



## Council

Meeting of 15 April 2026

Business Unit: People and Corporate  
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## Fees and Charges 2026/27 - Adoption

### Purpose Te Aronga o te Pūrongo

To set by resolution all Council fees and charges for the period 01 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.

### Recommendations Ngā Tūtohinga

That the Council adopts the activity fees and charges for the financial year commencing 01 July 2026 and ending 30 June 2027.

**AND**

That the Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive to make any minor changes to the Fees and Charges before publication.

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## 1 Background Ngā Kōrero o Muri

- 1.1 Council is required to set fees and charges annually to ensure appropriate cost recovery across all service areas.
- 1.2 Fees and charges are calculated to recover the costs of providing services in accordance with the funding split proposed in Council's Revenue and Financing Policy. The fees and charges are required to recover the private component (i.e., user fees) of the funding splits, with the public component recovered through rates.
- 1.3 On 04 March 2026, Council adopted Statements of Proposal for Planning, Environmental Health, and Development Contributions fees and charges for public consultation. Consultation was undertaken from 06 March to 06 April 2026 in accordance with the Special Consultative Procedure, prescribed by Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002. No submissions were received.
- 1.4 All other fees and charges have been reviewed as part of the Annual Plan process and are presented alongside the consulted fee and charges for adoption.

## 2 Strategic Fit Te Tautika ki te Rautaki

- 2.1 The setting of accurate fees and charges aligns with Council's strategic priority of: Value for money and excellence in local government - He kāinga ka eke tōna kāwanatanga ā-rohe ki ngā taumata o te kairangi, ensuring fair and transparent cost recovery.

## 3 Discussion and Options Considered Ngā Matapakinga me ngā Kōwhiringa i Wānangahia

- 3.1 A summary of the fees and charges to be adopted by Council are set out below. The proposed fees and service charges that are not set by regulations have been adjusted for inflation and rounded to the nearest dollar to ensure recovery of costs incurred:
  - Animal Control Services: fees and charges relating to animal control activities, including dog registration, impoundment, infringements, and enforcement services, as well as responses to other animal-related issues, in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996 and other relevant legislation.
  - Alcohol Licensing Fees: set by the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Fees) Regulations 2013.
  - Building Services: building services fees and charges have been set according to the Building Act 2004. These enable the Council to recover the costs associated with processing applications, undertaking inspections and related work. Infringement fees are determined by the Building (Infringement Offences, Fees and Forms) Regulations 2007.
  - Camping Grounds: fees for the cost of overnight stays at Council camping grounds.
  - Cemeteries: fees and charges relating to internments at the District's cemeteries.

- Local Government Official Information and Meetings Acts requests including requests for official information, Land Information Memoranda and Property Enquiries. These are set under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
- Makino Aquatic Centre: fees and charges for use of the swimming pools, equipment hire and the range of swimming programmes provided.
- Manawatū District Libraries: fees and charges for library services.
- Parking: infringement fees have been set according to the Land Transport (Offences and Penalties) Amendment Regulations 2004 which fall under the Land Transport Act 1998.
- Parks, Reserves, and Sports Grounds: fees and charges relating to the use of Council parks, reserves, and sports grounds, including ground fees and hireage.
- Roading: fees for stock crossing and vehicles crossing consents, and engineering inspections for stock underpasses.
- Solid Waste: fees and charges for solid waste services, including recycling and waste transfer.
- Stormwater: fees for stormwater connections.
- Wastewater: fees and charges for wastewater services including wastewater connection and usage fees and trade waste charges.
- Water Supply: fees and charges for water supply services including rural water schemes managed by Council, connection and disconnection fees.

**Option 1 (Recommended):** Adopt all fees and charges as presented, ensuring alignment with the Revenue and Financing Policy and compliance with legislative requirements.

**Option 2:** Request amendments to the proposed fees and charges prior to adoption, where Council considers changes are required to ensure alignment with the Revenue and Financing Policy or legislative requirements.

#### 4 Risk Assessment Te Arotake Tūraru

- 4.1 There is a risk that Council may charge an incorrect amount for a specific service, which would result in under-recovery or overcharging of residents.
- 4.2 There is also a risk that an administrative error could result in the publication of an incorrect fee or charge.
- 4.3 These risks have been mitigated through cross-checking of fee line items against budget managers' spreadsheets and verification of formulas applied.

## 5 Engagement Te Whakapānga

### Significance of Decision

- 5.1 Consultation has been undertaken where required. Specifically, fees relating to Planning, Environmental Health, and Development Contributions were consulted on through the Special Consultative Procedure (section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002) as part of the Annual Plan process.
- 5.2 No further engagement is considered necessary for the remaining fees and charges, as these reflect operational adjustments (e.g. inflationary increases) and cost recovery requirements.

### Māori and Cultural Engagement

- 5.3 There are no known cultural considerations associated with the setting of fees and charges for these activity areas.

### Community Engagement

- 5.4 Consultation on Planning, Environmental Health, and Development Contributions fees was undertaken from 06 March to 06 April 2026. No submissions were received.

## 6 Operational Implications Ngā Pānga Whakahaere

- 6.1 There are no operational implications with this report.

## 7 Financial Implications Ngā Pānga Ahumoni

- 7.1 The majority of the proposed fees and charges have been increased by the rate of inflation. All fees and charges are set to ensure the Council recovers the costs incurred for delivering services, in accordance with Council's Revenue and Financing Policy.

## 8 Statutory Requirements Ngā Here ā-Ture

- 8.1 The power for local authorities to prescribe fees and charges is set by a number of statutes, including:
- Local Government Act 2002 (sections 12 and 150)
  - Building Act 2004
  - Dog Control Act 1996
  - Food Act 2014
  - Resource Management Act 1991
- 8.2 Consultation has been undertaken where legislatively required and in accordance with our Significance and Engagement Policy.

## 9 Next Steps Te Kokenga

- 9.1 Following adoption, the approved fees and charges will be finalised and formatted for publication.
- 9.2 The Fees and Charges Schedule will be published on Council's website and implemented from 01 July 2026.

## 10 Attachments Ngā Āpiti hanga

- Fees and Charges 2026/27