

Central Hawke's Bay District Council – Report

TO: Council
FROM: Corporate Services Manager
DATE: 1 April 2010
FILE REF: ANN1-200
SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF FEES AND CHARGES DRAFT 2010/2011 ANNUAL PLAN

1.0 SUMMARY

A Fees and Charges Schedule for 2010/11 is adopted as part of the Annual Plan.

Because of the very short lead time between the final adoption of the 2010/11 Annual Plan, and the implementation of revised charges on 1st July – Council are asked (subject to any submissions) to approve a revised schedule of Fees and Charges at 1st April.

However – as there are likely to be changes to GST to be announced in the May central government budget – the Fees and Charges schedule will require to be reviewed before final adoption in the 2010/11 Annual Plan.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

THAT

Council adopt the draft Fees and Charges for 2010/11 – subject to a review after changes to GST are known, and subject to any submissions received on the draft 2010/11 Annual Plan.

REASON

Council is required to consult on the Annual Plan pursuant to section 95(2) of the Local Government Act 2002. The Fees and Charges schedule is part of the Annual Plan.

3.0 BACKGROUND

Whilst the early adoption of a Fees and Charges schedule has practical implications – unfortunately with a signalled change to GST – the Fees and Charges will need further revision before final adoption.

Those charges which are normally invoiced – are paid by Eftpos/cheque – and a change of GST rate is not as impacted as those payments made by cash. Where payments are usually in cash – for change purposes the fees are set in rounded amounts. It is these charges which could need subsequent review after the May central government budget and when the implications of a change of GST are known.

4.0 OPTIONS

Option 1

Adopt the draft Fees and Charges for 2010/11 – subject to a review after changes to GST are known, and subject to any submissions received on the draft 2010/11 Annual Plan.

Option 2

Adopt the draft Fees and Charges for 2010/11 as amended – subject to a review after changes to GST are known, and subject to any submissions received on the draft 2010/11 Annual Plan.

5.0 STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 2002.

6.0 CONSULTATION

In accordance with section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council will consult with ratepayers on recommended Fees and Charges as part of the 2010/11 Annual Plan consultation process.

7.0 STRATEGIC LINKS

The 2010/2011 Annual Plan (and Fees and Charges) must be considered together with the 2009/2019 Central Hawke's Bay Community Plan (LTCCP).

8.0 POLICY/DELEGATION REFERENCE

There is no requirement to delegate the adoption of the draft Annual Plan.

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