

Revenue and Financing Policy

Meeting: Council Briefing
Date of meeting: 07 April 2020
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Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To discuss and review the content of a Revenue and Financing Policy which is required to be part of the Long Term Plan (LTP) for 2021/2031.

Context/Horopaki

Section 102(2) states that each local authority must adopt a number of funding policies, one of which is the Revenue and Financing Policy. Once adopted as a draft, this policy will be formally consulted on as part of the LTP. This policy being developed will provide predictability about sources and levels of funding.

The current policy is contained in the LTP Part 2 page 161. The current analysis of each activity is not online and relates back to 2014 when it was approved (74-page document).

Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

The starting place is analysing the activities and there are four stages. This involves:

- Identifying the activities to be funded
- Determining whether the benefits are public or private for each activity
- Apply discretions around fairness and equity to modify the allocation of costs
- Agree on the best way of funding this to achieve the desired allocation of costs.

Key changes proposed from the current policy:

- Reduction in paperwork and clarity -90 pages to approximately 13 pages
- Categorisation which has previously been very broad
 - High 67% to 100%
 - Medium 34% to 66%
 - Low 0 to 33%
- Proposed change is to detail the targeted figure but realise the actual may be at variance up to 10%.

Next steps/E whaiake nei

Information needs to be up to date from asset management plans so that equalisation proposals can be properly considered. Also for your information at the end of June 2020, the Mangawhai General Wastewater loan balance will have reduced to around \$1,500,000.

A further meeting at a later date will discuss issues that have been brought to my attention and may further change the Revenue and Financing Policy. These have been brought to my attention and Councillors may wish to advise me of more

- Issue of water, wastewater, and stormwater equalisation
- Future funding of parks – MCP, Harding and Taharoa park
- SUIP (Definition only for wastewater).

Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Revenue and Financing Analysis of Activities
B	Current Analysis of Activities from LTP