local non-profit groups) is \$20 an hour – an increase of nearly 450%. This is excessive to say the least.

At present the 'up to five hours' rate is \$17.80 and the new proposed rate is \$85 an increase of more than 450%. Again a very excessive increase.

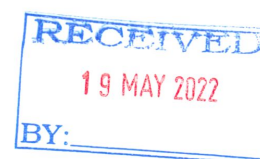
For regular uses of this facility there is a slight improvement but the proposed hourly rate is still a 350% increase and for up to five hours a 250% increase.

How the Rangitikei District Council can justify this is beyond comprehension. They have made very little improvements to the building since it was given to them by the Bowling Club and certainly not enough to justify these increases.

An increase of no more than 50% over all hall usage fees is the only acceptable option.

We are a fairly new Mah Jong group of between three and seven Seniors who use the facility once a week, we pay \$3 each when we attend, which covers the costs whether we have three or seven players. We chose to use Kokako Street Pavilion to try to encourage other players to come along to join us. A 50% increase in the 'up to five hours' from \$17.80 to \$26.70 would necessitate a small increase for us but one which we could still afford.

Many seniors live alone and for their continued good mental health, need to attend groups to meet up and communicate with others and if they attend two or three of these groups a week the costs would mount up considerably if the Council changes are accepted. **Please consider this when you make your final decisions.**



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M. Thompson Kauika
30 Tai Street,
Taihape
5.5.2022

#006

Tēnā koe

We write to you after recently receiving notification that the hourly rate for the use of Kokako Street Pavillion, Taihape, for non-profit organisations will increase from \$15 in total to \$25/hour. We write as collective of 50 – 70+ wāhine Māori who come together for the hauora (well-being) of the community and utilise these facilities on a regular basis. We are deeply concerned for the detrimental impact the increase will have on us and we write for a request for dispensation.

Ko wai au? Who are we?

The Taihape Womens Advance Church is a voluntary non-profit entity who is dedicated to serving the community through manaakitanga. We utilise the Kokako Street Pavilion, Taihape to hold our regular hui. Our group consists of approximately 14 wāhine/kuia, who are all non-employed rate payers, who dedicate their time for a greater community cause. We pool our money from our own pockets, through Koha, to pay for the charge of the pavilion. We have been in existence for 2 years.

Our social service, dedicated to the hauora of the community has included to date:

- Food parcels to those in need, including elderly and kaumatua
- Helping young mums who experience challenges from financial to life skills
- Counselling
- Doing gardens, particularly for those who are physically challenged
- Shifting lifestyle habits – such as increasing physical activity, engaging in regular daily walks

We gain a great deal of satisfaction from serving our community and recognise the contribution made to the lives of "district residents." This is clearly defined in the Council's policy objective. To support our value add, we are happy to produce endorsements from recipients, particularly if this will support a waiver or reduction in fee.

We read with interest your policy on reducing or waiving fees for use of council facilities. We identify that we can fit the category of section 4(2) which could support a 25% reduction of the fee. However, we wish to raise a more concerning matter. We cannot identify anywhere in the policy the Council's obligations to honour the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We ask, where do we as treaty partners fit in your policy?

All we are asking is to be considered for dispensation, we are small roopū (group) who do not only benefit from each other's company (and this should not be overlooked in benefiting the lives of district residents) but also the lives of others. It is small groups such as ours that make an impact on the wider community.

Hūtia te rito o te harakeke! Kei whea te korimako e kō? Kia ui atu koe ki ahau – He aha te mea nui o te ao. Māku e kii atu, he tangata, he tangata, he tangata – tīhei mauri ora!
If you pluck out the centre shoot of the flax. Where will the bellbird sing? What is the most important thing in the world? I will reply to you people, people, people!

We await your consideration with anticipation.

Naku noa nā
Margaret Thompson-Kauika
Pastoral Leader

M. Thompson Kauika

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Reducing or Waiving Fees for Use of Council Facilities



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 4. The organisation or event organiser has secured financial assistance from Council's Community Initiatives Fund or the Events Sponsorship Scheme for the activity or event.
4. **Council may reduce fees by 25% when**
 1. The activity or event commemorates the life or lives of individuals who have lived in the District and made a contribution to the community, or
 2. The organisation/event organiser can demonstrate hardship arising from loss of other sponsorship.
5. **Council will not reduce or waive fees when**
 1. The organisation or event organiser is raising funds for another organisation, event or individual, or
 2. The activity or event is primarily for the organisation making the application and at which the community will not typically have a presence, or
 3. The fee is a refundable bond against damage or payment of remaining fees if not waived.
6. **Application**
 1. The Chief Executive is delegated to apply the policy on Council's behalf. Where a greater reduction in fee is requested than the thresholds allow, the application will be referred to the Council for a decision.

Notes

1. Local, community organisations are charged on-fifth of the hireage charges set for Council's halls. Such automatic discounts do not apply to such organisations for the exclusive use of other Council facilities, including parks.

Ngā Utu Kaunihera

Schedule of Fees and Charges

1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

All fees expressed on a
GST inclusive basis (15%)



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Explanatory note

Setting of some fees require the use of the special consultative procedure in the Local Government Act 2002.

In general, all fees have been increased by 3.3% (which is the anticipated increase in CPI), and then (normally) rounded to the nearest dollar. In some cases, however, rounding is not applied as it would introduce too much distortion.

Those fees set by statute or regulation are not inflation adjusted.

The variations to this approach are as follows:

- Halls – fees have been increased to reflect the increased cost of electricity, insurance, and sanitation. Fees for regular users (minimum of monthly) and hourly charges have been introduced.
- Regulatory area – building control:
 - Council recently introduced an online portal for consents - The Simpli Portal allows customers to submit applications online and enables Council's Building Consent Authority (BCA) and their customers to manage processes digitally. Use of the Simpli Portal is an innovative partnership to improve performance, consistency and service delivery across the building control activity. It provides a single point for submitting applications and then for applicants to monitor the status of their submissions through their life cycle.
- Increase in standard weighbridge charge tonnage rate to reflect imposed increases.

Adjustment to rents in Council's community housing must be made in accordance with the requirements of the Residential Tenancies Act 1986. The last change in rents was from 10 October 2021. Rents will remain unchanged for at least twelve months.

Several Council-owned or administered facilities are managed by other organisations, which set their own fees (typically in consultation with the Council), these include:

Marton Swim Centre.....	Nicholls Swim Academy
Taihape Swim Centre	Nicholls Swim Academy
Hunterville Town Hall.....	Hunterville Sports and Recreation Trust
Turakina Domain.....	Turakina Reserve Management Committee
Koitiata Hall	Koitiata Residents Association
Shelton Pavilion.....	Marton Saracens Cricket Club
Rural Halls	Rural Hall Committees

Some fees are prescribed by regulation. The date of giving effect to such changes is observed by the Council, and the Schedule will be amended accordingly.

Cemetery Charges

Charges for the cemeteries under the administrative control of the Rangitikei District Council (except at Ratana):

	2022/2023
Plot	
Adult – over 12 years	\$950.00
Child – up to and including 12 years of age	\$364.00
Ashes – all sections	\$211.00
Memorial wall plaque – Mt View	\$115.00
Rose berm – Mt View	\$115.00
Interment Fees	
Wall niche – Bulls	\$211.00
Adult – over 12 years	\$950.00
Child – up to and including 12 years of age	Free
Stillborn	Free
Ashes	\$249.00
Ashes – placed by family	\$45.00
Extra depth – extra charge	\$190.00
Saturdays & Public Holiday Sexton fees – extra charge	\$558.00
Extra charge for all out of district interments – does not apply to ashes, stillborn or child interments	\$937.00
Disinterment/re-interment charges	\$2056.00
Disinterment of ashes	\$230.00
Monumental permit - fee will be waived if an image of the headstone is supplied	\$36.00
RSA burials at Marton and Taihape - interment fees only apply	

Ratana Cemetery Separate Charges

All interments are arranged by individual whanau under Council's approved best practice guidelines (available from the Council or Ratana Communal Board). The fee of \$507.00 paid for a plot includes ongoing plot maintenance (e.g. sinkage top-up) by the Ratana Communal Board. Allocation of plots outside business hours is managed by Ratana Community Board.

	2022/2023
Adult – over 12 years (including plot reinstatement/maintenance)	\$507.00
Child – up to and including 12 years of age	Free
Stillborn	Free
Ash plot	\$147.00

Parks and Reserves

Fees below are for exclusive use of Council-owned parks. Anyone may use Council-owned parks for leisure and recreational activities. Where exclusive use is required, the schedule of fees and charges applies and reflects the wear and tear on the grounds of various activities. These fees, but not deposits against damage, can be waived at the discretion of the Chief Executive. Where an organisation or group wishes to have exclusive use of a Council facility not otherwise specified in the Schedule, the fee (if any) will be determined by the Chief Executive or his nominee.

Turakina Domain is managed by the Turakina Reserve Management Committee. For bookings, please contact Laurel Mauchline Campbell on 027 441 8859.

	2022/2023*
Memorial Park – Taihape	
Annual users per annum**	
No 1, 2 and 3 fields (each)	\$655.00
Taihape Area School – for a maximum of 5 days exclusive use of all three fields (with the exception of any equestrian event)	\$1991.00
Casual one-off exclusive users per use (1 day)	
No 1, 2 and 3 fields (each)	\$224.00
Huntermville Domain	
Annual users per annum**	\$373.00
Casual one-off exclusive users per use (1 day)	\$224.00
Bulls Domain, Marton Park, Centennial Park and Wilson Park	
Annual users per annum (per ground)**	\$655.00
Casual one-off exclusive users per use (1 day)	\$224.00
All Parks	
Special event users (per day) to include circus, equestrian events, festivals and tournaments	\$787.00
Refundable Damages Bond***	
Refundable key deposit	\$160.00
Village Green – mobile traders (per day)	\$27.00
After-hours staff call out	\$160.00
Annual ground rental for community facilities on Council land	\$213.00

Notes:

- * Discounted fees and charges (excludes refundable key deposit)
 - Hockey, cricket, softball 50% of fee
 - Athletics, marching, other contact sports 25% of fee
 - Non-contact sport, non-profit recreational users 10% of fee
- ** Annual User charges give sole use of a ground to a sporting code for Saturday and practice night. Actual electricity use to be charged to clubs by measured and metered arrangement.
- *** The fee to be decided on at the discretion of the Parks & Reserves Manager, time of year and type of event taken into consideration. This also applies to those outlined in note 1 with discounted fees and charges.

Hall Charges

The charges outlined below relate to hiring the whole facility or dedicated meeting rooms. The full fee is payable by any commercial hirer, and a discount applied for non-profit community users. Fees, but not deposits against damage or for keys, can be waived at the discretion of the Chief Executive within the delegation agreed by Council ~~as set out on the following page~~. Where an organisation or group wishes to have exclusive use of a Council facility not otherwise specified in the Schedule, the fee (if any) will be determined by the Chief Executive or his nominee.

	2022/2023	Local non profit
Refundable deposit against damage to be charged to all users*	\$180.00	\$180.00
Refundable deposit against damage to be charged for 21st birthdays*	\$550.00	\$550.00
Te Matapihi (Bulls Community Centre)		
Hall (use of kitchen included) per hour	\$35.00	\$20.00
Up to 5 hours	\$150.00	\$85.00
Full day (key returned before 5.00 pm)	\$205.00	\$117.00
Evening (key returned before 10am the following day)	\$205.00	\$117.00
Full day and evening	\$406.00	\$212.00
Multiple days	One day at full cost, consecutive days at half the full day rate	
Commercial Use (per day)	\$650.00	\$650.00
Regular Users (minimum of monthly use)		
Per hour	\$25.00	\$15.00
Up to 5 hours	\$85.00	\$45.00
24 hour block	\$160.00	\$80.00
Hall, mezzanine, kitchen, meeting rooms & viewing deck		
Up to 5 hours	\$650.00	\$450.00
Full day or evening(8 hour block)	\$900.00	\$630.00
24 hour block	\$1560.00	\$1100.00
Ohakea Room		
Per hour	\$25.00	\$14.00
Up to 5 hours	\$80.00	\$40.00
8 hour block	\$100.00	\$50.00
Santoft Room		
Per hour	\$20.00	\$10.00
Up to 5 hours	\$70.00	\$35.00
8 hour block	\$90.00	\$45.00
Scotts Ferry Room		
Per hour	\$15.00	\$8.00

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	2022/2023	Local non profit
Up to 5 hours	\$55.00	\$27.00
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Marton RSA & Citizens Memorial Hall		
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Up to 5 hours	\$85.00	\$45.00
24 hour block	\$160.00	\$80.00
Commercial Use (per day)	\$650.00	\$650.00
Hall, upstairs meeting room, supper room & kitchen		
Up to 5 hours	\$425.00	\$225.00
Full day or evening – 8 hour block	\$675.00	\$405.00
24 hour block	\$1335.00	\$875.00
Upstairs Meeting Room		
Per hour	\$20.00	\$10.00
Up to 5 hours	\$70.00	\$35.00
8 hour block	\$90.00	\$45.00
RSA Supper Room		
Per hour	\$15.00	\$8.00
Up to 5 hours	\$55.00	\$27.00
8 hour block	\$80.00	\$40.00
Mangaweka Town Hall		
Hall per hour	\$25.00	\$14.00
Up to 5 hours	\$80.00	\$40.00
8 hour block	\$100.00	\$50.00
Hall, supper room, kitchen		
Per hour	\$35.00	\$20.00
Up to 5 hours	\$150.00	\$85.00
24 hour block	\$300.00	\$160.00
Regular Users (weekly-monthly)		
Per hour	\$25.00	\$15.00
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24 hour block	\$160.00	\$80.00

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	2022/2023	Local non profit
Kokako Street Pavilion, Taihape		
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Regular Users (weekly-monthly)		
Per hour	\$25.00	\$15.00
Up to 5 hours	\$85.00	\$45.00
24 hour block	\$160.00	\$80.00
Furniture is not to be removed from any of Council-owned buildings, except for trestle table hire – by arrangement	\$15 per trestle table	\$15 per trestle table
Cancellation Fee for all halls		
Payable if cancelled later than 14 days prior to booked event	Full fee	Full fee
Key deposit for all halls		
Refundable when key returned**	\$55.00	\$55.00
Commercial kitchen – Marton Memorial Hall***	\$17.00	\$17.00
<i>Weighting of fees specified below at all halls</i>		
Callouts – staff	\$52.00	\$52.00
Callouts – security	\$170.00	\$170.00

* Where the damage costs are more than the deposit, the actual cost of reparation will be charged

** Where the replacement cost is more than the deposit, the actual cost will be charged

*** Local residents preparing food for sale within the district, on a casual basis, up to ten times a year. More frequent usage would be at the daily charge for the hall hireage

Fees for using the Hunterville Town Hall are set by the Hunterville Sport and Recreation Trust which has a lease agreement with Council to operate the Hall. Contact Jane Watson on 06 322 8360 for all bookings.

