

Supplementary Agenda Item 1 Additional to Item 5

5. Review of District Living Group User Charges

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Additional Charges

Subsequent to the agenda being circulated additional charges were added. These charges have been highlighted on the attached replacement pages being:

- a Replacement page 74, refer Abatement Notices, "Charge to cover seizure, transporting and storing of seized property" has been included.
and
- b Replacement page 79, refer Certificate of Public Use (CPU), "Senior Building Control Officer hourly charge rate" has been included.

Attachments

- 1 [Replacement page number 74](#)
- 2 [Replacement page number 79](#)

Liquor Licensing

Liquor Licensing fees are prescribed under the Sale of Liquor Amendment Regulations 2000 and remain unchanged from last financial year. It is likely however that during 2012 new liquor licensing laws (Alcohol Harm Reduction Act) will come into force and these will provide for new fees set under regulation. The mechanism for implementation of the fees has not been defined at this time but may require public consultation at some future time. Existing fees structures can be outlined in council documentation but do not require approval or ratifying by Council.

Monitoring and Land Use Consent Conditions – RMA

When a Land Use Consent (LUC) is issued, a deposit for monitoring is charged and held in a holding account. When inspections are undertaken the cost of these are then drawn down from the account. The introduction of the LUC electronic invoicing system this year will enable more effective cost recovery.

The deposits have been adjusted by 3.52% and the fees are presented in Table 14.

Table 14 - Proposed Fees and Charges 2011/12 – Monitoring and Land Use Consents

	Current (\$)	Proposed (\$)
Monitoring and Land Use Consent Conditions		
Deposit invoiced at the time a resource consent decision is issued.		
Residential	350.00	362.00
Commercial	500.00	517.00
This average cost equates to 3.6 hours of compliance staff time for residential and 5.1 hours for commercial.		
Hours over the above advance fee and mileage, which may also involve work by other specialist planning, parks and engineering staff will be charged at a rate specified in the Council Professional Fee Schedule for Resource Consents.	See Table 2 Resource Management Administration Charges	See Table 2 Resource Management Administration Charges
Abatement Notices		
Charge applied to issue an abatement notice	120.00	124.00
Charge to cover seizure, transporting and storing of seized property	200.00	200.00

Building Department Fees and Charges

Introduction

There are two main considerations for the Building Department's fees and charges for the 2012/2013 year:

- Local Government Cost Index adjustment of 3.52%
- Charge out rate increase for Over Head contribution

Many fees are proposed to remain static and the main reason behind this is that they are currently recovering sufficient cost to ensure their cost base is covered.

The accompanying Tables demonstrate the net affect of fees and whether they move up or down and by what amount. PIMS and Building Consent fees are presented in Table 15 and are adopted by Council without consultation. Table 16 presents the Land information memorandum fees (LIM) which require consultation.

All figures in this report include GST.

Local Government Cost Index adjustment of 3.52%

Many fee components are subject to inflationary pressures. These have being allowed for and shown as a 3.52% increase in line with the Local Government Cost Index. Not all fees have this applied. For instance most of the administration costs are proposed fixed for the new financial 2012/2013 year due to administration fees maintaining a good cost recovery of actual incurred costs in this area, and increases in efficiency.

The fees impacted by the 3.52% increase are shown on the accompanying schedule.

Building – Miscellaneous Applications, Approvals and Reports	Existing (\$)	PROPOSED (\$)	Total % Change
Certificate of Public Use (CPU)			
Cert	106.00 per hour	120.00	13.00%
Inspection	165.00 plus Building Officer hourly rate (min charge 257.00)	165.00 plus Building Officer hourly rate (min charge 257.00)	5.5%
Building Code Certificate under Sale of Liquor Act	Hourly rate 106.00/hr	120.00	14%
Building Consent Exemption Requests	min charge 53.00 (plus hourly rate of 106.00 per hour) thereafter Plus Review of planning PIM fee if required	min charge 53.00 (plus hourly rate of 120.00 per hour) thereafter Plus Review of planning PIM fee if required	8.1%
All BCA work for consent assessment requiring technical expertise review	Actual cost plus min 42.00 admin charge	Actual cost plus min 42.00 admin charge	
Any expert review of work required:	Actual cost	Actual cost	
Notice to fix (NTF) cost	Actual cost	Actual cost	
Annual Building Warrant Of Fitness charge per BWOF	80.00	80.00	0%
BCA administration charge and/or Customer Services Charge per hour.		75.00	
Senior Building Control Officer Hourly Charge rate:	-	145.00	
Building Warrant of Fitness Site Audit			
Risk Category 1 Buildings: once every year	Time taken at 106.00/hr	120.00	13.00%
Risk Category 2 Buildings: once every 3 years			
Risk Category 3 Buildings: once every 5 years			
BRANZ Levy			
Calculated at \$1.00 per \$1,000 or part thereof for value equal to and in excess of \$19,999 or as amended by BRANZ (This is exclusive of GST)		At cost	0%