

STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councillors
FROM: Murray Staite
REFERENCE: C771
SUBJECT: Community Board Targeted Rates – RCN10-03-04

PURPOSE

To consider the level of community board targeted rates to be included in the draft 2010/2011 annual plan.

BACKGROUND

In July 2008 Council introduced a targeted rate to fund both the Golden Bay and Motueka Community Boards. Staff have written to both boards asking that they advise of any changes in the rate from what was originally included in year 2 of Council's 2009 – 2019 Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP).

Both community board targeted rates operate as closed accounts meaning that unspent funds from any one year are available to be carried forward to the next year, or alternatively can be used to reduce the following year's rates.

DISCUSSION

Golden Bay Community Board

The board considered the matter and passed the following resolution:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board is:

- a) Opposed to the election allowance charged;**
- b) Agrees to the credit balance being used to reduce the Golden Bay Community Board's 2010 – 2011 budget.”**

The rate proposed in year 2 of the LTCCP was \$15.04 plus GST per ratepayer (2009/2010 \$14.62 plus GST). Given a projected June 2010 credit balance in the rates closed account of \$4,300, it is proposed that a credit of \$2,000 be used to reduce next year's rate per ratepayer from \$15.04 plus GST to \$14.40 plus GST. A balance of \$2,300 is still available to be transferred forward for future years.

The Board has been advised that its concerns over the inclusion of an election allowance in the Board's costings would be best dealt with as a separate submission to the draft plan.

Motueka Community Board

The rate proposed in year 2 of the LTCCP was \$9.73 plus GST per ratepayer (2009/2010 \$9.45 plus GST). The Motueka Community Board Chairman Mr Ogilvie, has asked that the discretionary fund for the 2010/2011 year be increased to \$7,500 which is an additional cost of \$1,638 over what was originally proposed. The Chairman has asked that this increase be funded from the credit balance in the Board's closed account. This will ensure that the targeted rate remains \$9.73 plus GST as noted in year 2 of the LTCCP.

The Chairman has also raised concerns over the level of the ratepayer offset included in the costings of the Board. The Chair has been advised that this matter would be best dealt with as a separate submission to the draft plan.

SIGNIFICANCE

This report is not considered significant in accordance with Council's significance policy.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- a) The Golden Bay Community Board targeted rate be included in the draft 2010/2011 annual plan at \$14.40 per ratepayer plus GST**
- b) The Motueka Community Board targeted rate be included in the draft 2010/2011 annual plan at \$9.73 per ratepayer plus GST**

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