

Supplementary Agenda No 1 Additional to Item 6

6. Revenue and Financing Policy

Reporting officer Alan Adcock (Group Manager Support Services)

Date of meeting 24 June 2015

Vision, mission and values

This item is in accord with Council's vision, mission and values statement as it ensures the appropriate funding of council activities.

Amendments

Subsequent to the preparation of this agenda item some changes are required to clarify the distinction between the Revenue and Financing Policy; and supporting information included in Appendix A, but which is not part of the policy itself.

One additional paragraph has been added to the revised agenda item, and one paragraph has been amended. Both relevant paragraphs are highlighted in Attachment 1.

The Recommendations have also been altered, with number four of the original recommendation no longer required.

Page 10 of the Revenue and Financing Policy (Appendix A) has also been edited, with the changes highlighted (refer Attachment 2).

Attachment:

1. [Amended Item 6 – Revenue and Financing Policy](#)
2. [Page 10 Revenue and Financing Policy \(Appendix A\)](#)

Revenue and Financing Policy			
Audience (Primary)	Internal	Business Owner (Dept)	Financial Services
Policy Author	Financial Controller	Review date	June 2018

Appendix A – Practice notes for each activity

These practice notes were developed as part of the review process for the Revenue and Financing Policy and are not part of the policy itself. They back up the policy published in the Long Term Plan (LTP) and provide detailed consideration notes for each activity. It is not intended to publish the appendix in the LTP as it is not part of the policy.

The percentages and/percentage ranges are estimates only and are used to provide guidance as to Council's view of the appropriate level of recovery. They are not intended to be an exact target. ~~and have been excluded from the published policy.~~

The actual level of each source for funding of capital expenditure will depend on the mix of projects being funded in any particular year. Depending on the availability of funding from various sources, this will determine the most appropriate source of funding.

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Introduction

Whangarei District Council's Statement of Proposal for the 2015 draft Revenue and Financing Policy was adopted on 19 March 2015 and opened for submissions on 24 March 2015 in accordance with the requirements of the Special Consultative Procedure (SCP) of the Local Government Act 2002. Submissions closed on 24 April 2015.

No submissions were received on the Statement of Proposal for the 2015 draft Revenue and Financing Policy. However, one submitter raised funding sources in the Policy while being heard on their submissions to the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan Consultation Document.

At the deliberations meeting on 11 June 2015 Council resolved to consider the matter raised in finalising the Revenue and Financing Policy.

Adoption Under the Local Government Act

The adoption of the Revenue and Financing Policy is being done under sections 102 and 103 of the Local Government Act 2002 and includes all matters specified to meet compliance requirements.

It is supported (in Appendix A) by 'practice notes' for each activity that illustrate how the policy is applied. They are not part of the policy itself and are simply estimates to provide guidance as to Council's view of the appropriate level and method of funding. They are included in this agenda item for transparency.

Significance and Engagement

The Revenue and Financing Policy has been established as part of the LTP process which has included consultation with the public who have had the opportunity to fully consider the issues and present their views to Council which have in turn been taken into consideration. Similarly impact on criteria such as levels of service, Council's direction, capability and financial implications were consulted on as part of the options in and supporting materials to the consultation document. Consequently this resolution is required to enact the previous decisions of Council through the LTP process and is not significant.

The public were engaged fully in the LTP process and will have access to the final LTP and Revenue and Financing Policy through Council's website.

Process

While no submissions were received on the Statement of Proposal for the 2015 draft Revenue and Financing Policy one submitter raised funding sources in the Policy while being heard on their submissions to the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan Consultation Document. Changes were made to funding options for asset purchases in order to address these comments.

The final Revenue and Financing Policy as Attached incorporates these changes along with changes made to ensure legislative compliance (including audit compliance).

Following adoption the 2015 Revenue and Financing Policy will be made publically available. The Policy has been included in the LTP, which will be adopted at this meeting. The Policy and supporting analysis (i.e. the practice notes) can be found on Council's website.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received.
2. That having undertaken the Special Consultative Procedure, in accordance with sections 82, 82A and 102 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council adopt the Revenue and Financing Policy.
3. That Council authorises the Acting Chief Executive to make minor amendments, drafting, typographical or presentation corrections necessary to the Revenue and Financing Policy following review of the document by Audit New Zealand.