Fees for the Shelton Pavilion are set by Rangitikei Netball and Marton Saracens Cricket Club. Contact Fellix Bell on 06 327 8984.

Fees for using our Rural Halls are set by the relevant Rural Hall Committee. Contact details are on our website.

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- ~~4. The organisation or event organiser has secured financial assistance from Council's Community Initiatives Fund or the Events Sponsorship Scheme for the activity or event.~~
- ~~4. Council may reduce fees by 25% when~~
- ~~1. The activity or event commemorates the life or lives of individuals who have lived in the District and made a contribution to the community, or~~
- ~~2. The organisation/event organiser can demonstrate hardship arising from loss of other sponsorship.~~
- ~~5. Council will not reduce or waive fees when~~
- ~~1. The organisation or event organiser is raising funds for another organisation, event or individual, or~~
- ~~2. The activity or event is primarily for the organisation making the application and at which the community will not typically have a presence, or~~
- ~~3. The fee is a refundable bond against damage or payment of remaining fees if not waived.~~
- ~~6. Application~~
- ~~1. The Chief Executive is delegated to apply the policy on Council's behalf. Where a greater reduction in fee is requested than the thresholds allow, the application will be referred to the Council for a decision.~~

Notes

- ~~1. Local, community organisations are charged on fifth of the hireage charges set for Council's halls. Such automatic discounts do not apply to such organisations for the exclusive use of other Council facilities, including parks.~~

Library Charges

	2022/2023
All borrowing, for first three weeks (DVD/CDs one week)	Free
Borrowing limit (per borrower)	20 items
DVDs limit (per borrower)	5 items
Renewals	
For second and third week periods	No charge
Overdue charge (per day)	No charge
Borrowing may be suspended if any item is overdue for more than three weeks	
Reserves	\$1.00
Interloans (interloan libraries)	\$6.20
Replacement cards	\$1.00
Internet	
Use of computers ¹	Free
Photocopying and printing (per page)	
A4	\$0.30
A3	\$0.60
A4 colour	\$3.00
A3 colour	\$4.00
Fax: New Zealand	
First page	\$2.00
Following pages (per page)	\$0.20
Fax: International	

¹ Public access PCs in the Council libraries are Aotearoa People's Network Kaharoa machines.

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First page	\$2.10
Following pages (per page)	\$1.00
Fax: Receiving (per page)	\$0.20
Out of District Membership	No charge

Building Consent Fees

Set by Council in accordance with Section 219 of the Building Act 2004 and Section 150 of the Local Government Act 2002.

		2022/2023
Work Type : Exempt Building Work (Note 1)		
The Building Act allows some building work to be exempt as of right (specified in Part 1 of Schedule 1), and no consent is needed for that.		No charge (unless application for exemption made so project documented in Council's records)
The Act also allows discretion to Council to exempt other building work using its discretion (specified in Clause 2 of Part 1 in Schedule 1). Council may allow exemptions for temporary structures and engineer-reviewed solutions. This requires a formal application to be made to the Regulatory Manager.	Deposit required +Staff time	\$318.00
Work Type: Fixed Building Consent Fee (Note 2)		
Domestic/Residential Small Projects		
Install freestanding fire		\$483.00
Install inbuilt fire		\$617.00
If installation includes a wet back	In addition	\$69.00
Residential demolition		\$617.00
Proprietary garage, carport, pole shed, garden shed, unplumbed sleep out		\$959.00
Temporary/freestanding signs		\$685.00
Conservatory placed on existing deck		\$931.00
Grease trap installation		\$608.00
Remove an interior wall		\$617.00
Install external window/door		\$617.00
Install storm water drain		\$608.00
Install WC/shower		\$608.00
Install hot water cylinder		\$608.00
Install on-site effluent disposal system and field		\$668.00
Any Marquee greater than 100m ²		\$379.00
Any Marquee erected for longer than a month		\$379.00
Property Information Memorandum – if requested prior to lodging a building consent application		\$200.00

		2022/2023
Work Type: Variable Building Consent Fee (Note 3)		
Larger Domestic/Residential Projects		
Swimming pools and fencing	Deposit required (note 3)	\$685.00
New dwellings and alterations/additions	Deposit required (note 3)	
Project value up to \$10,000		\$799.00
Project value \$10,001 to \$100,000		\$1150.00
Project value \$100,001 to \$250,000		\$1416.00
Project value more than \$250,000		\$1735.00
Kerb and footpath bond (potentially refundable)		\$807.00
Agricultural/Rural Buildings		
Wool sheds, dairy sheds, silos, intensive agriculture	Deposit required (note 3)	\$961.00
Commercial, Government, Educational Building Work		
Project value: \$0.00 to \$10,000.00	Deposit required (note 3)	\$825.00
Project value: \$10,001.00 to \$100,000.00	Deposit required (note 3)	\$1496.00
Project value: \$100,001.00 to \$250,000.00	Deposit required (note 3)	\$2860.00
Kerb and footpath bond (potentially refundable)		\$3,283.00
Notice to fix		\$206
PIM Fees		
Domestic/Residential Small Projects		
Install freestanding fire		\$17.00
Install inbuilt fire		\$17.00
Residential demolition		\$37.00
Proprietary garage, carport, pole shed, garden shed, un-plumbed sleep out		\$48.00
Conservatory placed on existing deck		\$48.00
Remove an interior wall		\$71.00
Install storm water drain		\$46.00
Install on-site effluent disposal system and field		\$46.00
Work Type: Variable Building Consent Fee (Note 3)		
Larger Domestic/Residential Projects		
Swimming pools and fencing		\$48.00
New dwellings and alterations/additions		\$173.00
Agricultural/Rural Buildings		
Wool sheds, dairy sheds, silos, intensive agriculture		\$102.00
Commercial, Government, Educational Building Work		
Project value: \$0.00 to \$10,000.00		\$71.00
Project value: \$10,001.00 to \$100,000.00		\$96.00
Project value: \$100,001.00 to \$250,000.00		\$125.00

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		2022/2023
Other Fees		
Compliance Schedule (new)		\$144.00
Compliance Schedule (alteration)		\$84.00
Building Warrant of Fitness (renewal) ²		\$164.00
BWOF 1st late reminder 1 – 21 days		\$234.00
BWOF 2nd late reminder 22 - 43 days		\$353.00
BWOF 3rd late reminder 43 - 64 days		\$531.00
BWOF 4th late reminder 64 days or more ⁴		\$794.00
Inspections (swimming pool, building consent, general compliance)		\$225.00
There will be no charge for the first inspection on pools, undertaken every three years, any subsequent inspection will incur the charge set out in this schedule of fees and charges.		
All inspections include travel time to the site.		
Certificate for Acceptance for unconsented work done under urgency (Sec 42 and 96(1)(b) of the Building Act 2004)	+ Staff time	\$347.00
Certificate of Acceptance for unconsented work not done under urgency (Sec 96(1)(a) if the Building Act 2004)	+ Staff time	\$1000.00
Certificate of Public Use	+ Staff time	\$135.00
Extension to consent timeframes (maximum 12 months)		\$129.00
Application for amendment	Deposit Required (note 2) + Staff time	\$318.00
Building and Town Planning certificate to meet liquor licensing requirements		\$371.00
Consent endorsements (Sec.72, 75 certificates etc.)		\$347.00
Independently Qualified Person – registration		\$410.00
Independently Qualified Person – renewal		\$102.00
LIM Report – residential (within 10 working days)	Fixed fee	\$250.00
LIM Report – commercial (within 10 working days)	Fixed fee	\$300.00
Property file access (other than by property owner or owner's authorised agent)		\$15.50
Kerb and footpath bond (potentially refundable) for relocating a house off or onto a property		\$807.00

² This includes the fee for the audit (by Council) done on a three-yearly basis.

		2022/2023
Building Control staff time Any meeting with Building Staff chargeable after first 30 minutes (per hour or part thereof)		As per hourly Rate Below
Consents Administrator		\$119.00
Building Officer		\$225.00
Scanning fee		\$106.00
Manager		\$256.00
BRANZ and MBIE Levies on projects over \$20,444	per \$1,000	BRANZ \$1.00 MBIE \$1.75
A building consent accreditation fee is payable for projects:		Residential - \$1 per \$1000 of value (capped at \$200).
		Commercial - \$1 per \$1000 of value (capped at \$500).

Notes:

- 1 The Building Act 2004, Schedule 1, allows for some works to be undertaken without a Building Consent. Each application will be considered on a case-by-case basis. See Council's website for details of how to apply.
<https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/services/building-consents-information/consents/exemptions>
- 2 Fixed fee consents will be charged at stated rate.
- 3 Variable fee consents will be calculated based on actual and reasonable costs. In the event of fees being inadequate to cover Council's costs, for example where additional inspections are required or where specialist technical or professional consultation is required, additional charges may be made to recover actual and reasonable costs.
- 4 Plus infringement fee for no BWOF in Building.

Fees Applying to Specific Licences

	2022/2023
Amusement Device Permit (prescribed by the Amusement Devices Regulations 1978)	
One device at one site:	
First seven days	\$11.00
Second and subsequent seven-day period	\$1.00 per week
Additional device at one site:	
First seven days	\$2.00
Second and subsequent seven-day period	\$1.00 per week
Licensed Premises Fees – set by Council in accordance with the Health (Registration of Premises) Regulations 1966 and Section 150 of the Local Government Act 2002	
Hairdressers	\$449.00
Funeral Director	\$449.00
Amusement Gallery	\$449.00
Camping Ground	\$449.00
Mobile Shop selling goods	\$449.00
Offensive Trade*	\$449.00
Prompt Renewal Discount (within 10 working days)	33%
Any inspections or advisory visits requested by licence holders or other persons (per hour)	\$213.00

* Means any trade, business, manufacture, or undertaking, as specified in Schedule 3 of the Health Act 1956 including blood or offal treating; bone boiling or crushing; collection and storage of used bottles for sale; dag crushing; fellmongering; fishing cleaning; fishing curing; flax pulping; flock manufacturing, or teasing of textile materials for any purpose; tanning; gut scraping and treating; nightsoil collection and disposal; refuse collection and disposal; septic tank desludging and disposal of sludge; slaughtering of animals for any purpose other than human consumption; storage, drying, or preserving of bones, hides, hoofs, or skins; tallow melting; wood pulping; and wool scouring.

Liquor Licensing Fees

Prescribed by the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Fees) Regulations 2013.

Applications for new licences	2022/2023	Transferred to ARLA
Cost/risk rating*		
Very low (0-2)	\$368.00	\$17.25
Low (3-5)	\$609.50	\$34.50
Medium (6-15)	\$816.50	\$51.75
High (16-25)	\$1,023.50	\$86.25
Very high (26 and over)	\$1,207.50	\$172.50
Annual licence fees		
Cost/risk rating*		
Very low	\$161.00	\$17.25
Low	\$391.00	\$34.50
Medium	\$632.50	\$51.75
High	\$1,035.00	\$86.25
Very high	\$1,437.50	\$172.50
<i>*The cost/risk ratings are those specified in clause 5 of the Regulations</i>		
Other application fees		
Manager's Certificate	\$316.50	\$28.75
Temporary Authority	\$296.70	N/A
Temporary Licence	\$296.70	N/A
Extract of Register	\$57.50	\$57.50 (if extracted from ARLA register)
Special Licences		
Class 1: 1 large event, more than 3 medium events, more than 12 small events	\$575.00	
Class 2: 3-12 small events; 1-3 medium events	\$207.00	
Class 3: 1 or 2 small events	\$62.30	

Clause 9 of the Regulations provides the following definitions:

Large event = more than 400 people

Medium event = 100 to 400 people³

Small event = fewer than 100 people

³ Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority

Food Act Fees

	2022/2023
Hourly charge out rate – up to one hour	\$212.00
Additional fee per hour – 15 minute blocks	\$212.00
FCP registration fee - up to one hour	\$212.00
Additional FCP registration fee per hour – 15 minute blocks	\$212.00
NP registration fee - up to one hour	\$212.00
Additional NP registration fee per hour – 15 minute blocks	\$212.00
FCP renewal fee	\$212.00
NP renewal fee	\$212.00
Verification fees FCP – up to one hour	\$212.00
Additional verification fees FCP per hour – 15 minute blocks	\$212.00
Verification fees NP – up to 30 minutes	\$106.00
Additional verification fees NP per hour – 15 minute blocks	\$212.00

Resource Management Act Administrative Charges

Set in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991

		2022/2023
Resource Consent applications – notified (land use and subdivision)	Deposit required (note 1)	\$2923.00
Resource Consent applications – limited notification (land use and subdivision)	Deposit required (note 1)	\$1755.00
Resource Consent applications – non-notified (Conjoint application)	New - Deposit required (note 1)	\$1379.00 plus staff time
Resource Consent applications – non-notified (land use)	Deposit required (note 1)	\$1300.00
Resource Consent applications – non-notified (subdivision) 1-3 lots	Deposit required (note 1)	\$1400.00
Resource Consent applications – non-notified (subdivision) 4-10 lots	Deposit required (note 1)	\$1600.00
Resource Consent applications – non-notified (subdivision) 11+ lots	Deposit required (note 1)	\$2000.00
Boundary activities as permitted activities	Deposit required (note 1)	\$500.00
Marginal or temporary non-compliance permitted activities	Deposit required (note 1)	\$500.00
Resource Consent applications - controlled activity signage	Fixed fee ²	\$380.00
RMA certification 1 – 3 lots (e.g. s223, s224 etc.)	Deposit required (note 1)	\$351.00
RMA certification 4+ lots (e.g. s223, s224 etc.)	Deposit required (note 1)	\$650.00
Section 226 applications (separation of title)	Deposit required (note 1)	\$500.00
RMA certification (section 241, 139, 139A, 243) outside of a s223/224 certification process	Deposit required (note 1)	\$351.00
Site visit	Fixed fee	\$218.00
Requests for Plan Changes	Deposit required (note 1)	\$6595.00
Application for alteration to designation – notified	Deposit required (note 1)	\$2339.00
Application for alteration to designation – non-notified	Deposit required (note 1)	\$759.00
Cancellation/change of consent conditions (s127)	Deposit required (note 1)	\$823.00
Resource consent extension (s125)	Deposit required (note 1)	\$500.00
Right of Way application (s348 LGA)	Deposit required (note 1)	\$500.00
Outline plans for designations	Deposit required (note 1)	\$586.00
Waiver for requirement for Outline Plan	Deposit required (note 1)	\$292.00
Hard copy of District Plan (available free on RDC website)		\$384.00
RMA hearing deposit	Deposit required (note 1)	\$2572.00

	2022/2023
Charges for Council Staff Pre-Application Charges, Pre-application discussion with staff on feasibility of a proposal. First half hour – no charge. Additional time charged on an hourly basis at the Council charge out rate as below. (per hour or part thereof)	As below
Administration/Committee Administration Staff	\$123.00
Planning Officer/Consents Planner	\$175.00
Senior/Consultant Planner	\$223.00
Technical and professional staff from all other Council units	\$223.00
Manager	\$257.00
Technical expert (consultant)	At cost + disbursement
Commissioner	At cost + disbursement
All advertising, consultant and solicitor fees associated with all work types including processing of a consent or certificate (including specialist technical or legal advice) and new Notice of Requirements, designation alterations, removal of designations and District Plan changes	At cost + disbursement

Notes:

- 1 Council will recover its reasonable costs and a deposit is required which will be off set against the final invoice. However, Council cannot guarantee the final invoice amount that will be due to recover its reasonable costs.
Additional fees will be charged to cover other actual and reasonable costs incurred at the applicable staff charge-out rate together with the costs associated with employing the services of professional consultants where necessary.
Note: The chargeout rate for staff undergoing training who handle a consent application will be at the rate applicable to that staff member not whoever is providing the supervision.
Any difference will be payable/refundable once a decision has been made on the application as per the relevant section of the Resource Management Act 1991. Actual and reasonable costs associated with any resource consent hearing will be recovered from the applicant.
Interim invoices for the processing of Resource Consents may be generated when costs exceed the deposit paid.
- 2 The fixed fee will apply only if the application is lodged as complete and no further information requests are required. If these conditions are not met then the relevant land use consent fees will apply.

