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Adoption of the Resource Management Charging Policy 2015

1. Purpose

This report presents the Resource Management Charging Policy 2015 for adoption by the Council.

2. Background

On 25 February 2015, Council approved proposed amendments to the Resource Management Charging Policy for public consultation.

The consultation period ran from 16 March 2015 to 20 April 2015. Advertisements were placed in community newspapers and information was placed on the GWRC website. In addition to this, all consent holders and recent applicants were advised of proposed amendments. Five submissions were received. The LTP Hearings Committee met on 19, 20 May 2015 to hear oral submissions and consider all submissions including those submissions on the proposed amendments.

On 16 June 2015, the Council received the report of the Long Term Plan 2015-25 Hearings Committee and agreed to the committee's recommendation that there are no changes to the proposed amendments to the Resource Management Charging Policy.

3. 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.

4. The decision-making process and significance

The matters requiring decision in this report have been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act).

4.1 Significance of the decision

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking into account the Council's significance and engagement policy and decision-making guidelines. Officers recommend that the matter be considered to have medium significance.

Officers advise that a decision-making process is explicitly prescribed for this decision by the special consultative process under section 83 of the Act.

4.2 Engagement

In accordance with the significance and engagement policy, officers determined that the appropriate level of engagement was informing and consulting. The consultation and engagement activities identified in section 2 of this report are consistent with the significance and engagement policy.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1. **Receives** the report.
- 2. Notes the content of the report.
- 3. Adopts the Resource Management Charging Policy 2015.

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