

## Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, 9 July, 2020  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chamber  
Forum North, Rust Avenue  
Whangarei

**In Attendance**

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai  
(Chairperson)  
Cr Gavin Benney  
Cr Vince Cocurullo  
Cr Nicholas Connop  
Cr Ken Couper  
Cr Tricia Cutforth  
Cr Jayne Golightly  
Cr Phil Halse  
Cr Greg Martin  
Cr Anna Murphy  
Cr Carol Peters  
Cr Simon Reid

**Not in Attendance**

Cr Shelley Deeming  
Cr Greg Innes

**Scribe** C Brindle (Senior Democracy Adviser)

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### 1. Karakia/Prayer

*Chief Executive Rob Forlong opened the meeting with a karakia.*

### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

### 3. Apologies

**Moved By** Cr Vince Cocurullo

**Seconded By** Cr Greg Martin

Crs Shelley Deeming and Greg Innes (absent) and Cr Carol Peters (late arrival)

That the apologies be sustained.

**Carried**

#### 4. Decision Reports

##### 4.1 Adoption of the 2020 - 2021 Annual Plan

**Moved By** Her Worship the Mayor

**Seconded By** Cr Simon Reid

That Council

1. Adopt the 2020 – 2021 Annual Plan.
2. Resolve to carry forward unspent capital project budgets as at 30 June 2020 (in addition to those already forecast) into the 2020-21 year. These subsequent carry forwards will be part of a revised budget, which will be reported back to Council.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive to make any necessary drafting, typographical or corrections to the 2020 – 2021 Annual Plan.

**Carried**

*Cr Peters joined the meeting at 1.02pm during discussion on Item 4.1.*

##### 4.2 2020-21 Rates Resolution

**Moved By** Cr Carol Peters

**Seconded By** Cr Simon Reid

That the Council:

1. Having adopted the 2020-21 Annual Plan, including the 2020-21 Funding Impact Statement, resolves to set the following rates in accordance with the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for the financial year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021:

###### a. General Rates

Rate/Differential category	Basis of assessment	Including GST
<b>General Rates</b>	Basis of Assessment – Sec 13, 14, 15 & Schedule 2	
Uniform Annual General Charge	Per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit *	\$486.00
Residential category**	Per \$ of land value	\$0.0024054
Multi–Unit category**	Per \$ of land value	\$0.0048108
Miscellaneous category**	Per \$ of land value	\$0.0024054
Rural category**	Per \$ of land value	\$0.0030569
Commercial and Industrial category**	Per \$ of land value	\$0.0155854

**b. Targeted Rates**

<b>Rate/Differential category</b>	<b>Basis of assessment</b>	<b>Including GST</b>
<b>District Wide Refuse Management Rate</b>	Basis of Assessment – Sec 16, 17,18, 19 & Schedule 2 & 3	
District Wide Refuse Management Rate (All rateable properties)	Per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit*	\$191.00
<b>Sewerage Rates</b> (Connected to wastewater system)		
Residential category**	Per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit*	\$754.00
Other – non-residential**	Per pan or urinal	\$482.00
<b>Water Rates</b>		
Consumption charge <i>Note: where an invoice for water by meter relates to a period that spans two financial years, the consumption over the period will be pro-rated (i.e. the amount of water consumed or supplied in the first year will be charged at the first year's amount per cubic metre, and the amount consumed or supplied in the second financial year will be charged at the second year's amount per cubic metre).</i>	Volume of metered water consumed per cubic metre	\$2.26
Supply charge (metered)	Provision of service per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit*	\$34.50
Availability charge	Availability of service per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit*	\$34.50
Uniform charge (unmetered)	Provision of service per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit*	\$474.00
Backflow preventer charge	Provision of service per connection based on the nature of connection	
	15/20mm connection	\$80.42
	25mm connection	\$81.52
	32mm connection	\$96.44
	40mm connection	\$98.69
	50mm connection	\$102.39
	80/100mm connection	\$257.89
	150mm connection	\$301.90
	200mm connection	\$500.01

