

FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT

The total estimated expenditure for the Taranaki Regional Council for 2006/2007 is \$12,773,687. This expenditure will be funded from the following sources (GST exclusive). These funding/financing sources are consistent with the *Revenue and Financing Policy*.

	2006/07 Estimate \$	2007/08 Indicative \$	2008/09 Indicative \$	2009/10 Forecast \$	2010/11 Forecast \$
General rates	5,273,975	5,405,824	5,535,564	5,657,347	5,770,494
Targeted rates	746,160	748,824	754,923	760,767	766,323
Direct charges	3,056,084	3,207,730	3,283,545	3,346,106	3,370,002
Government grants	456,800	458,496	470,554	487,941	503,515
Dividends	800,000	1,200,000	2,200,000	3,000,000	3,400,000
Other investment revenue	1,659,687	1,676,326	1,725,886	1,843,349	2,012,279
Transfer from reserves	1,685,609	1,276,167	227,268	31,951	12,721
Transfer to reserves	(28,629)	(24,878)	(25,918)	(666,362)	(1,228,906)
Total funding	13,649,687	13,948,489	14,171,824	14,461,099	14,606,428

	2011/12 Forecast \$	2012/13 Forecast \$	2013/14 Forecast \$	2014/15 Forecast \$	2015/16 Forecast \$
General rates	5,770,494	5,770,494	5,770,494	5,770,494	5,770,494
Targeted rates	743,063	387,958	392,479	396,359	400,300
Direct charges	3,408,941	3,458,251	3,266,145	3,280,503	3,114,714
Government grants	513,486	522,799	536,402	543,785	551,285
Dividends	3,600,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000
Other investment revenue	2,212,776	2,439,109	2,655,484	2,869,132	3,089,608
Transfer from reserves	42,129	62,842	43,521	44,014	39,513
Transfer to reserves	(1,475,711)	(2,721,821)	(2,798,580)	(2,945,281)	(3,099,545)
Total funding	14,815,179	13,919,632	13,865,945	13,959,004	13,866,369

GENERAL RATE

The Council proposes a general rate on the capital value on each rating unit in the region. The estimated general rate (in cents in the dollar of capital value) for 2006/07 is 0.018518 (GST inclusive). The Council proposes no differentials on the general rate. The general rate will be equalised between the three districts in the Taranaki region (see page 70). The rates to be collected from each district are:

- New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies—to produce \$2,286,953 at a rate of 0.023490 cents in the dollar of capital value GST inclusive
- Stratford constituency—to produce \$324,024 at a rate of 0.017452 cents in the dollar of capital value GST inclusive
- South Taranaki constituency—to produce \$1,302,357 at a rate of 0.030018 cents in the dollar of capital value GST inclusive

UNIFORM ANNUAL GENERAL CHARGE

The Council proposes a uniform annual general charge of \$43.03 (GST inclusive) on each rating unit in the region to produce \$2,019,887 (GST inclusive).

TARGETED RATES

The Council proposes the following targeted rates for 2006/2007:

- A targeted rate for flood and river control works on the capital value on each rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region. The estimated targeted rate (in cents in the dollar of capital value) for 2006/2007 is 0.002062 (GST inclusive) to produce \$200,813 (GST inclusive).
- A targeted rate for paratransit passenger transport services on the capital value on each rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region. The estimated targeted rate (in cents in the dollar of capital value) for 2006/2007 is 0.002403 (GST inclusive) to produce \$234,000 (GST inclusive).
- A differential targeted rate for Yarrow Stadium on the land value on each rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region. The estimated targeted rate (in cents in the dollar of land value) for 2006/2007 for each differential category is:
 - Group 1 Commercial and industrial to produce \$172,050 at a rate of 0.037440 cents in the dollar of land value GST inclusive
 - Group 2 Residential to produce \$202,348 at a rate of 0.009258 cents in the dollar of land value GST inclusive
 - Group 3 Small holdings to produce \$9,369 at a rate of 0.004571 cents in the dollar of land value GST inclusive
 - Group 4 Farmland to produce \$22,695 at a rate of 0.001338 cents in the dollar of land value GST inclusive.

The above figures are estimated cents in the dollar rates based upon the required revenue to be recovered from each type of rate and the current capital or land value of the region or sub-part of the region. The final capital or land value of the region or sub-part of the region used to set the rates (in July 2006) will be different from the values used in the above calculations. The effect on the cents in the dollar rates is not expected to be significant.

Each dollar of general rates collected is spent in the following manner (2005/2006 comparative figures in brackets):

Policy and planning	7.4	(7.9)
Civil defence emergency management	2.3	(3.0)
Resource consents	11.6	(12.8)
Land management	13.8	(13.2)
River control and flood protection	2.2	(2.0)
Land transport and harbour management	4.6	(4.4)
Resource investigations, monitoring and enhancement	16.0	(15.3)
Pest management	20.8	(22.0)
Recreation, culture and heritage	9.8	(7.6)
Regional representation, information and investments	11.5	(11.9)

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The three Taranaki based district councils collect regional general rates on behalf of the Taranaki Regional Council. The projected apportionment of general rates between districts is as follows:

District	Capital Value Equalised \$	%	Estimated Rate Revenue \$	GST \$	GST incl rate revenue \$	Rate in the \$ exc GST
1998/99						
New Plymouth	4,908,698,000	54.83	1,845,725	230,716	2,076,441	
Stratford	834,138,000	9.32	313,736	39,217	352,953	
South Taranaki	3,209,657,000	35.85	1,206,807	150,851	1,357,658	
	8,952,493,000	100.00	3,366,268	420,784	3,787,052	0.0376015
1999/2000						
New Plymouth	4,872,820,000	54.60	1,819,604	227,450	2,047,054	
Stratford	792,825,000	8.88	295,936	36,992	332,928	
South Taranaki	3,259,198,000	36.52	1,217,068	152,134	1,369,202	
	8,924,843,000	100.00	3,332,608	416,576	3,749,184	0.0373408
2000/01						
New Plymouth	4,836,176,000	55.44	1,775,581	221,948	1,997,529	
Stratford	831,629,000	9.54	305,538	38,192	343,730	
South Taranaki	3,055,183,000	35.02	1,121,588	140,199	1,261,787	
	8,722,988,000	100.00	3,202,707	400,339	3,603,046	0.0367157
2001/02						
New Plymouth	4,780,929,466	54.35	1,695,618	211,952	1,907,570	
Stratford	816,755,275	9.29	289,831	36,229	326,060	
South Taranaki	3,198,394,600	36.36	1,134,363	141,795	1,276,158	
	8,796,079,341	100.00	3,119,812	389,976	3,509,788	0.0354682
2002/03						
New Plymouth	5,301,290,000	52.20	1,682,542	203,568	1,886,110	
Stratford	970,013,500	9.55	297,942	37,242	335,184	
South Taranaki	3,883,973,500	38.25	1,193,328	149,166	1,342,494	
	10,155,277,000	100.00	3,119,812	389,976	3,509,788	0.0307211
2003/04						
New Plymouth	6,308,585,000	53.66	1,712,207	214,026	1,926,233	
Stratford	1,106,987,000	9.42	300,446	37,556	338,002	
South Taranaki	4,340,310,000	36.92	1,178,000	147,250	1,325,250	
	11,755,882,000	100.00	3,190,653	398,832	3,589,485	0.0271409
2004/05						
New Plymouth	7,869,087,000	57.43%	1,880,244	235,030	2,115,274	
Stratford	1,251,941,000	9.14%	299,241	37,405	336,646	
South Taranaki	4,580,438,000	33.43%	1,094,490	136,811	1,231,301	
	13,701,466,000	100.00%	3,273,975	409,246	3,683,221	0.0238951
2005/06						
New Plymouth	9,692,179,000	56.54%	1,822,835	227,854	2,050,689	
Stratford	1,565,748,000	9.13%	294,349	36,794	331,143	
South Taranaki	5,886,240,000	34.33%	1,106,791	138,349	1,245,140	
	17,144,167,000	100.00%	3,223,975	402,997	3,626,972	0.0188051
2006/07						
New Plymouth	12,349,834,000	58.44%	\$2,032,847	\$254,106	\$2,286,953	
Stratford	1,750,550,000	8.28%	\$288,021	\$36,003	\$324,024	
South Taranaki	7,032,598,000	33.28%	\$1,157,651	\$144,706	\$1,302,357	
	21,132,982,000	100.00%	\$3,478,520	\$434,815	\$3,913,335	0.0164602

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The following are examples of the level of total rates that different groups of ratepayers will incur in 2006/2007 under this *Plan*. These are estimates only and the final rate charge may be more or less than displayed below. All figures are GST exclusive. These figures are calculated on the current unequalled capital value of each district. The actual rates struck will be on the unequalled capital value as at 30 June 2006. Accordingly, there will be some differences (expected to be minor) between the figures below and the final rates figures charged.

RATEPAYERS IN THE NEW PLYMOUTH AND NORTH TARANAKI CONSTITUENCIES:

In these constituencies ratepayers incur a mixture of capital value general rates, uniform annual general charges, land value targeted rates and capital value targeted rates. To determine the rates for any property, refer to the table for that type of property and then look by capital value (columns) and land value (rows). For instance, a residential ratepayer with a capital value of \$100,000 and a land value of \$50,000 will pay **\$69.82** in total regional council rates (see highlighted example below).

Commercial and industrial property

Capital value of property:	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
Land value of property:					
\$20,000	\$58.64	\$72.37	\$113.56	\$182.21	\$319.51
\$50,000	\$68.62	\$82.35	\$123.54	\$192.19	\$329.49
\$100,000	\$85.26	\$98.99	\$140.18	\$208.83	\$346.13
\$200,000	\$118.54	\$132.27	\$173.46	\$242.11	\$379.41
\$500,000	\$218.38	\$232.11	\$273.30	\$341.95	\$479.25

Residential property

Capital value of property:	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
Land value of property:					
\$20,000	\$53.63	\$67.36	\$108.55	\$177.20	\$314.50
\$50,000	\$56.09	\$69.82	\$111.02	\$179.67	\$316.97
\$100,000	\$60.21	\$73.94	\$115.13	\$183.78	\$321.08
\$200,000	\$68.44	\$82.17	\$123.36	\$192.01	\$329.31

Small holdings property

Capital value of property:	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
Land value of property:					
\$20,000	\$52.79	\$66.52	\$107.71	\$176.36	\$313.66
\$50,000	\$54.01	\$67.74	\$108.93	\$177.58	\$314.88
\$100,000	\$56.04	\$69.77	\$110.96	\$179.61	\$316.91
\$200,000	\$60.11	\$73.84	\$115.03	\$183.68	\$320.98

Farmland property

Capital value of property:	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
Land value of property:					
\$50,000	\$52.57	\$66.30	\$107.49	\$176.15	\$313.45
\$100,000	\$53.17	\$66.90	\$108.09	\$176.74	\$314.04
\$200,000	\$54.36	\$68.09	\$109.28	\$177.93	\$315.23
\$500,000	\$57.92	\$71.66	\$112.85	\$181.50	\$318.80
\$1,000,000	\$63.87	\$77.60	\$118.79	\$187.44	\$324.74

RATEPAYERS IN THE STRATFORD AND SOUTH TARANAKI CONSTITUENCIES:

In these constituencies ratepayers incur a mixture of capital value general rates and uniform annual general charges.

