

Revenue and Financing Policy

Statement of Proposal February 2019

CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL



Background

As part of the review of the Annual Plan, Council has recognised the need to review the funding following the Rating Valuations as at 1 September 2018 that will be used to set the Rates from 1 July 2019

Residential property values have increased significantly, with much of the increase driven by land value increases, and section prices at unprecedented levels. Housing at the lower end of the market, has experienced substantial capital value increases compared to the District average increase of 54.9%. Residential land values have increased on average 55.6% with some lower land values more than doubling, and high land values increasing approximately 25%. The average capital value for lifestyle properties has increased 38% to \$740,000, with the corresponding average land value increasing by 54% to \$460,000. The rural sector values have increased between 13% and 71% with property types transitioning between lifestyle and larger farms with already strong values. The Commercial and Industrial value changes are generally positive, however there have been some decreases in value for properties which are earthquake prone or potentially earthquake prone.

Council has also considered the funding of Capital Expenditure for the Recreation and Community Facilities Group and has added the ability to use borrowings for Capital Expenditure.

This matter affects everyone in the district and will determine how the Council derives the revenue it needs in order to undertake these activities on behalf of the community at desired service levels. In accordance with s82 of the Local Government Act 2002, this Statement of Proposal initiates a consultation that is being run in conjunction with the Consultation on the Annual Plan. Council is seeking the community's views on the proposed changes. The full proposed Revenue and Financing Policy is included with this Statement of Proposal.

Funding Allocation Among Available Revenue Sources

Leadership, Governance and Consultation

In performing its review of revenue sources, Council gave consideration to the availability of alternative funding sources, the cost effectiveness of administration and collection, and the factors that determine the scope and level of service. Leadership, Governance and Consultation

The analysis is based on the following criteria:

- a) The community outcomes to which the activity primarily contributes
- b) The distribution of benefits
- c) The period in or over which those benefits are expected to occur
- d) The extent to which behaviour affects the scope and need for an activity
- e) The costs and benefits of funding the activity distinctly from other activities

Council is then required to consider the overall impact of any allocation of liability for revenue needs on the community.

Council seeks to achieve an appropriate balance considering factors such as affordability and its vision for the district.

For these reasons, Council has taken a holistic view and applied weightings to ensure that the distribution of its funding needs is appropriate and sustainable.

Based on the review the Council has proposed a change in the rating of Leadership, Governance and Consultation from the Uniform Annual General Charge to the Capital Value Based General Rate.

Recreation and Community Facilities Group

Council has also considered the funding of Capital Expenditure for the Recreation and Community Facilities Group and has added the ability to use borrowings for Capital Expenditure.

Council takes into account the useful life of the asset and the use by future generations in the funding of the capital expenditure. Borrowings is used for Capital Expenditure as a way to spread the funding requirements over a longer period. Therefore, funding capital expenditure by utilising borrowings has been included within the policy for the Recreation and Community Facilities Group as many of the assets have a useful life beyond a rating year.

The Submission Process

The proposal contained in this document along with the full Revenue and Financing Policy is open for public submission in conjunction with consultation on the Annual Plan from 18 March to 12 April 2019. This is your opportunity to let the Mayor and Councillors understand your views about the policy proposals.

The operative Revenue and Financing Policy of Council may be found on the Council website as part of the Long Term Plan 2018-28.

Your submission can be sent to Council by:

- Sending an email to thrive@chbdc.govt.nz

- Completing the online submission form
- Completing the submission form at the end of the Annual Plan Consultation Document and delivering it to:

Central Hawke's Bay District Council
28-32 Ruataniwha Street
Waipawa 4210

Or mailing it to:

Central Hawke's Bay District Council
PO Box 127
Waipawa 4240

Once the public consultation period has concluded, Council will schedule hearings on the proposal as part of the Annual Plan Consultation. Submitters will be advised of the hearing dates, and those who have indicated that they wish to present their views in person will be advised of their allocated speaking time. Council will consider all submissions received and submitters will be advised of the outcome of their submission as part of the Annual Plan submission process. As provided by section 82(1)(d) of the Local Government Act, you may present your views in a manner that best suits your preferences and therefore is not limited to speaking to a written submission. You can also present your views to the Council verbally at the hearings on the proposal. Please complete an Annual Plan submission form stating if this is your preference.

