

Date: Tuesday 13 June 2023 at 3.30 PM

Venue: Council Chambers, Stratford District Council, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford

Present

The District Mayor N C Volzke (the Chairman), the Deputy Mayor – M McKay, Councillors: S J Beck, G W Boyde, A M C Dudley, J M S Erwood, A K Harris, E E Hall, W J Sandford, and M J Watt.

In attendance

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director – Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Director – Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the acting Director – Community Services – Mr C Julie, the Committee Advisor and Executive Assistant – Mrs E Bishop, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, the Roading Asset Manager – Mr S Bowden, the Aquatic Services Team Leader – Mr R Naicker, the Community Development Officer – Mrs V Fischer (*part meeting*), the Community Development Officer – Mrs A Kingston (*part meeting*), the Corporate Accountant – Mrs C Craig, the Revenue Manager – Mrs J Erwood (*part meeting*), six members of the public and one member of the media (Stratford Press)

1. Welcome

The District Mayor welcomed Elected Members, members of the public, staff and the media to the meeting.

1.1 Opening Karakia D21/40748 Page 9

The opening karakia was read.

1.2 Health and Safety Message D21/26210 Page 10

The District Mayor reiterated the health and safety message and emergency procedures.

2. Apologies

An approved leave of absence was noted for Councillor V R Jones and an apology was received from Councillor C M Tongaawhikau.

Recommendation

THAT the apologies be received.

HARRIS/DUDLEY
Carried
CL/23/43

3. Announcements

There were no announcements.

4. Declarations of Members Interest

Elected members to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda. There were no declarations of interest.

5. Attendance Schedule

The attendance schedule for Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings was attached.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 9 May 2023

D23/20328 Page 12

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 9 May 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

HALL/SANDFORD
Carried
CL/23/44

6.1.1 Public Forum Notes

D23/20261 Page 22

The notes from the public forum on 9 May 2023 were attached for Council's information.

6.2 Audit and Risk Committee – 16 May 2023

D23/21284 Page 26

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 May 2023 be received.

ERWOOD/WATT
Carried
CL/23/45

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 May 2023 be adopted.

VOLZKE/BOYDE
Carried
CL/23/46

The District Mayor noted that these minutes included the consideration of the earthquake prone buildings (War Memorial Centre, TET Multi Sports Centre, the former Pool Complex and the Clock Tower). By adopting these recommendations council will be approving the actions for these.

Recommendations

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 23 May 2023 be received.

McKAY/ERWOOD
Carried
CL/23/47

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting, including those in the public excluded section, held on Tuesday 23 May 2023 be adopted.

BOYDE/DUDLEY
Carried
CL/23/48

The District Mayor noted that these recommendations included the approval to progress with opening the next trail at the Kingheim Forestry and to proceed with further discussions regarding the mountain bike trail with the Taranaki Trails Trust.

7. District Mayor's Report D23/24199 Page 49

Recommendation

THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/BECK
Carried
CL/23/49

The District Mayor noted the following points:

- This morning, along with Councillor Harris, he attended the sod turning ceremony for the Kahouri Bridge project which symbolises the start of work. This is approximately an \$8 million project and will take between 10-12 months to complete the brand new two lane bridge and road realignment. He noted the Associate Minister of Transport, the honorary Kiri Allen, attended the event.
- He reiterated that confirmation had been received for a further two years of funding for the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs programme. The target will remain at assisting 50 people into work or training. He noted that this year was currently sitting at 42 so the team was working towards reaching the target this year. This programme has been a really good success story right across the country.
- It was requested that council approve the two voting delegates for the LGNZ Conference in July as the District Mayor and Councillor Harris.

Recommendation

THAT the District Mayor and Councillor Harris be delegated authority to vote on behalf of the Stratford District Council at the 2023 LGNZ Conference.

BOYDE/BECK
Carried
CL/23/50

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was clarified the remits will be circulated to seek guidance on the voting. The District Mayor also noted that there is a vote for the President and Vice President positions. There are three candidates for President, including the New Plymouth District Mayor, and all candidates will be visiting council either in person or by zoom in the near future.

