



INTRODUCTION

This volume of the LTCCP includes information on the Council's policies that have been developed to meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 and summaries of the Council's Waste Management Plan, Assessment of Water and Sanitary Services and Land Transport Programme.

Revenue and Financing Policy

This policy identifies how the Council allocates the costs of its activities against available sources of funds, including rates and user charges.

Funding Impact Statement

The Funding Impact Statement details the rating system and rating mechanisms. It also includes the rates set for 2009/10.

Liability Management Policy

The Liability Management Policy explains the Council's approach to managing its liabilities and the ways in which associated risks are managed.

Investment Policy

The Investment Policy outlines the Council's approach to managing investments.

Development Contributions Policy

This policy sets out the financial contributions that will be required when development occurs. The financial contributions relate directly to the assumed cost of development on current and future infrastructural works.

Policy on Determining Significance

This policy outlines the Council's general approach to determining the significance of proposals and/or

decisions. The policy includes details on the criteria, thresholds and procedures to be followed in determining significance. It also includes details of the Council's strategic assets and significant activities.

Policy on Partnerships between the Council and the Private Sector

This policy outlines under what circumstances the Council will enter into partnership arrangements with private businesses, what conditions will be imposed and what consultation will take place.

Remissions and Postponement Policies

These Policies cover a number of issues and address how and when the Council may consider it appropriate to assist by providing rates relief through remission of rates. These specific issues include:

- Rating unit affected by calamity
- Residential land in commercial, industrial or rural areas
- Uniform Annual General Charge and Targeted Rates in certain circumstances
- Penalties on unpaid rates
- Water-by-meter rates due to leak detection
- Educational institutions sewage (pan) charges
- Extreme financial hardship
- Outstanding rates and penalties on undeveloped sections

Policy on the Remission and Postponement of Rates on Māori Freehold Land

This policy outlines how the Council will deal with applications for the remission and postponement of rates on Māori freehold land.

Sustainability Programme - Supporting Sustainable Development

This sets out the Council's approach to sustainable development and the programme that it intends to put into place to develop a sustainability strategy, action plans and initiatives.

Building Māori Capacity to Contribute to Council Decision Making

Information is included on how the Council will provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to Council's decision making and how the Council will foster development of Māori capacity to contribute to the Council's decision-making.

Summary of the Waste Management Plan

The Local Government Act 2002 requires the Council to include a summary of its Waste Management Plan in the LTCCP.

Summary of the Assessment of Water and Sanitary Services

The Council undertook an assessment of water and sanitary services across the District and a summary of this assessment is included in this section.

Land Transport Programme

This section contains information on the Bay of Plenty Regional Land Transport Programme and the land transport activities from the regional plan that are specific to the Whakatane District.