

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Mayor and Councillors  
**FROM:** Corporate Services Manager  
**DATE:** 8 February 2011  
**SUBJECT:** **Community Board Targeted Rates 2011-2012 – RCN11-02-03**

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## PURPOSE

To consider the level of community board targeted rates to be included in the Draft Annual Plan 2011/2012.

## BACKGROUND

In July 2008 Council introduced a targeted rate to fund both the Golden Bay and Motueka Community Boards. Staff have recently met with both Boards to discuss the proposed budget for the 2011/2012 year.

Both community board targeted rates operate as closed accounts meaning that unspent funds from any one year are available to be carried forward to the next year, or alternatively can be used to reduce the following year's rates.

## DISCUSSION

### Golden Bay Community Board

The proposed 2011/2012 budget has been amended from the current year's budget by the following changes:-

- 1 Reduction in the budgeted allowance for elections
- 2 Reduction in the chief executive's time to half an hour per meeting
- 3 An allowance for inflation

Given a projected June 2011 credit balance in the rates closed account and the changes noted above it is proposed to amend the 2011/2012 rate from \$15.04 plus GST to \$14.51 plus GST.

### Motueka Community Board

The proposed 2011/2012 budget has been amended from the current year's budget by the following changes:-

- 1 Reduction in the budgeted allowance for elections
- 2 Reduction in the chief executive's time to half an hour per meeting
- 3 An allowance for inflation

- 4 An increase in the rate by \$4.34 (GST exclusive) to fund projects that are low priority for the Council as a whole but high priority for the Motueka Ward. The Board has asked that the additional \$4.34 be placed in the Draft Annual Plan 2011/2012 and be subject to submissions.

Given a projected June 2011 credit balance in the rates closed account and the changes noted above it is proposed to amend the 2011/2012 rate from \$9.73 plus GST to \$12.57 plus GST.

The Chairman has also raised concerns over the level of the ratepayer offset included in the costings of the Board. The Chairman has been advised that this matter would be best dealt with as a separate submission to the Draft Annual Plan 2011/2012.

### **SIGNIFICANCE**

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Tasman District Council resolves to:**

- a) **Include the Golden Bay Community Board targeted rate in the Draft Annual Plan 2011/2012 at \$14.51 plus GST per rateable property.**
- b) **Include the Motueka Community Board targeted rate in the Draft Annual Plan 2011/2012 at \$12.57 plus GST per rateable property.**

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