Stratford constituency

Capital value of property:	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
Total rates	\$46.98	\$55.70	\$81.88	\$125.51	\$212.77

South Taranaki constituency

Capital value of property:	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
Total rates	\$53.26	\$68.27	\$113.30	\$188.34	\$338.43

EXPLANATORY NOTES

NOTE 1—CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The proposed capital expenditure for the life of the *Long-Term Council Community Plan* is:

	2006/07 Estimate\$	2007/08 Indicative\$	2008/09 Indicative\$	2009/10 Forecast \$	2010/11 Forecast \$
General office	\$16,000	\$22,200	\$69,200	\$57,200	\$52,000
Plant and equipment	\$117,700	\$70,685	\$53,249	\$126,800	\$129,940
Information technology	\$300,000	\$195,000	\$195,000	\$195,000	\$495,000
Buildings	\$590,300	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$693,800	\$90,000
Vehicles (net of trade-in)	\$475,000	\$179,500	\$211,000	\$286,000	\$525,500
Total capital expenditure	\$1,499,000	\$487,385	\$553,449	\$1,358,800	\$1,292,440

	2011/12 Forecast \$	2012/13 Forecast \$	2013/14 Forecast \$	2014/15 Forecast \$	2015/16 Forecast \$
General office	\$37,200	\$67,200	\$57,200	\$22,200	\$22,200
Plant and equipment	\$84,400	\$60,900	\$41,600	\$93,100	\$108,900
Information technology	\$195,000	\$195,000	\$195,000	\$195,000	\$495,000
Buildings	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Vehicles (net of trade-in)	\$158,000	\$209,500	\$304,500	\$497,000	\$162,500
Total capital expenditure	\$494,600	\$552,600	\$618,300	\$827,300	\$808,600

The Council funds its capital expenditure consistent with the *Revenue and Financing Policy*. The Council fully finances all of its operating expenditure. This includes depreciation on all of the Council's assets. The Council's policy is to fund capital expenditure from accumulated cash surpluses arising from the full financing of depreciation. If for any capital project those accumulated operating cash surpluses are insufficient then the considerations outlined in the *Revenue and Financing Policy* will be applied to the project to determine the sources of financing appropriate for that project.

NOTE 2—RESERVES

Reserve funds are utilised to provide a fund for expenditure on specific purposes. In some circumstances the reserves are a legal requirement. The Council holds the following reserve funds:

MAKURI RIVER CONTROL SCHEME RESERVE

The Council strikes a targeted rate, as and when required, based on land values in the Makuri Valley River catchment. Any surplus rates are transferred to this reserve. The reserve can only be spent on construction and maintenance of river control works on the Makuri Valley River.

NORTH TARANAKI/WAITARA RIVER CONTROL SCHEME RESERVE

The Council strikes a targeted rate, as and when required, based on capital values over the New Plymouth district. Any surplus rates are transferred to this reserve. The reserve can only be spent on the construction and maintenance of flood control or river control works required for flood protection in the New Plymouth district.

CONTINGENCY/DISASTER RESERVE

This reserve was created to meet the Council's share of the replacement cost of infrastructure assets affected by natural disasters. It also covers the Council's commitments under the National Civil Defence Plan in the event of emergencies. It is available for any other contingency or emergency response purposes, including oil spill response and flood response.

BERNARD HOLLARD—HOLLARD GARDEN ENDOWMENT RESERVE

This reserve was established at the bequest of Mr Bernard Hollard. The reserve is to be used specifically and exclusively for the benefit of the Hollard Gardens.

RESERVES MANAGEMENT POLICIES

The Council, in the management of its reserve funds, will apply the following policies:

- the reserve funds will not be matched by specific investments
- transfers to and from reserve funds will be approved by the Council
- interest revenue will be credited to each reserve fund that represents funding from specific sources rather than from the general ratepayer base or from the disposal of assets or investments. The specific reserves that will receive interest revenue are the North Taranaki/Waitara River Control Scheme reserve, the Makuri River Control Scheme reserve and the Bernard Hollard—Hollard Garden Endowment reserve
- movements in reserve funds will be reported to the Council as part of the *Monthly Financial Reports*.

NOTE 3—DEPRECIATION EXPENSE

The annual depreciation expense is:

	2006/07 Estimate\$	2007/08 Indicative\$	2008/09 Indicative\$	2009/10 Forecast \$	2010/11 Forecast \$
Depreciation expense	\$1,039,326	\$1,040,486	\$996,700	\$1,068,200	\$1,032,200

	2011/12 Forecast \$	2012/13 Forecast \$	2013/14 Forecast \$	2014/15 Forecast \$	2015/16 Forecast \$
Depreciation expense	\$985,200	\$970,700	\$954,200	\$921,700	\$895,700

NOTE 4—INVESTMENTS

The increase in investments arises as a result of the reinvestment of the forecast operating surpluses.

NOTE 5—INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

The increase in investment properties arises from unrealised revaluation gains.

GOVERNANCE

ROLE OF THE COUNCIL

The publicly elected Councillors have overall responsibility and accountability for the direction and control of the Council's functions.

STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCIL

The Council is made up of ten Councillors, elected as follows:

New Plymouth constituency	Four members
North Taranaki constituency	Two members
Stratford constituency	One member
South Taranaki constituency	Three members

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

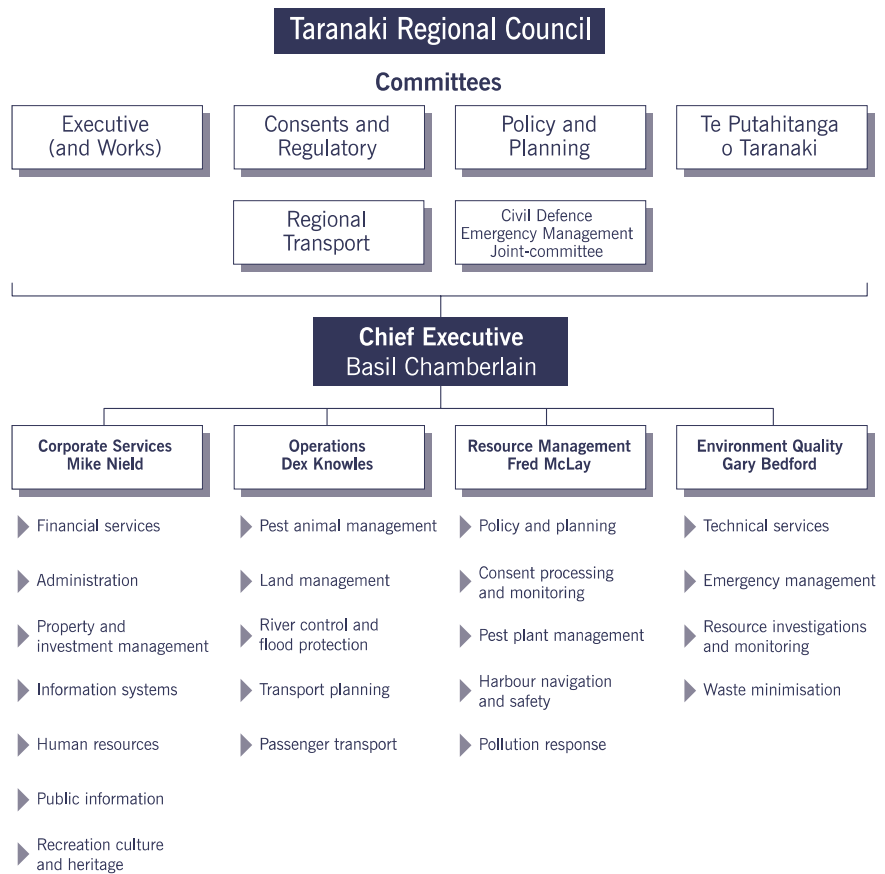
In formulating its committees, the Taranaki Regional Council is required to take into account the dictates of the Local Government Act 2002. This Act requires that a local authority should ensure that, so far as is practicable, responsibility and processes for decision-making in relation to regulatory responsibilities is separated from responsibility and processes for decision-making for non-regulatory responsibilities.

With the exception of the Executive and the Consents and Regulatory Committees, the Council has decided to appoint non-Council representatives to its various committees as a means to increase the breadth of input to the decisions made by the Council.

The Civil Defence Emergency Management Group is a Joint Committee established under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002. The Taranaki Regional Council is a member of this Group along with members from the New Plymouth, Stratford and South Taranaki district councils. The Taranaki Regional Council is the administering authority for the Joint Committee.

Te Putahitanga o Taranaki – the Council's Māori liaison committee – was established in the early years after the Council's formation. Its purpose was to act as a forum for discussion and a source of advice to the Council on issues of interest or concern to Māori, particularly with respect to resource management issues, and to ensure those issues were reflected in the Council's policies, plans and activities.

Te Putahi has played a significant role in establishing the Council's policies in regard to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and on



resource management issues of significant to iwi. These policies and plans are now firmly in place and continue to guide the Council in carrying out its activities.

However, faced with other demands on matters not directly associated with the Council's business, some iwi have not seen continued representation on Te Putahi as a priority. There have also been issues with rights of representation which remain unresolved. As a consequence, Te Putahi has been inactive in recent years. A review of the role of the committee initiated by iwi has not been completed. The Council continues to seek to maintain effective working relationships with individual iwi and hapu in its day-to-day activities.

Te Putahitanga o Taranaki will continue as a non-active Standing Committee of the Council until such time as there is greater clarity on its future role.

COUNCIL OPERATIONS

To undertake its activities, the Council employs a permanent staff with wide-ranging professional, technical and administrative skills. In addition, the Council owns the necessary property, equipment and facilities.

Most Council activities are primarily the output of one section or department. However, a number of tasks, particularly those associated with the development of policy, require resources to be applied from throughout the organisation. The departmental structure has been designed in accordance with the Council's fields of activities. It is a flat, compact structure, which results in a high level of delegated authority, productivity and commitment.

GOVERNANCE SYSTEMS

The full Council and main Council committees meet on a six-weekly cycle, with other meetings convened as necessary. Agendas

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and minutes from all meetings are publicly available for scrutiny. The Council is confident that its adopted structure and approach provides an efficient basis for the sound consideration of issues and the making of good decisions, and that the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 are being met.

DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The Council operates a clear division of responsibilities between the role of the Council and that of management as required by the Local Government Act 2002. The Council's focus is on setting strategy and policy together with monitoring its implementation. Management is responsible for the implementation of the Council's policy and strategy decisions.

While many of the Council's functions have been delegated, the overall responsibility for maintaining effective systems of internal

control rests with the Council. Internal control includes the policies, systems and procedures established to provide measurable assurance that the specific objectives of the Council are achieved.

LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE

As a regulatory body, the Council administers various regulations and laws. As such, the Council considers it vital that it also complies with relevant legislation. Members and management of the Council are cognisant of the Council's legislative requirements. Where necessary, legal advice is obtained to ensure legislative compliance.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

Many of the Council's activities are focused on promoting the sustainable use, development and protection of the environment. Both regulatory and non-regulatory methods are

employed, and a range of different types of monitoring is undertaken, to test the effectiveness of these methods.

However, in addition to its overall environmental management role in the region, which is substantially focused on the activities of external parties who use environmental resources, the Council itself occasionally engages in resource use activities in undertaking its functions. Where that occurs, the Council has systems and procedures in place to ensure that its own actions comply with at least the standards expected of all other resource users. These include requirements to apply for and obtain necessary consents, the use of independent persons to make decisions on consent applications, and the implementation and public reporting of effective compliance monitoring.