Dog Registration Fees

Set by Council in accordance with Section 37 and 68 of the Dog Control Act 1996. The Act makes provision to fix reduced fees for dogs under a specified age (not exceeding 12 months). However, Council has not made provision for reduced fees for young dogs/pups.

	2022/2023
Registration fees	
Working dogs	\$45.00
For owners with five or more working dogs, this fee is capped at \$215 five times the working dog fee. for owners with five or more working dogs	
Working dogs (late payment) <i>Capped fee does not apply</i>	\$69.00
Non working dogs	\$140.00
Non working dogs (late payment)	\$210.00
Non working dogs de-sexed	\$94.00
Non working dogs de-sexed (late payment)	\$142.00
Good owner dog	\$66.00
Good owner dog (late payment) ⁴	\$210.00
Multi Dog Permit - New	\$31.00
Dangerous Dogs	
Section 32(1)(e) of the Dog Control Act, Effect of classification as dangerous dog states "...must, in respect of every registration year commencing after the date of receipt of the notice of classification, be liable for dog control fees for that dog at 150% of the level that would apply if the dog were not classified as a dangerous dog".	
Impounding Charges	
Impounding first offence (within 12 month period)	\$146.00
Impounding second offence (within 12 month period)	\$205.00
Impounding third offence (within 12 month period)	\$263.00
Sustenance - per day	\$13.00
Destruction fee – per dog	\$40.00
Other fees	
Replacement tags	\$4.00
Micro-chipping and registration onto National Dog Database	\$60.00

Note:

The Dog Control Act 1996 does not allow Council to levy separate fees for application and monitoring in respect of Approved Good Owner Classification but does allow Council to set fees having regard to the relative cost of registration and monitoring. Therefore, these fees have been incorporated into the fees applicable to Approved Good Owner Classifications.

⁴ Under Council's Dog owner responsibility policy, late registration means the loss of approved good owner classification for one registration year.

Stock Impounding

Set by Council in accordance with sections 14, 15 and 33(3) of the Impounding Act 1955

	2022/2023
Poundage Fees	
Sheep, goats (per animal)	\$36.00
Cattle, horses, deer, pigs	\$100.00
These charges are to be doubled for impound of stock of any owner that are impounded more than once in a 12 month period	

Sustenance Charges

	2022/2023
No of Animals (per animal, per day)	
Sheep, goats (per animal)	\$6.20
Cattle, horses, deer, pigs	\$13.40
* or actual expenses, if higher	

Trespass charges, where applicable, are prescribed by clause 7 of the Impounding Regulations 1981.

Driving Charges

	2022/2023
Float Hire/Transport	At cost
Callout	Fee will be based on recovery of actual and reasonable costs incurred associated with the callout – minimum charge of \$175.00

Animal Control Miscellaneous Fees

	2022/2023
Costs associated with, but not limited to, tagging (NAIT), vet treatment, inspection, supplementary feeding or animal husbandry will be charged at cost plus hourly rate for staff time if applicable.	Actual cost + staff time (\$62 per hour)

Storage of Hazardous Substances

Set by Council in accordance with section 23 of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 and section 150 of the Local Government Act 2002.

	2022/2023
Charge out rate for carrying out any of the enforcement functions required by section 97 (h) of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (per hour)	\$225.00

Noise Control

	2022/2023
Charge to property owner for every call out attended by Council's noise control contractors where in the view of the officer a noise reduction instruction was warranted	\$83.00
Charge to complainant for unsubstantiated complaint where the complainant has lodged three previous unsubstantiated complaints within the preceding 12 months	\$83.00

Miscellaneous Permits/Authorities/Fees

	2022/2023
Certificates under the Overseas Investment Act	
Set in accordance with Section 150 of the Local Government Act 2002	\$153.00
Return of Property Seized Pursuant to Section 328 of the Resource Management Act 1991	
Set in accordance with Section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991 and Section 150 of the Local Government Act 2002	\$224.00
Gambling Venue Consent – Application Fee	
Set in accordance with Section 150 of the Local Government Act 2002	\$224.00
Costs associated with removal of dumped rubbish	
Set in accordance with Section 150 of the Local Government Act 2002	Actual cost + staff time

Water Charges – Urban Areas

	2022/2023
Extraordinary⁵ Users (Water by Meter)	
Marton, Taihape, Ratana, Bulls and Mangaweka	\$2.28 per m ³
ANZCO (Bulls)	\$1.48 per m ³
Taihape untreated water per m ³	\$1.62 per m ³
Ordinary supply – 20mm diameter – domestic only, per single dwelling unit to property boundary, maximum overall length 5m, unmetered, manifold.	As charged by Contractor
New connections will be installed by approved Contractors	Plus proportionate share of the targeted rate for water (connected) due for the balance of the year
Extraordinary supply – all other connections to property boundary	Quote
New connections shall be installed by approved Contractors.	Plus proportionate share of the targeted rate for water (connected) due for the balance of the year
Disconnection Fees (including restrictors)	
<i>All types of supply</i> - per disconnection	\$332.00
Includes all work to disconnect service. Work shall be undertaken by Rangitikei District Council.	
Where applicable, a final meter reading shall be taken and the applicant will be responsible for payment of water consumed to the date of disconnection	
Reconnection Fees (including restrictors)	
Per reconnection	Quote based on investigation
Bulk Water Sales	
Marton – located in King Street	\$3.30 per m ³ plus \$6.40 per load
Taihape – located behind Town Hall	
One free tanker load per year for each unconnected property in the District (freight not covered)	
<i>The cost of the water is reimbursed by Council on presentation of an invoice from the cartage company.</i> [Access is via PIN for pre-approved contractors]	

Extraordinary use includes:

- (a) Domestic – spa or swimming pool in excess of 10 m³ capacity, fixed garden irrigation systems, and/or
- (b) Commercial and business;
- (c) Industrial;
- (d) Agriculture;
- (e) Horticulture;
- (f) Viticulture;

⁵ Consumers using more than 250m³ per year.

- (g) Fire protection systems other than sprinkler systems installed to comply with NZS 4517;
- (h) Out of district (supply to, or within another local authority);
- (i) Temporary supply.

Rural Water Schemes

Rural Water Schemes are managed entirely by committees established by the users of each scheme. The fees and charges are set by the relevant committee based upon the cost of running the schemes shared equitably by the users of that scheme.

Hunterville Rural Water Scheme

10% penalty will be incurred on late payment. Reconnection fee of \$500.00.

Stormwater Charges – Urban Areas

	2022/2023
Connection Fees	
100mm diameter – New stormwater connections to be installed by approved contractors.	As charged by Contractor
New connections shall be installed by approved contractors,	plus proportionate share of the targeted rate for stormwater (urban) due for the balance of the year
Disconnection Fees	
Per disconnection, capped at boundary	Quote based on investigation
Reconnection Fees	
Per reconnection	Quote based on investigation

Wastewater Charges

	2022/2023
Extraordinary Consumers	
Refer to Rates Notice	
Volumetric wastewater charges	
Base charge per water meter connection - charged per 3-month period includes 76m ³ of flow use per period	\$820.00
Domestic wastewater discharge consumption is calculated at 80% of the volume of water used as measured by water meter. (This cost excludes trade waste) This rate applies to domestic institutions (e.g. nursing homes) where water consumption exceeds the normal consumption for a single house	\$3.10
Connection and Reconnection Fees	
All connections and reconnections	Quote based on investigation
New connections shall be installed by approved Contractors. Cost is highly dependent on depth of connection, length of later and mains diameter.	plus proportionate share of targeted wastewater (connected) rate due for balance of year
Disconnection Fees	
Per disconnection	\$303.00
Septage Discharge Fee	
Per cubic metre	\$28.00
Trade Waste Charges	
Flow per cubic metre	\$1.15
BOD per kg	\$0.75
COD per kg	\$0.75
TSS per kg	\$0.75
Phosphorous charge per kg	\$37.00
Ammoniacal nitrogen per kg	\$37.00
Other Trade Waste Charges	
Trade Waste Consent (includes first 2 hours of processing)	\$242.00
Consent processing fee (cost per hour)	\$120.00
Annual compliance monitoring	\$460.00
Re-inspection fees (per inspections)	\$120.00
Oil or Grease trap inspection and annual monitoring (cost per visit)	\$77.00

Solid Waste

Waste Transfer Station		Refuse	Greenwaste Marton, Bulls, Taihape
Rubbish bag		\$3.25	\$1.40
Wheelie bin		\$15.20	\$7.60
Car boot		\$22.00	\$10.80
Van/station-wagon		\$36.00	\$17.50
Trucks	per tonne	\$172.00	\$79.00
Small trailer (deck)	All subject to standard weighbridge charge \$172.00/tonne where this service is available. Where a weighbridge is not available, these prices will be used.	\$45.50	\$21.60
Medium (deck up to 2.4 m long)		\$56.00	\$28.00
Large (deck up to 3.0 m long)		\$83.00	\$40.00
- Overloads (loads greater than 1.5m in height) – extra \$6.00		\$99.50	\$49.00
Oversize (deck over 3.0m long)		\$160.00	\$81.00
- Overloads (loads greater than 1.5m in height) – extra \$21.00		\$208.00	\$107.00

	2022/2023
Other chargeable items	
Hazardous waste (household quantities – max 20 litres/kilos (Marton, Bulls, Taihape WTSs only)	\$0.00
Fridges and freezers – degassing fee	\$18.00
Whiteware – except refrigeration (each)	\$0.00
Microwave/small appliances	\$0.00
TVs	\$28.00
Monitors - LCD/Plasma models	\$17.00
E-waste desktop/VCRs/Fax/Scanners/Printers/UPS	\$6.00
Tyres – car	\$8.00
Tyres – 4x4	\$10.00
Tyres – light truck less than 50 kg	\$15.00
Tyres – long-haul vehicle	\$24.00
Tyres – tractor	\$100.00
Automotive oil (per litre in excess of 20 litres)	\$.30/litre
Gas bottles (each)	\$6.00
Fluorescent tubes (each)	\$0.00
Eco bulbs (each)	\$0.00
PCBs per kg (fluorescent light ballasts)	\$73.00
Paint 4 litre pail (each)	\$3.00
Paint 10 litre pail (each)	\$6.00

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	2022/2023
Recycling accepted - no gate charge (Marton, Bulls, Taihape and Ratana)	
Paper and cardboard - unsoiled	\$0.00
Glass bottles and jars - colour sorted	\$0.00
Tins and cans - rinsed clean	\$0.00
Plastics 1-5 - rinsed clean	\$0.00
Metals (charges may apply if scrap incurs handling charges)	

	2022/2023
Recyclables not accepted for recycling	
Plastic bags	Refuse rate
Plastic wrap	Refuse rate
Food contaminated recyclables	Refuse rate
Hazardous waste contaminated recyclables	Refuse rate

Roading

	2022/2023
Corridor Access Request Fee (includes kerb opening and street opening)	
Excavations in road, footpath, berm or road reserve – including Network Utility Operators and trenchless technology	\$116.00
Road Encroachments Survey and Documentation	Actual cost
Vehicle Crossing Application Fee (private works)	\$302.00
Stock Crossing Application Fee	\$302.00
All work in road to be done by Council-approved contractor	

Miscellaneous Charges

	2022/2023
Council publications, (Draft Annual Plan, Annual Plan, Annual Report, Long Term Plan (including Consultation Document), Activity Management Plans)	
To district residents and ratepayers	Free
To non-ratepayers and non-residents (reproduction costs)	Actual cost
Customer Services	
<i>Photocopying charges</i>	
Black and white A4	\$0.30
Black and white A3	\$0.60
Black and white A2	\$4.00
Black and white A1	\$5.00
Colour A4	\$3.00
Colour A3	\$4.00
Electronic GIS copies	No charge
District Electoral Roll	
Full District listing	\$97.00
Full Ward Listing (each)	\$50.00
Rural Numbers	
Application and placement of rural numbers	No charge
Replacement rural number plates	\$29.00
Valuation Rolls/Rating Information Database	
One booklet for the whole district	\$304.00
Electronic version	\$158.00

Community Housing

Rental rates apply to superannuitant tenants only. Council reserves the right to charge non-superannuitants a market rent for the housing units. Adjustment to rents in Council's community housing must be made in accordance with the requirements of section 24 of the Residential Tenancies Act 1986. Typically this means that a change to rents for existing tenants will not occur for two months after Council adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the coming year. Council has included a provision for a small contract with external agencies to support elderly residents to remain independent in their housing.