8. Decision Report - Adopt Annual Plan 2023/24

D23/21912 Page 56

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

McKAY/BECK
Carried
CL/23/51

- ~~2. THAT the internal feedback from management in *Appendix 1* is considered, and the amendments made, as recommended.~~

- ~~3. THAT the discussion in *Appendix 2* is considered, and the recommendation to bring the delivery of the Swim School in-house is approved.~~

- ~~4. THAT the feedback from the community on the Annual Plan 2023/24 and Fees and Charges is considered and amendments made, if any, as decided by Elected Members.~~

- ~~5. THAT the final amended Annual Plan 2023/24, including Fees and Charges schedule, be approved for adoption.~~

Recommended Reason

To adopt the Final Annual Plan 2023/24, after considering all internal management and community feedback, to enable Council to set rates for the financial year ended 30 June 2024, and commence its programme of works for the year from 1 July 2023.

The District Mayor noted that as there were a few components to this report, and adoption, the resolutions will be broken down and discussed individually. It was approved to relax standing orders during this discussion to ensure councillors were able to voice their views.

Appendix 1 - Internal Feedback

- Request for additional fees and charges for the Library for Ticket Booking Fees.

2. THAT the following fees be added to the Library/Information Centre section of the fees and charges in the 2023/24 Annual Plan:

TICKET BOOKING FEES

- Commission of \$1.50 per ticket
- Credit Card payments via phone \$2.00 per ticket, capped at \$10
- General booking fee of \$2 per item for items such as accommodation, bus, ferry

BOYDE/McKAY
Carried
CL/23/51

- Request for additional fees and charges for the Pool Complex for the Swimming Club entry.
- The Chief Executive noted these fees had existed as an agreement between the swimming club and the council as there is a mechanism to allow a fee to be charged by mutual

agreement between council and an organisation. The fee structure fits in well in terms of the discount process. These have been discussed with the Swimming Club with the feedback to include a two times per week charge.

- Councillor Boyde noted that it makes sense to have these for consistent users.

3. THAT the following entry fees for club swimmers be added to the swimming pool complex section of the fees and charges in the 2023/24 annual Plan:

Pool Entry – Club Swimming

Child, 2 entries per week	\$6/week
Child, 3 entries per week	\$9/week
Child, 4+ entries per week	\$12/week

BOYDE/McKAY
Carried
CL/23/52

- It was confirmed that the six members with term memberships will be able to use those to finish the term.

4. THAT Short Term Memberships (3 months) and Long Term memberships (12 months) be deleted from the swimming pool complex section of the fees and charges in the 2023/24 Annual Plan.

BECK/WATT
Carried
CL/23/53

Appendix 2 - Options for Swim School Services

- The Chief Executive noted that the current swim school provider terminated its contract with council on the 12 May 2023. As a result of this officers have been investigating alternative options which are presented in appendix 2 and are either do nothing, bring in –house or seek an external provider.
 - Option 1 – if there was no similar service there would be a shortfall of approximately \$25,000 from students entering the facility.
 - Option 2 – the benefits of providing such a service will have the figures presented on top of entry fee which would be separate. It was important to note that a change in providers will have a drop off in numbers and Terms 3 and 4 are also historically lower in participation numbers.
 - Option 3 – is a similar arrangement to the one in the past. Council would have to formalise an agreement with an alternative provide and depending on those negotiations there may or may not be an income, however the entry fee from the students would be on top of this.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Sandford noted his support for Option 2. The pool is an expensive facility to have which is shown in the budgets, therefore anything that can increase turnover and help with the running costs is needed to be done. Option 2 will help relieve some of the burden on the ratepayers as he noted that a lot of people who do not use the pool currently pay a lot for the service.
- The Deputy Mayor asked for further explanation on covering the administration and service with existing staff roles. Mr Hanne noted that the team leader is supported by three senior staff who look after different aspects with one already covering the learning requirements of local schools and has the capacity to pick up a related task. The intent would be to broaden the scope of this role to cover the administration of a swim school service. The pool is well equipped to do this at the moment and depending on the success of the school then further resourcing for teaching roles may be required.
- It was clarified that monthly updates will be provided in the Community Services monthly report for a short time, quarterly and annual updates can also be given at the request of elected members.
- The Deputy Mayor noted her support for option 2 as maintaining the service in our community is so important as it is a critical life skill, but she noted she would be watching it closely to ensure it continues to be a success here.

