

Memorandum of Agreement

Concerning the Rating Information Database, the Rating Information System and Collection of WRC Rates

Background

For many years Territorial Authorities (TA's) in the Wellington Region have acted as WRC's rate collection agents.

On 24 July 2002 the Chief Executives of the TA's in the Region and the Chief Executive of the WRC met to discuss rate collection arrangements for WRC rates, post 1 July 2003. The meeting unanimously supported the continuation of the current agency arrangements, post 1 July 2003 with the implementation delegated to rating officers within each Council (Rating Officers' Forum). The Elected representatives of TA's in the Region have subsequently resolved to endorse the position of Chief Executives on 24 July 2002. During August, September and October the Rating Officers' Forum have been working together, with two primary objectives in mind:

- Compliance with the new Rating Act for all councils (TA's and WRC) in the Region.
- Future collection arrangements for WRC rates, post 1 July 2003.

As part of consideration of future collection arrangements for WRC rates a new Rate Collection Agreement has been prepared (Memorandum of Agreement – Concerning the Rating Information Database, the Rating Information System and Collection of WRC Rates) by the Rating Officers' Forum, for recommendation to the WRC and each TA in the Region.

The WRC is due to consider the matter of future rate collection arrangements on 31 October 2002 and the WRC is seeking confirmation from each TA that the new Rate Collection Agreement is suitable in all material respects for execution by the parties.

Confirmation

We confirm that the new Rate Collection Agreement with WRC is suitable in all material respects for execution by the parties and when provided with a copy for execution we will duly execute the agreement on behalf of our Council.

Rating Officer

Chief Executive

Date