	2022/2023
Single	\$155.00
Couple	\$186.00

Requests for Official Information

Official information requests are able to be made to the Council by any person, in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Council reserves the right to charge for this information as follows:

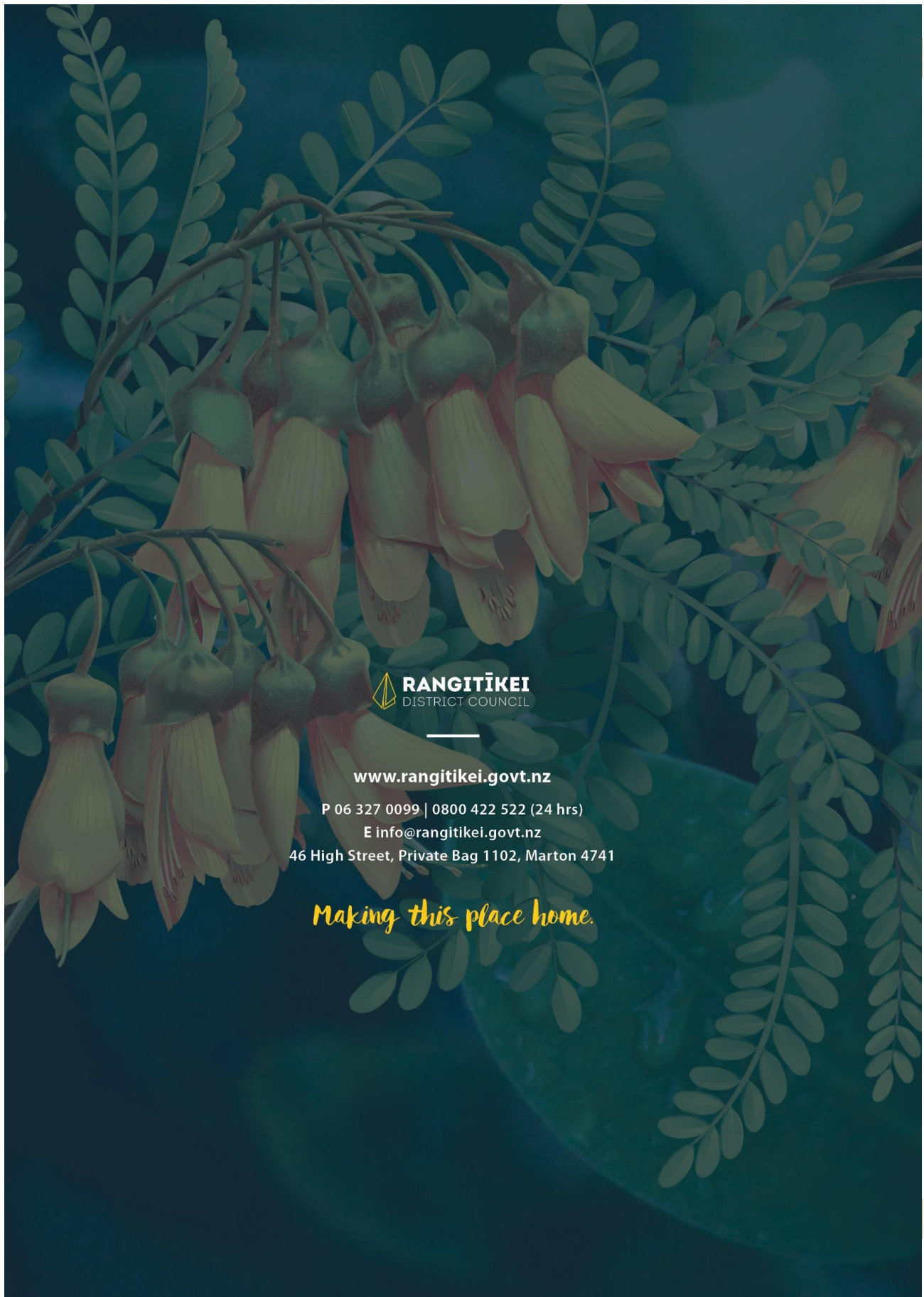
	2022/2023
Official Information Request	
Staff time – first hour	Free
Staff time – each subsequent half hour (after the first hour)	\$46.50
Photocopying – first 20 pages	Free
Photocopying – each subsequent page (after the first 20 pages)	Current charges apply
Other actual and reasonable costs	At cost

(These charges are drawn from guidelines issued by the Ministry of Justice on Official Information Act requests.)

A deposit may be required where the estimated cost of the request exceeds \$76.00.

Charges may be modified or waived at the Council's discretion.

End of document



6.4 Analysis of Submissions to Framing 2022/23 Annual Plan

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1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To provide an analysis of submissions received during the consultation on the Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 to enable Council's deliberation.

2. Context

- 2.1 This Annual Plan is based upon Year 2 of Council's 2021-31 Long Term Plan, with changes to reflect any variations in projects, finances or other circumstances from those identified in the Long Term Plan.
- 2.2 The draft Annual Plan outlines Council's plans for the coming year, including updated budgets and indication of the rates rise. The consultation document (titled Framing 2022/23) included three key choices: the establishment of a Rail Hub CCO; the adoption of a roading differential for forestry land; and Council's response to Climate Change.
- 2.3 The draft Annual Plan was adopted for consultation on 31 March 2022, and consultation took place between 8 April and 9 May 2022. During this period, Council made the Framing 2022/23 Annual Plan consultation document and draft Annual Plan available on the Council website; a one-page summary was sent to all households via direct mail or included in the District Monitor; and copies of the consultation document were available at Council offices and libraries and key locations across the district.
- 2.4 Information was shared on the Council Facebook page, including three Facebook live sessions. Drop-in sessions were held in Marton, Rātana and Turakina and public meetings were also hosted by the Mayor in Marton, Taihape and Bulls.

3. Management Submission

- 3.1 Where Council requests or Officer proposals have arisen for the 2022/23 financial year, these have been collated into the attached management submission. This submission includes the details of each request, any financial impacts considered, and recommendations for Council's decision. Those recommendations are duplicated in this report.

4. Submissions

- 4.1 65 submissions were received, including 5 late submissions.
- 4.2 Oral hearings took place on 19 May 2022 where 15 submitters had the opportunity to speak to their submission.
- 4.3 A full list of submissions is attached.
- 4.4 For the purposes of deliberation, a summary document is also attached, with submission points grouped and summarised by activity, officer responses, and where applicable actions officers will undertake and/or recommendations for Council's decision. Those recommendations are duplicated in this report.

5. Better Off Funding

- 5.1 Council has access to \$13.3 million via the 'Better Off' support package associated with the three waters reform process, available in two tranches. Council is eligible to apply for up to \$3.3 million as part of the first tranche which opened in April 2022 and closes at the end of September 2022. Applications may include multiple projects but only one application may be submitted. Any funding not applied for in the first tranche would roll over to the second, which is available from 1 July 2024.
- 5.2 Projects, submitted for funding, must meet one of the following criteria:
- Supporting communities to transition to a sustainable and low-emissions economy, including by building resilience to climate change and natural hazards.
 - Delivery of infrastructure and/or services that enable housing development and growth, with a focus on brownfield and infill development opportunities where those are available.
 - Delivery of infrastructure and/or services that support local place-making and improvements in community well-being.
- 5.3 To date, Council has indicated support for the inclusion of the following projects as part of the tranche 1 application:
- Business case for housing (\$50,000);
 - Accelerating the District Plan review, with an emphasis on housing (\$227,000);
 - Development of a Climate Impact Strategy and Action Plan (\$75,000).
- At a total of \$352,000.
- 5.4 In the attached report Officers have noted where funding requests are potentially eligible for 'Better Off' funding. Where Council considers there to be merit in applying for 'Better Off' funding for these projects, Officers will provide further detail on the ongoing operational costs (e.g. staff resourcing, maintenance, depreciation, etc) associated with the projects as part of further discussions on the application prior to it being submitted for tranche one funding. There is no guarantee any of the projects applied for via the 'Better Off' fund would be approved.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 Decisions made during Council's deliberations may have an impact on debt or rates.

7. Statutory Implications

- 7.1 Council is required to prepare the Annual Plan under the Local Government Act 2002, Section 95. Requirements for the content of the Annual Plan are listed in schedule 10, Part 2, while consultation requirements are listed in Section 82, and Section 95A.

8. Decision Making Process

- 8.1 The degree of significance of this decision is considered to be moderate. Consultation has occurred in accordance with legislative requirements.

Attachments

1. **Annual Plan Submissions (under separate cover)**
2. **Management Submission** [↓](#)
3. **Analysis of Submissions** [↓](#)

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Analysis of Submissions to Framing 2022/23 Annual Plan' be received

Recommendation 2

That Council receive the submissions made to the 'Framing 2022/23 Annual Plan' between 8 April and 9 May 2022, including the late submissions 061, 062, 063, 064, and 065.

Recommendation 3 – Management Submission

That Council increase the wellbeing programme budget by \$6,000.

Recommendation 4 – Management Submission

That Council approve additional funding of \$55,000 to fund additional staff resources in the Assets and Infrastructure Group.

Recommendation 5 – Management Submission

That Council confirm their approval to include an additional \$11,300 for attendance and mileage payments to TRAK members.

Recommendation 6 – Key Choice 1: Forestry Differential

That Council intends to establish a differential on the Roding Rate for 'Forestry' properties, however, the implementation of the differential be deferred until the 2023/24 financial year, to allow further targeted consultation with the forestry sector and iwi.

Recommendation 7 – Key Choice 2: Marton Rail Hub CCO

That Council accepts this consultation as meeting requirements under the Significance and Engagement Policy and Local Government Act 2002 to consult on the establishment of a Council Controlled Organisation in order to contribute to a potential Rail Hub Special Purpose Vehicle and:

- Supports the establishment of a Council Controlled Organisation for the Marton Rail Hub, if required.

OR

- Does not support the establishment of a Council Controlled Organisation for the Marton Rail Hub.

Recommendation 8 – Key Choice 3: Climate Change

That Council commits to developing a Climate Impact Strategy and Action Plan in 2022/23, subject to funding being received for the project from the “Better Off” fund.

Recommendation 9 – Finance

That the targeted rate associated with Erewhon Rural Water Scheme be increased by 100% for the 2022/23 financial year.

Recommendation 10 – Finance

That the targeted rate associated with the Hunterville Rural Water Scheme remain unchanged for the 2022/23 financial year (0% increase).

Recommendation 11 – Community and Leisure Assets

That Council provides funding of \$2,000 to Chinese Language Week NZ through the Annual Plan process.

OR

That Council does not provide funding and instead supports Officers to assist the submitter with an application to Council’s funding schemes.

Recommendation 12 – Community and Leisure Assets

Subject to further costs being provided by Officers, that Council supports / does not support **[delete one]** in principle, the scope of the terms of reference for the housing business case to be extended to capture the points raised by submitters 005, 006 and 010 regarding Council’s potential role in housing, which would be subject to the approval of funding via the “Better Off” fund.

Recommendation 13 – Community and Leisure Assets

That Council approves funding of \$20,000, for the Hunterville Sports Complex equipment from the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund.

OR

That Council approves funding of \$20,000 in the Annual Plan 2022/23 for Hunterville Sports Complex equipment.

OR

That Council does not approve funding for the Hunterville Sports Complex equipment, and supports Officers working with the Trust to seek external funding opportunities.

Recommendation 14 – Community and Leisure Assets

That Council provides funding of \$70,000 for refurbishment of the toilets/showers at the Koitiata Campground in the 2022/23 Annual Plan

OR

That Council does not provide funding towards improved toilet/shower facilities at the Koitiata Campground in the 2022/23 Annual Plan.

Recommendation 15 – Community and Leisure Assets

That Council provides funding of up to \$_____ as the final funder for the upgrade of the CCTV cameras in Marton via Council funding.

OR

That Council does not provide funding towards the upgrade of the CCTV cameras in Marton.

Recommendation 16 – Infrastructure

That Council in principle agrees to applying for 'Better Off' funding for \$_____, to support the work being done by the Friends of Taihape Charitable Society, subject to further consideration of the ongoing operational impact associated with the project.

OR

That Council does not apply for 'Better Off' funding for the work being done by the Friends of Taihape Charitable Society.

Management Submission

The matters in this submission have been raised for update or inclusion in the Annual Plan 2022/23. This document provides context and rationale for each item as well as outlining financial implications.

Internal Requests

The information below outline requests from Management, not previously included in the draft Annual Plan or Long Term Plan, to expand existing programs or address newly identified needs.

Topic 1: Wellbeing programme budget

Summary

The Rangitikei District Council has a wellbeing programme for staff. The Wellbeing Programme includes options such as mole maps, flu vaccinations, health checks, eye tests, counselling support services, and access to the My Everyday Wellbeing web-portal (Healthy Food Guide). It has been proposed to extend this programme to elected members.

Financial Implications

The inclusion of elected members will increase the cost of the programme by \$6,000, bringing the total cost of the wellbeing programme to \$30,000.

Recommendation

That Council increase the wellbeing programme budget by \$6,000.

Topic 2: Assets and Infrastructure Group

Summary

The structure of the Assets and Infrastructure Group has been reviewed to ensure it is better set up to deliver on elected member and community expectations, and to deliver Council's capital programme. The review identified the need for additional resources to resolve delays associated with a shortage of engineering expertise and to meet service gaps. It is proposed to add the following positions to the Assets and Infrastructure Group:

- Asset Manager
- Project Engineer
- Engineering Operations Officer
- Solid Waste Officer

The reallocation of existing funds alongside savings from other budgets have allowed for the creation of these roles with limited additional budget required.

Financial Implications

\$55,000 ongoing.

Recommendation

That Council approve additional funding of \$55,000 to fund additional staff resources in the Assets and Infrastructure Group.

Topic 3: Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa (TRAK) Reimbursement**Summary**

At the April 2022 Council meeting, Council considered reimbursement for TRAK members who attend Council Committee meetings and other meetings (at the request of Council staff). Council agreed to formalise this to ensure TRAK members were reimbursed correctly. Council requested the extra costings be submitted to the annual plan 2022/23.

Financial Implications

At the Council meeting on 28 April 2022 Council resolved to pay meeting attendance fees and mileage to Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa members. An additional provision of \$ 11,300 is included in the 2023/23, and ongoing, budgets to ensure these payments are made in future.

Recommendation

That Council confirm their approval to include an additional \$11,300 for attendance and mileage payments to TRAK members.

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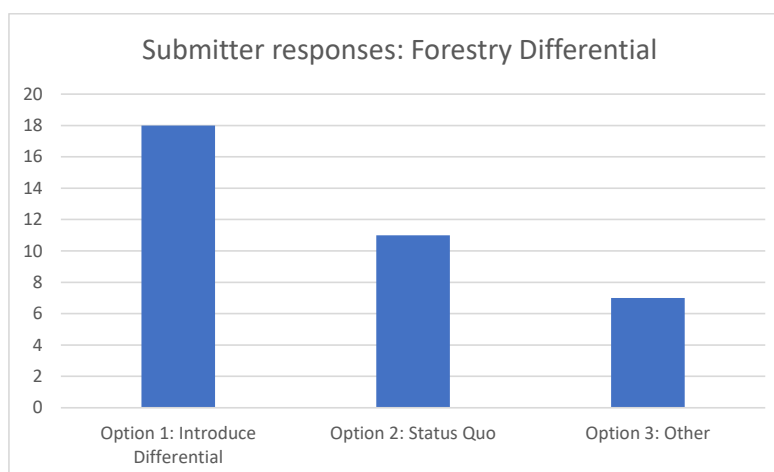
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Key Choice One – Forestry Differential

One of the key choices listed in Council’s Annual Plan consultation for 2022/23 was the establishment of a differential on the roading rate for Forestry. As part of the development of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan Council signalled a potential rating differential on land classified as ‘forestry’. A differential of 1.5 was proposed to apply only to the Roding Rate.

Council’s preferred option was to establish a forestry differential on the roading rate of 1.5 for the 2022/23 and 1.5 for the 2023/24 year, with future differential rates considered as part of the development of the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan. The other option identified was the status quo, where there is no differential.