- Councillor Boyde noted that doing nothing was not an option. He felt that option 2 provided so many more synergies and benefits that can be created and asked if teaching the lifeguards was an option? Mr Hanne noted that some of the lifeguards are qualified swim instructors and also work for the current external provider as well and some will be trained up. Council was not able to start recruiting for these positions until a decision was made today. Councillor Boyde supported Option 2.
- Councillor Hall supported Option 2 as it creates a revenue opportunity and seamless delivery of this service so that no one will miss out with the intention to start in term 3. She felt there was a risk with option 3 of finding another provider. She was keen to have reporting back on the progress and also see feedback from users as they will be key in making sure it is successful.
- Councillor Beck supported Option 2 as the most logical one, he noted that the current Aquatic Services Team Leader was one the of top managers to have.
- Councillor Watt asked if an external provider would cover operational expenditure or if council subsidised any of it? Mr Hanne noted that this was dependent on the decision by elected members. The current operator met all staffing and training costs and did not contribute to council's operating costs in any way with users paying normal entry fee to get into the facility. Part of the fees and charges discussion has been the charging of a lane hire fee which was heavily discussed with the anticipation of bringing in \$25,000 revenue per year, if a swim school in-house programme was more successful then any additional revenue would be shown as a surplus and could be available the following year for rates offset.
- Councillor Harris noted her support for Option 2. She noted that if all the feedback from the last couple of months was collated it would show how vital swimming lessons are to our community and council would be foolish not to enable that to happen.
- Councillor Dudley asked if this could be turned around before Term 3? Mr Hanne confirmed he thought it could. Councillor Dudley noted there had been issues with the computer and card systems at the facility and noted how important it would be to be seamless to not hold users up.
- Councillor Watt asked if an external provider (option 3) could be able to be ready to start in Term 3? Mr Hanne noted that it potentially could be as a provider has already reached out to council who believes they have the staff numbers in the region to provide this service, but council processes would require a minimum of two weeks advertising therefore there was the risk if no external provider coming forward and the facility would loose time needed to train staff.
- The District Mayor felt council had a social responsibility to make sure people have the opportunity to learn to swim so a service is needed. He felt there was obligation to the community and the children to have an option to learn to swim. Option 2 would allow the facility to commence in Term 3 which would provide a seamless transition and continuation of swimming lessons which has been highlighted as a concern in the community's feedback. Option 2 is the most economical for council and brings greater returns which is of benefit for all those who pay for the pool via their rates but do not use it. It also allows council to control the price of the services that are provided.

The Revenue Manager joined the meeting at 4.15pm.

The Community Development Officer left the meeting at 4.15pm.

- Councillor Erwood noted that this decision had caused a lot of angst in the community but now council was at the place to make a decision he supported Option2. He acknowledged the mahi Aimee and her staff have done over the years by providing everyone the right to learn to swim.

5. THAT the discussion in *Appendix 2* is considered, and the recommendation to bring the delivery of the Swim School in-house is approved.

BOYDE/HALL
Carried
CL/23/54

Fees and Charges

- Mr Hanne noted that the existing fees for the swim school were taken without an increase or decrease to set a starting point. He noted there was a risk of low numbers that council could loose revenue on this service, but if the numbers are high there is the potential for a profit. The overheads of the pool were taken into account to find a balance of what is fair on the users and the community in general. He noted he has not heard complaints about the service as it currently stands but have heard that the users do not want to pay more. Elected Members could set the fee how they see fit but he noted the financial loss would be greater the lower it went.