Revenue and Financing Policy

The Revenue and Financing Policy is required under Section 103 of the Local Government Act (2002) and the required contents are set in section 103 of the LGA. The policy must be included in full in the LTP. Section 103(2) allows the following funding mechanisms to be used when funding operating and capital expenditure:

- General Rates
- Uniform Annual General Charge
- Targeted Rates
- Grants and Subsidies
- Interest and Dividends from Investments
- Fees and Charges
- Borrowing
- Proceeds from Assets Sales
- Development or Financial Contributions
- Lump Sum Contributions
- Any other source

This policy summarises the funding sources to be used by Council and their intended uses. Sources are identified for each Council activity, including those that may be used to fund operating and capital expenditure. General Rates set on a District Wide basis (not on a differential basis) capital value of the rating unit. Council sets Uniform Annual General Charge that is assessed separately used or inhabited parts of a rating unit in the district.

Council must consider the following elements in deciding on appropriate funding mechanisms for each activity:

- *Community Outcomes* – the community outcomes an activity will primarily contribute to.
- *Distributions of benefits* – the distribution of benefits between the community as a whole, any identifiable parts of the community and individuals.
- *Timeframes of benefits* – the period in and over which those benefits are expected to occur. For example, the benefits may occur on an ongoing basis, but may also benefit future generations.
- *Contributors to need for activity* – the extent to which actions or needs of particular individuals or groups contribute to the need to undertake the activity.
- *Costs and Benefits of distinct funding* – the cost and benefits, including for transparency and accountability, of funding the activity distinctly from other activities.

The Council has also considered the overall impact of any allocation of liability on the community and determined this doesn't require any modification to the activity by activity analysis.

Funding of Operating Expenditure

The following table shows which mechanisms may be used to fund operating expenditure for Council's activities:

	General Rates	Uniform Annual General Charge	Targeted Rates	Grants and Subsidies	Fees and Charges
Community Leadership Group					
Leadership Governance and Consultation	✓	✓		✓	
Economic and Social Development	✓	✓	✓		
Planning and Regulation Group					
District Planning	✓				
Land Use and Subdivision Consents	✓				✓
Building Control	✓				✓
Public Health	✓				✓
Animal Control	✓				✓
Compliance & Monitoring	✓				✓
Land Transport Group					
Land Transport	✓		✓	✓	✓
Solid Waste Group					
Solid Waste	✓	✓	✓		✓
Water Supplies Group					
Water Supplies			✓		✓
Wastewater Group			✓		✓
Wastewater					
Stormwater Group			✓		
Stormwater					
Recreation and Community Facilities Group					
Parks, Reserves and Swimming Pools	✓	✓			✓
Public Toilets	✓				
Retirement Housing					✓
Libraries	✓	✓			✓
Theatres, Halls and Museums	✓				✓
Cemeteries	✓				✓
Property and Buildings	✓				✓

- Council does not fund operating expenditure unless in exceptional circumstances by way of Council resolution for Asset Management Planning where the information has relevance over more the 10 years
- Interest and Dividends are used to offset the general rate requirement except where the interest is credited to a special fund or reserve fund.
- Proceeds from Sale of Land and Buildings are transferred to the Capital Projects fund for funding future capital projects by resolution of Council. Proceeds from Sale of Assets are used to fund the renewals of assets with the activity.

