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Targeted Scheme Rates and Balances

1. Purpose

To provide information on the proposed 2005/06 Targeted Scheme Rates to be collected for the operation and maintenance of Wairarapa schemes and to inform of current and projected Scheme balances.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Background

Meetings have been held with all seventeen river and catchment schemes to review progress, expenditure, flood damage schedules and to confirm work programmes for the 2005/06 year.

For each of the sixteen drainage schemes papers were circulated to ratepayers, and programmes/funding levels were subsequently confirmed with each scheme advisory committee chairperson. Note that none of the drainage schemes receive any funding from Greater Wellington Regional Council. These schemes, administered by Greater Wellington staff, are funded 100% by the beneficiaries in accordance with the Council's funding policy for rural drain maintenance.

4. Discussion

The meetings have been positive and constructive reflecting a good co-operative understanding between scheme ratepayers, Councillors, and staff. In many cases, the advisory committees agreed to significant increases in rates in order to keep up with the work programmes, particularly after the recent flood events.

A summary of current and recommended rates, as well as current and project scheme balances are given in the attachment to this report. The situation with the Bovine Tb targeted rate is also included.

5. Communications

A newsletter will be sent to all scheme ratepayers and relevant information will also be included in the Rural Services newsletter that goes to all rural properties in the region.

6. Recommendation

That the Committee recommend that Council

(1) Receive the report.

(2) Note the contents of the report.

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