

AGENDA

REGIONAL COUNCIL

**9.30am
Tuesday
7 JULY 2009**

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Notice is given of a meeting of Horizons Regional Council to be held on Tuesday, 7 July 2009 at 9.30am in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council offices, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

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Cr GP Murfitt (Chairman)

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Cr LR Burnell

Cr VJF Chettleburgh QSM ED

Cr EB Gordon

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Cr AK Main

Cr DB Meads

Cr MW Plowman

Cr PW Rieger QSO

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PART ONE

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PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. Apologies
2. Public Speaking Rights
Notification to speak is required by 4pm on the working day prior to the meeting. Further information is available on www.horizons.govt.nz or by phoning 0508 800 800
3. Late Items:
To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a resolution to permit the Committee to consider any further items relating to items following below which do not appear on the Order Paper of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded.
Such resolution is required to be made pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the Chairperson must advise:
 - (i) The reason why the item was not on the Order Paper, and
 - (ii) The reason why the discussion of this item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.
4. Members' Conflict of Interest
Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of the items on this Agenda.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5. Community Plan 2009-19 Adoption, Rate Setting,
and Administrative Charges Confirmation 1 - 6
Report No: 09-97 (Incl Annex A)
File No: OMS 10 02 09
6. Members' Questions

M J McCartney
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

A Significant decision? If Yes	Y
Do recommendations meet Significance Policy and LGA requirements?	Y

Item No: 5
Date: 7/07/2009
Report No: 09-97
File No: OMS 10 02 09

COMMUNITY PLAN 2009-19 ADOPTION, RATE SETTING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES CONFIRMATION

PURPOSE

1. This report outlines the procedures for the approval and adoption of the Community Plan 2009-19 (CP), the consequential setting of the 2009-10 rates, and the confirmation of the 2009-10 administrative charges.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

2. The financial impact is significant and determines funding for the year.

BACKGROUND

3. At its meeting on 25 March 2009, Horizons Regional Council approved the Draft Community Plan 2009-19 (DCP), subject to any changes which might arise from consideration of public submissions. The Council considered the 118 submissions received and heard in person from 56 of those submitters. The Strategy and Policy Committee met on 9 and 16 June 2009 to deliberate on the submissions. Council also met on 30 June to finalise the plan to be sent to the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) for Hot Review. Subject to this review the Community Plan has been attached at Annex B. Any changes required by the OAG will be tabled to Council at the adoption meeting on 7 July 2009.
4. Setting of the Uniform Annual General Charge, General Rates, Regional Transport Rates, Scheme Rates for river, drainage, and other targeted rates will immediately follow the CP adoption process.
5. Confirmation of the administrative charges will also follow the CP adoption process.

Community Plan 2009-19

6. Over the past six weeks Council has extensively considered and debated the submissions on the DCP. The excerpt from minutes attached at Annex A contains the position Council arrived at in the 30 June 2009 meeting. This position balances the need to invest in core highly beneficial projects that have significant community support while acknowledging the difficult financial times confronting the community.
7. The amended Community Plan incorporating the position arrived at on 30 June 2009 can be found in Annex B. All rating changes will be reflected in the Funding Impact Statement, which can be found in the Financial Information section of the amended Community Plan 2009-2019 beginning on page 236. A number of proofing changes have also been made to correct typographical, syntactical, grammatical and arithmetical errors.
8. It should be noted that the rates from this Community Plan must be set this financial year. Therefore, once the Council has adopted the CP, the Council must then resolve to set rates as stipulated in the Funding Impact Statement (FIS) within the adopted CP and confirm the administrative charges as stipulated in the adopted CP.

9. The relevant rates are set out in the section entitled Annual Funding Impact Statement for the year ending 30 June 2010 of the CP. This section starts on page 237 and ends on page 249 of the CP.
10. The relevant administrative charges are set out in the section entitled Annual Administrative Charges of the CP. This section starts on page 250 and ends on page 257 of the CP.

RECOMMENDATIONS

11. It is recommended, for the adoption of the 2009-19 Community Plan, that the Council:
 - a. **acknowledges** the submissions and deliberations process;
 - b. **confirms** the position arrived at in the 30 June meeting as set out in the excerpt of minutes contained at Annex A;
 - c. **acknowledges** that the amendments to the Draft Community Plan 2009-19 arrived at the 30 June 2009 Council meeting, together with audit, typographical, arithmetical and presentation amendments, have been incorporated in the draft documents;
 - d. **approves** the amendments, including any tabled amendments from the OAG Hot Review, to Draft Community Plan 2009-2019;
 - e. **adopts** the amended Community Plan 2009 -19;
 - f. **requests** the Chief Executive to prepare the final Community Plan 2009-19 for publication;
 - g. **requests** the Chief Executive to formally advise submitters of its decisions;
 - h. **requests** the Chief Executive to establish the Council Controlled Trading Organisation (CCTO) to hold CentrePort Ltd shares and make the necessary arrangements to transfer ownership of the CentrePort shares into the CCTO.
12. It is recommended, for the setting of rates, that the Council:
 - a. **acknowledges** that the rates, the subject of this report, relate to the financial year 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, and are all GST Inclusive;
 - b. **resolves** to set the rates for the 2009-2010 year as set out in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009 -19;
 - c. **resolves** pursuant to the **Local Government (Rating) Act 2002** (the Act) and in particular:
 - i. that, as required by section 24(a) of the Act, the rates covered by this resolution are for the financial year 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, and, as required by section 24(b) of the Act, are payable on or before Friday 25 September 2009;
 - ii. to set under section 15(1)(a) of the Act, a Uniform Annual General Charge of \$34 per rating unit in the Region, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;