Funding of Capital Expenditure

The following table shows which mechanisms may be used to fund capital expenditure for Council's activities:

	General Rates	Targeted Rates	Borrowings	Reserves	Funding assistance/User Charges	Development Contributions
Community Leadership Group						
Leadership, Governance and Consultation	No Capital Expenditure					
Economic and Social Development	No Capital Expenditure					
Planning and Regulatory Group						
District Planning			✓			
Land Use and Subdivision Consent	No Capital Expenditure					
Building Control	No Capital Expenditure					
Public Health	No Capital Expenditure					
Animal Control	No Capital Expenditure					
Compliance Monitoring	✓				✓	
Land Transport Group		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Solid Waste Group	✓		✓	✓		
Water Supplies Group		✓	✓	✓		✓
Wastewater Group		✓	✓	✓		✓
Stormwater Group		✓	✓	✓		✓
Recreation and Community Facilities Group						
Parks, Reserves and Swimming Pools	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Public Toilets	✓		✓	✓		
Retirement Housing				✓	✓	
Libraries			✓	✓		
Theatres, Halls and Museums	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Cemeteries	✓		✓	✓		
Property and Buildings	✓		✓	✓		
Overheads	✓	✓	✓	✓		

- Council takes into account the useful life of the asset and the use by future generations in the funding of the capital expenditure. Lump sum contributions are not utilised by Council.

Community Leadership Group

Leadership, Governance and Consultation

Description

The Leadership, Governance and Consultation activity includes the elected Council.

Community Outcomes

This activity contributes to all of the community outcomes.

Distributions of benefits

Benefits from the Leadership, Governance and Consultation activity are for the community generally. Council is the vehicle for making decisions affecting the district.

Timeframes of benefits

Ongoing.

Contributors to need for activity

Living in a democratic society contributes to the need for this activity.

Costs and Benefits of distinct funding

Benefits from this activity are community wide and there is no benefit perceived from separate funding.

Recommended Funding

Council has agreed on 100% public funding for this activity. Public funding is through the capital value based general rate.

Economic and Social Development

Description

Economic and Social Development is undertaken by a number of outside organisations.

- These are CHB Promotions, Business Bay and joint study by Hawke's Bay Councils, funded partly by the Council
- Department of Internal Affairs which funds a Community Development Coordinator

Community Outcomes

This activity contributes primarily to the following community outcomes:

- Proud District
- Prosperous District
- Strong Communities
- Connected Citizens
- Smart Growth

Distributions of benefits

Benefits from economic development accrue largely to the community, due to the ongoing economic benefits from spending, creation of employment and investment in the potential of the district. Similarly social benefits accrue to the community. Some benefits may accrue to businesses or individuals using these services, but it is difficult and costly to recover these benefits.

Timeframes of benefits

Ongoing.

Contributors to need for activity

All groups contribute to the need for this activity.

Costs and Benefits of distinct funding

Benefits from this activity are community wide and there is no benefit perceived from separate funding.

Recommended Funding

Council has agreed on 100% public funding for this activity. Public funding is collected from Annual General Charge

Planning and Regulatory Group

District Planning

Description

The Land Use Planning and Management Activity, as part of Council's statutory obligations under the Resource Management Act 1991, involves

- Providing advice on the District Plan
- Providing Policy advice on planning and rules of the District Plan
- Monitoring of the effectiveness and efficiency of policies and rules in the District Plan

Community Outcomes

This activity contributes primarily to the following community outcomes:

- Proud District
- Prosperous District
- Smart Growth
- Environmentally Responsible
- Durable Infrastructure

Distributions of benefits

The district planning services benefit the users of the District Plan through clear information available for development and land use.

The community benefits highly through protection of the environment, appropriate and sustainable development and property.

Timeframes of benefits

Ongoing.

Contributors to need for activity

People who do not comply with legislative regulations may contribute to the need for this activity.

Costs and Benefits of distinct funding

Benefits from this activity are community wide and there is no benefit perceived from separate funding.

Recommended Funding

Council has agreed on 100% public funding for this activity. Public funding is through the capital value based rate.

Land Use and Subdivision Consents

Description

The Council is required by the Resource Management Act 1991 to prepare, implement and administer a District Plan that meets the needs of the community. The Resource and Subdivision Activity ensures that development occurs in a manner that complies with the District Plan, through processing resource consent applications and monitoring compliance.