DEVELOPING MĀORI CAPACITY

Steps that the Council intends to take having considered ways in which it might foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making processes of the Council are as follows:

FOUNDATIONS OF A RELATIONSHIP

Act cooperatively and in good faith showing flexibility and responsiveness and a desire to engage with Māori for the good governance of the region. This will be done in a manner that is inclusive and makes the best use of the resources of both Māori and the Council.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Provide opportunities to involve Māori in major policy decisions including but not limited to policies, plans and strategies under the Local Government Act 2002, the Resource Management Act 1991, the Biosecurity Act 1993, the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Transport Services Licencing Act 1989 and the Maritime Transport Act 1994.

Notify Māori of draft long-term council community plans and draft annual plans under the Local Government Act 2002.

In carrying out these steps the Council will:

- provide sufficient information to Māori to enable them to participate effectively in the decision-making processes of the Council
- provide reasonable time for consideration of the information or advice given
- give full and genuine consideration to the views of Māori in making its decisions.

RESOURCE CONSENTS PROCESS

Continue and further develop best practice in resource consent processing and administration.

In carrying out these steps the Council will:

- encourage applicants to consult where Māori may be an interested party, as part of an assessment of environmental effects
- ensure that sufficient information is provided by applicants on any actual or potential effects on Māori
- consider extending resource consent processing periods to enable adequate consultation and possible resolution of issues with Māori
- have regard to the effects on Māori in assessing whether resource consent

applications are to be notified or non-notified and require applicants to obtain written approval to non-notification where Māori are an affected party

- provide information and technical assistance on resource consents and resource consent processing and administration
- arrange and facilitate meetings and undertake other forms of consultation with Māori as part of resource consent processing and administration
- hold meetings and pre-hearing meetings on marae as appropriate
- arrange interpretation services for the presentation of evidence in Māori when requested
- exclude the public from a hearing and restricting the publication of evidence when necessary to avoid serious offence to tikanga Māori or to avoid the disclosure of the location of wahi tapu
- consider the participation of Māori in resource consent monitoring, including input into the design of monitoring programmes and involvement in monitoring activities.

ONGOING ENGAGEMENT

Meet with Māori to discuss any matter of mutual interest or importance at times and venues to be agreed.

Provide opportunities for Māori, within the framework of the Council's standing orders, to appear before and address any meeting of a Council standing committee or meeting of the full Council.

Seek opportunities when appropriate for the Council to be represented before meetings of Māori governance entities.

Establish as necessary, working parties or other informal groups with representatives of Māori and the Council to progress issues of mutual interest.

Contract with Māori to provide specific advice, expertise, information or other services.

Look to develop with the appropriate Māori governance entities, an effective working relationship between the Council and the governance entities, through memoranda of understanding protocols or other means.

REPRESENTATION

Continue to provide opportunities for Māori to be represented on the Council's Policy and Planning Committee and other committees as appropriate.

Consider the need for and desirability of establishing a Māori constituency or constituencies under the Local Electoral Act 2002.

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Share information held by the Council, subject to any statutory restrictions on the release or use of that information.

Protect sensitive information provided to the Council by Māori and restrict access to it in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and other relevant legislation. Obtain agreement from Māori to protect any sensitive or confidential information supplied by the Council.

Give due respect and recognition to silent files or plans held by or given to the Council by Māori.

Explore opportunities to develop in conjunction with Māori, databases or wahi tapu sites.

Maintain a database of iwi contacts including authorized voice, member hapu, and marae and provide to Māori contact details for key Council functions, responsibilities and personnel.

TRAINING

Provide training in tikanga Māori, to Councillors and Council staff.

Provide opportunities within the Council's work programmes and activities for Māori to gain experience, training and skill development.

RESOURCES

Provide technical advice, information and related support in the preparation and review of Council policies, plans and strategies.

Provide staff time and costs in attending meetings, hui or workshops.

Provide technical assistance and advice in preparing iwi planning documents and consider financial support for preparing such documents.

Provide technical advice, information and related support in the processing of applications for resource consent.

Provide payments to Māori through contracting for services for the delivery of specific advice, expertise, information, databases, research projects or training services.

APPENDIX 1

Staff Capacity

The Council is committed to being a good employer. This involves:

- providing good and safe working conditions
- operating an equal employment opportunities programme
- ensuring the impartial selection of suitably qualified persons for appointment
- recognising the need for greater involvement of Maori in local government employment
- ensuring that all employees maintain proper standards of integrity, conduct, and concern for the public interest.

VALUES STATEMENT

The staff of the Council are individually and collectively committed to:

PUBLIC SERVICE

- behaving with integrity and neutrality in the best traditions of the public sector in New Zealand
- administering our functions for the collective good of our community with consistency, fairness and sensitivity in our treatment of individual situations
- not accepting direct or indirect offers, payment, gifts or bribes in any form and avoiding conflicts of interest.

SERVICE FIRST

- assisting people in a courteous, helpful, accurate and professional manner
- providing people with a better service than they may expect to receive, noting that many people do not have dealings with us out of choice
- recognising the social and cultural diversity that exists and take this into account in our dealings.

IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF OUR PERFORMANCE

- ensuring our personal contributions make a real and positive difference to the Council, its mission and performance
- continually improving the quality of our services to customers and the quality of our working relationships with each other
- improving our time management and productivity by increasing our knowledge and experience of our duties, working in a planned and strategic way and focusing on completing assignments
- calling for assistance when required
- being thorough and professional in our work so that we make sound recommendations and decisions based on knowledge and understanding.

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AND TEAMWORK

- informing each other about our tasks and seeking participation and advice
- communicating with simplicity, clarity, and certainty
- recognising that individual achievements are always underpinned by the assistance of others
- constructively assisting each other, being non-possessive and receptive to advice
- trusting, respecting and being loyal to each other and the organisation
- congratulating each other for jobs well done and helping each other through problems
- participative management systems which encourage constructive and timely expression of opinion, noting that having a say differs from having a vote.

INITIATIVE AND THE RIGHT TO MAKE MISTAKES

- challenging the way we do things showing initiative with the aim of improving effectiveness
- being innovative in developing and using new ideas, methods and technologies
- minimising mistakes but accepting that we will make mistakes as we learn and improve
- forgiving well-intentioned errors
- being flexible and responsive to change.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESULTS

- being responsible and accountable for our own actions and the quality of our own work
- being collectively responsible for and loyal to the organisation's actions
- achieving results which benefit the community
- not mistaking activity for accomplishment.

PRESENTATION, RESPECT AND CARE

- presenting ourselves for work in a fit state and in appropriate standards of dress and appearance
- respecting and caring for Council property, plant, vehicles and our workplace as if it were our own
- recognising the need to protect the integrity and public image of the Council and our colleagues in our private lives
- remembering that many of the people who are obliged to contribute to the funding of the organisation have low incomes.

JOB SATISFACTION

- being appropriately trained and resourced to do our work well
- being satisfactorily rewarded for our work
- enjoying our work.

APPENDIX 1

Staff Capacity

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

To undertake its activities, the Council employs a permanent staff with wide-ranging professional, technical and administrative skills. In addition, the Council owns the necessary property, equipment and facilities.

Most Council activities are primarily the output of one section or department. However, a number of tasks, particularly those associated with the development of policy, require resources to be applied from throughout the organisation. The departmental structure has been designed in accordance with the Council's fields of activities. It is a flat, compact structure, which results in a high level of delegated authority, productivity and commitment.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

The Council has extensive systems in place to assist performance management and continuous improvement.

Performance metrics to measure individual, group and total Council performance across a full range of processes and outputs have been developed. This information is provided to all staff through the intranet and other means, at regular intervals. Presently 79 performance metrics are used. The Council's individual performance development programme (IDP) incorporates individual performance expectations and appraisal, personal development and training needs.

TRAINING

The Council is committed to ensuring staff have an opportunity to receive training to develop to their full potential in a climate of open communication and teamwork.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Council operates a Health and Safety in the Workplace programme. The target is to have no work-related accidents resulting in staff time being lost.

EMPLOYMENT

Ninety-three permanent staff were employed by the Council at 31 December 2005. Eighty-five percent were employed under the Taranaki Regional Council Collective Employment Agreement, with the balance employed on individual agreements. Staff employed under the collective agreement are represented by the Taranaki Regional Council Officers Staff Association Incorporated.

The target is to have no disputes or personal grievances which trigger the "employment relationship problems" provisions of the Taranaki Regional Council Collective Employment Agreement.

Staff are encouraged to use organised health programmes.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES/IMPARTIAL EMPLOYMENT/MĀORI EMPLOYMENT

The Taranaki Regional Council is committed to the principle of equal opportunity in the recruitment, employment, training and promotion of its employees. The organisation will provide a welcoming, positive environment.

The organisation will implement a purposeful programme of action to ensure its activities and services are carried out with an awareness of, and an intent to eliminate discrimination in the areas of race, colour, ethnic or national

origin, gender, religious beliefs, marital status, family responsibilities, sexual orientation, special needs, or age. Specifically the Council will:

- ensure that recruitment policies and procedures are developed which select from the widest possible cross-section of potential staff in a non-discriminatory way
- maintain information sources necessary to provide appropriate detail and information for input into EEO policy development, implementation and evaluation, whilst ensuring confidentiality
- ensure all staff have the opportunity to participate in training and educational opportunities, including occupational safety and health issues, both inside and outside the organisation
- raise awareness of EEO issues throughout the organisation.

APPENDIX 2

Schedule of charges pursuant to section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991

SCHEDULE 1—SCALE OF FIXED CHARGES FOR STAFF TIME

The fixed charges are as follows:

Level 1	Senior Management	\$189.00 per hour
Level 2	Managers/Supervisors	\$93.00 per hour
Level 3	Professional Staff	\$66.00 per hour
Level 4	Technical Staff	\$51.00 per hour
Level 5	Support Staff	\$51.00 per hour

EXPLANATION

Staff time is recovered at the fixed charge appropriate to the task which they are undertaking. The fixed charges are calculated as per the IPENZ method with a multiplier of 2.1. All charges exclude GST. Effective from 1 July 2006.

SCHEDULE 2—FIXED CHARGES FOR THE PREPARATION OR CHANGE OF POLICY STATEMENT OR PLANS AND THE PROCESSING OF RESOURCE CONSENTS

Request for preparation or change to a plan/policy statement	\$350.00
For non-notified consents	\$350.00
For notified consents	\$500.00
Renewal, change or review of consent:	
Non-notified	\$350.00
Notified	\$500.00
Extension of a consent lapsed due to non-exercise	\$250.00
Certificate of compliance	\$250.00
Transfer of consent to another party	\$40.00

EXPLANATION

Applicants, in accordance with Council policy, are required, where necessary, to pay all actual and reasonable charges for staff time, consultants, hearing costs, plant and laboratory analyses over and above the fixed application charge. All charges exclude GST. Effective from 1 July 2006.