Council received 39 submissions on this key choice. The table below shows the preferred option indicated by submitters.



Of the 39 submitters, 21 also provided comments and 8 submitters at the Oral Hearing commented on this proposal. Comments from submitters and officer responses are outlined below.

Submitters

Heather Thorby (007), Paul Geurtjens (008), Forest Owners Association (009), Interested Residents of Marton and Rangitikei (013), John Turkington (014), Federated Farmers (059), Earnslaw One (017), Te Runanga o Nga Wairiki Ngati Apa (018), Tim Whitehouse (029), T&J McIlwaine (031), Pete Galpin (033), Lynda Bradley (034), Anonymous (037), Grant Wilson (042), Murray Guy (047), Robert Snijders (051), Geoff Mills (056), Wayne Aldridge (057), Sally Patrick (058), Southern North Island Wood Council (060), Peter Lissington (061).

Summary of submissions

A range of submission points were raised in relation to the proposed differential:

- A differential is needed, and a higher differential is likely to be required, monitoring is important (013, 059, 029, 034, 037, 051, 058).

- A differential is not a useful method as it does not reflect the impact of logging large areas, compared with smaller blocks or farms with forests on them (056, 061).
- More information on the proposed differential is needed (008, 017, 058).
- Forestry provides a range of benefits (008, 009, 047, 060, 061).
- Dairying is often on better quality roads than forestry harvesting (059).
- There are a range of other road users, forestry operations only occur once every 25-30 years, roading rates are being paid during this time (007, 008, 017, 037, 057, 060, 061).
- The proposed differential is unfair – extra charge for roads that might not be needed for another 25 years and is a one-off event (031, 033, 047).
- Coastal forests access roads that require little repair (047, 061).
- There needs to be greater consultation / engagement (007, 008, 009, 018, 060).
- Submitter 017 provided a comprehensive submission with alternative options proposed.
- Submitter 009 identified a range of calculators that would assist in Council's planning.
- One submitter questioned the need to consult publicly, that consultation was only needed with those directly affected (042).
- It is important to ensure funding generated through the targeted rate is used for works associated with damage from forestry traffic and provided comments on the use of the funds (009, 014, 017, 051).
- Questions the role of Horizons in relation to slash (051).
- Increased clarity was needed on which properties the proposed differential would apply to and the appropriateness of using the QV classifications. Some suggested alternative methods provided (007, 008, 014, 059, 017, 034, 061).
- Differential should only apply to the roading rate (014).
- Council should advocate with Government for a more proportional share of the Road User Charges (008).
- Consider the use of a bylaw as an alternative (007, 059).
- Work with the forestry sector closely to ensure the best outcome for the network (009).
- Clarification needed on the new targeted rate which is currently sitting under Community and Leisure Assets and a question about the targeted rate figure of \$180,466 (059).

Officer comment

The differential was proposed as a mechanism of funding damage to the District's roads that is being caused as a result of forestry harvesting operations. This approach has been taken by a number of other local authorities in New Zealand, such as in the Whanganui and Wairoa Districts.

A differential of 1.5 generates an additional \$50,000 excluding GST for the 2022/23 year. This funding was included in the draft Annual Plan document. There was a minor coding error in the draft Annual Plan document where the income was showing under the Community and Leisure Assets group which would be rectified by Officers if Council decides to proceed with the proposed differential. In response to the query raised by submitter 059, the \$180,000 identified is the whole of the targeted rate that would be collected and is a value that includes

GST. Of this, \$120,000 would have been collected had there been no differential, with \$60,000 including GST as a result of the differential (\$50,000 excluding GST rounded).

The intent is that only properties categorised in the following QV categories would be impacted: Forestry Exotic, Forestry Indigenous or Forestry Vacant. Using the QV categories had been proposed as the most efficient manner of implementing a differential throughout the District that captures the major forestry blocks. There are approximately 90 rating units impacted by this proposal. This means agricultural properties that may have forestry on them as part of a wider farming operation, but are not classified as 'forestry' would not be captured by the proposed differential.

Council notes the benefits that the forestry sector provides to the Rangitikei District. All properties proposed to be affected were contacted directly via email or letter notifying them of the proposal and consultation.

Officers appreciate the valuable suggestions raised by submitters, particularly those from the forestry sector. Officers welcome the opportunity to work alongside the forestry sector in ensuring the best possible outcome for the community in the funding and maintenance of roads impacted by logging activities. Many of the suggestions will take time for Officers to fully explore and consider. There is not sufficient time before Council is required to deliberate on submissions and adopt the Annual Plan for 2022/23 to undertake this analysis. Therefore, Officers recommend the proposal to introduce a differential on the Roding Targeted Rate for the forestry sector is put on hold until the 2023/24 Annual Plan to explore the suggestions raised and engage further with the sector and iwi during the 2022/23 financial year.

Given the low value of additional funding the differential would have generated, the impact on the roading programme for 2022/23 will be minor. The additional funding generated would most likely have been used for minor unsubsidised projects to improve roads which have high forestry use.

Recommendation

That Council intends to establish a differential on the Roding Rate for 'Forestry' properties, however, the implementation of the differential be deferred until the 2023/24 financial year, to allow further targeted consultation with the forestry sector and iwi.

Key Choice Two – Rail Hub CCO

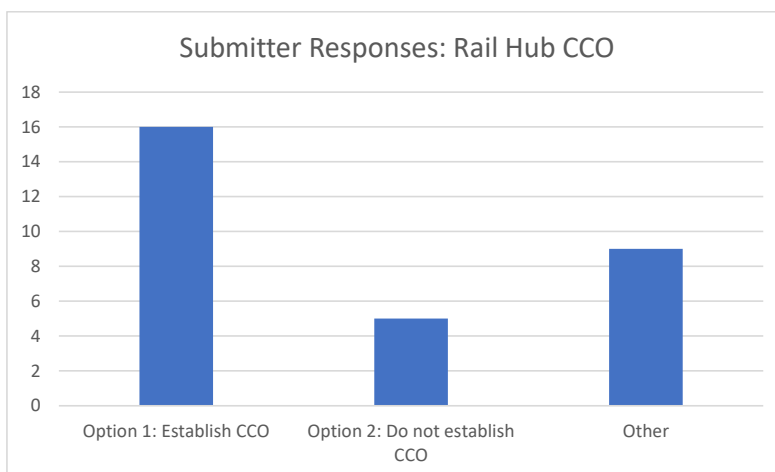
One of the key choices listed in Council’s Consultation Document for the 2022/23 Annual Plan was the establishment of a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) for the purposes of developing, operating, and maintaining the Marton Rail Hub and associated assets.

Under Council’s preferred option, a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) would be created to invest in the Marton Rail Hub, with Council’s contribution invested via a CCO. The CCO will be required to report back to Council and manage Council’s investment in the Marton Rail Hub and Portfolio. Revenue will be used to develop, operate, and maintain the rail hub and associated venues.

If a CCO and SPV are not created, control of the rail hub project would be handed over to a third party, without reporting requirements or the ability for Council to leverage the CCO as a source of income.

Council received 32 submissions on this issue.

The table below shows the preferred option indicated by submitters, with 16 responses in support of the establishment of a CCO and 5 responses not in support.



Of the 32 submissions, 20 respondents included comments, and 5 submitters who spoke at hearings commented on this proposal. Comments from submitters and officer responses are outlined in this document.

Comments

Topic 1	Consultation Process
Topic 2	Financial Implications
Topic 3	Leadership of CCO

Topic 4	Rail Hub
Topic 5	Council Controlled Organisations
Topic 6	Other

Topic 1: Consultation process

Submissions

Lynne Sheridan (004), Interested Residents of Marton and Rangitikei (013).

Summary of submissions

Submitters 004 and 013 indicated concern that insufficient information was available and questioned whether sufficient process and disclosure were undertaken. Submitter 004 requested information on whether Council is following the Significance and Engagement Policy or undertaking the Special Consultative procedure.

Submitter 004 requested more information on risks and benefits of SPVs and CCOs.

Submitter 013 suggested it was not appropriate for Council to consult relating to the Rail Hub at this time, considering that the issue is before the Environment Court.

Officer Comment

Council's Significance and Engagement Policy notes that the establishment of a CCO requires consultation to take place via the Special Consultative Procedure (SCP). Under the Local Government Act 2002 56(2), Council may combine consultations requiring the SCP, such as the establishment of a Council Controlled Organisation and the Annual Plan.

Although the Rail Hub is still before the Environment Court, Council decided to undertake consultation on the establishment of a CCO for this purpose at this time, to combine with the Annual Plan consultation which already required the use of the Special Consultative Procedure.

Any CCO is subject to robust business processes and reporting to Council, with monitoring and reporting requirements set out in the Local Government Act 2002, Sections 65 to 69. Council's contribution to a future SPV via the CCO is limited to the amount already identified in the Long Term Plan, the majority of which is from central government.

Topic 2: Financial Implications

Submissions

Carolyn Bates (012), Interested Residents of Marton and Rangitikei (013), Federated Farmers (059), Anonymous (020), Anonymous (030), Lyn Duncan (041), Robert Snijders (051), Sally Patrick (058).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 012 indicated a preference for the entity to be not-for-profit, with any proceeds put into the community to reduce rates.

Submitter 013 questioned the timing of putting ratepayer funds into the project at this time given that it is before the Environment Court.

Submitter 015 suggested that the Rail Hub CCO be funded from targeted rates on the Marton township.

Submitters 030 and 058 indicated concern that establishing a CCO would result in higher costs – overheads, staff.

Submitter 020 suggested that the project be put on hold until the cost of living crisis looks better.

Submitter 041 indicated that they are not in support of the proposal if it will come at a greater cost to ratepayers.

Submitter 054 expressed concern over Council's history funding large projects, alleging that the Bulls Civic Centre was overspent with a total cost of \$12m. The submitter suggested a business plan is necessary before expecting the community to agree, and suggested Council look at other funding options before asking ratepayer to fund.

Officer Comment

The establishment and running of the CCO is anticipated to derive a dividend and offset costs. Any dividend derived from the CCO would be subject to Council decision but may be used to take pressure off rates.

Although the Rail Hub project is before the Environment Court, combining the consultation required to establish a CCO with the Annual Plan consultation will inform a decision to be made on a possible CCO in the future, saving money and staff resources.

Council has already set aside the funding required for its share of the Rail Hub project in the Long Term Plan and are not proposing to allocate further funding to the project. Decisions about Council's financial contribution are not being sought at this time.

An economic evaluation has been conducted in February 2022 by Market Economics on the economic effects of the Marton Rail Hub, indicating that the project would create economic benefits for the community in terms of both GDP and employment, as well as attracting new activities to the District.

Should a CCO be created, a business plan would be developed as part of formalising the CCO.

Topic 3: Leadership of CCO**Submissions**

Carolyn Bates (012), Grant Wilson (042), Robert Snijders (051).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 012 indicated that the Board of the CCO should be locals and not receive payments for their positions.

Submitter 042 requested information on the membership of the governance team appointed to the project in 2021.

Submitter 051 indicated that membership of the CCO shouldn't include any Council membership due to concern over Council's management of assets.

Officer Comment

Under the LGA 2002 57(1), Council is required to adopt a policy on the appointment of directors. This is required to be provided on the Council website. Suitably qualified local candidates are welcome to apply for such a position when it arises.

This is no separate governance team appointed to the project in its current form. The governance team are the elected members of the Rangitikei District Council, however there is an advisory board providing advice to the Council. This advisory board is chaired by Peter Beggs (Chief Executive of RDC), and the members are Mayor Andy Watson, Cr Dave Wilson, Cr Nigel Belsham, and three independent advisors – David Warburton, Pahia Turia and Michael Kerr.

Topic 4: Rail Hub**Submissions**

NZ Forest Owners Association (009), Ernslaw One (017), T&J McIlwaine Ltd (031), Grant Wilson (042), Anonymous (049), Geoff Mills (056), Southern North Island Wood Council (060).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 009 indicated that it was essential for Council to be involved in this process and indicated appreciation for Council considering the Rail Hub project, regardless of the conclusion.

Submitters 017, 031 and 060 indicated support for this project.

Submitter 042 and 056 questioned the purpose of the rail hub and suggested more information should be provided on the project.

Submitter 049 requested that the Rail Hub be made attractive and respect the land it is on.

Officer Comment

The comments in support of this project are acknowledged.

The rail hub is an access point for the rail freight network, as well as establishing a site for other tenants with appropriate co-benefits, including those that contribute to sustainability. Council seeks to increase communication on this and other projects.

This project is expected to bring a range of benefits to the district. A report from M.E Consulting to Council in February 2022 outlined the predicted benefits and quantified possible outcomes. Benefits identified in this report include directly and indirectly increasing job numbers and GDP and expanding the range of commercial activities taking place in the district. These benefits align with Council's goals to promote prosperity and wellbeing in our communities.

The request to ensure the Hub is attractive and respects the land it stands on aligns with Council's goals for this and other projects.

Topic 5: Council Controlled Organisations

Submissions

Interested Residents of Marton and Rangitikei (013), Jane Russel Bowen (024), Anonymous (030), Pete Galpin (033), Sally Patrick (058).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 013 noted that Council's previous CCO was liquidated in 2001 and questioned the risk of having a CCO.

Submitter 024 questioned the wording "associated assets" indicating concern around what else may be included.

Submitter 030 queried why a CCO was required over keeping the project internal but acknowledged that a CCO is better than complete outsourcing.

Submitter 033 indicated a preference for a privately owned and operated organization.

Submitter 058 noted the following concerns over the establishment of a CCO. The CCO may have a stronger focus on the CCO objectives over Council-wide collaboration and prioritise efficiency over community outcomes. The submitter also noted that there can be a fragmentation of Council functions and services, and there is a risk of diminished say by the community over the services provided by the CCO.

Officer Comment

It is prudent for Council to establish a CCO in order to participate in the SPV. This is a joint venture including funding from a range of sources including Central Government, and investing via the establishment of a CCO allows Council to isolate the financial risk, as well as attracting expertise relevant to the project. Should Council not establish a CCO, the other option considered is Council contributing the Central Government and Council investment in the project to a separate entity. This would mean there are no reporting requirements to Council, nor would dividends that may arise be available to Council.

The associated assets described are those related to the Rail Hub. Both the SPV and the CCO would be set up with a specific scope and would not be leveraging any assets outside of the Rail Hub.

Council acknowledges comments on the risks around a CCO. In this case the nature of the CCO being separate from Council is appropriate to participate in the SPV. While concern is stated by the submitter on the disconnect between a CCO and Council's overall goals, the CCO reporting to Council allows Council input into the direction of the SPV, and the potential to derive income, without exposing the community to undue risk.

Topic 6: Other

Submissions

Nerolie Goddard (035), Robert Snijders (051).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 035 indicated that this was not relevant to them due to being in Hunterville.

Submitter 051 suggested another vehicle that includes independent oversight.