Community Outcomes

This activity contributes primarily to the following community outcomes:

- Proud District
- Prosperous District
- Smart Growth
- Environmentally Responsible

Distributions of benefits

The district planning services mainly benefit the users of the resource and subdivision consent process through meeting legislative requirements.

The community benefits through protection of the environment, appropriate and sustainable development of land and property.

Timeframes of benefits

Ongoing.

Contributors to need for activity

People who do not comply with legislative regulations may contribute to the need for this activity. Generally, these people pay through extra charges on these people.

Costs and Benefits of distinct funding

Benefits from this activity are community wide and there is no benefit perceived from separate funding.

Recommended Funding

Council has agreed on 49% private funding for this activity, with the remainder coming from public funding. Public funding is through the capital value based general rate and private funding is collected through fees and charges.

Building Control

Description

Building Control is responsible for administering and enforcing the Building Act 2004 (and related legislation). This includes

- Processing applications for building consents
- Enforcing the provisions of the Building Act 2004 and associated regulations
- Processing Land Information Memoranda

Once a consent has been obtained, Council monitors compliance through inspections and provides code compliance certificates confirming that new building work meets the provisions of the building code.

Community Outcomes

This activity contributes primarily to the following community outcomes:

- Proud District
- Prosperous District
- Strong Communities
- Smart Growth

Distributions of benefits

Benefits from building control accrue mainly to users of these services (ie people who build buildings) through meeting legislative requirements and safe buildings. The community benefits through the enforcement of rules that ensure safe, sanitary and accessible buildings in which people live, play and work.

Timeframes of benefits

Ongoing.

Contributors to need for activity

People who do not comply with legislative regulations may contribute to the need for this activity. In some cases, such as property purchase where consent standards are not met, it may be difficult to identify who should pay.

Costs and Benefits of distinct funding

Benefits from this activity are community wide and there is no benefit perceived from separate funding.

Recommended Funding

Council has agreed 70.85% private funding for this activity, with the remainder funded from public funding. Private funding is collected through various fees and charges. Public funding is through the capital value based general rate.

Public Health

Description

The Public Health Activity covers the regulatory functions relating to environmental health, liquor licensing, hazardous substances, and other environmental monitoring.

Community Outcomes

This activity contributes primarily to the following community outcomes:

- Proud District
- Prosperous District
- Strong Communities
- Smart Growth

Distributions of benefits

Benefits from environmental health services accrue to both the community and individuals and organizations. Individuals and organizations benefit from assurance that premises are of an acceptable standard to the consumer and meet other legislative requirements (e.g. liquor licensing). The community benefits through the expectation that

- standards of operation are being met and
- assurances of a safe and healthy environment for residents and visitors.

Timeframes of benefits

Ongoing.

Contributors to need for activity

People who do not comply with legislative regulations may contribute to the need for this activity. Generally this is through extra charges on people.

Costs and Benefits of distinct funding

Benefits from this activity are community wide and there is no benefit perceived from separate funding.

Recommended Funding

Council has agreed 30.2% private funding for this activity, with the remainder from public funding. Public funding is through the capital value based general rate and private funding is collected through fees and charges.

Animal Control

Description

This activity includes the implementation of requirements of Dog Control Act 1996, Dog Control Regulations 1996 and Council bylaws. Main objectives include education, response to complaints and management of registration systems and stock.

Community Outcomes

This activity contributes primarily to the following community outcomes:

- Proud District
- Prosperous District
- Strong Communities

Distributions of benefits

Benefits from the animal control service accrue mainly to animal owners from the provision of a service that confines or returns lost or stray animals. The council generally benefits through the enforcement of regulations against aggressive and straying animals.

Timeframes of benefits

Ongoing, but occur mainly in the short term.

Contributors to need for activity

People who do not properly control their animals are a significant contributor to this activity. In some cases, it can be difficult to identify who these people are.

Costs and Benefits of distinct funding

Benefits from this activity are community wide and there is no benefit perceived from a separate fund.

Recommended Funding

Council has agreed on 95% private funding for this activity, with the remainder from public funding. Private funding is collected through various fees and charges including fines and impounding costs. Public funding is from the capital value based general rate.

