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Committee Council
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Adoption of the Resource Management Charging Policy 2013

1. Purpose

This report presents the Resource Management Charging Policy 2013 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 26 February 2013, Council approved the proposed Resource Management Charging Policy for public consultation. Consultation on the proposed Resource Management Charging Policy (Report 13.55) was run concurrently with the Proposed Annual Plan 2013/14.

The consultation period ran from 25 March 2013 to 26 April 2013. 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 2013/14. In addition to this, all consent holders and applicants were advised of the key changes to the proposed Resource Management Charging Policy. Six submissions were received. The Annual Plan 2013/14 Hearings Committee met on 28 May 2013 to hear oral submissions and consider all submissions including those submissions on the proposed Resource Management Charging Policy.

On 12 June 2013, the Council received the report of the Annual Plan 2013/14 Hearings Committee and agreed to the committee's recommended changes (Report 13.661) to the proposed Resource Management Charging Policy.

4. Changes from the proposed Resource Management Charging Policy 2013

The Resource Management Charging Policy has been updated to incorporate the changes agreed by Council on 12 June 2013, refer Report 13.661, (including consequential amendments, as well as minor editorial changes) as follows:

- To reflect a preference for annual inspections with more targeted inspection times for higher risk consents, rather than twice a year. It will be noted that any non-compliance will result in additional inspections until the non-compliance is fully resolved
- To include reference to s35 of the RMA which outlined GWRC's obligations to monitor the state of the environment and the exercise of resource consents in the region.

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.

6. Recommendations

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Adopts the Resource Management Charging Policy 2013.*

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