Funding impact statement

Revenue and financing mechanisms

The Council proposes to use the following revenue and financing mechanisms to fund estimated operating expenditure for the period of its 2006/07 to 2015/16 Long Term Council Community Plan (excluding GST).

Funding impact statement - Operating expenditure 2006/07 Annual Plan

(Incorporating the Long Term Council Community Plan)

(All figures shown exclusive of GST)	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Operating Statement										
Fotal project expenditure	303,425	316,437	329,441	340,753	349,015	361,180	368,603	375,703	385,365	392,593
Self-insurance reserve	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
Total operating expenditure	303,925	316,937	329,941	341,253	349,515	361,680	369,103	376,203	385,865	393,093
Less expenditure not funded under section 100 of LGA:										
LTNZ Transport funded projects	(6,720)	(7,027)	(7,432)	(7,556)	(7,676)	(8,213)	(8,169)	(8,307)	(8,277)	(8,398)
Clearwater sewerage treatment plant	(2,356)	(2,356)	(2,509)	(2,509)	(2,509)	(2,728)	(2,728)	(2,728)	(2,910)	(2,910)
Living Earth joint venture	(755)	(755)	(779)	(779)	(779)	(847)	(847)	(847)	(904)	(904)
Total operating expenditure to be funded	294,094	306,799	319,221	330,409	338,551	349,892	357,359	364,321	373,774	380,881
Funded by:										
General rates	98,287	104,280	111,091	117,398	123,079	128,416	132,609	134,877	139,533	143,429
Targeted rates:										
Sewerage rate	29,668	30,445	31,599	32,402	33,168	34,579	35,189	35,715	36,786	37,215
Water rate	25,790	26,621	27,698	28,335	28,938	30,185	30,653	31,065	32,021	32,330
Stormwater rate	11,583	12,200	12,912	13,294	13,707	14,456	14,696	14,897	15,404	15,454
Base (residential) sector targeted rate	5,617	5,865	5,955	5.672	5,823	6,042	6,183	6,400	6,654	6,760
Commercial sector targeted rate	1,354	1,397	1,445	1,487	1,525	1,563	1,599	1,629	1,658	1,689
Downtown levy	9,023	9,260	9,550	9,821	10,074	10,321	10,548	10,757	10,951	11,142
Tawa driveways levy	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
Marsden Village levy	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Total targeted rates	83,069	85,823	89,194	91,046	93,270	97,181	98,902	100,498	103,509	104,625
Total rates to fund operating expenditure	181,357	190,103	200,285	208,444	216,349	225,597	231,512	235,375	243,042	248,054
User charges	86,202	90,084	92,578	95,831	97,793	100,037	101,535	104,469	106,133	108,059
Other income										
Ground and commercial leases	15,533	15,493	15,122	14,788	12,961	12,711	12,674	12,755	12,800	12,892
Dividends	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200
Transfund subsidies	2,655	2,740	2,825	2,905	2,979	3,051	3,117	3,178	3,234	3,290
Interest on investments	1,485	1,485	1,485	1,485	1,485	1,485	1,485	1,485	1,485	1,485
Petrol tax	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous	1,662	1,694	1,726	1,756	1,784	1,811	1,836	1,859	1,880	1,901
					338,551					380,881

The Council proposes to use the following revenue and financing mechanisms to fund estimated capital expenditure and loans for the period of its 2006/07 to 2015/16 Long Term Council Community Plan (excluding GST).

Funding impact statement - Capital expenditure and loans to other organisations 2006/07 Annual Plan

(Incorporating the Long Term Council Community Plan)