Officer Comment

Council is required to consult with the community before establishing a CCO.

The options identified by Council are to establish the CCO to participate in the SPV, or not retain an interest in the SPV. This submitter suggesting another vehicle appears to be in support of option 2.

Summary

Comments from submitters made it apparent that there was confusion on the scope of the question and a lack of clarity of the purpose and differentiation between a CCO and the SPV.

This Key Choice is only regarding the establishment of a Council Controlled Organisation. Council has already made the decision to contribute to the Rail Hub. Council's contribution is \$750,000 towards the necessary infrastructure such as roading access. An additional \$9.1m has been contributed by the Crown. The \$750,000 contributed by Council is already included in the Long Term Plan, Council is not proposing a further financial contribution.

The question posed in this consultation is regarding mechanisms to enable Council's continued involvement in the Rail Hub project. The proposal is for the project to be governed by a "Special Purpose Vehicle", a type of legal entity established to fulfill certain objectives. A number of investors will be contributing to the project, and the Special Purpose Vehicle is a way to formalise the agreement.

Council would establish a CCO to retain a connection to the investment made – the CCO operates at "arm's length" from Council but would still be required to report back to Council and represent Council's interests in the Rail Hub project.

The other option explained in the Annual Plan consultation is for Council to vest the funds contributed by the Crown and Council in a third party, which would have no fundamental requirement to report back to Council or work towards Council's objectives.

Recommendation

That Council accepts this consultation as meeting requirements under the Significance and Engagement Policy and Local Government Act 2002 to consult on the establishment of a Council Controlled Organisation in order to contribute to a potential Rail Hub Special Purpose Vehicle and

EITHER

supports the establishment of a Council Controlled Organisation for the Marton Rail Hub, if required.

OR

does not support the establishment of a Council Controlled Organisation for the Marton Rail Hub.

Key Choice Three – Climate Change

One of the key questions in Council's Annual Plan consultation 2022/23 was how to reduce the impacts of climate change in the Rangitikei District and what resources are needed to better prepare the Rangitikei for the effects of climate change.

Climate change is expected to have a substantial impact on the district whether it be extreme weather, impact on our infrastructure or disrupting everyday activities. It is important for Council to protect our natural environment and build resilience within our communities.

Council received 27 submissions that made comment regarding this key choice.

Comments

Topic 1	Reducing the Impact of Climate Change
Topic 2	Accounting for Greenhouse Gas Emissions
Topic 3	Infrastructure and Climate Change
Topic 4:	Spatial Plan
Topic 5:	Recycling and Waste
Topic 6:	Dairy Farming
Topic 7:	New Initiatives
Topic 8:	Reporting

Topic 1: Reducing the Impact of Climate Change

Climate Change Joint Action Committee (001), Horizons Regional Council (003), Elisabeth Riley (011), Carolyn Bates (012), Anonymous (020), Jane Russell Bowen (024), Taihape Playground Group (048), Anonymous (049).

Summary of submissions

Submitters 001, 003 and 020 noted the impact climate change will have across the district and the need for Council to prioritise climate actions, and respond to risks, including committing the necessary resources. Submitters 001 and 003 noted that Council can enable further action or planning via feedback from this annual plan.

Submitters 001, 012 and 048 suggested more encouragement should be provided for active transport, including the construction of cycleways or lanes.

Submitter 011 suggested native bush is to be encouraged, and submitter 049 suggested more trees are planted.

Submitters 011 and 012 requested the restoration or preservation of waterways, with submitter 011 suggesting using natural solutions to keep waterways clear.

Submitter 024 suggested a smaller footprint, greener and less run off. They suggested Council encourage rainwater catching, engage with plumbers and artists on how to catch water off sheds. The less run-off, the less pressure on infrastructure.

Submitter 048 suggested access to recycling be improved, as well as warmer homes

Officer Comment

As part of Councils vision and long-term plan, climate change was identified as a focus area. Climate change is considered across the organisation through spatial planning, emergency management and infrastructure planning.

Council currently sits on the 'Climate Action Joint Committee' with other Councils in our region. This provides information, resources, and communication across the region focused on best practice regarding climate change. Previously, a risk assessment for the region was completed which informs Council of the risks in the district. Council has previously consulted with community committees and boards to help understand the risks and issues already being faced. Currently rural and isolated areas are being impacted the most and Council seeks to support resilience for these communities. Resilience in our communities looks like lowering emissions, having access to relevant resources, and enabling alternative choices including transport options.

Council is planning on developing a Climate Impact Strategy and Action Plan during 2022/23, and will consider the recommendations by submitters.

Topic 2: Accounting for Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Climate Change Joint Action Committee (001), Horizons Regional Council (003), Carolyn Bates (012), Jane Russell Bowen (024), Southern North Island Wood Council (060).

Summary of submissions

Submitters 001 and 060 suggested measuring carbon emissions and emitters.

Submitter 003 suggested undertaking an annual organisation greenhouse gas emissions inventory.

Submitter 012 suggested offsetting emissions.

Submitter 024 suggested a smaller footprint, for our areas to become greener and the need for less run-off.

Submitter 060 suggested Council map all possible areas for reforestation, and measure forest resources that might be available for future carbon storage.

Officer Comment

Managing greenhouse emissions has is a focus area for Central Government, with the recent release of the emissions budget and emissions reduction plan. The importance of reducing greenhouse gases as an organisation and a district is part of taking steps to mitigate climate change. Council's proposed Climate Impact Strategy and Action Plan is likely to consider both climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Topic 3: Infrastructure and Climate Change

Elisabeth Riley (011), Carolyn Bates (012), Nerolie Goddard (035), Anonymous (037), Federated Farmers (059).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 011 and 012 suggests stormwater systems to reroute water into areas that need it and to make resource connecting easier for projects involving water etc. Flood management, erosion barriers, new technology, educational resources were suggested as being important and should actively be happening.

Submitter 059 questions what areas are at risk of climate-change related hazards, and what the level of that risk is. Areas likely to experience high or extreme risk of destruction/ loss may need to be abandoned, rather than sinking large amounts of ratepayer resources into staving off inevitable destruction, rather than investing in infrastructure solutions, especially where use of such at-risk land is limited, or where there is a risk of harm to life (including human life). Infrastructure should be invested in initiatives such as river/ floodplain stop-banks, which have a 'high-payback' for investment where these enable economic utilisation of primary production land, from which revenue can be derived (including rates), and where there is little risk of damage to residential properties.

Submitter 035 suggests better drainage and notes regular flooding due to undersized pipes.

Submitter 037 suggests natural flood management, resilience in infrastructure planning e.g. roading.

Officer Comment

All Infrastructure engineering design accommodates future rainfall forecasts to allow enough available capacity for future rainfall expectations. The infrastructure is designed for future expected conditions rather than current conditions. It is important to note that all infrastructure design is determined by Council's levels of service. For storm water management the primary system is designed to have sufficient capacity for specific rainfall intensities. A change in level of service for any council supplied services would have financial implications. Horizons Regional Council lead flood protection infrastructure works in the District.

Topic 4: Spatial Planning

Heather Thorby (007), Anonymous (030), Anonymous (037), Charlotte Rowland (050).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 007 suggests the clustering of industrial enterprises away from residential areas for noise, smells and risk factors to human health. Retail and commercial zone kept on the main highways. Retail in town centres, create happy and fun places to support retail and people.

Submitter 030 suggests planning for larger reservoirs. Build a proper path for walkers on Te Araroa along SH3 and out to Koitiata. Probably need to plan for shifting Scotts Ferry and Koitiata.

Submitter 037 suggests that planning for concreting new development areas/roading and the impact this has on the surface flooding is important. They also suggest waterway planting, protection and restoration of nearby land, and to stop allowing companies to reshape the Rangitikei River in Bulls. Innovative connection solutions between local hubs e.g. Marton connection solutions between local hubs e.g. Marton and Bulls, cycleway/walkways, buses, transport.

Submitter 050 suggests safe cycle ways and better public transport.

Officer Comment

The submitters' comments are appreciated and will be considered as feedback for Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond, Council's spatial planning project. This project will consider the future location of different land uses within towns and throughout the District, nature networks and transport networks. It will consider at a high level what an appropriate response might be for hazard-prone communities.

Topic 5: Recycling and Waste

Grace Laws (022), Barbara Atkinson (025), Tim Whitehouse (028), Karen Kennedy (032), Peter Galpin (033), Charlotte Oswald (048), Anonymous (050).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 022 suggests curbside recycling.

Submitter 025 suggests investigating recycling options as soon as the problem of where the recycling will be sent is resolved.

Submitter 028 stats the amount of rubbish that comes from out of the immediate area should stop and some form of recycling/ power source burning process to the rubbish needs to happen.

Submitter 032 recycling bin, all separated. Could we expand our local recycle centre to take all waste? Could we look to set up composting centre to take all food waste.

Submitter 033 suggest Council reduces wastage.

Submitter 048 wants better access to recycling, warmer homes, incentives for biking riding-more tracks and lanes

Submitter 050 suggests recycling collection from homes - noting how disheartening it is to see recycling in people's rubbish. Recycling bins should be available alongside rubbish bins in the town centres.

Officer Comment

Council acknowledges the issues faced in the district regarding the collection and disposal of waste. The issue has been consulted on twice in recent years, including during consultation on the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan with no clear direction on demand for recycling services.

Council recently made a submission to Central Government on the Te panonu i te hangarua Transforming Recycling initiative, so will await to hear the outcome of that consultation.

Topic 6: Dairy Farming

Jane Russel Bowen (024), Rodger Rangi (026), Waru Panapa (027).

Summary of submissions:

Submitter 024 suggests working with Federated Farmers - hold open days at farms where the most efficient cultivation tools are used.

Submitter 026 suggests reducing dairy farming.

Submitter 027 suggests facilitating the transition from dairy farming to hydroponics.

Officer Comment

Officers recognise the impact the dairy industry has on emissions, and acknowledge the impact climate change will be having on our dairy farming industry. Through consultation of the priorities of climate change in the district we were able to recognise the impact climate change is already having on our rural areas and farming community. Whether this be the impact of rising temperatures on livestock, erosion on the land from cattle or the emissions caused by dairy farming, climate change will continue to impact agriculture. Council are committed to supporting dairy farming in our district.

We expect central government policies, such as the emissions trading scheme, and market forces to play a role in dairy capacity and the changes this may bring. We aim to have productive use of land in the district and are supportive of best practice dairy farming.

Topic 7: New Initiatives

Rodger Rangi (026), Waru Panapa (027), Robert Snijders (051).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 026 suggests wind farms.

Submitter 027 suggests the development of desalination plants to contribute to the reduction of rising sea levels and research and development and collaboration for opportunities associated with hydrogen fuel plants.

Submitter 051 suggests other climate control ideas such as electricity generation from animal excrement.

Officer Comment

Council is always looking for new initiatives and seeking feedback from our community. Initiatives that require significant funding or long term planning would need feasibility planning and assessment. We encourage new ideas from our community to combat the impact of climate change. Taking further steps to reforest areas and cleaning waterways is beneficial for both the environment and community resilience.

Officers recommend that the potential for hydrogen initiatives in the District is considered further during the development of Council's Climate Impact Strategy and Action Plan.

Topic 8: Reporting

Anonymous (037), Sally Patrick (058), Federated Farmer (059), Southern North Island Wood Council (060).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 059 said Council should undertake a cost benefit analysis to identify any benefit to citizens and ratepayers for future identified projects based on the likelihood of actual use of such facilities. For example, cycleways may be a waste of ratepayers' money if these are not used (or barely used) over the asset lifetime.

Submitter 037 suggests Council provide information, such as Wellington City Council and Auckland City Council on eco-sourcing and climate friendly solutions, about how small dwellings can make positive environmental choices such as eco-sourcing, pollinator plants, shade planting, root systems and surface flooding, about the consequence of concrete compared to gravel driveways.

Submitter 058 notes the Rangitikei-wide issues with which we as a community need Council to take the lead in mitigating (as mentioned: sea-level rise; extreme weather events; infrastructure breakdown; etc.). Support for spatial planning work which will consider the effect of climate change and the impacts it will have on the district. The submitter identifies it is crucial to include the potential breakdown of communication networks within the considered mitigation measures. Council ability to collaborate successfully across multiple sectors/communities is also important.

Submitter 060 notes more data should be collected of current sectors that are contributing to positive climate change outcomes (forestry) and the contribution to the communities and economy.

Officer Comment

Being able to collect data and report on the information that is received is crucial towards combatting the effects of climate change and planning for the impacts on the district. The collection of data is also beneficial in communicating this to our communities.

Council appreciates any feedback regarding climate change as the environment and challenges are unprecedented. Community consultation is a key component in understanding and disseminating data we have available and the impacts this having on our district.

Council is planning to prepare a Climate Impact Strategy and Action Plan and will use the feedback from the annual plan to help support its development. This strategy will enable us to take a district wide approach to build resilience within our communities.

Summary

The feedback received through our annual plan process will be able to guide Council on the next steps for climate action in the Rangitikei. The comments reflect the expectation on local government to report and plan for next steps for climate action and to consider the impact climate change will have on all aspects of the district.

Submissions were varied, referencing the organisation and district in the urgency to reduce the impact of climate change. Climate impacts will vary across the district and the results of a changing climate are likely to impact our remote, rural, and coastal areas the greatest. Because of this we need to prepare for the changes that are likely to impact our district. We can do this by supporting our business communities and agricultural industries, considering climate in all aspects of our services, and providing the information and data needed to build resilience in our communities.

‘Council will need to forecast the impact climate change will have and respond to these changes. Having oversight on our greenhouse gas emissions will guide decision making and contribute to Council proactively decreasing our carbon footprint. Officers plan to prepare a Climate Impact Strategy and Action Plan during 2022/23, this will enable Council to take a leadership role in responding to climate impacts throughout the Rangitikei.

Recommendation

That Council commits to developing a Climate Impact Strategy and Action Plan in 2022/23, subject to funding being received for the project from the “Better Off” fund.

Finance

Topic 1	Rate Increase
Topic 2	Debt levels
Topic 3	Development Contributions
Topic 4	Rural Water Schemes

Topic 1: Rate Increase

Submissions

Elisabeth Riley (011), Interested Residents of Marton and Rangitikei (013), Federated Farmers (059), Emma Watson (022), Nerolie Goddard (035), Anonymous (039), Lyn Duncan (041), Grant Wilson (042), Anonymous (045), Anonymous (052).

Summary of submissions

Submitters indicated a preference for a lower rate increase. Some submitters raised the increased cost of living, while noting that incomes are not increasing at the same rate.

Submitter 042 indicated that the rates rise should have been consulted on.

Submitter 045 queried how rates have not exceeded the level indicated in the Long Term Plan, given unexpected levels of inflation.

Officer Comment

Generally, zero/lower rate increases are not seen as being financially responsible. Councils are faced with rising costs alongside increasing community and central government expectations. Councils need to ensure that they have sufficient income to cover their costs.