SCHEDULE 3—FIXED CHARGES FOR THE USE OF PLANT

Tandem trailer	\$25.00 per day
Single axle trailer	\$20.00 per day
Mac boat and motor	\$200.00 per day
Aluminium boat (with motor)	\$50.00 per day
Motorbike	\$20.00 per day
Quad bike	\$40.00 per day
Timms kill traps	\$20.00 refundable bond
Airchek air sampling pump	\$10.00 per day
Automatic water quality samplers	\$50.00 per day
Suspended particulate sampler	\$30.00 per hour
Deposition gauge	\$30.00 per month
Drager air sampler	\$30.00 per sample
Electric fishing equipment	\$100.00 per day
Electrical submersible pump	\$50.00 per day

Gastec air sampler	\$30.00 per sample
Hydrological gauging equipment	\$20.00 gauging
Groundwater probe	\$100.00 per day
In stream temperature monitor	\$150.00 per year
Stack air sampling kits	\$160.00 per day
Time lapse video	\$350.00 per month
Portable wind logger	\$350.00 per month
Global positioning system	\$20.00 per day
Vandorn sampler	\$20.00 per day
Survey equipment	\$50 per day
Sound system	\$120 per day
Pneumatic groundwater pump	\$120 per day
Multigas monitor	\$60 per deployment
Passive absorption disks	\$170 per sample
Dast Trak monitor	\$100 per day
Materials supplied where applicable, e.g., chemicals	Cost + 20%

EXPLANATION

All charges exclude GST. Effective from 1 July 2006.

SCHEDULE 4—FIXED CHARGES FOR LABORATORY ANALYSES

TEST

pH	\$11
Alkalinity	\$15
Acidity	\$15
Conductivity	\$11
Salinity	\$11
Turbidity	\$11
Absorbance—filtered	\$11
Hardness	\$15
Boron	\$25
Chloride	\$19
Sulphate	\$25
Sulphide	\$19
Fluoride	\$19
Silica	\$19
Chlorine (colorimetry)	\$25
Chlorine (kit)	\$15
Formaldehyde (colorimetry)	\$25
Formaldehyde (kit)	\$15
Total solids	\$30
Nitrogen—Ammonia	\$19
Nitrogen—Nitrite	\$19
Nitrogen—Nitrate	\$25
Nitrogen—Urea	\$25
Nitrogen—Total	\$35
Phosphorus—total	\$25
Phosphorus—reactive dissolved	\$19
Settleable solids	\$11
Suspended solids	\$25
Total grease	\$67
Floatable grease	\$73
Oil and grease, or hydrocarbons	\$67

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Hydrocarbons and oil and grease	\$73
Chlorophyll	\$37
Cyanide (total)	\$61
Phenol (total)	\$61
Methanol	\$37
Biochemical oxygen demand—clean water	\$37
Biochemical oxygen demand—wastewater	\$73
Biochemical oxygen demand—filtered BOD—clean water	\$48
Biochemical oxygen demand—filtered BOD—wastewater	\$84
Chemical oxygen demand—filtered	\$48
Chemical oxygen demand—total	\$37
Dissolved oxygen—Winkler	\$17
Metals—direct soluble/acid soluble (includes cations)	\$15
Metals—total	\$37
Mercury—total	\$61
Arsenic—total	\$61
Silver (total recoverable)	\$37
Vanadium (gallic acid)	\$37

BACTERIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

Water/Wastewater (Membrane filtration)	
Faecal coliforms or E.coli	\$25
Faecal coliforms and E.coli	\$31
Water/Wastewater—Enterococci	\$31
Water/Wastewater/sediment (most probable number)	
Faecal coliforms	\$73
Enterococci	\$73
Shellfish (most probable number)	\$86

SOIL ANALYSES

Sample preparation	\$5
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EXPLANATION

Method references available on request. Charges exclude GST. Effective from 1 July 2006.

SCHEDULE 5—TAILORED COMPLIANCE MONITORING PROGRAMMES 2006/07

SEWERAGE DISCHARGES

Stratford Mountain House Ltd	Mt Taranaki	\$661
Dawson Falls Ltd	Mt Taranaki	\$661
Department of Conservation	Mt Taranaki	\$959
New Plymouth District Council	Inglewood	\$5,051
Stratford District Council	Ponds/Landfill	\$7,159
South Taranaki District Council	Hawera	\$17,390
	Kaponga	\$3,556
	Manaia	\$2,700
	Patea	\$7,127
	Waverley	\$2,134
	Eltham ponds/landfill	\$10,950
	Opunake	\$6,911

MARINE DISCHARGES

Methanex (NZ) Ltd	Waitara	\$10,461
New Plymouth District Council	Carrousel Plant	\$17,678
Waitara Outfall Management Board	Waitara Outfall	\$13,992
New Plymouth District Council	Waitara treatment plant	\$5,837
	Urenui/Onaero Beach camps	\$1,410
	Aquatic Centre	\$1,272
Wai-iti Beach Partnership	Wai-iti Beach Camp	\$711
South Taranaki District Council	Wai-inu Township	\$977
	Opunake Township	\$11,481#

LANDFILLS

New Plymouth District Council	Colson Road	\$19,444
	Waitara	\$791
	Inglewood	\$6,637
	Okoki/Tongaporutu	\$555
	Okato	\$1,888
	Marfell/Oakura	\$1,150
Stratford District Council	Pukengahu/Huiroa	\$366
South Taranaki District Council	Eltham	\$7,205
	Opunake	\$2,572
	Patea/Waverley	\$1,779
	Hawera	\$4,981
	Manaia	\$3,345
	Otakeho	\$397
Waverly Sawmills		\$2,307

CLEANFILLS

Bishop BJ and LB	Oakura	\$1,676
Riddick EE	New Plymouth	\$797
Bailey J & C	New Plymouth	\$961
Harris G	New Plymouth	\$1,717
Inframax Construction	New Plymouth	\$541
AA Contracting	New Plymouth	\$838
Grant Allen		\$797
Works Infrastructure		\$838
Bell Block Holdings/A J Cowley		\$1,258
Purvis		\$390
River Island Shingle		\$562
Westwill		\$690
Taranaki Trucking		\$475
M T Ward		\$541
South Taranaki District Council	Pate green waste	\$939

DAIRY PROCESSING

Fonterra (Whareroa)	Whareroa	\$59,092
Fonterra (Kapuni)	Kapuni	\$26,284
Taranaki Milk Products	Okato	\$1,214

MUNICIPAL ABSTRACTION/WATER TREATMENT PLANTS

New Plymouth District Council	Various	\$5,339
Stratford District Council	Various	\$1,780

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South Taranaki District Council	Various	\$10,263	Tasman Oil Tools Ltd		\$2,751
Oaonui Water Supply Ltd	Various	\$374	Tegel Foods Ltd		\$9,245
Nukumaru Water Supply Scheme		\$374	MI New Zealand Ltd		\$1,911
			Natural Gas Corporation		\$950
JOINT MONITORING PROGRAMMES			Schlumberger Seaco Ltd		\$1,854
HONGIHONGI AND HEREKAWE CATCHMENTS (NEW PLYMOUTH)			Greymouth Petroleum Ltd		\$2,566
Kaneb Terminals Ltd		\$2,199	Halliburton		\$2,689
Methanex Motunui Ltd		\$1,007			
Methanex Waitara Valley Ltd		\$1,764	WAITAHA CATCHMENT (BELL BLOCK)		
Mobil Oil NZ Ltd		\$984	Weatherford Ltd		\$2,925
New Zealand Oil Services		\$1,212	Onyx Group Ltd		\$1,824
Shell Todd Oil Services Ltd		\$4,864	C & O Concrete Products Ltd		\$867
Liquigas		\$938	Dynea Ltd		\$5,574
Fonterra		\$869	New Plymouth District Council		\$1,223
			Parker Drilling International of NZ Ltd		\$970
KAHOURI CATCHMENT (STRATFORD)			Taranaki Sawmills Ltd		\$2,269
Contact Energy		\$319	Taranaki Nuchem		\$530
Egmont Tanneries Ltd		\$915	TBS		\$1,881
Firth Industries Ltd		\$782			
Stratford Power Ltd		\$167	PETROCHEMICAL		
Taranaki Abattoirs Company Ltd		\$3,843	Shell Todd Oil Services	McKee/Mangahewa	\$6,606
Taranaki Galvanizers Ltd		\$1,487	Greymouth Petroleum	Kaimiro/Ngatoro	\$14,465
Transpower NZ Ltd		\$618	Methanex Waitara Valley Ltd	Waitara Valley	\$1,209#
Ballance Agrinutrients Ltd		\$66	Natural Gas Corporation of NZ Ltd	Kapuni	\$9,310
			Ballance Agri-Nutrients Ltd	Kapuni	\$14,545
LOWER WAIWHAKAIHO CATCHMENT (NEW PLYMOUTH)			Shell Todd Oil Services Ltd	Oaonui/Kapuni	\$12,510
Allied Concrete Ltd		\$1,295	Solexin Industries Ltd	Waitara	\$773#
Firth Industries Ltd		\$1,222	Geary R & S	Manutahi	\$5,120
Hooker Brothers Ltd		\$1,710	Swift Energy NZ Ltd	Rimu, TAWN	\$10,545
New Plymouth District Council		\$6,313	Greymouth Petroleum	Pipelines	\$3,636
Tranz Rail Ltd		\$3,226	Greymouth Petroleum	Deep Well Injection	\$1,822
PCL Industries Ltd		\$2,458	Austral Pacific	Kahihi	\$800
Ravensdown Fertiliser Co-operative Ltd		\$6,300	Shell Todd Oil Services	Lower Otaraoa Rd	\$5,280
Taranaki Sawmills Ltd		\$6,013	Shell Todd Oil Services	Deep Well Injection	\$3,631
Technix Group		\$1,764	Shell Todd Oil Services	Pohokura PS	\$12,243
Works Infrastructure Ltd		\$1,819	Swift	Deep Well Injection	\$3,122
			Westech	Surrey	\$1,002
LOWER WAIWHAKAIHO AIRSHED (NEW PLYMOUTH)			Austral Pacific	Cheal	\$1,106
Clelands Timber		\$263	Greymouth Petroleum	Landfarm	\$8,248
Fitzroy Engineering		\$3,498	BTW	Manutahi	\$2,060 per well
PCL Industries Ltd		\$1,525	Natural Gas Corporation of NZ Ltd	Kahihi	\$858
Ravensdown		\$2,941	Perry	Uruti	\$9,737
Katere Surface Coatings		\$1,113	Shell Todd Oil Services	Pipelines	\$19,368
Works Infrastructure		\$4,419	Austral Pacific	Deepwell Injection	\$1,032
Taranaki Drum and Pallet Recycling		\$458	Energy Services International		\$634
			Shell Todd Oil Services	Maui	\$7,680
MANGATI CATCHMENT (BELL BLOCK)			Shell Todd Oil Services	Kapuni	\$5,490
ABB Transformers Ltd		\$3,141	Austral Pacific Energy (NZ) Ltd	Cardiff 2	\$1,412
Clark & Rogers Ltd		\$3,530	Swift Energy NZ Ltd	Schrider	\$5,832
Corrocoat		\$423	G Symons	Landfarm	\$1,696
Mainland Products		\$1,647	Geary R & S	OBM	\$2,362
MCK Metals Pacific Ltd		\$5,130	Perry	Waitara	\$1,850
New Plymouth District Council		\$2,122	Bridge Petroleum Ltd	Radnor	\$4,396
Olex Cables Ltd		\$2,232			