Compliance and Monitoring

Description

Compliance and Monitoring primarily involves the monitoring of resource consent conditions, responding to complaints and bylaw breaches, and carrying out other council responsibilities as defined in legislation such as the Resource Management Act 1991, including the inspection of swimming pool fences, earthquake prone buildings, and processing of Land Information Memoranda (LIMS), Compliance Schedules and Building Warrants of Fitness.

Community Outcomes

This activity contributes primarily to the following community outcomes:

- Proud District
- Prosperous District
- Smart Growth
- Environmentally Responsible
- Durable Infrastructure

Distributions of benefits

Benefits from this activity accrue across the community, through ensuring that activities are monitored and complied with legislative, policy and bylaw requirements, thereby minimising negative impacts on residents of, and visitors to, the District.

Timeframes of benefits

Ongoing Benefits occur through continuous monitoring activities, response to complaints, and public education.

Contributors to need for activity

Where matters of compliance are brought to Council's notice, there is a requirement to ensure that compliance is achieved for the safety and wellbeing of the wider public.

Costs and Benefits of distinct funding

Benefits from this activity are community wide and there is no benefit perceived from separate funding.

Recommended Funding

Council has agreed 10% private funding for this activity, with the remainder from public funding. Public funding is collected through the capital value based general rate. Private funding is obtained through various fees and including fines.

Land Transport Group

Land Transport

Description

The Local Government Act 2002 and Land Transport Management Act 2003 provide the framework under which operates a land transport network within the District. Council aims to achieve an integrated safe, responsive, sustainable land transport network. Council maintains 1261.81 km of roads, 64 km footpaths, 265 bridges, street lighting and other roading assets.

Community Outcomes

This activity contributes primarily to the following community outcomes:

- Proud District
- Prosperous District
- Strong Communities
- Connected Citizens
- Smart Growth
- Environmentally Responsible
- Durable Infrastructure

Distributions of benefits

There is a mix of public and private benefits with these activities. Public benefits include an attractive urban environment and streetscape, tidy roadsides, the ability to transport people, goods and services throughout the district, connect other transport networks and location and property identification. Private benefits are for people and businesses using roads and footpaths to carry out their day to day business.

Timeframes of benefits

Ongoing.

Contributors to need for activity

All groups contribute to the need for this activity. In some cases damage may be caused, additional costs caused to Council through vandalism, accidents and activities beyond normal usage.

Costs and Benefits of distinct funding

Benefits from this activity are community wide and there is no benefit perceived from separate funding.

Recommended Funding

Council has agreed to 100% public funding. Public funding is collected through the land value charge.

New Zealand Transport Agency funding applies to subsidised roading projects.

A small amount of private funding is recovered through fees and charges.

Solid Waste Group

Solid Waste

Description

Central Hawke's Bay District Council provides the following services:

District landfill, transfer stations, recycling drop off centres, and kerbside refuse and recycling collections, litter management of closed landfills.

Community Outcomes

This activity contributes primarily to the following community outcomes:

- Proud District
- Prosperous District
- Strong Communities
- Connected Citizens
- Smart Growth
- Environmentally Responsible
- Durable Infrastructure

Distributions of benefits

The benefits of the solid waste activity are largely public and private. Individuals benefit from not having to arrange their own systems of waste disposal. An environmentally sound landfill and rubbish collection maintains a sustainable and clean district.

Timeframes of benefits

Ongoing.

Contributors to need for activity

The community benefits from having solid waste collection and disposal available. In some cases, illegal dumping and inappropriate disposal of hazardous wastes may result in costs to the Council.

Costs and Benefits of distinct funding

It is appropriate to recover the private benefit via a separate funding mechanism.

Recommended Funding

Council has agreed on 48% private funding for this activity. The remaining 52% is collected through a combination of a Capital Value based General Rate, Annual General Charge and targeted rates for kerbside recycling and refuse collection. Private funding is derived from fees and charges.

Water Supplies Group

Water Supplies

Description

The Central Hawke's Bay District Council owns and operates 8 water supply schemes.