Additionally, a single year's rate increase should not be looked at in isolation – it is preferable to have a steady, predictable level of annual rate increase instead of some years of zero rate increase followed by much larger increases.

Council has an underlying operational financial deficit that needs to be addressed, and reducing the rates increase in the current year will only create a need for higher rates rises in future years. Officers are managing levels of operating expenditure to retain its operating position without exceeding the rates rise indicated in the Long Term Plan.

While a proposed rates rise is often a point of interest to the community, consulting on this percentage overly simplifies Council's work. Should Council attempt to achieve a lower rates rise, this would be through removing or reducing projects or services until costs are at a level deemed acceptable.

Topic 2: Debt Levels**Submissions**

Simon Loudon (013), Anonymous (030).

Summary of submissions

Submitters 013 and 030 requested that Council reduce the level of debt indicated in the Annual Plan, with submitter 013 specifying a debt limit of \$40 million.

Officer Comment

Council's proposed debt levels do not exceed sector-recognised prudent lending limits.

Topic 3: Development Contributions**Submissions**

Robert Snijders (051).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 051 indicated that the Development Contributions Policy should be revisited and development contributions charged.

Officer Comment

During the development of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan Development Contributions were discussed and Council agreed to continue its current approach of having Developer Agreements (as provided for in Sections 207A-F of the Local Government Act 2002) and not a Development Contributions Policy. These agreements are voluntary but legally enforceable once signed by the Council and the developer.

This approach must be reviewed every three years, so it will next be reviewed prior to the 2024-34 Long Term Plan (if not before). If a Development Contributions Policy was prepared, public consultation is required before it is adopted.

Topic 4: Rural Water Schemes**Submissions**

Erewhon Rural Water Scheme (063), Hunterville Rural Water Scheme (064).

Summary of submissions

Two rural water scheme committees have requested specific increases to their respective water rates (i.e. the rates that are charged to their respective members for each connected rating unit). Such rate income is essentially held 'on trust' of these schemes.

The Erewhon Rural Water Scheme initially requested an increase of 25%, however, the members of the Erewhon Rural Water Supply scheme have canvassed their members and now request that the Erewhon rate be increased 100% - this has the support of the members of the Scheme.

The Hunterville Rural Water Scheme requested no increase to their targeted rate.

Officer Comment

Officers worked with these committees to understand their respective current financial positions and future capital programs. The rates increase suggested by the schemes (Erewhon 100% and Hunterville 0%) are consistent with their respective financial position and future capital programs.

Recommendation

That the targeted rate associated with Erewhon Rural Water Scheme be increased by 100% for the 2022/23 financial year.

That the targeted rate associated with the Hunterville Rural Water Scheme remain unchanged for the 2022/23 financial year (0% increase).

Community and Leisure Assets

Community Development

Topic 1	Chinese Language Week
Topic 2	Housing
Topic 3	Shared accommodation for over 65s in Taihape
Topic 4	Huntermore Sport Complex Equipment
Topic 5	Community Digital Development Plan

Topic 1: Chinese Language Week

Submissions

Jo Coughlan, New Zealand Chinese Language Week (002).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 002 suggested that council give a grant towards Chinese Language week and requested that the Mayor give an endorsement in a promotional video.

Officer Comment

Funding is available through Council's Event Sponsorship Scheme for events that help develop community cohesion and reinforce economic growth. Council's Community Initiative Fund supports community initiatives that have the potential to benefit the district in community service and support or leisure promotion. Council also administers the Creative Communities fund on behalf of the DIA that supports diversity and inclusion. Projects with a youth focus are also encouraged.

Officers recommend the submitter applies to Council's existing funding schemes. This project would not be eligible for the "Better Off" funding.

Recommendation

That Council provides funding of \$2,000 to Chinese Language Week NZ through the Annual Plan process.

OR

That Council does not provide funding and instead supports Officer to assist the submitter with an application to Council's funding schemes.

Actions

Officers to contact submitter with information on available grants and support for events that take place within the district.

Staff to explore opportunity for Mayor's endorsement with submitter.

Topic 2: Housing**Submissions**

Ian Rae (005), Taihape Community Development Trust (006), Door of Hope Rangitikei Charitable Trust (010), Waru Panapa (027), Sally Patrick (058).

Summary of submissions

Submitters 005 and 006 requested that Council allocate funding to purchase land for housing in Taihape.

Submitter 010 suggested that Council should fund social housing in the district and requested that Council subdivide land to create sections for sale for residential housing, including social housing.

Submitter 027 suggested Council could investigate innovative housing solutions, recognising the wellbeing role Councils will hold in the future.

Submitter 058 commended RDC for its initial steps to remedy the Rangitikei housing crisis.

Officer Comment

Council's response to date to support housing demand in the Rangitikei include the development of the Housing Strategy and the facilitation and capacity building of two not-for-profit social housing providers.

Council held discussions in early 2022 on the Housing Strategy that considered needs and Council's role across each of the housing sectors. There was support for Officers to develop the scope for a business case for the site at 22 Tui Street, Taihape. Draft Terms of Reference for the business case are being developed. \$50,000 was signaled as funding for the business case, to be funded via the 'Better Off' fund.

At this stage, Council has not committed to purchasing and subdividing land throughout the district for residential purposes. The first step of Council becoming more active in creating residential developments would be a piece of work that would examine the need, appropriate mechanism, resourcing and costs associated with taking a more active role. There is currently no funding for this. Council could consider extending the scope of the business case to include the points raised by submitters. Extending the scope of the business case for 22 Tui Street, to include the points raised by submitters 005, 006 and 010, would increase costs. Officers would come back to Council with an estimate of costs prior to the lodgment of Council's application to the 'Better Off' fund.

Housing projects would be eligible to apply to the "Better Off" fund.

Currently Kainga Ora are the main provider of social housing in the Rangitikei, with Council the provider of community housing primarily for those aged 65 years and older.

Recommendation

Subject to further costs being provided by Officers, that Council supports/does not support [delete one] in principle, the scope of the terms of reference for the housing business case to be extended to capture the points raised by submitters 005, 006 and 010 regarding Council's potential role in housing, which would be subject to the approval of funding via the "Better Off" fund.

Actions

Council staff will continue to meet with the submitters to receive more details related to their submissions, including where they propose that Council purchase land and information held on the level of demand for different kinds of housing in Taihape. The Strategic Advisor, Economic Development has been an *ex officio* board member of the Taihape Housing Steering Group (THSG) since April 2021 and supports and facilitates its development by providing institutional strengthening, capacity development and linkages to Council, central government ministries and not-for-profit housing providers. In this capacity he coordinates closely with the Taihape Community Development Trust on behalf of THSG, which serves as the Trust's sub-committee on housing.

Topic 3: Shared accommodation for over 65s in Taihape**Submissions**

Taihape Community Development Trust (006).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 006 suggested that Council investigates providing shared accommodation for seniors and the elderly in Taihape, through funding or the construction and donation of facilities.

Officer Comment

From February to April 2022, the Taihape Housing Steering Group and the Taihape Community Development Trust jointly sponsored a survey in Taihape to determine the level of interest amongst independent, mobile seniors (65+) and the elderly to become residents in a shared accommodation/group home. Seventeen out of the eighteen people who responded expressed interest in becoming residents of a group home: eight within 24 months and six at some point in the future.

The expressions of interest that were received was a good first step, however, more residents will be needed to ensure the project's financial viability. For this reason, the groups involved have indicated the survey will be extended to other nearby towns and the farming community over the next few months to see if there is enough interest from additional potential group home residents to support moving forward with the project.

Officers will meet with the shared accommodation survey administrators to analyse the results once all responses have been received. This information will help demonstrate the viability of shared accommodation options for seniors. If this appears viable, Officers will return to Elected Members to discuss what role (if any) Council could play.

Topic 4: Hunterville Sports Complex Equipment

Submissions

Anonymous (016), Kelsey Smith (036), Lynette Thompson, Hunterville Community Sports Trust (043), Hunterville Community Sport Complex (044).

Summary of submissions

The community have undertaken fundraising efforts towards a wider project to refurbish the turf. This request is for council to contribute \$20,000 to buy tennis nets and hockey goals.

Officer Comment

This request could be made under Council's Community Initiatives grant. Council could also consider an application under the Parks Upgrade Partnership if the total value of the total project is \$60,000 or more. While this proposal does not strictly comply with the requirements of the Parks Upgrade Partnership because the Community Sports Complex is not on Council land, Council did contribute funding to the Marton Pump Track (on Marton School land) because the track would be available to the public to use, as the Hunterville Community Sports Complex is at Hunterville School. The 2021/22 Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund currently has a balance of \$75,000. Sport Whanganui is another organisation that could be a possible funder. Officers are able to support the Trust in the grant application process and offer support with an application to Sport Whanganui.

Recommendation

That Council approves funding of \$20,000, for the Hunterville Sports Complex equipment from the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund.

OR

That Council approves funding of \$20,000 in the Annual Plan 2022/23 for Hunterville Sports Complex equipment.

OR

That Council does not approve funding for the Hunterville Sports Complex equipment, and supports Officers working with the Trust to seek external funding opportunities.

Topic 5: Community Digital Development Plan**Submissions**

Sally Patrick (058).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 058 suggested that council undertake a community digital development plan, incorporating features such as improving rural access to fibre broadband and supporting business to improve online presence.

Officer comment

Officers note the wellbeing benefits associated with strong digital competency and accessibility in the Rangitikei. However, further investigation is needed to establish the opportunity, cost and benefits of developing a community digital development plan.

Central Government will be releasing a digital strategy soon, which will provide an insight into priorities for Central Government, and may also provide an indication of investment available.

Actions

Following release of Central Government's digital strategy, staff will consider the need and timeline for a community digital development plan, noting staff capacity and priorities will need to be considered.

Property

Topic 1	Koitiata Campground
Topic 2	CCTV Marton
Topic 3	Squash Club Expansion

Topic 1: Koitiata Campground**Submissions**

Keith Gray (053), Graeme Munro and Diane Brown (054).

Summary of submissions

Submitters 053 and 054 requested a rebuild or upgrade of the current toilet and shower facility, indicating it is well used, and no longer fit for purpose.

Submitter 053 suggested that a Permaloo dry vault toilet be installed near the access to the beach to allow for public use.

Submitter 054 also noted issues with surface water pooling at the campground.

Officer Comment

Following a submission from the Koitiata Residents Committee to the Long Term Plan 2021/2031 it was resolved that staff would investigate the requirements for the upgrading of the toilet and shower facility at the campground including consideration of the need for an additional toilet.

Council staff met with representatives from the Koitiata Residents Committee and campground caretakers to discuss the various options. The Committee requests the following - that initial refurbishment of the existing building occurs in the short term, an additional public toilet is installed near the playground, and in the long term a total rebuild occurs which would provide extra toilet and shower facilities to meet demand.

To refurbish the existing facilities the cost would be approximately \$70,000. This would include a full renovation of the existing building, with new lining, fixtures and fittings. The existing facility has one toilet and shower for males, and one shower and toilet for females. The refurbishment could occur before the 2022/23 summer period, noting that in the present market, this would be supply and contractor dependent. The existing facility is in poor condition, with refurbishment a high priority. Officers would also investigate installing counters on the refurbished facility to obtain a more accurate understanding of use, that would inform any planning for a future rebuild.

The refurbishment of the Koitata campground toilets/showers would not be eligible for the 'Better Off' fund, as it is a maintenance project.

The cost of installing a Permaloo dry vault toilet near the playground is approximately \$90,000, however this cost does not include the associated consent fees (resource consent is also required as this area is within the Outstanding Natural Feature or Landscape. A Discretionary Resource consent would be required along with consultation with Horizons). Therefore, the total cost of this option is estimated at \$100,000.

A total rebuild of the facilities to increase the number of toilets and showers is a more complex option. Officers estimate a total rebuild could cost \$550,000 (based on a similar model from Mangaweka). There are a range of factors to consider with a total rebuild; the flooding associated with the lagoon impacting the site, ground water level, the location (and property boundaries associated with the expansion), consenting and water supply. This option would take longer to undertake a design, achieve required consents and for construction. This would be a long term project to proceed with alongside the community once stormwater issues have been addressed.

Recommendation

That Council provides / does not provide [delete one] funding of \$70,000 for refurbishment of the toilets/showers at the Koitiata Campground in the 2022/23 Annual Plan

OR

That Council does not provide funding towards improved toilet/shower facilities at the Koitiata Campground in the 2022/23 Annual Plan.

Topic 2: CCTV Marton

Submissions

Taihape Community Development Trust (TCDT) (006).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 006 requested that Council be final funder of a sum of Council's choice in the purchasing of CCTV cameras for Marton. The group have already undertaken work with a supplier who has donated items and supply towards necessary CCTV upgrades in Bulls, Hunterville, and Taihape. At hearings, the submitter indicated the total cost may be up to \$100,000, though the intention is to seek funding elsewhere.

Officer Comment

When CCTV was introduced to the District, Project Marton sought funding for CCTV installation across Marton, Bulls, Taihape and Hunterville. It was agreed at the time, between the local trusts, that they would take turns applying for funding when upgrades or renewal of the CCTV network was required. It is TCDT's turn to apply for funding for required upgrades.

The CCTV network is valuable for supporting the safety of the community. Access to video footage is held by the police.

Council currently pays for the maintenance of the systems and there is a sum of \$5,000 allocated for this. There is currently no budget allocated for renewals. Officers are happy to support the TCDT with their external funding applications.

This project would not be eligible for the 'Better Off' fund as it is maintenance of an existing asset that Council does not own.

Recommendation

That Council provides funding of up to \$[add figure] as the final funder for the upgrade of the CCTV cameras in Marton via Council funding.

OR

That Council does not provide funding towards the upgrade of the CCTV cameras in Marton.

Topic 3: Squash Club Expansion**Submissions**

Taihape Squash Club (055), Taihape Community Board (062).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 055 indicated that the Squash Club expansion is progressing well, however the land area previously requested does not align with plans. The additional land required is also controlled and managed by Council. It was used by the bowls club who are no longer active. The Squash Club are also willing to take on responsibilities for the remainder of the area between the requested site and the Weka Street extension, which will not be constructed on, but utilised for providing for a picnic/shade outdoor area. The submitter indicated that the expansions will not only benefit the squash group, but also have incorporated ideas to make the facility more useful for the tennis and netball players.

The request is for Council approval to extend onto the neighbouring land as required to complete the planned extension, as well as processing any changes rapidly to ensure the upgrades take place as soon as possible.

Submitter 062 indicated support for this request.

Officer Comment

Due to the urgency of the request, the Taihape Squash Club attended public forum at Council's 26 May 2022 meeting. At that meeting, Council considered the request as a late item as the decision could not be delayed as the Club needed to urgently submit a funding application.

Council resolved the following:

That Council direct the Chief Executive to examine the request made by Taihape Squash club for additional land and to advise Council on what adverse impacts, if any, there may be in agreeing to this request.