(All figures shown exclusive of GST)	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/1
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$00
Renewal capital expenditure	54,895	59,575	60,357	58,887	60,893	62,352	62,235	64,650	67,229	67,40
Jpgrade capital expenditure	29,630	47,224	47,959	36,006	37,599	29,774	23,813	26,223	21,505	27,47
Capital expenditure carried forward from 2005/06	21,041	9,815	4,650	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total capital expenditure to be funded	105,566	116,614	112,966	94,893	98,492	92,126	86,048	90,873	88,734	94,87
Loans to other organisations	2,000	13,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total capital expenditure and loans to be funded	107,566	129,614	112,966	94,893	98,492	92,126	86,048	90,873	88,734	94,87
Funded by:										
Rates funded depreciation	50,297	51,666	55,885	58,618	59,273	62,352	62,235	64,650	67,229	67,40
LTNZ transport subsidies	9,487	10,107	10,644	10,920	10,035	10,277	11,523	9,660	9,829	13,28
Development contributions	610	1,219	2,134	3,354	4,878	6,098	6,098	6,098	6,098	6,09
Targeted rates	0	1,132	1,132	1,132	1,132	1,132	1,132	1,132	1,132	1,13
Borrowings	47,172	66,621.8	44,303	22,001	24,306	13,399	6,192	10,465	5,578	8,09
Total funding for capital expenditure and loans to other organisations	107,566	130,746	114,098	96,025	99,624	93,258	87,180	92,005	89,866	96,00

Rates Policy

Rates are assessed under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable rating units in the Rating Information Database. Where rates are based on value, the capital value of the property as assessed annually by Quotable Value New Zealand Limited will apply. The latest revaluation was carried out as at 1 September 2005 and will be effective for the 2006/07 rating year.

Policy objective

- To provide the Council with adequate income to carry out its mission and objectives.
- To support the Council's achievement of its strategic objectives.
- To be simply administered, easily understood, allow for consistent application and generate minimal compliance costs.
- To spread the incidence of rates as equitably as possible, by balancing the level of service provided by the Council with ability to pay and the incidence of costs in relation to benefits received.
- To be neutral in that it does not encourage people to redirect activity in order to avoid its impact.
- To reflect the decisions of the Council's policies and rating reviews.

General rates

General rates are set under section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable rating units in the City of Wellington. The Council proposes to set a general rate based on the Capital Value of each rating unit within the city.

The general rate will be set on a differential basis, based on land use. All rating units (or part thereof) will be classified for the purposes of General rates within one of the following rating differentials:

Differential rating categories

Non-rateable

Includes any land referred to in Part 1, Schedule 1 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. This land is non-rateable in respect of General rates, but where applicable is rateable in respect of targeted rates for sewerage and water.

50 percent non-rateable

Includes all land referred to in Part 2, Schedule 1 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. This land is 50 percent non-rateable in respect of the General rates that would have applied had the property not been classified as non-rateable. Where applicable this land is fully rateable in respect of sewerage and water rates.

Base differential

This includes:

a) Separately rateable land used solely for one or more household units; excluding those properties that provide short stay (28 days or less) commercial accommodation for which a tariff is charged.

b) Vacant land zoned residential

c) Rural land (including farmland and lifestyle blocks) under the District Plan that is administered by Council, but excluding any rating unit that is zoned rural industrial

d) Separately rateable land occupied by a charitable organisation, which is deemed by the Council to be used exclusively or principally for sporting, recreation or community purposes and that does not generate any private pecuniary profit.

Commercial, Industrial and Business differential

This includes:

a) Separately rateable land used for a commercial or industrial purpose

b) Vacant land zoned commercial, industrial or rural industrial under the District Plan administered by the Council

c) Land used for offices, administrative and/or associated functions

d) Land used for commercial accommodation for which a tariff is charged and where the principle purpose is the provision of short stay accommodation

e) Business-related premises used principally for private pecuniary benefit

f) Utility networks

g) Any property not otherwise categorised within the Base differential.

Annual Uniform General Charge

The Council does not assess a Uniform Annual General Charge.

Differential rating category conditions

- The Council has resolved to achieve a target in 2009/10, which modifies the differential apportionment so that the commercial, industrial and business sector pay 2.8 times the General rate per dollar of capital value payable by those properties incorporated under the Base (Residential) differential. The Council proposes that for 2006/07 the General rate differential ratio will be 4.4:1.
- The separate parts of a rating unit will be differentially rated where a part of the property is non-rateable or the property fits under one or more rating differential and either:

a) the total capital value of the rating unit is above \$500,000, or

b) minority use(s) account for more than 30 percent of the total capital value of the rating unit.

In any other case, the General rate differential is determined by principal use.

