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Report to Policy and Finance Committee
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Management

Appointment of a Subcommittee to Review the Resource Management Charging Policy

1. Purpose

- To appoint a subcommittee to hear submissions and decide on the Resource Management Charging Policy

2. Background

Report 01.27 to the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee and the Environment Committee presented a draft Resource Management Charging Policy.

The Committees:

- *received the Proposed Resource Management Charging Policy and recommended its approval by the Policy and Finance Committee;*
- *noted that it would be subject to a Special Consultative Procedure under section 716A of the Local Government Act 1974; and*
- *recommended that the Policy and Finance Committee appoint a subcommittee to hear and consider public submissions on the Proposed Charging Policy and to make recommendations to the Council.*

Those resolutions require the Policy and Finance to consider the approval of the Proposed Policy (see Report 01.95), invoke the Special Consultative Procedure, and appoint a subcommittee to hear submissions on the Proposed Policy.

3. **The Special Consultative Procedure**

The Special Consultative Procedure is quite straightforward and can be described as follows:

1. The Council resolves to adopt the Proposed Policy and carry out the Special Consultative Procedure;
2. The Council publicly advertises that the Proposed Policy is available for inspection and that submissions are welcome (the submission period can be between one and three months);
3. Once the submissions have been received, the Council gives submitters “a reasonable opportunity to be heard” ;
4. As a result of the submissions, changes may be made to the Proposed Policy;
5. The Council then formally adopts the Final Policy.

In this case we recommend the following timetable:

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| 8 March 2001 – | Council approves Proposed Resource Management Charging Policy and the Special Consultative Procedure commences |
| 17 March 2001 – | Proposed Policy advertised and submissions called for |
| 20 April 2001 – | Submission period closes |
| May 2001 – | Hearings and deliberations |
| 28 June 2001 – | New Charging Policy adopted by Council |
| 1 July 2001 – | New Charging Policy comes into force |

4. **The Makeup of the Previous Hearings Subcommittee**

The subcommittee for the 1997 review of the Resource Management Charging Policy comprised the Chairman of the Environment Committee, the Chairman of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee and one other Councillor (in that case Cr Shields).

5. **Communications**

The Policy will be advertised publicly so that the community has a chance to provide input into its final form. In addition, we will be writing to current consent holders to invite submissions on the proposed policy.

6. Recommendation

That the Committee recommends;

- (a) that Council appoints three Councillors as a subcommittee to hear submissions on the Proposed Policy and to make recommendations to Council; and*
- (b) instructs Officers to initiate the Special Consultative Procedure as set out in section 716A of the Local Government Act 1974.*

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