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Statement of Proposal: Revenue and Financing Policy



What is the Revenue and Financing Policy?

The Revenue and Financing Policy describes how Council will use revenue and financing sources to fund its activities. Council reviews its Revenue and Financing Policy every three years as part of developing the Long Term Plan. This year, we are proposing changes outside of this normal review cycle.

A review of the policy was last carried out in 2021 with our Long Term Plan 2021-31.

This document, the Statement of Proposal, outlines the changes we are proposing to our Revenue and Financing Policy and we want to know what you think. Council will receive your feedback through written submissions. People who make a written submission can also speak to their submission if they wish at hearings scheduled for 17 May 2022. The changes set will be stated in the Revenue and Financing Policy which will be finalised in June 2022.

Please see www.participate.boprc.govt.nz/revenue-and-finance for the supporting information documents which contain the full Revenue and Financing Policy and the supporting funding needs analysis; and the Third Party Infrastructure Funding Policy.

You can make a submission online at www.participate.boprc.govt.nz/revenue-and-finance and also by email to RevenueandFinance@boprc.govt.nz or by using the form on the back page of this document.

Submissions close at 5:00 pm, Wednesday 4 May 2022.

Have your say
4 April – 4 May

Hearings
17 May

Deliberations
18 May

**Revenue and
Financing Policy Adopted**
Late June 2022

Summary of proposed changes

Regional Council is proposing new targeted rates to partially fund two activities. Sustainable Homes and Regional Infrastructure. A full tracked-changes version of the proposed Revenue and Financing Policy is available through www.participate.boprc.govt.nz/revenue-and-finance or at Regional Council offices. The section below outlines why we're proposing the changes.

Sustainable Homes

Council is setting up Sustainable Home Loans to support homeowners to install insulation, efficient heating and solar power. This targeted rate would only be charged to properties that take out a sustainable home loan. The rate would be set differentially based on the value of the service (loan) provided to the property and any discounts applied as part of the Sustainable Homes policy. The loans are intended to be on the same 10-year term as the current Hot Swap loan.

It is intended that the first loans would be made in 2023/24, and the loan agreements would require the payment mechanism to be in place. The enabling change for Sustainable Loans is to allow 0-20% targeted rates for the Environmental Strategy activity and decrease general funding from 100% to 80-100%.

Using a targeted rate links the loan/repayment directly to the property, the repayment should be achievable through reduced living costs e.g. heating cost savings, and uses existing council processes. The other option that has been considered is making a loan directly to the person that applies, however, this is not preferred as it is less secure and would require new processes to manage loan recovery in the event that the person moves house and they may not benefit from cost savings to repay the loan.

This proposal is purely about the use of targeted rates as a potential repayment mechanism. The provision of Sustainable Homes loans was consulted on and approved as part of Long Term Plan 2021/22.

Regional Infrastructure

There are many and varied calls for Regional Council funding support for regionally significant infrastructure. The Third Party Infrastructure Policy explicitly considers targeted rates as a potential funding source. This could be beneficial for projects that either benefit the whole region or a discrete sub-region by allowing for increased certainty of project funding and the costs to be spread amongst the appropriate beneficiaries.

Given the reform of the RMA leading to the requirement for new Spatial Plans, there is the potential for the Regional Council to support city and district councils to fund solutions that provide benefits to a wider area than they directly serve.

The enabling change for Regional Infrastructure is to allow 0-20% targeted rates for the Regional Development activity.

This proposal is purely about the use of targeted rates as a potential mechanism. Before any targeted rate is actually set and collected, further work is required to define the conditions and criteria for funding, select projects that best deliver on the criteria, agree the amount of funding support, and consult on the amount of any targeted rate that is proposed to be set. The Third Party Infrastructure Policy was consulted on as part of Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

What do you think?



Your details

First name: _____

Last name: _____

Are you submitting as an individual, or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual Organisation

Organisation (if applicable): _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Postal address: _____

I wish to keep my contact details confidential Yes No

Want to submit in person?

All submitters have the opportunity to present their feedback to council during the hearings process via Zoom. Please indicate your preferred option below.

I wish to speak to my submission I do not wish to speak to my submission

I will speak in: English Te Reo Sign language

I wish to speak on Zoom at the Regional Council office located in Whakatāne Rotorua Tauranga or on my own device

Optional Information

Your gender:

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to say

Year of birth:

I'd rather not say

Your ethnicity:

- European
- Māori
- Pacific peoples
- Asian
- MELAA (Middle Eastern/
Latin American/African)
- Other ethnicity:

Your submission

Do you support the Sustainable Homes Targeted Rate? Yes No

Comments: _____

Do you support the potential for a Regional Infrastructure Targeted Rate to be set in the future? Yes No

Comments: _____

If you require extra space please feel free to attach extra pages.

Once completed please send this form to:

Freepost Number 122076
Revenue and Financing Policy Submissions
Bay of Plenty Regional Council
PO Box 364, Whakatane 3158

You can make a submission by email to RevenueandFinance@boprc.govt.nz or online at www.participate.boprc.govt.nz/revenue-and-finance

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