

STAFF REPORT

TO: CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: **STORMWATER URBAN DRAINAGE AREAS**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Engineering Services Committee to submit into the proposed LTCCP the inclusion of six new Stormwater urban Drainage areas (UDA's).

COMMENT

Council has stormwater assets in the following communities of:

- a) Tapawera;
- b) Patons Rock
- c) Ligar Bay
- d) Tata Beach, and
- e) Pohara

As these communities have grown, the asset too has grown along with the associated costs.

Funding for these costs has been drawn from the General District Stormwater account.

A significant change is now occurring in the communities to the extent that included in the proposed LTCCP are capital works for asset upgrading in two communities (Patons Rock and Tata Beach) to the estimated value of \$330,000 (to be funded at present by the General Stormwater account).

There is also an issue with the community of Tasman. Tasman Village at present does not have any significant Council-owned or maintained assets (ie., pipework).

Within Tasman Village flooding does occur and private property has been damaged in the past. Councillors and staff have met with the community regarding the flooding issues. A proposal has been included in the LTCCP for capital works to the estimated value of \$175,000 in an initial endeavour to resolve some of the flooding issues (to be funded at present by the General District Stormwater account).

Refer to the attached spreadsheet on Capital Projects.

DEVELOPMENT OF STORMWATER UDA's

At present the only mechanism Council has to fund the proposed capital projects is via the General District Stormwater account; the result of this is going to be a significant rise in this rate.

If these communities were to be formed into UDA's they then would become part of the greater Urban Stormwater "Club" account. The significance of these projects in the "Club" is much less severe. As growth, asset additions and increased maintenance has occurred within these once rural areas, they have become more urbanised and this would fit better into the Urban Stormwater "Club" system rather than the General District.

FUNDING EFFECT

To change the communities from the General District Stormwater rate to the Urban Stormwater account will have an increased financial effect on all individual properties.

As an example:

As included in the 2005/2006 Annual Plan the rates for:

- General District Stormwater rate = 0.0053 (cents per dollar of capital value)
- Urban Stormwater rate – 0.0545 (cents per dollar of capital value)

The new proposed rates for 2006/2007 have not, as yet, been determined.

DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

It needs to be noted that generally Development Contributions (DC's) are only collected automatically from within UDA's. As these areas are growing the need to capture DC's increases.

PROPOSAL

It is proposed to include in the LTCCP the additional six communities as Urban Stormwater UDA's. Through the special consultation process these communities can have their input as to their final inclusion or exclusion by way of submission to the LTCCP.

If there was to be no support for individual communities to be included in the Urban Stormwater UDA, then it may be necessary to review some of the significant projects and their effect on the General District rate.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Engineering Services Committee support the inclusion into the draft LTCCP of the communities of Tapawera, Patons Rock, Ligar Bay, Tata Beach, Pohara and Tasman as Urban Stormwater UDA's.

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