

STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councillors
FROM: Murray Staite and Lloyd Kennedy
DATE: 25 February 2008

SUBJECT: Targeted Rate Community Boards

Purpose

To consider the revised costs for operating both Motueka and Golden Bay Community Boards.

Background

At its meeting on 14 February 2008, Council requested staff to discuss with the community boards options that would see the proposed community board targeted rate reduced.

Discussion

Meetings were held with the Motueka and Golden Bay Community Boards on 20 February 2008 and 25 February 2008 respectively.

The meetings worked through ways of reducing costs and staff time in the operation of the boards. Both boards agreed to considerable operational changes. Staff have also increased the community association allowance from \$4,000 to \$30,000 to better reflect the Council costs associated with these organisations, and have removed the requirement to pay for the use of Council's meeting rooms.

The revised costs are as follows:

Motueka Community Board	\$59,767
- proposed rate per property	\$12.91 (GST inclusive)
Golden Bay Community Board	\$58,042
- proposed rate per property	\$19.54 (GST inclusive)

Recommendation

That the following rates per property to fund the operations of the respective community boards be included for consultation in the draft 2008/2009 Annual Plan.

Motueka Ward	\$12.91 (GST inclusive)
Golden Bay Ward	\$19.54 (GST inclusive)

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