<b>Hikurangi Swamp</b>		
Hikurangi Swamp Special Rating District	Per hectare of land in the Hikurangi Swamp Special Rating area *** Class A approx 2,840 ha Class B approx 1,473 ha Class C approx 1,371 ha Class D approx 1,900 ha Class E approx 1,109 ha Class F approx 32,424 ha	 \$206.74 \$185.68 \$144.73 \$20.72 \$10.42 \$4.17
Hikurangi Swamp Drainage Rating District	Per hectare of land in the Hikurangi Swamp Drainage Rating District *** Class A approx 5,670 ha Class F approx 11,906 ha	 \$21.01 \$2.11

\* The definition of a separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit can be found in the Funding Impact Statement section of Council's 2020-21 Annual Plan.

\*\* The definitions of these differential categories can be found in the Funding Impact Statement section of Council's 2020-21 Annual Plan.

\*\*\* The definitions of these specified and defined area of benefits can be found in the Funding Impact Statement section of Council's 2020-21 Annual Plan.

2. Resolves to agree the due dates, discount allowed and penalties as set out as follows:

**a. Discount for full payment of annual rates**

Council agrees to apply the policy for early repayment of rates under section 55 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. Where the total year's land rates (excluding roading scheme rates) and any arrears are paid in full by the due date of the first instalment of 20 September 2020 a discount of two percent (2%) will apply to the rates for that year. The discount does not apply to the arrears component of those rates.

**b. Penalty and due dates for rates paid in instalments**

**Due dates and penalty dates for land rates**

Council agrees the following due dates and to add penalties to land rates not paid by the due date under Section 57 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. A penalty of five percent (5%) will be added to the amount of each instalment which remains unpaid after the due date for payment, in accordance with the table below:

Instalment	Due date for payment	Date penalty will be added
One	20 September 2020	23 September 2020
Two	20 November 2020	25 November 2020
Three	20 February 2021	24 February 2021
Four	20 May 2021	25 May 2021

### Due dates and penalty dates for water rates

Council agrees the following due dates for payment and to add penalties to water rates not paid by the due date under Section 57 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. Water accounts are processed monthly, two-monthly or six-monthly. Council agrees that the due dates of these accounts will be relative to the consumer's cyclic billing period and will show on the water rates invoice in accordance with the following table:

Month water rates invoice issued	Due date for payment
July 2020	20 August 2020
August 2020	20 September 2020
September 2020	20 October 2020
October 2020	20 November 2020
November 2020	20 December 2020
December 2020	20 January 2021
January 2021	20 February 2021
February 2021	20 March 2021
March 2021	20 April 2021
April 2021	20 May 2021
May 2021	20 June 2021
June 2021	20 July 2021

A penalty five percent (5%) will be applied to amounts of water rates unpaid after the due date, in accordance with the following table:

Month water rates invoice issued	Date penalty will be added
July 2020	25 August 2020
August 2020	23 September 2020
September 2020	23 October 2020
October 2020	25 November 2020
November 2020	23 December 2020
December 2020	26 January 2021
January 2021	24 February 2021
February 2021	24 March 2021
March 2021	23 April 2021
April 2021	25 May 2021
May 2021	23 June 2021
June 2021	23 July 2021

**Additional penalty charges****Additional penalty on arrears for land and water rates**

In accordance with section 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 Council agrees that a penalty of five percent (5%) will be added to any unpaid rates (including penalties previously added and water rates) from the previous rating years that remain unpaid as at 16 July 2020. This penalty will be added on 5 October 2020.

**Carried**

*Note: The following sentence was deleted from the Background section of the report 'Pursuant to section 23(5) of the Local Government Rating Act 2002k, within 20 working days of the making of this resolution, a copy will be sent to the Secretary of Local Government.'*

**5. Closure of Meeting**

The meeting concluded at 1.19pm.

Confirmed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2020

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Chairperson)