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INDUSTRY

DowAgro Sciences (NZ) Ltd	New Plymouth	\$8,666
Kibby's Metals Ltd	New Plymouth	\$90
MCK Metals Pacific Ltd	Bell Block	\$11,962
Pacific Natural Gut Ltd	Manaia	\$610
Paradise Abalone Ltd	Okato	\$327
Taranaki Aquaculture	Oakura	\$673#
Port Taranaki Ltd	Port Taranaki	\$1,857
Bitumen Supplies Ltd	Port Taranaki	\$568
Osflo		\$648
Cheswood Estate NZ Ltd		\$596 (\$970#)

MEAT PROCESSING

Graeme Lowe Protein	Hawera	\$4,086
Richmond Ltd	Hawera	\$8,857
Riverlands Eltham Ltd	Eltham	\$25,036
Taranaki By-Products Ltd	Okaiawa	\$63,404 (\$104,370#)
PPCS	Waitotara	\$5,183

PIGGERIES

D H Lepper		\$2,574
Meadowvale		\$2,743

ENERGY

Contact Energy Ltd	New Plymouth	\$6,776
NZ Energy	Waiaua	\$4,973
Trustpower-Taranaki Generation	Mangamahoe	\$11,372
Trustpower-Taranaki Generation	Motukawa	\$13,332
Trustpower-Taranaki Generation	Rotorangi	\$14,459
Contact Energy Ltd	Stratford	\$17,465
Trustpower-Taranaki Gen	Patea below dam	\$6,462

AIR CONSENTS

Blasting		
Inglewood Blasting and Painting Ltd	Inglewood	\$467

OTHER

New Plymouth Crematorium	Mangamahoe	\$1,416
New Plymouth District Council (Coastal Works)		
Waitara		\$1,716
Urenui		\$1,716
New Plymouth		\$1,716
East End		\$1,716
Bell Block		\$1,716
Onaero		\$1,716
South Taranaki District Council (Coastal Works)		
Bailey Road		\$1,791
Middleton Bay		\$1,791
Opunake		\$1,791
Patea		\$1,791

N T & R A Vesty	\$117
D F Appert	\$117
D S W Green	\$117
J & D Baker	\$53
C C Bishop	\$53
Mitchfarm Ltd	\$53
Inglewood Golf Club	\$53
Waitara Golf Club	\$53
Manaia Golf Club	\$53
Kaitaki Golf Club	\$53
Te Ngutu Golf Club	\$53
Manukorihi Golf Club	\$53
Little Knoll Greenhouses	\$53
Lander	\$53
Hawera Golf Club	\$53
Westown Golf Club	\$53
Crawford A M & T F Trust	\$53
Edmonds Industrial Coatings Ltd	\$190
D Hill	\$190
Mike Low Spraypainting	\$190
Independent Services	\$190
Blast It	\$190
TBS Farnsworth	\$190
Onyx Group Ltd	\$190
Hurlstone Earthmoving	\$190
Williams Sandblasting	\$190
Meredith Sandblasting	\$190
South Taranaki Sandblasting	\$190
Independent Blast Services	\$380
Stratford District Council	\$66
Stratford High School	\$66
South Taranaki District Council	\$132
Pungarehu Community	\$66
New Plymouth Girls' High School	\$66
Transpower NZ Ltd	\$288
Sandford Brothers Ltd	\$285
Surface Preparation Ltd	\$190
Nickel Sandblasting & Spraypainting	\$380
Airless Spraypainting & Industrial	\$190
Programmed Maintenance Services Ltd	\$190
Munro Duncan	\$190
Berridge Pelfood	\$90
Aotearoa Coalstores	\$90
Ross Poultry	\$90
Summit Quinphos	\$90
Egmont Canine Centre	\$90
D G & M I Nelley	\$90
Fulton Hogan	\$90
Mile Square Farm	\$90
L A Chatterton	\$90
Hawera Rewinds	\$90
P Jones	\$90

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QUARRIES

AA Contracting Ltd	Lepperton	\$484
Bell R C	Stratford	\$225
Bourge D M	Normanby	\$359
Burgess & Crowley Ltd	Toko	\$529
Egmont Stone Ltd	Urenui	\$200
Hurlstone Earthmoving Ltd	Egmont Road	\$884
Hurlstone Earthmoving Ltd	Kaipu Road	\$1,280
Inglewood Metal Ltd	Everett Park	\$2,704
Murray Brothers Ltd	Manaia	\$225
GR & LJ Jones	Brixton	\$711
New Plymouth Quarries Ltd	Waiwhakaiho	\$2,775
Purvis M	Stratford	\$348
South Rd Quarries	Tokaora	\$647
Sybrandy Contracting	Hawera	\$383
Taranaki Trucking Co Ltd	Wiremu Road	\$497
Taunt L	Bird Road	\$221
Vickers Quarries Ltd	Midhirst (2 sites)	\$1,634
Vickers Quarries Ltd	Toko	\$518
Wallis R A Ltd	Kaponga	\$221
Wallis R A Ltd	Matapu	\$388
Wallis R A Ltd	Okaiawa	\$317
Winstone Aggregates Ltd	Opunake	\$948
Taranaki Trucking Co Ltd	Kaponga	\$375
Taranaki Trucking	Cardiff	\$5,659#
Brian Crawford Contracting Ltd		\$251
D & L Crow Ltd		\$744
C D Boyd		\$821
Ferndene Quarries Ltd		\$1,146
Surf Highway Excavators		\$276
Gully Rock Ltd		\$348

IRRIGATION SCHEMES

GD & HM McCallum	Inaha	\$852#
A & EN Barkla	Inaha	\$901#
Kaihihi Trust	Kaihihi	\$597#
Harvey Partnership	Kaihihi	\$671#
RJ & SB Richards Family Trust	Kaikura	\$901#
KG & CJ Sole	Kapoaiaia	\$311#
H & RA & J Sanderson	Kaupokonui	\$901#
CT McDonald	Mangaroa	\$719#
Schrider Family Trust	Mangaroa	\$901#
AI & KJ Williams	Matanehunehu	\$901#
SJ & ME Barr	Oeo	\$901#
Sanderson H & RA Trust	Otakeho	\$901#
Woollaston Family Trust Partnership	Patea	\$493#
PG & BM Bourke	Punehu	\$493#
GA & RJ Dorn	Punehu	\$493#
Julian RM & MC Family Trust	Taungatara	\$901#
Pease David Family Trust	Waihi	\$901#
Geary RA & SM Trust	Waikakai	\$901#
Walker & McLean Partnership	Waiokura	\$697#

CATCHMENT

Alma Trust	Waipuku	\$394#
Kohi Beach Farm Ltd	Wairoa	\$719#
Dickie Roger Family Trust	Wairoa	\$1,204#
L D & S E Adamson	Waitotara	\$901#
HN & AF Chapman & Hardegger	Waiweranui	\$785#
Kohi Meats Limited	Whenuakura	\$901#
Aiken Land Co Ltd	Whenuakura	\$901#
Aiken Land Co Ltd	Whenuakura	\$490#
BT & SM Bradley	Waverley	\$901#
New Plymouth Golf Club		\$901#
WM & MP Schrader		\$719#
Sound Belt Farm Trust		\$719#
Cornwall farms		\$493#
Kohi Investments Ltd		\$901#
J & R Moor Holdings		\$311#
J R & D M Baker	Whenuakura	\$493#
Mara Trust	Kaihihi	\$597#
Brigadoon Pastoral Ltd	Waitara	\$311
Cradles Farm Trust No. 2	Whenuakura	\$490
G W & V S Gibbs	Waiokura	\$677
D R & A J Gibson	Otahi	\$408#
Goodin F J & Sons Ltd	Kaihihi	\$597#
K L Gray	Kaihihi	\$415#
T R Jane	Manganui	\$493#
Jordan JA & MP Trusts partnership	Hauroto	\$719#
N A & K M McColl	Chapmans	\$1,204#
Waikakai Farms Ltd	Waikakai	\$901#

EXPLANATION

The Council's tailored compliance monitoring programmes are presented in various groups based on the nature of the discharge and/or type of industry. The consent holder, in accordance with the Council's policy on cost recovery for compliance monitoring, is required where necessary to pay all actual and reasonable charges for staff time, consultants, plant and laboratory analyses as set out in Schedules 1 through 4. All charges exclude GST. Effective from 1 July 2006.

Note: # Provisional maximum programme. Consent may not be exercised, or programme implemented in part.

SCHEDULE 6—FIXED CHARGES FOR MONITORING

The fixed charge for annual compliance monitoring inspections is \$90.00.

The fixed charge for once only compliance monitoring inspection is \$90.00.

The fixed charge for reinspection arising from annual or once only compliance monitoring inspections is \$102.00.

EXPLANATION:

The fixed standard charge for both the annual compliance monitoring inspections and the once only compliance monitoring inspections and reinspections are based on staff time for a Level 4 Technical Staff. All charges exclude GST. Effective from 1 July 2006.

APPENDIX 3

Rates remission and postponement policy

The rates postponement and remission policy of the Taranaki Regional Council is that of the region's three district councils who collect the rates on the Council's behalf. Whilst these policies differ from council to council, it would be administratively inefficient to adopt uniform policies across the region, and then to require each district council to apply two sets of policies. Accordingly, the rates postponement and remission policies that will be applied are as follows for each of the Taranaki Regional Council's constituencies.

Specific details in relation to each remission and postponement policy can be obtained by reference to the respective district council. That is, in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies by reference to the New Plymouth District Council, in the Stratford constituency by reference to the Stratford District Council and in the South Taranaki constituency by reference to the South Taranaki District Council.

	New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies	Stratford constituency	South Taranaki constituency
Rate remission policy	The Taranaki Regional Council has decided to remit all or part of the rates owed by the ratepayer in respect of rating units covered by this Rates Remission Policy provided that the conditions within this policy have been met. Rates remissions will be provided for the following categories of rating units and under the following circumstances:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • remissions for community and sporting clubs and organisations • remissions for penalties • remissions for land voluntarily/mandatorily protected for natural, historic or cultural conservation purposes • remissions for rates relief in miscellaneous circumstances. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • remissions for community, sporting and other organisations • remissions on land subject to an open space covenant • remissions on penalties • remissions on Stratford District Council owned and occupied properties • remissions on sewerage disposal rates for educational establishments • remission for extra financial hardship • remissions for economic development. <p>Where a rating unit for which the Stratford District Council has granted a rates remission is sold, leased, or otherwise disposed of, the rates remission shall be terminated at the time of disposal. If the new ratepayer qualifies for a rates remission under this policy, it should be up to that ratepayer to apply for a rates remission.</p> <p>The application for rates remission must be made to the Stratford District Council prior to the commencement of the rating year. Applications received during a rating year will be applicable from the commencement of the following rating year. Applications will not be backdated.</p> <p>No remission will be granted on targeted rates for water supply, sewage disposal or refuse collection.</p> <p>Where a rates remission percentage applies, it is calculated on the rates that would be assessed before any application of non-rateable adjustments. (For example, if a property is 50% nonrateable, and receives a 50% remission, then no rates are due).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • remission of rates for community halls • remission of rates for sporting, games, branches of the arts, community care and volunteer organisations • remission of rates on land protected for natural, historical or cultural conservation purposes • remission of penalties • remission of uniform annual general charges on non-contiguous units owned by the same owner. <p>The following percentages will apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of total rates levied in respect of public halls • 50% of targeted rates only, levied in respect of properties used for games or sports except galloping races, harness races, or greyhound races and who do not hold club licenses under the Sale of Liquor Act 1989 • 50% of total rates levied in respect of properties used for games or sports except galloping races, harness races, or greyhound races and who hold club licenses under the Sale of Liquor Act 1989 • 50% of targeted rates only, levied in respect of properties used by any branch of the arts • 50% of total rates levied in respect of properties qualifying under the categories of community care type or volunteer organisations • 100% of general rates and Uniform Annual General Charges levied in respect of properties qualifying under the category of natural, historical or cultural conservation properties.