- In regard to the rates attributable to a rating unit during the transition period between two differential rating categories, a ratepayer may apply for a change in rating category at any time between the lodgement of a consent application with the Council (on the condition that the principal prior use has ended) and the earlier of either:
- a) the time at which the Council gives final approval of the completed works, or
- b) the property is deemed (by the Council) to be available for its intended use.

In situations where the change in land use does not require a Council consent, but warrants a change in differential rating category, the onus is on the ratepayer to inform the Council prior to the property being utilised under the new use.

- The rating differential classification of all rating units must be set prior to the commencement of a rating year and will remain in place for that entire rating year. Any change in circumstances that results in a change of differential classification during a rating year will apply from 1 July of the following rating year.
- Any property eligible for mandatory 50 percent non-rateability under Part 2, Schedule 1, of the Rating Powers Act will be first classified under the appropriate General rate differential classifications and the non-rateability applied to that rate.

Targeted Rates

Targeted rates are set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

The Council proposes the continuation of the following targeted rates for 2006/07.

Sewerage rate

A targeted Sewerage rate is to be apportioned 60 percent:40 percent between properties incorporated under the Base differential and the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential in accordance with the Revenue and Financing Policy. This rate pays for the cost of the provision of the sewerage collection and disposal network and sewage treatment facilities for the city.

For the purposes of these rates the sewage collection and disposal service is treated as being provided if the rating unit is connected to a public sewerage drain (either directly or indirectly), irrespective of whether the property is considered fully rateable or is mandatory non-rateable or 50 percent non-rateable under Schedule 1 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

The targeted Sewerage rate is calculated as follows:

For rating units incorporated in the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential:

A rate per dollar of capital value on all rating units connected to a public sewerage drain, to collect 40 percent of the required rates funding.

For rating units incorporated in the Base differential:

A fixed amount of \$112.50 (incl. GST) and a rate per dollar of capital value on all rating units connected to a public sewerage drain, to collect 60 percent of the required rates funding.

Water rate

A targeted rate for water is to be apportioned with the aim of achieving a 60 percent: 40 percent split between properties incorporated under the Base differential and the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential in accordance with the Revenue and Financing Policy. This rate pays for water collection and treatment facilities, the water distribution network and water conservation for the city.

This rate is set on all rating units serviced by a water connection. For the purposes of these rates, the water service is treated as being provided if the rating unit is connected to the public water supply (either directly or indirectly), irrespective of whether the property is considered fully rateable or is mandatory non-rateable or 50 percent non-rateable under Schedule 1 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

The targeted Water rate is calculated as follows:

For rating units incorporated in the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential, either:

a) a fixed water meter charge of \$1.37 (incl. GST) per cubic meter of water used by all rating units connected to the public water supply with a water meter installed, plus an administrative charge of \$84.37 (incl. GST) per annum

or

b) a rate per dollar of capital value on all rating units connected to the public water supply, without a water meter installed.

For rating units rated incorporated in the Base differential, either:

a) a fixed water meter charge of \$1.37 (incl. GST) per cubic meter of water used on all rating units connected to the public water supply with a water meter installed, plus and administrative charge of \$84.37 (incl. GST) per annum

or

b) a fixed amount of \$112.50 (incl. GST) per rating unit and a rate per dollar of capital value on all rating units connected to the public water supply without a water meter installed, to collect the required Base differential contribution.

Storm water network rate

A targeted storm water rate is to be apportioned 80 percent to the non-rural rating units incorporated under the Base differential and 20 percent to the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential in accordance with the Revenue and Financing Policy. This rate pays for the cost of the provision of the storm water collection/disposal network for the city.

Properties classified as "rural" under the Council's operative District Plan are excluded from the liability of this rate.

The targeted Storm water network rate is calculated as follows:

For non-rural rating units incorporated in the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential:

A rate per dollar of capital value to collect 20 percent of the required rates funding.

For non-rural rating units incorporated in the Base differential:

A rate per dollar of capital value to collect 80 percent of the required rates funding.