Community Outcomes

This activity contributes primarily to the following community outcomes:

- Proud District
- Prosperous District
- Strong Communities
- Connected Citizens
- Smart Growth
- Environmentally Responsible
- Durable Infrastructure

Distributions of benefits

Provision of water supplies provides a number of public benefits, including access to potable water and available water for key public services and amenities (eg fire fighting, landscaping, swimming pools). There are significant benefits to ratepayers and consumers connected to a Council piped water scheme through access to water for domestic use and water availability for industry.

Timeframes of benefits

Ongoing and long term for future generations.

Contributors to need for activity

Those sections of the community where water services are available benefit widely from having a water supply available. A wider community who use the facilities and business who depend on the water supply also benefit.

Costs and Benefits of distinct funding

Because the benefits of this activity are predominantly private, it is considered appropriate to fund the activity through targeted rates and charges.

Recommended Funding

Council has agreed 100% private funding for this activity. Private funding derived from a targeted rate from those connected to water systems, volumetric water meter rates and charges.

Wastewater (Sewerage) Group

Wastewater (Sewerage)

Description

Central Hawke's Bay District Council sewer systems comprise of six reticulated systems and associated treatment plants.

Community Outcomes

This activity contributes primarily to the following community outcomes:

- Proud District
- Prosperous District
- Strong Communities
- Connected Citizens

- Smart Growth
- Environmentally Responsible
- Durable Infrastructure

Distributions of benefits

Provision of a sewerage system provides a number of public benefits, including maintenance of public health and prevention of disease and maintenance of a healthy environment. All properties, both domestic and industrial, connected to Council's sewerage system receive a direct benefit which relates to the cost of providing the service. A sewerage system is a key infrastructural need for maintaining public health and growth of business opportunities.

Timeframes of benefits

Ongoing and long term for future generations.

Contributors to need for activity

The community benefits widely from having a sewerage system. Additional costs may be caused through overloading of systems, disposal of hazardous material and illegal connections.

Costs and Benefits of distinct funding

Because the benefits of this activity are predominantly private, it is considered appropriate to fund the activity through targeted rates and charges.

Recommended Funding

Council has agreed a 10% private funding split for this activity. Funding is collected through a targeted rate from those connected to wastewater systems fees and charges and levies raised through the Trade Waste Bylaw.

Stormwater Group

Stormwater

Description

Central Hawke's Bay District Council stormwater systems comprise of 7 systems. The systems generally consist of a primary piped network with some open channel and secondary flow paths.

Community Outcomes

This activity contributes primarily to the following community outcomes:

- Proud District
- Prosperous District
- Strong Communities
- Connected Citizens
- Smart Growth
- Environmentally Responsible
- Durable Infrastructure

Distributions of benefits

Provision of a stormwater system provides a number of public benefits, including decreased risk from flooding and encouraging residential development. Private benefits are primarily to owners via stormwater disposal away from their properties.

Public Toilets

Description

The Council provides 24 public conveniences located throughout the District.

Community Outcomes

This activity contributes primarily to the following community outcomes:

- Proud District
- Strong Communities
- Connected Citizens
- Environmentally Responsible

Distributions of benefits

Public toilets provide a mix of public and private benefits. While private benefits are obvious, public benefits arise from having these essential facilities available for residents and visitors, and maintaining high standards of public hygiene.

Timeframes of benefits

Ongoing.

Contributors to need for activity

The community benefits widely from having public conveniences available.

Costs and Benefits of distinct funding

Benefits from this activity are community wide and are not received from separate funding.

Recommended Funding

Council have agreed 100% public funding and that the cost of funding the public component of the Public Toilets should occur by way of 100% from the General Rate assessed on Capital Value.

Retirement Housing

Description

A total of 48 one bedroom flats are owned by Council in different locations in Waipukurau and Waipawa. These flats provide affordable housing for those elderly in need.

Community Outcomes

This activity contributes primarily to the following community outcomes:

- Proud District
- Strong Communities
- Connected Citizens

Distributions of benefits

Benefits from housing accrue to tenants of the housing units. This is a relatively small and identifiable group of people provided with affordable accommodation in convenient locations. There may be some small community benefits through the availability of low cost housing to vulnerable groups in the community.