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Remission of rates for community, sporting and other organisations	<p>The Council reaffirms it's commitment to assist, where practicable, community clubs and organisations in recognition of the valuable "Public Good" contribution made by such organisations to the character and wellbeing of the District.</p> <p>Council may remit rates where land is owned by the Council, or owned and occupied by a charitable organisation, and is used exclusively or principally for sporting, recreation, or community purposes. The policy will not apply to organisations operated for private pecuniary profit, or which charge commercial tuition fees.</p> <p>All applications must be received in writing using the NPDC "Application for Remission" form. Any applications received during a rating year will be applicable from the commencement of the following rating year. No applications will be backdated. Organisations making application should include the following documents in support of their application: statement of objectives, full financial accounts information on activities and programmes and details of membership or clients</p> <p>The policy shall apply to such organisations as approved by the Manager Financial Services and the Manager Revenue and Expenditure as meeting the relevant criteria and the extent of any remission will be determined by those officers.</p> <p>No remission will be granted in respect of those rates referred to in section 9 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (that is, targeted rates for water supply, sewage disposal or waste collection).</p> <p>Any appeals against the decisions of the Manager Financial Services and Manager Revenue and Expenditure will be referred to the Monitoring Committee for final determination. A summary of remissions must be supplied to the Council on an annual basis.</p>	<p>The Stratford District Council will provide rates remission of 100% to all ratepayers who meet the objectives, conditions and criteria of this policy, excluding land in respect of which a club licence under the Sale of Liquor Act 1989 is for the time being in force, which shall receive a 50% remission if the objectives, conditions and criteria are met.</p> <p>Objective. To facilitate the ongoing provision of non-commercial community services and non-commercial recreational opportunities for the residents of Stratford District Council.</p> <p>The purpose of granting rates remission to an organisation is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognise the public good contribution made by such an organisation • assist the organisation's survival and • make membership of the organisation more accessible to the general public, particularly disadvantaged groups. <p>These include children, youth, young families, aged people, and economically disadvantaged people.</p> <p>Conditions and Criteria. This part of the policy will apply to land:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • owned by the Stratford District Council • owned or occupied by a registered charitable organisation and are responsible for the rates • owned or occupied by a registered non-profit organisation and are responsible for the rates • which is used exclusively or principally for sporting, recreation, or community purposes by that organisation • the land is not used for galloping races, harness races or greyhound races. <p>Note that the Council requires documentary evidence of charitable or non-profit organisational status. This policy does not apply to organisations operated for private pecuniary profit. This policy does not apply to groups or organisations whose primary purpose is to address the needs of adult members (over 18 years) for entertainment or social interaction, or who engage in recreational, sporting, or community services as a secondary purpose only.</p> <p>Organisations making application should include the following documents in support of their application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • statement of objectives • evidence of charitable/non profit status • financial accounts • information on activities and programmes • details on membership or clients. 	<p>The remission of rates for community, sporting and other organisations is to facilitate the ongoing provision of non-commercial community services and non-commercial recreational opportunities for the residents of South Taranaki.</p> <p>The purpose of granting rates remission to an organisation is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognise the public good contribution made by such organisations • assist the organisation's survival • make membership of the organisation more accessible to the general public, particularly disadvantaged groups. <p>These include children, youth, young families, aged people, and economically disadvantaged people.</p> <p>Conditions and Criteria. The remission of rates will apply to land that is used exclusively or principally for sporting, recreation, or community purposes. The policy does not apply to organisations operated for pecuniary profit.</p> <p>The policy does not apply to groups or organisations whose primary purpose is to address the needs of adult members (over 18 years) for entertainment or social interaction, or who engage in recreational, sporting, or community services as a secondary purpose only.</p>

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Remission of rates on land protected for conservation purposes	<p>The objective of this policy is to encourage the protection of significant natural areas by providing rates relief for privately owned land that contains special features voluntarily protected for natural, historic, cultural or conservation purposes.</p> <p>Basis of Remission</p> <p>The remission will be based on the proportion the area protected bears to the total area of the property. Where the protected area is covenanted, the remission will be 100% of the general rate pro-rata as per this proportion; where the protected area is protected by virtue of inclusion in the District Plan but not covenanted, the remission will be 50% of the general rate pro-rata as per this proportion.</p> <p>Remissions granted under this policy do not include targeted rates.</p> <p>Conditions and Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the area of land containing the special features is readily identified and able to be measured the special features are significant in terms of the loss of use or value of the property sustained in retaining the feature the area of land containing the feature is protected to the extent that economic utilisation is at least restricted or the value of the property is significantly affected by the existence of the feature being-protected a heritage building is protected by a legal instrument or agreement the application will be determined by the Manager Financial Services and the Manager Revenue and Expenditure any appeals against the decision will be referred to the Monitoring Committee for final determination remissions granted under this Policy will be reported to the Council on an annual basis. 	<p>The Stratford District Council will provide rates remission of 100% to all ratepayers who meet the objectives, conditions and criteria of this policy.</p> <p>Objective. To preserve and promote natural resources and to encourage the protection of land for natural purposes. This policy will support the provisions of the Stratford District Council District Plan 1997.</p> <p>Conditions and Criteria. This part of the policy will apply to ratepayers who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> own rating units subject to an open space registered on the land title own rating units subject to Clause B2.9 Esplanade Strips, Covenanted Wetlands and Access Strips of the Stratford District Plan 1997. <p>The remission will apply to the area of land included in the protected conservation area.</p> <p>Applications should be supported by documentary evidence of the protected status of the rating unit, for example, a copy of the covenant or other legal mechanism.</p> <p>In granting remissions under this policy, the Council may specify certain conditions before remission will be granted. Applicants will be required to agree in writing to these conditions and pay any remitted rates if the conditions are violated.</p>	<p>Objective. Rate remission is provided to preserve and promote natural resources and heritage by encouraging the protection of land for natural, historic or cultural purposes.</p> <p>Conditions and Criteria. Ratepayers who own rating units which have some feature of cultural, natural or historic heritage which is voluntarily protected may qualify for remission of rates under this policy.</p> <p>Land that is non-rateable under section 8 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and is liable only for rates for water supply, sewerage disposal and waste collection will not qualify for remission under this part of the policy.</p> <p>Applications should be supported by documented evidence of the protected status of the rating unit, for example, a copy of the covenant or other legal mechanism.</p> <p>In considering any application for remission of rates under this part of the policy, the Council will consider the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the extent to which the preservation of natural, cultural or historic heritage will be promoted by granting remission of rates on the rating unit the degree to which feature of natural, cultural and historic heritage is present on the land the degree to which features of natural, cultural and historic heritage inhibit the economic utilisation of the land the extent to which the preservation of natural, cultural and historic heritage will be promoted by granting remission of rates on the rating unit the degree to which features of natural, cultural and historic heritage will be promoted by granting remission of rates on the rating unit the degree to which features of natural, cultural and historic heritage is present on the land the degree to which features of natural, cultural and historic heritage inhibits the economic utilisation of the land.

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Remission of rates on land with a heritage structure on it	No provision for the remission of rates.	<p>The Stratford District Council will provide rates remission of 100% of the rates on land with a heritage structure on it to all ratepayers who meet the objectives, conditions and criteria of this policy.</p> <p>Objective. To preserve and promote heritage structures and to encourage the maintenance, enhancement and protection of heritage sites. This policy will support the provisions of the Stratford District Council District Plan.</p> <p>Conditions and Criteria. This part of the policy will apply to ratepayers who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • own rating units that have a site listed in Appendix 5: <i>Known Heritage Resources of Significance Identified for Protection</i> in the Stratford District Plan • protect and maintain these heritage sites and features according to conditions that applied on resource consents where applicable. <p>This policy does not apply to land that is non-rateable under section 8 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and is liable only for rates for water supply or sewage disposal.</p> <p>The application for rates remission must be made to the Council prior to the commencement of the rating year. Applications received during a rating year will be applicable from the commencement of the following rating year. In granting remissions under this policy, the Council may specify certain conditions before remission will be granted. Applicants will be required to agree in writing to these conditions and to pay any remitted rates if the conditions are violated.</p> <p>Where an application is approved, the Council will direct its Valuation Service Provider to inspect the rating unit and provide a special valuation. The ratepayer may be asked to contribute to the cost of this valuation. Ratepayers should note that the Valuation Services Provider's decision is final as there is no statutory right of objection or appeal for values done in this way.</p>	No provision for the remission of rates.

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Remission of rates or postponement of rates for financial hardship	<p>The objective of this policy is to assist ratepayers experiencing extreme financial hardship which affect their ability to pay rates.</p> <p>Conditions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only rating units used solely for residential purposes (as defined by the Council) will be eligible for consideration for rates postponement for extreme financial hardship • Only the person entered as the ratepayer, or their authorised agent, may make an application for rates postponement for extreme financial hardship on the rating unit which is the subject of the application. The person entered on the Council's rating information database as the "ratepayer" must not own any other rating units or investment properties (whether in the district or in another district) • The Council will consider, on a case by case basis, all applications received that meet the criteria described in the two paragraphs above • When considering whether extreme financial hardship exists, all of the ratepayer's personal circumstances will be relevant including, but not limited to, the following factors: age, physical or mental disability, injury, illness and family circumstances • Before approving an application the Council must be satisfied that the ratepayer is unlikely to have sufficient funds left over, after the payment of rates, for normal health care, proper provision for maintenance of his or her home and chattels at an adequate standard as well as making provision for normal day to day living expenses • The ratepayer must make application to the Council on the prescribed form • The ratepayer must make acceptable arrangements for payment of future rates, for example by setting up a system for regular payments • The Council may add a postponement fee to the postponed rates for the period between the due date and the date they are paid. This fee will not exceed an amount which covers the Council's administration and financial costs. 	<p>The Stratford District Council will provide rates remission up to 100% to all ratepayers who meet the objectives, conditions and criteria of this policy.</p> <p>Objective. The objective of this remission policy is to assist ratepayers experiencing extreme financial hardship which affects their ability to pay rates.</p> <p>Conditions and Criteria. Council will consider, on a case by case basis, all applications received that meet its criteria.</p> <p>Only rating units used solely for residential purposes as defined by Council will be eligible for consideration for rates remission for extreme financial circumstances.</p> <p>Formal application must be made by the ratepayer or the ratepayer's authorised agent on the application form provided by Council for the purpose, providing full information as required by the application form.</p> <p>When considering whether extreme financial circumstances exist, all of the ratepayer's personal circumstances will be relevant including the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • age • physical or mental disability • injury • illness • family circumstances. <p>Before approving an application Council must be satisfied that the ratepayer is unlikely to have sufficient funds left over, after the payment of rates, for normal health care and proper provision for maintenance of his/her home and chattels at an adequate standard, as well as making provision for normal day to day living expenses.</p> <p>The application for a remission under this policy will be assessed independently from the Government Rates Rebate Scheme.</p>	<p>Objective. The objective of this part of the policy is to assist ratepayers experiencing extreme financial circumstances, which affect their ability to pay rates.</p> <p>Conditions and Criteria. Only rating units used solely for residential purposes will be eligible for consideration for rate postponement for extreme financial circumstances.</p> <p>Only the person entered as the ratepayer, or their authorised agent, may make an application for rate postponement for extreme financial circumstances. The ratepayer must be the current owner of, and have owned for not less than 5 years, the rating unit, which is the subject of the application. The person entered on the Council's rating information database as the "ratepayer" must not own any other rating units or investment properties (whether in the district or in another district).</p> <p>The ratepayer (or authorised agent) must make an application to council on the prescribed form (copies can be obtained from the Council Offices). The Council will consider, on a case by case basis, all applications received that meet the criteria described in the first two paragraphs under this section.</p>