Commercial, industrial and business sector targeted rate

This rate pays for activities where the Council's Revenue and Financing Policy identifies that the benefit can be attributed benefit to the commercial, industrial and business sector and where the activity is not incorporated in other service related targeted rates. This incorporates the following:

- 100% of the cost of the Events and attraction support activity. This rate is levied on all properties incorporated in the commercial, industrial and business sector and is calculated on a rate per dollar of rateable capital value.

Base sector targeted rate

This rate pays for activities where the Council's Revenue and Financing Policy identifies that the benefit can be attributed to properties incorporated under the Base differential rating category (incorporating residential ratepayers). This incorporates the following activities:

- 100% of the cost of the Facilitation of community environmental initiatives activity
- 100% of the cost of the Cultural grants activity
- 100% of the cost of the Community advocacy activity
- 80% of the cost of the Provision of community centre and halls activity
- 100% of the cost of the Facilitation of recreation partnerships activity

This rate is levied on all properties incorporated under the Base differential rating category and is calculated on a rate per dollar of rateable capital value.

Downtown levy

This rate pays for:

- 100% of the cost of the Tourism promotion activity
- 70% of the cost of the Visitor attractions activity
- 100% of the cost of the Facilitation of suburban and city centres vitality activity
- 25% of the cost of the Provision of galleries and museums activity
- 100% of the cost of the NZ Festival of the Arts activity

This rate is levied on all commercial, industrial and business properties in the downtown area and is calculated on a rate per dollar of rateable capital value. For the purpose of this rate, the downtown area refers to the area designated as the "Central Area" under the operative Wellington City District Plan.

Tawa driveways levy

This rate pays for the maintenance of a specified group of residential access driveways in the suburb of Tawa, overseen by the Council. This rates is levied on a specific group of rating units in the former Tawa Borough at a fixed amount of \$100 (including GST).

Marsden Village targeted rate

This rate is collected by the Council on behalf of the Marsden Village Association on all commercial, industrial and business properties in the Marsden shopping village and is calculated on a rate per dollar of capital value.

TOTAL RATES REQUIREMENT

The Council's rates and charges for the 2006/07 year are set out in the table below:

2006/07 ANN	IUAL PLAN				
RATES FUN	DING STATEMENT				
Rate	Factor	Differentiation	Total Value of Factor	Rate/charge	Rates yield GST Inclusive
					(\$000's)
	Capital Value	Base differential use	\$27,321,707,588	¢0.174357	47,637
General Rate	Capital Value	Commercial, industrial & business use	\$8,203,597,094	¢0.7671810	62,937
	TOTAL				110,574
	Fixed charge	Base differential use / connection status	61971 properties	\$112.50	6,972
Sewerage Rate	Capital Value	Base differential use / connection status	\$28,644,325,914	¢0.045572	13,054
Sewerage Nate	Capital Value	Commercial, industrial and business use / connection status	\$6,969,177,607	¢0.191564	13,350
	TOTAL				33,376
	Fixed charge	Base differential use/connection status	56581 properties	\$112.50	6,365
	Capital Value	Base differential use/connection status	\$24,056,709,761	¢0.044266	10,649
Water rate	Consumption unit charge	Base differential use/connection status	n/a	\$1.37 / m ³	394
	Capital Value	Commercial, industrial and business use /connection status	\$758,305,420	¢0.285727	2,166
	Consumption unit charge	Commercial, industrial and business use /connection status	n/a	\$1.37 / m ³	9,439
	TOTAL				29,013

Rate	Factor	Differentiation	Total Value of Factor	Rate/charge	Rates yield GST Inclusive
					(\$000':
	Capital value	Base differental use (excluding rural)	\$26,971,262,767	¢0.038650	10,42
Stormwater rate	Capital value	Commercial, industrial and business use (excluding rural)	7,247,036,929	¢0.035961	2,60
	TOTAL				13,030
Base sector targeted rate	Capital Value	Residential use	\$27,321,707,588	¢0.023129	6,319
Commercial sector targeted rate	Capital Value	Commercial, industrial & business use	\$8,203,597,094	¢0.018575	1,524
Downtown levy	Capital Value	Commercial, industrial & business use / central city location	\$5,518,395,967	¢0.183954	10,15 [,]
Tawa driveways Ievy	Capital Value	Commercial, industrial & business use / central city location	256 properties	\$100.00	20
,				φ100.00	
Marsden Village levy	Capital Value	Commercial, industrial & business use / central city location	\$10,016,665	¢0.140380	1,
TOTAL RATES REQ					204,027