- It was noted that the South Taranaki District Council fees were \$9.50 per session and the New Plymouth private operator was \$15 per session but this did include entry.
- At the request of elected members to simplify the pool fee structure two additional documents were circulated and then tabled at the meeting. One was a simplified version based on the current fees and the other was the same simplified version but had a 7% increase across all fees. The proposed structure was shorter and less complicated as requested and had removed the term memberships as there had been little interest in these. A concession ticket has been proposed with 10, 25 and 50 entries with an increasing percentage of discount as the concessions go up. The group fitness fees have also been simplified with the removal of term fees but could be further amended to have number of visits rather than a time period.
- The swimming club fees approved above will be added in.
- The discount for whole pool hire has been removed.
- The proposed \$100 per term for learn to swim instruction includes the provision to adjust pro-rata if a term is more or less than 10 weeks or is affected by public holidays.
- The revised schedule reduces the former two pages to just one.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was clarified that the concession cards would include swim school students.
- Councillor Boyde noted that the former schedule had been too clunky and the revised proposed version was much better. He suggested amending the group fitness concessions to 25 and 50 entries (instead of 13 and 52 weeks) for consistency. This was approved to be amended with the same discount applied as to the entry concession.
- It was noted there had not been any targeted consultation with the group fitness users in regards to entry into the facility.
- The District Mayor noted that earlier discussions had seen a spectator fee proposed, however this was since removed. The other introduction was the 50% of adult entry fee for caregivers in the water supervising children under 8. Councillor Harris requested that spectators be added in as free to clearly distinguish the difference between a spectator and a parent supervising in the water.
- Councillor Beck noted he had been supportive of raising the fees initially but with the change in circumstances with the swim school he felt this should not be discussed until the Long Term Plan.
- Councillor Boyde supported Councillor Beck as there will be a lot more information to use after a full year of the facility operating to make really defined decisions around cost. He supported no increase.
- Councillor Hall agreed and noted that council has looked at specific charges and needed to be adjust and address any of the shortfall when there is better understanding. There was already enough change for this plan.
- The Deputy Mayor noted Wai O Rua was an incredible facility and extremely strong direction had been given to the Chief Executive to look for efficiencies through income and reducing outgoings. This still remains a priority to keep looking at these. The facility is new, there has been some teething issues including looking at staff numbers and she did not think now was the right time to introduce a fee increase. She noted a years worth of data will give time to refine efficiencies and provide the ability to make an informed decision for the Long Term Plan.
- Councillor Watt noted that one of the benefits of taking the swim school in-house was having control over the fees, he noted there could be pretty significant income from the pool if the same numbers participated in the programme. The District Mayor noted it may make a surplus but it would not match the operating costs for a pool, reducing the fee would make it more expensive for the majority of the community who don't use the facility. Councillor Watt clarified that he felt even a slight reduction in the fee would still result in reduction in expenditure for the pool.

The Community Development Officer left the meeting at 4.37pm.

- It was clarified that the high financial range potential income was based on 700 participants per term. Councillor Harris noted it would be great to see the level of actual participation before a call is made on the fee especially as Term 3 was a quieter period for swim schools.
- It was noted that the total rates cost for the pool \$1.99 million net.
- It was requested that a report be provided on how this year has gone, including costs, once the 12 month period has passed.

6. THAT the feedback from the community on the Annual Plan 2023/24 and Fees and Charges is considered and amendments made, as decided by Elected Members.

BECK/BOYDE
Carried
CL/23/55

Points noted in discussion:

- The Deputy Mayor noted it was worthwhile noting the rest of the changes within the fees and charges. This Annual Plan has been massive and councillors have tried to be consistent with the balance of user chargers and top up from the rate payer. She acknowledged a lot of council's services have a greater community good and trying to find the balance for these and looking at community feedback has been difficult. She noted some of the changes related to dog registration fees and cemetery plots. Council has tried to find the balance as best as it could.
- Councillor Sandford noted that a neighbouring council had put a blanket 10% increase across all their fees and charges and that elsewhere cemetery plots can be \$6,000 plus. These changes have been made with looking after the ratepayers in mind.
- Councillor Hall noted that she had visited forestry roads with the Roding Asset Manager and noted that when the differential rate was considered next it was important to realise the \$250,000 rate was just a drop in the bucket. She acknowledged staff and their time on this issue.
- The District Mayor noted that the submission from Federated Farmers supported the forestry differential rate.

Two members of the public left the meeting at 4.51pm.

