

The Formal Position of each Council in the Region in Relation to Collection of WRC rates post 30 June 2003

Wellington City Council

On 3 September 2002 the Finance and Corporate Committee resolved:

That the Committee:

- *Notes that other Wellington Regional Local Authorities propose to continue collecting Regional Council rates.*
- *Agrees in principle to continue to collect rates on behalf of WRC, provided that:*
 - *Council can meet its statutory obligations under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.*
 - *A suitable arrangement is made for the recovery of any extra costs incurred.*
- *Delegates authority to the Chief Executive to negotiate a suitable rate collection contract with WRC for a period of up to five years from 1 July 2003.*

[NB: This does not require to go to the full WCC Council as it is within the delegation of the Committee.]

Hutt City Council

On 8 August 2002 the Council resolved:

That Council:

- *Agrees in principle to continue to collect rates on behalf of the Wellington Regional Council, provided that:*
 - (a) *at the earliest opportunity, changes are made to make the collection process more transparently separate; and*
 - (b) *a suitable arrangement is made for the recovery of the extra costs incurred.*
- *Delegates authority to the Chief Executive to negotiate a suitable rate collection contract with the Wellington Regional Council, for a period of up to five years from 1 July 2003.*
- *Notes that as a fall back position Wellington Regional Council has issued a request for proposal to enable them to conduct their own rating and Hutt City Council is working in partnership with Infinity Solutions on a response to their request, which will provide an alternative solution to the Wellington Regional Council whereby Hutt City Council undertakes a rate billing and collection service on their behalf throughout the Region.*
- *Requests the Hutt Ward Councillors and other members of the Wellington Regional Council be apprised of Council's view on the matter.*

Porirua City Council

On 1 August 2002 the Council resolved:

That the Council:

- *Agrees to continue to collect Wellington Regional Council rates beyond 30 June 2004 and delegates to the Chief Executive authority to negotiate a contract with the Wellington Regional Council for collection of rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act.*

NB: PCC has previously resolved to continue to collect WRC rates for the 2003/04 year)

Upper Hutt City Council

On 13 August 2002 the Council resolved:

- *That approval in principle is given for the continuing collection of rates on behalf of Wellington Regional Council from 1 July 2003.*
- *That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive to continue to negotiate on behalf of Council in regard to the collection of rates for the Wellington Regional Council.*

Kapiti Coast District Council

On 1 August 2002 the Council resolved:

That the Council:

- *Agrees in principle to renewing the rate collection agency agreement with the Wellington Regional Council from 1 July 2003 for a minimum period of three years, and delegates to the Chief Executive or his delegated officer, to negotiate the relevant terms and conditions of that contract on the proviso that any projected additional costs and related risks associated with continuing to collect Wellington Regional rates, and meeting the accountability requirements of the new Act are taken into account in the negotiation process.*
- *Notes that the cost of maintaining the capital values on the Rating Information Database for the Wellington Regional Council will also be taken into account as part of the overall negotiation process.*
- *Notes that the agreement will be brought back to the Council for final approval.*

Masterton District Council

On 24 September 2002 the Council resolved:

That Council:

- *Agree to continue to collect Wellington Regional Council rates beyond 30 June 2003 and delegates to the Chief Executive Officer authority to negotiate a contract with the Wellington Regional Council for collection of rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.*

Carterton District Council

On 21 August 2002 the Council resolved:

That:

- *The Chief Executive Officer be granted delegated authority to negotiate and reach agreement with the Wellington Regional Council for the ongoing collection of WRC rates.*

South Wairarapa District Council

On 28 August 2002 the Council resolved:

That Council:

- *Agrees to continue with the rates collection arrangements with the Wellington Regional Council and maintenance of their Rating Information Database, generally in line with the current terms and conditions.*