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Adoption of the Resource Management Charging Policy 2011

1. Purpose

This report presents the Resource Management Charging Policy 2011 for adoption by the Council.

2. Significance of the decision

The Resource Management Act 1991 specifies that the policy must be adopted in accordance with the special consultative procedure in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Background

On 16 February 2011, Council approved the proposed Resource Management Charging Policy for public consultation. Consultation on the proposed Resource Management Charging Policy was run concurrently with the:

- Proposed Annual Plan 2011/12 (Report 11.278)
- Proposal to amend the Treasury Risk Management Policy contained in the Regional Council's 2009-19 Long Term Council Community Plan and to invest in the New Zealand Local Government Funding Agency Limited (proposal to join the LGFA) (Report 11.273)
- Proposed Dangerous Dams Policy (Report 11.281)

The consultation period ran from 28 March 2011 to 28 April 2011. Advertisements were placed in daily and community newspapers. A copy of the summary of the proposed Resource Management Charging Policy was distributed to all households in the region together with the proposed Annual Plan 2011/12. In addition to this, all consent holders and applicants were advised of the key changes to the proposed Resource Management Charging Policy. 70 submissions were received. The Annual Plan 2011/12 Hearings

Committee met on 19 and 20 May 2011 to hear oral submissions and consider all submissions including those submissions on the proposed Resource Management Charging Policy.

On 8 June 2011, the Council received the report of the Annual Plan 2011/2 Hearings Committee and agreed to the committee's recommended changes (report 11.239) to the proposed Resource Management Charging Policy.

4. Changes from the proposed Resource Management Charging Policy 2011

The Resource Management Charging Policy (Attachment 1) has been updated to incorporate the changes agreed by Council on 8 June 2011 (report 11.239) and consequential amendments, as well as minor editorial changes.

5. Communication

A copy of the adopted Resource Management Charging Policy will be loaded onto our website. Regular consent applicants and/or consultants will be notified of the updated Policy, particularly new resource consent application fees.

6. Recommendations

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Adopts the Resource Management Charging Policy 2011.*

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