

Summary of Information

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Rangitikei District Council is consulting on the draft Development Contributions Policy

The Policy

Section 102(1) of the Local Government Act 2002 requires the Council to adopt a policy on development contributions or financial contributions. Section 106(6) of that Act requires such a policy to be reviewed at least every three years using a consultation process that gives effect to the requirements of section 82.

Proposed Changes to the Policy

Councils Current Policy is to not require development contributions.

Council is not proposing any changes to this policy.

Submissions

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Further information

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Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2024-25

Rangitikei District Council is consulting on the proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges.

The Schedule of Fees and Charges

Fees and Charges set by the Council follows Councils view about how various services are to be funded, particularly the balance between the share to be funded by ratepayers and the share to be funded by those making use of it. The portion funded by ratepayers is to cover the public good benefit the general public receives by having that service or facility available to them. The portion funded by those making use of that service or facility is to fund the private benefit they receive directly from using the service or facility.

Proposed Changes to the Schedule of Fees and Charges

The fees and charges have been reviewed for 2024/25. The main changes include:

- A blanket increase of 3.9% has been used on a majority of fees, which is the rate of CPI as indicated by BERL. The fees set by legislation or regulation have not been changed.
- A change to the way building consent fees for domestic/residential small projects are charged is proposed. The fees associated with domestic/residential small projects have been increased by \$100 and now incorporate the charge for a code compliance certificate. The increase of \$100 is offset by removing the code compliance certificate fee (which was \$350)
- The per tonne rate for solid waste refuse charge has been increased by CPI plus an additional \$10 to align with the increase in the MfE Levy.
- The chargeable items for waste disposal have been increased by CPI and then rounded up to the nearest dollar for cash handling purposes.
- Adjustments have been made to the chargeable items for solid waste disposal. These changes have been made to reflect the true costs of disposing these items.

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Draft Rates Remission Policy

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The Policy

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. The policy provides for remission of rates under specific objectives and criteria.

This policy remits rates under eleven specific objectives and criteria:

- Economic Development
- Incentives to address earthquake-prone buildings
- Community, sporting and other not-for-profit organisations
- Contiguous rating units owned or leased by a single ratepayer
- Multiple toilet pans
- Penalties
- Land affected by natural calamity
- Land protected for natural conservation purposes
- Financial hardship or disproportionate rates compared to the value of the property.
- Incentivising residential development
- Land subject to rezoning
- Any other matters

Proposed Changes to the Policy

Earthquake Prone Buildings

- To be eligible, the earthquake prone building must be strengthened to at least 67% of the New Building Standard.
- Strengthening work on a new building must receive a code compliance certificate prior to 1 July 2030.
- If a remission is granted, a remission of \$5000 excluding gst will be given.

Land Subject to rezoning

- This remission is to partially remit rates for ratepayers that have an increase in rates that is due to an increase in land values caused by a Council initiated zone change.
- To be eligible the rating unit must not be rezoned through a Council initiated plan change prior to 1 July 2024.
- This remission is not eligible for properties rezoned through a private plan change.

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Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

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The Policy

When setting the Rates, Levies, Fees and Charges Council balances a range of considerations including the most appropriate mix of funding for each of its activities. The Revenue and Financing Policy outlines this funding mix for each of Council's activities. The Revenue and Financing Policy includes: Part A: Council's General Principles for revenue and funding management. Part B: an overview of how Council will fund its services. This includes whether an activity is funded by rates (and what type of rates), fees and charges, external sources.

Proposed Changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy

- Part A of the policy has been updated to refer to the principles of the preamble of the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993.
- Other minor changes have been made to Part A to reflect the uncertain nature of external grants received by Council.
- In Part B the relative split in funding sources for some activities has been updated.
- A new key has been created for the matrix in Part B.
- A new Appendix 1 has been attached.

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Draft Significance and Engagement Policy

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The Significance and Engagement Policy is used by Council to determine the level of significance of each decision, and what level of engagement with the community will occur before each decision is made.

Changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy

No significant changes have been made to the intent of the Significance and Engagement Policy. The review of this policy has focused on making the policy easier to use.

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