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Remission of rates or postponement of rates for financial hardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policy will apply from the beginning of the rating year in which the application is made although the Council may consider backdating past the rating year in which the application is made depending on the circumstances The postponement will continue to apply until: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the ratepayer ceases to be the owner or occupier of the rating unit - the ratepayer ceases to use the property as their residence - until a date specified by the Council whichever is the sooner. The postponed rates will remain a charge against the property and must be paid either at the end of the postponement term or when the property is sold. Postponed rates may include rate arrears owing from a previous financial year A rating charge will be registered on the certificate of title and will be removed when the postponed amount has been repaid The application will be determined by the Manager Financial Services and the Manager Revenue and Expenditure. <p>Any appeals against the decision will be referred to the Monitoring Committee for final determination.</p>		
Remission of rates on Council owned and occupied properties	No provision for the remission of rates.	<p>The Stratford District Council will provide rates remission of 100% on rating units owned and occupied by the Stratford District Council which meet the objectives, conditions and criteria of this policy.</p> <p>Objective. The objective of this part of the remission policy is to enable the Stratford District Council to be cost-neutral in regard to other ratepayers whilst being administratively efficient.</p> <p>Conditions and Criteria. This part of the policy applies to rating units owned and occupied by the Stratford District Council. This part of the policy does not apply to rating units that are owned by the Stratford District Council but are leased to a third party and the terms of the lease provide for rates to be paid by the Lessor.</p>	No provision for the remission of rates.

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Remission of penalties	<p>The objective of this policy is to enable the Council to act fairly and reasonably in its consideration of rates which have not been received by the Council by the penalty date due to circumstances outside the ratepayer's control or in order to ensure the settlement of outstanding rates and the ratepayer has made an arrangement to pay over an extended period.</p> <p>Conditions and Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic remission of the penalties will apply to those ratepayers that have an automatic payment or Direct Debit in place as approved by the Manager Revenue and Expenditure • Automatic remission of the penalties will apply to those ratepayers that pay their rates in full by the second instalment due date • Remission of the penalty will be granted if the ratepayer is able to provide evidence that their payment has gone astray in the post or the late payment has otherwise resulted from matters outside their control • Application will be considered on its merits and remission will be granted where it is considered just and equitable to do so • Application for a penalty remission is required in writing however under some circumstances approved by either the Manager Financial Services or Manager Revenue and Expenditure, verbal applications will be accepted • The Council may remit small balances due to cash rounding • The Manager Financial Services and the Manager Revenue and Expenditure have delegated authority to grant or refuse remissions under this policy • Any appeals against the decision will be referred to the Monitoring Committee for final determination • If an arrangement to pay rates and/or clear outstandings is not adhered to, the Council may reinstate future penalty charges. 	<p>The Stratford District Council will provide rates remission of penalties to all ratepayers who meet the objectives, conditions and criteria of this policy.</p> <p>Objective. The objective of this part of the remission policy is to enable the Stratford District Council to act fairly and reasonably in its consideration of rates which have not been received by the Council by the penalty date, due to circumstances outside the ratepayer's control.</p> <p>Conditions and Criteria. On application by the ratepayer, a remission of an instalment penalty imposed under Section 58(1)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 shall be granted if this is the first instance of late payment by the ratepayer within the previous six rating years.</p> <p>Where a ratepayer enters into a payment arrangement for the payment of the current year rates and any rate arrears, further penalties will be granted a remission. However, any default in the arrangement will cause the remission to be cancelled. It should be noted that any penalties applied up to the date of commencement of the arrangement will remain. Council will delegate decisions on arrangement remissions as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • full amount owed is paid by 30 June next Revenue Officer • full amount owed is paid by 30 June the following year Corporate Services Manager • arrangements beyond 30 June the following year Chief Executive. 	<p>Objective. The remission of penalties is to allow the Council to act fairly and reasonably in its consideration of rates, which the Council has not received by the penalty date due to circumstances outside the ratepayer's control.</p> <p>Conditions and Criteria. Remission of the penalty will be granted if the ratepayer by written explanation satisfies the Council that the late payment was due to circumstances outside the ratepayer's control.</p> <p>Each application will be considered on its merit and will be granted where it is considered fair and equitable to do so.</p> <p>In cases where ratepayers are in arrears with their rates, but have made acceptable arrangements for the payment of the current year's rates together with reduction in the level of arrears, further penalties being incurred will be remitted under this policy.</p>

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Remission of rates on sewerage disposal rates for educational establishments	No provision for the remission of rates.	<p>The Stratford District Council will provide rates remission to educational establishments so that they pay the lesser of the standard sewerage disposal rate or an amount calculated as if the Rating Powers (Special Provision for Certain Rates on Educational Establishments) Amendment Act 2001 was still current.</p> <p>Objective. The objective of this part of the remission policy is to enable the continuation of the special provisions that were enacted in 2001 for calculating sewerage disposal rates for educational establishments pending the Ministerial Review provided for in sections 25 and 26 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.</p> <p>Conditions and Criteria. On application from an Educational Establishment that qualified within the Rating Powers (Special Provision for Certain Rates on Educational Establishments) Amendment Act 2001, and the provision of the required figures as at 1 March of same year as the beginning of the financial year to which the remission applies, a remission will be granted so that the lesser of the calculated amounts shall be charged.</p>	No provision for the remission of rates.
Remission of uniform annual charges on non-contiguous rating units owned by the same ratepayer	<p>The objective of this policy is to provide for the possibility of rates remission where more than one uniform annual general charge is assessed on a rating unit because that rating unit comprises more than one separately used or inhabited part and where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the rating unit is used for residential purposes and includes a separately inhabited part occupied by a dependant member of the family of the owner of the rating unit. <p>Conditions and Criteria. The council may remit the specified rates where the application meets the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the rating units above must be used as the owner's residence but also contain a minor flat or other residential accommodation unit which is inhabited by a member of the owner's family who is dependant on the owner for financial support and occupies the accommodation on a non paying basis (e.g. granny flat) the owner(s) of the rating unit must complete and provide to the council a statutory declaration. Such a declaration will be effective for three years or until the conditions cease to be met, whichever is earlier. A fresh declaration must be completed and provided in order to qualify for consideration for remission beyond the first three year period the Manager Financial Services and Manager Revenue and Expenditure have delegated authority to grant or refuse remissions under this policy any appeals against the decision will be referred to the Monitoring Committee for final determination. 	No provision for remission of uniform annual charges on non-contiguous rating units owned by the same ratepayer.	<p>Objective. The remission of uniform annual general charges is to provide relief for rural land, which is non-contiguous but farmed as a single entity and owned by the same ratepayer.</p> <p>Conditions and Criteria. Ratepayers who occupy two or more separate rating units (and who do not qualify to be treated as one rating unit pursuant to Section 20 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002) are entitled to have uniform annual general charges reduced for qualifying properties. All ratepayers will pay at least one full uniform annual general charge and then half charges for additional qualifying properties.</p> <p>Any applicant must be paying at least one full uniform annual general charge on one of the rating units involved in the farming operation. Additional rating units involved in the farming operation will be charged half of the uniform annual general charges in respect of each additional rating unit.</p>

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Remission of rates in miscellaneous circumstances.	<p>It is recognised that not all situations in which the Council may wish to remit rates will necessarily be known about in advance and provided for in Council's specific policies.</p> <p>Conditions and Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council may remit rates on a rating unit where it considers it just and equitable to do so because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - extraordinary circumstances have arisen by virtue of the transition from the Rating Powers Act 1988 to the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 that meant it would be fair and equitable to grant relief - the application does not meet the circumstances provided for in any of the Council's other remission policies. • The application will be determined by the Manager Financial Services and the Manager Revenue and Expenditure • Any appeals against the decision will be referred to the Monitoring Committee for final determination. 	No provision for the remission of rates.	No provision for the remission of rates.
Remission of rates for economic development	No provision for the remission of rates	<p>This provides for rates relief for new development or redevelopment of land by way of constructing, erecting or altering buildings, fixed plant and machinery or other works intended to be used solely or principally for industrial, commercial or administrative purposes where the cost of such development is not less than \$500,000 (excluding GST) as assessed under the Building Act.</p> <p>The Council will be prepared to consider any application for building development which can demonstrate that it will be to the economic advantage of the Stratford District. Economic advantage will be deemed to occur if the development will result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • significant employment growth or employment retention in Stratford District • significant downstream new business for other Stratford District manufacturers or suppliers of goods and services. <p>Developments for industrial, commercial or administrative purposes which the Council wishes to foster are in the following sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • primary production and processing • tourism, including recreational, cultural and conference facilities • manufacturing, especially those which have high potential for employment related to the total cost factor 	No provision for the remission of rates

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Remission of rates for economic development continued		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • health services • retailing • hotels, motels and other transient accommodation • administrative services, including those provided by Government and private sector agencies. <p>In the event of any developer, to whom rates relief has been granted, selling the property within which the eligible investment was made, rates relief ceases from the date of the sale.</p> <p>Forms of Rates Relief. The Council may remit or postpone (or a combination of these) part or all of the general rates otherwise payable on the subject property for the period of the development and up to three rating years thereafter.</p> <p>The Council may impose conditions on the remission or postponement of rates and may cancel any remission or postponement in the event of non compliance by the applicant with those conditions. In those circumstances, the Council may require payment of full rates in respect of any year in which rates have been remitted.</p> <p>Factors to be Considered. The Council will have regard to the following matters when considering applications for rates relief:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether and to what extent, the development will, when completed, be to the economic advantage of the Stratford District including the creation of significant employment opportunities. The creation of jobs will be a strong factor in favour of granting rates relief, but the retention of existing jobs and the potential for job creation will also be positive factors • whether and to what extent the granting of relief will be of material benefit to the development • whether the investment limit and economic benefits criteria are met jointly in the case of a Lessor/Lessee arrangement • whether and to what extent the development can be served by the existing basic Council services infrastructure • the level of financial contributions and development levies collected under provisions of the District Plan • such other matters as the Council may, from time to time, consider relevant. 	