Timeframes of benefits

Ongoing.

Contributors to need for activity

The community benefits from having housing available. The main benefit is to people who choose to tenant these flats.

Costs and Benefits of distinct funding

The activity is self-funding and separate funding is not required.

Recommended Funding

The Council believes optimum funding is 100% private, through user rental charges.

Libraries

Description

Libraries include the two libraries in Waipukurau and Waipawa.

Community Outcomes

This activity contributes primarily to the following community outcomes:

- Proud District
- Strong Communities
- Connected Citizens

Distributions of benefits

Benefits from libraries accrue largely to the community, through contributing to a community that is literate and has access to information and provision of a community centre. There is also direct benefit to each individual who reads a book or uses one of the other library services, and some of these can be recovered, although a high recovery may restrict the ability of some people to continue to use these services.

Timeframes of benefits

Ongoing.

Contributors to need for activity

The community benefits widely from having library services available.

Costs and Benefits of distinct funding

Benefits from this activity are community wide and there is no benefit from separate funding.

Recommended Funding

The Council have agreed the optimum allocation of costs is 90% public. 10% private funding is through the Uniform Annual Charge, with private funding through user charges for some library services.

Theatres and Halls

Description

Theatres, halls and museums include several community halls located throughout the District.

Community Outcomes

This activity contributes primarily to the following community outcomes:

- Proud District
- Strong Communities
- Connected Citizens

Distributions of benefits

Theatres and halls have a mix of public and private benefits. Public benefit is the ability to use the facilities for public events and gatherings and as a hub for communities in the event of natural disaster. There are direct benefits to individuals and groups who choose to use the facilities available for personal functions.

Timeframes of benefits

Ongoing.

Contributors to need for activity

The community benefits widely from having theatres, halls and museums available.

Costs and Benefits of distinct funding

Benefits from this activity are community wide and there is no benefit perceived from separate funding.

Recommended Funding

Council have agreed 100% public funding. Public funding is 100% from the capital value based general rate, with limited private funding through user charges for services.

Cemeteries

Description

Council currently operates ten cemetery sites for burial and cremation interments.

Community Outcomes

This activity contributes primarily to the following community outcomes:

- Proud District
- Strong Communities
- Connected Citizens
- Environmentally Responsible

Distributions of benefits

Benefits from cemeteries are considered to be largely private, although it is necessary for communities to have an interment system that meets appropriate health standards. Private benefits are from the provision of gravesites for remembrance and burial.

Timeframes of benefits

Ongoing.

Contributors to need for activity

The community benefits widely from having cemeteries available. In some cases, vandalism and failure to maintain headstones may cause additional costs.

Costs and Benefits of distinct funding

Benefits from this activity are community wide and there is no benefit perceived from separate funding.

Recommended Funding

The Council have agreed a 90% public, 10% private funding split. Public funding is from the capital value based general rate, with private funding through fees and charges.

Property and Buildings

Description

Council owns a number of properties and buildings that are used to providing services to the public, but do not form a specific Activity grouping. These are owned for community or administrative reasons.

The properties included in this Activity are, the Council administration building, two library buildings, two other council buildings and miscellaneous sections.

Community Outcomes

This activity contributes primarily to the following community outcomes:

- Proud District
- Strong Communities
- Connected Citizens
- Environmentally Responsible

Distributions of benefits

Benefits from this activity largely accrue to the community, through cultural enrichment and community identity. There may be direct benefits to some people using these services, but a high level of recovery may restrict the ability of people to continue to use these services.

Timeframes of benefits

Ongoing.

Contributors to need for activity

The community benefits from having safe community buildings.

Costs and Benefits of distinct funding

Benefits from this activity are community wide and there is no benefit perceived from separate funding.

Recommended Funding

Council have agreed 100% public funding. Public funding is from the capital value based general rate, with limited private funding (2%) through user charges for hireage and rentals.

