

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Mayor and Councillors

**FROM:** Corporate Services Manager

**DATE:** 10 February 2011

**SUBJECT:** **Motueka and Richmond Business Rates 2011-2012 – RCN11-02-02**

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## PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider the dollar amount of the Motueka and Richmond business rates for inclusion in the Draft Annual Plan 2011/2012.

## BACKGROUND

Council has for many years included a business rate for the Motueka and Richmond central business districts. This rate funds the two business organisations 'Richmond Unlimited' and 'Our Town Motueka'. Staff have written to both organisations specifically asking how much the respective organisations require for the 2011/2012 rating year. In addition, the letter sought the assurance of the respective organisations that they still have the support of their members for the rate.

## DISCUSSION

### Richmond Unlimited

Richmond Unlimited has confirmed that the grant of \$92,407 plus GST as allowed for in Year 3 of the 2009-2019 Ten Year Plan is still appropriate for its needs. The Chair also confirms that Richmond Unlimited continues to have the support of its members for the business rate

### Our Town Motueka

Our Town Motueka has confirmed that the grant of \$45,433 plus GST is appropriate for its needs. This is less than the amount allowed for in Year 3 of the 2009-2019 Ten Year Plan which stated \$52,253 plus GST. The Chair also confirms that Our Town Motueka continues to have the support of the majority of its members for the business rate.

## SIGNIFICANCE

This report is not considered significant in accordance with Council's Significance Policy

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Richmond total business rate be set at \$92,407 plus GST for inclusion in the Draft Annual Plan 2011/2012.**

**That the Motueka total business rate be set at \$45,433 plus GST for inclusion in the Draft Annual Plan 2011/2012.**

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