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Remission of rates on Māori freehold land	<p>The Council has a policy in place to remit the rates assessed on rating units, which are Māori freehold land in multiple ownership, subject to certain conditions. This policy aims to ensure the fair and equitable collection of rates from all sectors of the community recognising that certain Māori owned lands have particular conditions, features, ownership structures, or other circumstances which make it appropriate to provide relief from rates.</p> <p>Māori freehold land is defined in the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 as land whose beneficial ownership has been determined by a freehold order issued by the Māori Land Court. Only land that is subject of such an order may qualify for remission under this policy.</p> <p>Objectives. The objectives of this policy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to recognise situations where there is no owner, occupier or person gaining an economic or financial benefit from the land. • to set aside land that is better set aside for non-use because of its natural features (whenua rahui). • to recognise matters related to the physical accessibility of the land. • to recognise and take account of the presence of wahi tapu that may affect the use of the land for other purposes. • where part only of a block is occupied, to grant remission for the portion of land not occupied. • to facilitate development or use of the land where the Council considers rates based on actual rateable value makes the actual use of the land uneconomic. • to recognise and take account of the importance of land in providing economic and infrastructure support for marae and associated papakainga housing. • to recognise use of the land by the owners for traditional purposes. • to recognise occasions where granting remission will avoid further alienation of Māori freehold land. • to recognise occasions where the Taranaki Regional Council and the community benefit through the efficient collection of rates that are properly payable and the removal of rating debt that is considered non collectible. <p>Conditions and Criteria. The Council will maintain a register titled the Māori Land Rates Relief Register (the register) for the purpose of recording properties on which it has agreed to remit rates pursuant to this policy. The register will comprise two category lists, these being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the <i>Māori Land General Remissions List</i>. • the <i>Māori Land Economic Adjustment Remissions List</i>. <p>Owners or trustees making application should include the following information in their applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • details of the property. • the objectives that will be achieved by providing a remission. • documentation that proves the land, which is the subject of the application, is Māori freehold land. <p>The Council may, at its own discretion, add properties to the lists.</p> <p>Relief and the extent thereof, are at the sole discretion of the Council and may be cancelled and reduced at any time.</p> <p>The Council will review the register annually and may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • add properties that comply. • remove properties where the circumstances have changed and they no longer comply. <p>No remission will be granted on targeted rates for water supply, sewage disposal or refuse collection.</p>		

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Rates remission and postponement policy

	New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies	Stratford constituency	South Taranaki constituency
Postponement of rates on Māori freehold land	<p>The Council has a policy in place to remit the rates assessed on rating units, which are Māori freehold land in multiple ownership, subject to certain conditions. The objective of this policy is to recognise situations where there is no occupier or person gaining an economic or financial benefit from the land and no practical means of enforcing the rates assessed.</p> <p>Māori freehold land is defined in the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 as land whose beneficial ownership has been determined by a freehold order issued by the Māori Land Court. Only land that is subject of such an order may qualify for remission under this policy.</p> <p>Objective. The postponement on rates on Māori freehold land is to facilitate the development and use of the land for economic use where the Council considers utilisation would be uneconomic if full rates were required during the years of development and establishment.</p> <p>Conditions and Criteria. The Council will consider postponement of rates where previously unoccupied land is subject to clearing, development and commercial use where the Council considers utilisation would be uneconomic if full rates were required during the years of development and establishment.</p> <p>Application should be made prior to commencement of the development. Applications made after the commencement of the development may be accepted at the discretion of the Council.</p> <p>Owners or trustees making application should include the following information in their applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • details of the property. • the objectives that will be achieved by providing postponement. • details of the proposed development. <p>The Council may also, at its discretion, partially remit rates that are otherwise subject to postponement.</p> <p>No postponement will be granted on targeted rates for water supply, sewage disposal or refuse collection.</p>		
Payment due dates and penalties	<p>All rates will be payable in four instalments due on:</p> <p>Instalment 1: 30 August 2006 Instalment 2: 29 November 2006 Instalment 3: 28 February 2007 Instalment 4: 30 May 2007.</p> <p>Pursuant to Section 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 the following penalties on unpaid rates will be applied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a charge of 10 percent on so much of any instalment that has been assessed after 1 July 2003 and which remains unpaid after the due date for that instalment. • a charge of 10 percent on so much of any rates levied before 1 July 2003 which remain unpaid on 10 July 2003 or such later date as required under section 58(1)(b)(ii) (New Plymouth, North Taranaki and Stratford constituencies only). • a continuing additional penalty of 10 percent on so much of any rates levied before 1 July 2003 that remain unpaid six months after the previous penalty was added (New Plymouth, North Taranaki and Stratford constituencies only). 		
Discount for early payment	<p>The Council will allow a discount of 3% where a ratepayer pays the year's rates in full on or before the due date of the first instalment for the year. This will be 30 August 2006. South Taranaki constituency only.</p>		
Payment locations	<p>The Council's rates and charges will become due and payable at the principal offices and service centres of the region's district councils. The rates and charges can also be paid at the principal office of the Taranaki Regional Council.</p>		

APPENDIX 4

Content of Taranaki's Regional Land Transport Programme

In accordance with section 13 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003, the following sets out the matters required to be included in a regional land transport programme.

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS FROM LAND TRANSPORT NEW ZEALAND

No outstanding payments. The Council notes that it may seek variations to approved activities if costs exceed budgets; if there are changes in funding or policy; or if as a result of monitoring of trials or other activities, variations of activities are considered necessary.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The Council's land transport activities can be grouped under Regional Land Transport Planning and Passenger Transport.

REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PLANNING

The objective of this activity is to promote an integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable land transport system within the region. This activity contributes to the purpose of the Land Transport Management Act by preparing and implementing a *Regional Land Transport Strategy* for the region; identifying issues and objectives; and by integrating, facilitating and coordinating or taking action to address issues and objectives in furtherance of the aims of the *Regional Land Transport Strategy* and Land Transport Management Act.

The activity comprises the following priorities:

- implementing, monitoring and reporting on the *Regional Land Transport Strategy for Taranaki* (ongoing).
- servicing of the Council's Regional Land Transport Committee (as required throughout the year).
- preparing the Council's land transport programme (second half of 2006).

Total cost for this activity in 2006/2007 is estimated at \$123,975.

No options or alternatives were considered for this activity as they are statutory requirements.

PASSENGER TRANSPORT

The objective of this activity is to promote the provision of community passenger transport in Taranaki and assist the special transport needs of the transport disadvantaged.

This activity contributes to the purpose of the Land Transport Management Act by providing public passenger transport options that are responsive to the transport disadvantaged, provides alternative transport modes that promote access, mobility, safety and economic sustainability in the land transport system and that integrate with other transport modes. This activity comprises the following priorities:

- the provision of subsidised total mobility services for people with disabilities and operating in New Plymouth and Bell Block, Waitara, Inglewood, Stratford and Hawera (ongoing).
- trials of enhanced urban bus services in New Plymouth under a concessionary fare scheme with concessions available to children, over 65s, beneficiaries, people with disabilities and tertiary students. The trials are proposed to commence on 1 July 2006 for a period of 18 months and include appropriate promotion activities.

- possible trials of new community transport services in South Taranaki and a new coastal transport service operating from Opunake to New Plymouth and Hawera. The commencement date for these services is dependent on when details of the proposals are developed and agreed on.
- passenger transport administration including registration of services, management of contracts and management of total mobility, monitoring and reporting of services and the passenger transport plan, and provision of information (ongoing).

Total cost for this activity in 2006/2007 is estimated at \$899,966.

A number of alternative public passenger transport options were considered as part of the Council's review of public passenger services in Taranaki completed in 2005/06. The Council considers that the proposals provided for in this Plan are the most cost-effective and best value for money.

ASSESSMENT OF ACTIVITIES

An assessment of each activity against section 12 (3) and (5) of the Land Transport Management Act 2003, is set out in Table 1.

CONSULTATION

The Council has carried out very extensive public consultation as part of the review of public passenger transport services in Taranaki and subsequently as part of the review of its *Regional Land Transport Strategy* and *Regional Passenger Transport Plan*. This has included consultation with land transport providers and operators, road controlling authorities, transport users, district councils, government departments and agencies, industry and business, iwi and hapu of Taranaki, Taranaki District Health Board and the public generally throughout 2004 and 2005. The consultation has occurred over a number of months at different stages of the review process and has involved meetings, discussions, the distribution of draft reports and plans, surveys, written submissions and a Council Committee hearing.

The review of the Council's *Regional Land Transport Strategy* and *Regional Passenger Transport Plan* followed the special consultative procedure under the Local Government Act 2002.

The result of the various consultative processes have provided a firm basis for preparation of the Council's land transport programme and has been subject to further consultation as part of the process of preparing this *Plan*.

STEPS FOR DEVELOPING OPTIONS & ALTERNATIVES

Land transport options and alternatives for the Council's activities are examined in detail at the planning stages. Various options and alternatives were examined as part of the review of the *Regional Land Transport Strategy* and *Regional Passenger Transport Plan*. The decisions made on passenger transport services were based on obtaining the best results in the most cost-effective manner having regard to the Land Transport Management Act and the objectives and policies of the *Regional Land Transport Strategy for Taranaki*.

LONG-TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST

A long-term financial forecast that contains a forecast of anticipated revenue and expenditure on activities for the current financial year and the nine following financial years is contained under *Land Transport and Harbour Management* in the *Groups of Activities* section of this *Plan*.

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Activity	Assists economic development	Assists safety and personal security	Improves access and mobility	Protects and promotes public health	Ensures environmental sustainability	Taken into account National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy	Takes into account Regional Land Transport Strategy for Taranaki
Total mobility (for people with disabilities)	Increases access to work and study opportunities.	Provides more safe and secure transport than other options such as walking or bus.	Provides access to full range of services and enables participation in community life.	Enables access to health services. Participation in community life is beneficial to mental health.			Gives effect to RLTS: Chapters 7.6, 8.4 and RPTP: Chapter 6.6.
Bus and community transport services	Provides access to work and services and aids development of smaller centres.	Provides transport options where walking and cycling may be unsafe.	Increases access to community services and opportunities for those without cars. Provides concession fares to those on limited incomes.	Reduces trips and vehicle emissions by car. Involves walking to and from bus stops which is beneficial to health.	Reduces trips and vehicle emissions by cars. Reduces need for new infrastructure.	Reduces vehicle trips and consumption of fossil fuels.	Gives effect to RLTS: Chapters 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7 and 7.8 and RPTP: Chapters 6.2, 6.4 and 6.5.
Transport planning	Effective planning identifies opportunities, maximizes economic potential and avoids unnecessary costs.	Identifies safety opportunities and priorities.	Gives consideration to access needs and can identify needs of the transport disadvantaged.	Identifies public health needs and opportunities including health benefits of different modes.	Effective planning considers all transport modes and effects on the environment of different modes.	Effective planning recognizes opportunities for fuel efficiency or reduced fuel use in urban and infrastructure design, driver behaviour and use of alternative transport modes.	Gives effect to RLTS: Chapters 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 9.2, 10.2, 10.3, 11.2, 12.2, & 13 and RPTP: Chapters 5, 6 & 7.
Passenger transport administration	Efficient administration reduces compliance costs and promotes effective planning and service delivery.	Efficient administration reduces compliance costs and promotes effective planning and service delivery.	Efficient administration reduces compliance costs and promotes effective planning and service delivery.	Efficient administration reduces compliance costs and promotes effective planning and service delivery.	Efficient administration reduces compliance costs and promotes effective planning and service delivery.	Efficient administration reduces compliance costs and promotes effective planning and service delivery.	Gives effect to RLTS: Chapters 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 9.2, 10.2, 10.3, 11.2, 12.2, & 13 and RPTP: Chapters 5, 6 & 7.