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Committee Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee
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Resource Management Charging Policy

1. Purpose

To adopt the updated Resource Management Charging Policy (2007).

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision 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

The Resource Management Charging Policy has undergone a full review and public consultative process in the first half of this calendar year.

The Environment Committee, at its meeting on 3 April 2007, adopted the draft Resource Management Charging Policy, and invoked the Special Consultative Procedure. Subsequently, the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee met on 8 May 2007 and appointed a Subcommittee of Councillors Ian Buchanan, Chris Turver and Sally Baber to hear submissions and make recommendations on the draft Policy.

The draft Policy was duly notified and submissions sought. Although no submissions were received, a Hearing was held on 21 June 2007, to clarify any technical issues, and to recommend any amendments to the draft Policy to the Environment Committee.

On 21 June 2007, the Environment Committee (**Report 07.326**) met and confirmed the Resource Management Charges Subcommittee's recommendation to accept the draft Resource Management Charging Policy in its entirety following some minor wording amendments.

4. Adoption and implementation

The Environment Committee requires the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee to recommend that the updated Resource Management Charging Policy be approved and adopted by the Council. The new charging regime is to take effect from 1 July 2007.

5. Communication

Once adopted, we will prepare a press release informing the community of the outcome of the Council decision. In addition, our supporting documentation (e.g. application forms and brochures) will be updated and details in relation to the new policy will be communicated to our major consent holders directly.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives the report;***
2. ***Recommends to the Council that the Resource Management Charging Policy (2007) is adopted in its entirety.***

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