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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present the resolution necessary to set the rates and charges for 2004/2005 financial year in accordance with the recently adopted Annual Plan 2004/2005.

BACKGROUND

Waitakere City Council has adopted its Annual Plan and Funding Impact Statement in respect of the 2004/2005 financial year and now is required to set the rates for that financial year in accordance with the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Rates are the principal source of funding for Council services and the collection of an adequate amount of revenue is critical for meeting the increasing demand for these services. While rates are essential for funding the services provided by the Council, they need to be fair, equitable and consistent with Council's strategic goals, efficient and acceptable to ratepayers.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Since the adoption of the Annual Plan 2004/2005 on 29 June 2004 the Valuation and Rating Rolls have been balanced. It is now necessary to formally set the rates by Council resolution to comply with the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. It is recommended that the proposed resolution be passed and that each part be resolved in turn.

CONCLUSION

The quantum of rates has been set by the Annual Plan deliberation process. In order to collect the Annual Plan Rate Requirement for 2004/2005, the Council must resolve to set the rates.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Setting Of Rates And Charges For The 2004/2005 Financial Year (1 July 2004 - 30 June 2005) report be received.

2. That each recommendation set out below be resolved in turn:

That the following rates be set for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2004 and ending on 30 June 2005 pursuant to the powers conferred on it by the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Annual Plan and Funding Impact Statement:

(a) **General Rate**

AI A General Rate set under Section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable land, calculated on the rateable land value of rating units and levied differentially on the different categories of land as specified in the Funding Impact Statement and Description of the Differential Rating system and Method of Calculation of Rates, as set out in Schedule A attached at page A1.

(b) **Uniform Annual General Charge**

A Uniform Annual General Charge set under Section 15 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$460 inclusive of GST on all rateable land being set and charged upon each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

(c) **Wastewater Rate**

AI A targeted rate for Wastewater set under Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable land in the Drainage Area of the City as defined in the Description of the Differential Rating System, and on non-rateable land in respect of which a wastewater service is provided, calculated on the rateable land value of rating units and levied differentially on the different categories of land as specified in the Funding Impact Statement and Description of the Differential Rating System and Method of Calculation of Rates, as set out in Schedule A attached at page A1.

(d) **Waste Collection Rate**

A targeted rate set as a fixed charge on a uniform basis under Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$10 inclusive of GST being set and charged upon each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, excluding vacant land, for the purpose of meeting the residual costs of waste collection.

(e) **Harbourview Orangihina Rate**

A targeted rate set as a fixed charge on a uniform basis under Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$8 inclusive of GST being set and charged upon each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit for the purpose of recovering a contribution towards the costs of establishing, developing and maintaining for public purposes certain land on the Te Atatu Peninsula known as "Harbourview Orangihina".

(f) **Rural Sewerage Rate**

A targeted rate described as the Rural Sewerage Charge set as a fixed charge on a uniform basis under Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$86 inclusive of GST set and charged upon all rating units in the Non-Drainage Area of the City as defined in the Description of the Differential Rating System and Method of Calculation of Rates, upon each septic tank, long drop or grease trap that is scheduled to be pumped out by the Council within the three-yearly cycle, for the purposes of recovering the costs of implementation of the On-site Waste Systems Management Plan.

(g) **Environment Monitoring Rate**

A targeted rate described as the Environment Monitoring Charge set as a fixed charge per rating unit on a uniform basis under Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$15 inclusive of GST set and charged on all rating units in the Non-Drainage Area of the City as defined in the Description of the Differential Rating System and Method of Calculation of Rates, for the purposes of recovering the costs of monitoring and addressing pollution of watercourses.

(h) **Water Supply Rate**

A targeted rate described as a Water Supply Charge set and charged according to a scale of charges under Section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$1.48 inclusive of GST per cubic metre of water provided as measured by meter, with a minimum charge of \$17 for each six monthly reading period.

(i) **Due Dates for Payment of Rates**

The rates (other than the targeted rates for water supply) for the year from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 will be payable in four instalments on due dates as follows:

<u>Instalment Number</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
1	20 August 2004
2	22 November 2004
3	21 February 2005
4	20 May 2005

The due date for the targeted rate for water supply shall be the "last date for payment" set out in each rates invoice for water supply, shown on the respective assessment for such charge as delivered to the owner of the rating unit, which will be a date 30 days after the date of each rates invoice for water supply.

(j) **Penalties on Unpaid Rates**

Pursuant to Sections 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002

(i) A penalty of ten per cent of the amount of rates assessed under each instalment in the 2004/2005 financial year (other than targeted rates for water supply) that are unpaid after the due date of each instalment, will be added to such unpaid rates on the day following the due date of the instalment.