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AND

That Council delegate to the Chief Executive, HWTM and the Chair of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee to authorise the request made by Taihape Squash for additional land, should there be no, or minor adverse impacts to Council of the request.

Infrastructure

Parks

Topic 1	Taihape Playground
Topic 2	Funding Request – Friends of Taihape

Topic 1: Taihape Playground

Submission

Taihape Playground Group (048).

Summary of submission

Submitter 048 noted the playground needs upgrading and requested support progressing work on the Taihape Playground.

Officer Comment

The submitter has been working on plans to upgrade the playground at Taihape Memorial Park. During the 2021-31 Long Term Plan process the submitter requested funding for this project. As part of Council deliberations, it was agreed to support the project in Year 2 of the LTP:

That Council provides a capital provision of up to \$50,000 (in Year 2 of the LTP) to the Taihape Playground Group for the upgrading of Taihape Memorial Park Playground, subject to alignment with the Parks, Open Spaces and Sporting Facilities Strategy and Reserve Management Plans.

Officers have commenced work with external consultants on both the development of an Urban Design Plan for Taihape Memorial Park and the Parks, Open Spaces and Sporting Facilities Strategy. These two pieces of work will guide the upgrade to the playground at Taihape Memorial Park. The submitter will be invited to participate in the development of both pieces of work.

Topic 3: Funding Request – Friends of Taihape

Submissions

Friends of Taihape Charitable Society (065).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 065 requested funding towards the construction of 3 pedestrian public access bridges across the Hautapu River as part of a number of projects on the native reserve forest in Taihape. Four bridges are planned, with bridge number 2 funded and planned for

completion in the summer of 2022/23. The funding required for the remaining bridges is as follows:

- Final plans, inventory reports, tendering/designer building inspections: \$25,000
- Bridge 1: \$79,000
- Bridge 2: funding sourced
- Bridge 3: \$75,000
- Bridge 4: \$95,000

Other projects requiring funding include:

- Killing and removal of weed trees (i.e. willow, sycamore) in waterways and river beds: \$35,000
- Digital mapping, signs and marketing: \$37,000
- Resurfacing tracks with precipitation issues (~10,000m): \$80,000.

This request is for any funding Council can provide towards the above projects, noting that the charity is not registered for GST, though business could be conducted through RDC if approved, allowing projects to proceed with the GST-exclusive prices listed.

Officer Comment

The Friends of Taihape Charitable Society are an active community group delivering community-led projects in Taihape. The bridges are part of a concept plan completed for Papakai and Memorial Park outlining a future vision for the area. The proposed bridges would enable greater public use of the recreation areas in Taihape and form part of a wider walking and cycling network being developed.

The removal of weeds from waterways is a Horizons responsibility.

This project could be funded through the 'Better Off' funding, however, Officers would need to explore potential ongoing operational costs, such as staff resourcing, maintenance, and depreciation.

Recommendation

That Council in principle agrees to applying for 'Better Off' funding for [*\$ add amount*] to support the work being done by the Friends of Taihape Charitable Society, subject to further consideration of the ongoing operational impact associated with the project.

OR

That Council does not apply for 'Better Off' funding for the work being done by the Friends of Taihape Charitable Society.

Roading

Topic 1	Rural Roading
Topic 2	Cobber Kain
Topic 3	Transport

Topic 1: Rural Roading**Submissions**

Heather Thorby (007), Federated Farmers (059).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 007 suggests that Brandon Hall Road is not fit for trucks, and that there is seal movement. This submitter has requested that Brandon Hall Road be widened to accommodate trucks.

Submitter 059 from Federated Farmers encourage council to improve and seal rural roading.

Submitter 059 request clarification on the proposed \$3.2 million increase of roading debt and requested information on what projects this increase is funding is for.

Submitter 059 also highlight that the roading performance measures do not capture user experience on unsealed roads.

Officer Comment

All planned road improvements are managed through the Roading Activity Management Plans that are created in accordance with Waka Kotahi requirements. Council's performance measure for unsealed roads was confirmed during the 2021-31 Long Term Plan. The performance measure focuses on the percentage of the unsealed road network which is re-metalled each year. A well-planned re-metalling programme ensures the best user experience possible within the current budget.

For the traffic using Brandon Hall Road, the width is in line with national roading standards. There are no plans to widen this road.

It is not possible to allocate the increase in debt to specific projects or improvements. The debt increase is determined by the shortfall between income and proposed expenditure. It could be argued that all capital improvements contribute a proportionate increase in debt.

Topic 2: Cobber Kain**Submissions**

Jocelyn Hunt (019).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 019 requests the sealing of Cobber Kain Avenue. The submitter notes there is a dust problem and 22 people living in the area.

Officer Comment

Cobber Kain Avenue was programmed in the 2021-31 Long Term Plan for sealing during Years 1 – 3. This project is scheduled to occur during the next two years, with construction occurring during the 2022/23 and 2023/24 years.

Topic 3: Transport**Submissions**

Anonymous (030).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 030 suggests Bulls and Sanson need a bypass with a new bridge to the east of Bulls. The submitter queries whether Council is working with Waka Kotahi on this project yet. The submitter also notes the traffic issues in Bulls and the need for a solution for the main intersection and better access for pedestrian.

Submitter 030 questions whether Marton has an EV station, and if not, suggests it should.

Officer Comment

The traffic issues in Bulls raised by the submitter are noted. As indicated by the submitter, the State Highway network is managed by Waka Kotahi (not Council). Council will work proactively with Waka Kotahi to improve the situation in and around Bulls if the opportunity arises.

An Electric Vehicle charging station is available at New World Marton.

Three Waters

Topic 1	Marton Water
Topic 2	Koitiata Lagoon

Topic 1: Marton Water**Submissions**

Carolyn Bates (012), Anonymous (039), Grant Wilson (042), Robert Snijders (051).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 012 has asked if the drinking water in Marton will see an improvement with Three Waters.

Submitter 039 suggested that Marton Water is disgusting and Submitter 042 identified water quality as important.

Submitter 051 raised concern there is insufficient back up for planned bores and is concerned about potential health impacts from the brine.

Officer Comment

Council is aware of the current shortcomings of the Marton water supply and as a result has planned to spend approximately \$11 million over the next two years to make improvements aligned with the Marton Water Supply Strategy. The purpose of the Marton Water Strategy is to consistently deliver good quality, affordable, safe drinking water at volumes for today and the future. Several key projects are planned to improve the Marton water supply including; the investigation and construction of an additional bore to supply raw water, a leak detection and repair programme and the construction of a new water treatment plant. Marton water quality will be improved through the changes identified in the Marton Water Strategy.

The additional production bore will add a level of redundancy of available raw water sources and contribute to an improved security of supply in the future. We will have a total of three bores to use in different configurations and would potentially still have the option to make use of the existing raw water source available from the Marton dams. The drinking water produced will always be subject to the national drinking water standards that will ensure safe drinking water regardless of the treatment process.

The Government's Three Waters proposal would mean significant changes in the delivery of water services. The new water services entity would be responsible for the delivery of the Marton water supply, including the improvements made via the Marton Water Strategy.

Topic 2: Koitiata Lagoon**Submissions**

Graeme Munro and Dianne Brown (054).

Summary of submissions

There is a significant problem with the open drain the floods in front of the campground. It is caused by rain and farm run-off that drains to the estuary. The submitter is concerned about safety of children and damage to roading.

Officer Comment

The Lagoon has been a concern of residents for several years. Council notes the concern raised by the community about the impact land reforming work on nearby farmland has had on exacerbating the issue. In the past, the issues was resolved by breaching the sand dunes without consent. However, the community has now been informed of consent requirements. Council has advocated on behalf of the community for the issue to be addressed by Horizons, most recently in May 2022. Addressing the issue is a function of Horizons and Council continues to urge them to take responsibility and fund the resource consent and work needed to address the issue.

Projects

Topic 1	Marton Civic Centre
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Topic 1: Marton Civic Centre**Submissions**

Carolyn Bates (012).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 012 indicated frustration at the time projects take to complete, stating that there has been talk for some time about the Marton Civic Centre project, but there does not appear to be progress. Submitter 012 suggested that current and future projects be assessed and information conveyed to residents to improve confidence in projects.

Officer Comment

From lessons learned during the Te Matapihi, Bulls Community Centre Projects, Council established a project management office (PMO) in October 2020. Staff in the PMO have had oversight of the capital projects planned since 2019/20.

The PMO reviewed the order and timing of all projects, including those projects that were underway to ensure understanding of the history of the project. This included the Marton Civic Centre project, which is currently in the planning phase. This process is best practice to make sure that the initiation of the project is complete and thorough, aiming to achieve the best possible result of the project.

Implementing the PMO and improving project management seeks to improve the community's trust and confidence in Council's capital projects. Work is underway to increase communication with our community about Council's major projects.

Democracy and Planning

Topic 1	Formal Consultation
Topic 2	Council's communication
Topic 3	Website
Topic 4	General Engagement
Topic 5	Strategic Planning
Topic 6	Amalgamation

Topic 1: Formal Consultation

Submissions

Carolyn Bates (012), Interested Residents of Marton and Rangitikei (013), Grant Wilson (043), Robert Snijders (051), Anonymous(052).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 012 requested that an option was made available to provide input to annual and long-term plans outside of the submission period.

Submitter 013 indicated that the consultation period was too short and simple.

Submitters 013 and 043 indicated that the Annual Plan flyer had insufficient information.

Submitters 013 and 051 suggested that Council should not highlight their preferred option for key choices.

Submitter 043 stated that the flyer did not include the closing date and time for the consultation, and noted dissatisfaction with the online submission having comment limits.

Submitter 051 suggested more detail should be provided for costs included in the Annual Plan (e.g. \$11m earmarked for Marton's water supply).

Submitter 052 expressed dissatisfaction with the survey.

Officer Comment

As Council is required to adopt Long Term and Annual Plans with set deadlines and has limited ability to amend or act outside of these plans once adopted, it is a necessity to have a limited timeframe for feedback on key choices and budget settings. Legal requirements for the official consultation period are outlined in the Local Government Act, and this is the opportunity to have requests formally heard and responded to. The public can contact Council outside of

submission periods if interested, and Council endeavors to reflect on known community sentiment in decision making.

This year it was decided to send a one-page, double-sided flyer to every household in the District. This was intended to be a summary of the information that was contained in the consultation document. Both pages had the closing date and time in the bottom right hand corner. It also directed people to how and where they could find the more detailed information on all issues being consulted on and ways to make a submission.

The preparation of the budget is a core feature of the Annual Plan. The financial implications for Council's preferred option need to be included to ensure this budget is accurate. Under the Local Government Act 2002, Council is required to include in consultations a proposal and other practicable options, or a suite of options alongside the preferred option. While this is not specifically required for the annual plan, it is considered best practice to follow this format to aid the community in understanding not only what is proposed, but what other options are possible.

The Annual Plan document provides the financial information required by the Local Government Act 2002. Major projects are reported monthly to Council. Information about the Marton Water Strategy is provided on Council's website.

It is important to enable input to decision making, and officers strive to make engagement opportunities concise and appealing while conveying sufficient information. Feedback on engagement is always welcome.

Actions

Investigate ability to remove comment limit on future surveys.

Topic 2: Council's communication

Submissions

Carolyn Bates (012).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 012 requested that Council uses less formal language with the community.

Submitter 012 also indicated that the website can be difficult to navigate.

Officer Comment

It is important to make public information accessible. Often, the terminology used has a specific and significant meaning within a Council setting, especially the examples provided, however officers will be mindful of whether this is always necessary in public communications.

Topic 3: Website**Submissions**

Carolyn Bates (012), Federated Farmers (015)

Summary of submissions

Submitter 012 indicated that the website can be difficult to navigate.

Submitter 015 requested that Council include the 2020 and 2021 Annual Report under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act on their website.

Officer Comment

Officers endeavor to keep the website up to date, consider accessibility and look for improvements that can be made to enhance the user experience; this is ongoing. Where users are unable to find the information required, it is possible to contact Council to request the information and indicate that this was difficult to find online.

Council acknowledges the request to upload the District Licensing Committee Annual Report, while these documents were on the website in the meetings section they have now also been loaded to the Licensing Authority Reports as suggested by the submitter.

Topic 4: General Engagement**Submissions**

Carolyn Bates (012).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 012 requested that Council continues to hold information sessions, particularly online. Submitter 012 also requested the continuation of Community Committees and Boards and endorsed the recently established Chair's Meetings

Officer Comment

It is important to Council to make information available and accessible to the public, and intends to continue to communicate with the community, including online sessions where suitable.

The relationship with communities that is fostered through Committees and Community Boards is important. It is positive to see feedback on the success of the Chair's Meetings. The Council does not intend to dis-establish the Community Committees.

Topic 5: Strategic Planning**Submissions**

Heather Thorby (007), Carolyn Bates (012), Anonymous (030), Anonymous (049).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 007 suggested the flat land at the end of Trickers Road is appropriate for residential development, and requested a connecting through road via Viles Road onto Whanganui Highway.

Submitter 012 Indicated concern over the impact of growth, including Ohakea and other developments on infrastructure, and stated that people are not always aware of what may affect them.

Submitter 013 requests respect and protection for historic buildings such as the old Bulls town hall.

Submitter 049 requests Council consider a panoramic view policy, noting the view of Ruapehu from Broadway needs to be restored as an integral part of our connection to the Rangitikei.

Officer Comment

The comments regarding future development of Trickers Road is noted and will be considered as part of feedback on Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond, Council's spatial planning project. Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond focuses on being proactive about the aspirations throughout the Rangitikei for growth. This project will support Council in ensuring infrastructure is provided to support our growing communities at the right time in the right place.

The District Plan provides the list of Heritage buildings protected due to their significance (see Schedule C3). The list of protected heritage buildings is aligned with the Heritage List managed by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga. The Bulls Town Hall is not protected. The next opportunity for consideration of whether additional buildings should be protected will be through the District Plan Review.

Council does not currently have a panoramic view policy. It is acknowledged that Mt Ruapehu can be seen from a range of locations throughout the District. A significant volume of work would be required to create a mechanism for protecting views throughout the district. At this time such a project is not a priority for the 2022/23 Annual Plan.

Topic 6: Amalgamation**Submissions**

Pete Galpin (033).

Summary of submissions

Submitter 033 requested that Council revisit amalgamation with the Manawatū.

Officer Comment

Previously, the Manawatū District Council and Palmerston North District Councils have considered amalgamation, at which point Council raised concerns for the future of the Rangitīkei without access to shared service arrangements.

Additionally, some resident groups have suggested that part or all of the Rangitīkei amalgamate with the Manawatū.

However, there are concerns that increasing the scale of our local bodies would lessen the ability of individuals to be represented in governance. Further, with a range of reforms underway that are expected to have significant impact on the local government sector, it is not prudent to consider amalgamation until the future role and status of local government is clearer.

7 Meeting Closed