7. THAT the final amended Annual Plan 2023/24, including Fees and Charges schedule, be approved for adoption.

VOLZKE/HALL
Carried
CL/23/56

Points noted in discussion:

- Councillor Boyde noted he had received a question from an absent councillor questioning the impact of transport choices which questioned the answer given to him in the minutes that it wouldn't have an impact. The Director – Corporate Services clarified that it wouldn't have an impact on the 2023/24 budget as the projects don't have an impact until they are built.
- The Chief Executive noted that the anticipated income for the pool of \$25,000 from the lane hire fee was left in the budget as it is anticipated this will be received from the swim school provision. This allows council to adopt the Annual Plan today.
- Councillor Harris requested that the District Profile note that part of the district is in the Horizons Region.

Recommendations

1. THAT the report be received.

VOLZKE/HARRIS
Carried
CL/23/57

2. THAT the Stratford District Council sets the following rates, due dates, and penalties regime under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Annual Plan 2023/24 and Funding Impact Statement, on rating units in the Stratford District for the financial year commencing 1 July 2023, and ending 30 June 2024.

Important: All charges are GST inclusive, and funds raised are stated GST exclusive.

GENERAL RATE

Council set a general rate under section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (“LGRA”) calculated on the capital value of each rateable rating unit within the district.

The general rate is set with no differential.

The rate (in cents per dollar of capital value) for 2023/24 is 0.16708 cents, raising \$5,197,300.

General rates will be used to fund all activities that are not covered by the uniform annual general charge, targeted rates or other funding mechanisms outlined in the Revenue and Financing Policy.

UNIFORM ANNUAL GENERAL CHARGE

Council set a UAGC under section 15 of the LGRA in respect of every separately used or inhabited part of a rateable rating unit within the district.

The UAGC for 2023/24 is \$857 per SUIP, raising \$3,823,500.

DEFINITION OF SUIP

A SUIP is a Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a rating unit and includes any part of a rating unit that is used or inhabited by any person. This definition applies to the application of the UAGC, the Solid Waste targeted rate, Wastewater targeted rate, and the Community Centre targeted rate.

This definition includes separately used parts, whether or not actually occupied at any particular time, which are provided by the owner for rental or other form of occupation on an occasional or long term. For the purpose of this definition, vacant land and vacant premises are separately used by the owner as a property available for separate sale, or provided by the owner for rental (or other form of occupation).

For a commercial rating unit (other than motels/hotels), this includes a building or part of a building that is, or is capable of being, separately tenanted, leased or subleased, and is not integral to the commercial operation. Motels/hotels are treated as one SUIP even if each accommodation unit may be capable of separate habitation.

For a residential rating unit, this includes a building or part of a building which is used, or is capable of being used, as an independent unit. An independent unit is any unit containing either separate cooking and living facilities, or a separate entrance; and that has its own toilet or bathroom facilities.

Separate parts of buildings, after the first, that are uninhabitable and declared unsanitary under the Health Act 1956 or the Building Act 2004 are not SUIPs.

TARGETED RATE – ROADING

Council set a targeted rate under section 16 in respect of roading and street services based on the capital value of each rating unit within the District.

The roading rate (in cents per dollar of capital value) under section 16 for 2023/24 is 0.10253 cents, raising \$3,160,200.

The roading rate will be used to fund the Roothing Activity.

A differential rate is applied on rating units which have forestry land as the primary use, but exclude land that is categorised under the valuer general's rules as indigenous forests or protected forests of any type. This is instead of the roading rate discussed above. The differential rate (in cents per dollar of capital value) under section 16 for 2023/24 is 0.87567 cents, raising \$250,000.

The funds collected from the differential will be used to fund the Roothing Activity.

TARGETED RATE – SOLID WASTE (RUBBISH AND RECYCLING)

Council set a targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA for refuse collection on the basis of an amount per each SUIP from which Council is prepared to collect a container of refuse, as part of its normal refuse disposal service, in the Stratford and Midhirst domestic collection area.

The solid waste rate under section 16 for 2023/24 is \$365, raising \$853,300.

The solid waste rate will be used to fund the urban domestic refuse collection activity.

TARGETED RATE – WASTE WATER (SEWERAGE)

Council set a targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA for sewerage as a fixed amount per each SUIP which is connected to a public sewerage drain, and a targeted rate under Schedule 3, Clause 8 of the LGRA as a fixed amount per rating unit for serviceable properties. Serviceable properties are properties that have Council waste water reticulation services adjacent, contiguous or nearby to the serviceable properties, and the property boundary is within 30 metres of a public wastewater drain, but are not connected.

