

# SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

26 JUNE 2019

## AGENDA ITEM C1

### ADOPTION OF ANNUAL PLAN AND SETTING OF RATES

#### **Purpose of Report**

To adopt the 2019/20 Annual Plan and set the rates for the 2019/20 year.

#### **Recommendations**

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receive the Adoption of Annual Plan and Setting of Rates Report.*
2. *Approve the grants as per the attached schedule (Appendix 1), noting that funding for two years has been committed for the following:*
  - a. *Booktown, YETE, Aratoi, Martinborough Colonial Museum, Wairarapa Trails Advisory Group (for the Cycling Co-ordinator role).*
3. *Adopt the 2019/20 Annual Plan (one copy to be tabled) in accordance with Section 95 of the local Government Act 2002.*
4. *To delegate to the Chief Executive and Mayor the authority to make minor changes to the 2019/20 Annual Plan document.*
5. *Allocate \$20,000 pa operating expenditure for the Maori Standing Committee, to operate in a similar way to the Community Board from operating funding.*
6. *Include the ongoing costs of the manganese plant for Martinborough to be conservative, knowing that this matter is the subject of community engagement over coming weeks, noting the urgency to get a solution before the peak summer demand for water.*
7. *Allocate \$20,000 as a one of payment towards the Water Wairarapa project to be funded from the economic development budget.*
8. *To support option 2 of the reduction in library charges (noting that Carterton District Council would also support this option). A trial for 12 months was to be undertaken and data could be gathered to determine the success.*
9. *To support extended swimming pool hours for one season to be followed by a review of swimmer numbers during the extension times.*

10. *To support the change in funding of housing for seniors, noting that a rental increase is implicit in this option.*
11. *To undertake extra footpath maintenance using infrastructure reserves.*
12. *To increase the funding allocated in the Annual Plan for building a new dog pound.*
13. *Adopt the rates resolution (to be tabled) for the 2019/20 year in accordance with the Local Government rating Act 2002, including the "Part B" notice.*
14. *Note that the updated fees and charges schedule is included in the adopted Annual Plan.*

## **1. Executive Summary**

Annual Plan consultation has been undertaken in accordance with the Local Government Act.

The draft Annual Plan proposed a rates increase of 4.69% against the Long Term Plan forecast of 4.76%.

Following consideration of submissions, the rates increase has risen slightly to 5.48%.

There were a number of small increases after hearing submissions which contributed to this slight increase.

These are summarised below:

- To support option 2 of the reduction in library charges (noting that Carterton District Council would also support this option). A trial for 12 months was to be undertaken and data could be gathered to determine the success.
- To support extended swimming pool hours for one season to be followed by a review of swimmer numbers during the extension times.
- To support the change in funding of housing for seniors, noting that a rental increase is implicit in this option.
- To undertake extra footpath maintenance using infrastructure reserves.
- Increase the funding allocated in the Annual Plan for building a new dog pound
- Council agreed to commit to funding grants for two years for the following groups:
  - Booktown, YETE, Aratoi, Martinborough museum, Wairarapa Trails Advisory Group for the Cycling Coordinator role.

The rates resolution, based on the required funding levels and mix required to meet the outputs of this Annual Plan, has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Rating Act.

## **2. Discussion**

### **2.1 Grants to be approved**

See Appendix 1.

### **2.2 Annual Plan**

One copy to be tabled.

### **2.3 Rates Resolution**

See Appendix 2.

## **3. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Grants schedule for 2019/20 financial year for approval (to be tabled)

Appendix 2 – Rates Resolution (to be tabled)

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