- iii. to set under section 13(2)(b) of the Act, a General Rate on every rating unit in the Region, on a differential basis using an “estimate of projected valuation” as provided under section 131 of the Act, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;
- iv. to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(b), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Transport Planning and Road Safety rate made on every rating unit in the Region on a differential basis using an “estimate of projected valuation” as provided under section 131 of the Act, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;
- v. to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(b), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Transport Passenger Services rate made on every rating unit contained within each transport passenger service area according to their rating bases, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;
- vi. to set under sections 16(3) (a) and 4(a), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Sustainable Land Use Initiative rate made on every rating unit within the Region, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;
- vii. to set under sections 16(3) (a) and 4(a), 17 and 18 of the Act, an Environmental Initiatives rate made on every rating unit within the Region, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;
- viii. to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(a), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Production Pest Animal Management rate made on every rating unit four hectares and over within the Region based on number of hectares, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;
- ix. to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(a), 17 and 18 of the Act, a TB Vector Funding rate made on every rating unit four hectares and over within the Region based on number of hectares, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;
- x. to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(a), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Production Pest Rook Management rate made on every rating unit four hectares and over within the region based on number of hectares, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;
- xi. to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(b), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Production Pest Plant Management rate made on every rating unit four hectares and over within the region based on number of hectares, and on every rating unit under four hectares uniformly, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;
- xii. to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(a), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Differentiated Rangitikei Old Man’s Beard Eradication rate made on every rating unit four hectares and over within the region based uniformly, and on every rating unit under four hectares uniformly on every rating unit within the Rangitikei District local authority boundary, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019;
- xiii. to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(a), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Regional Park rate made on every rating unit within the Manawatu District and Palmerston North City local authority boundaries, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019; and

- xiv. to set under sections 16(3)(b) and (4)(b), 17, 18, and 146 of the Act, the River and Drainage Scheme Rates, made on each rating unit contained within each Scheme, according to their respective classification systems or differential rating bases, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019.
 - d. **resolves** that pursuant to sections 57 and 58 of the **Local Government (Rating) Act 2002** (the Act), that all rates shall become due and payable on 25 September 2009, with a penalty of 10% to be imposed on 2 October 2009 on all current rates remaining unpaid. Other penalties, each of 10%, shall also be applied:
 - i. Firstly, on previous years' rates arrears (including prior penalties), remaining unpaid on 15 July 2009, being a date no sooner than five working days after the date on which this resolution is made, with penalty to be applied on 16 July 2009; and
 - ii. Secondly, on previous years' arrears, (including prior penalties), remaining unpaid on 18 January 2010 with penalty applied 22 January 2010, being a date no sooner than six months after the application of the penalty in d (i) above.
 - e. **sets** under its remission policy, the spread payment financing charge for 2009-2010 as follows:

Monthly payments: 2.0% on the annual amount.

Quarterly payments: 2.0% on the annual amount.
13. It is recommended, for the setting of rates, that the Council:
- a. **adopts** the administrative charges for 2009-2010 as set out in the Annual Administration Charges section of the adopted Community Plan 2009-2019 pursuant to section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Ed Duggan
ACTING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

ANNEXES

- A Excerpt from the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 30 June 2009, relating only to resolutions made by Council in regard to the Community Plan 2009-19
- B Community Plan 2009-19
 (Attached as a separate document for Councillors and available for inspection at Regional House, Palmerston North)

ENDORSEMENT AND ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
– STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE – Deliberation on Draft Community Plan

09-413

Moved

Murfitt/Meads

*that the Council **endorses and adopts** the resolutions and recommendations of the Strategy and Policy Committee’s deliberations on the Draft Community Plan 2009-19 at its meetings held on 2 and 16 June 2009, with an amendment to resolution DCP 09-20 to read: **“That Council approves the special general rate assistance to the Lower Whanganui Scheme and the Lower Manawatu Scheme enhancement projects for the first three years of the Community Plan for \$50,000 per year per scheme. The programme will be reviewed at the end of this period”**.*

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