For all non-commercial properties the differential factor is 1 (base), and the Waste Water rate for properties connected is \$315, and for serviceable properties is \$157.50, being 50% of the targeted rate.

Commercial properties are differentiated by use as follows:

Commercial base category (all commercial rating units not included in any other commercial category) and the differential factor is also 1 (base) and the amount is \$315 per SUIP.

- Commercial 2 (commercial rating units used for an activity requiring 2 toilets) differential factor 150% of base and the amount is \$472 per SUIP.
- Commercial 3 (commercial rating units used for an activity requiring 3 toilets) differential factor 200% of base and the amount is \$630 per SUIP.
- Commercial 4 (commercial rating units used for an activity requiring 4 toilets) differential factor 225% of base and the amount is \$708 per SUIP.
- Commercial 5 (commercial rating units used for an activity requiring 5 toilets) differential factor 250% of base and the amount is \$787 per SUIP.
- Commercial 6 (commercial rating units used for an activity requiring 6 toilets) differential factor 275% of base and the amount is \$866 per SUIP.
- Commercial 7 (commercial rating units used for an activity requiring 7 toilets) differential factor 300% of base and the amount is \$945 per SUIP.
- Commercial Large (commercial rating units used for an activity requiring 8 or more toilets) differential factor 325% of base and the amount is \$1,023 per SUIP.

The sewerage system rate for 2023/24 is to raise \$809,600 and will be used to fund the waste water activity.

TARGETED RATES - WATER SUPPLY

Council set a targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA for water supply on the basis of an amount per rating unit connected to the Stratford, Midhirst, or Toko Water Supply, and a targeted rate under Schedule 3, Clause 8 of the LGRA as a fixed amount per rating unit for serviceable properties. Serviceable properties are properties that have Council water reticulation services adjacent, contiguous or nearby to the serviceable properties, and the property boundary is within 100 metres of a water main, but are not connected.

The Water Supply rate for properties connected is \$582, and for serviceable properties is \$291, being 50% of the targeted rate, and raising \$1,582,800.

In addition, Council set a targeted rate for extraordinary water supply under section 19 of the LGRA on the basis of an amount per unit of water supplied in the Stratford Water Supply Area, the Midhirst Water Supply area, and the Toko Water Supply Area to any rating unit which has been fitted with a water meter.

The Stratford water supply rate under section 19 for 2023/24 is \$2.11 per cubic metre of supply in excess of 250 cubic metres per annum, raising \$471,200.

The Midhirst water supply rate under section 19 for 2023/24 is \$2.11 per cubic metre of supply in excess of 250 cubic metres per annum, raising \$16,807.

The Toko water supply rate under section 19 for 2023/24 is \$2.11 per cubic metre of supply in excess of 250 cubic metres per annum, raising \$3,200.

The water supply rates will be used to fund the water supply activities in the Stratford, Midhirst and Toko areas.

TARGETED RATES - COMMUNITY CENTRES

Council sets targeted rates under section 16 of the LGRA for community centres on the basis of an amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the listed community areas. This rate uses a fixed charge based on the location of the rating unit.

The community centre rates for 2023/24 are:

- A fixed charge of \$23.00 within the Wharehuia Community Centre area per SUIP collecting \$2,020.
- A fixed charge of \$23.00 within the Te Popo Community Centre area per SUIP collecting \$1,020.
- A fixed charge of \$13.80 within the Pembroke Road Community Centre area per SUIP collecting \$1,860.
- A fixed charge of \$34.50 within the Toko Community Centre area per SUIP collecting \$4,500.
- A fixed charge of \$17.25 within the Pukengahu Community Centre area per SUIP collecting \$810.
- A fixed charge of \$17.25 within the Midhirst Community Centre area per SUIP collecting \$5,520.
- A fixed charge of \$11.50 within the Makahu Community Centre area per SUIP collecting \$500.
- A fixed charge of \$30.00 within the Cardiff Community Centre area per SUIP collecting \$2,817.

The community centres rate will be used to fund the operating costs of the community centres and will raise \$19,047.