Indicative rates for 2006/07

The tables below below provide a guide for rates for 2006/07 (inclusive of GST). Indicative rates are shown for different types of property's depending on the increase in the property's value since last year. Residential rates include a Uniform Targeted Rate of \$225 (including GST) per property for water and sewage. This assumes you have no water meter - if you do have a water meter, your rates bill will not include the Uniform Targeted Rate for water. Greater Wellington - The Regional Council rates are excluded from these figures.

Indicative residential property (without a water meter)							
2006/07	2006/07	Percentage ch	nange in capital v	alue from last yea	ar		
Capital Values	Rates	5%	10%	15%	20%		
\$	\$	Expected percentage change in rates					
200,000	877	1%	5%	9%	13%		
300,000	1,203	1%	6%	10%	14%		
400,000	1,529	1%	6%	10%	15%		
500,000	1,855	2%	6%	11%	15%		
600,000	2,181	2%	6%	11%	15%		
700,000	2,507	2%	6%	11%	16%		
800,000	2,833	2%	6%	11%	16%		
900,000	3,159	2%	6%	11%	16%		

Indicative suburban commercial property rates (with water meter)							
2006/07	2006/07	Percentage c	change in capital v	alue from last yea	ır		
Capital Values	Total Rates	5%	10%	15%	20%		
\$	\$	Expected percentage change in rates					
250,000	2,533	-9%	-3%	3%	8%		
500,000	5,066	-9%	-3%	3%	8%		
750,000	7,600	-9%	-3%	3%	8%		
1,000,000	10,133	-9%	-3%	3%	8%		
1,500,000	15,199	-9%	-3%	3%	8%		
2,000,000	20,266	-9%	-3%	3%	8%		
5,000,000	50,664	-9%	-3%	3%	8%		
10,000,000	101,328	-9%	-3%	3%	8%		

	Base (residential)	Commercial	Tota
	share	share	Rates
	\$000	\$000	\$000
General Rate	47,637	62,936	110,574
Water Rate (incl. water meters & UAC)	17,408	11,605	29,013
Sewerage Rate (incl. UAC)	20,026	13,350	33,376
Stormwater rate	10,424	2,606	13,030
Targeted sector rates	6,319	1,524	7,843
Downtown Levy	-	10,151	10,151
Tawa driveways	25	-	25
Marsden Village	-	14	14
Total Rates	101,839	102,187	204.027

Indicative downtown commercial property rates (without water meter)							
2006/07	2006/07	Percentage of	change in capital v	alue from last yea	ar		
Capital Values	Total Rates	5%	10%	15%	20%		
\$	\$	Expected percentage change in rates					
250,000	3,707	2%	8%	13%	18%		
500,000	7,415	2%	8%	13%	18%		
750,000	11,122	2%	8%	13%	18%		
1,000,000	14,830	2%	8%	13%	18%		
1,500,000	22,244	2%	8%	13%	18%		
2,000,000	29,659	2%	8%	13%	18%		
5,000,000	74,148	2%	8%	13%	18%		
10,000,000	148,296	2%	8%	13%	18%		

Indicative downto	Indicative downtown commercial property rates (with water meter)							
2006/07	2006/07	Percenta	age change in cap	ital value from las	t year			
Capital Values	Total Rates	5%	10%	15%	20%			
\$	\$	\$ Expected percentage change in rates						
250,000	2,993	-4%	2%	7%	13%			
500,000	5,986	-4%	2%	7%	13%			
750,000	8,979	-4%	2%	7%	13%			
1,000,000	11,972	-4%	2%	7%	13%			
1,500,000	17,959	-4%	2%	7%	13%			
2,000,000	23,945	-4%	2%	7%	13%			
5,000,000	59,862	-4%	2%	7%	13%			
10,000,000	119,724	-4%	2%	7%	13%			