PAYMENT DUE DATES AND PENALTIES

All rates, except those for metered water supply, will be payable in four equal instalments due on:

1 st Instalment:	30 August 2023
2 nd Instalment:	29 November 2023
3 rd Instalment:	28 February 2024
4 th Instalment:	29 May 2024

Pursuant to Sections 57 and 58 of the LGRA the following penalties on unpaid rates (excluding metered water rates) will be added:

- A charge of 10% on so much of any instalment that has been assessed after 1 July 2023 which remains unpaid after the due date for that instalment. The penalty will be added on the following dates:
 - 1st Instalment 6 September 2023
 - 2nd Instalment 6 December 2023
 - 3rd Instalment 6 March 2024
 - 4th Instalment 5 June 2024
- A charge of 10% on so much of any rates assessed before 1 July 2023 which remain unpaid on 1 July 2023. The penalty will be added on 11 July 2023.
- A continuing additional penalty of 10% on so much of any rates assessed before 1 July 2023, to which a penalty has been added under the immediately preceding bullet point, and which remain unpaid six months after the previous penalty was added. The penalty will be added on 10 January 2024.
- Penalties imposed are exempt from GST.

Payment Due Dates for Metered Water Supply

A charge of 10% on any amount outstanding for the quarter which remains unpaid on the following dates will be added on the dates below:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Penalty Date</u>
1 July to 30 September 2023	29 November 2023	6 December 2023
1 October to 31 December 2023	28 February 2024	6 March 2024
1 January to 31 March 2024	29 May 2024	5 June 2024
1 April to 30 June 2024	28 August 2024	11 September 2024

EARLY PAYMENT

Sections 55 and 56 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 empowers Council to allow for the early payment of rates.

- Council proposes to accept early payment of all rates assessed for the 2023/24 year, but no discount will be applied for early payment. (Section 55).
- Council proposes to accept early payment of all rates assessed for the 2024/25 and subsequent years, but no discount will be applied for early payment. These payments will be applied to general rates or individual targeted rates if requested by the ratepayer, otherwise they will be applied against future general rates. (Section 56).

PAYMENT LOCATIONS – ALL RATES AND CHARGES

Direct Debits are the preferred method of payment. Direct Debit Authority Forms are available at our Council office, or online.

Payments can be made online by going to <https://www.stratford.govt.nz> and clicking on “Pay Online”. Electronic payments shall be deemed to be received at the Council Office on day of receipt.

The Council accepts payments by cash, eftpos or credit card between the hours of 8.30 am to 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday, at the Council offices, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford.

VOLZKE/BOYDE
Carried
CL/23/58

Recommended Reason

The Annual Plan 2023/24 contains the activities and associated costs of Council and the funding mechanisms, including rates, to meet those costs. The Rates to be set above are consistent with the Funding Impact Statement in the Annual Plan 2023/24, as required by law. Council is required by law to adopt an Annual Plan by 30 June of the year in which the Plan commences, and set rates for the year.

The Revenue Manager noted two amendments to the resolution to ensure it aligned with the Financial Impact Statement. These were the inclusion of waste water under the definition of a SUIP and the increase of the solid waste targeted rate total collected to \$853,300.

The Aquatic Services Team Leader left the meeting at 4.54pm.

The Revenue Manager left the meeting at 5.57pm.

10. Response to Public Forum

Speaker: Rob Green and Lynsi Latham-Saunders

Topic: Parihaka Network/Heritage Month

Response:

- Councillor Boyde supported the request for the Director – Community Services to look into possible support.
- Councillor Hall noted she was interested to see where council's financial contribution could come out of which budget.
- It was agreed that the Director – Community Services would investigate further and provide information for council to make a decision. This would include consideration of use of the function facility.
- Councillor Hall noted it was fantastic hear from Heritage Taranaki and good to hear about our local history especially acknowledging the 5 November.
- The District Mayor noted he would consider appointment to the committee. Councillor Sandford noted the benefits for the community really needed to be discussed before appointing to the committee.

11. Questions

There were no questions.

12. Closing Karakia

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The closing karakia was read.

The meeting closed at 5.01pm

N C Volzke
Chairman

Confirmed this 11th day of July 2023.

N C Volzke
District Mayor